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The Andrews Lady Mustangs ended what has been nothing short of a dominant season in a major way Tuesday, wrapping up their fourth state team title at the Class 3A State Tournament.

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MISD has 'chronic' shortage of bus drivers

Lack could force elimination of transportation for Head Start students

By Tessa Duvall
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Midland ISD's ongoing school bus driver shortage is the worst it has been in years.

Director of Transportation Services Willie A. Tarleton said the district is currently operating with 55 to 58 drivers fewer than it would like to employ.

"It's the last six years," Tarleton said. "It just didn't start overnight that we have been fighting the shortage here with our good economy in our community."

Tarleton estimated the district was short 15 to 20 drivers short four or five years ago, and the number has grown every year since. Last school year the shortage peaked at 40 drivers short, he said, adding he thought that was as bad as it could get.

With the continuing shortage, MISD is considering eliminating transportation for Head Start students, although the decision has yet to be finalized. Federal Head Start regulations do not require programs to provide transportation.

About 32 students ride MISD buses to get to and from their Head Start campuses, according to Director of Early Childhood Education Pat Lyons. Transporting those students requires seven buses, she said.

Tarleton said the need for drivers grows as the school year progresses.

"We can start pretty close on an even playing field when school starts, but then after school starts ... and as our economy is continuing to improve, we start really going backward," he said.

A lack of bus drivers is not isolated to Midland, he said, adding that districts nationwide are operating with

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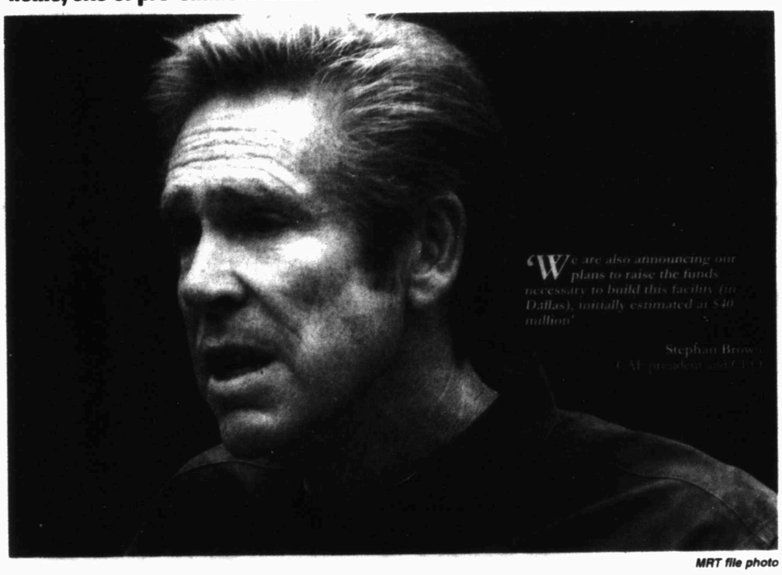
MIXED MESSAGES

■ FiFi headed to Dallas

CAF: Metroplex will be FiFi's permanent home; site of pre-eminent warbird air show

■ Midland's future

What happens to Midland's CAF attractions remains to be seen



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Stephan Brown, president and CEO of the Commemorative Air Force, addresses Midland City Council on Sept. 24, 2013, as they ask questions about the proposed move of CAF headquarters out of Midland.

CAF: 'World-class attraction' going to Dallas

By Rachael Gleason
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The Commemorative Air Force officially announced its plans Tuesday for a "world-class aviation visitor attraction" featuring museum exhibitry and annual air show at Dallas Executive Airport.

A yet-to-be-built CAF National Airbase also will serve as corporate headquarters and permanent home of the world's only flying B-29 Superfortress, "FiFi," according to the military aviation history organization.

"We are also announcing our plans to raise the funds necessary to build this facility, initially estimated at $40 million," said CAF President and CEO Stephan Brown in a prepared statement.

CAF officials narrowed the list of possible locations from 23 airports in mostly southern cities to three finalists in the Dallas and Houston metropolitan areas. CAF Chairman Neils Agather called the south Dallas public airport, which is currently undergoing a three-year runway expansion project, "the best fit with our needs."

For Dallas, the new CAF visitor attraction is a chance to grow south, according to Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings.

"I told the CAF folks from the start that Dallas was the only clear choice

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Midland takes back top spot with lowest jobless rate

From staff reports

Midland again has posted the lowest unemployment rate in the nation.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that Midland was the lone metropolitan statistical area in the United States with a jobless rate below 3 percent during March.

Midland's unemployment rate of 2.7 percent beat out Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux, La., and Bismarck, N.D. Both MSAs reported rates of 3.1 percent.

Midland has posted the lowest or tied for the lowest unemployment rate in three of the last four months.

In February, Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux, La., beat out Midland, showing a jobless rate of 2.8 percent.

The BLS rankings in March also offered another reminder of the economic good times taking place in Texas. Of the 15 MSAs with jobless rates of 4 percent or lower, four were from Texas (Midland, Odessa 3.3, Amarillo 3.8 and College Station-Bryan 4.0).

The BLS report also showed Midland's civilian workforce in March was 96,500 — an increase of 300 from February and an increase of 3,500 from March 2013.

Jobless rates

Following are the lowest unemployment rates in the nation during the month of March, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Midland	**2.7**
Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux, La.	3.1
Bismarck, N.D.	3.1
Odessa	**3.3**
Fargo, N.D.	3.3
Ames, Iowa	3.3
Burlington, Vt.	3.3
Iowa City, Iowa	3.4
Lafayette, La.	3.5
Lincoln, Neb.	3.5
Logan, Utah	3.5
Amarillo	3.8
Sioux Falls, S.D.	3.9
College Station-Bryan	4.0
Honolulu, Hawaii	4.0

February
Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux, La. 2.8; Midland 3.0; Lafayette, La. 3.1

January
Midland 2.9; Logan, Utah 3.3; Bismarck, N.D. 3.4

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The big number
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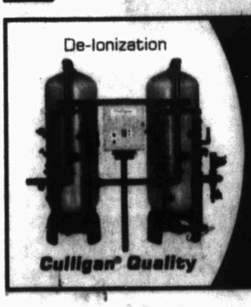

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for a National Airbase," Rawlings said in a prepared statement. "The CAF will be a welcome addition to the museum and educational community here."

What happens to Midland's CAF attractions remains to be seen.

Making a number of assurances over the past year, Brown promised to keep the CAF annual AirSho and accredited American Airpower Heritage Museum in Midland.

But with the news that Dallas gets similar attractions, David Smith, executive director of the Abell-Hangar Foundation, already feels like a "second-class citizen."

The foundation gave $1 million to the CAF when it moved from the South Texas coastal city of Harlingen.

"We built them a wonderful, top-class facility, gave them a museum, a headquarters and wonderful flying conditions," Smith said after Tuesday's announcement. "I don't know what more we could have done for them."

As for the $40 million price tag for the new CAF National Airbase, Smith said good luck climbing a difficult hill.

"Raising $40 million anywhere at any time is difficult," he said. "Raising that much money, the organization has to have credibility with the people they ask the money for. Who is that going to be?"

State Rep. Tom Craddick, who has personally fought for more than $9 million in state funding over the years for the museum, said Midland and the state has provided "everything the CAF needed to succeed as a national organization."

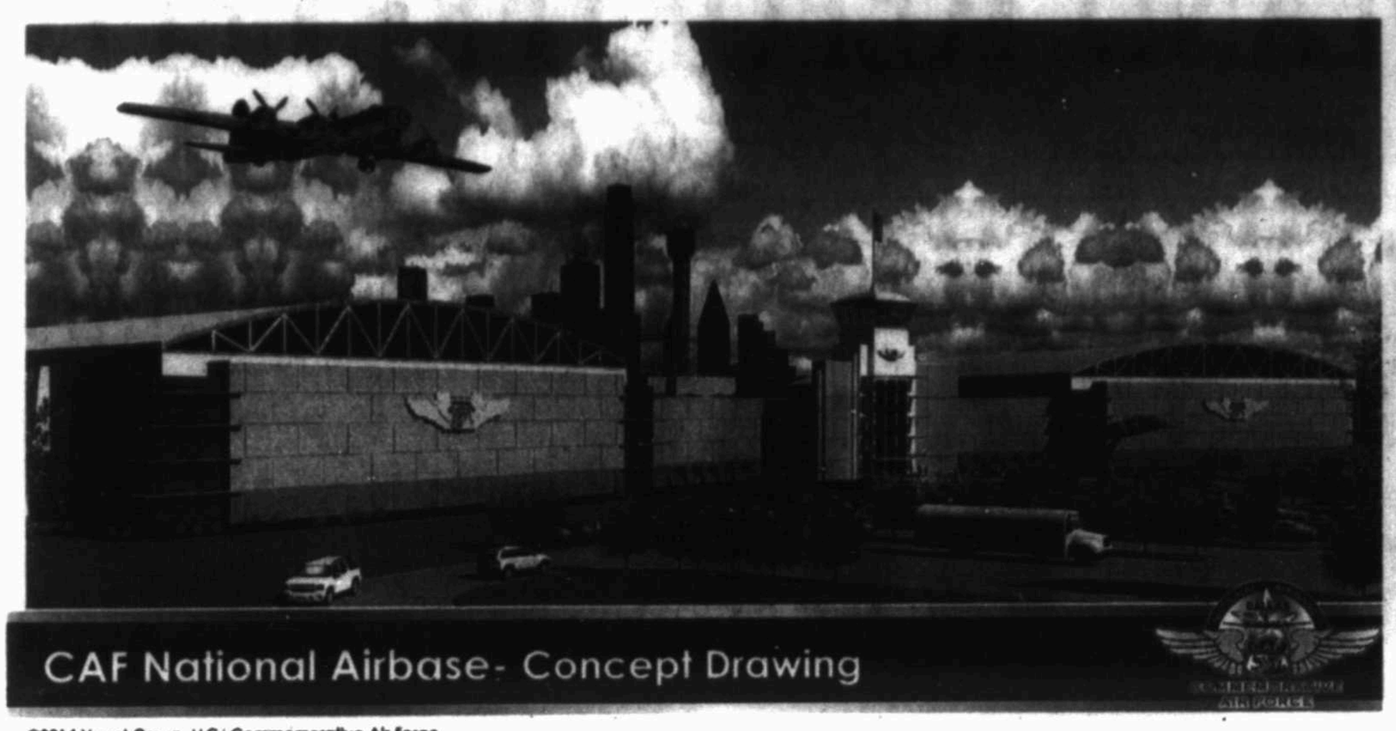
"It is well known that I have not been in favor of the CAF decision to move from Midland. Over these 20 years, I have been proud of Midland's support for the CAF and all that the community has done to encourage its success," he said in a prepared statement. "That said, I wish the CAF headquarters well in their relocation."

Craddick asked the state to withhold more than $300,000 in state funds earlier this month after Midland College board of trustees voted to release some money allocated to the museum.

The college is required by law to disburse money to only entities within its taxing jurisdication. And with plans for the CAF to relocate headquarters, Craddick called into question the legality of an appropriation.

"There is a great responsibility that comes with receiving taxpayer dollars, and the CAF must demonstrate they are using state dollars in accordance with the law," he stated in a letter to Texas Comptroller Susan Combs.

Concerned last year about the CAF diminishing its Midland presence, City Council tacked on terms to an agreement for $50,000 in hotel and motel tax revenue for the annual AirSho. Brown agreed to maintain the museum, AirSho and keep "FiFi" in Midland three times a year for each year's funds, according to the agreement.



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At-large City Councilman Scott Dufford said Tuesday there's a lot at stake if the CAF doesn't live up to its agreement.

"There's not a whole lot this community can do. We've shown the CAF all the love we can show them," Dufford said, wishing the organization luck. "But they are going to lose a tremendous amount of support from the Midland-Odessa area if they upgrade facilities to the Dallas Metroplex to the detriment of what they do in Midland."

High Sky Wing member Bill Coombes said previously that museum exhibits will have a greater focus on Midland and West Texas history.

Wing leader and AirSho chairwoman Gena Linebarger said Tuesday she was glad a decision was made about the fate of the CAF headquarters. She said events such AirSho, Hops and Props and Mustang Stampede will stay in Midland.

"We are going to concentrate our efforts on what we have remaining in the community and continue to ask for support," she said.

CAF officials expect to have their full operations in Dallas by the end of 2015, according to a press release.

No business incentives between the city of Dallas and CAF have been finalized, according Dallas Mayor spokesman Sam Merten. But the CAF said it reached initial terms with the city's economic development and aviation departments earlier this month.

Dallas City Council's consideration of a proposed lease will take place in the future, according to the release. The CAF currently pays $1 each year to Midland to lease its runway and hangar space near the Midland International Airport, an area benefitting from the region's robust economy.

The Dallas Morning News reported Dallas Executive to be a "long-languished" public airport, with neighbors already speaking up with concerns about increased traffic and noise levels.

Here's what the CAF has in store for the Dallas airport

■ **Museum exhibits:** Visitor attractions at the new national air base will include modern display techniques, interactive displays, 4-D movie experiences and hyper-realistic flight simulators, Brown said.

"We will also be using the most interactive assets we have: the largest fleet of flying vintage military aircraft in the world," he said.

The CAF has museum exhibits and planes at about 60 sites around the nation, but only Midland's American Airpower Heritage museum is accredited.

■ **Air show:** The CAF plans major events at the new national air base three times a year, including an annual World War II air show, according to the plans.

Brown previously said an air show held in a larger metropolitan area could draw five times more spectators.

"Our goal is to make the Dallas air show the preeminent 'warbird' air show in the nation," Brown said. "We plan to bring in aircraft and re-enactors from all over the country so the community can enjoy a family event unlike any other."

■ **Warbirds:** In addition to the air show, the new national air base will become the "permanent home" of the B-29 Superfortress FiFi, and B-24 Liberator "Diamond Lil," according to the plans.

Last year, Craddick charged the CAF with breaking an agreement to house FiFi, in exchange for $4 million in state and federal transportation dollars after its permanent home moved to Cavanaugh Air Museum in a Dallas suburb.

In return, Brown said FiFi must fly to fulfill its educational mission, and at a City Council meeting last September, he promised to keep the aircraft in Midland three times a year.

"To impact the most Americans possible, it only makes sense with historical artifacts such as flying airplanes that they go on 'tour' around the country," Brown said previously. "Having a 'home' or base of operations does not mean that it must reside in that place forever, as this would be a disservice to the American people."

Additional fighter, cargo and transport aircraft will also be housed at the national air base, according to the plans.

Facebook comments

"Sounds to me like we are losing the AirSho and will likely lose the museum in the future despite what we have been lead to believe."
Barbara Hunter Brant

"What a shame that our community embraced the CAF and provided tax advantages and numerous opportunities for its success and then the members and their Board chose to behave in such a manner to a community that was more than accommodating to their needs and desires. Shame on the CAF for treating the community and it's leaders in such a way that was less than appreciative."
Debra Northcutt

"It's only greedy politics. Hope the jerks that made this happen move. I'd be ashamed."
Sammy Daulong

"I think this is sad. Many people donate to the can and I bet they will not now. I know I won't."
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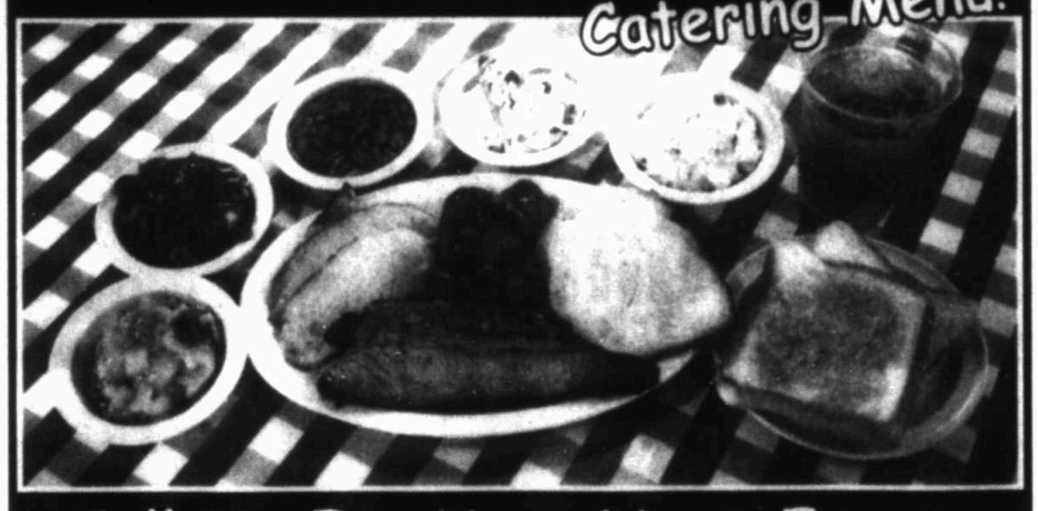

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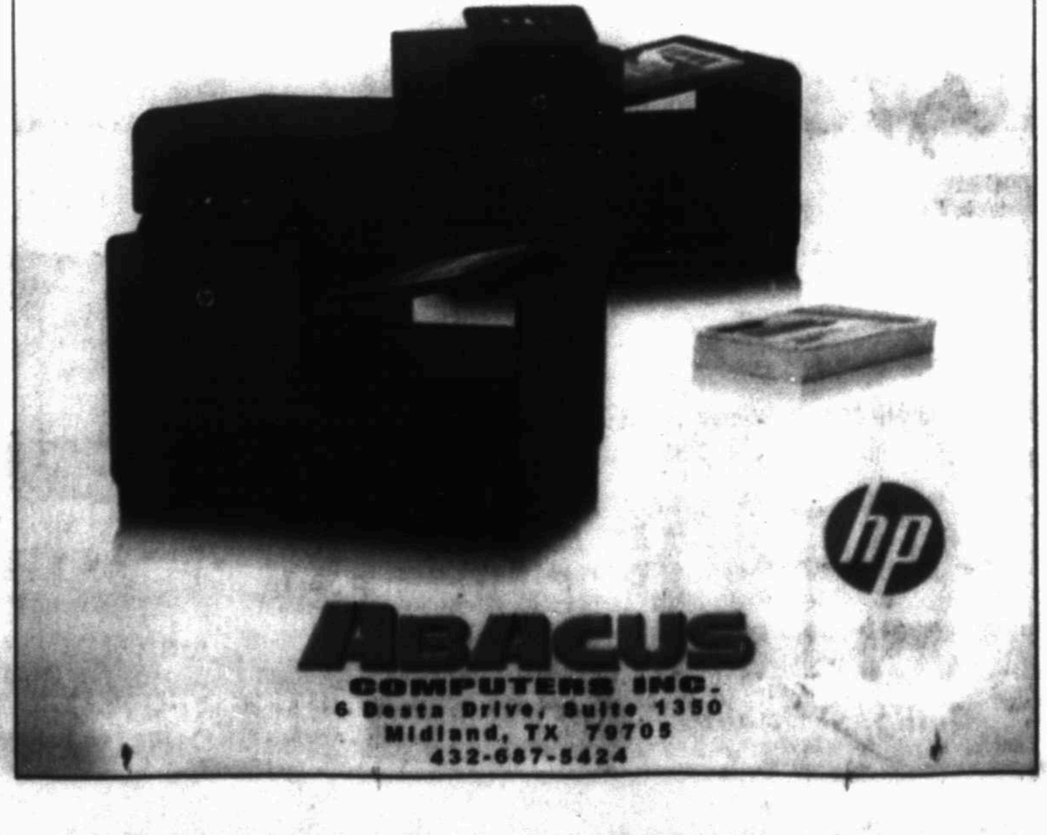

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Menu Madness

Third round
Tuesday's results:
Garlic Press def. The Bar
Lulgi's def. Basin Burger House
Today's matchups
Saltgrass Steak House vs. Murray's Deli
Harvest Caffe vs. Wall Street Bar and Grill

Go to mrt.com and vote for your favorites.

Things 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.

■ "Arthur's World" children's exhibit, through June 28 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Meetings today

Midland-Odessa Urban Transit District Board
Noon
Midland–Odessa Transportation Organization (MOTOR) boardroom
Wright Office Complex, Suite 1, 9601 Wright Drive

Hospital District
1:10 p.m.
boardroom off administration office

Support group today

Overeaters Anonymous; noon, B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

Dry start to 2014

As of Tuesday, 0.90 inch of rain had fallen at Midland International Airport, according to the National Weather Service.

With no rain today, this will be one of the driest starts of the year in Midland history.

Driest periods through April

1933	0.04
2011	0.11
1986	0.44
1984	0.59
1978	0.65
1972	0.70
1971	0.82
1943	0.83
1955	0.83
2008	0.92

Note: The National Weather Service is reporting 0.9 inches of rain so far this year at Midland International Airport.

Community calendar

■ The 18th annual Trio of Gardens is 1-4 p.m. Sunday. It is being presented by Morrow Renewables and Concho Resources for the benefit of Keep Midland Beautiful.

The event showcases ways to landscape under water restrictions. "Tourists" are allowed to view three of Midland's drought-tolerant gardens and get tips from gardening professionals.

The gardens this year are located at: 2304 Texland Circle, 2006 Harvard Ave. and 912 Bedford Ave.

Tickets are $15 in advance at Alldredge Gardens, H-E-B, Ivy Cottage, E Salon, La Casa Verde, and Mint Salon. Tickets are also available from KMB Board of Directors or by calling the KMB office at 687-7400. Tickets will be $18 the day of the event, available at each garden location.

■ Midland Need to Read's 12th annual Style Show and Luncheon is 11:30 a.m. May 8 at Midland Country Club. Event tickets are $150 a pair. For table sponsorship information, contact Patci Lewis, executive director, at 682-9693 or plewis@midland.edu.

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital has partnered with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa on the telephone nurse triage program "68-NURSE" in order to bring the service to the entire Permian Basin.

The program is designed to help people determine whether or not their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

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

Lottery

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Pick 3 day: 2-1-8
Pick 3 evening: 2-7-9
Pick 3 night: 6-6-0
Daily 4 morning: 3-3-5-1
Daily 4 day: 3-8-0-1
Daily 4 evening: 9-4-9-1
Daily 4 night: 0-4-0-2
Cash Five: 1-11-13-28-32
Mega Millions: 7-43-59-61-66 MB 3 Megaplier 3
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-3-6-9-12-14-15-17-20-22-23
All or Nothing day: 1-8-9-10-11-13-14-16-17-19-22-24
All or Nothing evening: 4-5-6-7-11-14-15-16-18-19-20-24
All or Nothing night: 1-3-4-7-9-10-13-16-17-19-21-24

Today in history

In 1789, George Washington took the oath of office in New York as the first president of the United States.

In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France for 60 million francs, the equivalent of about $15 million.

In 1958, the American Association of Retired Persons (later simply AARP) was founded in Washington, D.C., by Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus.

In 1993, top-ranked women's tennis player Monica Seles was stabbed in the back during a match in Hamburg, Germany, by a man who described himself as a fan of second-ranked German player Steffi Graf. (The man, convicted of causing grievous bodily harm, was given a suspended sentence.)

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MINERAL WELLS

Texas Tech student in trouble with the law for photos

A Texas Tech student and photographer has been cited for allegedly entering a boarded-up condemned hotel, eluding police and then posting building images online.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Mineral Wells police tracked 27-year-old Susan Marinello through social media.

A tipster alerted police to the photos. Chief Dean Sullivan said the postings correspond to when officers on March 26 were dispatched to the former Baker Hotel.

Police have stepped up patrols in the area because Mineral Wells voters on May 10 will decide whether sales tax money should be used to restore the structure.

Police on Friday mailed Marinello the misdemeanor citation for occupying a dangerous structure.

Marinello, who faces up to a $500 fine, said Monday she'll now get permission before entering abandoned buildings for photography and research.

EL PASO

EPA gives green light to new power plant

A West Texas utility says it's received federal approval to move forward with construction of a power plant in El Paso.

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Gov. Perry baptized in same creek as Sam Houston

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry has long revered Texas icon Sam Houston and now shares a spiritual connection with one of his political heroes: getting baptized in the same waters.

Perry was dunked last month in Little Rocky Creek near the small town of Independence in a private ceremony witnessed only by close friends and family, spokeswoman Lucy Nashed confirmed Tuesday. It's the same rural and rocky spot where Houston was baptized before becoming the seventh governor of Texas in 1859.

"Gov. Perry has a deep and abiding faith in God, and like many people of faith, the governor wanted to reaffirm his commitment in a way that holds great personal meaning," Nashed said.

The baptism was first reported by The Texas Tribune.

Perry, who will leave office in January and hasn't ruled out another presidential run in 2016, has extolled his faith throughout his 14 years in office. He announced his first run for the White House in 2011 just a week after staging a massive prayer revival in Houston called "The Response" that drew roughly 30,000 worshippers at Reliant Stadium.

His reverence of Sam Houston is almost as well known. Even on Monday, Perry again lionized his early predecessor during an interview with conservative talk radio host Michael Medved.

Perry recalled Houston's struggles with alcoholism but praised his discipline in other parts of his life. Like Perry, Houston also had presidential aspirations: He was briefly a candidate in 1860, and Perry suggested that had Houston won there wouldn't have been a Civil War.

"He was a fascinating guy and a very principled leader willing to take the hit to stand up against the forces of those days that were pushing Texas to secede," Perry said. "He really believed in our nation. He believed in the union."

Perry was baptized by Mac Richard, the pastor and founder of Lake Hills Church in Austin. A phone message left at the church Tuesday was not immediately returned.

Independence is about 80 miles west of Houston and is where Sam Houston's family lived in the 1850s. He was a member of Independence Baptist Church, which today draws about 80 to 100 people for Sunday services and still uses Little Rocky Creek as a natural baptistery, pastor Phil Hassell said.

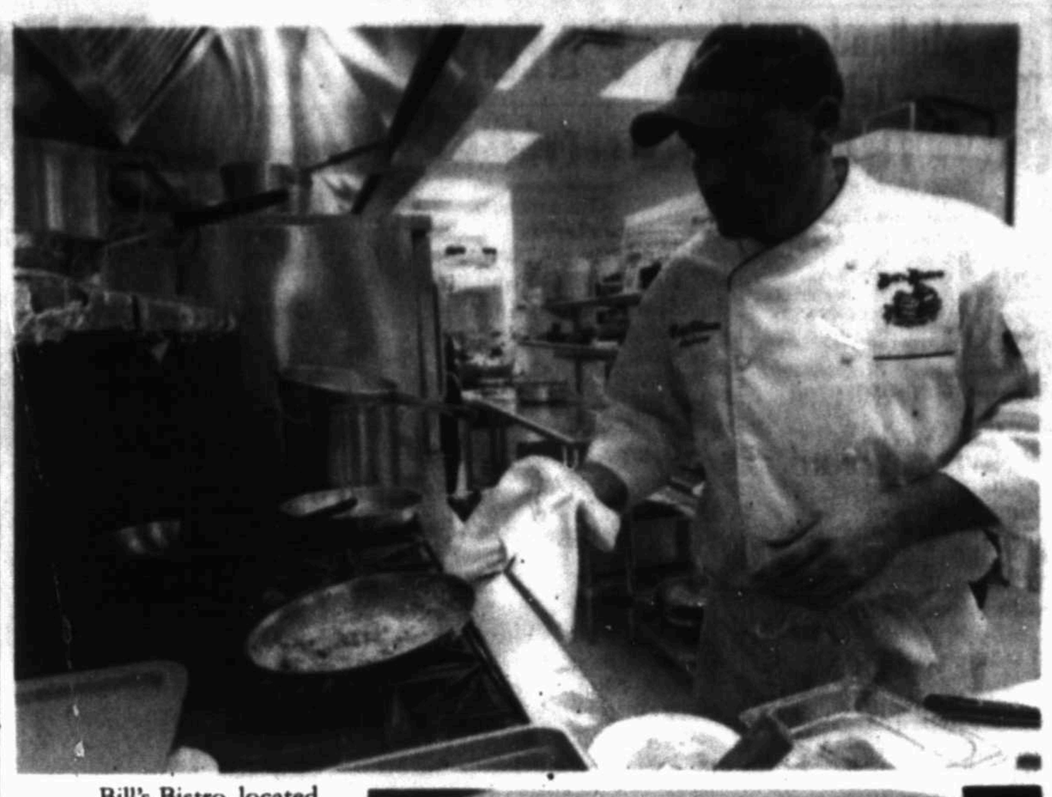
Perry has long said he was active in both the Methodist and Baptist church while growing up in his rural hometown of Paint Creek, and he worshipped at a Methodist church before switching to Lake Hills several years ago. Hassell said most people who seek another baptism do so to reaffirm their faith, because of the significance of a particular location or to join the Baptist church.

Because it was the governor, Hassell made one special preparation for Perry's visit: He asked the local volunteer fire department to hose down rocks by the creek and wash away some algae.

"After the baptism it was pretty noticeable. He didn't hide the fact he was here," Hassell said. "He went to the general store. Walked around old Mrs. Houston's home, kind of did the tourist thing."

Perry also tried his hand at a century-old pump organ before leaving town.

"I didn't know he played the piano," Hassell said. "He actually played it pretty well."



Bill's Bistro, located in the Colonnade Shopping Center at Garfield and Loop 250, opened to the public for business Tuesday.

Bill's Bistro, Midland's newest upscale restaurant, opened Tuesday evening.

The restaurant is connected to The Wine Rack and located within the Colonnade at Polo Park shopping center, north of Loop 250 and east of Garfield Street.

For the next few weeks, the bistro will be open at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. It closes at 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights. The owner, Bill Bloom, pictured above, said he plans to open the restaurant for lunch by the beginning of June. **RIGHT:** A sampling of some of the food.

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Burial draws legion of veterans, if not families

By Sarah Rafique
Killeen Daily Herald

KILLEEN — When Staff Sgt. John Sidney Clevlen died in 1982, funeral home workers were unable to locate his family. More than 30 years later, the World War II veteran was finally laid to rest this week at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen.

Although no blood relatives attended the ceremony, Clevlen's Army family honored him as his ashes — along with the ashes of 11 other veterans — were placed in a columbarium at the cemetery.

"That's a shame that nobody came forward to claim the bodies," said former Staff Sgt. Barry Dahlquist, a member of the Central Texas Patriot Guard. "I want to be here to honor them and their service and what they did for this country."

The burial was sponsored by a group called the Missing in America Project, which has laid to rest the unclaimed remains of more than 1,800 veterans.

Monday's ceremony for World War II, Korea and Vietnam veterans was the first burial in Texas.

Chaplain Warren Wurzburger, with the Missing in Action Project, said the bodies of about 200,000 people, including some veterans, are waiting to be claimed by family members at funeral homes nationwide.

"I'm absolutely astounded. I was unaware that there were that many unclaimed bodies," retired Command Sgt. Maj. Don Fender told the Killeen Daily Herald. "I don't know why they waited so long to get around to this. This should have been done."

Although Fender didn't know any of the 12 veterans whose cremated remains were brought to the cemetery, he still wanted to show respect to his fallen comrades.

"We're here because there's no one else here to represent them," said Fender, president of Chapter 77 of the Special Forces Association. "Whenever you're in the military, especially those who served in combat, it's a unique fraternity and we couldn't imagine being anywhere else ... This is where we're supposed to be."

Man allegedly tried to freeze girlfriend's dog

Associated Press

LAKE JACKSON — A South Texas man has been charged with animal cruelty after he allegedly beat and tried to freeze his girlfriend's dog.

Brazoria County jail records showed 20-year-old Seth Michael Drone of Richwood was being held Tuesday on a charge of cruelty to non-livestock animals/torture. Bond is $25,000 for Drone, who was booked April 24.

Lake Jackson police Assistant Chief Paul Kibodeaux on Tuesday said police on April 19 were called to a residence about an upset man and a confrontation.

Kibodeaux said a woman who lives at the home went out, returned, couldn't find her pet and then located her injured small dog in the freezer. She took the animal to a veterinarian for treatment.

Divers seek $250K police drone

Associated Press

CONROE — Divers are searching a Houston-area lake for a $250,000 law enforcement drone that crashed into the water last week.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office said the drone malfunctioned and dropped into Lake Conroe during a training exercise Friday, the Houston Chronicle reported Tuesday.

