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Texas lawmakers boost state spending

Thriving oil and gas industry paves way for $93.5B budget

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Legislature may not be spending quite like a drunken sailor, but lawmakers have certainly got the checkbook out as they work on the next state budget.

Following the Great Recession, lawmakers slashed spending in 2011 for schools, health care and just about everything else. The cupboard is full this year with the comptroller predicting the state will raise $101.3 billion, and the Republican-controlled Legislature is spending almost every dime available without busting the constitutional spending limit.

■ ANALYSIS

This week the Texas House is expected to pass the latest version of the next two-year budget, which will come in at about $93.5 billion — a more than 15 percent jump above the budget signed by Gov. Rick Perry two years ago. The extra dollars this time around were made possible by a thriving oil and gas industry and a recovering economy.

And yet after six years of budget cuts, many say Texas needs to spend even more.

The left-leaning Center for Public Policy Priorities estimates that just to maintain the current level of government services would cost $97 billion because of population growth and inflation. The budget that the Texas House of Representatives will debate on Thursday also fails to restore all of the $5.4 billion the Legislature cut from public schools in 2011.

The bottom line, there is something for everyone to hate in the proposed budget. Conservatives will decry the increase in spending while liberals will complain the Legislature has again cut funding for children, the poor and elderly.

But there will also be room for politicians of all stripes to claim some victories.

In 2011, Republicans whittled the general revenue in the budget down to $81.2 billion. But they left a lot of

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Local groups to pick up litter during national event

From staff reports

The Great American Cleanup/ Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, one of the nation's largest cleanups, kicks off today and runs through Saturday in Midland.

The week is administered by Keep Midland Beautiful and co-sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation, Keep America Beautiful and Keep Texas Beautiful.

Participating groups can clean up their designated area anytime this week and will be able to attend a celebration picnic 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Hogan Park.

Groups unable to participate this week may do a litter cleanup before May 31 to still be counted as being part of this year's Great American Cleanup. Keep Midland Beautiful has made it a weeklong event in hopes of getting more groups to participate.

"Not everyone is able to help on April 6, so we decided to celebrate cleaning Midland for one whole week this year," said KMB Executive Director Doreen Womack, in a press release. "That (means) families, businesses, churches, all groups can clean up an area when it is convenient for them."

For more information visit www.keepmidlandbeautiful.org or call 687-7400.

As fracturing proliferates in Texas, so do disposal wells

By Kate Galbraith and Terrence Henry
Texas Tribune

Editor's note: This article is part of an occasional series on water and hydraulic fracturing by The Texas Tribune and StateImpact Texas.

GONZALES — In a dusty lot off the main highway in this South Texas town, Vern Sartin pointed to a collection of hose hookups and large storage tanks used for

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DOWNTOWN STROLL

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midlanders walk down East Wall Street past Midland Tower on Tuesday at sunset.

MIDLAND 101

By Jimmy Patterson

Baptists among first to organize in Midland

With last week's completion and unveiling of the additions at First Baptist Church, it brings to mind the importance of faith that has been a part of Midland since its earliest days.

The Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians were the earliest denominations to establish churches here, in 1885, although a Catholic Mass was celebrated once in a tent in 1881. The Baptists actually were the third Protestant denomination to organize, and visiting Sweetwater pastor J.A. Moore is given credit as being the first person to preach a Baptist sermon in Midland, according to "Land of the High Sky" by John Howard Griffin.

"Religion, widely practiced and dynamic, influenced every phase of life," Griffin wrote. "It left its imprint on the land, the people and the institutions. If one can scarcely imagine the typical West Texas town without its Saturday night dances, its gaming and saloons, neither can one imagine it without its Sunday morning strains of 'My Faith Looks Up to Thee,' and 'Amazing Grace,' followed by the fiery words of the Gospel sung and preached to the distant bawling of a cow somewhere out on the prairie.

"Since no other forms of diversion existed, social life centered around the church. Church suppers, ice cream suppers, Sunday School picnics and bazaars were given not only as a means of getting together but also to raise money."

Baptists were the third congregation to form — Methodists and

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SC man who apologized for racist past dies

Associated Press

Elwin Wilson, the former Ku Klux Klan supporter who publicly apologized for years of violent racism, including the beating of a black Freedom Rider who went on to become a Georgia congressman, has died. He was 76.

Wilson died Thursday at a hospital in South Carolina after a bout with the flu and years of heart and lung problems, said his wife, Judy Wilson.

She told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Sunday that he was relieved he lived long enough to try to make amends for years of racial hatred. He detailed his deeds at length when he called The Herald of Rock Hill to apologize shortly after President Barack Obama's inauguration in 2009.

"He said he had it on his heart for a long time," Judy Wilson said. "He said he wished he could find the ones he mistreated and apologize to them all."

Among his actions were cross burnings; hanging a black doll in a noose at the end of his driveway; flinging cantaloupes at black men walking down Main Street; hurling a jack handle at a black boy jiggling the soda machine in his father's service station; and the brutal beating of U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., at a Rock Hill bus station in 1961.

"His story is a powerful story; his story must not be forgotten," Lewis told The Herald in a telephone interview Saturday. "His story and the way he arrived at his position must be understood, must be told."

Wilson also apologized in several other public venues, including during a meeting with Lewis at the congressman's Capitol Hill office.

In an April 2009 interview with the AP, Wilson tried to explain his remorse.

"All I can say is that it has bothered me for years, all the bad stuff I've done," he said. "And I found out there is no way I could be saved and get to heaven and still not like blacks."

This month, Lewis received apologies from the current police chief of Montgomery, Ala., and the governor. But Wilson's apology remains special.

"He was the first private citizen," Lewis said. "He was the very, very first to come and apologize to me ... for a private citizen to come along and say, 'I'm the one that attacked you; I'm the one who beat you.' It was very meaningful."

Obituaries

Orval R. Steele

Orval R. Steele passed away at his home on March 29, 2013 and went to be with the Lord. Graveside services will be held on Monday, April 1, 2013 at 4:00pm at Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Flowers can be sent to Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home in Midland.

Surviving Orval was his wife Sarah J. Polly, sons Wayne and Don Allen Steele, grandchildren Jason Brown, Ambra Collier, Ryan Steele, Derek Steele, Sarah Steele and Zack Steele. Orval has three great grandchildren whom he loved dearly Kimberly, Jamelynn and Andrew.

Orval was born in Wright City, OK on October 3, 1931. His family moved to Kermit, TX where Orval graduated high school and met his wife Sarah Polly. Orval and Sarah were married in Kermit on May 29, 1952 in the Methodist Church. Shortly after they moved to Midland, TX and raised three children.

Orval retired as Region IV Supervisor after 36 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Department of Public Safety and the people of Texas.

He greatly enjoyed his two grandchildren Jason and Ambra and dedicated all of his mind body and soul to raising them as his very own children. Anyone who knew Orval knew him for his kindness and knew him as a man who did what he could for others. His three great-grandchildren were the light of his life. He spent all the time he had going to school activities, attending birthday parties, soccer games and anything the kids were involved in.

After 32 years of having Orval in my life, he became so much more than just my Grandfather. Father, best friend, confidant, and a lending hand are just a few of the ways to describe the love I have for him. There is no replacing him in this world and Orval will be greatly missed and forever loved by many people.

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

Online condolences can be made to www.npwelch.com.

John Wesley Wright

John Wesley Wright, 69, passed away Sunday, March 10, 2013. He was born January 25, 1944 in Austin, Texas to John Charles and Doris Eloise Wright. Prior to moving to Rockport, Texas, he was a resident of Midland, Texas and a retired mechanical contractor.

He is survived by the love of his life and the mother of his children Judith Gail Wright of Rockport, Texas; three sons John Timothy Wright (Molly) of Midland, Texas, Terrell Lee Wright of Austin, Texas and Tobin Morris Wright of Corpus Christi, Texas and two grandchildren Nik Wright of Austin, Texas and Catherine Wright of Missoula, Montana.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00p.m. on April, 4, 2013 at the Fellowship Community Church, located at 5206 N. Midland Dr. Midland, Texas.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to be sent to CCA Texas or Lonestar Sanctuary for Animals in Midland, TX.

Robert McCary "Bob" Grace

Robert McCary "Bob" Grace was born April 20, 1924, on Easter Sunday, in Montgomery Alabama, the second of three children born to William Maurice Hoskins Grace and Telula "Lula" Binford McCary Grace, and died March 27, 2013 in San Antonio, Texas, surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife of sixty three years, Betty Lou Chandler Grace, his sister Betty Anne Bowles, and five children: daughter Susan Grace Wilson and husband James King Wilson, III; son Robert McCary Grace, Jr.; daughter Nancy Grace Jackson and husband Dr. Mell Charles Jackson, Jr.; son John Charles Grace and wife Jill, and son David Thomas Grace and wife Diana. Grandchildren James King Wilson, IV (Kimberly), Robert Jackson (Jack) Wilson (Morgan), Sarah Jane Wilson, Chandler Garrison Grace, Mell Charles (Charlie) Jackson, III, Henry Hollingsworth Jackson, Caroline Elizabeth Grace, and two Great Grandchildren, James King Wilson, V, and Mary Elizabeth Wilson. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, William (Billy) Maurice Hoskins Grace, and his Aunt, Janie Robinson.

He was raised in Birmingham, Alabama, a fifth generation descendant of the pioneer settlers of that region. In high school, he was president of his senior class, and was an officer in his high school ROTC. He entered the Navy's V-12 program in 1943, and served in China as a Photographer's Mate with the Sino American Cooperative Organization (SACO). He was an active member of the SACO veterans organization, and hosted the 55th reunion of SACO in Midland, in 2010.

Taking advantage of the GI Bill, he received a Masters Degree in Geology from the University of Wyoming in 1951, where he met Betty Lou Chandler, from Corbin, Kentucky. He always said it must have been fate that a girl from Kentucky, and a boy from Alabama, would end up meeting in Laramie, Wyoming.

Bob married Betty Lou in 1950. The next year, he went to work for Stanolind Oil & Gas, in Casper, Wyoming. Soon after, he went to work for Tenneco, and moved the family to Salt Lake City, Utah. In 1958, Tenneco transferred him to Midland, Texas. On the drive from Salt Lake City to Midland, while approaching Levelland, Texas, Betty Lou, who had yet to step foot in Midland, asked if Midland was "this flat," to which Bob replied, "This is hilly compared to Midland". Betty Lou cried. But they grew to love Midland, and remained proud residents for the next 50 years. In 1962, after learning of an impending transfer to Houston, Bob decided that he would not go to Houston, and instead, stayed in Midland as the Exploration Manager for Ashmund & Hilliard. After only a few years, Bob decided to go on his own, and thus began a 40 year career as an independent geologist. He continued to prospect for oil and gas until a few years ago, when he began showing signs of Alzheimer's.

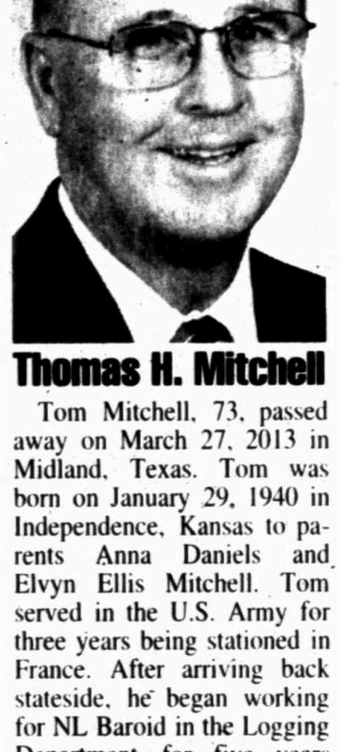
Bob was a member of many professional societies, including the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), the Society of Professional Earth Scientists (SIPES), and the West Texas Geological Society (WTGS). The WTGS honored Bob with its Pioneer Award. Bob also served as Editor of Oil & Gas Fields of West Texas Volume V.

Bob and Betty Lou joined St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church in the early 60's. He served enthusiastically as Senior Warden, Eucharistic Lay Minister, Sunday School Teacher and on the Building Committee for their new church on Loop 250. He insisted that materials used to build the new church be natural, and, where possible, from the West Texas region. The limestone used throughout the church was excavated from a quarry in Garden City, Texas.

Bob was an active leader in the Boy Scouts, serving as Scout Master of Troop 85. He taught the Geology Merit Badge at Buffalo Trails Scout Ranch for many years. He also led several trips to Philmont Scout Ranch, and there, was honored with the Walking Woodbadge award.

Bob was an avid swimmer, and supporter of City of Midland Aquatics (COM) for more than 30 years. He swam a mile every day until only a few years ago. He claimed that the reason he swam was so that he didn't have to ever skip a dessert.

In 2011, he moved to Colonial Gardens in San Antonio, where he received wonderful care. The family would like to give special thanks to the staff at Colonial Gardens, especially Peaches Hall. A private Memorial Service was held on March 30, 2013 at St. Marks' Episcopal Church in San Antonio under the direction of the Reverend Michael Chalk. A Memorial Service will be held in Midland at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church on Monday, April 1, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., under the direction of the Reverend John Watson, assisted by the Reverend James Liggett. A reception will follow the services in the Parish Hall. Bob will be interred in the columbarium at St. Marks' in San Antonio. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org).



Thomas H. Mitchell

Tom Mitchell, 73, passed away on March 27, 2013 in Midland, Texas. Tom was born on January 29, 1940 in Independence, Kansas to parents Anna Daniels and Elvyn Ellis Mitchell. Tom served in the U.S. Army for three years being stationed in France. After arriving back stateside, he began working for NL Baroid in the Logging Department for five years and then transferred to Baroid's Drilling Fluids Department. Tom and Beth were married in Casper, Wyoming June 19, 1971, after which Tom was transferred to Vernal, Utah for four years before moving to Midland in 1975. With the training Tom and Beth both had working for Baroid, they started their own company West Texas Drilling Fluids, Inc. in February 1986, which became United Drilling Fluids, LLC in 2005. Tom was still active in the day-to-day operations of United Drilling Fluids, LLC until December 31, 2012. Tom was a 32° Master Mason and belonged to Midland Masonic Lodge No. 623, El Paso Scottish Rite Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star Norman Read Chapter #1010, Society of Petroleum Engineers and American Association of Drilling Engineers. Tom and Beth organized and began the Scottish Heritage Society of the Permian Basin in 1996 which became the Celtic Heritage Society of the Permian Basin in 2002.

He is preceded in death by his parents, daughter Heather Lynne Mitchell of Midland, and brother Melvyn Mitchell of Kansas.

Survivors include his wife of 41 years Beth Mitchell, and grandchildren Genna Leigh Anne Mitchell of Moran, Kansas and Andrew Thomas Mitchell of Midland, brothers Loren Mitchell and wife Bobbie, Carl Lee Mitchell and wife Elanie and Wayne Mitchell, sisters Theda Pentlin and Linda Simpson all of Kansas.

A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Midland on Monday, April 1, 2013 at 3:00pm with Reverend Steve Schorr officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be directed to First Presbyterian Church Mission Fund, 800 West Texas Avenue, Midland, TX 79701; Hospice of Midland, 911 West Texas Street, Midland, TX 79701; or the charity of one's choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Death Notices

James "Jim" Arthur Barron

James "Jim" Arthur Barron, age 60, of Odessa, died Thursday, March 28, 2013 at Medical Center Hospital.

Survivors are his wife of nine years: Jacklyn "Jackie" (Moorefield) Barron of Odessa; brother: Norman Reese "Sonny" Barron of Harrah, OK; three sisters: Barbara Legg of Oklahoma City, OK, Rita Houghton of Odessa, and Donna Steele of Midland; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great-nephews.

Memorial services for Jim will be held at a later date. Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel, 8115 W. University, Odessa.

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New Mexico faces potentially devastating wildfire season

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — New Mexico is facing a potentially devastating wildfire season this year after experiencing record-setting fires over the past two years.

This season is shaping up to be one of the worst as a decade of drought drains moisture from forests and average temperatures continue to rise, the Albuquerque Journal reported.

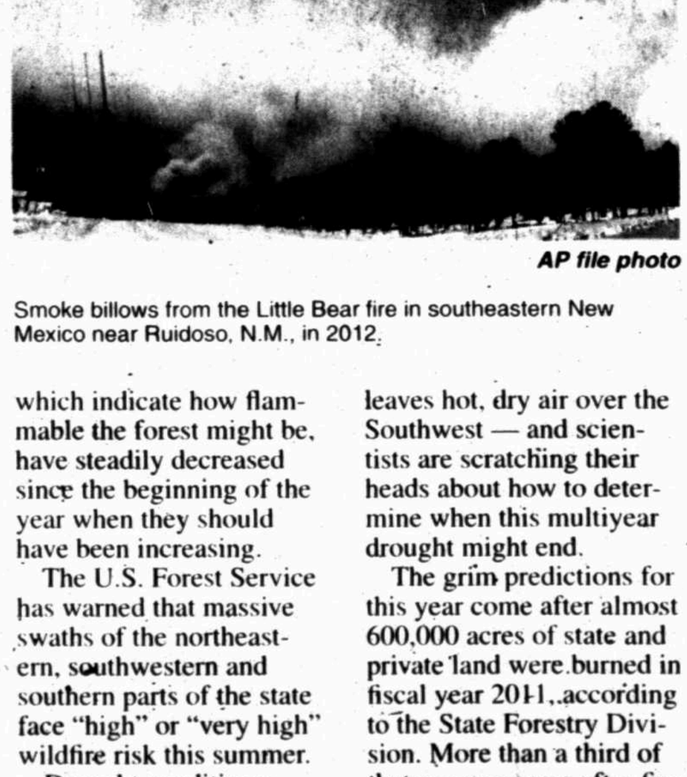
"We've had a pretty lackluster winter, but we don't know what it's going to be like this spring," said New Mexico State Forestry spokesman Dan Ware. "We hope for the best but prepare for the worst."

Officials said several factors present a dire picture for the state.

Seven of New Mexico's 13 reservoirs contained less than a third of their average levels as of March 1, and two others barely made it to the midpoint.

Mountain snowpack was between one-fourth and three-fourths of average in all but the northwestern corner of the state at the beginning of March.

Fuel moisture levels, which indicate how flammable the forest might be, have steadily decreased since the beginning of the year when they should have been increasing.



AP file photo

Smoke billows from the Little Bear fire in southeastern New Mexico near Ruidoso, N.M., in 2012.

The U.S. Forest Service has warned that massive swaths of the northeastern, southwestern and southern parts of the state face "high" or "very high" wildfire risk this summer.

Drought conditions have persisted this year despite the absence of "La Nina" — a Pacific Ocean phenomenon that leaves hot, dry air over the Southwest — and scientists are scratching their heads about how to determine when this multiyear drought might end.

The grim predictions for this year come after almost 600,000 acres of state and private land were burned in fiscal year 2011, according to the State Forestry Division. More than a third of that acreage came after fire starts from equipment like faulty catalytic converters, vehicle emissions and blown tires.

REGIONROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ARIZONA

Officials: Tax scheme in Camp Verde jail stopped

PRESCOTT — Officials say 11 inmates at a Camp Verde jail are facing criminal charges for participating in a scheme to defraud the U.S. government out of thousands of dollars while still behind bars.