The sheriff's office uses the drone for emergency management, missing person recovery and other operations.

SHORTAGE

From 1A

fewer-than-desired drivers, although not at the same level as MISD.

Superintendent Ryder Warren said the transit department is the most stressed in the district.

"We have bus drivers who are driving triple the length of routes than they ever have before because we've had to double and triple our routes because of drivers," he said.

The "chronic" shortage of drivers may not have an easy solution, he said.

"People out there say, 'Well, just pay more,'" he said. "But here's my problem: I could give a raise — if you look at all the bus drivers we have — I could give a raise of $25,000 and that sounds wonderful, but they'd still probably be paid $50,000 less than what oilfield drivers are being paid.

"Just paying more right now, I don't know if it's an easy answer."

MISD full-time bus drivers earn $10.52 per hour, according to the district's human resources job listing.

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Texas' Energy Future files for bankruptcy

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Energy Future Holdings filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization in a Delaware court on Tuesday, an expected move that will not harm power production or distribution in Texas as the company halves its $40 billion debt load.

The company owns TXU Energy, which has the largest share of the Texas retail electricity market, and Luminant, the state's largest power generator, but the bankruptcy is not likely to impact consumers in the short-term because distribution and production will continue.

But the long-term impacts of restructuring remain unknown and could lead to the shutdown of some power plants, a large tax bill for the company or a leaner, more competitive market — a plus for consumers who could then enjoy lower electricity bills.

The outcomes, though, will not be fully apparent until the restructuring is complete, which the company hopes to do within 11 months. Surprises, however, are unlikely because Energy Future has been talking to the largest stakeholders, including the IRS and environmental agencies, said James Hempstead, an analyst for Moody's who has been following the company for more than 20 years.

"It's a little anti-climactic," Hempstead said of Tuesday's filing. "They've done a very good job in keeping everyone apprised as to what the situation is going to look like."

Still, a new owner could, for example, decide to either diminish the company's reliance on coal as it becomes more costly to meet federal clean air regulations or even shutter old facilities rather than invest in costly updates, Hempstead said. The impact of such decisions could be widespread because several Texas counties and school districts rely on the coal plants for taxes and jobs.

Energy Future Holdings has insisted the coal plants will continue to operate, and Hempstead notes that for now, they are profitable.

Energy Future's troubles can be traced back to its bet that natural gas prices would rise, helping it repay the interest and loans it took to acquire TXU Energy in 2007.

But a glut of U.S. shale production has instead brought natural gas prices to record lows, hurting the company's bottom line and its ability to pay its debt. Recently, it skipped a deadline to pay $109 million in interest.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Billy D. Hernandez, 47, of Midland was charged Monday with assault on a public servant.

Jose A. Ibarra, 22, of Dallas was charged Monday with engaging in organized criminal activity.

Eric D. Juarez, 32, of Seminole was charged Monday with theft and bench warrant.

Elgin E. Lahrmann, 56, of Midland was charged Monday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Calilee S. Ledford, 21, of Midland was charged Monday with violation of probation.

Joshua G. Mendoza, 26, of Midland was charged Monday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Colt D. Munson, 30, of Midland was charged Monday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Eleanoria D. Pike, 50, of Midland was charged Monday with violation of probation.

Norman J. Young, 50, of Midland was charged Monday with theft.

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CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Teenager had cocaine, pot in vehicle

A Midland teenager was arrested Tuesday after he was found in possession of cocaine and marijuana, according to court documents.

Ceniceros

Shawn Michael Ceniceros, 18, was being held Tuesday on a $25,500 bond for a second-degree felony charge of possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams and possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

A Midland police officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle at an undisclosed time Tuesday in the 3600 block of Roosevelt Avenue.

The officer smelled marijuana coming from inside the vehicle and asked Ceniceros to exit the vehicle. The officer later found a marijuana cigarette in his pocket.

Ceniceros told the officer there was more inside of his vehicle, and the officer found a small bag of marijuana. He also found a bag containing 7 grams of cocaine underneath the driver's seat. While finishing the search, the officer found another powder in aluminum foil that tested positive for methamphetamine. The positive test was delayed and not an instant positive, so the powder will be sent for further testing to identify it and no charge was issued at the time, according to the arrest affidavit.

If convicted, Ceniceros faces up to 20 years in prison for the felony.

MPD: Man arrested for felony DWI; three children in vehicle

A Midland man was arrested Sunday after he drunkenly drove a vehicle with three children inside, according to court documents.

Taku

John Taku, 41, was being held Tuesday on a $25,000 bond for a state jail felony charge of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under 15 years of age. He was also charged Monday with violating his probation, a class B misdemeanor.

A Midland police officer responded to a vehicle crash at about 4:15 p.m. Sunday at the intersection of Kent Street and Michigan Avenue.

Taku, the driver, smelled strongly of alcohol and had signs of intoxication, including bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and poor balance. Taku was unable to complete his standard field sobriety test, according to the arrest affidavit.

The officer discovered that three children under 15 years of age were passengers inside Taku's vehicle. The affidavit does not state the whereabouts of those children following the crash.

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Our words, unfortunately for some, define us

■ Don't want to be labeled because of what you say? Stop talking

KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

Say what you will, but you'd best check for recording devices. Alternatively, you might check your thoughts.

The past few days have provided a cornucopia of reprehensible statements, reactions to which tell us as much about our country as the comments do about the speakers. Within those reactions, one finds both cause for concern and consolation.

Concern includes the potential ramifications of cruel or poorly conceived expression. Making racist remarks can do great harm to the public trust and damage hard-won gains toward racial harmony. Consolation can be found in evidence that Americans on the whole have no tolerance for racism or discriminatory behavior.

But there are other layers of concern that at least bear mention: One is the loss of privacy owing to the widespread tendency to record people without their knowledge and the facility with which those utterances or behaviors can become viral.

One could make a case for the net positive of exposing harmful thoughts. On the other hand, one is reminded of the Bob Dylan lyric: "And if my thought-dreams could be seen/They'd probably put my head in a guillotine."

Another source of concern is the tendency to condemn groups of people according to the words or deeds of one or a few. Racial profiling is one such manifestation: If black teens commit burglaries in certain neighborhoods, then all black teens become suspect — and Trayvon Martin dies by a vigilante's bullet.

Indicting all Republicans as racist because of one cowboy's rant is another form of profiling. If one old white guy thinks blacks were better off on the plantation than they are collecting unemployment insurance, then all old white guys (a large percentage of whom vote Republican) must be similarly racist.

Finally, we should all be nervous about the instantaneous formation of social media mobs that attack a single individual whose comments, while contemptible, result in a virtual execution. Once the mob descends, no punishment short of absolute destruction seems sufficient. People may want justice but the mob wants blood.

The characters corresponding to the above need no introduction. The old white guy is Cliven Bundy, the cattle rancher who greeted Bureau of Land Management agents with guns. Fortunately, no shots were fired, but the spectacle gave Bundy, a longtime federal-government denier, an opportunity to espouse his now-familiar views on race.

Next came Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling, 80, who urged his mixed-race then-girlfriend not to post online photos of herself with blacks or bring blacks to basketball games. The comments were captured on tape and leaked to TMZ, an online dispenser of human nightmares. Who taped and who leaked haven't yet been established, though gossip and theories abound.

Sterling isn't a likable guy, most are agreed. He has a checkered history as a landlord who allegedly didn't want to rent to Hispanics or African-Americans. His comments suggest disrespect for his players, who are good enough to make him richer but not to sit in his stands. For those comments, the NBA on Tuesday banned Sterling for life and fined him $2.5 million.

The pain his statements caused his players, the African-American community and basketball fans everywhere was enough to warrant calls for him to step down. Never mind his callous disregard for women, including his mistress and especially his wife.

So many morals, so little space.

First the practical: If you don't want your words broadcast in the public square, don't say them. The Orwellian taint to this advice is not meant to be harsh but is offered in recognition of the world in which we live. We're not so much a global village as a small town of gossips.

On a higher note, such potential exposure forces us to more carefully select our words and edit our thoughts. This isn't only a matter of survival but is essential to civilization. Speaking one's mind isn't really all it's cracked up to be, as any well-balanced person reading the comments section quickly concludes.

Ever wonder who those people are? I have some thoughts but my finely tuned self-editing skills prevent my sharing. Instead, I offer a refrigerator quote I've always liked. It's often attributed to Mahatma Gandhi but possibly may have tumbled from the lips of a new-age guru. Regardless of the source, it fits the occasion:

"Your beliefs become your thoughts, Your thoughts become your words, Your words become your actions, Your actions become your habits, Your habits become your values, Your values become your destiny."

Whence our beliefs, it seems, is the crucial challenge. Alas, bigots by definition are not inclined toward self-awareness.

OUR VIEW

Sports commissioner demonstrates real leadership with ruling

When we heard the commissioner of the National Basketball Association banned one of its owners for racist comments made in a recorded conversation, we experienced leadership in full display.

On Tuesday, Commissioner Adam Silver banned Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling for life and fined him $2.5 million. In a way, it was unexpected.

We often see leaders decide to err on the side of playing it too cautious. They figure, "Let's protect those we know." They have no intention to hold people accountable for their actions or for their words.

Sterling's alleged comments, according to the Associated Press, stemmed from a female companion apparently posting a photo of her and Hall of Fame basketball player Magic Johnson on her Instagram account.

"It bothers me a lot that you want to broadcast that you're associating with black people. Do you have to?" Sterling asks the woman on the tape.

In the past, according to the AP, Sterling has faced extensive federal charges of civil rights violations and racial discrimination in his business dealings, and some of his race-related statements would be described as shocking.

Silver's condemnation of one of the NBA's owners has been whole-heartedly supported in basketball circles. We add our support. This wasn't a free speech issue but a business decision. Sterling forced the NBA's hand with his comments, and we expect the NBA constitution will allow for this severe penalty.

Silver's decision shows a willingness to hold people accountable. In this case, that person was the longest-serving owner in the league.

We hope our leaders — whether in government or the private sector — take notice of the Silver's leadership.

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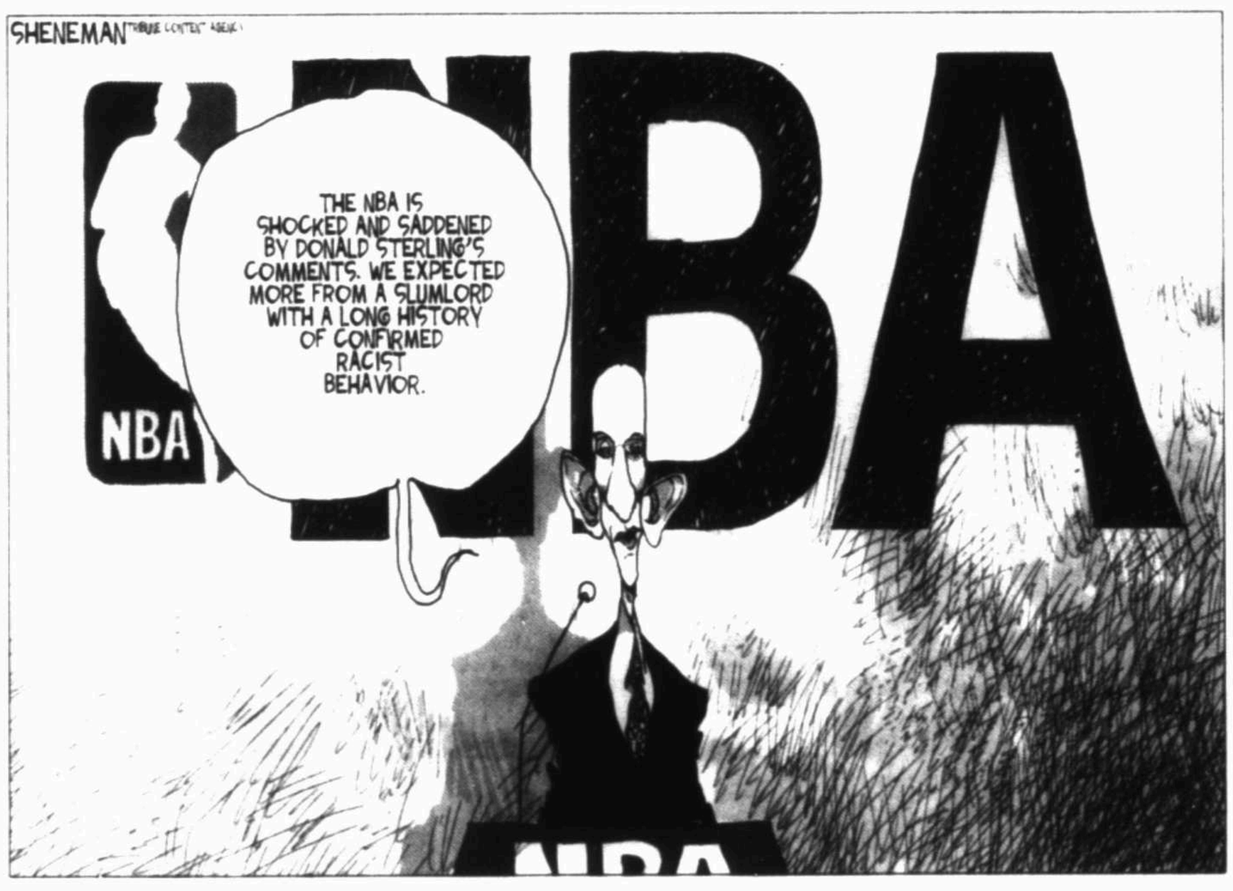

Who's ready to run against Hillary?

■ There is opportunity for a Democrat with skills to give the front-runner some competition and there would be people who benefit from such a scenario

RICH LOWRY
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Hillary Clinton is in a formidable position to win the Democratic presidential nomination in 2016, should she decide to run. But someone else also is in an enviable position: Whoever challenges her.

The dynamics of the Democratic 2016 race so far feel more like an incumbent president clearing the primary field of any potential spoilers prior to a re-election bid rather than a wide-open nomination contest. At this early juncture, the question is not so much who will be her opponent(s), but whether she will have any, or even one.

She certainly should. Any serious Democrat with some gumption and ambition would be a fool to pass up the race based on the forecast of a Clinton coronation. Running against Hillary in 2016 is the greatest growth opportunity in the Democratic Party.

Whoever runs against Hillary will, for at least some period of time, be the hottest thing in American politics. On the cover of Time. Interviewed on all the Sunday shows. A figure of fascination whose every move is followed obsessively by every political outlet in the nation.

All of this happens right out of the gate. It would be a massive barrage of free advertising in exchange for the act of showing up. What politician with national aspirations wouldn't want such a prominent platform?

What he or she would do with it is anyone's guess. That would depend on the proficiency and message of the challenger's campaign, but history suggests that it would more likely than not get some traction.

Even the mightiest front-runners usually experience unexpected turbulence. Even Al Gore in 2000, a sitting vice president who bulldozed his way to victory in every primary and caucus, had a difficult spell against his sole challenger, Bill Bradley. Even George W. Bush in 2000, anointed by the GOP establishment from the outset, got walloped by John McCain in New Hampshire. Even Mitt Romney in 2012, with every organizational and fundraising advantage, barely beat Rick Santorum in the crucial Ohio primary.

As much as politics abhors a vacuum, the media hate a stale political narrative. Watching Hillary Clinton march unopposed to the Democratic nomination would be nightmare of tedium for journalists who thrive on conflict and drama. The rooting interest of the press will be for someone to run against Hillary, and to make a real race of it.

As a presidential campaign, Hillary Clinton 2.0 so far looks as though it will be like Hillary Clinton 1.0, only more so. Her campaign will operate on the basis of sheer blunt political force and cold hard cash. Its rationale will be inevitability and the history-making prospect of the first woman president. Its slogan could be "It's my turn — and this time, I mean it."

She is very unlikely to face anyone with the sheer political skill of Barack Obama, or with a narrative that fits the moment as precisely as his did in 2008. But she hasn't changed. Some of the same factors that accounted for her vulnerability last time haven't gone away: She lacks a deft political touch; the energy of the party is to her left; she has a resume, but not accomplishments; she is cautious to a fault.

There will be a tendency among some Democrats to want to see Hillary spared the rigors of a competitive nomination battle. Why go through the pain of seeing a fellow Democrat, or fellow Democrats, build a case against Hillary when her eventual nomination seems a foregone conclusion? This is a mistake, if an understandable one. The only thing worse for Democrats than Hillary getting roughed up in the primaries would be her getting nominated without any chance to exercise her atrophied political muscles.

Whoever runs against her would in fact be doing her a kind of service, although surely an unappreciated one. And who knows? Hillary's prospective candidacy may look unbeatable, but she's been inevitable before.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

SCOTUSBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Court upholds EPA rule on cross-state pollution

In a major anti-pollution ruling, the Supreme Court on Tuesday backed federally imposed limits on smokestack emissions that cross state lines and burden downwind areas with bad air from power plants they can't control.

The 6-2 ruling was an important victory for the Obama administration in controlling emissions from power plants in 27 Midwestern and Appalachian states that contribute to soot and smog along the East Coast.

It also capped a decades-long effort by the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure that states are good neighbors and don't contribute to pollution problems elsewhere. The rule upheld Tuesday was EPA's third attempt to solve the problem.

The rule, challenged by industry and upwind states, had been cast by foes as an attempt by the Obama administration to step on states' rights and to shut down aging coal-fired power plants. Opponents said the decision could embolden the agency to take the same tack later this year when it proposes rules to limit carbon pollution. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy has said the agency will be flexible and work with states on the first-ever controls on power plants for the gases blamed for global warming.

On Tuesday, the court upheld a rule adopted by the EPA in 2011 that would force polluting states to reduce smokestack emissions that contaminate the air in downwind states. Power companies and several states sued to block the rule, and a federal appeals court in Washington agreed with them in 2012.

The Supreme Court reversed that decision. Writing for the majority, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg acknowledged the complexity of the problem before EPA.

"In crafting a solution to the problem of interstate air pollution, regulators must account for the vagaries of the wind," Ginsburg wrote.

The high court said the EPA, under the Clean Air Act, can implement federal plans in states that do not adequately control downwind pollution. But the court also ruled that the EPA can consider the cost of pollution controls and does not have to require states to reduce pollution by the precise amount they send to downwind states.

Justices wary of unlimited cellphone searches

The Supreme Court seemed wary Tuesday of allowing police unbridled freedom to search through cellphones of people they arrest, taking on a new issue of privacy in the face of rapidly changing technology.

The justices appeared ready to reject the Obama administration's argument that police should be able to make such searches without first getting warrants.

A key question in two cases argued Tuesday is whether Americans' cellphones, with vast quantities of sensitive records, photographs and communications, are a private realm much like their homes.

"People carry their entire lives on their cellphones," Justice Elena Kagan said.

The issue involving devices now carried by almost everyone is the latest in which the court is being asked to adapt old legal rules to 21st-century technological advances. "We are living in a new world," Justice Anthony Kennedy said.

Decisions in Riley v. California, 13-132, and U.S. v. Wurie, 13-212, are expected by late June.

Pipeline supporters seek quick Senate vote

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a struggle steeped in election-year politics, supporters of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline are seeking a swift Senate vote on legislation to approve construction of the project that environmentalists oppose strongly and the Obama administration has delayed indefinitely.

Pipeline advocates in the Senate, who include several Democrats on the ballot next fall, as well as Republicans, hold a clear majority. They also may command more than the 60 votes needed to overcome blocking tactics by opponents, but they appear to be short of the two-thirds majority that would be needed to override any veto by President Barack Obama.

"I will press hard for a vote in the coming weeks to build this pipeline," Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., the chair of the Senate Energy Committee, said this week in a statement as lawmakers returned from a two-week break. Landrieu and Sen. Mark Begich, D-Alaska, another pipeline supporter, stand accused by Republicans of being powerless to mandate the project's construction, given the numerous delays Obama has ordered without rendering a decision.

In addition, Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., faces pressure from Republicans to permit a vote on the project, with the Senate expected to debate energy-efficiency legislation in the next few days.

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Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., seen here in 2013 speaking on Capitol Hill in Washington, said Tuesday that she will press for a vote on the Keystone XL pipeline.

Sen. John Hoeven of North Dakota said he and other Republicans want the issue voted on either as a part of the energy-efficiency legislation or shortly afterward as a stand-alone bill. He said rank-and-file Republicans have "taken a very strong position" that one or the other must occur.

Aides said no decision had been made, but Reid said he had met in the past 24 hours with both Landrieu and Hoeven and left open the possibility of permitting a pipeline vote. "I'm open to anything that will move energy efficiency," he said.

The pipeline project has long been at a vexing crossroads of energy policy and politics that confronts Democrats.

The 1,179-mile project is proposed to go from Canada through Montana and South Dakota to Nebraska, where it would connect with existing pipelines to carry more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil a day to refineries along the Gulf Coast.

Advocates said it will create thousands of jobs and aid energy independence, but environmentalists warn of possible spills and say transporting oil will eventually contribute to global warming.

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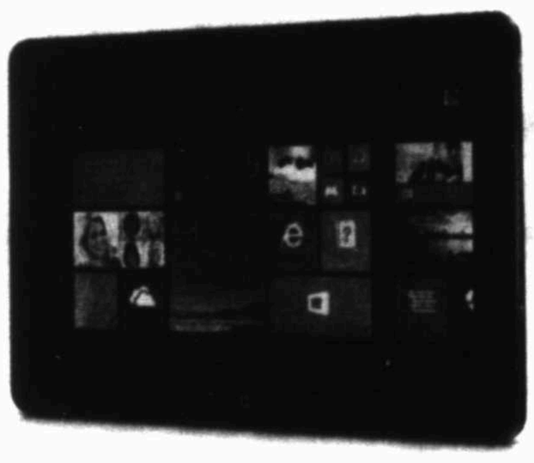

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Two MC students selected for research program

■ Both considered "non-traditional" students

By Tessa Duvall
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If Matthew Staley Anderson had gone to college right out of high school, he said he would have "wasted a lot of money."

"I had no idea what I wanted," he said. "I had no idea how I wanted to spend my life."

Fast forward more than a decade and Anderson, 32, is now a student at Midland College pursuing his bachelor's degree in biology and minor in chemistry through the MC-Sul Ross State University Science Initiative, with plans to eventually go on to graduate school. This summer, he will participate in a summer research program in Switzerland studying psychoactive mushrooms.

"I never pictured myself having any kind of interest in mushrooms, but I'm excited," he said, laughing. "I want to keep my options open. I may go over and find out I love mushrooms, that I want to study and research mushrooms."

The University of Texas System's Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Summer Research Academy selected Anderson and fellow Midland College student Alberto Lozano to participate in 10-week summer research programs. Anderson will participate in the LSAMP SRA Abroad program in Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule in Zürich, Switzerland, as one of only two community college students selected for the international program.

Anderson said he looks forward to seeing ETH's lab equipment and how it works, meeting new people, learning about a new culture and sampling some famous Swiss chocolate.

Lozano, 26, will be at the University of Texas at Austin doing research in mechanical engineering.

Anderson and Lozano, a U.S. Navy veteran, are both considered "non-traditional" aged students. As of May 2013, about 65 percent of MC students are 21 or younger. Thirty-one percent are between the ages of 22 and 35, and 4 percent are older than 35.

Lozano said his five years in the Navy put him on the path to mechanical engineering by helping him rediscover his childhood love of tinkering with things.

"When I was a kid, I was always figuring things out in construction, building my own little toys, making stuff happen, whether it was blocks or cylinders or mechanisms," he said. "I

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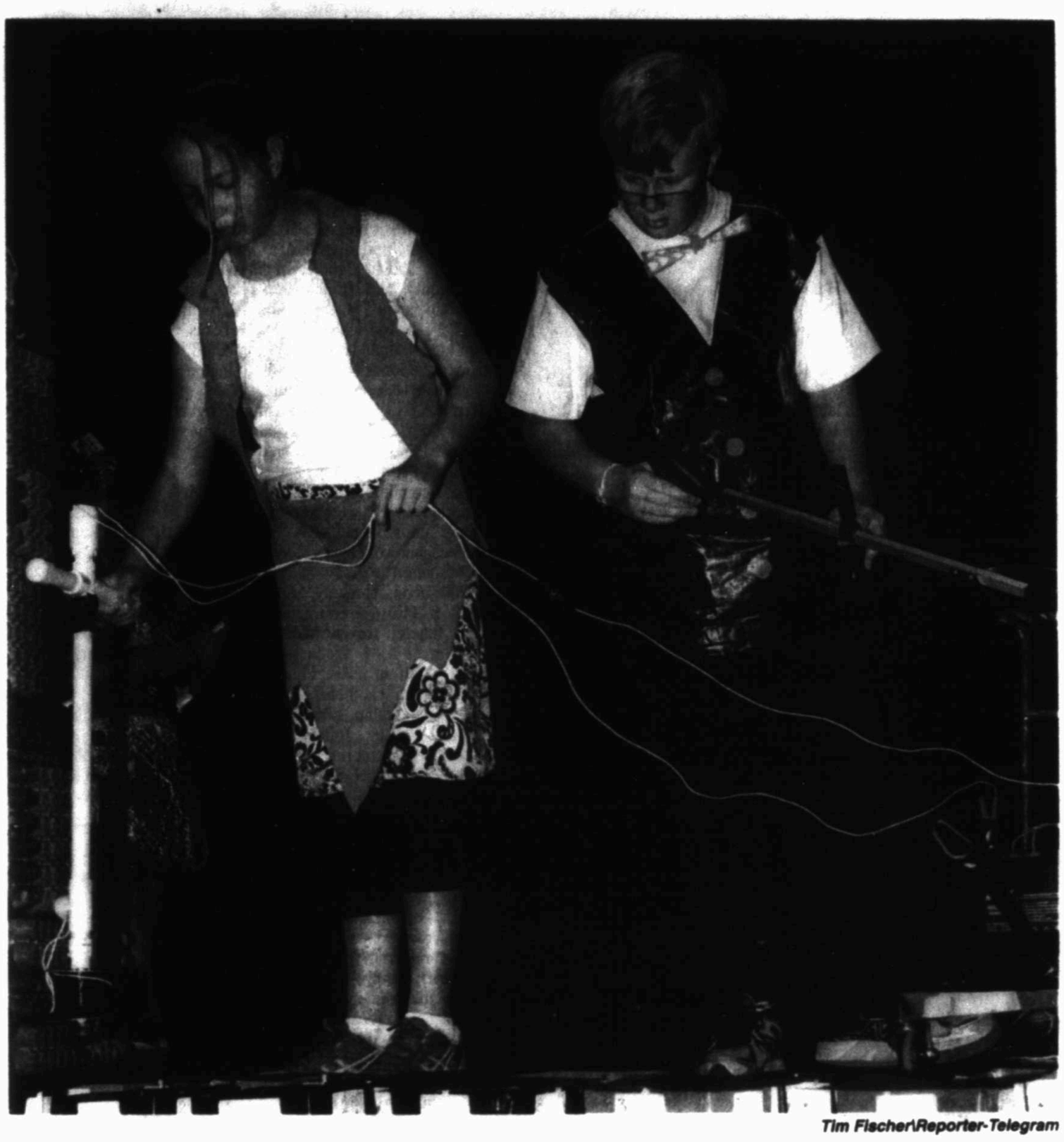

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Carver Center students rehearse their Destination Imagination skit and task Monday morning in front of other students at Carver Center.

TEAMWORK

Carver DI team ready for global finals

By Tessa Duvall
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It took more than 600 hours of work for Carver Center's fifth-grade Destination Imagination team to reach the competition's global finals.

It also took duct tape. A lot of duct tape.

"I'd go hide the duct tape from them," said fifth-grade DI teacher Sara Burleson. "They'll come think of something else to do."

Greenwood advances

Greenwood ISD's James R. Brooks Middle School had a team advance for the first time to the Destination Imagination global finals. Read about their success in a future Education section.

Destination Imagination is a creative program that allows students to develop a solution to a problem from start to finish. There are six areas of competition: technical, scientific, fine arts, improvisational, structural and service learning. The Carver team competes in the technical challenge.

The DI team won first place at the state competition in Austin earlier this month, and earned the right to compete in the global finals in Knoxville, Tenn., in about three weeks. Globals will host 1,300 teams from 45 states and 14 countries. This year is the sixth year in the last decade that Carver students have advanced to global competition.

It took time for the state win to sink in for some students.

"We didn't know we got first," DI team member Davis Seybert said, explaining that the team sat in the back during the awards ceremony and

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Faith, family key for top Midland Christian grads

By Tessa Duvall
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Family tradition runs deep for the valedictorian and salutatorian of Midland Christian School.

When it came time to chose a college, both valedictorian Elise Howard and salutatorian Hannah Thomas said tradition is important to them.

"My family is kind of a Baylor family," Howard said. "It's been really familiar, and it's a really great school, and it just seemed to fall in place for me."

Howard, 17, the daughter of a Baylor University alumnus, said she plans to study in a business field.

Familiarity is also a factor for Thomas, 17, who will attend the Colorado School of Mines to major in petroleum engineering with a minor in humanitarian engineering. Her older brother is currently at CSM studying engineering, and her father is a petroleum engineer who attended CSM.

"That's just the school we've all gone to," she said.

Both students also said their Christian faith has been instrumental in helping them stay motivated throughout school and in deciding what career to pursue.

Thomas recalled the church retreat that helped her decide on her college minor.

"'What are you going to use to glorify God with what you're doing?'" Thomas said. "I was like, 'I don't really know.' But I heard about the humanitarian engineering minor they offer at Mines, and I was really interested in that and knew that's what I

VALEDICTORIAN
Elise Howard

SALUTATORIAN
Hannah Thomas

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OWEN RUST
Midland High School

Don't wait until final exam week to make up work

This year there are no exemptions from final exams for Midland High School students. Personally, I supported this controversial change. College classes do not offer easy exemptions from final exams, and there are no exemptions in life. You don't get to do most of the work, and then the last chunk is excused. You've got to go the distance. Boxer Rocky Balboa did not get credit for going the distance after doing only nine rounds.

As a teacher of seniors, I see that the majority of the class of 2014 is heavily infected with senioritis. While I still recall my own days of senioritis, back when those May days seemed so full of sun and fun and the future was wide open, I must offer some advice and cautions to today's students. Despite almost being high school graduates, too many of my students seem surprised to learn about the real importance of not blowing off the last six weeks of the school year.

Beware of the double-whammy of the last six weeks of the semester and final exams landing at the same time. Struggling to make up late and missing work at the last second means less time to prepare for a final exam. Remember, a final exam is often worth an entire six weeks' average. Ignoring coursework during the last six weeks and then sacrificing final exam study time to complete missing work can be a dangerous risk. It is important for students not to put themselves in this position.

Be careful about your class average. Many students may be lulled into a false sense of security because they passed every six weeks, unaware that a dismal final exam grade could bring their class average from a C to an F. And, for one-semester classes, there isn't a fall semester class to raise the average of a spring semester class. Government and economics, for example, are two separate courses — a 64 spring semester average in economics is not weighted with a 76 fall semester average in government to produce a passing average for both courses. It is also imperative to remember which classes are required for graduation. My

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KATHLEEN WILKINS
Milam Elementary School

End of school year doesn't bring end to learning

"Twenty-two more days." I heard this from teachers and students alike.

Some teachers and almost all of the students said this as they look forward to the summer break. We are all beginning to feel stretched to the breaking point. With STAAR testing over for most of our students, it is easy for students and teachers to think that the year is over, and we can reduce our rigorous pace. But as every good track coach says: If you want to win you cannot let up at the end of a race. You must sprint all the way to the finish line.

Winning the education each of our students deserves is not a race in which we can afford to relax. It is perfectly fine to be happy about seeing the end of the race ahead, but it should not slow us down. It should remind us that we must sprint to finish in the best place possible.

This is the attitude of other teachers I hear saying "22 more days." These teachers are not merely excited about break. They

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Texas' high school grad rate tops national average

■ Midland ISD ranks below state, above nation

By Tessa Duvall
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Texas boasts the nation's second-highest high school graduation rate, according to 2012 data released this week by the U.S. Department of Education.