The Daily Courier quoted Yavapai County Sheriff Scott Mascher as saying the scheme was stopped after workers in the jail's mailroom noticed unusual amounts of mail to and from the Internal Revenue Service.

Authorities said the scheme was aimed at using the identities of other prisoners to file tax returns requesting unwarranted refunds from the IRS.

The plan was for inmates whose identities had been used to kick back to two alleged scheme organizers about $1,000 of the refund money they received. The refunds would have been placed on untraceable debit cards.

The inmates who have been accused in the scheme face charges ranging from conspiracy to fraudulent schemes.

Authorities said the scheme was led by inmates Justin Eugene Shaw Young, 27, and Edward Borboa, 47.

Borboa is alleged to have explained to Young how the scheme worked. Young is accused of running the scheme and attempting to file 60 bogus tax returns asking for over $300,000 in refunds.

Investigators said the inmates believed they would be able to legitimately claim they had done nothing wrong if caught, because Young had filled out and signed the tax returns for them.

Authorities searching Young's records said they found he had handwritten detailed instructions on how the scheme was to be run, spreadsheets with fake business information and numerous people's names and Social Security numbers.

A report issued in December by the U.S. Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration said these types of tax fraud schemes run by prisoners has gone up sharply in the last few years, from prisoners claiming $166 million in fraudulent tax returns in 2007 to $757 million in 2010, the last year for which data is available.

NEW MEXICO

Suit over Rio Grande water put on hold

ALBUQUERQUE — A judge has put New Mexico's lawsuit against the federal government over Rio Grande water management on hold while the U.S. Supreme Court decides whether to take up a separate lawsuit by Texas against New Mexico.

The Albuquerque Journal reported that U.S. District Court Judge James Browning ruled Friday that Texas' lawsuit might render the issues in the state-federal lawsuit moot. The litigation revolves around water flowing out of Elephant Butte Reservoir to farms and cities in southern New Mexico and northwest Texas.

New Mexico alleged the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation was releasing water from Elephant Butte for use in Texas that really belonged to New Mexico.

Texas alleged groundwater pumping in the Hatch and Mesilla valleys of southern New Mexico was draining the Rio Grande.

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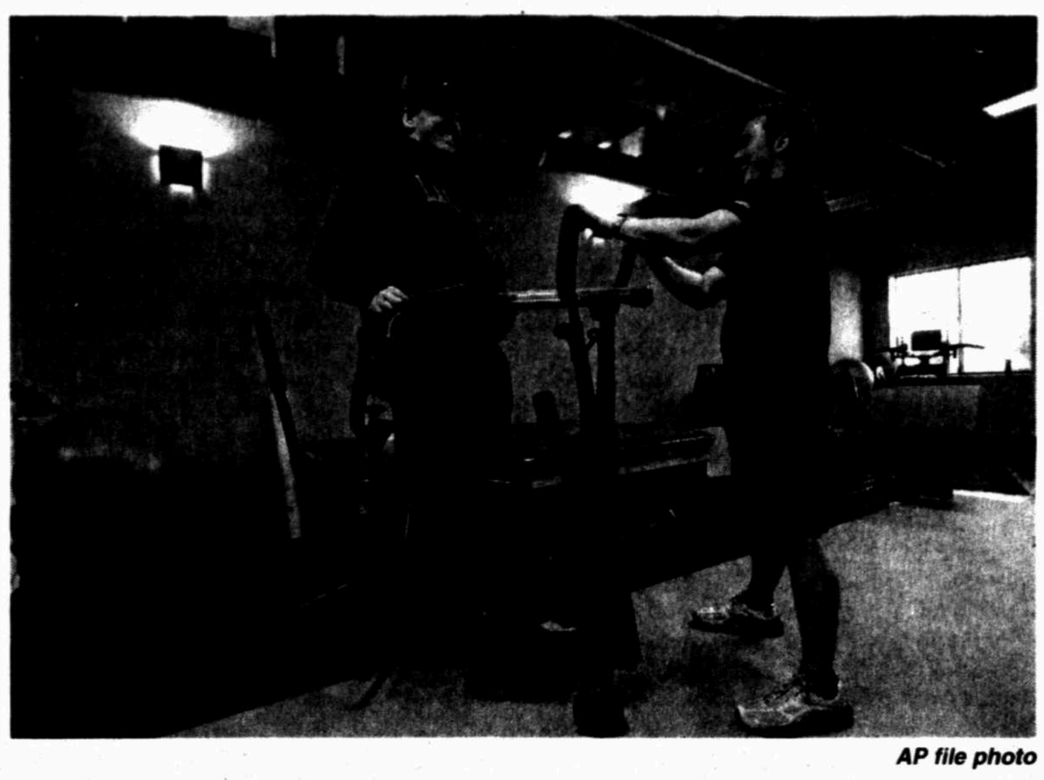
Paralyzed ex-athlete helps others

Associated Press

CLAREMONT, Calif. — As he rolls through the front door of the sprawling Claremont Club fitness center and shouts a friendly hello here and there, for just a moment it's as if nothing has changed since Hal Hargrave Jr. was the big, friendly teenage gym rat who haunted this place.



AP file photo

Hal Hargrave Jr., left, who is paralyzed from the neck down after a car crash when he was 17, shares a laugh with his trainer Chris Fitzgerald during his physical therapy session at a gym in Claremont, Calif., on Dec. 19, 2012. After years of grueling physical therapy, Hargrave started the nonprofit Be Perfect Foundation and raised $2 million to help other young people who couldn't afford the same kind of rehabilitation program made available to him.

The burly Hargrave's head was filled with dreams of playing college baseball as he strode into the gym, stretched out on a bench and pressed 300 pounds above his body. Again and again.

He's still big and burly, his arms still muscular and he still works out nearly every day. Only these days Hargrave uses that strength to move his wheelchair in and out of the gym, where he still works out 20 hours a week and knows just about everybody in the place.

These days, though, Hargrave's goal is to get walking again, something he lost the ability to do on July 26, 2007, when he swerved his truck to avoid debris in the road. It flipped four times, the cab collapsing on him and snapping his spine. It left him paralyzed from the neck down.

The irony is never lost on Hargrave that he was delivering handicapped-accessible bathroom doors as part of a summer job. If it was a sign to a strapping 17-year-old athlete that his life was headed in the wrong direction, it would seem to have been a particularly harsh one, but Hargrave doesn't see it that way.

"Some people call me crazy for putting it this way, but I have been given a gift," the talkative, friendly 23-year-old said with a smile over lunch at the gym's small cafe. "They see this as an ailment. I don't."

He sees it instead as something that gave him a chance to help others, to have his life truly make a difference.

It inspired him to create the Be Perfect Foundation, a nonprofit charity that has raised $1.2 million to provide wheelchairs, make homes more accessible and, most importantly, keep more than 100 people in rehabilitation programs they otherwise couldn't afford.

All of which would have been pretty impressive if Hargrave had just stopped there. But he didn't.

He persuaded the Claremont Club president to turn a racquetball court and a basketball court into a wing for people with paralyzing injuries. Then he got Project Walk, a spinal rehabilitation center where he'd been treated, to open its first franchise in this bucolic college town 35 miles east of Los Angeles for those who couldn't make the commute to its San Diego area headquarters.

"Here's a 17-year-old boy who had a debilitating, life-changing accident," said Mike Alpert, who runs the Claremont Club and whose daughter has known Hargrave since the two were in kindergarten. "So many people that go through that would give up. Would be depressed. Would blame everybody else. Here's a young man who just said, 'I have a calling to change the world and to help people through what's happening to me. And then he goes out and does it! How special is that?"

"He's an amazing young man," echoes Devorah Lieberman, president of University of La Verne, where Hargrave is a full-time student.

Although he hasn't regained full use of his fingers (he fist bumps rather than shakes hands), he's gotten back enough to take notes on his iPad. He maintains a near-perfect 3.8 grade point average.

Lieberman will never forget the first time they met two years ago at a basketball rally. Hargrave, never known to be shy, rolled up and introduced himself. He told her how he'd been hurt and she expressed her condolences.

"And he said to me, 'DO NOT be sorry! It was a blessing.'"

Then he gave her a Be Perfect bracelet that she wears to this day.

Not that the road back from the accident was easy.

"It was very touch and go the first two weeks," recalled his father, Hal Hargrave Sr., who still chokes up when he talks about what his son has overcome and accomplished. "They had him on breathing machines. He got pneumonia. ... We didn't know if he was going to stay with us or not."

Hargrave himself thought he would die as he lay trapped in the truck. Those stories about your life passing before you, he said, are true.

Although he's big and strong again, nerve damage keeps his body in a near perpetual state of motion, giving the impression he's fidgeting uncomfortably in his chair although he really feels little.

Given only a 1 to 3 percent chance of walking again, he threw himself into rehabilitation with the same fervor that once made him a high school sports star. Gradually movement returned to his shoulders, then his arms and hands. Lately he's started to get some in his legs, as well.

"It's nothing that's too controlled movement yet, but it's coming back and I'm doing things that doctors are in disbelief about," he said happily.

It was after one of his arduous rehabilitation sessions, where limbs are yanked and twisted and bodies are placed in expensive machinery to simulate walking, that an epiphany led to his foundation.

Brian O'Neil, an electrician who had suffered a similar injury in a dirt-bike crash, told him he wouldn't see him again.

He'd lost his job, was about to lose his house, didn't have insurance and couldn't afford any more rehabilitation.

"For such a young man he's very — I can't even find the words to mention the kind of guy Little Hal is," O'Neil, using the nickname close friends call Hargrave by, says emotionally. "He's just a great kid."

NATION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

VIRGINIA

3 killed in 75-vehicle pileup

GALAX — About 75 vehicles crashed Sunday along a mountainous, foggy stretch of interstate near the Virginia-North Carolina border, killing three people and injuring more than 20 others, police said.

Traffic backed up for about 8 miles in the southbound lanes of I-77 in southwest Virginia. Authorities closed the northbound lanes so that fire trucks, ambulances and police could get to the wreck.

A series of crashes began around 1:15 p.m. Sunday in the area of Fancy Gap Mountain. There was heavy fog at the time and photos of the scene after the accident showed poor visibility.

Several vehicles caught fire in the wreck, but the blaze was put out, Virginia State Police spokeswoman Corinne Geller said.

It wasn't immediately clear how bad the injuries were or how long the interstate would be closed. Tow trucks worked to clear some of the wrecked cars and trucks.

Motorists were advised to seek alternate routes.

NEVADA

5 in Calif. family killed in crash identified

RENO — The names of five Southern California family members killed in a southern Nevada traffic crash have been released.

The Clark County coroner's office identified them Sunday as 41-year-old Genaro Fernandez, of Norwalk, Calif.; 49-year-old Raudel Fernandez-Avila and 53-year-old Belen Fernandez, both of Lynwood, Calif.; and 13-year-old Angela Sandoval and 45-year-old Leonardo Fernandez-Avila, both of Los Angeles.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Today in Midland history

On April 1, 1968, The United States Supreme Court decided in Avery v. Midland County that commissioners' precincts must be redrawn as necessary to maintain a generally equal population within the four precincts. The court based its decision on the principle of "one man, one vote."

Today is April Fools' Day

An observance that takes place in many western countries every April 1, traditionally known as April Fools' Day or All Fools' Day. It's a day when humor reigns and harmless pranks, practical jokes and hoaxes are sanctioned. Customary practices range from simple tricks played on friends, family, and coworkers to elaborate media hoaxes concocted for mass consumption.

Source: http://urbanlegends.about.com

Meetings today

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

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Midland Parkinson Support Group, 6:30 p.m., HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, 699-6640.

■ For miscarriage grief recovery, call 570-5935.

■ For post-abortion healing, call 570-5935.

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

Parkinson's disease awareness

There are two events planned in conjunction with Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month.

City Councilman John James will be at HealthSouth classroom 6:30 p.m. Monday to recognize the efforts of the American Parkinson's Disease Association in promoting awareness and providing information and education.

The Midland chapter of the APDA will be at Citibank Ballpark April 27 during the RockHounds game to provide information about the disease.

For more information, email midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com.

Community calendar

■ Midland Quilters Guild is to meet 7 p.m. April 9 and 1 p.m. April 10 at Alamo Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The film "Stitched," about quilters working to finish pieces before a Houston quilt festival, will be shown.

For more information call 694-0561.

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. April 18.

This month's featured book is "Do Unto Others: A Book About Manners." Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served.

To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

Talk show schedules

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

KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)
6-10 a.m. Morning Show with Craig Anderson
10 a.m.-noon. Neal Boortz (till Jan 21, then Herman Cain)
Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
5-6 p.m. Jason Moore
6-8 p.m. Jerry Doyle
8-11 p.m. Mike Savage
11 p.m.-6 a.m. The Music of Your Life
Web: http://www.kwel.com

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

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DISPOSAL

From 1A

collecting wastewater from hydraulic fracturing jobs.

"We run about 30 to 40 trucks a day, 24-7," Sartin said. "Depending on how the oil fracking is going out there, if they're hustling and bustling, then we're hustling and bustling."

Sartin is a watchman at a disposal well operated by Gulf Coast Acquisitions, where each day oil and gas companies dispose of wastewater by pumping it deep underground.

Wastewater disposal wells such as this one are becoming a common landmark in the drilling regions of Texas as the water-intensive practice of hydraulic fracturing continues to spread. In the fracturing process, several million gallons of water, combined with sand and chemicals, are sent down a well to break up rock and retrieve oil and gas. Some of the fluid comes back up, along with additional underground water.

Most of this wastewater is trucked to disposal wells and injected thousands of feet underground for permanent storage. But those wells have caused concern about truck traffic, accidents and the possibility for spills and groundwater contamination.

Texas oil and gas regulators may soon tighten the rules for the construction of the wells, and they are encouraging drilling companies to reduce waste by recycling more water.

Here and at other sites with big disposal wells, dozens of trucks a day roll in to pump out wastewater. Typically a dark, relatively thick liquid smelling of sulfur, and containing chemicals and minerals, the wastewater generally has high salinity. Sometimes, it contains low levels of radiation.

The wastewater goes into a pit, then into a separator tank that allows the remaining oil to surface. Workers then skim the oil and sell it.

The amount of wastewater being disposed of in Texas wells has skyrocketed with the spread of hydraulic fracturing, to nearly 3.5 billion barrels in 2011 from 46 million barrels in 2005, according to data from the Railroad Commission of Texas, the state's oil and gas regulator. On average, companies in Texas dispose of 290 million barrels of wastewater — equivalent to about 18,500 Olympic-size swimming pools — each month.

The state has more than 8,000 active disposal wells, about 850 of which are large commercial operations, according to the Railroad Commission. That is far more than other drilling states such as Pennsylvania or Ohio. Texas has another 25,000 wells that accept waste fluids and use them to retrieve additional oil and gas.

It can take months for a company to obtain a permit for a disposal well because they are controversial. This week, for example, the three railroad commissioners delayed a decision on whether to grant a permit for a disposal well in Palo Pinto County, about 70 miles west of Fort Worth.

The commissioners asked about the well's proximity to tributaries of the Brazos River, the longest river in Texas and a major source of water. The commission's own records show that last year it approved 72 percent of applications for disposal well permits.

"We have to have disposal wells presently," said Barry Smitherman, the commission chairman. He added, "If we don't continue to permit disposal wells, then that means that trucks have to drive longer distances to haul flow-back water, which leads to the deterioration of roadways and potential accidents."

A review of complaints to the commission showed several reports of trees and vegetation being killed by wastewater spills from leaky pumps, storage pits and storage tanks. In parts of the Barnett Shale drilling area, in North Texas, scientists have linked disposal wells to earthquakes.

In one instance, a Texas disposal well contaminated an aquifer, according to Christi Craddick, a recently elected railroad commissioner.

"It was an operator who didn't do his due diligence and was a bad actor," she said. "The remediation's been going on for a while."

Craddick said wastewater from the well escaped into groundwater nearby. The leak was found in 2005 and affected an aquifer called the Pecos River Cenozoic Alluvium, according to the Railroad Commission.

"Occasionally it happens, but not very often, thankfully, given the number of wells we drill all over the state," Craddick said.

The company behind the well had its permit revoked by the commission and has gone into bankruptcy, she said.

Another concern is that wastewater injected into the ground might shoot into a nearby abandoned oil well. Texas has thousands of abandoned wells left from the wildcatting days of the last century, and the Railroad Commission is trying to plug them.

"We've been drilled up like crazy out here," said Slate Williams, the general manager of the Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District in the Permian Basin.

In a few instances, Williams added, "they'll be in a field where they are pumping some of these old wells, and they have an injection in one part of it, and all of a sudden something happens and there's this big leak and it shoots up though the well, and the neighbor's water well starts getting salty."

Disposal well operators are generally required to leave at least 250 feet of impermeable rock or clay between "usable quality water" and the area where the wastewater will be injected.

When applying for a permit, they must also promise to survey (and plug, if necessary) all wells within a quarter mile. But some older oil wells may not be in state databases, according to Ronald Green, a scientist with the Southwest Research Institute, a nonprofit organization based in San Antonio that has done research on hydraulic fracturing and groundwater.

Green also said that "when you inject fluids, they may not only go a quarter mile, they may go a fair bit further than that."

Railroad Commission records show at least five violations against disposal wells last year for the improper plugging of old wells.

Regulators are in the early stages of tightening requirements for disposal wells. A Railroad Commission memo last May cited the "issue of insufficient surface casing," meaning cemented piping, in the disposal wells as they bore through aquifers on their way to deeper geologic formations.

The overhauled rules would probably include stricter requirements for the casing of wells and more detailed surveying and plugging of nearby wells (both active and abandoned) to protect water supplies and prevent wastewater from escaping. The rules could also require that groundwater district managers be notified of a new disposal well permit application. Smitherman said he hoped the proposals would be ready around May so that updated rules could be adopted during the summer.

Recycling more water from hydraulic fracturing operations could slow the growth of disposal wells. The Railroad Commission approved new rules this week aimed at making it easier to recycle. However, recycling technology is expensive compared with dumping wastewater at one of Texas' many disposal wells, and its use remains minimal.

BUDGET

From 1A

bills unpaid, so this this year have they've tacked on $6.6 billion to the current budget, and budget-writers in the House want to add at least $765 million more.

Spending extra funds this year gives Republicans some political cover for the boost in spending over the next two years. Since all calculations are based on what the Legislature actually spends in this biennium — not what was budgeted in 2011 — the boost in spending this year allows lawmakers to spend even more over the next two years.

For example, the Texas Constitution limits the amount the Legislature can spend to the expected rate of economic growth, which is 10.71 percent over the next two years. Since the Legislature will likely spend $88.5 in this budget cycle, the cap for 2014-2015 is $97.35 billion.

Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst have both said that limit is not good enough. They have promised to limit government spending to Texas' population growth plus inflation, which is forecast to be 8 percent in 2014-15. As long as they stay under $95.58 billion, they will claim to have passed a conservative budget.

Democrats have repeatedly called on the Legislature to spend more on public education, and they will likely claim some victories. House budget-writers want to restore $500 million to the public education budget this year and another $2.5 billion in the next budget — still less than what was cut in 2011, but better than nothing.

Rep. Jim Pitts, the chief budget-writer in the House, hasn't ruled out adding more.

"The more I talk to the House members, it is the priority of the Texas House, both Republicans and Democrats, to restore public education," the Waxahachie Republican said.

Yet Democrats are unlikely to win much more money. If you take the $101.4 billion, subtract the $7.8 billion spent in the current budget and the $93.5 billion that the House is expected to approve on Thursday that leaves only about $98 million left over.

Democrats have called on the Legislature to tap the $12 billion rainy day fund to make up for the 2011 cuts in public education, but Republicans don't appear interested. Republican leaders want to use some of that money to start a $2 billion water infrastructure fund and set aside at least another $1 billion for roads. They also plan to spend that money in a way that it doesn't show up as part of this session's budget, which would take them over the constitutional spending limit.

After the House passes the budget on Thursday, it goes to a conference committee, where lawmakers will hammer out a final version before the session ends May 27.

Gov. Perry aims for gun makers to come to Texas

By Reeve Hamilton
Texas Tribune

Gov. Rick Perry speaks wistfully — almost lovingly — about a rifle he recently fired while he was at a range in Leander owned by the manufacturer LaRue Tactical. "I'm incredibly passionate about a well-made piece of equipment," Perry said in a phone interview last week, "whether it's an automobile or a weapon."

After the visit, LaRue posted Perry's results online. From 100 yards away, the governor took three shots and skillfully grouped them together — two shots hit the same spot — mere millimeters from the center of the target.

"That was pretty good wasn't it?" Perry said, though he reserved most of the credit for the machinery. "If you don't have a very well-made weapon, then I don't care how steady your aim, how controlled your breathing or how smooth your trigger pull is."

As debates over gun control intensify across the nation, Perry and some of his colleagues in the Texas Legislature are pushing to have more weapons of this sort made in the state. Perry said his office has sent letters to 34 different firearms and accessories manufacturers in other states, particularly where stricter gun and ammunition laws are being considered or passed, encouraging them to relocate to Texas.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz have made similar overtures to out-of-state companies, including Beretta USA in Maryland and Smith & Wesson in Massachusetts. The effort is not limited to a letter-writing campaign. State Sen. Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls, has filed a bill that would formally add incentive programs for gun manufacturers to the state's economic development statute.

"Gun manufacturers and people in that industry have been under attack by states who are threatening their Second Amendment rights," Estes said. "We want them to realize that Texas is open for business and Texas is a gun-friendly state."

When the legislation was considered recently before the Senate Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security Committee, no one testified against it. One committee member, Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, voted against the bill, but his opposition had less to do with guns and more to do with giving the governor what Uresti called "a blank check to offer a variety of tax exemptions and other incentives" to such manufacturers.

Uresti, whose committee vote means the bill will likely be debated by the full Senate, rather than sliding through on the little-scrutinized local and uncontested calendar, argued that any businesses desiring to move to Texas should share the full burden of financing state services.

"According to the comptroller's office, such tax breaks this year will cost the state $37.7 billion and school districts $6.2 billion in lost revenue," he said. "I'm not against attracting gun and ammunition manufacturers to Texas."

Perry said he does not need legislation to use state resources to recruit businesses to Texas; his activities related to gun-makers are just a part of his overall economic development strategy.

But, he added, "often there are pieces of legislation that get filed that send a message."

Even the state's gun control advocates concede that Texas is gun-friendly.

Marsha McCartney, president of the Texas Chapters of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, conceded that Texas is "a few election cycles away from passing laws like they did in Colorado."

Lawmakers there recently passed bills limiting ammunition magazine capacity and requiring background checks for all gun purchasers. The move prompted gun accessory manufacturer Magpul Industries to announce on Facebook that it would begin its "transition out of the state." Perry has been courting the company heavily.

McCartney said she did not have particular concerns about more weapons-related businesses moving to the state. "I'm sure they will follow the laws in Texans," she said, "just like all Texans will have to follow the federal laws."

The success of Texas' recruitment efforts may hinge on how the federal gun control debate shakes out.

"If there was a federal ban on certain types of firearms, it wouldn't matter where you were," said Joe Bartozzi, senior vice president and general counsel for Connecticut-based gun manufacturer O.F. Mossberg & Sons.

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Presbyterians being the first — but they were the first to actually build a house of worship. The charter members voted on an annual salary of $125 for their new pastor, Rev. S.B. Callaway, in 1885. The Baptists' first home was at the corner of North Marienfeld Street and West Illinois Avenue, but since Callaway was able to appear only once a month to preach, the church voted to loan the building out to other congregations on the Sundays that the preacher was elsewhere, according to an article in the Midland Reporter-Telegram's Centennial edition.

Callaway's salary grew to $500 annually and the service schedule to twice monthly. Callaway would soon leave Midland and his successor, Rev. Leander Millican, oversaw the relocation of the church to North Main Street and Illinois Avenue. At the time, the intersection was called "Baptist Corner." The church remained in that location for 50 years before moving to its present location, at Garfield Street and Louisiana Avenue.

It didn't take long for First Baptist Church to establish itself as the largest congregation in Midland. In 1900, its rolls grew to 363, which represented a larger congregation than all other churches in Midland combined.

Excerpted from Patterson's forthcoming book, "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas."

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Texas DA, wife slain in home; had armed himself

Associated Press

KAUFMAN — Kaufman County District Attorney Mike McLelland took no chances after one of his assistant prosecutors was gunned down two months ago. McLelland said he carried a gun everywhere he went and was extra careful when answering the door at his home.

"I'm ahead of everybody else because, basically, I'm a soldier," the 23-year Army veteran said in an interview less than two weeks ago.

On Saturday, he and his wife were found shot to death in their rural home just outside the town of Forney, about 20 miles from Dallas.

While investigators gave no motive for the killings, Forney Mayor Darren Rozell said: "It appears this was not a random act."

"Everybody's a little on edge and a little shocked," he said.

The slayings came less than two weeks after Colorado's prison chief was shot to death at his front door, apparently by an ex-convict, and a couple of months after Kaufman County Assistant District Attorney Mark Hasse was killed in a parking lot a block from his courthouse office. No arrests have been made in Hasse's slaying Jan. 31.

High court poised to upend civil rights policies

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Has the nation lived down its history of racism and should the law become colorblind?

Addressing two pivotal legal issues, one on affirmative action and a second on voting rights, a divided Supreme Court is poised to answer those questions.

In one case, the issue is whether race preferences in university admissions undermine equal opportunity more than they promote the benefits of racial diversity. Just this past week, justices signaled their interest in scrutinizing affirmative action very intensely, expanding their review as well to a Michigan law passed by voters that bars "preferential treatment" to students based on race. Separately in a second case, the court must decide whether race relations — in the South, particularly — have improved to the point that federal laws protecting minority voting rights are no longer warranted.

The questions are apt as the United States closes in on a demographic tipping point, when nonwhites will become a majority of the nation's population for the first time. That dramatic shift is expected to be reached within the next generation, and how the Supreme Court rules could go a long way in determining what civil rights and equality mean in an America long divided by race.

The court's five conservative justices seem ready to declare a new post-racial moment, pointing to increased levels of voter registration and turnout among blacks to show that the South has changed. Lower federal courts just in the past year had seen things differently, blunting voter ID laws and other election restrictions passed by GOP-controlled legislatures in South Carolina, Texas and Florida, which they saw as discriminatory.

"Whenever a society adopts racial entitlements, it is very difficult to get out of them through the normal political processes," Justice Antonin Scalia said in oral arguments earlier this year, suggesting that it was the high court's responsibility to overturn voting protections overwhelmingly passed by Congress in 2006.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, part of the court's more liberal wing, countered that while conventional discriminatory tactics may have faded, new ones have emerged. "Congress said up front: We know that the (voter) registration is fine. That is no longer the problem. But the discrimination continues in other forms," she said.

The legal meanings of "equality," "racism" and "discrimination" have been in flux since at least 1883, when justices struck down a federal anti-discrimination law, calling it an unfair racial advantage for former black slaves. Today, justices face the question of whether the nation has reached equality by a 1960s definition or some new standard.

By some demographic measures, America has reached a new era. But the latest census data and polling from The Associated Press also show race and class disparities that persist.

AP file photo

University of Texas senior Bradley Poole poses for a photo on campus near the Martin Luther King Jr. statue in Austin on March 5. Poole, an advertising major, became president of the school's Black Student Alliance, seeking camaraderie after noticing he often was the only African-American in his classes. In two pivotal legal cases, one on affirmative action and another on voting rights, a divided U.S. Supreme Court may be poised in the coming weeks to rule that racism is largely a relic of America's past. The question is apt as the nation nears a demographic tipping point, when non-whites become the country's majority for the first time.

President Barack Obama, the nation's first black chief executive, was re-elected in November despite a historically low percentage of white supporters. He was aided by a growing bloc of blacks, Hispanics, Asian-Americans and gays, and a disproportionate share of women, who together supported him by at least a 2-to-1 margin.

Another sign of shifting times: Among newborns, minorities outnumbered whites for the first time last year, the Census Bureau reported. "The end of the world as straight white males know it," one newspaper headline said on the morning after the November election.

Still, issues linger by race, age and class:

■ Jobs and income

Black poverty has fallen by half since 1959, to 27.6 percent, but is still nearly three times the poverty rate of whites. Black and Hispanic men are twice as likely as whites to work in the low-paying service sector. Since the 1970s, the unemployment rate for blacks has remained double that of whites.

■ Wealth

The wealth gap between whites and minorities is at its widest since 1984. Predominantly younger minorities were hit hard when home prices fell, while older whites were more likely to invest in 401(k) retirement plans and stocks, which have rebounded since the recession. The median net worth of white households was $113,149 in 2009, compared with $6,325 for Hispanics and $5,677 for blacks.

■ Class, education

By some measures, the gap between rich and poor has stretched to its widest since 1967. Globalization and automation have eliminated many mid-skill jobs, leaving a polarized pool of low-wage work and high-skill jobs requiring advanced degrees. About 40 percent of whites age 25-29 graduate from college, compared with 15 percent for Latinos and 23 percent for blacks.

■ Racial bias

Prejudice against blacks worsened slightly in the four years since Obama was first elected in 2008, according to an AP poll. In all, 51 percent of Americans expressed explicit anti-black attitudes, compared with 48 percent in 2008. Questions designed to ferret out subconscious bias raised the proportion with anti-black sentiments to 56 percent, and the share of people expressing pro-black attitudes fell.

Roderick Harrison, a demographer who is black, said he felt pride in Obama's re-election, which to him reaffirmed a historic achievement not only for black Americans but also a broader coalition of racially diverse groups. Still, he worries that demographic change and Obama's success may lead to a tipping point in the opposite direction, where people in the United States are led to assume racial equality has fully arrived.

The strength of minority support behind Obama was aided by the 1965 Voting Rights Act and other protections, he said.

The term "minority" often refers to an unequal or disadvantaged status and isn't always about numbers or counts, said Harrison, a former chief of racial statistics at the Census Bureau. The District of Columbia, Hawaii, California, New Mexico and Texas already have populations of racial and ethnic minorities that collectively add up to more than 50 percent. Across the U.S., more than 11 percent of counties have tipped to "majority-minority" status.

"Minority status is a matter of exclusion from full participation in society, remaining long after a nation becomes 'majority minority,'" Harrison said.

To Bradley Poole, 21, a senior at the University of Texas at Austin, racial progress is measured by the little things. An advertising major, Poole became a member and then president of the school's Black Student Alliance, seeking camaraderie after noticing he often was the only African-American in his classes.

"I definitely feel the difference," he said.

The university automatically grants admission to the top 10 percent of students in each of the state's high schools. That helps bring in students of different backgrounds because Texas high schools are highly racially segregated, reflecting decades of segregated neighborhoods.

In a state where blacks now make up 11.5 percent of the population and Hispanics 38 percent, the university's enrollment of 50,000 students never rose above 3 percent to 4.5 percent black and 13 percent to 17 percent Hispanic. So in 2004 it decided to allow students who miss the 10 percent cutoff to be considered for admission based on a range of socioeconomic factors, including race.

The share of black students has since increased slightly to 6 percent, while Hispanic enrollment rose to 26 percent.

The university's affirmative action plan is being challenged in the Supreme Court by Abigail Fisher, a white student who missed the cutoff and was rejected. Fisher said she was denied fair consideration because of her race.

A 2003 Supreme Court opinion said universities may consider race only as one of several factors to promote diversity. The court said diversity benefits everyone because in a global economy it fosters leaders who can relate to people of different backgrounds.

In the last week, justices also agreed to take up a second affirmative action case this year, deciding whether states may pass laws that restrict the use of race preferences in college admissions.

That case involves an appeal to a lower court ruling that found a 2006 voter-approved ban in Michigan unconstitutional, reasoning that such bans put minorities at a disadvantage.

The justices' decision to hear the Michigan case next fall — with their decision in the Texas case still to be announced this spring — suggests that the court will not decide in the Texas case to eliminate affirmative action programs in higher education.

In the seven or so states that enacted bans on affirmative action at their public universities, freshman enrollments of blacks and Hispanics almost always fell afterward — as much as 50 percent at UCLA and the University of California, Berkeley — although in some cases they later rebounded. Those states now include Arizona, California, Florida, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oklahoma and Washington. A Supreme Court ruling that further restricts affirmative action could shake up college admissions policies nationwide, perhaps shifting focus to low-income students or low-performing schools.

Before opting to enroll at Texas, Poole said he considered attending a mostly white university in Iowa and a historically black college in Louisiana. The college course he now values the most: an advertising seminar that he attended along with a Hispanic, a female student-athlete and an Asian-American. No one in that class was a "minority," he said, and there was a range of perspectives.

Outside class, Poole said his organization has experienced racial incidents. One white student ran up in "blackface" to where members were gathered on campus, daring them to respond. A legal brief filed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on behalf of Poole's group lists other racial incidents in recent years, some of which led to suspensions or public apologies.

Not since the tumultuous 1960s have U.S. ideals of equality been more closely contested. Legal analysts say a Supreme Court holding of a colorblind Constitution, either as a matter of law or practical effect, could begin to emerge in two rulings on voting rights and affirmative action due out by late June. A third ruling in the Michigan affirmative action case will come next term.

The five conservative justices who make up a majority could overturn the 2003 opinion or take a less dramatic step.

The court may opt for tighter restrictions that make it difficult for colleges to consider race or rule narrowly that in a situation like Texas, its unique top 10 percent plan is enough on its own to achieve diversity.

In the court's other racial case, a conservative majority may declare the 1965 Voting Rights Act constitutionally flawed for its focus on racism in the South but leave it up to lawmakers to sort it out.

The court could also find a less sweeping, more technical way of deciding the voting rights case, much as they did four years ago.

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OPINION

More conservatives advocate immigration reform

■ Jeb Bush's book provides "safe haven" for those on the right.

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As a Mexican-American living in the Southwest who writes frequently about immigration, my definition of what constitutes harsh language is probably a bit skewed.

Recently, after I defended Republican Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, a reader in San Antonio — a self-described liberal Democrat — advised me to "get your head out of your *menudo*, Senor."

I'd say that qualifies as harsh.

Lawrence Downes, an editorial writer for The New York Times, apparently is more easily offended. For him, the tone of the book "Immigration Wars," co-authored by Jeb Bush and Clint Bolick, is "unequivocally harsh."

What bothers liberals like Downes is that Bush seems to have changed his mind about whether 11 million illegal immigrants should get not only legal status but also a path to citizenship. All of this is on the table as the Senate's "gang of eight" prepares to unveil its immigration reform bill in early April.

Of course, what really bothers liberals is that Bush may run for president in 2016 and that he likely would attract Latino support. So it behooves liberals to try to paint him as an immigration hard-liner.

Still, it won't be an easy trick to accomplish for those who actually bother to read the book.

In the preface, Bush says this about his Mexican-born wife, Columba: "Thanks to my wife, I became bicultural and bilingual, and my life is better because of it." And this: "In order to restore sustained, economic growth going forward, we need a new immigration strategy that opens our doors to young, aspirational people from around the world, so that they can pursue their dreams in our country."

Meanwhile, Bolick writes about the farmworkers he met years ago: "I recognized in their weathered, callused hands the same dirt-caked fingernails I had seen on my father's hands. ... I came to believe that we should not be looking for ways to keep people like those farmworkers out of our country. We should be looking for ways to bring them in." And this: "I frequently have parted company with many of my fellow conservatives over immigration issues."

In fact, the more I read of the book, the less I saw the similarity between what the co-authors were saying and what the media wanted us to think they were saying.

Bolick noticed this too.

"The interviews had more to do with the media trying to sabotage any political plans that Jeb Bush might develop than with what we were saying," he told me. "It was very difficult to get the heart of the message out."

I was also interested in how conservative audiences are reacting to the book, since the co-authors don't pull punches with their own tribe.

"The reaction from right-wing groups was much more positive than I expected," Bolick said. "People had no idea how screwed up our immigration system is. So if the book makes a contribution, I hope it'll be bringing people up the learning curve. And once they begin to understand how bad things are, they are going to be very receptive to the kinds of solutions we're proposing."

The book is heavy on solutions, some good and some bad. The co-authors are right that there should be a "path to permanent legal resident status for those who entered our country illegally as adults and who have committed no additional crimes of significance." But they're wrong about inviting local police to play a greater role in enforcing immigration law in the name of states' rights. They believe the states should have flexibility to lend a hand to the federal government in rounding up illegal immigrants. Yet the courts, in ruling on cases from Arizona and other states, have concluded the best policy for the states is hands-off.

While on tour, Bolick has noticed that when it comes to those folks who disagree with his support for legal status for the undocumented, "the old arguments don't have the same passion."

He suggested that many on the right are ready for reform.

"I think there were a lot of Republicans and a lot of conservatives who were already hoping for an immigration solution," Bolick said. "But they were cowed into submission by the loud, vehement anti-immigration wing of the party. People now feel safe to say out loud what they've always thought. They come up to me and say: 'I agree with you 100 percent. I've always felt this way.'"

Conservatives for immigration reform. What a concept. This can't be an easy road to travel. These folks need a safe haven. This immensely valuable book provides one.

OUR VIEW

Midland needs workable solutions to housing problems

"The world we now live in is one that requires housing developers to contend with developing around oil wells if they wish to build westward."

— Eric West, engineer of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper and representative for developer D. R. Horton at a City Council meeting in February.

West might as well have told the council, "Beggars can't be choosers. Welcome to the new reality that is the need for housing in Midland."

The wave of Midland's housing future may be seen through the creation of the Legacy housing development, a 105-acre subdivision located west of the Scharbauer Sports Complex.

A housing developer had produced a plan for a proposed subdivision on the west side of Midland that lacked alleys and had three oil wells situated within the property.

In February, Planning and Zoning commissioners denied it in a 4-4 vote on the preliminary plat because Legacy lacked alleys and had oil wells on the property.

The developer, D.R. Horton, then appealed the denial. The City Council required D.R. Horton to come up with a revised preliminary plat, including allowing for operator access to the three wells inside the neighborhood.

There has been some skepticism over developing a residential neighborhood without "proper" alleyways. It's a break from Midland's normal zoning requests. And having oil wells on the property? That's a result of a city busting at the seams.

The Reporter-Telegram reported last week that the oil company and developer have produced a revised plan.

We hope this project goes forward and that it is approved. We simply have to look at the facts. The initial preliminary plat promised 461 lots and houses in the $150,000 to $240,000 range. We desperately need additional housing projects like that in our city.