Texas' 88 percent graduation rate tied for second with Nebraska, Vermont and Wisconsin and is just 1 percentage point short of Iowa's top spot, according to the National Center for Education Statistics' First Look report.

Midland ISD's 2012 graduation rate was 82.8 percent, according to Texas Education Agency data compiled to meet federal definitions.

However, both MISD and the state of Texas as a whole top the 80 percent graduation rate nationwide.

Graduation rates are on the rise across the U.S.

The national average for the class of 2011 was 79 percent nationwide, compared to 86 percent in Texas, which tied for third-highest rate. MISD reported a rate of 81.9 percent in 2011.

By the numbers

Class of 2012 graduation rate

Texas	**88.0 percent**
White students	93.0 percent
Hispanic students	84.0 percent
African-American students	84.0 percent
MISD	**82.8 percent**
White students	89.5 percent
Hispanic students	79.7 percent
African-American students	74.3 percent

Class of 2011 graduation rates

Texas	**86.0 percent**
White students	92.0 percent
Hispanic students	82.0 percent
African-American students	81 percent
MISD	**81.9 percent**
White students	89.0 percent
Hispanic students	79.0 percent
African-American students	66.7 percent

ACLU sues school district over bullying of 2 boys

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit Monday against Clark County school officials, saying they failed to stop a bully who harassed two boys in a junior high band class almost daily, leading one of them to contemplate suicide.

The complaint, filed on behalf of the boys' mothers, seeks policy changes, unspecified damages and a jury trial. It names Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky, school board members and employees at Greenspun Junior High School as defendants.

It also accuses the Nevada Equal Rights Commission of dragging its feet on an investigation and failing to resolve the issue nearly two years after a complaint was filed.

According to the lawsuit, the bullying began when the boys started sixth grade at the junior high in Henderson in fall 2011. A student identified in the complaint only by his initials used homophobic slurs toward one of the boys and then turned the taunts toward the other boy who tried to defend the first, accusing the two of being "gay boyfriends," the complaint said.

The bully also stabbed one of the boys in the genitals with a pencil and slapped one of them with a piece of a trombone, according to the lawsuit.

Obituaries

Bill Reed

Bill Reed, 86, of Midland, went to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on April 28, 2014. Visitation will be held on Wednesday evening, April 30, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at Resthaven Memorial Park on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Larry L. Long of Fellowship Community Church (C&MA) will officiate.

Bill was born on September 19, 1927, to C.D. and Ethia Travis Reed in Cannon County, Tennessee, where he was raised. He was the youngest of five siblings. He was saved as a child and baptized in a horse trough. He grew up poor but ambitious, which first became apparent when he became president of his high school class. His goal in life was to make sure he could provide for his family and always drive nice cars, wear nice clothes, and not work so hard on the farm.

He was a corporal in the United States Army, serving in Korea as a cook during the war. After the war, he became a Life Insurance salesman in Tennessee, Abilene, Benbrook, and Midland, Texas. After moving to Midland, Bill started a new career as a car salesman. He worked for Broncho Chevrolet in Odessa for over 20 years, where his coworkers pegged him a hillbilly until he became the sales leader.

In his spare time, he loved to whittle and cheer for the Dallas Cowboys (nobody's perfect). Upon entering his later years, he renewed his commitment to the Lord and to His church. He faithfully attended Stonegate Fellowship Church.

Bill is survived by his sons, Paul Reed, and Paul's son, Cody Dylan Reed, and by Phillip Reed and his wife, Cindy.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life and greatest accomplishment, his wife, Betty Reed, and all his siblings.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, 4400 N. Big Spring, Ste. 32, Midland, Texas, 79705.

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

Online condolences may be made at *www.npwelch.com*

Juanita H. Perkins

Juanita H. Perkins (Janie), 65, of Midland, Texas, went home to be with the Lord on April 26, 2014 of a lengthy illness.

Janie was born on March 7, 1949, in Midland, Texas and lived here all her life. She worked for MISD for 14 years and then proceeded to be a caregiver for 40 years. Her hobbies and interests were riding the EZ rider and helping others in need. She was also involved in many church functions and activities.

Janie is preceded in death by her husband, Robert O. Perkins, Sr.; her father, Alfredo Hernandez, Sr.; her mother, Anita O. Hernandez; a brother, Alfredo Hernandez, Jr.; her twin, Mickey Hernandez; and many aunts and uncles.

Janie is survived by three sons, Frank E. Hernandez, Robert O. Perkins, Jr. and Billy J. Perkins; two daughters, Serena P. Salazar and Wendy Turner; a brother, Louie Hernandez; and by a sister, Kelly Ruiz She is also survived by 15 grandchildren, Stephanie Connor, Katelyn Sanders, Audrena Perkins, Di'Sha Perkins, Robert Perkins, III, Brandon Cunningham, Tyler Perkins, Joshua Perkins, Juanita Hernandez, Matthew Perkins, Frank (Bubba) Hernandez, Jr., Hannah Perkins, Elisha Turner, Lesley Turner; and a great granddaughter, Alexis Perkins.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday May 1, 2014 at the First United Pentecostal Church, 5100 W. Illinois Avenue, with Pastor Benningholf officiating. The burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Robert Perkins, Jr. 4727 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79703. The family of Janie Perkins wishes to thank the Breast Cancer Society, Allison Cancer Society and Ellis Funeral Home.

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Robert (Bob) Savage

Robert (Bob) Savage, 78, went to be with his Lord, April 26, 2014. He was born to the late Roy and Bertha Savage on September 19, 1935.

Robert was a loving father and grandfather who adored his family and loved the Lord. His absence from our physical presence will be sorely missed but his legacy of love will live on in all of us.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth June Savage; two sons, Robby and Billy Savage; one grandson, Shane Lee Perry.

Left to cherish his memory are his children; son, Robert E. Savage, Jr. and wife, Wendy Savage of Midland; three daughters, Sandra Woodall of Midland, Debra and husband, David Walton of Midland, Kelli Savage of Premont, Texas.; two sisters, Ester Watson and Violet Row, both of Coleman, Texas.; 10 grandchildren, Shurelle Dubose, Constance Burnham, Michael Gallaher, Stephanie Harris, Robert Savage, Billy Savage, Courtney Savage, Justin McCandles, Dacey Taylor and Kagen Rianey; 17 great grandchildren.

Viewing will be on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The family of Robert (Bob) Savage will receive visitors on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at American Heritage Chapel.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at American Heritage Chapel at 11:00 a.m. with interment immediately following at American Heritage Cemetery.

All arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

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Weldon R. Shuck

Weldon R. Shuck, 87, of Midland, Texas went to be with his Lord on Friday, April 25, 2014.

Weldon was born in Bryson, Texas on July 8, 1926. He graduated from Bryson High School and continued on to receive a Degree in Civil Engineering from Texas Tech University. Weldon married Grace McCulloch on April 5, 1953; they were married 61 wonderful years.

Weldon worked as a Civil Engineer for Humble & Exxon Oil Company for 36 years. He enjoyed woodworking, camping, and fishing. He was longtime member of Wally Byam Caravan Club International. He was also a longtime member of First Baptist Church.

Weldon was preceded in death by his daughter, Marna Lee White.

Weldon is survived by his wife, Grace Shuck; son, Roy Shuck; daughter-in-law, Chris Shuck; grandchildren, Garrett Stewart, Aaron Jarmon, and Royanna Shuck; and other family and friends.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home, with Bill Billett officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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Henry McIntire Rodriquez III

Henry McIntire Rodriquez III, "Trey", 35, of Midland, TX passed away on April 25, 2014.

Henry was born in Midland, TX on August 17, 1978. He graduated from Midland High School in 1996 and was always looking to continue his education. He held a number of certifications that included Paramedic, ACLS, and PALS, among a number of others.

Henry worked as a firefighter paramedic for the Midland Fire Department for eleven years, and as a flight medic for AeroCare, but the job that he enjoyed more than anything was being a dad. His children were his entire world. His favorite activities included taking his kids camping and fishing, a love developed from his childhood with his own dad and family. Henry's smile was contagious, and he touched many hearts with his selflessness and generosity. He loved to joke and loved to laugh -- often sharing humorous antidotes about his children, siblings and colleagues. Henry is preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Henry McIntire Rodriquez Sr., and his son, Nathanael Rodriquez.

Henry is survived by the love of his life, Dominga Rodriquez, and his children, Ethan, Jadyn, and Uriah Rodriquez and Briana Dennis; his parents, Henry Jr. and Isabel Rodriquez; his siblings, Amanda L. Hook, Emma Gonzalez, Krystal, Jonathan, Jeremy, Benjamin, Virginia, and Hannah Rodriquez; his maternal grandparents, Ramona and Alfredo Patino; and his paternal grandmother, Lucia Rodriquez. He is loved by many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and colleagues.

Visitation will be held at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, April 29th at Ellis Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 11 A.M. Wednesday, April 30th at Ellis Funeral Home with his beloved uncle, Israel Patino, officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park located at 4616 N Big Spring St, Midland, TX. Pallbearers include his brothers: Jonathan, Jeremy, and Benjamin Rodriquez; his brother in laws: Eric Hook and Fabian Gonzalez, and his cousin Jose Jimenez. Honorary pallbearers are his two sons: Ethan and Uriah Rodriquez.

Trey's family wishes to thank the Midland Fire Department, Aerocare, and the ER staff at the MMH for their love and support.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Joyce Marie (Wright) Hanson

Devoted mother, grandmother, friend and caregiver. Joyce Marie (Wright) Hanson, 69, died Friday, April 25, at Midland Memorial Hospital with her family by her side.

Joyce was born February 24, 1945, in Fentress, Texas, to El'zie Wright and Jessie Mae Warren. She was born and raised in the church and accepted Christ at an early age. She attended New Hope Baptist Church in Seguin, Texas and was a junior usher, Eastern Star, and sang in the church choir. She later became a member of the Church of Christ.

Joyce moved to Midland in 1959, and attended Carver High School (1960 - 1962) where she played the baritone saxophone for the school band, basketball, volleyball, and ran track.

In 1986, Joyce graduated from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, School of Allied Health Sciences with certifications as a Homemaker / Home Health Aide.

Joyce worked for Midland's Parkview Hospital for over eight years as an Operating Room Technician and was known by her colleagues for her tireless energy. For over 30 years, she worked for Visiting Nurses, Nurses Unlimited, We Care and retired from Hospice of Midland in May 2012 after 29 years.

Joyce was an avid collector of ceramic angels, crosses, and decorative plates from around the world.

She is survived by her loving husband of 16 years, Robert Ralph Hanson; children, Pastor Marilyn Gambrell-Brown (Curtis) of Midland, Texas, Carolyn Payne RN (Maurice) of Marion, Illinois, Robie Burns Jr. (Jennifer) of Odessa, Texas, and Jeffery Arnold (April) of San Diego, California; stepdaughter, Rachael Roberts of Grand Prairie, Texas; honorary children, Gwan Turner (Connie) of San Antonio, Texas, and Alton Edwards (Etta); sisters, Linda Washington and Ethel McGarity; 12 grandchildren, Jessica Wright, Gambreshia Gambrell, Jocelyn Hudspeth, El'zie Hudspeth, De'Vante Payne, Robie Lee Burns, III, Joseph Barron, Samuel Burns, Amaya Burns, Jeffery Arnold, Jr., and Lauren Arnold; six great grandchildren, Jermariah' Conaway, MARPraisyn Royal, Tesias Hawkins, Umeiah' Hawkins, Amahri McReynolds, Robert Roberts; and many, many friends.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Eddie Tealer, and Willie Tealer.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 1, at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home in Midland.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 2, at 11:00 a.m. at Macedonia Baptist Church.

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Death Notices

Connie Harvick

Connie Harvick, 89, of Andrews passed away Monday, April 28, 2014. Services are pending with McNett Funeral Home.

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Vermont 'hippie commune' co-founder Calhoun dies at 94

Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Isabelle "Barbara" Fiske Calhoun, a New York cartoonist during World War II who moved to Vermont just after the war to co-found what is now described as Vermont's "oldest alternative and artist's retreat," has died at age 94.

Calhoun's daughter, Isabella Fiske McFarlin, said her mother died Monday in White River Junction.

In 1946, Calhoun, then-Isabella Fiske and her husband, Irving Fiske, Bohemian intellectuals from New York, used wedding money to buy a 140-acre hill farm in Rochester that later became a "hippie commune" known as the Quarry Hill Creative Center, McFarlin said.

It was initially intended to be a summer home, but they stayed. In 1984, Irving Fiske told The Associated Press, "We're free and easy. We're not very authoritative. We have no doctrine, no dogma. It is a community of mostly people who are interested in the arts, literature, photography, music."

In the 1960s, young people moved to Quarry Hill and began to build houses and have children.

Quarry Hill soon had its own school, and by the 1990s about 90 people lived there full-time.

"They opened it to who ever wanted to come," McFarlin said. "There were two rules: no hitting the kids and no hunting or fishing."

There are about 25 people living there now, McFarlin said.

The arrival of the Fiskes in the 1940s belies the popular conception that it wasn't until the 1960s that Vermont became a magnet for what became known as the counterculture that over time helped transform Vermont, said University of Vermont history professor Dona Brown, who has written about the back-to-the-land movement.

"It sounds to me very much like the story of a lot of movement, mostly from New York City's kind of Bohemian arty scene in the 30s and 40s and buying up old farms," said Brown, who was unaware of the Fiskes and the Quarry Hill creative center.

"Often (they came) with a kind of common political or common cultural expectation that this would be a place where they could be free and where they wouldn't be subjected to a lot of pressure," said Brown. "And also where they could live cheaply. For artists that's always been a really big selling point for Vermont is that you could spread out and live in relative comfort."

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Middle (N)	Seburg-atory (N)	Modern Family (N)	Mixology (N)	Nashville (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Leslie Mann, Tony Hale		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Cagayan		Criminal Minds "Fatal" (N)		CSI: Crime Scene "Kitty" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) Late Late
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Gilligan's Island	Gilligan's Island	Hogan's Heroes	Welcome Kotter	B.New-hart	B.New-hart	Twilight Zone	Mason "The Case of the Grinning Gorilla"		Untouc-hables
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	American Idol "Five Finalists Perform" The Top five finalists take the stage. (N)				Modern Family	Modern Family	The Arsenio Hall Show		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Mani Erfan	House Call	Update News	Dollars & Sense	Light of the Southwest				Dr. Rik Wadge	HaYesod	Jean-Claude	Dr. William
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		Revolution "Sh!t Happens" (N)		Law&O..:SVU "Post-Mortem Blues" (N)		Chicago P.D. "8:30" 2/2 (N)		News-West 9	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Late Night
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature "Love in the Animal Kingdom"		Nova		Nazi Mega Weapons "Super Tanks"		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	De Que Te Quiero Te Quiero		Por Siempre Mi Amor		Lo Que La Vida Me Robo		Que Pobres Tan Ricos		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Una familia con suerte	
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million..	Law:CI "Sex Club"		Law:CI "Death Roe"		My News	Million..	30 Rock	Sunny	Access H.	Insider
FLIX		340	65		165		(6:45) ★ Nicholas N...		★★★★ October Sky (1999, Drama) Jake Gyllenhaal.				★★★★ Dead Poets Society				(:15) ★ Ginger Snaps	
HBO		300	68	14	14		(6:45) ★ Battleship		Silicon	Veep	★ Bullet to the Head				(:45) Silicon	Bill Maher	LastWeek	Thrones
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	(6:00) ★ The Hobbit:...		All About Ann				★★★ The Heat ('13, Com) Sandra Bullock.			★ 700 Sundays Billy Crystal.		
HBO5		304	70	16	102		(6:45) ★ Die Another...		Deadwood		Game of Thrones (N)		LastWeek	Vice	★ For a Good Time, Call....			Silicon
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(5:30) ★ Me, Myself and Irene			★ Getaway Ethan Hawke.			★ The Incredible Burt Wonde...			(:45) Emmanuelle Through Time		
MAX2		382	72	18	122		(5:05) ★ The Conjuri...		★ The East ('13, Thril) Ellen Page.				StrikeBk	(:50) In Bed	(:20) In Bed	(:45) ★★★ The Debt		
PLEX				96			(5:15) ★ Canvas		★★★ Chaplin ('92, Bio) Robert Downey Jr..						★★ Madeline Hatte Jones.		(:05) ★ Double Take	
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	Movie	★ Mad Dog: Inside the Secret ...		All Acce	All Acce		All Acce	★★★★★ 21 Grams ('03, Dra) Sean Penn.			Nurse)	
TMC		336	67	22	195	26	(4:55) ★ Silver Lining...		★★★ The Illusionist Edward Norton.				★★ Notting Hill ('99, Rom) Hugh Grant.				(:05) ★ Lincoln	
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(6:00) ★★★ Gladiator				★★ The Last Samurai ('03, Drama) Ken Watanabe, Billy Connolly, Tom Cruise.						Small To	Small To
BET		58	26		40		Being "Uber Love"		Game	Together	Together	★ Black Coffee ('14, Com) Ashanna Bri.				Game	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	63		41		Million Dollar List		Million "Reach High"		Million Dollar (N)		Flipping Out (N)		Watch (N)	Million Dollar List		Flipping
CNBC		46	45		39	72	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed (N)		Money Talks (N)		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		Anthony Bourdain		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Naked and Afraid		Dual Survival (N)		Dual Survival (N)		Marooned (N)		Dual Survival		Marooned	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Dog Blog	★ Lemonade Mouth	Bridgit Mendler.			GoodLuck	A.N.T.	Win,Lose	Austin	McGuire	McGuire
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at Boston Red Sox Site: Fenway Park (L)						Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	SportsCenter		SportsCenter Special		Draft Academy (N)		30 for 30 (N)		Olbermann (L)		Baseball Tonight (L)	
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	Melissa	Melissa	Melissa	Daddy (N)	★ Mirror Mirror ('12, Adv) Lily Collins.				The 700 Club		Daddy	Daddy
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	Rest. "Feathers Fly"		Save My Bakery		Restaurant		Restaurant (N)		BossFire	Diners..	Restaurant	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Big 12 Showcase	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park - Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Stars Insider	The Game 3	ACC All-Access
FX		31	31	59	64	69	★★ Spider-Man 3 ('07, Act) Kirsten Dunst, Tobey Maguire.						The Americans (N)		(:10) The Americans		(:20) Fargo	
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Waltons "The Statue"		Waltons "The Song"		Middle	Middle	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	Buying and Selling		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		H.Hunter	House (N)	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Pickers "KISS and Sell"		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		Down E. Dicker. (N)		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Bring It! "Shut Up and Dance"		Bring It! "The Lock-In"		Preacher "Hallowed Be My Name" (N)		Bring It! "Battle Royale" (5F) (N)		Bring It! "Battle Royale"		Bring It! "The Lock-In"	
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				NHL Live	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)					NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)					Overtime
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	★★★ Iron Man ('08, Act) Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr..						★★★ Iron Man ('08, Act) Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr..					
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	★ Tasmanian Devils Danica McKellar.				★ Final Destination 2 All Larter.				★★ The Haunting in Connecticut			
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Seln. "The Wizard"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Deal With It (N)	Conan (N)		Holmes (N)	Conan (N)
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(6:15) ★ Her Twelve...		★★★ The Letter ('40, Dra) Bette Davis.				★★ Man Hunt Roddy McDowell.				★ Holiday in Mexico	
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	The Little Couple "Zoey Makes 4"		The Little Couple "The Unexpected"		Little Couple "We're in This Together"		The Little Couple "Our First Christmas"		The Little Couple	The Little Couple	The Little Couple	The Little Couple
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)						NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)				Inside the NBA (L)	
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	Gilligan	Gilligan	Gilligan	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Hot In	SoulMan	(:05) Hot In	SoulMan	Queens	Queens
USA		26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Legend (Part 2)" Pt. 2 of 2		NCIS "Seek"		NCIS "Squall"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	NCIS: Los Angeles "Blood Brothers"	
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Parks and Rec	Parks and Rec

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RUST

From 1B

economics seniors must pass the class to graduate, which sometimes surprises them.

When it comes to the end of the year and getting late work done, students need to remember that teachers get busier as graduation day approaches. Many teachers are dealing with administrative tasks, preparing for summer school or even preparing to switch classrooms or schools. We have to have everything squared away by the end of final exam week. Waiting until the last minute to try and make it to tutorials is a bad idea; the teacher may be inaccessible.

Perhaps the most important thing to remember when it comes to making up late work: Teachers are people, too. Just as you want to be respected and have others acknowledge that you have a full schedule with many responsibilities, the same applies to teachers. If someone makes a mistake and wants to come rectify it, you would want them to do so quickly and without attitude. Teachers feel the same way: The quicker a student comes in to take care of that missing work, especially without griping or attitude, the better. We are more than happy to work with students who are respectful and want to succeed.

When I hear students complain that teachers are unreasonable, I wonder if those students have been respectful and proactive when it comes to making up the unreasonably late or missing work. Though teachers are far from perfect, I have yet to meet a teacher who would not bend over backward for a student who was forthright, respectful, and made a diligent effort to redo a low grade or turn in missing work as soon as possible. Students and parents need to be aware of this "you catch more flies with honey" concept as the weeks tick down toward the end of the school year, and things get hectic.

If senioritis has gotten your grades by the short hairs, take a deep breath, and remember my advice. Put on a smile, talk to your teacher right away, and remember how important it is to raise your grades. Do not procrastinate and wait until Wednesday of finals week to ask your teacher what you can do about that 58 average. Remember, you heard it from me.

Owen Rust teaches economics to seniors at Midland High School.

TOP

From 1B

wanted to do.

"I want to have a career in petroleum, but then be able to take time off to do the humanitarian side of things and do short-term mission work."

Howard said her motivation to do well in school was inspired by her faith.

"I make it a point to do things to the best of my ability because I think God called us to excellence, or at least tried to," she said. "I really think it's just discipline and not being complacent or lazy."

Howard said she wants to work in the business field, but also sees herself using her passion for music to get involved with church worship services wherever she lives after college.

Top student facts

ELISE HOWARD, 17, VALEDICTORIAN
Daughter of Kris and Cheri Howard
Plans to attend Baylor University to study either marketing, economics or finance
Involved in Student Council, Spanish Club, Science Club, National Honor Society and is a Texas Scholar and Symphony Belle
Is passionate about music
Attends First Baptist Church in Odessa

HANNAH THOMAS, 17, SALUTATORIAN
Daughter of Barry and Lori Thomas
Plans to attend Colorado School of Mines to study petroleum engineering with a minor in humanitarian engineering
Involved in Spanish Club, Student Council, Science Club, softball team, National Honor Society, is trainer for the football team and a Texas Scholar
Is Opportunity Camp volunteer and a Symphony Belle
Attends Golf Course Road Church of Christ

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Report: 4 in 5 US high school students graduate

By Kimberly Hefling
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. public high schools have reached a milestone, an 80 percent graduation rate. Yet that still means 1 of every 5 students walks away without a diploma.

Citing the progress, researchers are projecting a 90 percent national graduation rate by 2020.

Their report, based on Education Department statistics from 2012, was presented Monday at the Building a GradNation Summit.

The growth has been spurred by such factors as a greater awareness of the dropout problem and efforts by districts, states and the federal government to include graduation rates in accountability measures. Among the initiatives are closing "dropout factory" schools.

In addition, schools are taking aggressive action, such as hiring intervention specialists who work with students one on one, to keep teenagers in class, researchers said.

Growth in rates among African-American and Hispanic students helped fuel the gains. Most of the growth has occurred since 2006 after decades of stagnation.

"At a moment when everything seems so broken and seems so unfixable ... this story tells you something completely different," said John Gomperts, president of America's Promise Alliance, which was founded by former Secretary of State Colin Powell and helped produce the report.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan said at the summit that the country owes a debt of gratitude to teachers, students and families whose hard work helped the country reach the 80 percent mark, but he said those students who drop out have a "bleak" future and shouldn't be forgotten. His department's statistics arm also on Monday released a report that highlighted the growth trend in graduation rates.

"Even as we celebrate, we all know we have to push beyond that 80 percent," Duncan said.

The rate of 80 percent is based on federal statistics primarily using a calculation by which the number of graduates in a given is year divided by the number of students who enrolled four years earlier. Adjustments are made for transfer students.

In 2008, the Bush administration ordered all states to begin using this method. States previously used a wide variety of ways to calculate high school graduation rates.

Iowa, Vermont, Wisconsin, Nebraska and Texas ranked at the top with rates at 88 percent or 89 percent. The bottom performers were Alaska, Georgia, New Mexico, Oregon and Nevada, which had rates at 70 percent or below.

Idaho, Kentucky and Oklahoma were not included because these states received federal permission to take longer to roll out their system.

The new calculation method allows researchers to individually follow students and chart progress based on their income level. By doing so, researchers found that some states are doing much better than others in getting low-income students — or those who receive free or reduced lunch meals — to graduation day.

Tennessee, Texas, Arkansas and Kansas, for example, have more than half of all students counted as low income but overall graduation rates that are above average. In contrast, Minnesota, Wyoming and Alaska have a lower percentage of low-income students but a lower than average overall graduation rate.

Graduation rates increased 15 percentage points for Hispanic students and 9 percentage points for African-American students from 2006 to 2012, with the Hispanic students graduating at 76 percent and African-American students at 68 percent, the report said. To track historic trends, the graduation rates were calculated using a different method.

Also, there were 32 percent fewer "dropout factories" — schools that graduate less than 60 percent of students — than a decade earlier, according to the report. In 2012, nearly one-quarter of African-American students attended a dropout factory, compared with 46 percent in 2002. About 15 percent of Hispanic students attended one of these schools, compared with 39 percent a decade earlier. There were an estimated 1,359 of these schools in 2012.

Among the advice offered by report authors to get the nation's graduation rate to 90 percent:

■ Don't forget California. With 13 percent of the nation's schoolchildren and 20 percent of low-income children living in California, the state must continue to show growth. The state's overall rate was 79 percent compared with 73 percent for the state's low-income students.

■ Improve outcomes for special education students. Students with disabilities make up about 15 percent of students nationally but have a graduation rate 20 percentage points lower than the overall average. The rate for students with disabilities varies by state, with a rate of 24 percent in Nevada and 81 percent in Montana.

■ Focus on closing racial and income gaps.

■ Think big cities. Most big cities with high concentrations of low-income students still have graduation rates in the 60s or lower, the report said.

Online:
http://gradnation.org

RESEARCH

From 1B

kind of left that as a teenager, but when I enlisted in the Navy, I was an aircraft mechanic, so that was my job and I kind of rediscovered that little knack."

Lozano plans to transfer to a four-year university to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering in the fall after completing his studies at Midland College.

Lozano said he is excited for the research opportunity this summer and to "play with some new toys."

"Not everyone gets to do a fellowship in research, and I think that's an important thing that's going to bring skills to my drawer, new tools I can use later," he said. "Also, it also allows me to taste a little more of scientific research."

WILKINS

From 1B

are concerned about how much more they have to teach before they let their students go on to the next teacher. These teachers are teaching, assessing and reteaching to make sure each student has learned what is needed to be successful in the next grade. Thank you, teachers, for all the extra work you do to get your students ready for the next level and for taking ownership of your students and working to make sure they have the best education possible.

Finishing strong is important, but learning is not a race that is over in a single year. Each year helps students prepare for the next year. Even seniors are preparing for college or a career, where more races for learning take place.

Truly, we never stop learning; there is always more we can learn.

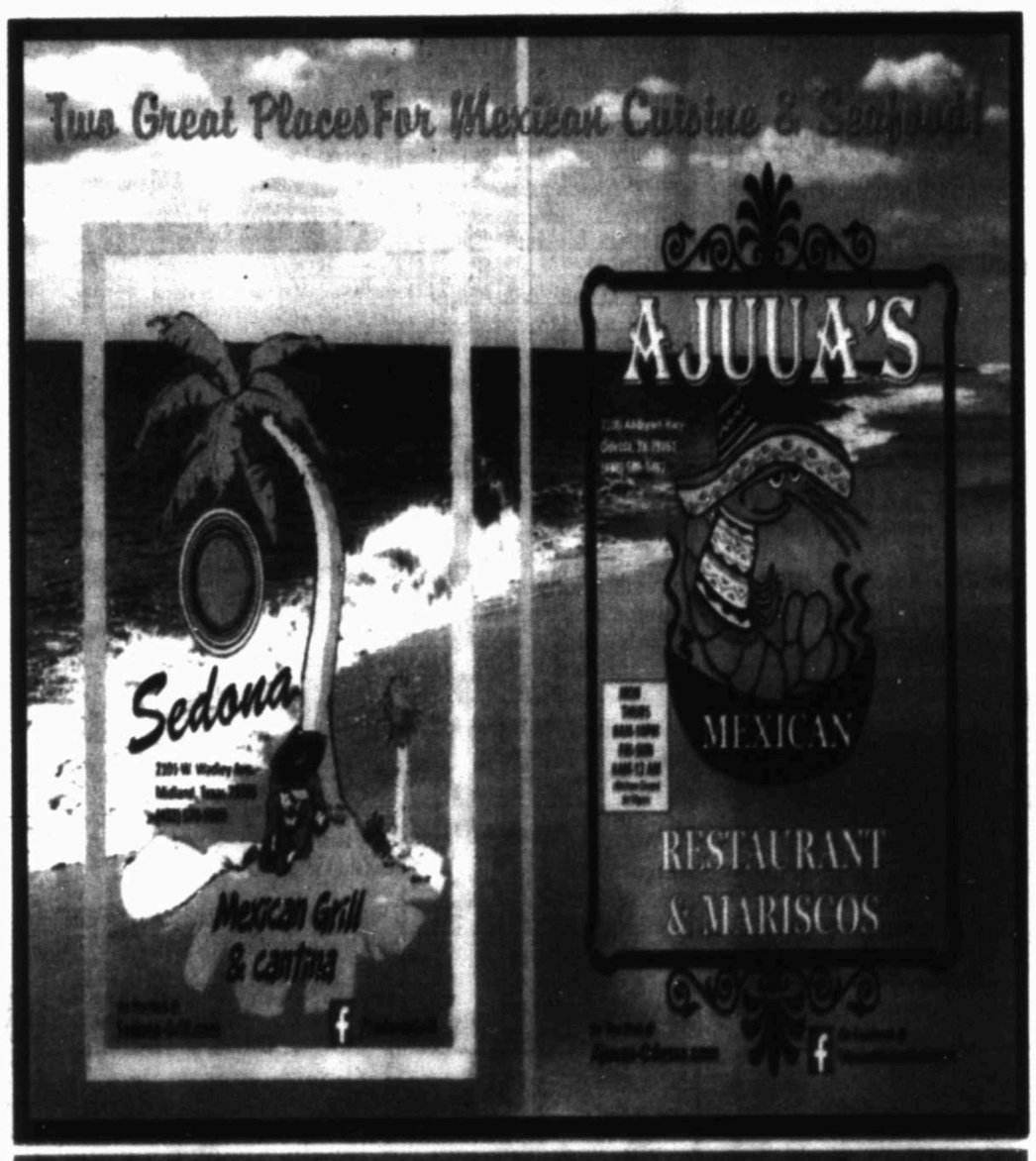
Parents, please help your students remember this during the "off-season." The more they train during the summer, the better equipped they will be when school resumes. Read with your young students and remind older students to read. Your children can read to each other.

Ask your child's teacher for beneficial activities to do over the summer. Older students can pay for their own snack and determine the amount of tax; younger students can count out the coins they will need to make the purchase. Make a double batch of cookies and have your student read and convert the necessary ingredients. It may take longer if your student performs certain tasks, but it will be a fun learning experience when they understand the importance of each skill.

Teachers, parents and students — let's work hard these last 22 days and finish strong. Remember that the end of a school year is not the end of learning, but a break as we prepare for the next challenge or race of learning. Each of us are lifelong learners working hard to provide opportunities for learning and paying close attention so as not to miss the learning that comes our way.

Everyone enjoy your break, and return ready to begin a new race in the fall.

Kathleen Wilkins is a resource (special education) teacher at Milam Elementary in Midland ISD.