Of course, we can't approve every unworkable plan placed before the city just because we need housing, but we do need to find ways to make these projects happen whenever possible. It appears in this case the council is providing leadership to make sure everyone benefits.

In our view, we know there will be challenges and sometimes change will be the order of the day. We are a community that prefers alleys in our housing projects, but that always won't be possible to deliver the needed housing to Midland.

We stand by Mayor Wes Perry, who recently said housing is quickly becoming a No. 1 priority for Midland. We agree.

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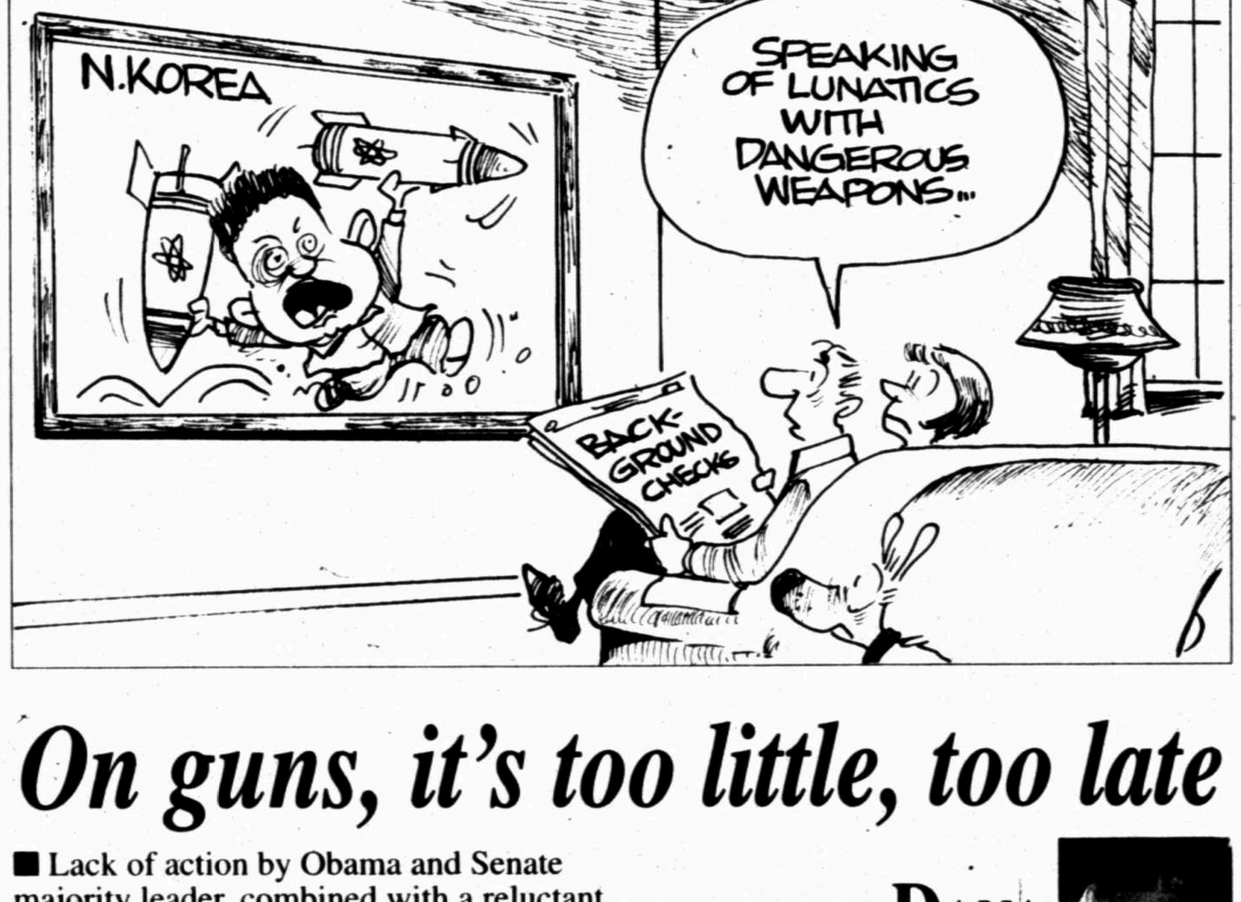
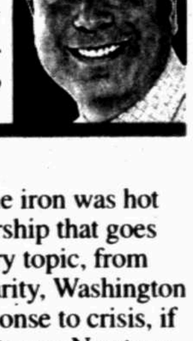


On guns, it's too little, too late

■ Lack of action by Obama and Senate majority leader, combined with a reluctant GOP, allowed momentum to die down and stop gun legislation before it got started.



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'Don't get squishy because time has passed," President Obama told members of Congress. But they already have.

"Now is the time," the president said.

But the time was actually three months ago.

Obama made an impassioned bid last week to revive prospects for gun-control legislation, but it's difficult to escape the conclusion that his efforts have come too late. His fellow Democrat, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, has killed plans for bans on assault weapons and large ammunition clips. Republicans appear to have enough votes to block any meaningful expansion of background checks. Public support for new gun controls is fading with memories of December's Newtown massacre.

To counter the fade, the White House Thursday assembled cops, ministers, children and families of gun-violence victims in the East Room, and Obama departed often from the script on his teleprompter to make an emotional appeal.

"The notion that two months or three months after something as horrific as what happened in Newtown happens, and we've moved on to other things — that's not who we are," he told his audience. "Less than 100 days ago that happened," he added, "and the entire country pledged we would do something about it and that this time would be different. Shame on us if we've forgotten."

Well, shame on us. A CBS News poll out last week found that support for stricter gun-control laws has dropped to 47 percent, down from 57 percent just after the Connecticut slaughter. Even among Democrats, support has slipped to 66 percent from 78 percent in February.

There is no pleasure in I-told-you-sos on such a wrenching issue, but the failure of the gun proposals was easy to predict. Three days after the Newtown shooting, when Obama was talking about action in "the coming weeks," I argued against the White House's slow walk: "In the case of gun control, a pattern has become persistent: A tragedy sparks an outcry for common-sense gun laws and gun groups are set back on their heels, but by the time Congress gets around to taking action, the National Rifle Association has regained its legislative stranglehold."

Back then, White House press secretary Jay Carney said there was no hurry. He predicted that "in a few weeks or a few months," the pain from Newtown will "still be incredibly intense."

Not intense enough, apparently.

Obama's failure to strike while the iron was hot offers a lesson in presidential leadership that goes beyond gun control. On almost every topic, from budget negotiations to national security, Washington seems only to act these days in response to crisis, if it acts at all. Obama erred in trying to use Newtown to build support for his positions on taxes, energy and immigration. And he compounded the error by sending Joe Biden off to conduct a study — an unnecessary delay when solutions were obvious. Once the president took his foot off the accelerator, no other action — not even Michael Bloomberg's ad campaign — could maintain the momentum.

Even on the issue of background checks for gun purchasers — a concept that still has 90 percent approval in the CBS poll — the gun lobby appears to have prevailed. The NRA, which once supported the checks, reversed its position, and talks on a bipartisan compromise stalled. Now Reid doesn't appear to have enough votes to break a Republican filibuster of the gun-control measure he is bringing before the Senate next month with background checks at its core.

Senate Republicans, led by Chuck Grassley of Iowa, are at work on an alternative gun bill that would only increase penalties for gun trafficking and improve school safety. Those are good ideas, but nothing like the comprehensive reforms that seemed possible after Newtown.

So I watched with sadness at the White House Thursday as a Marine pianist played and guests, including families of Newtown victims, took their seats. Some wore badges or green ribbons and filmed Obama as he tried to rekindle enthusiasm.

"There are some powerful voices on the other side that are interested in running out the clock, or changing the subject or drowning out the majority of the American people to prevent any of these reforms from happening at all," he said. He called on Americans "to remember how we felt 100 days ago and make sure that what we said at that time wasn't just a bunch of platitudes, that we meant it."

Maybe those memories will be enough to overcome congressional inertia. But there's no substitute for decisive presidential action.

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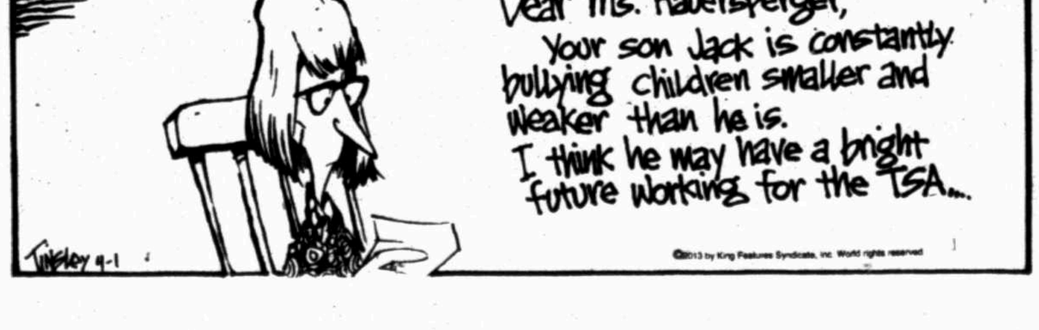

Rubio: Reports of immigration deal 'premature'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even with one of the largest hurdles to an immigration overhaul overcome, optimistic lawmakers on Sunday cautioned they had not finished work on a bill that would provide a path to citizenship for 11 million illegal immigrants.

The AFL-CIO and the pro-business U.S. Chamber of Commerce reached a deal late Friday that would allow tens of thousands of low-skill workers into the country to fill jobs in construction, restaurants and hotels. Yet despite the unusual agreement between the two powerful lobbying groups, lawmakers from both parties conceded that the negotiations were not finished.

"With the agreement between business and labor, every major policy issue has been resolved," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, the New York Democrat who brokered the labor-business deal.

But it hasn't taken the form of a bill and the eight senators searching for a compromise haven't met about the potential breakthrough.

"We haven't signed off," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

"There are a few details yet. But conceptually, we have an agreement between business and labor, between ourselves that has to be drafted," he added.

Yet just before lawmakers began appearing on Sunday shows, Sen. Marco Rubio warned he was not ready to lend his name — and political clout — to such a deal without hashing out the details.

"Reports that the bipartisan group of eight senators have agreed on a legislative proposal are premature," said Rubio, a Florida Republican who is among the lawmakers working on legislation.

Rubio, a Cuban-American who is weighing a presidential bid in 2016, is a leading figure inside his party. Lawmakers will be closely watching any deal for his approval and his skepticism about the process did little to encourage optimism.

Rubio, who is the group's emissary to conservatives, called the agreement "a starting point" but said 92 senators from 43 states haven't yet been involved in the process.

The detente between the nation's leading labor federation and the powerful business lobbying group still needs senators' approval, including a nod from Sen. John McCain, the Arizona Republican whose previous efforts came up short.

"I think we're on track. But as Sen. Rubio correctly said, we have said we will not come to final agreement till we look at all of the legislative language and he's correctly pointing out that that language hasn't been fully drafted," Schumer said.

Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., also noted the significance of the truce between labor and business but added that this wasn't yet complete.

"That doesn't mean we've crossed every 'i' or dotted every 't,' or vice versa," said Flake, who is among the eight lawmakers working on the deal.

Schumer negotiated the deal between AFL-CIO president Richard Trumka and Chamber of Commerce head Tom Donohue during a late-Friday phone call. Under the compromise, the government would create a new "W" visa for low-skill workers who would earn wages paid to Americans or the prevailing wages for the industry they're working in, whichever is higher. The Labor Department would determine prevailing wage based on customary rates in specific localities, so that it would vary from city to city.

The proposed measure would secure the border, crack down on employers, improve legal immigration and create a 13-year pathway to citizenship for the millions of illegal immigrants already here.

It's a major second-term priority of President Barack Obama's and would usher in the most dramatic changes to the faltering U.S. immigration system in more than two decades.

"This is a legacy item for him. There is no doubt in my mind that he wants to pass comprehensive immigration reform," said David Axelrod, a longtime political confidant of Obama.

During the last week, an immigration deal seemed doomed. But the breakthrough late Friday restarted the talks.

Rivals prepare for abortion ban battle

Associated Press

Rival legal teams, well-financed and highly motivated, are girding for court battles over the coming months on laws enacted in Arkansas and North Dakota that would impose the nation's toughest bans on abortion.

For all their differences, attorneys for the two states and the abortion-rights supporters opposing them agree on this: The laws represent an unprecedented frontal assault on the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that established a nationwide right to abortion.

The Arkansas law, approved March 6 when legislators overrode a veto by Democratic Gov. Mike Beebe, would ban most abortions from the 12th week of pregnancy onward. On March 26, North Dakota went further, with Republican Gov. Jack Dalrymple signing a measure that would ban abortions as early as six weeks into a pregnancy, when a fetal heartbeat can first be detected and before some women even know they're pregnant.

Abortion-rights advocates plan to challenge both measures, contending they are unconstitutional violations of the Roe ruling that legalized abortion until a fetus could viably survive outside the womb. A fetus is generally considered viable at 22 to 24 weeks.

"I think they're going to be blocked immediately by the courts — they are so far outside the clear bounds of what the Supreme Court has said for 40 years," said Nancy Northup, president of the Center for Reproductive Rights.

The center will lead the North Dakota legal challenge and working in Arkansas alongside the American Civil Liberties Union's state and national offices. Both Northup and ACLU lawyers say they have ample resources to wage the battles, and they expect victories that would require their attorneys' fees to be paid by two states.

Dalrymple, in signing the ban, acknowledged that its chances of surviving a court challenge were questionable, but said it was worth the eventual price tag — at this point unknown — in order to test the boundaries of Roe.

North Dakota's attorney general, Wayne Stenehjem, initially said lawyers from his office would defend any lawsuits but is now considering hiring outside help. His office is working on a cost estimate for the litigation that could be presented to lawmakers soon.

"We're looking at a sufficient amount to adequately defend these enactments," Stenehjem said.

A lead sponsor of the Arkansas ban, Republican state Sen. Jason Rapert, said threats of lawsuits "should not prevent someone from doing what is right."

He contended that the ban had a chance of reaching the U.S. Supreme Court through the appeals process and suggested that the victory predictions made by abortion-rights lawyers amounted to "posturing" aimed at deterring other states from enacting similar bans. In both Arkansas and North Dakota, the states' lawyers will be getting pro bono assistance from lawyers with Liberty Counsel, a conservative Christian legal group.

Mathew Staver, the group's chairman, said supporters of the bans were resolved to fight the legal battles to the end, and issued a caution to the rival side.

"They ought to hold off on their celebrations," he said. "The cases have a long way to go through the court system."

The North Dakota ban is scheduled to take effect Aug. 1, along with two other measures that have angered abortion-rights backers. One would require abortion providers to have admitting privileges at a local hospital, the other would make North Dakota the first state to ban abortions based on genetic defects such as Down syndrome.

The Center for Reproductive Rights is reviewing its options regarding the latter two bills, but definitely plans to challenge the 6-week ban before Aug. 1. Northup said her team is pondering whether to file suit in state court or U.S. district court.

In Arkansas, where the 12-week ban would take effect 90 days after the end of the legislative session, abortion-rights lawyers plan to file their challenge in federal court within the next few weeks.

Bettina Brownstein, who will be representing the ACLU of Arkansas in the case, said the U.S. district court with jurisdiction over Little Rock had issued rulings in past abortion-related cases that gave her confidence of victory this time.

"Eventually it could go to U.S. Supreme Court on appeal, but that would take a while, and they may not want to hear it," she said. "It's a question of how much money the state wants to spend."

Associated Press

Kris Kitko leads chants of protest at an abortion-rights rally at the state Capitol in Bismarck, N.D., on March 25.

Northup chided officials in both Arkansas and North Dakota for their willingness to spend taxpayers' money on difficult and divisive legal cases.

"It's important that the citizens of those states realize that every dollar spent to defend blatantly unconstitutional laws is taxpayers' dollars wasted," she said.

Attorneys' fees for the upcoming cases are impossible to estimate at this stage, but Northup said her organization received $1.3 million in fees from Alaska after that state lost a recent case regarding an abortion-related law.

The past few years have been intensely busy for the Center for Reproductive Rights, the ACLU and other abortion-rights legal groups as Republican-controlled legislatures have enacted scores of laws seeking to restrict access to abortion. At least two dozen such measures are currently the target of lawsuits, said Northup, who vowed that her organization "will not let unconstitutional laws go unchallenged."

Some of the recent laws place new requirements on abortion clinics, others require abortion providers to perform certain procedures or offer state-mandated counseling before an abortion can take place.

At least 10 states have passed bills banning abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy on the disputed premise that a fetus can feel pain at that stage. One of those laws, in Idaho, was struck down by a U.S. district judge on March 6, while the laws in Georgia and Arizona have been temporarily blocked by judges pending further court proceedings.

Abortion-rights advocates, while eager to defeat the new bans in North Dakota and Arkansas, worry about the impact of the broader surge of restrictions.

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EASTER CELEBRATIONS

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In this photo provided by the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano, Pope Francis delivers the Urbi et Orbi (to the city and to the world) blessing, in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Sunday. Pope Francis celebrated his first Easter Sunday Mass as pontiff in a packed St. Peter's Square.

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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Derrick J. Bremby Jr., 19, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Donna C. Burton, 59, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft.

Vincent E. Harper III, 47, of Morehead, Ky., was arrested Saturday on a charge of violation of probation.

Ramon D. Hernandez, 23, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of engaging in organized crime.

John C. Holmes Sr., 50, of Midland, was arrested Saturday for burglary of a building.

Danny Lara, 37, of Midland, was arrested Saturday for possession of a controlled substance.

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United Way CELEBRATION

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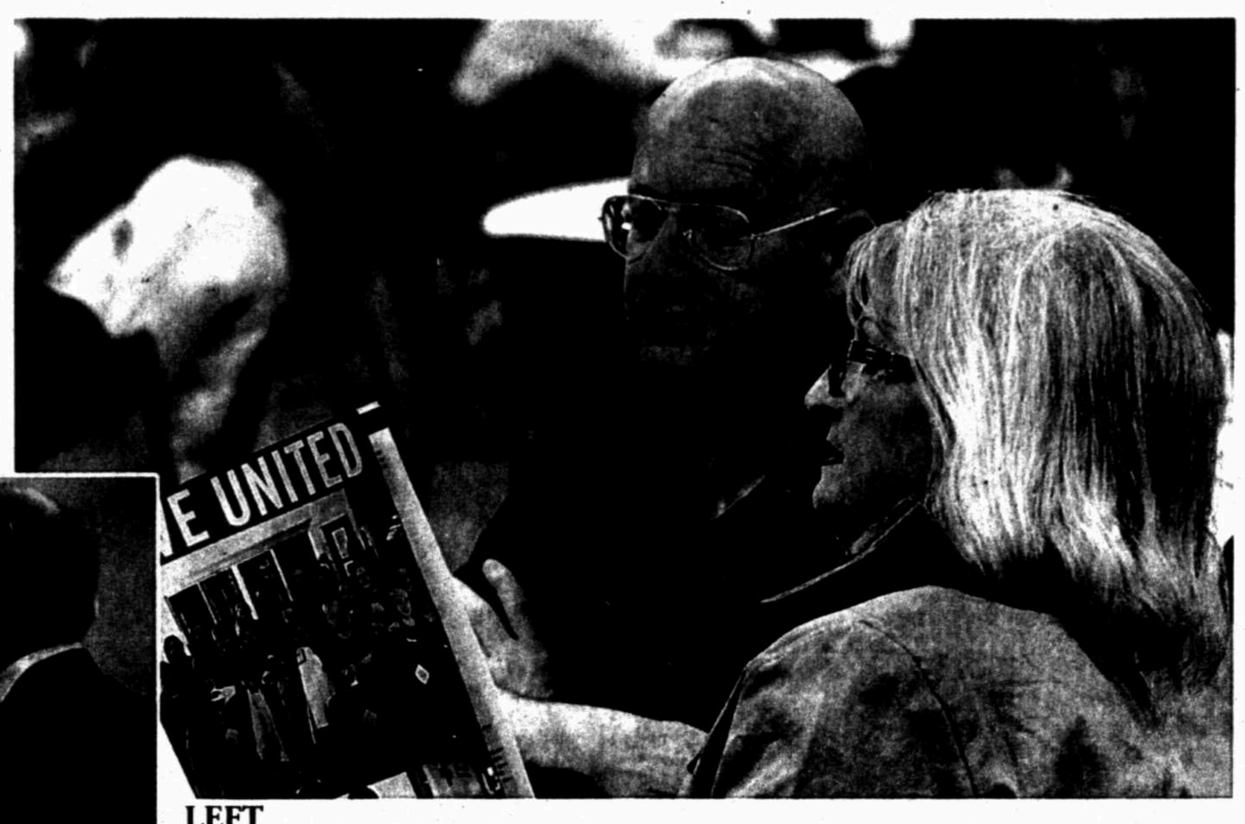

LEFT
Ramona Thomas, United Way assistant treasurer, talks with Mike and Suzanne Conaway Wednesday at the annual United Way Celebration luncheon at First Presbyterian Church.