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Republicans face serious education challenge

■ Getting more high school graduates to college is one example where GOP needs to provide solutions

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

In one of the lower policy points during the 2012 Republican primary campaign, Rick Santorum told a tea party group, "President Obama once said he wants everybody in America to go to college. What a snob."

It was a complex electoral maneuver: Take a fragile middle-class expectation — and a powerful immigrant and working-class hope — and make it into an object of populist derision. Do you really want all that pipe smoking and port sipping and late-night dorm planning to undermine the Constitution?

Santorum was, in fact, the GOP candidate most conspicuously attempting to address working-class concerns. But the paradox only heightened the symbolism. Americans seek a valuable but increasingly overpriced good for their children. Republicans answer with a heaping helping of ideology. The indifference hurts as much as the issue.

Recent figures indicate that growing numbers of high school graduates are taking Santorum's career advice. The share of high school graduates (66 percent) entering college last fall was the lowest since 2006. This may be the result, in part, of improving job prospects for those without post-secondary education. But it is difficult, in an economy that places a premium on skills, to regard a smaller aggregate stock of skills as a positive development. We should want more people to go to college — and to find effective apprenticeships, occupational certificates and job training.

A steady rise in the percentage of people who graduate from high school is one of the (rare) success stories in American education. The graduation rate increased from 71.7 percent in 2001 to 81 percent in 2012, with serious gains for Hispanic and African-American students. Maintaining this trajectory, graduation rates could reach 90 percent by 2020.

But after high school, what then? The benefits of a college education — in wages, employment levels and avoiding poverty — remain comparatively robust, but largely because the prospects of those with a high school diploma have dimmed. In 1979, according to the Pew Research Center, the typical high school graduate earned 77 percent of what a college graduate made. Among millennials, that figure is now 62 percent.

For the poor, a college degree remains an important avenue of upward mobility. But for those in the middle class, the aspiration of a diploma is increasingly mixed with fear. The economic returns of a college degree are stagnant. Many who hold one are underemployed. Still, the alternative is worse.

At the same time, the cost of a four-year college degree has ballooned. For the middle class, an average year of tuition is roughly half of household income. So both students and parents borrow massively to purchase a degree that can cost as much as a house, knowing it has diminishing value and used to cost less. It is not a wrong decision, but hardly a satisfying one. "In a modern, knowledge-based economy," said Paul Taylor of Pew, "the only thing more expensive than going to college is not going to college."

But the fact that college costs have risen faster than nearly any other good or service is not a law of nature. Higher education is a failing market, in which most of the incentives are set toward higher tuitions and higher borrowing. The student loan system makes it easier for students to pay more than they can afford and so for schools to charge more than they are worth, while the accreditation system restricts experiments with new methods of teaching and learning.

Market-oriented conservatives should be coming up with ideas to shift the incentives of the system, rather than continuing to inflate the bubble with additional debt. Sens. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., and Mike Lee, R-Utah, have set out proposals that would widen the accreditation process for lower-priced educational alternatives and increase the data given to students about potential earnings in various fields — allowing them to make an informed decision about incurring debt. It is a start. Barely.

For Republicans, the issue of higher education is emblematic. There are a number of vital but creaky social systems — elementary and secondary education, health care, the tax code, the immigration system, the social safety net — in need of serious, market-based reform. A party of innovation, redesign and repair might have considerable appeal. It would, among other good things, directly address many of the concerns of the working and middle class.

But a party of opposition, faux populism and reflexive anti-government ideology is not up this task. Given our level of institutional dysfunction, the country needs Republicans to be a source of solutions.

DI

From 1B

couldn't hear the announcement. Then, Carver Center's name appeared on screen, confirming the victory.

"When we won at state, I was crying and hugging everyone," teammate Faith Dolan said. "I'm a hugger."

The team gave its final performance before globals in front of the Carver student body Monday morning. The performance was two-fold: Students used an electromagnet they built to uncover hidden objects, while using a medieval mystery plot, handmade props and playing card costumes they created to tell a story about technology. In the end, the puzzle was solved in the simplest way possible: following the instructions.

"It explains different parts of your brain," Burleson said of DI. The technical challenge incorporates technology, but also encourages students to be creative and artistic, she said.

"Everyone has their own strength for what they did in the challenge," Burleson said.

DI also not only promotes, but requires, teamwork, the seven students on the team agreed.

"We were all selfish in the beginning," team member Temitayo Awosemo said.

"Now we're like a big family," Faith said.

Other members of the DI team advancing to global finals are Blake Dalager, Sam Leverett, Karmen Smith and Kalee Tollefson.

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MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Courtesy photo

The Exchange Club of Midland honored seven local high school students at a luncheon Monday at the Petroleum Club. They are: Kyle Logan, counter clockwise beginning far left, Kathleen Hickey, Victoria Gerald, Daniela Corrales, Katherine Boyd, Claire Hall, Caleb Jackson, Raj Patel, Janeth Ruiz Garcia, Karishma Thakor and Natasha Thio.

The Exchange Club of Midland recognized 11 high school seniors at its annual awards luncheon Monday at the Petroleum Club.

Midland High honorees are Katherine Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boyd, for English; Daniela Corrales, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Corrales, for foreign language; Victoria Gerald, daughter of Michelle Gerald and the late Patrick Gerald, for math; Kathleen Hickey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Hickey, for science; and Kyle Logan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Logan, for social studies.

Lee High honorees are Claire Hall, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Scott Hall, for English; Janeth Ruiz Garcia, daughter of Rafael Ruiz and Eufemia Garcia, for foreign language; Caleb Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Jackson, for math; Raj Patel, son of Dr. and Mrs. Sam Patel, for science; and Karishma Thakor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harish Patel, for social studies.

Natasha Thio, who attends Early College High School, was recognized for academic excellence. She is the daughter of John Aquino and Ester Tiwa.

The students received an external hard drive to assist in their future studies, according to a press release from the Exchange Club.

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Midlander Jocelin Drennan has been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi at the University of Nevada at Reno. The honor society is by invitation and is for the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and the top 7.5 percent of juniors.

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Midland High School senior Jason Raughton has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club.

Raughton

He is the son of Craig and Christen Raughton.

He is a member of the football and baseball teams and National Honor Society. He was named to the All-State academic team in football.

He is a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Raughton plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in business.

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Lee High School senior McKenzie Dean has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Dr. John and Deborah Dean.

Dean

She is a member of National Honor Society, PALS, Interact Club, yearbook staff and Senior Girls.

She is a member of Stonegate Fellowship and Young Life and volunteers with Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center.

Dean plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in business.

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A number of Greenwood High School students have been named to the "A" Honor Roll for the fifth six weeks. The list does not include students whose parents have requested that information about their children not be released.

■ Ninth grade: Nakia Armendariz, Tami Bott, Kelley Cooper, Blake Elliott, Shelby Farmer, Jiles Finch, Zoey Greenwood, Seth Keeton, Vance Martinez, Brooklynn Miles, Braden Rader, Aydan Rivera and Zayra Urias.

■ 10th grade: Gabriella Arreola, Madeline Campbell, Callie Gilbert, Colton Good, Brantley Griffin, Ariadna Lujan, Matthew Mackey, Ryan Pate, Sarah Perkins, Adrian Ramos, Jordan Shoults, Chase Strumpfer and Parker Taylor.

■ 11th grade: Amanda Bell, Bethany Earp, Priscilla Espinosa, Skyler Gallentine, Brenna Hartley, James Killebrew, Caitlin Long, Christian Martin, Justin McKinney, Elizabeth Padron, Preston Perez, Zachry Redwine, Erin Roye, Regan Shockley, Allison Smith and Austin Ulcak.

■ 12th grade: Connor Brockman, Kevin Campbell, Larissa Cervantez, Brandon Cowan, Brandon Elliott, Ashlea Gilliam, Zachary Grafe, Payden Merryman, Lauren Morgan, Hannah Peine, Ashley Sullivan, Natalea Sunderland, Hugo Vargas and Brandi Watkins.

Midland College students win publication awards

From staff reports

Midland College students won 24 Texas Intercollegiate Press Association awards at the organization's convention in San Antonio earlier this month.

First-place awards in the previously published or canned-entry contests went to Corey Wood for his poem "Grand Prize," Richard Reese for his illustration "Pool Ladies," Alayne Armstrong for her news photo of instructor Michael Fields and the El Paisano newspaper staff for an ad designed for the farmers market.

The newspaper, now called Midland College Press, also won an honorable mention for Overall Excellence — the quality of three complete issues submitted during the 2013 calendar year — according to Bob Templeton, Allison chair of journalism.

Other winners competed through material published in the Tableau, MC's literary magazine, and Chaparral, the college's newsfeature magazine.

Former student Troy Pardue won six awards, topping the five awards he won last year from the Texas Community College Journalism Association last fall. He earned third place awards for a newspaper twerking cartoon, a general newspaper column about thin-skinned reactions to today's raunchy culture, a newspaper news story about the state eliminating MC's nursing program and for a literary magazine feature photo of dog tags. He won honorable mentions for a sports newspaper column about a former MC coach's behavior and a magazine picture story about the Texas music scene.

Other El Paisano awards

■ Second place: Staff, sports action photo of women's Chaps basketball; headline "State scrubs MC nursing program and ad design for Susie's South Forty; and Mary Margaret Peterson, feature photos of the "Nutcracker" ballet practice.

■ Third place: Becca Byrne, news photo of student involved in a color run.

■ Honorable mention: Alayne Armstrong, sports action photo of men's Chaps basketball; Sarah Cotton, editorial supporting gay Boy Scouts; and staff, Page One newspaper.

Other literary magazine awards are second place, Ashley Pillado, for the essay "My Scariest Moment;" third place, Blake Rackley, for the feature "Hollywood Story;" and honorable mention, Kathryn Hedin, for the poem "Drought" and Corey Wood for the short story "The Sound of Lungs Expanding."

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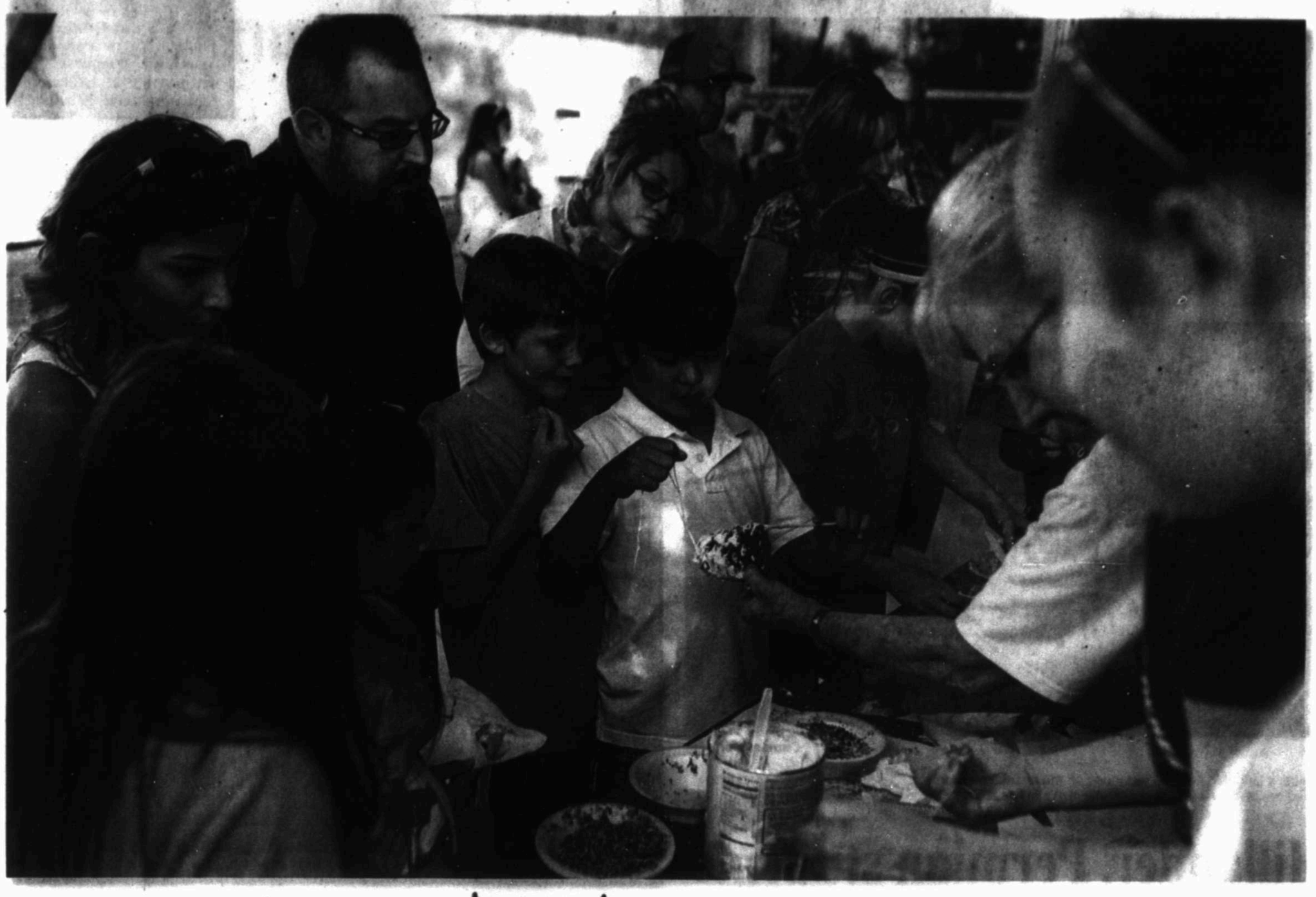

EARTH DAY

The Permian Basin Master Gardeners hosted an Earth Day event April 22 at the Petroleum Museum.

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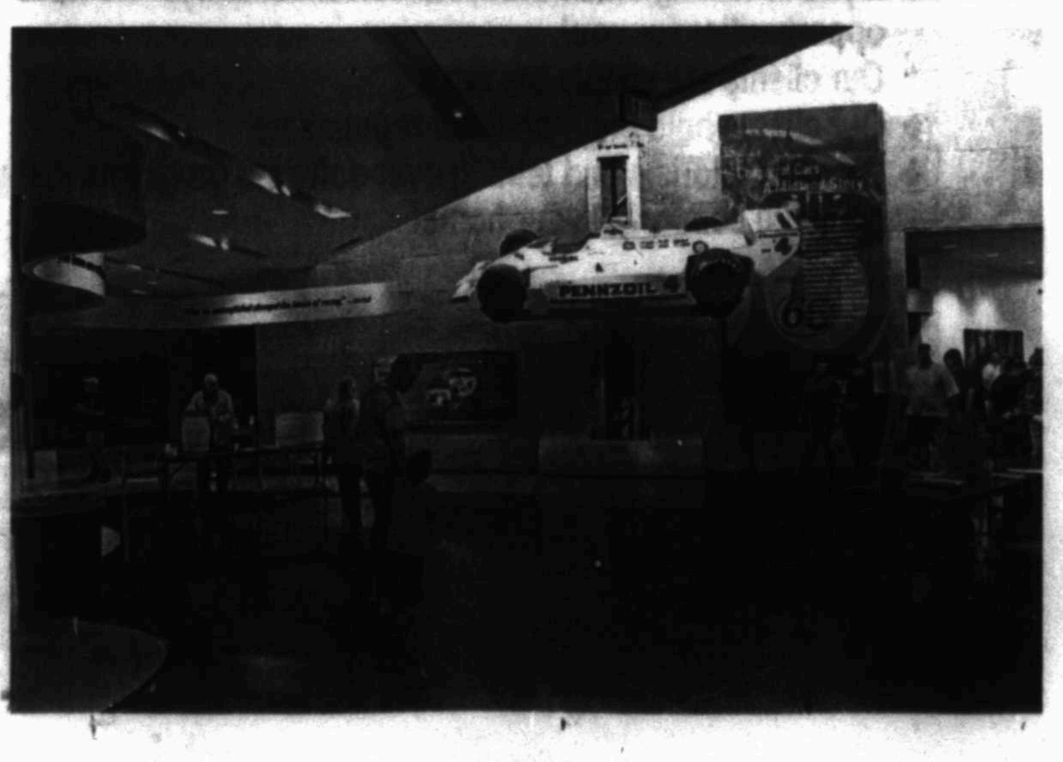
Children make pine cone bird feeders during an Earth Day event.



ABOVE LEFT
From left, Nara Muñoz, 9, and Yara Muñoz, 10, learn about recycling rainwater at an Earth Day exhibit by the Permian Basin Master Gardeners on April 22 at the Petroleum Museum.

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Courtesy photos

Hillander's Leighton Petty, in red, goes on the attack and Emerson's Chris Chick covers up during sudden death five-minute chess for the regional title. Leighton won the K-sixth title.

Hillander, Permian students win chess tournament

From staff reports

Students from Hillander and Permian High School won the K-sixth and seventh-12th titles, respectively, at the West Texas regional chess tournament April 26 at Trinity School.

Leighton Petty won a tie-breaker over Chris Chick of Emerson Elementary. Leighton and Chris tied for first place with five wins and a draw. Juan Mendoza of Reagan School in Odessa tied Midland Christian School's Kyle Flatt and Carter West for third place, with five wins and a loss each.

Permian's Jared Culpepper won each of his games to take his title, said Charlie Vetter via email. Vetter is president of the Midland Chess Club and tournament co-organizer with Odessa Chess Club President Steve Dudley.

Three Trinity students — Anthony Dragun, Darren Maguirre and Curtis Wong — finished second, third and fourth at the secondary level.

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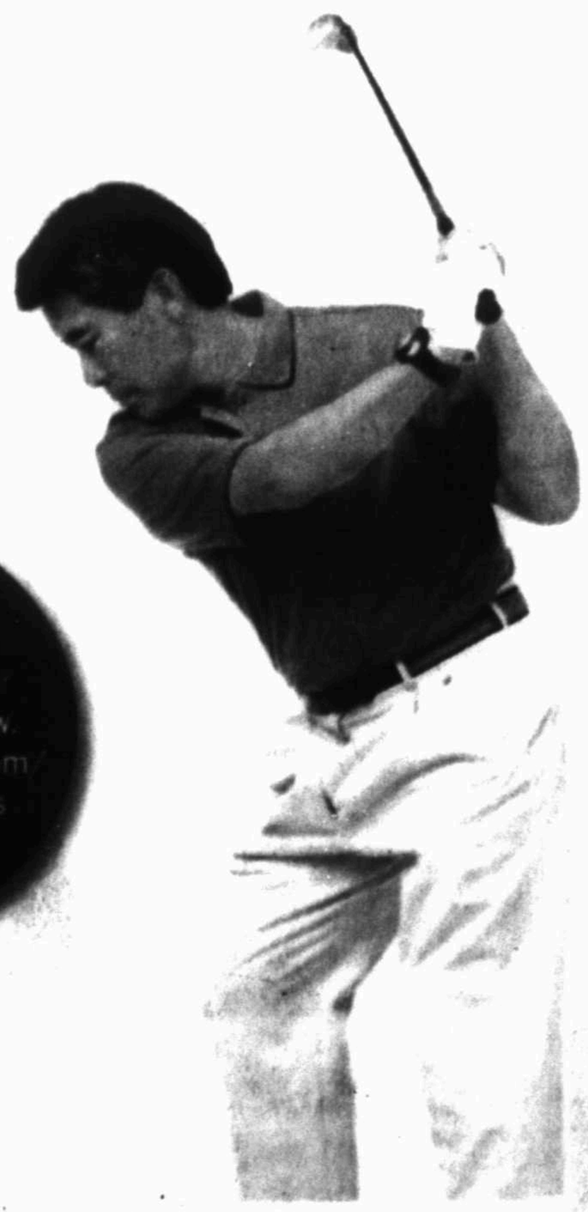

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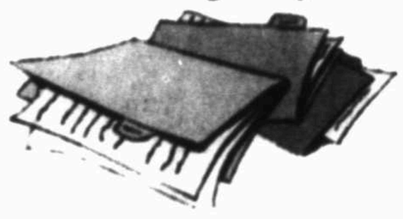

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Lady Mustangs rally to defeat Dallas Christian

By Len Hayward
lhayward@mrt.com

It's been a few weeks since the Midland Christian softball team has been challenged by a fellow private school opponent.

The Lady Mustangs rolled through TAPPS 1-4A on the way to the title with 6-0 record, but on Tuesday in its TAPPS 4A bi-district game against Dallas Christian, Midland Christian received a wake-up call.

But the Lady Mustangs rallied from a two-run deficit to take the lead and beat the Lady Chargers 4-2 at the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex.

Midland Christian (30-13) will advance to the TAPPS 4A regional round and take on Tyler Grace Community at a time, date and place to be determined.

Lady Mustangs	4
Lady Chargers	2

"They had a pretty decent little pitcher, and she had good movement," said Midland Christian senior center fielder Bianca Ambrosio, who was 2-for-3 on the day with a run scored. "It took us a little bit to wake up and get our sticks going."

Dallas Christian took advantage of a Midland Christian error and a pair of singles to jump out to a 2-0 lead in the third inning.

But in the bottom half of that inning, the Lady Mustangs' bats found some life. Three straight singles loaded the bases and then the first run scored on a passed ball, the second on an error and the third on an RBI ground out to the pitcher by McKinley Walker.

It was the first time in the game Midland Christian strung together hits to score runs and put pressure on the Lady Chargers' defense.

"I don't know if it was just nerves or just pushing too hard," Midland Christian coach Judy Hardy said. "They've fought all year and it didn't matter if we were down in the seventh, they went up there swinging. It's not in them to give up, they've been that way all year."

The Lady Mustangs tacked on another run in the sixth when Maddy Garcia's double drove in McKinley Walker.

Garcia, who was 2-for-3 on the day at the plate, didn't allow another run after the third inning and only had one base runner reach third the rest of the game. Garcia scattered six hits over the seven innings with three strikeouts and no walks.

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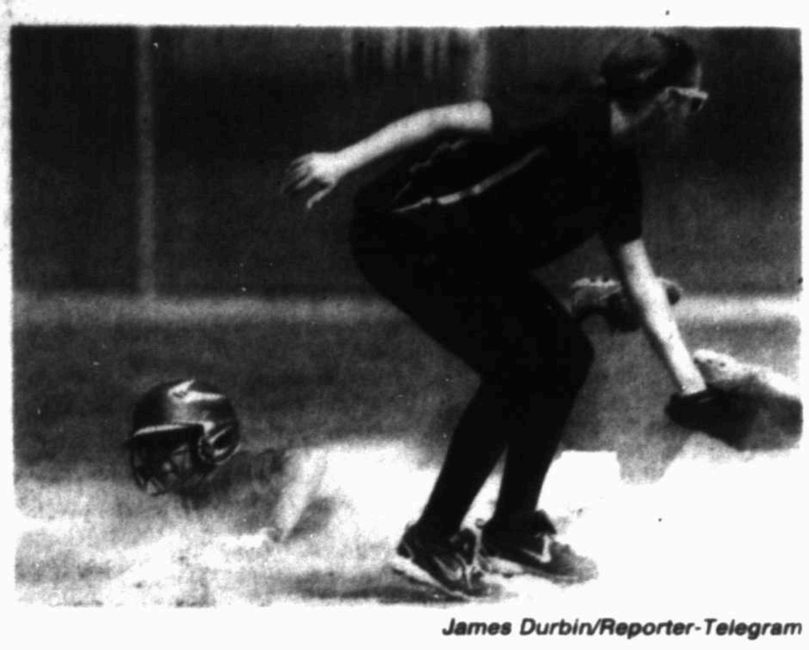

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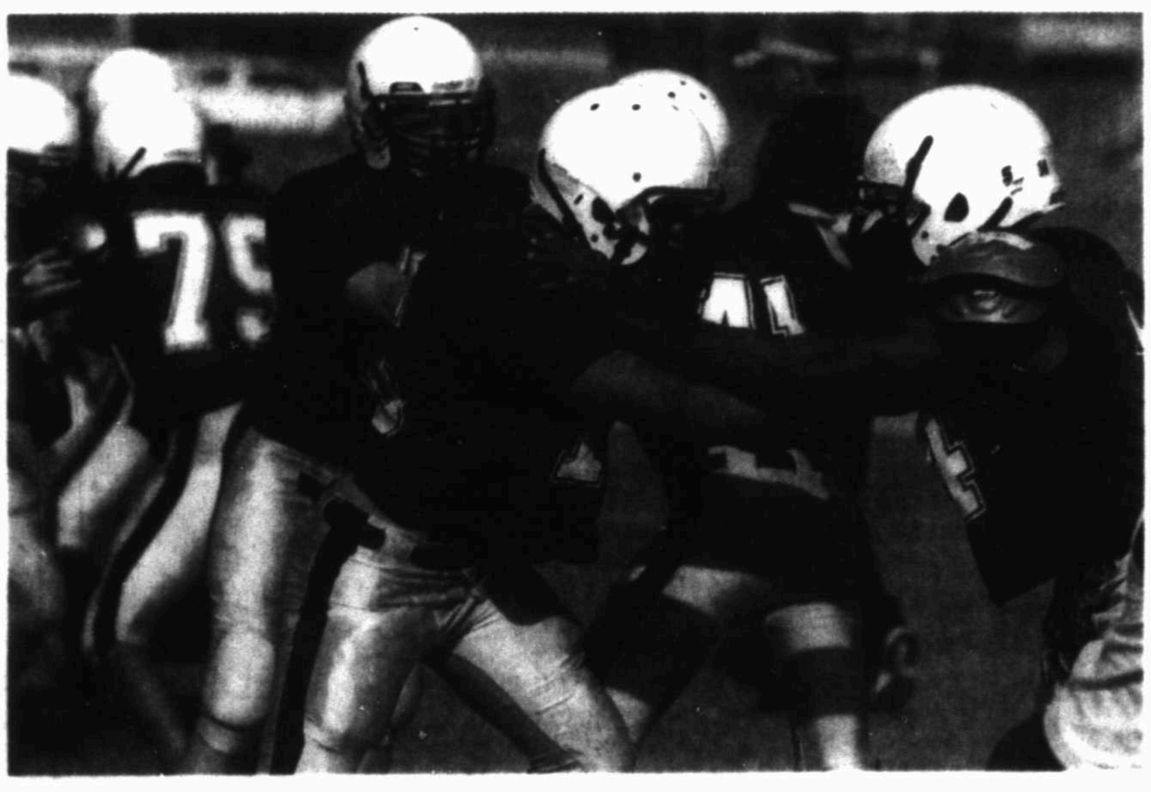
Midland Christian's Bianca Ambrosio slides into second base against Dallas Christian's Ashley Tucker during a TAPPS 4A softball playoff game Tuesday at the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex. See more photos at mrt.com

Lee spring practice



Fresh out of their successful 2013 season, the Lee High football team has started to practice for next season to ensure a similar performance as last year. Coach James Morton, pictured above, coaches while several players, right, run drills during a practice late Tuesday afternoon.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

Andrews wins 4th straight title

By Jonathan Hull
MRT Correspondent

CEDAR CREEK — The Andrews girls golf clinic continues. And it might not be ending anytime soon.

The Lady Mustangs ended what has been nothing short of a dominant season in a major way Tuesday, wrapping up their fourth state team title at the Class 3A State Tournament at Wolfdancer Golf Course. Andrews had a two-day total of 639 after shooting 324 in the second round.

More golf

Find out how the Andrews boys did and see statewide results

Page 3C

The Lady Mustangs won by 80 strokes with Snyder coming in at 719. Monahans completed the Region I sweep of the team medal stand with a 761.

But it's not like the Lady Mustangs haven't owned the state at the Class 3A level for the past season. They're more than just a flash in the pan as they've now won four consecutive team state titles. It's the 12th overall for the program, which ties a state record held by Class A Booker.

"It's rare company to have a chance at four in a row," Andrews coach Mark Burgen said. "I don't know if you can even have a chance to dream that big. It's got to be a level of consistency ... the ducks have to line up in a row year after year. You've got to have the players. It's hard to do that."

Senior Sarah Black led the Lady Mustangs' title charge, placing second in the medalist standings for the second time in her career with a two-round total of 153. Only La Vernia's Shawnee Allen topped Black, winning the medalist title with a 149.

It marks the second consecutive time Black has finished second. She won the state title as a freshman in 2011 and finished sixth as a sophomore. She's also been a member of the past four state championship teams, meaning Black has collected seven medals in her prestigious high school career.

"It's been a good four years for me," said Black, who has signed to play at Sam Houston State. "I've had four great teams that whenever I play bad they pick me up and play well. You know we compete against each other, too, which is tough. I don't like losing to my teammates so they're a big motivation for me."

Burgen couldn't quite describe how much Black has meant to the Lady

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Edyta Blaszczyk/Odessa America

Andrews Sarah Black adjusts her shot toward the hole during the second and final day of the Class 3A State Golf Championships on Tuesday at the Wolfdancer Golf Course.

Sterling now banned for life by the NBA

Associated Press

NEW YORK — NBA Commissioner Adam Silver delivered the swiftest, strongest penalty he could, then called on NBA owners to force Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling to sell the team for making racist comments that hurt the league.

Silver

Sterling

Almost unanimously, owners supported the commissioner Tuesday, as he handed down one of the harshest penalties in the history of U.S. sports.

"We stand together in condemning Mr. Sterling's views. They simply have no place in the NBA," Silver said at a news conference.

Sterling, 80, is banned for life from any association with the league or the Clippers, and fined $2.5 million — the maximum allowable under the NBA constitution. If three-fourths of the other 29 owners agree to Silver's recommendation, Sterling will be forced to sell the team he has owned since 1981.

Players and others cheered Silver's quick action, with union officials saying that if the league's punishment hadn't included a mandate for Sterling to sell the team, players were considering boycotting playoff games, including Tuesday's Golden State Warriors-Clippers game, the team's first home game since the scandal erupted.

"We wanted to be a part of this decision, and we wanted Adam Silver to know where we stood. And we were very clear that anything other than Sterling selling his team was not going to be enough for us," said Roger Mason Jr., the first vice president of the players' union.

Sterling's comments —which were recorded by his girlfriend and released by TMZ Saturday — harmed the league, Silver said. Sponsors were threatening to abandon the NBA, and criticism was coming from fans on social media and even the White House.

Sterling criticized V. Stiviano — purportedly the female voice on the tapes — for posting pictures of her with black athletes Magic Johnson and Matt Kemp.

"It bothers me a lot that you want to broadcast that you're associating with black people. Do you have to?" Sterling asks the woman on the tape.

"Sentiments of this kind are contrary to the principles of inclusion and respect that form the foundation of our diverse, multicultural and multiethnic league," Silver said.

The NBA's longest-tenured owner keeps his team for now — and Silver said he didn't know if Sterling would fight to do so permanently.

But he can't attend games or practices, can't be involved in any personnel decisions or participate in board of governors meetings.

Just three days after the scandal broke, and hours before the Clippers hosted their biggest game of the season, Silver apologized to some of the league's black pioneers while meting out a punishment he believed would satisfy outraged players and fans.

Silver said the ban applied only to Sterling and there had been no

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MLB

Regional coverage, Milwaukee at St. Louis or Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 12:30 p.m., MLB

Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 1 p.m., WGN

Tampa Bay at Boston, 6 p.m., ESPN

NBA

Playoffs, first round, game 5, Dallas at San Antonio, 6 p.m., TNT

Playoffs, first round, game 5, Brooklyn at Toronto, 6:30 p.m., NBATV

Playoffs, first round, game 5, Portland at Houston, 8:30 p.m., TNT

NHL

Playoffs, conference quarterfinals, game 7, Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers (if necessary), 6 p.m., NBCSN

Playoffs, conference quarterfinals, game 7, Minnesota at Colorado, 8:30 p.m., CNBC

Playoffs, conference quarterfinals, game 7, Los Angeles at San Jose, 9 p.m., NBCSN

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UEFA Champions League, semifinal, second leg, Atletico de Madrid at Chelsea, 1:30 p.m., FS1

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National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Activated LHP Mike Minor from the 15-day DL.
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MIAMI MARLINS — Activated INF Ed Lucas from the 15-day DL. Designated 1B Greg Dobbs for assignment.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Optioned RHP Taylor Jordan to Syracuse (IL). Recalled RHP Ryan Mattheus from Syracuse.
American Association
LAREDO LEMURS — Signed OF Harrison Kain.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Released C Chris Matthews.
Frontier League
FRONTIER GREYS — Signed INF Chase Tucker.
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed INF Nick Vasquez to a contract extension.
JOLIET SLAMMERS — Traded RHP Zac Freece to Lake Erie for 1B Brandon Moderbacher.
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed INF Adam Ford and LHP Roberto Padilla.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Banned Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling for life and fined him $2.5 million for racial comments he made in an audio recording.
NBA — Suspended Dallas F/C DeJuan Blair for one game without pay, for kicking San Antonio F Tiago Splitter in the head in their game on Monday.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Signed S Earl Thomas to a four-year contract extension through the 2018 season.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DALLAS STARS — Reassigned F Chris Mueller and F Dustin Jeffrey to Texas (AHL).
FLORIDA PANTHERS — Fired interim coach Peter Horachek.
American Hockey League
SPRINGFIELD FALCONS — Announced Jeremy Smith was returned to the team by Columbus (NHL).
ECHL
ECHL — Fined Fort Wayne Mike Embach an undisclosed amount for his actions in an April 20 game against Reading.
COLLEGE
ELON — Named Chris Pitre men's soccer coach.
ILLINOIS-CHICAGO — Named Deon Thomas men's assistant basketball coach.
NORTH DAKOTA STATE — Named Eric Henderson men's assistant basketball coach.

NASCAR LEADERS

Through April 26
Points
1. Jeff Gordon, 347. 2. Matt Kenseth, 338. 3. Carl Edwards, 313. 4. Kyle Busch, 310. 5. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 309. 6. Joey Logano, 292. 7. Brad Keselowski, 287. 8. Jimmie Johnson, 282. 9. Ryan Newman, 272. 10. Brian Vickers, 256.
11. Greg Biffle, 256. 12. Austin Dillon, 252. 13. Kyle Larson, 251. 14. Denny Hamlin, 245. 15. Tony Stewart, 243. 16. Marcos Ambrose, 242. 17. A.J. Allmendinger, 240. 18. Paul Menard, 226. 19. Jamie McMurray, 226. 20. Kevin Harvick, 220.
Money
1. Dale Earnhardt Jr., $2,695,643. 2. Brad Keselowski, $2,447,791. 3. Jeff Gordon, $2,254,487. 4. Joey Logano, $2,162,011. 5. Denny Hamlin, $2,097,885. 6. Jimmie Johnson, $1,958,697. 7. Kyle Busch, $1,956,692. 8. Matt Kenseth, $1,889,020. 9. Kevin Harvick, $1,743,145. 10. Paul Menard, $1,633,314.
11. Austin Dillon, $1,560,762. 12. Greg Biffle, $1,548,698. 13. Tony Stewart, $1,504,000. 14. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., $1,426,568. 15. Carl Edwards, $1,490,838. 16. Kyle Larson, $1,478,943. 17. Brian Vickers, $1,477,753. 18. Jamie McMurray, $1,449,344. 19. Marcos Ambrose, $1,400,653. 20. Aric Almirola, $1,373,542.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
(x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Boston 4, Detroit 1
April 18: Detroit 1, Boston 0
April 20: Boston 4, Detroit 1
April 22: Boston 3, Detroit 0
April 24: Boston 3, Detroit 2, OT
April 26: Boston 4, Detroit 2
Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 0
April 16: Montreal 5, Tampa Bay 4, OT
April 18: Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 1
April 20: Montreal 3, Tampa Bay 1
April 22: Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 3
Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 2
April 16: Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 3
April 19: Columbus 4, Pittsburgh 3, 2OT
April 21: Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 3
April 23: Columbus 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT
Saturday, April 26: Pittsburgh 3, Columbus 1
Monday: Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 3
N.Y. Rangers 3, Philadelphia 2
April 17: N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 1
April 20: Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
April 22: N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 1
April 25: Philadelphia 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
Sunday: N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 2
Tuesday: Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Rangers 2
Today: Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Colorado 3, Minnesota 3
April 17: Colorado 5, Minnesota 4, OT
April 19: Colorado 4, Minnesota 2
April 21: Minnesota 7, Colorado 2, OT
April 24: Minnesota 2, Colorado 1
April 26: Colorado 4, Minnesota 1, OT
Monday: Minnesota 5, Colorado 2
Today: Minnesota at Colorado, TBA
Chicago 4, St. Louis 2
April 17: St. Louis 4, Chicago 3, 3OT
April 19: St. Louis 4, Chicago 3, OT
April 21: Chicago 2, St. Louis 1
April 23: Chicago 4, St. Louis 3, OT
April 25: Chicago 3, St. Louis 2, OT
Sunday: Chicago 5, St. Louis 1
Anaheim 4, Dallas 2
April 16: Anaheim 4, Dallas 1
April 18: Anaheim 3, Dallas 2
April 21: Dallas 3, Anaheim 1
April 23: Dallas 4, Anaheim 2
April 25: Anaheim 6, Dallas 2
Sunday: Anaheim 5, Dallas 4, OT
San Jose 3, Los Angeles 2
April 17: San Jose 6, Los Angeles 1
April 20: San Jose 1, Los Angeles 2
April 22: San Jose 4, Los Angeles 3, OT
April 24: Los Angeles 6, San Jose 1
April 26: Los Angeles 3, San Jose 0
Monday: San Jose at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Today: Los Angeles at San Jose, TBA

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY. Water stained, 62-67 degrees, 15.7 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows and jigs around shallow cover. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers.

ARROWHEAD. Water off color, 63-67 degrees, 17.63 feet low. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.

COLORADO CITY. 21.19 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL. Water clear, 62-67 degrees, 13.70 feet low. Black bass are fair on black/blue jigs. Rail, Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK. Water off color, 63-68 degrees, 24.69 feet low. Black bass are good on jigs, Texas rigs and weightless soft plastics. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

NASWORTHY. No report available.

OAK CREEK. Water stained, 62-67 degrees, 23.14 feet low. Black bass are fair Texas rigged lizards or worms, jigs and Senkos. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

FW Temple sweeps MCA in playoffs

From staff reports

Christians	17-6
Knights	0-2

FORT WORTH — The Midland Classical baseball team saw its season come to a close on Tuesday when it was swept by Fort Worth Temple Christian in a TAPPS 3A bi-district baseball series.

Temple Christian run-ruled the Knights 17-0 in five innings in the first game, before handing MCA a 6-2 defeat in the second game.

MCA, which was making its first ever playoff appearance, ended the season at 7-12-1.

Temple Christian belted out 11 hits, took advantage of seven MCA errors and held the Knights to just two hits in first game. Nine of the 17 runs scored were unearned.

The Knights made it a closer game in Game 2 as they trailed 3-2 after the second inning before Temple Christian (20-4) scored a run in the third and two more in the seventh.

Sam Reddell had two of the five hits for MCA, while Josh Raies took the loss as he allowed six runs (one earned) on eight hits with one walk and 10 strikeouts.

Temple Christian advances to play either Colleyville Covenant or Bullard Brook Hill in the regional round of the playoffs.

Game 1
FORT WORTH TEMPLE CHRISTIAN 17, MCA 0, 5 INNINGS

MCA000	000—0	2	7
FWTC	646 2x—1711	3	

Mikian Avampato, Garrett Sparks (3) and Josh Raies, Livingstone and Moore. L — Avampato. W — Livingstone. 2B — FWTC: Livingstone, Moore, Smith.

Game 2
FORT WORTH TEMPLE CHRISTIAN 6, MCA 2

FWTC	211 000 2	—6	8 0
MCA	110 000 0	—2	5 2

Thomas, Smith (6) and Moore, Raies and Sparks. W — Thomas. L — Raies. 2B — FWTC: Livingstone, Smith.

Record: MCA 7-12-1; Fort Worth Temple Christian 20-4

Next: MCA season is complete; Fort Worth Temple Christian vs. Colleyville Covenant/Bullard Brook Hill winner, TAPPS 3A regional round, TBA

Chaps beat NMJC for fifth straight win

From staff reports

Chaparrals	5
Thunderbirds	3

The Midland College baseball team won its fifth straight game on Tuesday with a 5-3 non-conference victory over New Mexico Junior College at Christensen Stadium.

The Chaparrals (30-22) have now won 17 of their last 21 games.

The Chaps had to come back from a 3-2 deficit against NMJC with a run in the fifth and two more in the sixth.

Chris Shaw and Brynndan Arredondo each went 2-for-4 with Shaw driving in a run, while Justin Clarkson scored a run and had a sacrifice fly for the Chaps.

Sebastian Palacios (3-0) got the win in relief by pitching two scoreless innings and allowing one hit with one strikeout.

Midland College will close out Western Junior College Athletic Conference play this weekend with a home-and-home series against Western Texas College and an opportunity to qualify for the NJCAA Region V Tournament. The Chaps will play WTC in a doubleheader in Snyder at noon Friday, and then play the Westerners in a doubleheader at noon Saturday at Christensen Stadium.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 5, NEW MEXICO JC 3

New Mexico	101 100000	—3	9 0
Midland	101 012000	—5	7 2

Tyler Almager, Ernest Sandoval (3), Trenton Rousseau (4), Brett Worthen (6), Isaac Lopez (7), Lane Hobbs (8) and Jean-Philip Rousseau. Daniel Crooks, Dustin Angel (3), Sebastian Palacios (5), Clay O'Dell (7), Thomas McIlraith (9) and Chris Shaw. W — Palacios (3-0). L — Worthen. 2B — NMJC: Preston Marsch.

Records: Midland College 30-22

Next: Midland College at Western Texas College (DH), noon Friday

Sterling's ouster would lead to uncertain future

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — While Donald Sterling's lifetime ban from the Los Angeles Clippers was greeted with widespread acclaim Tuesday, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver's decision raised a host of new questions for the owner's long-troubled franchise.

The Clippers took the court for Game 5 of their first-round playoff series with the Golden State Warriors on Tuesday night in an arena nearly free of visible advertising, but full of roaring fans. Many of the Clippers' sponsors ended or re-evaluated their relationship with the team in the wake of Sterling's incendiary racial remarks.

It's too soon to know whether Silver's sweeping ruling will return those sponsors to the Clippers and the NBA, but the Clippers' long-suffering fans in attendance appeared to lose little faith in their players.

"My message to the Clippers fans is this league is far bigger than any one owner, any one coach, any one player," Silver said. "This institution has been around for a long time, and it will stand for a long time, and I have complete confidence in Doc Rivers, in the basketball management of that club, and the players deserve their support. They've just been through an incredibly difficult incident in their lives."

The Clippers' top executives are unlikely to be shuffled in the short term, particularly while the team is still involved in the NBA postseason. Team President Andy Roeser has been a loyal Sterling employee for many years, while Rivers also has a say in personnel decisions.

After the news of Sterling's comments broke last weekend, Rivers clearly questioned whether he would stay with the team that pried him away from the Boston Celtics a year ago with a lucrative contract. The championship-winning coach said he still hadn't made up his mind before Game 5.

"I had given it zero thought, as far as that goes," said Rivers, who briefly played for Sterling with the Clippers. "Obviously, Adam's decision, if there was going to be one, makes mine easier."

In the first few hours after Silver's landmark decision, the Clippers didn't know whether Sterling's wife, Rochelle, would be eligible to take a leadership role with the team in Donald Sterling's absence. Donald Sterling wasn't a micromanaging owner, but the 80-year-old real-estate mogul still presided over the team's major decisions, including the hiring and firing of innumerable executives and coaches in the past three decades.

"There have been no decisions about other members of the Sterling family," Silver said. "This ruling applies specifically to Donald Sterling and Donald Sterling's conduct only."

That language likely means Rochelle Sterling, who has been estranged from Donald Sterling for many years, is still welcome for now at the Clippers' games at Staples Center and their state-of-the-art $60 million training complex built in Playa Vista in 2008. The NBA hasn't yet specified or determined what her long-term future with the Clippers might be.

Rochelle Sterling has played a nebulous role in running the team in the past, and it's conceivable she could be allowed to assume a figurehead position in Donald Sterling's absence before the sale of the team, which could drag on for months and years if Donald Sterling is determined to fight. Despite years of separation, the Sterlings co-own many items in their vast wealth portfolio under California's community property laws.

Despite the urgency of the potential move, Sterling seems almost certain to get the highest sale price in history for an NBA franchise if he is indeed forced to sell — something he is famously loathe to do with any of his possessions, particularly in his real-estate empire.

Even after decades of incompetence under Sterling's watch, the Clippers are a successful team located in glamorous Los Angeles — and they're about to get much more valuable.

That's because the Clippers' television contract with Fox Sports is up after the 2015-16 season, and they're the only franchise in the nation's second-largest media market that will be up for bid soon. Fox needs to keep the Clippers after losing the Lakers and the Dodgers to those teams' own Time Warner Cable-backed networks, but both of those new networks seem likely to bid on the Clippers' rights as well.

If the Clippers go on sale, the potential buyers would include several of the world's wealthiest men.

Magic Johnson, Mark Walter and their Guggenheim Partners group in the billion-dollar purchase of the Los Angeles Dodgers are possible bidders for the team. Billionaire music mogul David Geffen and real-estate tycoon Rick Caruso both have already indicated interest.

Patrick Soon-Shiong, the biotech billionaire often described as the richest man in Los Angeles, bought Johnson's share of the Lakers in 2010, but could be interested in owning his own team. Oracle CEO Larry Ellison has attempted to purchase several sports teams in recent years, but been rebuffed despite his vast fortune.

Perhaps the buyer could come from elsewhere, too: Boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr. and music mogul Sean Combs both claimed interest in buying the team Tuesday.

MCS

From 1C

Hardy said she hopes this game will help her squad get into the postseason mode after romping through district.

"We didn't really have that game that pushed us (in district)," Hardy said. "It was more everything being a fairly easy journey. This got their attention that it's not going to be a cake walk like going through district was."

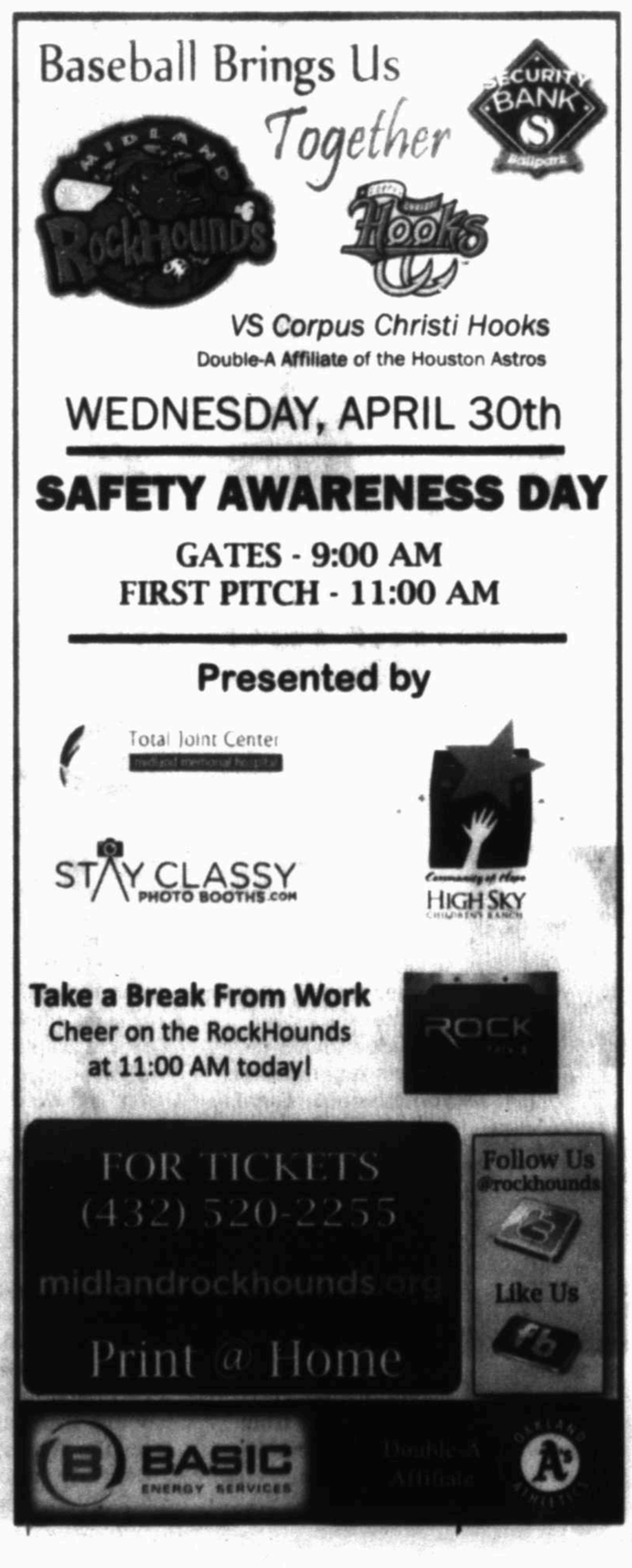
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 4, DALLAS CHRISTIAN 2

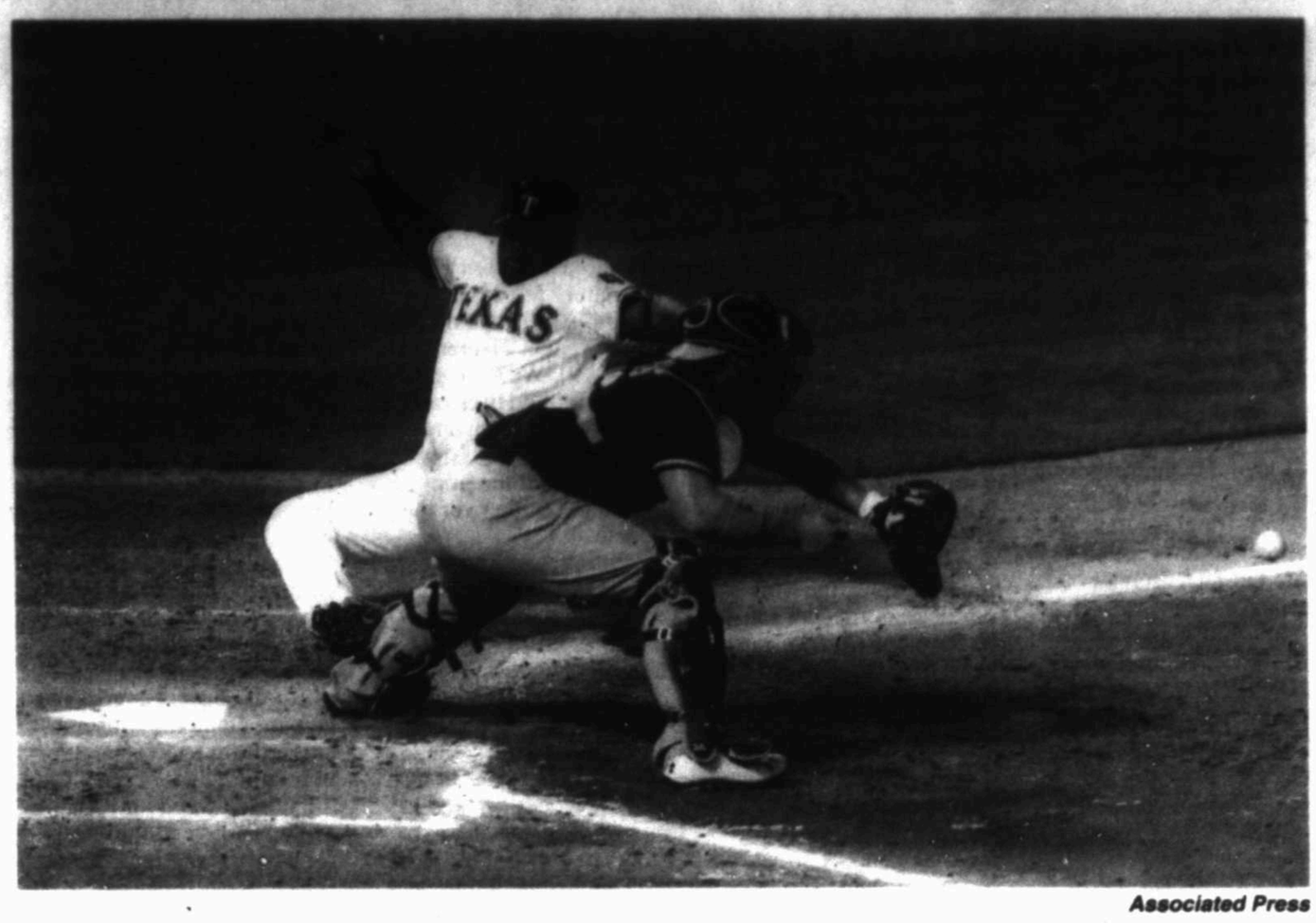
Dallas Christian	002 000 0	—2	6 3
MCS	003 001 x	—4	7 2

Emily Garrett and Hayle Mince. Maddy Garcia and Chelsea Cross. W — Garcia. L — Garrett. 2B — MCS: Garcia. RBI — DCS: Garrett. Asley Tucker. MCS: McKinley Walker, Maddy Garcia.

Records: Midland Christian 30-13, Dallas Christian 12-7

Next: Midland Christian vs. Tyler Grace Community, TBA, TAPPS Regional round





Associated Press

The Oakland Athletics catcher Derek Norris reaches out for the throw as the Texas Rangers' Adrian Beltre, left, scores on a double by Alex Rios in the fourth inning, Tuesday in Arlington.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ATHLETICS 9 RANGERS 3

ARLINGTON — Derek Norris drove in three runs with a pair of doubles, Scott Kazmir outpitched Martin Perez and the Oakland Athletics beat the Texas Rangers 9-3 Tuesday night.

The A's went ahead to stay on Norris' two-run double in the first off Perez (4-1), who had pitched 26 consecutive scoreless innings over his previous three starts.

The left-hander had thrown three-hit shutouts his last two games, including at Oakland six days earlier.

Kazmir (4-0) tied for the AL lead in wins. He needed 95 pitches to get through five innings, but left with a 9-3 lead. The lefty struck out four and walked one.

When Norris added an RBI double to make it 4-0 in the third, the A's already had six hits off Perez, who started the night with an AL-best 1.42 ERA.

MARINERS 6 YANKEES 3

NEW YORK — Robinson Cano drove in a run and scored another in a most unwelcome return to Yankee Stadium, helping Seattle beat New York for its fourth win in five games.

Amid lusty boos from a modest crowd on a rainy, 46-degree night, Cano began his first game in the Bronx since joining Seattle this winter for $240 million with a wink — at Yankees starter CC Sabathia (3-3).

RED SOX 7 RAYS 4

BOSTON — Shane Victorino had four hits and his first two RBIs of the season, John Lackey pitched eight strong innings and Boston beat slumping Tampa Bay.

Victorino, activated from the disabled list last week after missing the first 22 games with a hamstring injury, finished 4 for 4 to hike his batting average from .133 to .316. He singled in his first two at-bats, hit a sacrifice fly in the fifth and added an RBI double during Boston's five-run sixth.

Lackey (4-2) scattered six hits and allowed two runs, striking out five and walking one. After the Rays scored twice in the ninth, Koji Uehara came in and struck out Ben Zobrist on three pitches for his sixth save.

Jackie Bradley Jr. had a pair of doubles and two RBIs as the Red Sox won for the third time in four games.

The Rays lost for the seventh time in eight road games and are 4-9 away from home.

TIGERS 4 WHITE SOX 3

CHICAGO — Bryan Holaday bunted home Austin Jackson with two out in the ninth to lift Detroit over Chicago.

Jackson lined a long drive to right off Ronald Belisario and reached third when the ball was misplayed for an error by Dayan Viciedo. Jackson scored on Holaday's surprise bunt down the first base line.

Right-hander Joba Chamberlain (1-1) worked one inning of relief and Joe Nathan earned his fifth save.

Belisario (1-3) pitched two innings, allowing one hit and striking out three.

White Sox starter Jose Quintana struck out a season-high 10, but had no decision for the third time this season, departing after six innings with the game tied 3-all.

ROYALS 10 BLUE JAYS 7

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Salvador Perez homered and drove in four runs, helping Kansas City rally to defeat Toronto.

Perez's two-run double off Sergio Santos in the Royals' six-run eighth put the Royals ahead. Perez's four RBIs matched his career high.

The Royals sent 10 men to the plate in the eighth, which also included Omar Infante driving in two runs, while Nori Aoki and Jarrod Dyson added RBI singles.

Perez, who has three consecutive multi-hit games, homered in the seventh with Alex Gordon aboard to trim Toronto's lead to 5-4.

Aaron Crow (1-1), the third of four Royals pitchers, picked up the victory with a scoreless eighth inning and has not allowed an earned run and only five hits in nine innings this season.

Brett Cecil (0-2) took the loss, retiring only two of the five batters he faced.

National League

METS 6 PHILLIES 1

PHILADELPHIA — Jonathon Niese pitched seven steady innings on a rainy Tuesday night and Daniel Murphy had three hits to lead the surprising New York Mets to a 6-1 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Ruben Tejada doubled and had two RBIs for the Mets, who have won seven of nine. They improved to 15-11 overall, marking the first time New York has been four games over .500 since July 14, 2012.

Marlon Byrd homered and Ryan Howard had two hits with a double for Philadelphia, which lost for just the third time in nine games.

The start was delayed by rain for 1 hour, 28 minutes, and the temperature at first pitch was a chilly 46 degrees. Many in the announced crowd of 28,189 who braved the cold wore dressed more appropriately for a Philadelphia Eagles football game in December, with hooded sweat shirts, winter coats and wool blankets.

MARLINS 9 BRAVES 0

MIAMI — Jose Fernandez allowed two hits in eight stellar innings, Giancarlo Stanton hit a two-run homer and the Miami Marlins opened a homestand by beating the Atlanta Braves 9-0 on Tuesday night.

Jarrod Saltalamacchia also homered for Miami, which had its third-highest run output of the season.

Miami second baseman Ed Lucas had three hits in his season debut after recovering from a broken left hand, and Marcell Ozuna hit a two-run single for the Marlins.

Fernandez (4-1) was dominant against the NL East leaders, lowering his ERA to 1.59. He struck out eight and walked two.

Atlanta starter Alex Wood (2-4) allowed seven runs and 10 hits, leaving after facing four batters without getting an out in the sixth.

BREWERS 5 CARDINALS 4, 11 INNINGS

ST. LOUIS — Lyle Overbay singled in Khris Davis with the tiebreaking run and the Milwaukee Brewers beat the St. Louis Cardinals in extra innings for the second straight night, winning 5-4 in 11 innings Tuesday.

Davis hit a go-ahead triple to help the Brewers win 5-3 in 12 innings Monday night and started the winning rally this time with a leadoff double against Kevin Siegrist (0-1). Milwaukee is a major league-best 20-7, two more victories than the previous franchise best for the opening month, and 11-1 on the road.

The Brewers, missing four starters, managed just enough offense to beat the Cardinals again.

Carlos Gomez homered and pitcher Kyle Lohse had a two-run single for the Brewers, who have won five of six. Tyler Thornburg (3-0) struck out four in two scoreless innings and Francisco Rodriguez finished for his 13th save in 13 chances.

REDS 3 CUBS 2

CINCINNATI — Billy Hamilton hit his first career homer, and Chris Heisey singled home the tiebreaking run in the bottom of the sixth inning on Tuesday night, sending the Cincinnati Reds to a 3-2 victory over the Chicago Cubs in a game delayed three times because of rain.

Interleague

NATIONALS 4 ASTROS 3

HOUSTON — Adam LaRoche hit a tying double in the eighth inning and a go-ahead single in the ninth to lift Washington over Houston.

Jayson Werth homered as the Nationals won the opener of the interleague series.

Denard Span drew a leadoff walk in the ninth, stole second base and advanced to third on a groundout. He scored on LaRoche's hit to right field off Josh Fields (0-3).

Tyler Clippard (2-2) pitched a scoreless eighth for the win. Rafael Soriano walked two in a scoreless ninth for his fifth save.

Postponements

RAIN WASHES OUT PIRATES-ORIOLES GAME

BALTIMORE — Tuesday night's game between the Pittsburgh Pirates and Baltimore Orioles has been postponed by rain.

The game has been rescheduled for Thursday at 6:05 p.m. Both teams had an off-day Thursday.

The postponement of the opener of the two-game series delays the return of Orioles third baseman Manny Machado, who is ready to come off the 15-day disabled list. Machado hasn't played for Baltimore since undergoing left knee surgery last October.

Machado won't formally be activated from the DL until before the Orioles are to play a game, manager Buck Showalter said. Rain is in the forecast today, too.

BAD WEATHER HALTS DODGERS-TWINS GAME

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Twins have postponed their series opener against the Los Angeles Dodgers because of inclement weather.

The Twins announced the decision Tuesday afternoon, more than six hours before the scheduled first pitch. The game will be made up Thursday as part of a day-night doubleheader.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES AND LINESCORES

STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	15	11	.577	—
Baltimore	12	12	.500	2
Boston	13	14	.481	2½
Toronto	12	14	.462	3
Tampa Bay	11	16	.407	4½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	13	9	.591	—
Minnesota	12	11	.522	1½
Kansas City	13	12	.520	1½
Chicago	14	14	.500	2
Cleveland	11	15	.423	4
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	17	10	.630	—
Texas	15	12	.556	2
Los Angeles	12	13	.480	4
Seattle	11	14	.440	5
Houston	9	18	.333	8

Tuesday's Scores
Seattle 6, N.Y. Yankees 3
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, ppd., rain
Boston 7, Tampa Bay 4
Oakland 9, Texas 3
Detroit 4, Chicago White Sox 3
Kansas City 10, Toronto 7
Washington 4, Houston 3
L.A. Dodgers at Minnesota, ppd., rain
Cleveland at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games
Detroit (Scherzer 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Noesi 0-1), 1:10 p.m.
Cleveland (McAllister 3-1) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 3-0), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Morton 0-3) at Baltimore (Tillman 3-1), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Elias 1-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Phelps 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Archer 3-1) at Boston (Doubront 1-3), 6:10 p.m.
Oakland (J.Chavez 1-0) at Texas (Ross Jr. 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 4-0) at Minnesota (Gibson 3-1), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Hutchison 1-1) at Kansas City (Ventura 2-1), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Zimmermann 1-1) at Houston (Oberholtzer 0-4), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	17	8	.680	—
New York	15	11	.577	2½
Washington	15	12	.556	3
Philadelphia	13	13	.500	4½
Miami	12	14	.462	5½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	20	7	.741	—
St. Louis	14	14	.500	6½
Cincinnati	12	14	.462	7½
Pittsburgh	10	16	.385	9½
Chicago	8	17	.320	11
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	15	11	.577	—
Colorado	15	12	.556	½
Los Angeles	14	12	.538	1
San Diego	13	14	.481	2½
Arizona	8	21	.276	8½

Tuesday's Scores
N.Y. Mets 6, Philadelphia 1
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, ppd., rain
Miami 9, Atlanta 0
Cincinnati 3, Chicago Cubs 2
Washington 4, Houston 3
L.A. Dodgers at Minnesota, ppd., rain
Milwaukee 5, St. Louis 4, 11 innings
Colorado at Arizona, late
San Diego at San Francisco, late

Today's Games
Milwaukee (Garza 1-2) at St. Louis (S.Miller 2-2), 12:45 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Colon 2-3) at Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 0-2), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Morton 0-3) at Baltimore (Tillman 3-1), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Harang 3-1) at Miami (Eovaldi 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (E.Jackson 1-0) at Cincinnati (Cingrani 3-0), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 4-0) at Minnesota (Gibson 3-1), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Zimmermann 1-1) at Houston (Oberholtzer 0-4), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Lyles 3-0) at Arizona (Collmenter 1-2), 8:40 p.m.
San Diego (Erlin 1-3) at San Francisco (Hudson 3-1), 9:15 p.m.