ABOVE
Preston Chancellor and Judy Warren look over the United Way annual report for 2012. The organization set a record by raising $3,505,937 and outraised other Texas cities its size. Baytown United Way raised $3 million, Beaumont, $2.4 million; Odessa, $2.14 million; and Abilene, $2 million. During the luncheon, four businesses received awards for their employees' involvement: Rising Star (company with most improved campaign): Concho Resources Inc.; Eagle Spirit Award (company with greatest percentage of employees donating $1,000 or more), Summit Petroleum LLC; Deane H. Stoltz Pioneer Spirit Award (company with greatest number of employees donating $1,000 or more), Midland Memorial Hospital; and Paul C. Rea Live United Award (company whose employees have show sustained excellence in giving, advocating and volunteering with the United Way of Midland), Chevron.

MDA MUSCLE WALK

Kids watch as Alianne Eyvonne Sanchez, 3, gets her face painted during the Muscular Dystrophy Association's annual Muscle Walk March 23 at the Petroleum Museum. More than 200 people participated in the event, which raised more than $35,000.

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Managing Editor Mary Dearen continues to collect change for the MDA's Fill the Boot, organized by the Professional Firefighters Association of Midland. The campaign is April 24-26. She wants to fill the boot in memory of Midland Fire Department Capt. Lee Wise, who had been association president until his death on Feb. 23 from cancer.
If you'd like to help with the cause, you can add your change to the bowl in the lobby of the Reporter-Telegram, or contact her at 687-8852 or mdearen@mrt.com.

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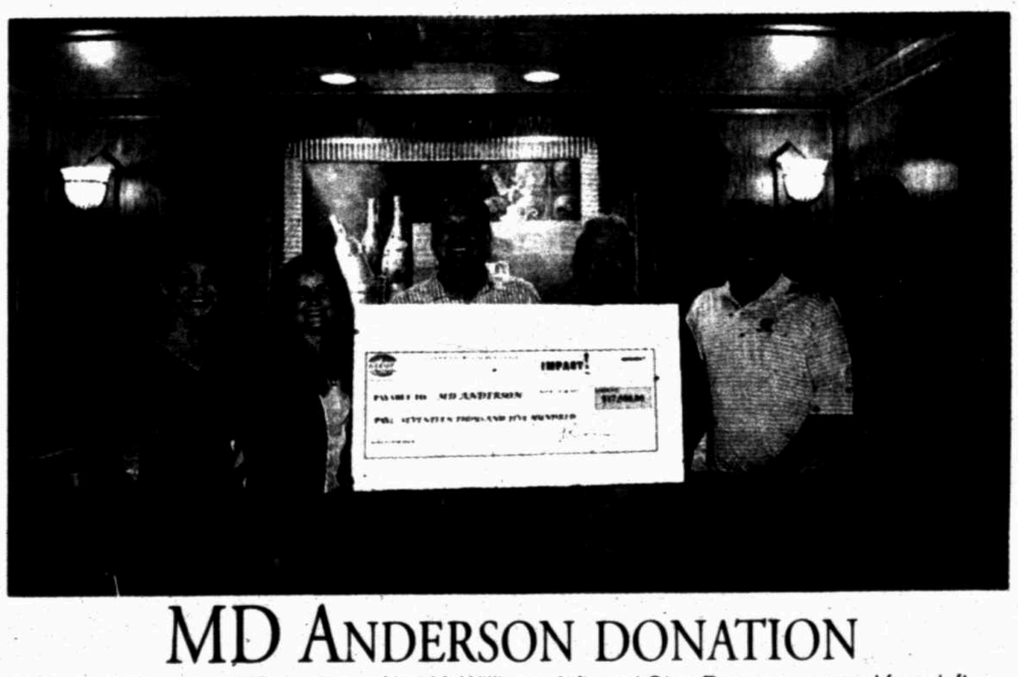
HIGH SKY DONATION

Jalynn Hogan, executive director of High Sky Children's Ranch, left, received a donation on March 14 from Gene Roumell, owner of Torino's Pizza Bar and Rednecks Billiards and Drafthouse, and Amber Joplin, Rednecks general manager. Both restaurants raised funds for and awareness about High Sky during promotions in December. Roumell also had a pizza party for the children.



MD ANDERSON DONATION

Representatives from MD Anderson Nati McWilliams, left, and Gina Rovegno, second from left, received a "check" on March 20 for $17,500. The funds were raised in the first Permian Basin Service Company Golf Tournament, which was in Octobef at Green Tree Country Club. The co-title sposnors were Globe Energy Services and Impact Chemical. On hand for the presentation were Brandon Martin, from left, and Les Preece, both from Impact Chemical, and Steve Hibbison and Nathan Mastin, both from Globe Energy.

HAVEYOUHEARD

BY MARILYN MCKNIGHT HARRISON

CHILDREN'S REHAB CENTER

ABOVE
Jana MacDonald, from left; Grace MacDonald, youth volunteer of the year; and Tiffany Werline.

RIGHT
Cecelia Davis, left, adult volunteer of the year, and Linda Page.

MCC LADIES ASSOCIATION

ABOVE
Mitzi O'Neill, left, and Joan Henry.

LEFT
Karen Williamson, left, and Judith Devenport.

ARTLEY PARTY

Maggie Artley with Abbie and Donnie Artley, from left, Susan and Rick Moore, Barbara and Jim Cox and Jim and Karen Artley.

WHEELER PARTY

Cameron Wheeler, front row from left, Billy Wheeler, Mary Lynn Caylor, Marilyn Wheeler, Donna Wheeler, Ellen Wheeler and Ami Wheeler; and Dylan Caylor, back row from left, Logan Caylor, Cory Wheeler and Chad Wheeler.

BELOW
Mary Baker, left, and Stephanie Lee.

GIRL SCOUTS

ABOVE
Mary Jane Holmes, from left, Melanie Crump and Sally Kvasnika.

PEO CHAPTER DD

Lynn Phillips, standing from left, Denise Hampton, Celista Halpert, Linda Munden, Ann Westerman; Kathi Case, seated left, and Sara Sumrall.

MCRC AWARDS DINNER

The Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center recently had its annual volunteer appreciation and awards dinner.

Special awards went to Grace MacDonald, the 2012 Youth Volunteer of the Year, and Cecelia Davis, the 2012 Adult Volunteer. Both assist with the center's hippotherapy program.

MacDonald was new to MCRC last year, but immediately became a faithful and reliable volunteer. She makes the sessions fun for the participants, and is known around the center for her "killer brownies."

Davis has been a member of the Children's Service League, the center's volunteer wing, since 1997. She assists with many of the center's projects and is an advocate for MCRC, as she spreads the word about its benefits.

The evening's events included a look back at the previous year, a special word of thanks to the new volunteers coming on board, and the presentation of certificates of appreciation to all the volunteers. Because volunteer positions vary by times and days, it was a great way for people to mingle and get to know one another.

"The volunteers at MCRC play a critical role in providing occupational, physical and speech therapy to children in the Permian Basin," said Renee Meiner, director of marketing and public relations. "Without this source of manpower, the center could not have reached the 296 children it did in 2012, nor the 8,210 treatment sessions it provided.

"Volunteers are the heart of the MCRC, and we thank them for changing lives — one step at a time."

MCC WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

Dillard's brought the latest in spring fashions to the Midland Country Club Ladies Association's March luncheon meeting.

The fashions, by designers such as Calvin Klein, Antonio Melani, Eileen Fisher and Adrianna Papell, were in shades of indigo, ivory, soft gray, tangerine, purple, fuchsia and green. The models wore accessories that complemented each outfit.

Modeling were Kay Smith, Lauren Robinson, Tracy Davis, Gloria May, Debbie Siegmund, Jo Sneed, Pat Larson, Resa Motch, Rebecca Speight, Betty Ewan, Sophia Andres, Trish Cannon and Wanda Sewell.

Winner of a Dillard's gift card was Corinne Carlton. Others seen at the event were Missy Grimes, Kathy Schorr, Marianne Green, Karen Williamson, Sue Marshall, Gretchen Bell, Barbara Culver Clack, Mitzi O'Neill and Linda Melson.

WHEELER BIRTHDAY PARTY

Belated congratulations and best wishes to Marilynn Wheeler, who recently celebrated her 80th birthday.

To mark the milestone, her children, Billy Wheeler, of Houston, Bryan Wheeler, of Dallas, and Mary Lynn Caylor, of Midland, hosted an open house at Marilynn's residence.

Guests included friends, neighbors and relatives from Midland, Odessa, Stanton, Glen Rose, Houston, Lubbock and Lovington, N.M.

Wheeler, who was born Feb. 25, 1933, in Greenville, graduated from Sunset High School in Dallas and attended the University of North Texas at Denton. She later graduated from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and was an elementary school teacher before retiring in 1995.

Wheeler is an active member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church and Midland Association of Retired School Personnel. Her many interests include reading, bridge, swimming, dancing, walking and volunteering at Greathouse Elementary School.

ARTLEY BIRTHDAY PARTY

Longtime Midlander Maggie Artley was honored on her 80th birthday with a party last month at Manor Park.

Hosting the event were her children and their spouses, Jim and Karen Artley of Spring, Donnie and Abbie Artley of Lake Jackson and Barbara and Jim Cox and Susan and Rick Moore, all of Midland.

Other family members attending were Artley's grandchildren, Claire Artley of Lake Jackson and Michael, Mathew and Katie Moore, Lindsey Moore Garza, Zane Cox and Jordan Cox and wife, Ashley, all of Midland.

In addition, Rick Moore's mother, Barbara Moore Davis; Karen Artley's mother, Joye Courtney; and Ashley Cox's parents, Joni and Steve Hodges, all of Midland, attended.

Other guests included friends from First United Methodist Church and PEO Sisterhood Chapter DD and friends and colleagues from Midland ISD.

Members of Artley's Sunday school class brought hymn books for group singing, with Carol Hall at the piano and Donnie Artley on trumpet.

The grandchildren served cake and punch to the approximately 70 guests, who included Gary Hall, Lynda and Duane Johnson, Patty Smith, Lou Ann and John Gray and daughter, Amanda; Loyce and Jerry Cole, Barbara and Larry McIntosh, Julie Cole and granddaughter, Reese; Marilyn Mathis, Frances Collins, Freda Benton, Nancy Rankin, Cathie Graham, Jane Schulte and Debbie Markley and Billy Priebe.

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

For 22 years, the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest have been honoring women who have distinguished themselves in the areas of volunteerism, philanthropy and their chosen professions.

This year's Women of Distinction luncheon at Green Tree Country Club on March 21 paid homage to Susie Evans, Martha Kallus, Sue Solari and Betty Starnes, all of Midland; Stacey Gerig, Faye Rodriguez and Kathy Swindler, all of Odessa; and Elizabeth Rogers of Alpine.

Midlanders Sherry and Phillip Bell, who have a long history of commitment and dedication to Girl Scouts, received the first Above and Beyond Award.

Civic leader Rosalind Redfern Grover gave an inspiring talk, "What You Do Matters." CBS 7 news anchor Tatum Hubbard was the emcee. She joined Cathy McKelvain, chair of the GSDSW board of directors, in presenting the awards.

PEO SISTERHOOD ANNIVERSARY

PEO Sisterhood Chapter DD, a philanthropic and educational organization, celebrated its 59th birthday with a dinner party March 18 at the Doubletree by Hilton.

The chapter, which was organized in 1954, has 50 members and maintains a memorial scholarship at Midland College.

The recent celebration was planned by the social committee, headed by chairman Denise Hampton. She was assisted by Lynn Phillips, Ann Westerman, Celista Halpert, Linda Munden, Kathi Case, Betty Moore, Sara Sumrall, D'Ann Botkin and Nona Nix.

The tables were decorated with arrangements of the sisterhood's flower, the marguerite daisy, and its colors of yellow and white. Birthday cake was served following dinner.

Chapter president Freda Benton welcomed the members and guests, who included Sue Solari, Jeannette Kolokoff, Dixie Hertel, Laura Durst, Suzanne Beddingfield, Deborah Jones and Chris Newman.

BRIDGE

PERMIAN BRIDGE CLUB

March 12
Linda Aaron-Helen South, Paulette Turner-Nancy Ward, Dorothy Baird-Pattie Heard, Marilyn Higgins-Janette Kuzmich

March 13
Ann Servatius-Jean Pistole, Flo Curry-Marlene Blumentritt, Dorothy Brenneman-Charlie Grimes, Ann Parish-Belle Harris, Ward-Linda Scarpelli, Jerry Burchell-Aaron Aaron-L. Matthews

March 14
Harris-Ward, Sarana Savage-Leilani Matthews, Les Neal-John Seymour, Helen Davis-Kay Sewell, Lisa Lutka-Toni Matson

March 15
Debbie Kemp-Rick Perry, James Hawkins-Don Malone, Curry-Jane Myers, Frances Mills-Tommie Strack, Aaron-South, Kuzmich-Turner, Vangie Lindsey-Janet Stoltz

March 17
Curry-Brenneman, Blumentritt-Lena Nichols, Verna Chambers-Barbara Steinert, Gloria Crites-Pistole, Grimes-Strack, Barbara Miles-Phyllis White, Harris-Savage, Carol Hastings-Richard Stein, Bill Dent-Scarpelli, Shirley Davenport-Amanda Shaw, Aaron-L. Matthews

March 18
Bob Baker-Crites, Servatius-Grimes, Patti Witt-Brenda Leonard, Higgins-Brenneman, Sewell-Harris

March 19
Pistole-Crites, Wyoma Whitlow-Roz Grover, Joan LaFond-Servatius, Jean Banks-Janet Pollard, Aaron-Helen South, Bonnie Hubbard-Bitsy Loewenstein, L. Matthews-Higgins

March 20
Pistole-Servatius, Sewell-Harris, Grimes-Brenneman, Burchell-L. Matthews, Nancy Ward-Higgins

March 21
Burchell-Servatius, Leonard-Witt, Blumentritt-Brenneman, Harris-Ward, Liza Philpy-Kay Aarell, Georgia Temple-Higgins

March 22
Roberta Bacon-Bob Bacon, Ricki Perry-Whitlow, Curry-Blumentritt, Baker-Crites, Malone-Hawkins, Hubbard-Stoltz, Strack-Sue Marshall

March 24
Blumentritt-Curry, Harris-Servatius-KC Evans-Baker, Strack-Whitlow, Higgins-L. Matthews

MEETINGS CALENDAR

SUPPORT GROUPS

■ Midland Parkinson Support Group, 6:30 p.m. the first Monday, Health-South Rehabilitation Hospital, 699-6640.

■ for miscarriage grief recovery, call 570-5935.

■ for post-abortion healing, call 570-5935.

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

■ Chronic fatigue fibromyalgia syndromes support group meets noon the second Thursday at Rays of Hope Grief Centre; 520-3500.

■ Bariatric Support Group, 11:30 a.m. third Wednesday, ACT Counseling Center, 2445 E. 11th St., Odessa; 272-4333.

■ A support group for those with diabetes or at risk for diabetes, 11:30 a.m. the first Saturday, Furr's Cafeteria; 570-9412.

■ Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays, First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.

■ West Texas Amputee Support Group, 11 a.m.. third Saturday, Health-South Rehabilitation Hospital; 550-4371.

■ ODESSA — Tourettes syndrome support group, 2 p.m. second Sunday, Neuroscience Institute, 3610 22nd St.; Pam Weaks, 806-438-6601, pzweaks@yahoo.com, or Rene Howell, 806-549-7788.

■ Overeaters Anonymous; 7:30p.m. Tuesdays, noon Wednesdays and 4:30 p.m. Sundays; B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

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

■ The Knot Adoption Support Group, 11:30 a.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at First Presbyterian Church; Kathy Hagler, Kathy@WTIE.net Feb. & March it's 2nd Thurs.

■ Midland Memorial Hospital's Better Breathing Club meets at 11:30 a.m. second Tuesday at Midland Memorial Hospital. Contact Don Hill 221-4864 or Joanna at 682-4229.

■ PFLAG Odessa (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays), 7 p.m. the second Monday (except on holidays), Alternative Life Solutions Counseling, 2458 E. 11th St., Odessa; 559-5909 or 432-337-3684, pflagodessa@yahoo.com or www.pflagodessa.weebly.com.

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

■ Parent Quest, for parents of special-needs children, meets 6-8 p.m. the first Tuesday at First Christian Church. For more information, contact Malissa Roach, SHARE program coordinator, at 349-1069.

■ Permian Basin Community Service Organization (for individuals, organizations or businesses that provide services to improve quality of life), 11:45 a.m. second Thursday, Mi Piaci Italian Restaurant, 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa; 432-210-4234.

■ Permian Basin Needle Arts Chapter of Embroiderer's Guild of America, 7 p.m. p.m. first Thursday, Barnes & Noble; Paula Millhollon, 520-3250.

■ Midland Amateur Radio Club, 7:30 p.m., second and fourth Mondays, clubhouse, Loop 250 and Lamesa Road; 561-9729.

■ Midland Optimist Club, noon Tuesdays,Abuelo's, 4610 N. Garfield St.; 685-7486.

■ Midland Odessa Chapter of the United Ostomy Association , 2:30 p.m. third Sunday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus.

■ n Permian Basin Coin and Stamp Club, 7p.m. second Tuesday, Michael's Charcoal Grill; Dave Taylor;559-9890 or www.midlandcoins.com .

TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly) — 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Midland Senior Center, Midkiff Road and Illinois Avenue. Weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. AND Tuesdays at Christian Church of Midland, 2608 Neely Ave. Weigh-in at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 694-8643.

■ Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club, 5 p.m. third Sunday, First Presbyterian Church; 687-2588.