TUESDAY'S AL WEST BOXES
ATHLETICS 9, RANGERS 3

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp cf	5	1	2	0
Lowrie ss	5	1	2	0
Dolder 3b	5	1	1	0
Cespedes rf	1	0	1	0
Jaso ph-dh	0	0	0	0
Dh'orns c	5	0	2	3
Callasp 1b	3	1	0	1

Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Choo dh	3	1	1	0
DFelix pr-dh	1	0	0	0
Andrus ss	4	0	0	1
Alfredo 3b	3	0	1	0
Fielder 1b	4	0	1	1
Rios rf	4	0	1	1
Choice lf	4	0	1	0

Quals
Fields (0-3)
Bases pitched to 1 batter in the 8th
Valdes pitched to 1 batter in the 8th
HBP—by Cosart (Frandsen). WP—Cosart.
T—3:25. A—23,394 (42,060).

TUESDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
MARINERS 6, YANKEES 3

Seattle .....000 040 200 —6 15 2
New York .....011 000 001 —3 8 0
C.Young, Furbush (6), Farquhar (8), Rodney (9) and Zunino; Sabathia, Betances (6), Claiborne (7), Leroux (9) and McCann. W—C.Young 1-0. L—Sabathia 3-3. 1HRs—New York, Teixeira (3).

RED SOX 7, RAYS 4

Tampa Bay .....000 001 102 —4 8 0
Boston .....000 015 01x —7 13 1
Bedard, B.Gomes (6), Oviedo (6), Loaiza (7), Jo.Peralta (8) and Hanigan; Lackey, Mujica (9), Uehara (9) and Pierzynski. W—Lackey 4-2. L—B.Gomes 1-1. Sv—Uehara (6).

TIGERS 4, CUBS 3

Detroit .....000 100 001 —4 9 0
Chicago .....003 000 000 —3 7 1
Verlander, Chamberlain (8), Nathan (9) and Holaday; Quintana, Petricka (7), Belisario (8) and Flowers. W—Chamberlain 1-1. L—Belisario 1-3. Sv—Nathan (5).

ROYALS 10, BLUE JAYS 7

Toronto .....100 020202 — 7 12 1
Kansas City .....000 006x — 10 110
McGowan, Delabar (7), Cecil (7), Santos (8), Rogers (8) and Navarro; Vargas, K.Herrera (7), Crow (8), Coleman (8) and S.Perez. W—Crow 1-1. L—Cecil 0-2. HRs—Toronto, Bautista (8), Encarnacion (2). Kansas City, S.Perez (2).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
MARLINS 9, BRAVES 0

Atlanta .....000 000 000 —0 3 1
Miami .....000 005 10x —9 13 0
A.Wood, Varvaro (8), Schlosser (9) and Gattis; Fernandez, Marmol (9) and Saltalamacchia. W—Fernandez 4-1. L—A.Wood 2-4. HRs—Miami, Stanton (8), Saltalamacchia (5).

METS 6, PHILLIES 1

New York .....001 230 000 —6 9 1
Philadelphia .....000 100 000 —1 5 0
Niese, Matsuzaka (8), Valverde (9) and d'Arnaud; Hamels, R.Hernandez (5), Hollands (6), Manship (8), Camp (9) and Ruiz. W—Niese 2-2. L—Hamels 0-2. HRs—Philadelphia, Byrd (3).

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Washington					Houston				
Span cf	4	1	1	0	Altuve 2b	5	0	0	0
Rendon 3b	5	0	1	0	Fowler cf	4	1	1	1
Werth dh	4	2	2	1	J.Castro c	2	1	1	0
LaRoch 1b	5	0	2	2	Springr rf	4	0	1	2
Desmd ss	4	0	0	0	Guzmn 1b	3	0	1	0
Espinos 2b	4	0	1	0	Krauss ph-1b	1	0	0	0
McLoth rf	2	0	0	0	Carter dh	4	0	0	0
Frndsn lf	3	1	1	0	Hoes lf	2	0	0	0
Lobton c	4	0	1	1	Presley ph	1	0	0	0
MDrnn 3b	3	1	1	0					
MGnzlz pr	0	0	0	0					
Villar ss	2	0	0	0					
Totals	35	4	9	4	Totals	31	3	5	3

Washington	101	000	011	—4
Houston	000	000	000	—3

E—Springer (4). DP—Houston 1. LOB—Washington 10, Houston 7. 2B—LaRoche (5), Lobaton (8), J.Castro (3), M.Dominguez (4), HR—Werth (4). SB—Span (3). S—Villar.

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
G.Gonzalez	6	5	3	3	2	8
Stammen	1	0	0	0	0	1
Clippard W,2-2	1	0	0	0	1	2
R.Soriano S,5-5	1	0	0	0	2	1
Houston						
Cosart	6	5	2	2	2	6
Basa H,3	1	1	1	1	0	0
Valdes BS,1-2	0	1	0	0	0	0

Midland rallies for 9-8 win over Hooks

RockHounds 9
Hooks 8

From staff reports

Anthony Aliotti delivered a one-out RBI single to left field to cap off a four-run rally in the ninth inning and lift the Midland RockHounds to a 9-8 victory over the Corpus Christi Hooks on Tuesday night at Security Bank Ballpark.

The RockHounds (15-9) were down 8-5 heading into the bottom of the ninth when Max Muncy drew a leadoff walk against Jorge De Leon (1-2). After a flyout by Chad Oberacker, Dusty Coleman singled and then Beau Taylor singled to score Muncy to cut it to 8-6. Miles Head then tied it with a two-run double to left.

De Leon got into more trouble when he walked Conner Crumbliss and Colin Walsh to load the bases, setting it up for Aliotti's game-winning hit that scored Head.

The RockHounds fell into a 7-1 hole when the Hooks (14-11) scored seven runs against Midland starter Andrew Werner in the second inning. The Hooks had five hits — including a three-run homer by Chris Epps — and two walks in that inning.

Midland reliever Murphy Smith, though, gave the RockHounds a chance for the comeback as he pitched 4 1/3 scoreless innings and allowed two hits, to go with three strikeouts.

Jesus Castillo (1-0) followed Murphy's outing with three solid innings of his own as he allowed one run on two hits with two walks and two strikeouts.

The RockHounds cut it to 7-5 with three runs in the sixth behind a Taylor (3-for-5) two-run single and a Walsh RBI single.

The two teams meet in the second game of a four-game series at 11 a.m. today when the RockHounds host Safety Awareness Day for kids.

Note: RockHounds OF Josh Whitaker has been placed on the disabled list, leaving Midland with 24 players on the active roster.

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield	13	12	.520	—
Tulsa	12	13	.480	1
Arkansas	10	15	.400	3
Northwest Arkansas	9	16	.360	4

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Frisco	16	9	.640	—
Midland	15	9	.625	½
Corpus Christi	14	11	.560	2
San Antonio	10	14	.417	5½

Tuesday's Scores
Midland 9, Corpus Christi 8
Arkansas 9, Tulsa 4
San Antonio 9, Frisco 7, 10 innings
Northwest Arkansas 9, Springfield 7

Today's Games
Corpus Christi at Midland, 11 a.m.
Arkansas at Tulsa, 11:05 a.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Springfield, 11:10 a.m.
Frisco at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 9, HOOKS 8

Corpus	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
[illegible]					[illegible]				
[illegible]					Walsh ss	[illegible]			
[illegible]					Aliotti lf	[illegible]			
[illegible]					Martin 1b	[illegible]			
[illegible]					Muncy c	[illegible]			
[illegible]					Zebrowski c	[illegible]			
[illegible]					Coleman rf	[illegible]			
[illegible]					Taylor 2b	[illegible]			
Mercado c	[illegible]				Head 3b	[illegible]			
Totals	32	8	10	8	Totals	35	9	11	8

Corpus Christi	070	000	001	—8
Midland	110	003	004	—9

[illegible] scoring:
[illegible] Angels 2. 2B—Midland [illegible]. Corpus Christi 4, Midland 4. 2B—[illegible] Angels [illegible], Muncy [illegible]. SF—Head. HR—Epps [illegible]. Corpus Christi [illegible]. Midland [illegible].

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Corpus Christi						
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bevins	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Midland						
Werner	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

HBP—by Werner (Epps). WP—Werner.
T—3:25. A—1,213.

MCA girls, Trinity boys each finish second at state

From staff reports

FORT HOOD — A pair of Midland high school golf teams both finished second at the TAPPS 3A State Golf Tournament on Tuesday, but both came away with different feelings after their runner-up finishes.

The Midland Classical Academy girls squad didn't defend its TAPPS 3A title but a second place finish was just fine with coach Stephen Johns.

The Trinity boys finished second in the TAPPS 3A Boys State Tournament, as the Chargers couldn't hang on to a seven-stroke lead as Bullard Brook Hill won the title.

"It was a disappointing day," Trinity coach Chris Jauz said. "It was very difficult out there but we didn't play well enough to get through it. We kind of fell apart early, and it was one of those deals that when we were playing we were seeing it slip away."

The Chargers shot 344 in Monday's first round and were five strokes ahead of Bullard Brook Hill. But on Tuesday, Trinity shot 374 and finished at 718 for the tournament, while Brook Hill shot 347 and finished at 698, 20 strokes ahead.

Trinity's Will Farish finished third overall after shooting 76-91—167 over the two days to earn all-state honors, and Gage Morrow ended up tied for a fourth with an 80-89—169 and also was an all-state player.

"It was windy, but it wasn't insane but the course is really hard, but it wasn't that hard and we just got in our way," Jauz said.

The Midland Classical girls shot 446 on Tuesday and finished at 871 for the tournament, which was 119 strokes behind winner Frisco Legacy Christian. But the Lady Knights stayed in second spot and was more than 100 strokes ahead of third place Houston St. Thomas.

Johns said that the team was playing without senior Angela Johns today because he said she suffered sun poisoning and couldn't play on Tuesday.

"Our fifth player stepped up and we were able to stay in second place," Stephen Johns said. "I felt we would hang onto second and I thought the girls were going to step up."

Madison Sheets had the best two rounds for the Lady Knights on Monday and Tuesday, shooting 97-92—189 to finish in seventh spot and earn all-state honors.

TAPPS 3A Golf Championships
Monday-Tuesday
The Courses at Clear Creek
Fort Hood

BOYS

Team standings: 1. Bullard Brook Hill 347-371—718; 2. Trinity 344-374—718; 3. The Woodlands Christian 374-365—739; 4. San Antonio Keystone 421-439—860; 5. Austin Brentwood 450-425—875; 6. Lubbock Christian 431-451—882; 7. Kerrville Our Lady of the Hills 429-449—878; 8. Atlantis San Jacinto 444-444—888.

Top 10 individuals: 1. Garrett Jaes Beaumont Legacy 75-82—157; 2. Dave Gassaway, The Woodlands Christian 87-76—163; 3. Will Farish, Trinity 76-91—167; 4. tie: Corbin Davis-Mansfield Kan. Faith West 83-86—169, Gage Morrow, Trinity 80-89—169, Jeffrey Yeager, Bullard Brook Hill 86-83—169; 7. Nuchapon Pattamakyasuk, Bullard Brook Hill 84-87—171; 8. Noah Hasse, Dallas Lutheran 82-90—172; 9. John Hollingsworth, Austin Brentwood 91-82—173; 10. James Ray, The Woodlands Christia 81-93—174.

Area team results
Trinity, 344-374—718; Will Farish 76-91—167, Gage Morrow 80-89—169, Philip Beal 90-91—181, Christophe Palacios, Trinity 98-105—203, Ethan Samuels 103-103—206.
Midland Classical: Daniel Snell 86-89—175.

GIRLS

Team standings: 1. Frisco Legacy Christian 371-381-752; 2. Midland Classical Academy 425-446—871; 3. Houston St. Thomas 482-495—977; 4. Baytown Christian 497-487—984; 5. Lubbock Christian 488-497—985; 6. The Woodlands Christian 504-505—1,009; 7. McKinney Christian 505-508—1,013.

Top 10 individuals: 1. Jacy Patton, FW Temple 82-80—162; 2. tie: Emily Osborne, Bryan Brazos Christian 89-82—171, Lacy Sheldon, Frisco Legacy 82-89—171; 4. Lauren Pettijohn, Frisco Legacy 85-88—173; 5. Nikkole Donk, FW Temple 91-85—176; 6. McKenie Cady, Frisco Legacy 92-94—186; 7. Madison Sheets, Midland Classical 97-92—189; 8. Karina Redfern, Bullard Brook Hill 101-99—200; 9. (tie) Alexandria Hazard, League City Christian 102-99—201, Anoosha Anupindi, Houston St. Thomas 94-107—201.

Area team results
Midland Classical (425-446—871): Madison Sheets 97-92-189; Brianna Rico 108-108—214; Alexis Carter 106-116—222; Rachel Boyd 139-132—267; Angela Johns 114-NS

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IOC vice president says Rio preps are "worst" ever

By John Pye
Associated Press

In an unusually blunt public warning, a vice president of the International Olympic Committee on Tuesday called the delayed preparations for the 2016 Games in Rio de Janeiro "the worst I have experienced."

John Coates, who has made six trips to Brazil as part of the IOC's coordination commission for Rio, said the Brazilians are behind "in many, many ways" and are in worse shape than Greek organizers were in preparing for the 2004 Olympics.

Despite the critical delays, the Australian said there is no backup plan and the games will take place in Rio.

Coates noted that the IOC had taken the unprecedented step of embedding experts in the host city to help the local organizing committee deliver the games.

"The IOC has formed a special task force to try and speed up preparations but the situation is critical on the ground," Coates told an Olympic forum in Sydney, outlining that construction delays are just part of the problem. "The IOC has adopted a more hands-on role. It is unprecedented for the IOC, but there is no plan B. We are going to Rio."

ANDREWS

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Mustangs program, saying the terms "backbone" and "heart" of the team both do her justice.

"I think both of those words would be great words to describe her with," said Burgen. "She stepped in as a freshman and we had some upperclassmen that made the transition for her. ... I think the comfort level right off the bat was good for her and she became our No. 1 player immediately."

Black is the lone senior on the Lady Mustangs, making a fifth straight and record 13th overall state title a possibility next year.

Junior Kalli Jennings placed third overall at 155, while junior Hailey Burgen carded a 162 for sixth overall and sophomore Libby Walinder (169) was 11th.

And with those three players back, the Lady Mustangs have a chance to continue their dominance of Class 3A.

PATE VALUES EXPERIENCE

Greenwood's Ryan Pate posted an 88 in the second round of the Class 3A Tournament on Tuesday, giving her a two-day total of 171, which was good enough for 12th overall.

Pate wasn't happy with her play on the second day, but believes she gained invaluable experience.

"I'm really disappointed in how I played," Pate said. "I couldn't get my balls to stay on the green. There were a lot of different factors. Hopefully next year I can stick more greens."

Pate now expects to be back at state, and it's now become her primary goal.

"I get a lot of playing experience against this type of competition," Pate said. "Compared to this every other tournament of my high school career will be small. I'm glad I got to be here. It definitely makes me want to come back."

Morrison leads Andrews to 2nd straight title

By Jonathan Hull
MRT Correspondent

CEDAR CREEK — G.K. Morrison remembered what it felt like to come up short of a state title and has no desire to relive that experience.

That drive is what not only helped Morrison win individual state gold but also lead the Andrews boys golf team to its second straight state team title at the Class 3A Boys State Golf Tournament on Tuesday.

The Mustangs overcame an 11-stroke deficit after the first round to post a 314 Tuesday for a two-day total of 638. Not only did they overcome the large deficit, they blew past the field, winning by six strokes over second-place Argyle (318-326—644).

The day went exactly how coach Jeff Miller envisioned it. Miller even predicted the come-from-behind victory.

"I slept great last night. I got up this morning and said, "Guys, we're going to win this,'" Miller said. "I just knew we were going to win this. We have such a good team."

Two years ago, the Mustangs were in a similar situation, trailing by 13 strokes after the first round. They rallied to shoot a 300 on the second day, but came up a stroke shy of winning a state title as Fredericksburg held on.

Morrison said there was a moment on the back nine when that scenario came back into his head.

After shooting 1-over on the front nine, the Mustangs' senior leader ran into a bit of trouble, carding a triple bogey on 15. It brought back memories of the 2012 tournament and only made him more determined not to face that heartbreak again.

"I started thinking way too much and I got out of my zone," Morrison said. "That led to a really big number on that hole. I really had to refocus and I thought about my sophomore year the whole time. I told myself, 'We're not losing by one and it's going to come down to you.'

"I struggled on 16 and made a stupid bogey, but got a good par on 17. I got on 18 and said, 'We've got to have a birdie.' Luckily I made a putt."

That last putt on 18 ultimately left Morrison (75-74—149) in a tie with Paris' Tanner Napier (71-78—149). With the sun setting in the Hill Country, Napier and Morrison were rushed to the No. 1 tee trying to beat the imminent darkness taking over the course.

Both players managed to get on the green of the par-4 hole on their third shot but were left with challenging putts for par.

At that point with it getting darker by the minute, Miller asked the course official to check with the players if they wanted to continue or just share the state championship.

"I looked at Tanner and told him, 'I'm OK with whatever you want to do,'" Morrison recounted. "He said, 'Let's play it out.'"

Morrison went on to strike an uphill putt perfectly, saving par as the ball sank right over the middle of the cup. Napier didn't come close to making around a 25-foot putt, giving Morrison his first individual state title.

He joins current PGA Tour player Chad Campbell as the only Mustangs to win individual state titles.

"I've prayed every day that God would help me win this one," Morrison said. "This is the only one I've cared about in four years. He gave me that today."

Tuesday was the perfect ending to Miller's career, who is retiring after 27 years as a coach at Andrews, including the past 25 as a golf coach. He goes out helping guide the Mustangs to their fifth team state title in program history.

"What a way to go out," Miller said. "I couldn't ask for a better way for it to end."

And just what will Miller do in retirement?

"I'm gonna play golf," Miller said. "I'm going to get to know my wife again, move to New Mexico to be closer to my son and I'm going to play a lot more golf."

STATE GOLF RESULTS

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CLASS 5A
Monday-Tuesday
Onion Creek Country Club
Austin
BOYS

Team standings: 1. Austin Westlake 284-291—575; 2. Southlake Carroll Black 295-284—579; 3. Deer Park 299-303—602; 4. (tie) Southlake Carroll Green 302-306—608; San Antonio Churchill 304-304—608; 6. Plano West 305-305—610; 7. Katy Seven Lakes 306-308—614; 8. San Antonio Reagan 306-309—615; 9. Katy Cinco Ranch 306-317—623; 10. Flower Mound Marcus 305-322—627; 11. (tie) McKinney Boys 313-316—629; San Antonio Brandeis 324-305—629.

Top 10 individuals: 1. Matthew Perrine, Austin Westlake 68-68—136; 2. Michael Perras, Deer Park 68-72—140; 3. Mason Greenberg, Southlake Carroll 72-68—140; 4. Colin Hamilton, Southlake Carroll 73-69—142; 5. (tie) Tyler Gammill, Austin Westlake 69-74—143; Aaron Guanlao, Justin Northwest 71-72—143; 7. (tie) Jack McCrory, Deer Park 72-72—144; Logan Davis, Humble Atascocita 73-71—144; Jake Greenspoon, Houston Jersey Village 77-67—144; 10. Zach Tracy, Katy Seven Lakes 72-73—145.

GIRLS

Team standings: 1. Allen 288-286—574; 2. Austin Lake Travis 306-297—603; 3. The Woodlands 310-297—607; 4. Coppell 303-306—609; 5. Katy Cinco Ranch 320-302—622; 6. Smithson Valley 325-308—633; 7. Southlake Carroll 325-312—637; 8. Fort Bend Clements 325-315—640; 9. San Antonio Reagan 328-319—647; 10. Katy Seven Lakes 336-316—652; 11. Mission Sharyland 328-314—669; 12. Grapevine 343-333—676.

Top 10 individuals: 1. Maddie Szeryk, Allen 70-65—135; 2. Kristen Gillman, Austin Lake Travis 69-68—137; 3. Julie Houston, Allen 69-73—142; 4. Maddie Lutweiler, Katy Cinco Ranch 73-71—144; 5. Jordy LaBarbera, Allen 73-72—145; 6. (tie) Greta Bruner, The Woodlands 75-72—147; Chanthra Kallamneni, Coppell 73-74—147; 8. (tie) Nikki Long, San Antonio Johnson 72-76—148; Mia Ayer, Hewitt Midway 72-76—148; 10. Amber Wang, Fort Bend Clements 74-75—149.

CLASS 4A
University of Texas Golf Club
Austin
Monday
BOYS

Team standings: 1. Austin Vandegrift 291-293—584; 2. Highland Park 296-305—601; 3. Cedar Park 308-306—614; 4. Trophy Club Byron Nelson 314-303—617; 5. San Antonio Alamo Heights 307-323—630; 6. Denton Guyer 306-325—631; 7. Montgomery 321-310—631; 8. Mansfield Legacy 311-334—645; 9. Wolfforth Frenship 321-326—647; 10. Texarkana Texas 323-325—648; 11. Friendswood 334-333—667; 12. Richmond George Ranch 328-669.

Top 10 individuals: 1. Scottie Scheffler, Highland Park 66-72—138; 2. William Martinez, Austin Vandegrift 73-71—144; 3. (tie) Hayden Springer, Trophy Club Nelson 74-71—145; Cooper Dossey, Austin Vandegrift 71-74—145; 5. Chase Phillips, Austin Vandegrift 72-74—146; 6. (tie) Charles Kim, Cedar Park 73-76—149; Tobin Niblett, Austin Vandegrift 75-74—149; Braden Bailey, Port Neches-Groves 74-75—149; 9. (tie) Jordan Sanders, Cedar Park 80-70—150; Chandler Phillips, Huntsville 77-73—150.

GIRLS

Team standings: 1. Huntsville 318-328—646; 2. Montgomery 325-331—656; 3. Humble Kingwood Park 330-331—661; 4. Aledo 324-338—662; 5. Trophy Club Nelson 339-333—672; 6. Prosper 337-344—681; 7. Frisco Liberty 339-345—684; 8. Austin Vandegrift 331-353—684; 9. Texarkana Texas 344-362—706; 10. Schertz Clemens 350-363—713; 11. San Antonio Alamo Heights 355-367—722; 12. Denton Guyer 384-362—746.

Top 10 individuals: 1. Cheyenne Knight, Aledo 74-70—144; 2. Courtney Tibiletti, Huntsville 76-72—148; 3. Devin Edwards, Frisco Liberty 78-77—152; 4. (tie) Kendall Wisenbaker, Montgomery 77-78—155; Brielle Ward, Frisco Wakeland 77-78—155; 6. Lexi Brooks, Humble Kingwood Park 79-79—158; 7. Hanna Alberto, Humble Kingwood Park 78-82—160; 8. Alexandria Batista, Trophy Club Nelson 84-77—161; 9. Hallie Wright, The Colony 83-79—162; 10. (tie) Paige Weiss, Huntsville 83-80—163; Kelly Xac, Corpus Christi Tuloso-Midway 78-85—163; Maryssa Ferris, Tomball 82-81—163; Brynna Burrit, Georgetown 81-82—163.

CLASS 3A
Monday-Tuesday
Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort
Wolfdender Golf Club
Cedar Creek
BOYS

Team Standings: 1. Andrews 324-314—638; 2. Argyle 318-326—644; 3. Texarkana Pleasant Grove 318-329-647; 4. Fredericksburg 332-334—666; 5. (tie) Llano 313-339—670; Lampasas 331-339—670; 7. Carthage 326-350—676; 8. Paris North Lamar 338-346—684; 9. El Campo 343-343—686; 10. Boerne 334-358—692; 11. Robinson 342-359—701; 12. Cleveland Tarkington 364-361—725.

Top 10 individuals: 1. G.K. Morrison (won one-hole playoff), Andrews, 75-74—149; 2. Tanner Napier, Paris, 71-78—149; 3. Blake Elliott, Liberty Hill, 76-76—152; 4. Casey Fowler, Andrews, 78-75—153; 5. (tie) Lance Roden, Argyle, 77-79—156; Wade Davis, Carthage, 76-80—156; Colin Quirin, El Campo, 80-76—156; Drew Jones, Decatur, 75-81—156; 10. (tie) Clayton Meyers, Llano, 75-82—157; Caden Wylie, Boerne, 74-83-157.

Area team results

Andrews (324-314—638): G. K. Morrison 75-74—149; Erik Walinder 78-80—158; Casey Fowler 78-75—153; Austin Lovato 93-87—180; Mac Rochell, DQ-85—NS.

Area individual medalists

Big Spring: Devin Robarson, 79-88-167.

GIRLS

Team Standings: 1. Andrews, 315-324—639; 2. Snyder, 360-359—719; 3. Monahans, 382-379—761; 4. Melissa, 386-378—764; 5. Fredericksburg, 389-386—775; 6. Atlanta, 395-404—799; 7. Caldwell, 417-416—833; 8. Cuero, 436-398—834; 9. Splendora, 425-413—838; 10. Yoakum, 429-418—847; 11. Lorena, 439-425—864; 12. Carrollton Ranchview, 448-428—876.

Top 10 Individuals: 1. Shawnee Allen, La Verna, 72-77—149; 2. Sarah Black, Andrews 78-75—153; 3. Kalli Jennings, Andrews, 76-79—155; 4. Sarah Moore, Bunkburnett, 80-78—158; 5. Sydney Roberts, Brownwood, 75-86—161; 6. Hailey Burgen, Andrews, 75-87—162; 7. Allison Davis, Silsbee, 80-84—164; 8. Brooke Nolte, Melissa, 83-82—165; 9. Lex Read, Bridgeport, 86-81—167; 10. Cassidy Rawls, Snyder, 84-84—168.

Area team results

Andrews (315-324—639): Sarah Black, 78-75—153; Hailey Burgen, 75-87—162; Kalli Jennings, 76-79—155; Libby Walinder, 86-83—169; Lex Lopez, 95-98—193.

Snyder (360-359—719): Cassidy Rawls, 84-84—168; Regan Lindsey, 90-83—173; Mallory Hunter, 85-91—176; Taylor Kiker, 101-101—202; Courtney Velasquez, 103-107—210.

Monahans (382-379—761): Gabriella Cano, 92-84—176; Karley Pounds, 93-103—196; Landry Owens, 99-97—196; Destinee Moore, 99-95—194; Sydney Lewis, 98-111—209.

Area Individual Medalists

Greenwood: Ryan Pate, 83-88—171

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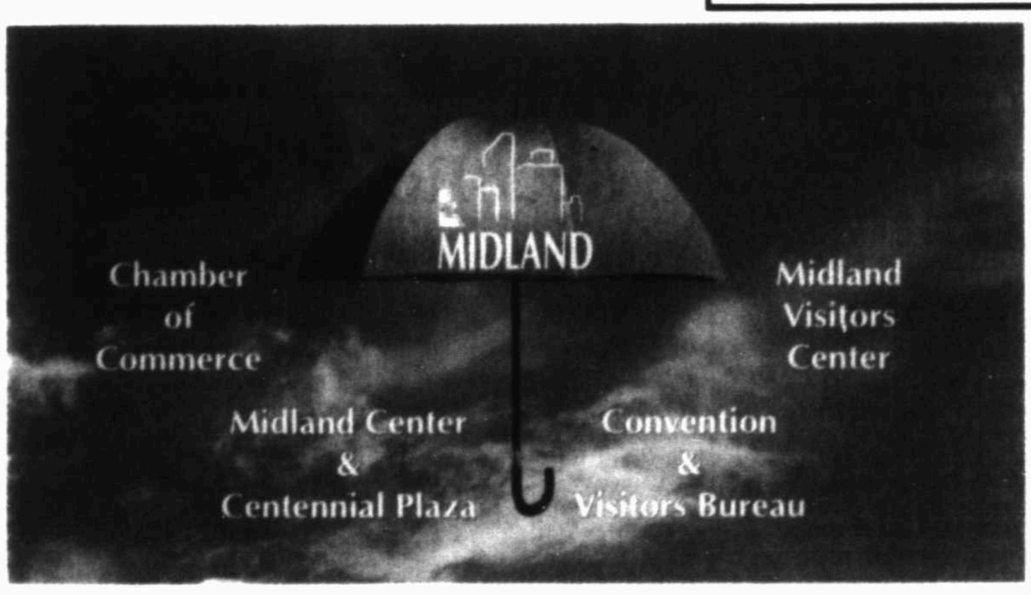

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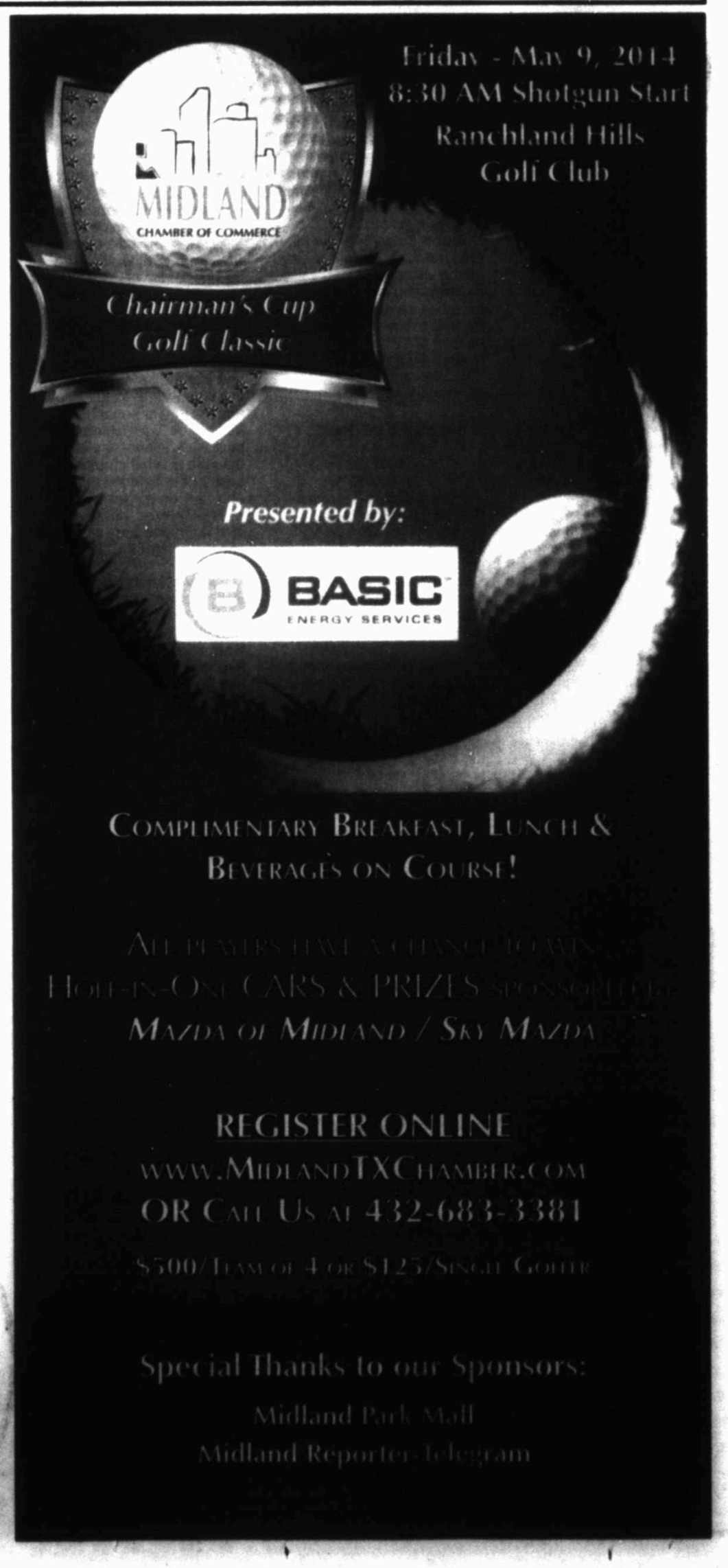

LPGA riding momentum of its brightest stars

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Except for a major that lacked drama in the final hour, rarely has the entire month of April delivered so much excitement. Some of the biggest names and brightest stars won all the tournaments, one after the other, even as one of the tour's best players was sidelined by a back injury.