■ Oops Alley Clowns of West Texas; third Thursday; 520-3512.

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

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

■ ACT IX, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday, Cole Theater; Carolyn Schoolcraft, 685-7416.

■ Uptown Midland BPW, noon, second and fourth Wednesdays, Petroleum Club; Glenda Knox, 686-2819.

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

■ Midland Gem and Mineral Society, 7 p.m.fourth Thursday at Sibley Nature Center; 687-6467.

■ Children's Service League, 9:30 a.m. first Thursday at Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center; Brooke Mueller, 498-2053

■ Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m.Thursdays at University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union; Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50gigs.net; odessachess@cableome.net.

■ Newcomers Club, 10 a.m. first Thursday; Kim Butterfield, 288-2806 or Marge Frank, 218-9207.

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

■ Comanche Trails Wood Turners , 10 a.m. the second Saturday; 682-1700.

■ Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Club meets 6:30-9 p.m. the third Monday of the month at Sibley Nature Center.

■ The Midland Blue Star Military Family, 7 p.m. second Thursday, Koinonia Room at First Presbyterian Church; Doc Weathers 631-7646 or docweathers@suddenlink.net.

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

TOASTMASTERS CLUBS

■ Slyker's Professional Toastmasters Club, 10 a.m. second and fourth Saturdays, Texas Tech University Health Science Building, Room 1C12 (west side), 800 W. Fourthth St., Odessa; 522-2716, marken1986-slykers1@yahoo.com, http://slykersprofessionaltoastmasterscl ub.blogspot.com.

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

■ Permian Toastmasters 1509, noon Fridays at Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 208 S. Marienfeld; Celeste Perez, 682-2960 or celeste@midlandhcc.com.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Serenity Group, 8 p.m. daily, 3101 N. A St., Building C; 685-3100.

■ 710 Group, 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 710 Ohio Ave.; 682-8162.

■ Alpha Omega, 8 p.m Tuesdays and 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 311 S. Pecos St.

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays; 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

■ Laundry Group, 8 p.m. daily and noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 104 N. Marshall St.

■ Xodus Group, 5:30 p.m. Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 7 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, 206 N. Midkiff Road.

■ CODA Group, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m. Thursdays, 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

■ La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m. Thursdays, 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

DANCE CLUBS

■ High Sky Squares, second and fourth Tuesdays, M-Squarena Square Dance Hall, 2800 W. CR 130. Round dances begin at 7 p.m.; squares at 8 p.m.; 697-0281.

■ Tall City Cloggers, 6:30 p.m. Mondays at the M-Squarena Dance Hall, 2800 W. CR 130; Lynn Meyers, 528-0374.

■ Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, St. Stephen's Catholic Church; cost is $5 for members, $6 for non-members; 520-4343.

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	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Bones "The Maiden in the Mushrooms" (N)		Following "Whips and Regrets" (N)		The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
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	PLEX			96			(:20) ★★ Home Team Steve Guttenberg.				★★ Untamed Heart			(:45)	★★★ The Real McCoy Kim Basinger.			Movie
	SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:15) ★ Faster		Homeland		Califor.	Lies	Shameless		Comedy	Lies	Califor.	Shame.
	TMC	336	67	22	155	26	Movie	★ I Don't Know How She Doe...			★ Your Sister's Sister			★ Night Catches Us			★ The Deer Hunter	
CABLE	A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Criminal Minds "With Friends Like These..."		Bates "First You Dream, Then You Die"		Bates "Nice Town You Picked, Norma"		Bates "What's Wrong With Norman?" (N)		Bates Motel "What's Wrong With Norman?"		Bates "First You Dream, Then You Die"	
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	BRAVO	65	63		41		Bev Hills Social (N)		Real Housewives (N)		Beverly Hills (N)		L.A. Shrinks (N)		Watch (N)	Real Housewives		Beverly
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	DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	A.N.T.	A.N.T.	A.N.T.		★ Geek Charming Sarah Hyland.		ToyStory	Austin	GoodLuck	A.N.T.	Wizards	Wizards
	ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsC.	NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament (L)					NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament (L)		SportsCenter			
	ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies vs. Atlanta Braves (L)						MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals vs. Arizona Diamondbacks (L)					
	FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Life of the Teenager		American Teen (N)		★★★ The Craft ('96, Hor) Robin Tunney.				The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
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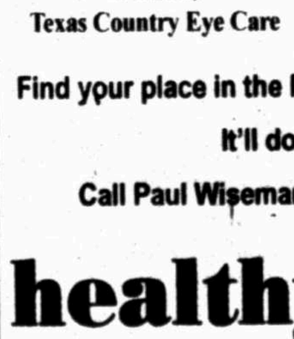

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5th-seeded Louisville stuns No. 1 Baylor in Sweet 16

Baylor 's Brittney Griner, top, and guard Odyssey Sims, bottom, react after losing to Louisville in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament in Oklahoma City, on Sunday.

Sue Ogrocki/AP

By Jeff Latzke
Associated Press

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OKLAHOMA CITY — From the opening tip of the season, there was only one question in women's college basketball: How do you stop Brittney Griner?

Louisville found the answer Sunday night, pulling off one of the biggest upsets in the history of the tournament.

Considered a lock for the Final Four — and prohibitive favorites to win a second straight championship — Griner and her Lady Bears got bounced 82-81 by fifth-seeded Louisville in an NCAA regional semifinal.

"I'm just sad," Griner said. "I didn't do what I needed to do to get my team to the Elite 8 and just disappointment in myself."

Baylor (34-2) had won 32 straight games and 74 of 75 behind Griner, among the greatest players ever in her sport. But the 6-foot-8 star didn't make a basket until the second half, then committed a foul with 2.6 seconds left that gave Louisville a chance to win.

Monique Reid made those two foul shots, rescuing the Cardinals (27-8) after they squandered a 17-point lead in the last 7 1/2 minutes.

The win made it quite a day for the school — hours earlier, the men's team from Louisville beat Duke 85-63 to reach the Final Four.

Reid and the Cardinals will play Tennessee in the regional final on Tuesday for a berth in the Final Four.

Odyssey Sims scored 29 points, including two free throws with 9.1 seconds to go that put Baylor ahead 81-80. Sims had one more chance to save the season, but she was off-target and late on a desperation heave.

Sims dropped to the floor after her miss, pulling her jersey over her face and kicking her legs as she lay flat on her back.

Griner squatted near her and slapped the floor with both hands before pulling Sims up to her feet.

It was a stunning end of a remarkable college career for Griner, the second-highest scoring player in NCAA history.

Griner, who had averaged 33

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'Stros stymie Rangers

Houston makes strong AL debut, tops Texas

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By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros and their spiffy new uniforms looked like a perfect fit in the American League.

Rick Ankiel and the Astros made an impressive debut in the AL, trouncing the Texas Rangers 8-2 Sunday night in the major league opener and giving Bo Porter a win in his first game as manager.

"To come out with a win is perfect," Astros designated hitter Carlos Pena said. "To be part of it is really cool. To play our rivals here in Texas and to come out on top today, it's a treat."

Ankiel launched a pinch-hit three-run shot for the majors' first homer this season, Bud Norris pitched well for the win and Erik Bedard threw 3 1/3 scoreless innings for his first career save.

Having switched from the National League to the AL in the offseason, the Astros earned their first opening day victory since 2006 and the 4,000th regular-season win in franchise history.

The Astros are coming off consecutive 100-loss seasons and has the lowest payroll in the majors, prompting many to predict they will be the worst team in the majors. But Houston opened in style wearing uniforms that brought back the orange and blue of old-school Astros teams.

After the game, rapper Drake's rags-to-riches hit "Started from the Bottom" played on a loop in the clubhouse. Houston, which has finished last in the majors each of the last two seasons, decided the song would be its postgame music after wins this season.

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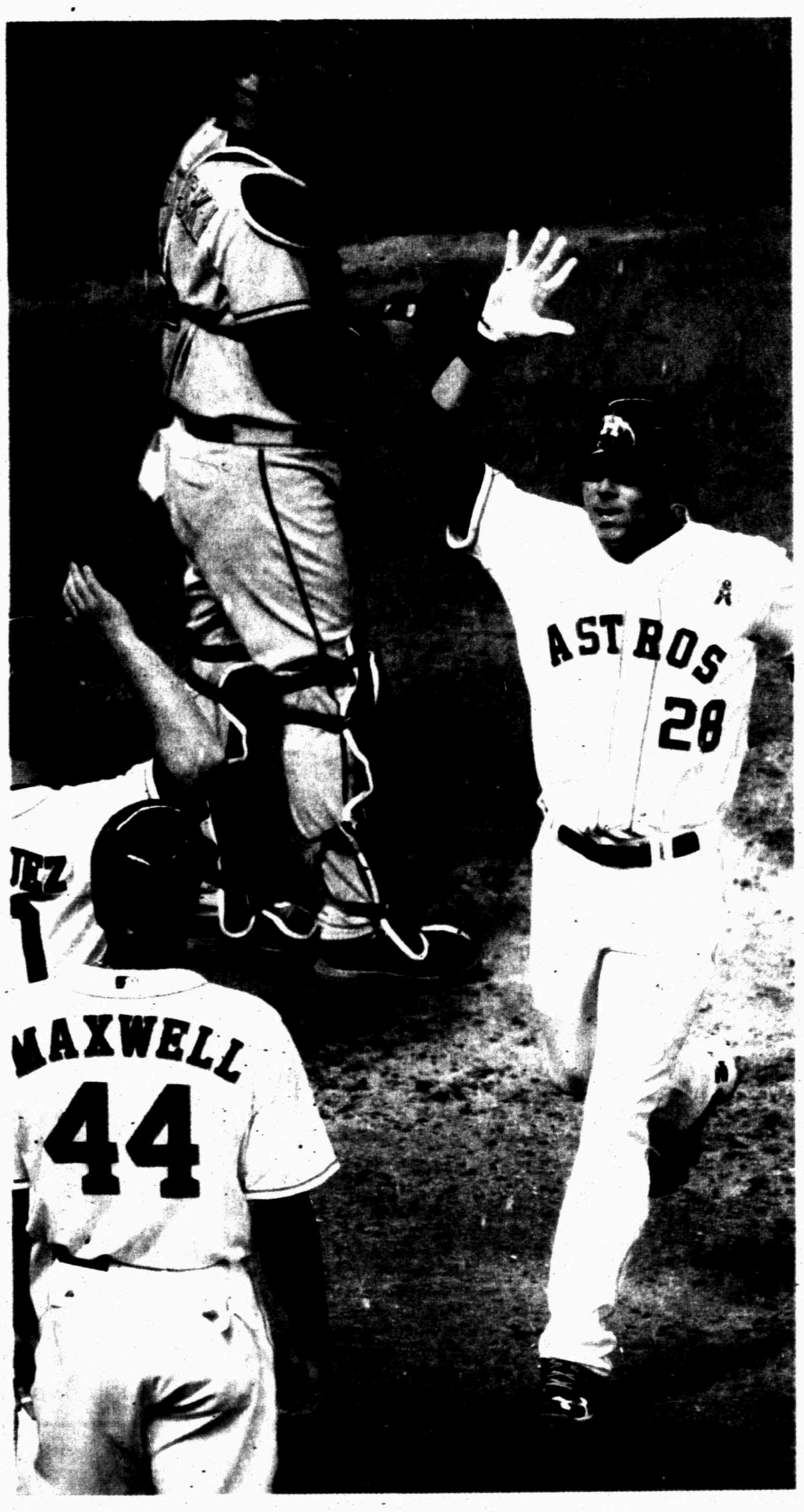

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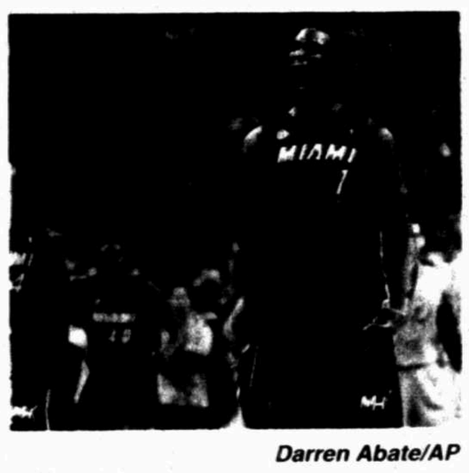
Houston Astros pinch hitter Rick Ankeil (28) celebrates with Matt Dominguez and Justin Maxwell (44) after hitting a three-run home run as Texas Rangers catcher A.J. Pierzynski looks away during the sixth inning Sunday of the season-opening game at Minute Maid Park in Houston.



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Miami's Chris Bosh (1) yells after scoring the winning basket Sunday against the San Antonio Spurs in San Antonio.

Bosh's late 3 lifts short-handed Heat past Spurs

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Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Often the forgotten member of Miami's "Big Three," Chris Bosh stepped up with LeBron James and Dwyane Wade sitting out to get the Heat a big win and move closer to securing home-court advantage throughout the NBA playoffs.

Bosh scored 23 points, including the winning 3-pointer with 1.9 seconds remaining, and the Heat beat San Antonio 88-86 on Sunday night with James, Wade and Mario Chalmers watching from the locker room as they sat out with injuries.

"We are the defending champs no matter who we put out there," Bosh said. "We are still the Miami Heat. We believe in ourselves. Each one of these guys is a professional. We played bigger roles in other cities but we came together and accepted lesser roles to win a championship here. We can still tap into that."

Ray Allen added 14 points, Norris Cole had 13 and Mike Miller 12 for Miami (58-15), which swept the season series with San Antonio (55-18). By earning the head-to-head tiebreaker with San Antonio, the Heat have a four-game cushion with nine remaining for the league's best record.

Miami beat San Antonio 105-100 on Nov. 29 when the Spurs opted to rest Tim Duncan, Tony Parker, Manu Ginobili and Danny Green.

All but Ginobili (strained right hamstring) played Sunday.

Duncan had 17 points and 12 rebounds and Kawhi Leonard added 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Spurs, who had a seven-game home winning streak snapped. Green and Parker added 12 points apiece and Stephen Jackson had 11.

Bosh finished 3 for 5 on 3s, including the final shot from straightaway in the closing seconds. He let out a loud yell after making the shot and celebrated with teammates when Parker's jumper bounced off the backboard as the buzzer sounded.

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Patric Schneider/AP

D.A. Points celebrates on the18th hole of the Houston Open on Sunday in Humble.

Points wins the Houston Open

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

HUMBLE —D.A. Points can always find a ray of light in the darkest clouds.

He arrived at the Houston Open having failed to break 70 in his last nine rounds on the PGA Tour. He had made only two cuts in nine tournaments this year, both times finishing at the bottom of the pack. All that changed Sunday, even after a final round most appropriately delayed by thunderstorms.

Points returned from the long delay by making four pars, and the last one from just outside 12 feet gave him a one-shot victory in the Houston Open.

It also provided another two-year exemption on tour. He gets to start next year in Hawaii.

And he's on his way back to Augusta National for the Masters.

"I never count myself out," Points said. "I never just chalk it up like, 'Oh, this year is over with.' I've never felt like that. I was just grinding, just trying to wait and try to find that one thing that like, 'Boom! There it is.' And there I go. Fortunately, it was this week and I capitalized on it."

He made it hard on himself in a final round at Redstone where a dozen guys felt as if they had a chance to win on the back nine. Only in the final hour did Points seize control, and then he had to work hard not to lose the lead.

A 5-iron to the 17th came up 40

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MLB openers feature Strasburg, rivalries, AL vs NL

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

The Kansas City Royals have been absent from the playoffs since the day Billy Butler was born. They've barely had a winning season in the last two decades. They've often lost 100 games in a year.

And yet, buoyed by the best record in spring training, hope abounds — for the Royals, for most everybody putting on a big league uniform.

"There's no reason we shouldn't be better," said Butler, the Royals' All Star slugger. "How much better that is? I'm not a mind reader. I'm not a projector."

Ah, opening day.

The hot dogs taste better, the boxscores mean more and most every team thinks it's just a break or two away from reaching the World Series.

A dozen games were set for today across the majors. Star pitchers Justin Verlander, Stephen Strasburg and Adam Wainwright try to get off to great starts, old rivalries are renewed at Yankee Stadium and Dodger Stadium, and a quirky interleague schedule unfolds.

No snow is in the forecast for any ballpark on April Fools' Day, but freezing temperatures are expected at Target Field in Minnesota when Verlander and the AL champion Tigers take on the Twins.

"It's going to be cold but I've pitched in that kind of weather before," Verlander said. "I don't think about it. It's always cold in Detroit on opening day."

The season started Sunday night in Houston when the Astros, who shifted from the National League to the American League during the winter, beat the Texas Rangers 8-2. Astros righty Bud Norris threw a called strike to Ian Kinsler to begin the year, and Houston's Jose Altuve singled for the first hit.

Long the site of baseball's traditional opener, Cincinnati was going to have a new look today. That's when Josh Hamilton and his new Los Angeles Angels teammates visit Cincinnati in the first interleague matchup this season.

The Astros' move left 15 teams in each league, meaning an AL vs. NL matchup most every day this season.

"It is very strange," Reds manager Dusty Baker said.

On both coasts, there was a very familiar look — Red Sox-Yankees and Giants-Dodgers.

Mariano Rivera was set for his final opening day when the banged-up Yankees hosted Boston. The New York closer is among several big names who missed most or even all of last year — Troy Tulowitzki, Victor Martinez and John Lackey are in that group.

Injured stars Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez, Curtis Granderson and Mark Teixeira won't be in pinstripes for the first pitch.

"It's still the Yankees, it's still going to be a good lineup," Boston starter Jon Lester said Sunday. "They're missing a few of their big guys but anybody that fills in for them, it's like what I said, they're going to put professional at-bats together and still — it's not going to be a walk in the park."

No easy decisions, either, for Boston manager John Farrell, one of six new skippers in the majors this year.

At Dodger Stadium, Matt Cain starts for the World Series champion San Francisco Giants when they play Los Angeles in the century-old rivalry.

It will mark the 64th season at the microphone for Dodgers announcer Vin Scully. Heck, Tigers manager Jim Leyland seems like a mere pup by comparison, now starting his 50th year in pro ball.

All-Star shortstop Hanley Ramirez is sidelined for the Dodgers. Around the majors, third basemen Chase Headley of San Diego, David Freese of St. Louis and Brett Lawrie of Toronto will begin the season on the disabled list.

Mets third baseman David Wright plans to be in the lineup at Citi Field to take on San Diego. He hurt his ribcage at the World Baseball Classic.

ASTROS

From 1C

Justin Maxwell added a pair of triples and made a nifty catch in center field.

Norris (1-0) allowed five hits and two runs with five strikeouts in 5 2/3 innings. He was one of five Astros making their first opening day start on baseball's second-youngest team.

"To sit at 1-0 right now feels pretty darn good, and we've just got to go back out there on Tuesday and play some more baseball," Norris said.

Bedard shut down the Rangers on one hit the rest of the way for his first save in a 10-season career.

Porter, who at 40 is baseball's youngest manager, insisted all spring that this team would be much better than last season.

"It's more about the concepts that we've implemented," Porter said. "They do a great job with the information we provide and it allows them to play with confidence and allows them to play fast."

As Houston began a new era with the move to the AL, the Rangers were embarking on a new chapter without 2010 AL MVP Josh Hamilton. Along with Hamilton's departure to the Angels, Texas also lost catcher Mike Napoli and infielder Michael Young.

The loss snapped a streak of four straight opening day victories by the Rangers. Former Astros star Lance Berkman had two hits in his first game as Texas' designated hitter.

"I think there have been some people who have been disparaging in their analysis of their talent level, but this is the major leagues, and any team is capable of beating any other team on a given night," Berkman said.

He isn't worried about their offense coming around.

"If you look at the back of our baseball cards, I think we're pretty stinking good," he said.

Matt Harrison (0-1), who signed a $55 million contract this offseason, yielded six hits and five runs and tied a career high with nine strikeouts in 5 2/3 innings.

Maxwell's two-out triple in the fourth inning broke a scoreless tie and gave Houston a 2-0 lead. The ball bounced off the wall in left field and scored Brett Wallace and Carlos Pena, who both got on with singles. Umpires reviewed the play to make sure it wasn't a home run, and upheld the call.

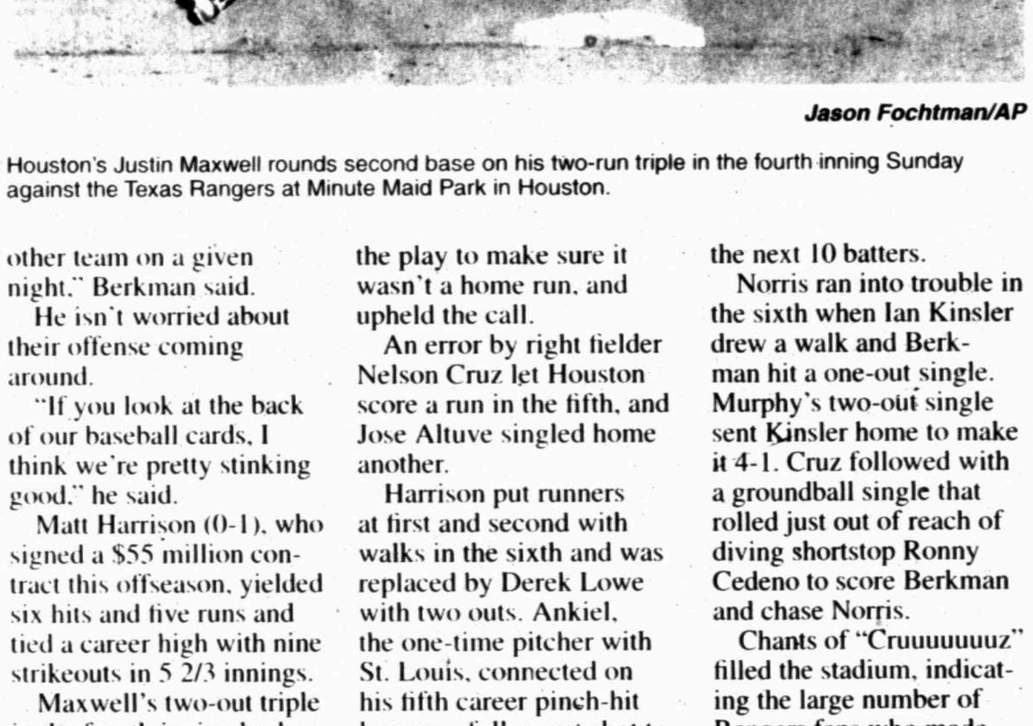
An error by right fielder Nelson Cruz let Houston score a run in the fifth, and Jose Altuve singled home another.

Harrison put runners at first and second with walks in the sixth and was replaced by Derek Lowe with two outs. Ankiel, the one-time pitcher with St. Louis, connected on his fifth career pinch-hit homer, a full-count shot to right field that made it 7-2.

Norris had a tough second inning and had to use 26 pitches to escape, striking out Mitch Moreland. Norris got on a roll from there, retiring nine of the next 10 batters.

Norris ran into trouble in the sixth when Ian Kinsler drew a walk and Berkman hit a one-out single. Murphy's two-out single sent Kinsler home to make it 4-1. Cruz followed with a groundball single that rolled just out of reach of diving shortstop Ronny Cedeno to score Berkman and chase Norris.

Chants of "Cruuuuuuuz" filled the stadium, indicating the large number of Rangers fans who made the 250-mile trip from Dallas. Norris was replaced by Erik Bedard, who is Houston's fifth starter, but won't be needed for a while in the rotation because of off-days.



Jason Fochtman/AP

Houston's Justin Maxwell rounds second base on his two-run triple in the fourth inning Sunday against the Texas Rangers at Minute Maid Park in Houston.

OPEN

From 1C

yards short of his target, and he chipped up to tap-in range to take a one-shot lead to the tough 18th. He hit a hybrid from 231 yards that nearly went into the bunker, leaving another long chip. This one came up shorter than he wanted, but the putt was true.

"I've been having a really tough year," Points said. "To have a putt to win, you want that starting out every week. I would have liked for it to have been closer."

Points closed with a 6-under 66, the final putt helping him avoid a playoff with Masters-bound Henrik Stenson and Billy Horschel.

Stenson birdied his last two holes for a 66 before the storms rolled across Houston, and while he came up one shot short, he moved up to No. 42 in the world ranking to earn an invitation to the Masters. Horschel was on the 18th tee when play was halted, and then had to wait some more for his turn to hit on the tough driving hole. He split the middle, found the green and two-putted for par to join Stenson in the clubhouse lead.

They waited around for a playoff that wasn't necessary when Points saved par on his last two holes.

Points, who finished at 16-under 272, picked up his second PGA Tour victory, and this time he had to supply his own comic relief. He won two years ago with actor Bill Murray as his partner in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. When the tension mounted, Points flashed his caddie an exaggerated smile to help keep it all in perspective.

It worked, and now they can smile all the way to Augusta.

"I never not think it's on my radar," Points said of his last-minute entry to the Masters. "I want to win. I want to win more than once. I want to have the opportunity to win majors, and win majors. I want to play in Ryder Cups and Presidents Cup. These are things I want to do, and I know I'm capable of doing."

Twenty players were separated by four shots going into the final round, and it stayed that way for a while, with a dozen players poised to make a run and seize control as the storm clouds gathered.

Phil Mickelson opened his final round with four straight birdies, and he was still in the picture until a three-putt double bogey on the 14th hole. He had a 68, and wound up six shots behind. Dustin Johnson had the lead at one point until he missed a short birdie putt on the 11th, and then hit his 5-wood into the water on the reachable par-4 12th hole, leading to bogey. He wound up with a 65 and finished two shots behind.

Ben Crane, who played alongside Points, had birdie chances on the last two holes that would have dropped if he had hit them hard enough. Crane had a 68 and tied for fourth with Johnson.

NBA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

KNICKS 108
***CELTICS 89**

NEW YORK — Carmelo Anthony had 24 points and 10 rebounds, and the Knicks extended their winning streak to eight games and moved closer to ending Boston's hold on the Atlantic Division title.

The Knicks beat the Celtics for the second time this week and won the season series for the first time since 2003-04, when they also went 3-1 against Boston. New York climbed back into a tie with Indiana in the race for the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference, which would currently mean a playoff meeting with the Celtics.

BULLS 95
PISTONS 94

CHICAGO — Luol Deng scored 28 points, Jimmy Butler and Nate Robinson each added 16, and Chicago beat Detroit for the 18th straight time.

Rodney Stuckey scored 25 points and Greg Monroe added 18 points for the Pistons, who have not beaten the Bulls since Dec. 23, 2008.

HORNETS 112
CAVALIERS 92

NEW ORLEANS — Greivis Vasquez scored 25 points and Ryan Anderson added 23 to lead the New Orleans Hornets to a 112-92 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Sunday night.

Anthony Davis had 17 points and 10 rebounds, Brian Roberts scored 15 and Eric Gordon 14 for the Hornets, who snapped a two-game losing streak, including a blowout loss to Miami on Friday. Davis' double-double was his 17th, tops among NBA rookies.

WIZARDS 109
RAPTORS 92

WASHINGTON — Bradley Beal scored 24 points in his return to the lineup, leading Washington past Toronto.

Emeka Okafor had 19 points and 10 rebounds, and John Wall added 18 points and 10 assists for Washington. The Wizards, who came in having lost two in a row on the road, won their seventh straight at home and moved into a tie with Toronto for 10th place in the Eastern Conference.

SPURS

From 1C

"He's a heck of a player, No. 1, but he's also a hell of a shooter," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "He knocked down a big shot. Timmy contested it and he hit a big shot to win the game. Give him credit."

The game was similar to their first meeting this season, when the Spurs' reserves nearly toppled the Heat. This time the reserves prevailed, however.

"There's no question, it's a gratifying win," Miami coach Erik Spoelstra said. "To come in and play against a great team, an elite team. We talked about coming in with Miami Heat pride. It doesn't matter who's in uniform or not, all of our guys have proven that it's the pride of the name on the jersey, on the front of the jersey."

James and Wade were surprise late scratches while Chalmers did not play Friday in New Orleans and was listed as day-to-day with a sprained right ankle.

James strained his right hamstring in the first half of the 108-89 victory against the Hornets, according to the Heat. He continued to play despite the injury, however, scoring 36 points in 32 minutes prior to sitting out late in the blowout victory.

Wade injured his right ankle in Miami's 101-97 loss to the Chicago Bulls on Wednesday night, which snapped the Heat's 27-game winning streak. Wade had 17 points and nine assists in 33 minutes Friday against New Orleans.

The three did not join their teammates on the bench, choosing to stay in the locker room to watch the game. None were available for comment.

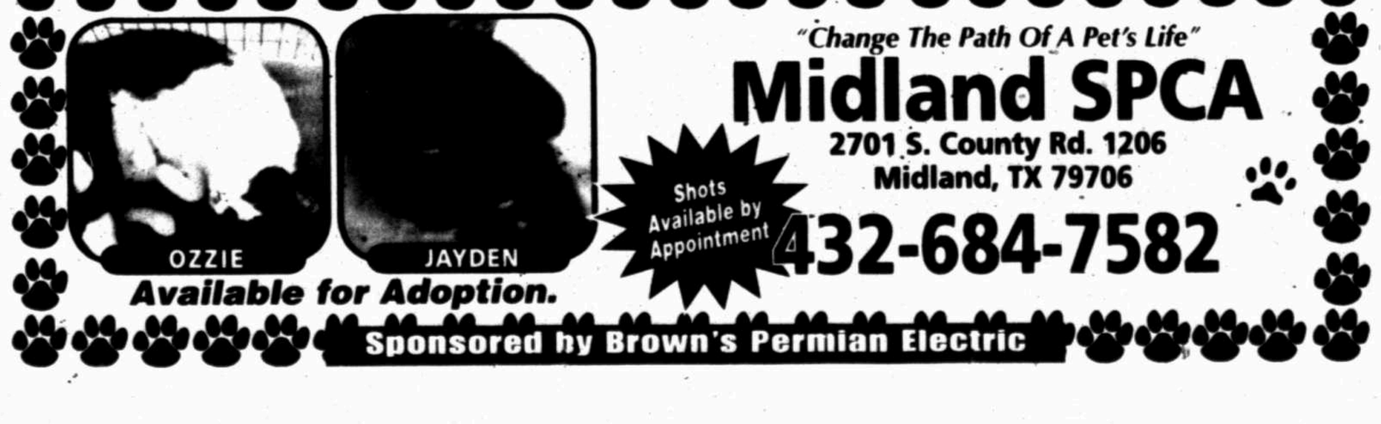
The absences didn't impact Miami.

"They played great tonight," Leonard said. "LeBron James, Dwyane Wade, Mario Chalmers didn't play, but the guys stepped up tonight and their coach had them prepared and ready to play."

Miami outscored San Antonio 31-18 in the third quarter, going 4 for 7 on 3s to take a 71-64 lead. Rashard Lewis' layup off a turnover gave the Heat a 64-56 lead, their largest of the game.

Leonard and Green hit back-to-back 3s as San Antonio pulled to 80-78 with 5:21 remaining in the game.

Duncan's jumper gave the Spurs an 84-83 lead with 2:59 to go. San Antonio had an opportunity to extend the lead when Green raced toward the basket off a steal, but Shane Battier blocked his 1-on-2 attempt. Parker pushed his hands down on the next stoppage of play, telling Green to take his time.



MLB

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	0	0	.000	—
Boston	0	0	.000	—
New York	0	0	.000	—
Tampa Bay	0	0	.000	—
Toronto	0	0	.000	—

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	0	0	.000	—
Cleveland	0	0	.000	—
Detroit	0	0	.000	—
Kansas City	0	0	.000	—
Minnesota	0	0	.000	—

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	1	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	0	0	.000	1/2
Oakland	0	0	.000	1/2
Seattle	0	0	.000	1/2
Texas	0	1	.000	1

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	0	0	.000	—
Miami	0	0	.000	—
New York	0	0	.000	—
Philadelphia	0	0	.000	—
Washington	0	0	.000	—

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	0	0	.000	—
Cincinnati	0	0	.000	—
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	—
Pittsburgh	0	0	.000	—
St. Louis	0	0	.000	—

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	0	0	.000	—
Colorado	0	0	.000	—
Los Angeles	0	0	.000	—
San Diego	0	0	.000	—
San Francisco	0	0	.000	—

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Sunday's Score

Houston 8, Texas 2

Today's Games

Boston (Lester 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 0-0), 12:05 p.m.

Detroit (Verlander 0-0) at Minnesota (Worley 0-0), 3:10 p.m.

Kansas City (Shields 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 0-0), 3:10 p.m.

L.A. Angels (Weaver 0-0) at Cincinnati (Cueto 0-0), 3:10 p.m.

Seattle (Hernandez 0-0) at Oakland (Anderson 0-0), 9:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 2:10 p.m.

Cleveland at Toronto, 6:07 p.m.

Texas at Houston, 7:18 p.m.

Seattle at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Today's Games

Miami (Nolasco 0-0) at Washington (Strasburg 0-0), 12:05 p.m.

San Diego (Volquez 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 0-0), 12:10 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Burnett 0-0), 12:35 p.m.

Colorado (Chacin 0-0) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 0-0), 1:10 p.m.

L.A. Angels (Weaver 0-0) at Cincinnati (Cueto 0-0), 3:10 p.m.

San Francisco (Cain 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 0-0), 3:10 p.m.

Philadelphia (Hamels 0-0) at Atlanta (Hudson 0-0), 6:05 p.m.

St. Louis (Wainwright 0-0) at Arizona (Kennedy 0-0), 9:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Colorado at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.

St. Louis at Arizona, 8:40 p.m.

San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

SUNDAY'S BOX

ASTROS 8, RANGERS 2

Texas					Houston				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Kinsler 2b	3	1	0	0	Altuve 2b	4	0	2	1
Andrus ss	4	0	0	0	Wallac 1b	4	0	1	0
Beltrn dh	4	1	2	0	Carter dh	4	0	0	0
Beltre 3b	4	0	0	0	C Pena dh	4	1	1	0
DvMrp lf	3	0	1	1	Maxwll cf	3	2	2	0
N Cruz rf	3	0	2	1	JCastro c	3	0	0	0
Pfzyns c	4	0	1	0	Dmngz 3b	3	1	1	1
Morlnd 1b	4	0	0	0	BBarns rf	1	1	0	0
LMartn cf	3	0	0	0	Ankiel ph-cf	2	1	1	0
					RCeden ss	3	1	1	0
Totals	32	2	6	2	Totals	32	8	9	7
Texas				000	002	000	–	2	
Houston				000	223	01x	–	8	

E—N Cruz (1), LOB—Texas 3, Houston 3. 3B—Maxwell 2 (2). HR—Ankiel (1). CS—Dav Murphy (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
M Harrison L,0-1	5	2-3	6	6	5	3
D Lowe	1		3	1	1	1
Frasor	1		0	0	0	1
J Grtz	1		2	1	1	0
Houston						
B Norris W,1-0	5	2-3	5	2	2	3
Bedard S,1-1	3	1-3	1	0	0	2

T—3:00. A—41,307 (42,060).

Tennis

ATP/WTA

Sony Open Results

Sunday

At The Tennis Center at Crandon Park

Key Biscayne, Fla.

Purse: Men, $5.24 million (Masters 1000); Women, $5.19 million (Premier)

Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles

Men

Championship

Andy Murray (2), Britain, def. David Ferrer (3), Spain, 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (1).

Doubles

Women

Championship

Nadia Petrova, Russia, and Katarina Srebotnik (3), Slovenia, def. Lisa Raymond, United States, and Laura Robson, Britain, 6-1, 7-6 (2).

Fight Schedule

Friday

At the Chumash Casino, Santa Ynez, Calif. (ESPN2), Marvin Quintero vs. Ameth Diaz, 42, IBF featherweight eliminator.

Saturday

At Macao, China, Brian Viloria, vs. Juan Francisco Estrada, 12, for Viloria's WBA Super World and WBO flyweight titles; Roman Martinez vs. Diego Magdaleno, 12, for Martinez's WBO junior lightweight title; Wilfredo Vazquez Jr. vs. Yasutako Ishimoto, 12, junior featherweights; Vanes Martirosyan vs. Javier Francisco Maciel, 10, junior middleweights.

Sunday

At Osaka, Japan, Koki Kameda vs. Yonfritz Parejo, 12, for Kameda's WBA World bantamweight title.

April 8

At Tokyo, Shinsuke Yamanaka vs. Malcolm Tunacao, 12, for Yamanaka's WBC bantamweight title; Toshiyuki Igarashi vs. Akira Yaegashi, 12, for Igarashi's WBC flyweight title; Gamaliel Diaz vs. Takashi Miura, 12, for Diaz's WBC super featherweight title.

April 12

At Shelton, Wash. (ESPN2), Brandon Gonzalez vs. Will Rosinsky, 10, super middleweights.

April 13

At Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Javier Fortuna vs. Miguel Zamudio, 12, for Fortuna's WBA interim featherweight title.

At Radio City Music Hall, New York (HBO), Nonito Donaire vs. Guillermo Rigondeaux, 12, for Donaire's WBO and Rigondeaux's WBA Super World junior featherweight titles.

At the American Bank Center, Corpus Christi, Texas (FSN) Juan Diaz vs. Pipino Cuevas Jr., 10, lightweights.

At Las Vegas, Xiong Zhao Zhong vs. Carlos Ortega, 12, for Xiong's WBC minimumweight title.

April 14

At Jakarta, Indonesia, Chris John vs. Satoshi Hosono, 12, for John's WBA Super World featherweight title.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	46	26	.639	—
x-Brooklyn	42	31	.575	4 1/2
Boston	38	35	.521	8 1/2
Philadelphia	30	43	.411	16 1/2
Toronto	27	46	.370	19 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Miami	58	15	.795	—
x-Atlanta	41	33	.554	17 1/2
Washington	27	46	.370	31
Orlando	19	55	.257	39 1/2
Charlotte	17	56	.233	41

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	47	27	.635	—
x-Chicago	40	32	.556	6
Milwaukee	35	37	.486	11
Detroit	24	50	.324	23
Cleveland	22	50	.306	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	55	18	.753	—
x-Memphis	49	24	.671	6
Houston	40	33	.548	15
Dallas	36	37	.493	19
New Orleans	26	48	.351	29 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Oklahoma City	54	20	.730	—
x-Denver	50	24	.676	4
Utah	36	36	.514	16
Portland	33	40	.452	20 1/2
Minnesota	26	46	.361	27

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-L.A Clippers	49	25	.662	—
x-Golden State	42	32	.568	7
L.A Lakers	38	36	.514	11
Sacramento	27	47	.365	22
Phoenix	23	51	.311	26

x-clinched playoff spot

z-clinched conference

Sunday's Scores

New Orleans 112, Cleveland 92

Washington 109, Toronto 92

Chicago 95, Detroit 94

Miami 88, San Antonio 86

New York 108, Boston 89

Today's Games

Detroit at Toronto, 6 p.m.