At least that's the story on the LPGA Tour.

The month began with a curious decision to put Paulina Gretzky — known in hockey circles as the daughter of The Great One, and in golf circles as the fiance of Dustin Johnson — on the cover of Golf Digest. It's almost as if the LPGA staged the best protest possible by showing the magazine what it was missing.

Lexi Thompson and Michelle Wie shared the 54-hole lead in the first major of the year at the Kraft Nabisco. If that wasn't compelling enough, right behind were English teen Charley Hull and Se Ri Pak, the youngest player inducted into the Hall of Fame and who was missing only this major for the career Grand Slam. Thompson built a big lead early and took the drama out of the back nine to win by three, giving her four LPGA victories and a major at age 19.

Thompson spent her early teens playing against PGA Tour-caliber competition — mainly brother Nicholas. Wie spent part of her early teens playing on the PGA Tour. Wie, still the most transcendent figure in women's golf, bounced back by winning two weeks later in her native Hawaii. It was her first win since graduating from Stanford, and it put Wie at the top of the LPGA money list for the first time.

And then it got even better.

Lydia Ko, a two-time winner on the LPGA before she even turned pro, had quite the week in San Francisco. She was on Time magazine's list of the world's 100 most influential people (no, Paulina Gretzky was not among them). She celebrated her 17th birthday. And she capped it with a 6-foot birdie putt on the final hole at Lake Merced to hold off Women's British Open champion Stacy Lewis.

"Stars drive sports," Whan said Monday afternoon. "When LeBron is in the championship game, when Michelle and Lexi are battling for a major, when Tiger plays, it makes a difference. Everybody thinks they know who those stars are. Three years ago if you would have asked me, I wouldn't have said Lydia, Lexi and Stacy. They have built themselves into stars. People always say, 'Can you market her?' I don't get to choose to do the marketing. They're the ones who do that."

PGA TOUR MONEY LEADERS

1	Jimmy Walker	2,046	$4,225,071	26	Gary Woodland	720	$1,491,410	51	Adam Scott	497	$1,058,650
2	Bubba Watson	1,840	$4,533,007	27	Russell Knox	712	$1,136,721	52	Jerry Kelly	486	$919,860
3	Matt Kuchar	1,436	$3,121,107	28	Charles Howell III	690	$1,234,289	53	Hunter Mahan	484	$945,148
4	Patrick Reed	1,364	$3,036,426	29	Ryo Ishikawa	667	$1,238,264	54	Ian Poulter	484	$1,148,844
5	Dustin Johnson	1,334	$3,346,150	30	Steven Bowditch	655	$1,331,996	55	Hideki Matsuyama	480	$889,288
6	Harris English	1,290	$2,569,772	31	Chesson Hadley	649	$1,237,706	56	George McNeill	475	$889,750
7	Jordan Spieth	1,173	$2,731,423	32	Luke Donald	640	$1,272,651	57	Jim Furyk	469	$1,014,437
8	Chris Kirk	1,152	$2,181,286	33	Bill Haas	627	$1,139,553	58	Vijay Singh	464	$758,454
9	Matt Every	1,051	$2,102,826	34	Daniel Summerhays	620	$1,077,390	59	K.J. Choi	459	$811,112
10	Zach Johnson	1,040	$2,100,337	35	Pat Perez	617	$1,220,216	60	Fredrik Jacobson	448	$806,835
11	Webb Simpson	971	$2,088,776	36	Chris Stroud	615	$1,203,782	61	Ben Martin	444	$826,380
12	Kevin Stadler	936	$1,931,352	37	Graeme McDowell	597	$1,337,030	62	Stuart Appleby	437	$709,567
13	Ryan Moore	902	$2,086,504	38	Sergio Garcia	592	$1,367,867	63	Justin Rose	430	$980,179
14	John Senden	884	$1,730,664	39	Jason Kokrak	587	$1,012,875	64	Justin Hicks	427	$809,151
15	Will MacKenzie	880	$1,782,250	40	Rickie Fowler	584	$1,467,230	65	Erik Compton	418	$810,483
16	Seung-yul Noh	853	$1,683,773	41	Brian Harman	577	$1,063,897	66	Brendan Steele	408	$683,867
17	Kevin Na	834	$1,606,652	42	Scott Stallings	575	$1,195,200	67	Justin Leonard	407	$692,943
18	Graham DeLaet	817	$1,760,934	43	Brendon Todd	569	$850,863	68	Billy Horschel	402	$743,913
19	Brian Stuard	801	$1,518,585	44	Cameron Tringale	569	$981,350	69	Rory Sabbatini	401	$724,807
20	Keegan Bradley	799	$1,640,915	45	Rory McIlroy	557	$1,274,740	70	Kevin Streelman	400	$704,689
21	Matt Jones	798	$1,605,598	46	Scott Brown	537	$948,300	71	Andrew Svoboda	394	$782,140
22	Jason Day	789	$2,010,360	47	Jonas Blixt	521	$1,203,180	72	Jason Dufner	389	$785,249
23	Ryan Palmer	747	$1,466,356	48	Robert Garrigus	519	$873,501	73	Robert Streb	384	$808,606
24	Russell Henley	733	$1,499,994	49	Jeff Overton	515	$974,470	74	Marc Leishman	378	$724,969
25	Charley Hoffman	723	$1,349,657	50	Jason Bohn	508	$949,014	75	Brny Baird	365	$904,028

WEB.COM TOUR MONEY LEADERS

1	Carlos Ortiz	7	$318,858	18	Brett Stegmaier	7	$65,298	35	Aron Price	7	$34,675
2	Andrew Putnam	7	$248,273	19	Oscar Fraustro	6	$60,457	36	Nathan Tyler	7	$33,752
3	Alex Cejka	5	$238,401	20	Tom Gillis	5	$59,398	37	Bhavik Patel	6	$33,628
4	Adam Hadwin	7	$173,289	21	Rod Pampling	3	$58,263	38	Peter Tomasulo	7	$33,570
5	Jon Curran	6	$168,057	22	Mark Hubbard	7	$57,509	39	Scott Pinckney	7	$33,377
6	Justin Thomas	6	$144,865	23	Bill Lunde	6	$46,206	40	Ryan Blaum	7	$33,294
7	Daniel Berger	7	$105,186	24	Casey Wittenberg	7	$44,681	41	Fabian Gomez	4	$32,881
8	Jason Gore	3	$104,383	25	Cameron Percy	6	$44,677	42	Hunter Haas	7	$32,590
9	Kris Blanks	7	$99,000	26	Mathew Goggin	7	$44,635	43	Roland Thatcher	6	$32,499
10	Jonathan Randolph	7	$90,352	27	Andres Gonzales	7	$42,644	44	Colt Knost	7	$32,128
11	Alistair Presnell	7	$80,707	28	Henrik Norlander	6	$40,848	45	Whee Kim	7	$32,119
12	Richard S. Johnson	6	$76,483	29	Blayne Barber	6	$38,257	46	Zack Sucher	7	$31,804
13	Ashley Hall	6	$72,738	30	Brad Schneider	6	$37,472	47	Nathan Green	5	$29,925
14	Derek Fathauer	7	$72,530	31	Chris Wilson	7	$37,035	48	Nick Taylor	7	$29,890
15	Kyle Reifers	5	$70,889	32	Sung Joon Park	3	$36,528	49	Vaughn Taylor	5	$29,463
16	Manuel Villegas	7	$69,146	33	Jose de Jesus Rodriguez	6	$35,641	50	Harold Varner III	6	$28,644
17	Sam Saunders	6	$65,405	34	Steve Allan	7	$34,883				

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THURSDAY: Partly sunny High: 70 Low: 45

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 77 Low: 52

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 87 Low: 56

SUNDAY: Sunny High: 90 Low: 60

MONDAY: Sunny High: 91 Low: 62

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 68 and north winds between 10 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 42 and northeast winds around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening.

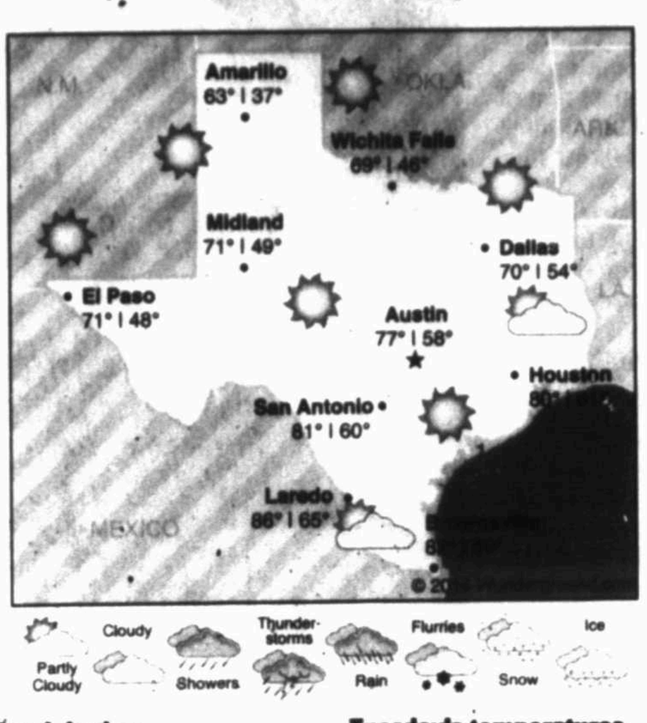
Thursday, look for partly sunny skies with a high around 70 and east winds between 5 and 10 mph. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 45 and calm winds becoming west around 5 mph after midnight.

Friday, the forecast calls for sunny skies during the day, mostly clear skies at night, with a high around 77 and a low around 52.

The high on Tuesday reached 72, while the low dropped to 50. The record high for April 29 is 95 set in 1947 and 2011. The record low is 38 set in 1991 and 1998.

National forecast

Drenching rain and chilly air will stretch from New England and the upper Mid-Atlantic states to the upper Great Lakes today. A swath of cool, moist air will reach from the Atlantic Ocean to a storm stalled over the Midwest.



Precipitation

Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.45 in.
Year total	0.90 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.50 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	72
Low	50
Normal high	83
Normal low	54
Sunrise	7:04 a.m.
Sunset	8:28 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, April 30

Boyfriend's other woman is permanently attached

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 boyfriend and I have been dating for two years. We live together, and his child from another woman lives with us. I love my boyfriend and his child, but one thing prevents me from imagining us being married: He has his child's mother's name tattooed on his body.

The tattoo bothers me for many reasons, and I'd like him to have it covered up if we ever do marry. He says he doesn't want to get rid of it. When the topic comes up, we argue.

Am I unreasonable for wanting him to get rid of the tattoo? If that woman really is in his past, why does he need a constant reminder of her on his body? — IN A STINK OVER INK

DEAR IN A STINK: You're asking the wrong person. Only your boyfriend can answer that. He may not want to go to the expense or to experience the pain of having more artwork done. Or he may not like the idea that you are telling him what to do.

However, if he has been living with you for two years, I doubt it's because he's still carrying a torch for someone else. If you love him and the two of you want to get married, my advice is to accept him warts, artwork and all, because regardless of any romance in his past, YOU have habeas corpus. (That's Latin for "you have the body.")

DEAR ABBY: I consider myself a social person and enjoy talking to friends on the phone. My problem is, when I talk to one of them, she will never let me get off the phone. Sometimes we'll talk for several hours, but eventually I have other obligations and have to go. When I tell her that, she often ignores me and keeps right on talking.

I don't want to be rude, but sometimes I have to say goodbye four and five times before she finally acknowledges that I must end the call. It irritates me. I like talking to her, but I can't go on and on forever. How can I make her let me off the phone without hanging up on her or upsetting her? — MR. NICE GUY

DEAR MR. NICE GUY: The person you're describing obviously has less going on in her life than you do. She may also be a compulsive talker.

The next time you talk to her, make the conversation face-to-face and tell her that as much as you like her, you don't have the amount of time to spend on the phone that she does. Explain that when you tell her you must end the conversation, if she doesn't stop talking within five minutes, you will have to hang up. And then do it.

Will she like it? No. But the alternative is that she will continue to take advantage of you — which she has been doing because you have allowed it.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Care pays off

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
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9 8 7
A 9 7
♣ 10 5 2

WEST
♠ 9 7
A 6 5 4 3 2
8 5
♣ K Q J

EAST
♠ J 6 4 3
K Q J 10
J 10 4 2
♣ 4

SOUTH
♠ A 10 2
Void
K Q 6 3
♣ A 9 8 7 6 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	1	Dbl*	3♣**
3	3	5♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

*Negative, values with no clear bid
**Mixed raise

Opening lead: Ace of

This hand is from the recent North American Championships held in Dallas, Texas.

East-West were using a jump in the opponent's suit as a "Mixed Raise" – a raise based on a mixture of high cards and distribution. This is a popular convention among tournament players. This "toy" wasn't very effective on this hand, however, as it allowed South to bid three diamonds, which North recognized as a big bid. North had not promised a diamond suit, so South's bid forced North to the four-level just to give a simple preference back to clubs. North correctly evaluated his hand as a very useful one for partner, so he leaped to the club game.

South ruffed the opening heart lead and took stock. It was tempting to bash down the ace of trumps and play another trump.

This would yield 12 tricks should the trumps split 2-2, and 11 tricks on a 3-1 split should either spades or diamonds split 3-3.

South found a better line. He led a low club from his hand! West won his jack and played another heart. South ruffed and now led the ace of trumps. When clubs didn't split, he abandoned trumps and worked on diamonds. Declarer cashed the ace, king and queen of diamonds before ruffing his last diamond with the board's last trump. East could ruff in whenever he liked, but he would not be able to prevent declarer from ruffing his last diamond. Contract made! Well done!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 30, 2014:

This year you break past restrictions that have held you back for a while. You are unusually creative, and you will come up with ideas and solutions out of the blue. Your immediate circle grows as a result of you being more upbeat than you have been in a long time. New doors will open, and the question will be: Which ones do you walk through? If you are single, you could meet someone quite enticing through a friend or new acquaintance; enjoy this bond. If you are attached, the two of you connect on a deeper level. Enjoy each other. The two of you might see an important mutual goal materialize. GEMINI encourages you to lose your self-discipline.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Indulge a little, and decide on an item for the house that might enhance your well-being and perhaps provide a little luxury. You could be challenged by a dominant person. In this case, follow your intuition if you want to land well. Tonight: Get together with your friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You could be too tired to deal with everything that is on your plate. Make it your pleasure, and you will be delighted by someone else's reaction. You might be in the mood to indulge a little, later in the day. Tonight: Go off and compare prices on a special item.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Pressure builds, which might challenge you to head in a new direction; however, the smart move would be to stop and slow down. Talk to an adviser or dear friend before doing anything. Tonight: As you like it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Zero in on what is most important to clear out ASAP. News could filter in from someone at a distance that might trigger your imagination. Do not push too much to get a reaction; instead, be more open in a discussion. Tonight: Time for some reflection.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You could be overwhelmed by all of your responsibilities. You might worry about how to accomplish these tasks, or you could start eliminating one item or activity after another. Friends are likely to distract you, so postpone socializing for now. Tonight: Get together with loved ones.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You'll want to take a stand. Seek help from others, as you might not have the necessary knowledge to accomplish that task. A loved one could demonstrate his or her caring and understanding. Be the cautious Virgo that we all know. Tonight: Go where there is great music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ One-on-one relating will point you in an unseen direction. Understand what must happen if you are to take charge of a problem. You might need to make more changes than you would like. Discuss options with someone in the know. Tonight: As you like it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Defer to someone else. This person will need to have the sense that you have confidence in his or her suggestions. A loved one seems unusually docile. At some time during the day, you might want to buy a token of affection for this person. Tonight: Happy at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might want to understand what is motivating a friend whom you see nearly every day. This person could be making an unusual effort to reach out to you, which might cause you to feel uncomfortable. Be gracious, but remain observant. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Your imagination might take over, and you could have a difficult time settling in. Perhaps you need to take some time for yourself. Postpone whatever you can. You will get to it later — probably at a better time. Allow greater access to a loved one. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Stay focused in a discussion with a family member; this person means what he or she says. You must decide if you are ready to put in an extra effort with a home project. Buy a card for a loved one on the way home. Tonight: Let off some steam with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Manage your time, and don't push yourself to the point of getting stressed out. You could be a little tired of having to do as much as you have to. Make it a point to stop and take a walk at lunchtime, or indulge in some other healthy habit! Tonight: Mosey on home.

BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Willie Nelson (1933), actress Cloris Leachman (1926), Saint Jean-Baptist de la Salle (1651)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Minor error
6 Catcall
10 Vishnu incarnation
14 "This Old House" carpenter Norm
15 Like many a shoppe
16 Color of Death's dart, in "Venus and Adonis"
17 What an angry mermaid might do?
20 Not many
21 Pop's bro
22 Hard to figure out
23 "Baseball Tonight" airer
25 Not good
26 What an angry Santa might do?
30 Frozen dessert franchise
34 Part of NCAA: Abbr.
35 Don't exist
36 Pong developer
37 Supermodel Cheryl
39 1860s govt. for four years
40 Still in bed
41 Accustom
42 Western Wyoming county
44 __-Foy, Quebec
45 Tabula __: blank slate
46 What an angry Humpty Dumpty might do?
48 Opportunity, metaphorically
50 Backside
51 Verdict challenge
54 Spot for a facial
56 Pool float
59 What an angry witch might do?
62 Undecided
63 Smallest Great Lake by volume
64 Where subs are assembled
65 __! Pea
66 Actress Meg
67 Skilled

DOWN

1 Internet connectivity frustrations
2 Peek-__
3 Titan who gave fire to humans
4 Least risky
5 "Unbelievable" techno-funk band
6 Philosopher Locke
7 Gas alternative Abbr.
8 Former "Tonight Show" announcer Hall
9 Be strongly pervaded with
10 Keep apprised of one's activities, as a superior
11 Assist with a crime
12 Chamonix peak
13 Garcia of "Ocean's Eleven"
18 Pitch-changing pro
19 Brian who produced or co-produced several Talking Heads albums
24 Terrible twos, one hopes
25 Chips-to-be
26 Fan's opposite
27 Turner memoir
28 Parish head
29 First stage
31 String-pulling game
32 Ogre
33 "Holy mackerel!"
36 Lennox of the Eurythmics
38 Elementary level
43 Book club leader for 15 years
46 One following a course
47 Worked for
49 Big ape
51 Times to call, in ads
52 Field machine
53 Flammable pile
54 Branch of Islam
55 Hammer part
57 Lose one's cool
58 Quiz
60 Do one's best
61 Aquafresh tube letters

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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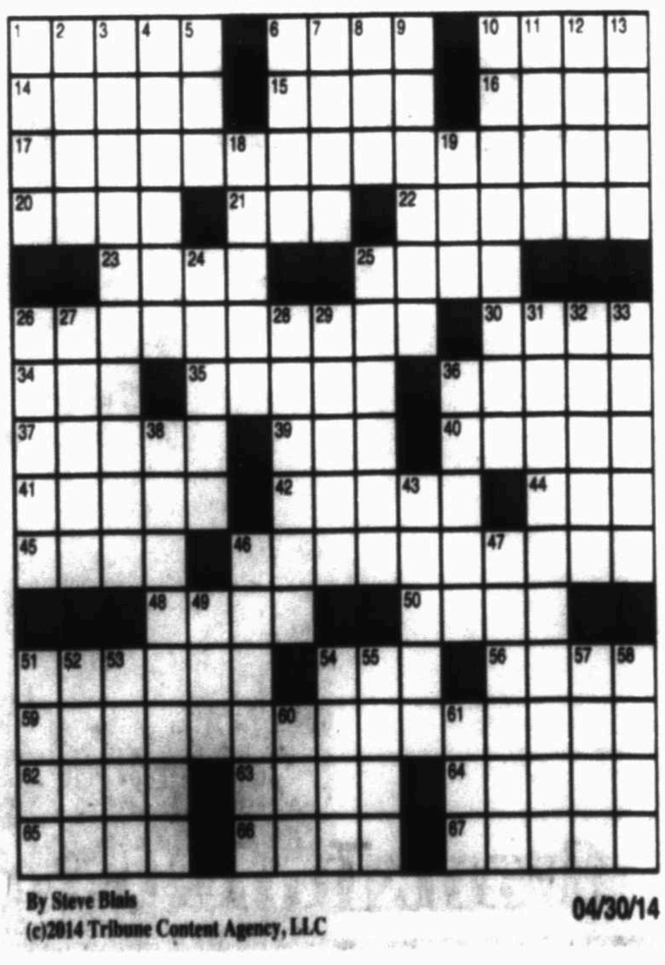

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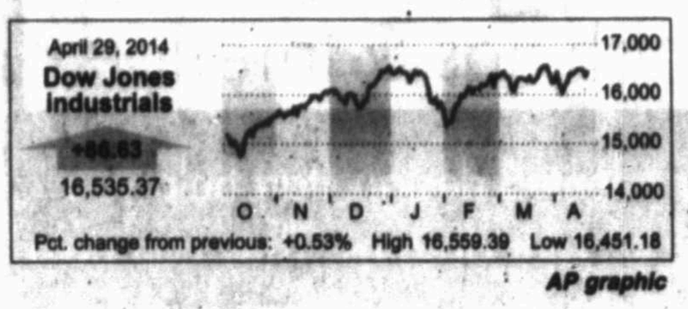

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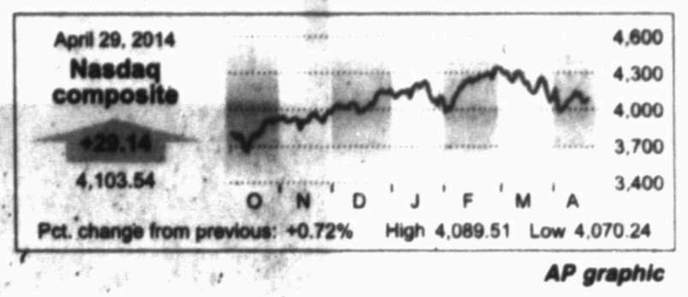

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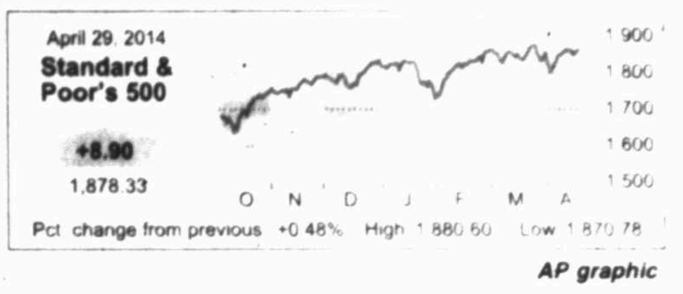

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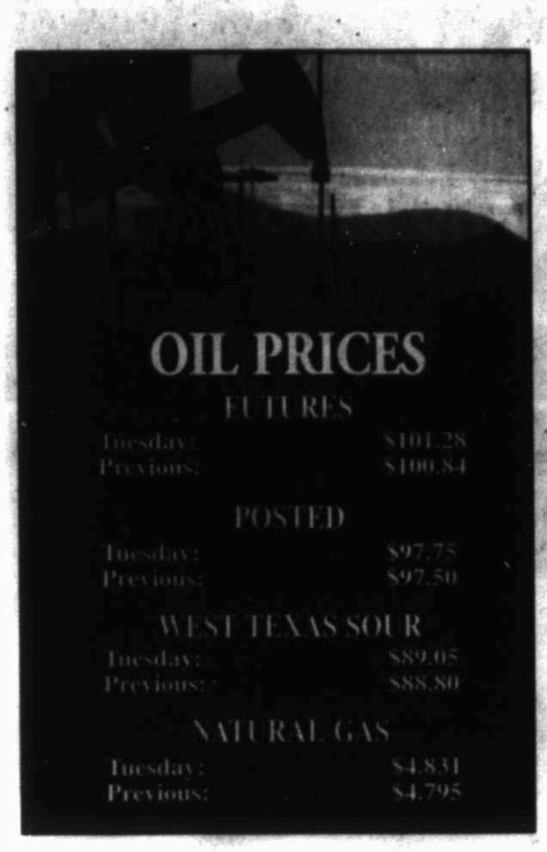

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Workers tend to a well head during a hydraulic fracturing operation March 29, 2013, at an Encana Oil & Gas Inc. gas well outside Rifle, Colo. The vast majority of economists surveyed this month by The Associated Press say lifting restrictions on exports of oil and natural gas would help the economy even if it meant higher fuel prices for consumers.

Economists back increased US oil and gas exports

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Whether to allow more exports of U.S. oil and natural gas has become a matter of political debate in Washington. But to economists, the answer is clear: The nation would benefit.

The vast majority of economists surveyed this month by The Associated Press said lifting restrictions on exports of oil and natural gas would help the economy even if it meant higher fuel prices for consumers.

More exports would encourage investment in oil and gas production and transport, create jobs, make oil and gas supplies more stable and reduce the U.S. trade deficit, they said.

As domestic energy production has boomed, drilling companies have pushed to be allowed to sell crude oil and natural gas overseas, where they can command higher prices. Such exports are restricted by decades-old energy security regulations.

Those opposed to opening trade said exports could make it more expensive for Americans to heat their homes and fill up their cars.

But even economists who think exports might increase fuel prices for U.S. consumers — an open question — said the overall benefit to the economy would outweigh any possible harm. It would be better to allow the exports and use tax breaks or other methods to help those struggling with higher prices, they said.

"The economy in general is better off if we can sell something to someone and bring money into the economy," said Jerry Webman, chief economist at Oppenheimer Funds. "I'd rather deal with any side effects directly than limit our ability to do business with the world."

The AP survey collected the views of private, corporate and academic economists on a range of issues. Of the 30 economists who participated, nearly 90 percent responded that more exports of oil and gas would help the U.S. economy.

Oil and gas export restrictions went largely unchallenged for decades because consumption in the U.S. — by far the world's biggest consumer of oil and gas — was rising while production was falling. Imports were increasing, and few thought the U.S. would ever be in a position to export oil or gas.

But new techniques have allowed drillers to tap oil and gas in formations once thought out of reach, and U.S. production has soared.

The U.S. still consumes far more crude oil than it produces. But oil companies are producing a light sweet crude that foreign refineries covet and that many U.S. refineries are not equipped to handle. The companies and some politicians have called for lifting oil export restrictions. Proponents concede, though, that that's unlikely in an election year.

Seven terminals have received Energy Department approval to export natural gas and are at various stages of planning, permitting, finance and construction of the facilities needed to cool the gas into a liquid for transport. Thirty additional facilities are awaiting approval.

Oil edges up

The price of oil crept above $101 a barrel Tuesday as investors assessed the latest sanctions on Russia over the country's role in the crisis in Ukraine.

Benchmark U.S. crude for June delivery gained 44 cents to close at $101.28 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Brent crude, an international benchmark used to price oil used by many U.S. refineries, rose 86 cents to $108.98 in London.

Investors were contemplating the impact of new sanctions by the United States and its European allies on more than two dozen government officials, executives and companies in Russia, a major energy producer. The sanctions were not as harsh as feared, with no public companies or major sectors of the economies affected.

"While the crisis has had limited impact on energy flows so far, the tensions may presage a period of volatile geopolitics in the former Soviet Union," analysts at Barclay's wrote in a report.

Investors will also be monitoring fresh information on U.S. stockpiles of crude oil and refined products. They will also weigh key data on the U.S. job market, as payroll processing company ADP issues a report Wednesday and the U.S. governments issues its unemployment report for April on Friday.

U.S. crude stocks have been on the climb and were 13 percent above five-year averages two weeks ago.

Gold falls

June gold edged down $2.70 to $1,296.30 an ounce. May silver fell 10 cents to $19.49 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $141.14 Up 0.45

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $130.67 Up 2.77

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $28.00 Down 0.29

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $72.22 Up 1.26

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $25.81 Down 0.14

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.23 Down 0.17

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $30.35 Down 0.22

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $18.30 Down 0.15

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BioAm	1510295	15.24	+.29
S&P500ETF	2038418	187.75	+.88
BcoSBrasil	644772	6.58	+.80
iShEMkts	598913	41.41	+.39
NokiaCp	498458	7.43	+.40

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
WrldHlt	13.78	+2.27	+19.7
OrbitalSci	30.96	+4.39	+16.5
BcoSBrasil	6.58	+.80	+13.8
Sprint n	8.27	+.84	+11.3
ChanAdv n	26.13	+2.64	+11.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Rudolph	9.47	-1.47	-13.4
Coach	45.71	-4.71	-9.3
3D Sys	44.80	-4.46	-9.1
Hill Intl	6.21	-.62	-9.1
RubiconP n	14.85	-1.45	-8.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,849
Declined	1,256
Unchanged	112
Total issues	3,217
New Highs	123
New Lows	28
Volume	3,479,079,889

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SynthBio	42856	2.10	-.81
IsoRay	34385	1.86	-.18
InovioPharm	27608	2.43	+.10
Organovo	24924	5.35	-.23
CornstProg	20969	4.99	-.27

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Medgen wt	2.69	+.34	+14.5
DGSE	2.71	+.27	+11.1
Organics	2.08	+.15	+7.8
IncOpR	6.40	+.37	+6.1
Bellatrix g	9.87	+.56	+6.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SynthBio	2.10	-.81	-27.8
SwedLC22	11.76	-1.36	-10.4
ActinumP	11.00	-.95	-7.9
Enservco	2.02	-.17	-7.8
CornstProg	4.99	-.27	-5.2

DIARY

Advanced	199
Declined	197
Unchanged	33
Total issues	429
New Highs	7
New Lows	1
Volume	77,133,873

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Facebook	734268	58.15	+2.01
SiriusXM	580223	3.07	
PwShs QQQ	3547151	87.16	+.69
Microsoft	288563	40.51	-.36
Yahoo	282969	35.83	+1.84

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
InterGld wt	3.68	+.64	+20.9
AmicusTh	2.22	+.38	+20.7
XOMA	4.59	+.77	+20.2
Luminex	18.66	+2.76	+17.4
Intellph	4.62	+.68	+17.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Biota	3.68	-1.89	-33.9
Prothena	26.09	-11.59	-30.8
Gogo n	13.12	-5.26	-28.6
UltraClean	8.73	-3.08	-26.1
MeruNetw	3.67	-.74	-16.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,366
Declined	1,214
Unchanged	152
Total issues	2,732
New Highs	32
New Lows	61
Volume	1,876,731,375

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84	11	35.42	+.34	+.7
Abraxas	...	58	5.24	-.08	+60.7
AdamsEx	.84e	...	13.13	+.07	+.5
AMD	...	61	4.03	+.07	+4.1
AlonUSA	.24a	56	16.27	-.38	-1.6
AlphaNRs	...	...	4.36	+.23	-38.9
Amgen	2.44	18	111.90	+.42	-1.9
Anadarko	.72	64	100.12	+.76	+26.2
Apache	1.00f	16	87.83	+1.02	+2.2
ApldMatl	.40	49	19.07	+.40	+7.9
ATMOS	1.48	19	51.07	-.50	+12.4
AutoData	1.92	26	76.99	+1.31	-4.7
BP PLC	2.28	12	50.29	+1.26	+3.5
BabcCClnv	1.20	...	15.20	+.07	+1.8
BakrHu	.60	26	69.55	+.23	+25.9
BcoBrad pf	.45e	...	15.01	+.04	+19.8
BcoSBrasil	.95e	...	6.58	+.80	+21.9
BkofAm	.04	20	15.24	+.29	-2.1
B/PPlv rs	...	...	40.20	-.75	-5.5
BarcEnSv	...	...	25.67	-.48	+62.7
BerkHa A	...	16192	245.00	+1145.00	+8.2
BkHlsEnCp	1.56	25	57.60	-.55	+9.7
BostonSci	...	23	12.73	-.85	+5.9
BrMySq	1.44	32	49.32	-1.04	-7.2
BrownFA	1.16	32	68.66	+.46	+20.2
BrownFB	1.16	30	69.82	+.40	+18.9
CVS Care	1.10	20	73.47	-.14	+2.7
Cameron	...	22	64.23	-.27	+7.9
Caterpillar	2.40	18	105.30	+1.04	+16.0
Celestic g	...	16	11.14	-.01	+7.1
CntryLink	2.16	...	34.80	+.16	+9.3
ChesEng	.35	43	29.06	+.32	+7.1
Chevron	4.00	11	125.97	+.24	+.8
Chicos	.30	19	15.73	-.11	-16.5
Cimarex	.64f	26	120.91	+2.33	+15.3
Cisco	.76f	15	23.16	+.14	+4.0
Citigroup	.04	11	48.16	+.66	-7.6
ClayEng	...	62	141.14	+.49	+72.2
Coach	1.35	13	45.71	-4.71	-16.6
CocaCola	1.22f	22	40.57	-.49	-1.8
ColgPalm s	1.44f	29	67.04	-.62	+2.8
Comcast	.90f	19	51.55	-.15	-.8
ConAgra	1.00	16	30.48	-.22	-8.6
ConchoRes	...	54	130.67	+2.77	+21.0
ConocoPhil	2.76	12	74.69	+.03	+5.7
CrackerB	3.00	19	95.37	+.75	-13.4
CrosTim	2.64e	14	31.94	+.44	+8.6
DCP Mid	2.98f	39	52.92	+.87	+5.1
DTE	2.62	18	77.67	-.34	+17.0
Dataram h	...	...	2.70	+.03	+3.8
Dawson	.32	22	28.00	-.25	-17.2
DevonE	.96f	...	70.48	+.20	+13.9
DnStBear	...	...	17.49	-.14	+3.1
Disney	.96f	22	78.64	+.86	+2.9
DowChm	1.46f	13	48.70	+1.41	+6.7
eBay	...	25	54.54	+.90	-.6
EMC Cp	.46f	20	25.41	+.06	+1.0
EOG Res s	.90f	25	99.62	+1.56	+18.7
EmpDist	1.02	16	24.40	-.30	+7.5
Energen	.60	28	79.19	+1.87	+11.9
EngyTsfr	3.74f	...	54.80	-.43	-4.3
EnPro	...	50	71.30	-.53	+23.7
EntPrPt	2.84f	26	73.13	+1.26	+10.3
Ericsson	.40e	...	12.05	+.17	-1.6
ExterranH	.60	23	43.05	...	+25.9
ExxonMbl	2.52	11	101.46	+.26	+.2
Facebook	...	77	58.15	+2.01	+6.4
FifthThird	.48	11	20.48	-.03	-2.6
FordM	.50	10	16.12	+.15	+4.5
ForestOil	...	11	1.84	...	-49.0
FrontierCm	.40	49	5.85	+.10	+25.8
GATX	1.32	16	54.74	-.13	+24.1
GabelliET	.88	...	9.99	+.02	+19.5
GAInv	2.10e	...	35.60	+.19	+1.1
GenElec	.88	20	25.76	-.02	-4.5
GileadSci	...	28	76.24	+2.16	+1.5
Gogo n	...	...	13.12	-5.26	-47.1
Goodyear	.20	11	25.11	-2.05	+5.3
GtPlainEn	.92	17	26.83	-.36	+10.7
Groupon	...	...	7.09	+.06	-39.7
HalconRes	...	...	5.45	+.16	+41.2
Hallibrtn	.80	21	53.01	+.33	+24.2
HewlettP	.54f	12	32.96	+.77	+17.8
HuntBncsh	.20	13	9.05	-.02	-6.2
iShBrazil	1.44e	...	47.25	+.27	+5.8
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.11	+.03	-8.5
iShChinaLC	1.02e	...	35.07	+.46	-8.6
iShEMkts	.86e	...	41.41	+.39	-.9
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	68.05	+.44	+1.4
iShR2K	1.45e	...	111.24	+.28	-3.6
IntegrysE	2.72	16	61.15	-.11	+12.4
Intel	.90	14	26.48	+.15	+2.0
InterDig	.40	38	34.52	-.07	+17.1
ItauUnibH	.51r	...	16.41	-.05	+21.0
JPMorgCh	1.60f	14	56.10	+.61	-3.4
JetBlue	...	17	7.77	+.14	-9.0
JohnJn	2.80f	19	101.03	-.31	+10.3
KimbClk	3.36f	20	111.11	-.12	+6.4
KindME	5.52f	27	75.17	+.67	-5.6
KindMM	5.52f	41	72.39	-.32	-4.3
LegacyRes	2.38f	...	25.81	-.15	-8.3
Lubys	...	...	5.56	+.01	-28.0
MGM Rsts	...	...	24.98	+1.96	+6.2
MidtvGold	.19e	...	24.31	+.32	+15.0
McDnld's	3.24	18	101.50	+1.19	+4.6
Merck	1.76	40	58.72	+2.04	+17.3
MerMfed	...	30	13.00	-.03	-17.4
MexcoEn	...	72	7.23	-.17	+4.8
MicronT	...	10	25.10	+.52	+15.4
Microsft	1.12	15	40.51	-.36	+6.3
Nabors	.16	53	24.83	+.18	+46.1
NatGrid	3.17e	...	70.60	+.80	+6.1
NOVArco	1.04	14	78.11	+.80	-1.8
NewLead rs	...	...	.12	+.02	-99.3
NokiaCp	...	...	7.43	+.40	-8.4
NStarRt	1.00f	...	15.90	-1.30	+18.2
NvMAd	.80e	...	13.24	-.05	+8.9
NvPIM	.56	...	13.46	...	+8.8
NuvPI	.56	...	13.42	+.01	+8.8
NSTFB	.63e	...	13.89	-.07	+6.3
NTXQI	.70e	...	13.91	-.09	+8.2
OcciPet	2.68f	19	96.87	+.19	+1.9
Oi SA C	.45e	...	.93	-.14	-43.3
Oi SA	.45e	...	.87	-.17	-45.4
Oracle	.48	17	40.11	-.02	+4.8
Pandora	...	...	23.92	+1.06	-10.1
ParTech	...	...	4.87	-.08	-10.8
ParkDrl	...	25	6.55	+.18	-19.4
PetBUTI	.40	29	32.32	+.05	+27.6
Penney	...	...	8.62	+.12	-3.6
PennwRE	.80	...	16.42	-.10	-13.5
Pmian	1.01e	15	13.36	+.09	+3.9
PetbrasA	.62e	...	14.94	+.15	+1.7
Petrobras	.44e	...	14.14	+.17	+2.6
Pfizer	1.04	16	31.76	-.26	+3.7
PioNtrl	.06	...	196.08	+4.72	+6.5
PlainsAAP	2.52f	19	57.04	+.21	+10.2
PlugPowr h	...	...	4.81	+.15	+210.3
PwShs QQQ	1.30e	...	87.16	+.69	-.9
Praxair	2.60	22	128.46	-.94	-1.2
PrmEgy	...	14	55.49	...	+9.9
ProctGam	2.57f	22	82.44	-.50	+1.3
RangeRs	.16	66	90.43	-1.05	+7.3
RiteAid	...	32	7.09	+.14	+40.1
Rowan	.40	15	30.96	+.08	-12.4
RuyDshBA	3.60	10	76.51	+.71	+7.4
SpdrDJIA	3.57e	...	165.00	+.83	-.3
S&P500ETF	3.48e	...	187.75	+.88	+1.7
SabnR	3.88e	13	51.56	+.12	+2.0
SanderPm	.80	11	81.23	-.57	+12.3
SandRidge	...	...	6.80	+.16	+12.0
Saplent	...	29	16.19	+.20	-6.7
Schlmbrg	1.00	19	101.39	+.10	+12.5
SigmaAld	.92f	23	95.73	+.69	+1.8
SiriusXM	...	51	3.07	...	-12.0
Smucker	2.32	18	96.73	-.73	-6.8
Sprint n	...	...	8.27	+.84	-23.1
SPDR Fncl	.34e	...	21.93	+.21	+.3
SP Util	1.47e	...	43.14	-.18	+13.6
SuncoLog	2.78f	28	90.79	+1.00	+20.3
TaiwSem	.50e	...	20.10	.20	+15.3
TeleflEsp	.47e	...	16.67	+.14	+2.0
Tesoro	1.00	17	55.70	.12	-4.8
3D Sys		100	44.80	-4.46	-51.8
3M Co	3.42f	20	137.55	-.32	-1.9
Torchmark	.76f	14	78.79	+.74	+.8
TriContl	.65e	...	20.24	+.10	+1.3
Twitter n		...	42.62	+1.89	-33.0
TylerTech	...	66	79.69	+2.16	-22.0
USWV	1.28	17	29.19	-.43	-7.2
Vale SA	.84e	...	13.36	+.02	-12.4
ValeroE	1.00f	11	56.84	-1.13	+12.8
VangEmg	1.20e	...	40.97	+.29	-.4
VerizonCm	2.12	11	46.77	+.17	-4.8
VulcanM	.20f	...	64.00	+2.11	+7.7
Walgrn	1.26	24	67.32	-.13	+17.2
WellsFargo	1.20	12	49.47	+.53	+9.0
WstnRefin	1.04	16	43.15	+.56	+1.7
WhitingPet		17	73.97	+2.27	+19.6
WmsCos	1.61f	49	42.20	+.50	+9.4
XcelEngy	1.20f	17	31.81	-.19	+13.9
Xerox	.25f	13	12.11	+.11	-.5
Yahoo		30	35.83	+1.84	-11.4
Zynga			3.95	+.05	+3.9

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INDEXES

52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
16,631.83	14,551.27	Dow Jones Industrials	16,535.37	+86.63	+.53	-.25	+11.43
7,774.56	5,952.18	Dow Jones Transportation	7,817.29	+32.95	+.43	+2.93	+23.30
555.37	462.66	Dow Jones Utilities	553.12	-1.46	-.26	+12.75	+2.94
11,334.65	8,814.76	NYSE Composite	10,583.65	+57.13	+.54	+1.76	+14.09
2,629.10	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,635.91	+20.71	+.79	+8.64	+9.40
4,371.71	3,269.42	Nasdaq Composite	4,103.54	+29.14	+.72	-1.75	+23.27
1,897.29	1,560.33	S&P 500	1,878.33	+8.90	+.48	+1.62	+17.57
20,257.19	16,442.14	Wilshire 5000	19,892.14	+107.44	+.54	+.94	+17.95
1,212.82	924.21	Russell 2000	1,120.83	+3.77	+.34	-3.68	+18.30

Ginobili, Diaw help Spurs get even with Mavs 93-89

Associated Press

Spurs	93
Mavericks	89

DALLAS — Boris Diaw's big third quarter wasn't enough to hold off a Dallas comeback.

The San Antonio veteran's decisive shot in the final minute was.

Diaw hit a go-ahead 3-pointer for the last of his 17 points, Manu Ginobili scored 23 and the top-seeded Spurs held on to beat the Mavericks 93-89 in Game 4 on Monday night, pulling even in their first-round playoff series.

"You've got to give up something," said Dirk Nowitzki, who was running at Diaw as the shot was released. "That was a tough one."

Just like Vince Carter's buzzer-beating 3-pointer was for the Spurs two days earlier, when Dallas went up 2-1 with a one-point win. The difference was, the Mavericks had a chance to do something about Diaw's shot after San Antonio went up 90-87 with 32 seconds remaining.

Nowitzki, who had 19 points, had a putback on a missed 3 by Monta Ellis to get Dallas within 90-89 with 19 seconds to go. But the Mavericks let nearly 10 seconds run off the clock before fouling Ginobili.

Ginobili missed one of the free throws, giving Ellis a chance to tie on a driving layup. Ellis, who led the Mavericks with 20 points, missed again to finish a 6-of-20 shooting night.

"I had a good look at the end but it didn't go down," Ellis said.

The Spurs, who led by 20 points in the third quarter, regained the home-court advantage by getting a split of two games in Dallas, matching what the eighth-seeded Mavericks did in San Antonio.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WIZARDS 75
BULLS 69

CHICAGO — John Wall finished with 24 points, Nene scored 20, and the Washington Wizards beat the Chicago Bulls 75-69 on Tuesday night to clinch their first-round series in five games.

Bradley Beal scored 17 points, and the fifth-seeded Wizards advanced in the postseason for just the third time since the 1970s. They will meet Indiana or Atlanta in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

It's a huge step for a franchise that hadn't been to the postseason since 2008, but with Wall and Beal leading the way, they won 44 games during the regular season.

The Wizards turned a halftime tie into a nine-point lead heading into the fourth quarter and hung on down the stretch.

Chicago's comeback chances took a big hit early in the final quarter when Taj Gibson crumbled to the court clutching his left ankle after he tried to block a layup by Wall with the Wizards up by six points. He had to be helped off the court and did not return.

The Bulls cut it to 70-67 on a jumper by Carlos Boozer with 3:32 left. Wall then poked the ball away from Boozer and nailed a jumper at the shot-clock buzzer. Chicago hit two free throws with 2:18 remaining to cut it back down to three, but the Wizards grabbed three offensive rebounds while whittling more than a minute off the clock before Beal threw the ball away with a minute left in the game.

Boozer missed on a drive, but the Bulls had another chance after a shot-clock violation by Washington with 22.4 seconds left. Chicago's Jimmy Butler missed on a layup off the inbounds, and the Wizards caught a break after Andre Miller missed two free throws.

Beal tracked down the loose ball and hit the first free throw to make it 73-69 with 14.6 seconds left before missing the second. But again, the Wizards got the rebound. This time it was Nene, and that led to two free throws by Wall with 7.8 seconds remaining.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE AND BOX

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Saturday, April 19
Brooklyn 94, Toronto 87
Golden State 109, L.A. Clippers 105
Atlanta 101, Indiana 93
Oklahoma City 100, Memphis 86

Sunday, April 20
San Antonio 90, Dallas 85
Miami 99, Charlotte 88
Washington 102, Chicago 93
Portland 122, Houston 120, OT

Monday, April 21
Memphis 111, Oklahoma City 105, OT
L.A. Clippers 138, Golden State 98

Tuesday, April 22
Indiana 101, Atlanta 85
Toronto 100, Brooklyn 95
Washington 101, Chicago 99, OT

Wednesday, April 23
Miami 101, Charlotte 97
Dallas 113, San Antonio 92
Portland 112, Houston 105

Thursday, April 24
Atlanta 98, Indiana 85
Memphis 98, Oklahoma City 95, OT
L.A. Clippers 98, Golden State 96

Friday, April 25
Brooklyn 102, Toronto 98
Chicago 100, Washington 97
Houston 121, Portland 116, OT

Saturday, April 26
Indiana 91, Atlanta 88
Dallas 109, San Antonio 108
Miami 98, Charlotte 85
Oklahoma City 92, Memphis 89, OT

Sunday, April 27
Washington 98, Chicago 89
Golden State 118, L.A. Clippers 97, series tied 2-2
Toronto 87, Brooklyn 79, series tied 2-2
Portland 123, Houston 120, OT, Portland leads series 3-1

Monday, April 28
Miami 109, Charlotte 98, Miami wins series 4-0
Atlanta 107, Indiana 97, Atlanta leads series 3-2
San Antonio 93, Dallas 89, series tied 2-2

Tuesday
Washington 75, Chicago 69, Washington wins series 4-1
Memphis 100, Oklahoma City 99, OT, Memphis leads series 3-2
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Today
Dallas at San Antonio, 6 p.m.
Brooklyn at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday
Indiana at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Memphis, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Friday
Toronto at Brooklyn, TBA
San Antonio at Dallas, TBA
x-Houston at Portland, TBA

Saturday
x-Atlanta at Indiana, TBA
x-Memphis at Oklahoma City, TBA
x-Golden State at L.A. Clippers, TBA

Sunday
x-Brooklyn at Toronto, TBA
x-Dallas at San Antonio, TBA
x-Portland at Houston, TBA

TUESDAY'S BOX SCORE
WIZARDS 75, BULLS 69

WASHINGTON (75): Anza 3-8 0-0 6, Nene 10-17 0-1 20, Gortat 1-5 0-0 2, Wall 7-19 9-11 24, Beal 6-13 4-5 17, Booker 3-7 0-0 6, Webster 0-2 0-0 0, Miller 0-3 0-2 0, Temple 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-74 13-19 75.

CHICAGO (69): Dunleavy 2-8 1-2 5, Boozer 4-12 2-2 10, Noah 3-8 0-2 6, Hinrich 6-11 0-0 16, Butler 6-15 2-2 16, Augustin 1-10 2-2 4, Gibson 3-10 6-7 12, Snell 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-75 13-17 69.

Washington	23	18	20	14	— 75
Chicago	15	26	11	17	— 69

3-Point Goals—Washington 2-9 (Wall 1-2, Beal 1-4, Webster 0-1, Anza 0-1, Booker 0-1), Chicago 6-16 (Hinrich 4-5, Butler 2-4, Dunleavy 0-3, Augustin 0-4). Fouled Out—Hinrich. Rebounds—Washington 56 (Gortat 13), Chicago 48 (Noah 18). Assists—Washington 16 (Wall, Nene, Beal 4), Chicago 19 (Noah 7). Total Fouls—Washington 19, Chicago 17. Technicals—Chicago defensive three second, A—21,752 (20,917).

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discussions about whether he could sell to a family member.

Many owners supported Silver, and none of them publicly defended Sterling.

"We applaud the firm punishment handed out today by NBA Commissioner Adam Silver and appreciate the swiftness with which the NBA conducted its investigation," Warriors co-owner Joe Lacob said in a statement.

The fine will be donated to organizations dedicated to anti-discrimination and tolerance efforts, Silver said.

Sterling, with an estimated net worth of about $2 billion, did not comment, though Silver said he did not apologize for his remarks. Silver said Sterling confirmed that he was the person on the audiotapes.

Silver hasn't even been on the job three months and already had to face a crisis that threatened the league not only financially — with several companies ending or suspending their sponsorships of the Clippers — but more importantly, socially.

The NBA survived the Indiana Pacers' brawl with Detroit Pistons fans, and referee Tim Donaghy betting on games he officiated. But this brought a different level of outrage, particularly because the league could have done something sooner about Sterling, who has faced federal charges of civil rights violations and racial discrimination in his business dealings.

"This has all happened in three days, and so I am hopeful there will be no long-term damage to the league and to the Clippers organization," Silver said. "But as I said earlier, I'm outraged so I certainly understand other people's outrage."

After the announcement, the Clippers' website had a simple message: "We are one."

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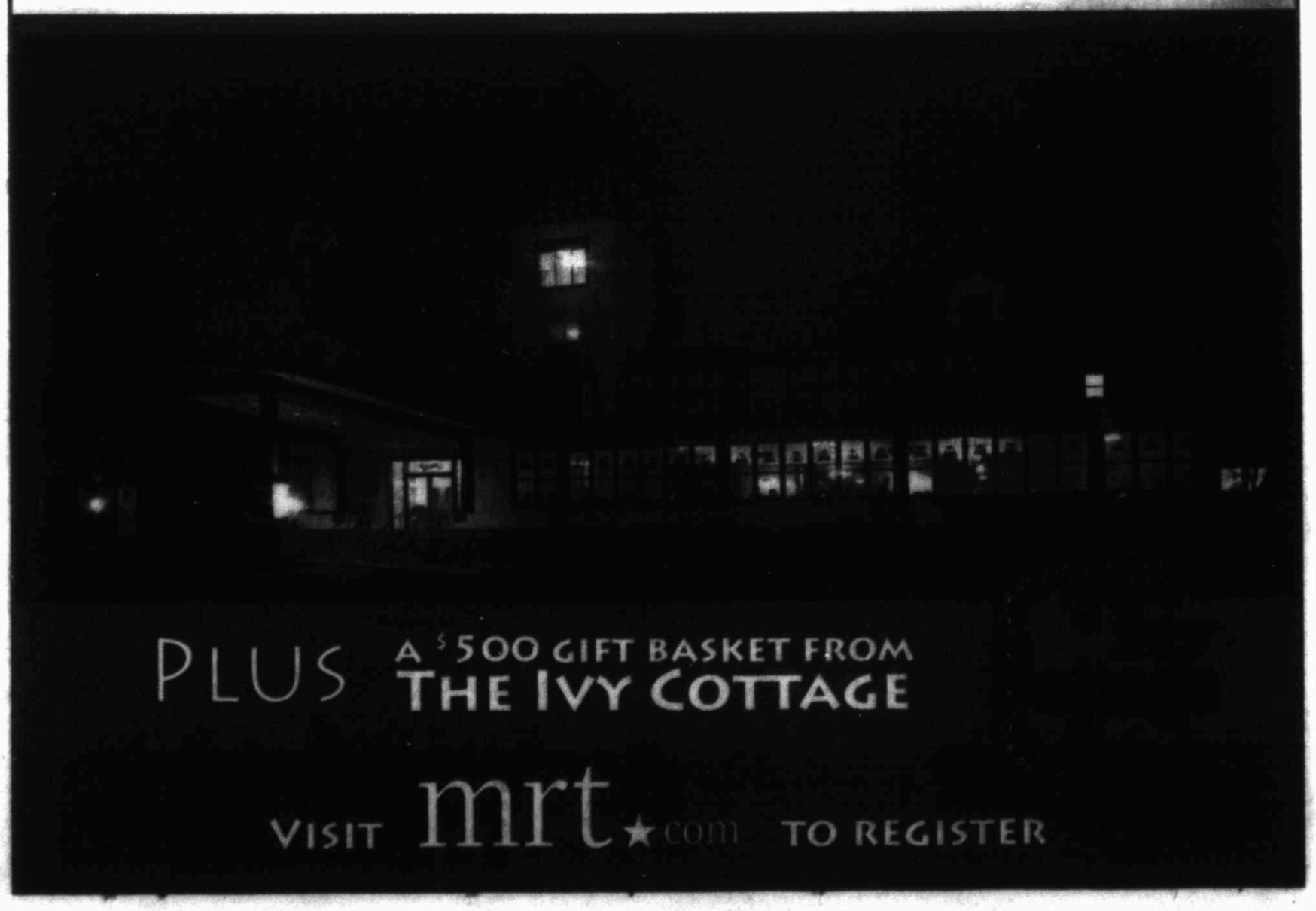

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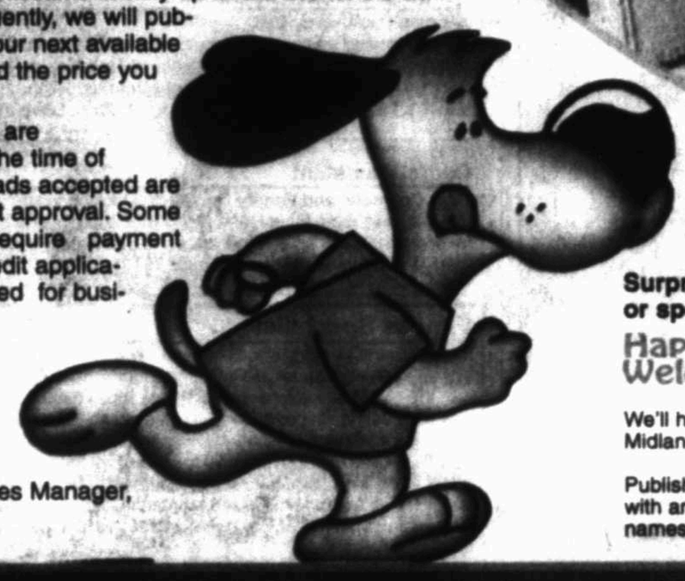

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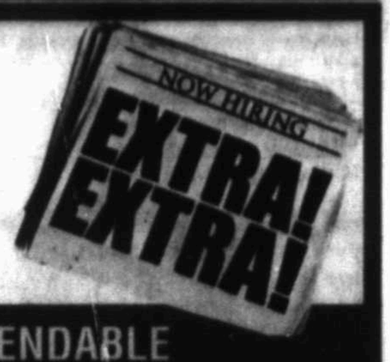

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Somno Systems is looking for **medical assistants, sonographer with experience, marketing reps and sales reps**. Please send resume to info@somnosystems.com

Receptionist

Receptionist needed for busy Pediatric Office. Some experience preferred but will train. Please fax resumes to 682-2284 or mail to Premier Physicians, Attn: Arita Routh, PO Box 5291, Midland, Texas 79704. No phone calls please
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Receptionist needed for busy multi-physician office. Duties include: high volume telephones, posting charges and receiving payments. Bilingual preferred. Send resume to: 2706 West Cuthbert Bldg C, Midland TX 79701

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.**

RN's/ LVN's

Martin County Hospital District now hiring Full time RN for ER night shift, Full time RN/LVN Med/Surg night shift. Send resume to pdority@martinch.org

TEXAS ONCOLOGY

Texas Oncology, P.A., an affiliate of US Oncology, the largest oncology network in the nation, has the following openings at the Allison Cancer Center:

Registered Physician Nurse – Full Time
Minimum of three years nursing experience
Experience in oncology environment preferred, but not required

US Oncology offers competitive salaries and an excellent benefits package, including 401(k) and tuition reimbursement. Interested candidates should forward resume to: Attn: Carmen Cross, Allison Cancer Center, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Pkwy, Suite 100, Midland, TX 79701, fax (432) 687-4251 or email Carmen.cross@usoncology.com. We are an equal opportunity employer.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

All Positions

Now hiring for all positions. Please apply in person at Midland Springhill Suites, 5716 Desuville Blvd, Midland, TX 79706

OTHER JOBS

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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

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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 Desoville Blvd, Midland, TX

Multiple Positions
Midland's Premier Country Club FT/PT
Summertime is around the corner and Midland Country Club has multiple open positions. Remember, we hire attitude and personality over experience and we do offer a very competitive wage. The following are open Fulltime positions with benefits such as paid medical insurance, paid life insurance, 401k, free lunch and vacation. **Evening Receptionist** (includes weekends), **Food/Beverage Servers, Building Maintenance Asst.**, and **Line Cooks**. Our seasonal positions are: **Lifeguards** (must be certified), **Pool Servers**, and **Pool Concierge** (front desk). Applications can be completed at Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705 or email hr@midlandcc.com.

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

Building Maintenance
Talon/LPE is currently seeking a building maintenance worker for its Midland office. The position will include various activities which will include maintaining the office inside and also the shop and yard areas. Talon/LPE is an equal opportunity employer. Please send resume to resumes@talonlpe.com or fax to (806) 467-0622.

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
Bobby Cox Companies, Inc. is in immediate need of a full-time Maintenance Technician. Qualified candidate will have some refrigeration & HVAC experience as well as basic understanding of plumbing, electrical, and repair/maintenance procedures. Job includes insurance, 401k, and stable employment. Send resume with salary expectation to:

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Drug Screening Required EOE

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Apply at career fair or for more information go to www.susser.com/careers

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Drivers paid per delivery using your own vehicle, must have proof of insurance
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Experienced Floral Designer Needed. Must have 3 to 5 year experience. We offer 401K, Insurance, & paid vacation. Will need to be able to work holidays & weekends. Fax resume to 432-682-8949, apply in person, or email resume to janecapp@flowerlandmidland.com. No phone calls please.

OTHER JOBS

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The positions currently available are:

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United Casing, Inc.
Requirements: Knowledge of oilfield casing & tubing; 3-5 years experience; excellent data entry skills; knowledge of Microsoft applications (Word, Excel, Outlook). Must be able to work extended hours (weekends on-call) and handle high volume paperwork flow in a fast-paced workplace. Pay rate based on skills and experience. Send all inquiries and resumes to bquigley@unitedcasing.com or bring to 3610 E. Highway 158, Midland. Qualified Applicants Only.

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Foster Care 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 4/25/14. No phone calls please.

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Cancun Grill is looking for experienced cooks. Top pay for the right individual. Apply in person 223 W Wall. Apply after 5pm Monday thru Thursday. No phone calls.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Customer Service Manager and Route Driver
Looking for energetic people for the positions of **Customer Service Manager** and **Route Driver** for Custom Food Group. **Drivers receive $500 after 6 months of employment**. Apply in person at **2045 S. Loop 250 West, Midland, TX**. Call or Email to set up an appointment today. **806-231-0260 Justin.littlejohn@customfoodgroup.com**

DOMINO'S PIZZA is now hiring Delivery Drivers. We are looking for Awesome Team Members that want to earn cash daily! Delivery drivers earn a great hourly wage while taking home their tips and delivery reimbursement daily. Do you like cash in your pocket? Have a vehicle with insurance? Have a decent motor vehicle record and background? Well this is the job for you! Not sure yet?

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1 Fairway Dr. **Odessa, TX 79765**
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Store Manager
Store Manager $65,000-$70,000 annually Job duties include: Staffing, scheduling, inventory, purchasing, daily and weekly paperwork, operating and maintaining a clean, fun work environment. Must be able to work morning, day and night and work between 55-60 hrs per week. Please submit resume to: Littlecaesars.wtx@gmail.com

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Health Food Store is taking applications for energetic and friendly (full-time & part-time) cashiers. Shifts will include evenings, and some Saturdays. Apply in person Monday through Friday only 9am to 5pm at Natural Foods Market, 2311 W. Wadley, Midland.

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Sales Associates 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 4 locations.

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FLOWERLAND FT
Sales Person needed. Must have good customer relations and phone etiquette. Computer experience preferred. Saturdays & holidays required. Fax resume to 432-682-8949, apply in person, or email resume to janecapp@flowerlandmidland.com, no phone calls please.

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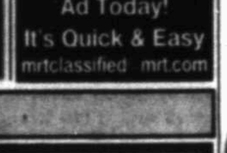

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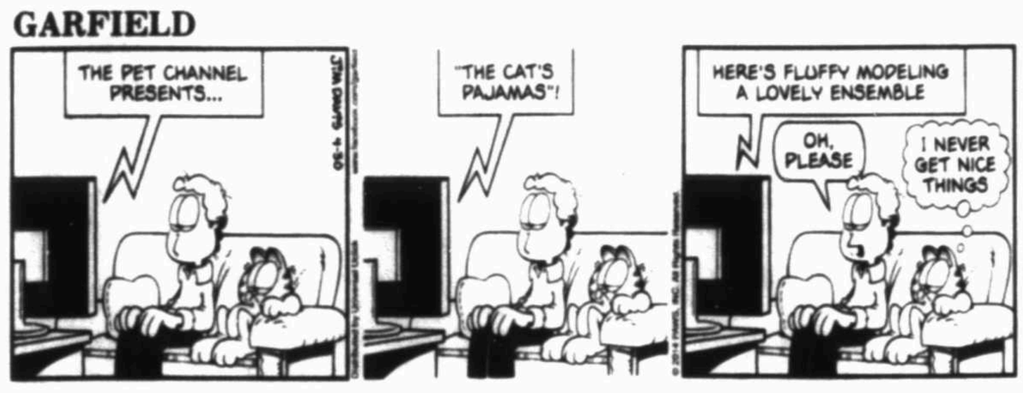

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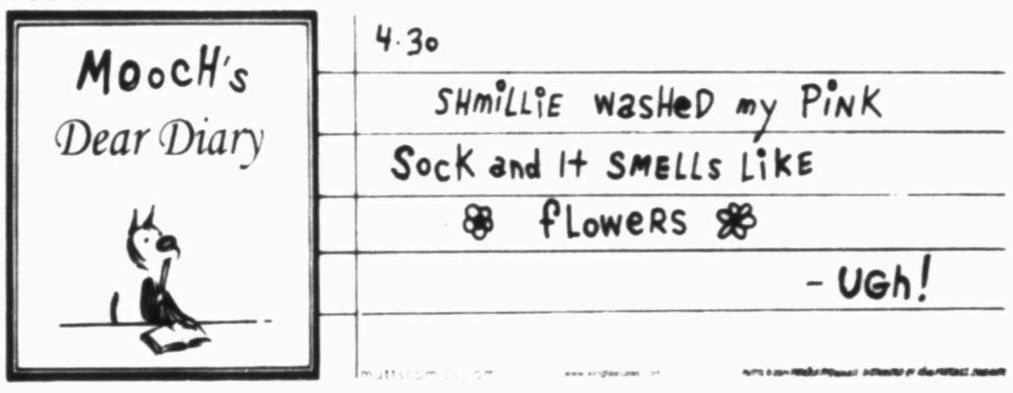

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