Cleveland at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.

Orlando at Houston, 7 p.m.

San Antonio at Memphis, 7 p.m.

Boston at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Charlotte at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.

Portland at Utah, 8 p.m.

Indiana at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Chicago at Washington, 6 p.m.

New York at Miami, 7 p.m.

Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S BOXES

HEAT 88, SPURS 86

MIAMI (88): James 3-11 0-0 7, Haslem 4-7 0-0 8, Bosh 9-15 2-2 23, Cole 4-12 5-7 13, Miller 4-8 0-0 12, Battier 2-5 0-0 6, Allen 6-12 0-0 14, Anderson 1-2 2-4 4, Anthony 0-2 1-2 1. Jones 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-71 10-15 88.

SAN ANTONIO (86): Leonard 8-13 0-0 17, Duncan 4-9 5-5 13, Splitter 2-4 3-6 7, Parker 4-14 4-4 12, Green 4-14 1-3 12, Diaw 1-2 0-0 2, Neal 2-8 0-0 5, De Colo 1-1 0-0 3, Jackson 5-8 0-0 11, Bonner 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-79 9-16 86.

Miami	22	18	31	17	—	88
San Antonio	24	21	19	22	—	86

3-Point Goals—Miami 12-28 (Miller 4-6, Bosh 3-5, Battier 2-4, Allen 2-5, Lewis 1-6, Cole 0-2), San Antonio 7-24 (Green 3-9, De Colo 1-1, Jackson 1-2, Leonard 1-3, Neal 1-5, Diaw 0-1, Parker 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 37 (Bosh 9), San Antonio 57 (Duncan 12). Assists—Miami 23 (Miller, Allen 5), San Antonio 26 (Parker 8). Total Fouls—Miami 15, San Antonio 13. A—18,581 (18,797).

KNICKS 108, CELTICS 89

BOSTON (89): Green 10-14 5-8 27, Bass 1-4 0-0 2, Wilcox 1-2 0-0 2, Bradley 1-5 0-0 2, Pierce 6-16 8-10 24, Lee 5-11 0-0 10, Terry 3-7 1-1 8, Crawford 3-10 4-4 10, Randolph 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 1-4 0-0 2. D.White 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 32-74 18-23 89

NEW YORK (108): Shumpert 3-3 2-2 10, Anthony 9-19 4-4 24, Martin 1-2 1-3 3, Felton 6-10 3-3 18, Prigioni 1-4 0-0 3, Smith 4-12 7-7 16, Kidd 1-4 0-0 3, Novak 4-7 0-0 10, Copeland 6-10 7-9 22. J.White 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 35-72 24-31 108

Boston	23	25	21	20	—	89
New York	28	37	21	22	—	108

3-Point Goals—Boston 7-25 (Pierce 4-7, Green 2-5, Terry 1-5, Bradley 0-1, Williams 0-2, Lee 0-2, Crawford 0-3). New York 14-27 (Copeland 3-3, Felton 3-6, Shumpert 2-2, Novak 2-3, Anthony 2-4, Prigioni 1-3, Kidd 1-4, Smith 0-1, J.White 0-1). Fouled Out—Bradley. Rebounds—Boston 42 (Pierce 15), New York 49 (Smith 12). Assists—Boston 12 (Pierce 5), New York 23 (Prigioni 5). Total Fouls—Boston 22, New York 22. Technicals—Boston Coach Rivers A—19,033 (19,763).

BULLS 95, PISTONS 94

DETROIT (94): Singler 3-4 1-1 8, Monroe 7-12 4-6 18, Drummond 4-7 0-3 8, Calderon 4-8 2-2 11, Knight 2-6 0-0 5, Jerebko 2-3 1-2 5, English 0-0 0-0 0, Villanueva 4-13 4-4 14, Stuckey 10-19 3-4 25. Middleton 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-72 15-22 94

CHICAGO (95): Deng 7-18 11-17 28, Boozer 5-11 1-1 11, Mohammed 0-4 0-0 0, Hinrich 1-5 1-1 3, Butler 4-7 7-9 16, Gibson 3-6 5-8 11, Cook 3-7 2-3 10, Robinson 7-18 0-0 16, Teague 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-76 27-40 95.

Detroit	24	33	18	24	—	94
Chicago	20	33	18	24	—	95

3-Point Goals—Detroit 7-16 (Stuckey 2-3, Villanueva 2-7, Singler 1-1, Knight 1-2, Calderon 1-2, Jerebko 0-1). Chicago 8-23 (Deng 3-8, Cook 2-5, Robinson 2-6, Butler 1-2, Hinrich 0-2). Fouled Out—Singler. Rebounds—Detroit 54 (Drummond 14), Chicago 48 (Deng 9). Assists—Detroit 22 (Calderon 5), Chicago 19 (Teague 5). Total Fouls—Detroit 23, Chicago 18. Technicals—Singler. Detroit defensive three second, Robinson. Flagrant Fouls—Knight. A—21,864 (20,917).

WIZARDS 109, RAPTORS 92

TORONTO (92): Johnson 2-7 4-4 8, Gay 4-10 2-3 11, Valanciunas 4-7 0-0 8, Lowry 5-15 3-4 14, Calderon 1-5 0-0 2, Ross 2-6 0-0 5, Belinelli 4-10 4-4 15, DeRozan 6-18 3-4 15, Fields 4-7 0-1 8. Anderson 3-9 0-0 7. Gray 0-0 0-0 0. Ross 0-0 0-0 0, Tellfair 4-6 0-0 10. Totals 32-81 21-26 92

WASHINGTON (109): Booker 1-3 1-2 3, Webster 3-9 3-5 7, Vucevic 7-14 5-7 19, Wall 7-15 3-4 18, Temple 0-2 0-0 0, Seraphin 6-10 1-2 13, Beal 8-14 2-2 24, Aniza 3-5 2-2 10, Singleton 1-2 0-0 2, Gooden 4-7 1-4 9. Price 3-5 0-0 7. Totals 44-95 21-35 109

Toronto	25	25	26	16	—	92
Washington	27	33	30	19	—	109

3-Point Goals—Toronto 7-19 (Lowry 3-5, Tellfair 2-4, Gay 1-3, Anderson 1-5, Ross 0-2). Washington 9-17 (Beal 5-9, Aniza 2-2, Wall 1-3, Price 0-1, Webster 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 51 (Johnson 12), Washington 57 (Booker, Webster 8). Assists—Toronto 21 (Lowry 7), Washington 24 (Wall 10). Total Fouls—Toronto 26, Washington 26. Flagrant Fouls—Gay. A—14,360 (20,308).

HORNETS 112, CAVALIERS 92

CLEVELAND (92): Gee 2-6 0-2 4, Thompson 4-8 0-1 12, Zeller 2-5 0-0 4, Irving 11-20 6-6 31, Ellington 5-10 0-0 12, Walton 1-4 0-0 3, Miles 1-8 0-0 3, Gibson 0-4 0-0 0, Jamison 1-5 0-0 2, Livingston 4-5 3-3 11, Cassspi 0-1 0-0 0, Jones 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-82 9-12 92.

NEW ORLEANS (112): Aminu 1-2 2-2 4, Davis 5-11 7-11 17, Lopez 1-5 1-2 3, Vasquez 10-14 3-4 25, Gordon 5-11 4-5 14, Anderson 9-14 0-0 23, Harris 0-2 1-2 1, Miller 3-7 0-0 8, Roberts 1-3 2-3 5, Amundson 1-1 0-0 2, Henry 0-0 0-0 0. Thomas 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-74 20-29 112

Cleveland	21	28	24	19	—	92
New Orleans	23	25	36	28	—	112

3-Point Goals—Cleveland 7-18 (Irving 3-5, Ellington 2-4, Miles 1-2, Walton 1-4, Gee 0-1, Gibson 0-3). New Orleans 12-21 (Anderson 5-7, Roberts 3-4, Vasquez 2-2, Miller 2-4, Harris 0-1, Gordon 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 38 (Thompson 10), New Orleans 52 (Davis 13). Assists—Cleveland 20 (Irving 6), New Orleans 23 (Vasquez 9). Total Fouls—Cleveland 23, New Orleans 19. A—11,008 (17,188)

Leaders

INCLUDES GAMES OF SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2013

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	74	668	632	2097	28.3
Anthony, NYK	58	546	375	1601	27.6
Bryant, LAL	72	682	462	1950	27.1
James, MIA	72	727	382	1937	26.9
Harden, HOU	70	525	609	1817	26.0
Westbrook, OKC	74	604	412	1750	23.7
Curry, GOL	70	553	241	1583	22.6
Wade, MIA	66	549	294	1409	21.3
Aldridge, POR	69	562	263	1451	21.0
Lillard, POR	69	492	253	1261	21.0
Ellis, MIL	72	533	257	1395	19.4
Lopez, Bro	66	504	258	1266	19.2
Lillard, POR	73	492	241	1391	19.1
Pierce, BOS	71	444	308	1328	18.7
Lee, GOL	71	541	232	1314	18.5
Holiday, PHL	69	511	166	1269	18.4

REBOUNDS PER GAME

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Howard, LAL	68	231	630	861	12.7
Asik, HOU	73	246	598	844	11.6
Vucevic, ORL	69	235	560	795	11.5
Noah, CHI	63	256	464	720	11.4
Randolph, MEM	67	280	483	763	11.4
Lee, GOL	62	260	422	682	11.0
Chandler, NYK	62	260	422	682	11.0
Hickson, POR	72	244	529	773	10.7
Evans, Bro	72	234	526	760	10.6
Horford, ATL	68	179	541	720	10.6
Cousins, SAC	67	206	471	677	10.1
Monroe, DET	72	207	484	691	9.6
Sanders, MIL	72	205	411	616	8.6
Boozer, CHI	68	151	485	636	9.4
Faried, DEN	74	243	441	684	9.2

ASSISTS PER GAME

	G	AST	AVG
Rondo, BOS	38	420	11.1
Paul, LAC	62	594	9.6
Vasquez, NOR	71	653	9.2
Holiday, PHL	69	587	8.5
Williams, Bro	70	537	7.7
Parker, SAN	60	457	7.6
Westbrook, OKC	74	559	7.6
Nelson, ORL	56	413	7.4
James, MIA	72	524	7.3
Dragic, PHX	70	503	7.2
Calderon, DET	70	500	7.1
Teague, ATL	73	516	7.1
Lawson, DEN	69	474	6.9
Jennings, MIL	72	487	6.8

NHL

Today's Games

N.Y Islanders at New Jersey, 6 p.m.

Winnipeg at N.Y Rangers, 6 p.m.

Carolina at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.

Colorado at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

St. Louis at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Nashville at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

Anaheim at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Calgary at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.

Vancouver at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Ottawa at Boston, 6 p.m.

Winnipeg at N.Y Islanders, 6 p.m.

Washington at Carolina, 6 p.m.

Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.

Florida at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Colorado at Nashville, 7 p.m.

Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY'S SUMMARIES

KINGS 3, STARS 2

Los Angeles	1	1	1	2	—	3
Dallas	0	1	1	0	—	2

First Period—1. Los Angeles, Carter 20 (Richards, Penner), :25.

Third Period—2. Dallas, Ja.Benn 8 (Goligoski), 13:16.

Third Period—3. Los Angeles, Richardson 1 (Clifford), 5:40. 4. Los Angeles, Williams 7 (Brown, Voynov), 6:49. 5. Dallas, Whitney 7 (Goligoski, Roy), 11:04 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Los Angeles 13-18-9—40. Dallas 4-4-7—15.

Goalies—Los Angeles, Bernier. Dallas, Lehtonen A—15,719 (18,532). T—2:22

BLUE JACKETS 2, DUCKS 1, OT

Anaheim	0	0	1	0	–	1
Columbus	1	0	0	1	–	2

First Period—None

Second Period—1. Columbus, Brassard 7 (Letestu, Prospal), 9:34.

Third Period—2. Anaheim, Etem 3 (Cogliano, Allen), 5:55.

Overtime—3. Columbus, Letestu 9 (Nakter, Prout), 4:00.

Shots on Goal—Anaheim 7-5-17-1—30. Columbus 9-4-1-4—18.

Goalies—Anaheim, Hiller. Columbus, Bobrovsky. A—13,185 (18,144) T—2:32

GOLF

PGA

Houston Open Scores

Sunday

At Redstone Golf Club, Tournament Course

Humble, Texas

Purse: $6.2 million

Yardage: 7,441; Par: 72

Final

D.A. Points (500)	64-71-66	—272
Billy Horschel (245)	68-72-67	—272
Henrik Stenson (245)	69-70-68	—272
Ben Crane (123)	69-70-67	—273
Dustin Johnson (123)	69-70-70	—273
Kevin Chappell (92)	70-70-67	—275
Stewart Cink (92)	71-66-68	—275
Brian Davis (92)	67-70-71	—275
Jason Kokrak (80)	66-68-71	—275
Brendon de Jonge (64)	71-68-72	—276
Charles Howell III (64)	69-72-70	—276
Greg Owen (64)	70-70-67	—276
Bill Haas (64)	68-70-67	—276
Louis Oosthuizen (64)	70-72-65	—277
Lee Westwood (64)	68-72-67	—277
Angel Cabrera (54)	66-72-69	—277
Bud Cauley (54)	68-74-65	—278
Phil Mickelson (54)	71-67-68	—278
Cameron Tringale (54)	65-73-69	—278
Charley Hoffman (51)	68-71-70	—279
John Rollins (51)	65-74-71	—279
Chris Kirk (47)	71-70-72	—280
Bogey LaBelle II (47)	71-71-72	—280
Greg Chalmers (47)	68-73-69	—280
Robert Streb (47)	70-71-71	—280
Steve Wheatcroft, (47)	67-72-72	—280
Jeff Overton (43)	67-73-71	—280
Pat Perez (43),	72-71-70	—281
Kevin Stadler (43)	70-73-69	—281
Nick Watney (43),	71-71-72	—281
Aaron Baddeley (37)	70-71-72	—281
Ross Fisher (37)	73-69-72	—282
Tim Herron (37)	69-73-69	—282
Jin Park (37), $	69-74-69	—282
Daniel Summerhays (37)	72-71-69	—282
Graham DeLaet (37)	71-71-68	—282
Chez Reavie (37)	72-70-68	—282
Charlie Beljan (30)	71-72-70	—283
Bob Estes (30),	71-69-74	—283
Matt Jones (30)	68-73-70	—283
Brendan Steele (30)	70-71-71	—283
Steve Stricker (30)	73-68-71	—283
Chris Stroud (30)	71-72-71	—283
Josh Teater (30)	74-67-72	—283
Russell Henley (24)	72-70-74	—284
Rory McIlroy (24)	73-70-71	—284
Brian Harman (24)	68-72-69	—284
Scott Stallings (24)	70-69-73	—284
Boo Weekley (24)	70-69-75	—284
Harris English (18)	69-74-73	—286
Ryan Moore (18)	72-70-74	—286
Jimmy Walker (18)	71-70-75	—286
Gary Woodland (18)	72-70-75	—287
Kelly Kraft	70-72-72	—287
Justin Leonard (18)	71-72-70	—287
Steven Bowditch (14)	73-70-69	—287
James Hahn (14),	74-69-68	—287
David Lynn (14)	72-70-72	—287
Troy Matteson (14)	71-71-73	—287
Chad Campbell (9),	**72-71-74**	**—287**
Brandt Jobe (9),	69-73-70-75	—287
Jerry Kelly (9),	71-72-75-69	—287
Carl Pettersson (9),	72-71-68-76	—287
Nicholas Thompson (9),	70-73-71-73	—287
Hunter Haas (5),	69-71-74-74	—288
Hiroshi Iwata (5),	74-68-73-73	—288
Carl Pettersson (5),	71-72-71-74	—288
Scott Verplank (5),	72-68-70-78	—288
Ricky Barnes (2)	73-68-73-75	—289
George Coetzee	72-71-72-75	—290
Cameron Percy (1)	73-70-71-76	—290
Wes Short, Jr (1),	71-70-75-74	—290

European

Trophee Hassan II Leading Scores

Sunday

At Golf du Palais Royal

Purse: $1.93 million

Yardage: 6,844; Par: 72

Final

Marcel Siem, Germany	64-68-69-70	—271
David Horsey, England	68-67-70-69	—274
Mikko Ilonen, Finland	69-66-70-69	—274
Pablo Larrazabal, Spain	72-64-69-71	—276
Matthew Baldwin, England	72-70-68-67	—277
Alvaro Velasco, Spain	67-74-69-69	—279
Bernd Wiesberger, Austria	72-66-69-72	—279
David Howell, England	71-70-72-68	—281
Craig Lee, Scotland	69-69-70-74	—282
Julien Quesne, France	71-72-71-68	—282
David Drysdale, Scotland	74-72-67-70	—283
Emiliano Grillo, Argentina	74-71-69-69	—283
Chris Paisley, England	73-67-75-68	—283
Steve Webster, England	74-72-69-68	—283
Oliver Fisher, England	73-69-70-72	—284
Andreas Harto Denmark	71-67-73-73	—284
Gary Lockerbie, England	69-76-69-70	—284
Joost Luiten, Netherlands	70-69-72-73	—284
Andrew Marshall, England	73-71-72-68	—284
Francesco Molinari, Italy	73-71-70-70	—284
Richie Ramsay, Scotland	73-69-69-72	—284
Simon Wakefield, England	68-72-71-73	—284
Paul Waring, England	71-72-71-70	—284

NFL

NFL Draft Order

The Associated Press

To be held April 25-27 at New York

1. Kansas City
2. Jacksonville
3. Oakland
4. Philadelphia
5. Detroit
6. Cleveland
7. Arizona
8. Buffalo
9. N.Y Jets
10. Tennessee
11. San Diego
12. Miami
13. Tampa Bay
14. Carolina
15. New Orleans
16. St. Louis
17. Pittsburgh
18. Dallas
19. N.Y Giants
20. Chicago
21. Cincinnati
22. St. Louis (from Washington)
23. Minnesota
24. Indianapolis
25. Minnesota (from Seattle)
26. Green Bay
27. Houston
28. Denver
29. New England
30. Atlanta
31. San Francisco
32. Baltimore

NFL Calendar

April 25-27 — NFL draft, New York

May 20-22 — NFL spring league meeting, Boston

Sept. 5, 8-9 — 2013 NFL season begins

Coll. Basketball

National Invitation Tournament Glance

At Madison Square Garden

New York

Semifinals

Tuesday

BYU (24-11) vs. Baylor (21-14), 6 p.m.

Marquette (22-12) vs. Iowa (24-12), 8:30 p.m.

Championship

Thursday

Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

College Basketball Invitational Glance

Championship Series

(Best-of-3)

(y-if necessary)

Today

George Mason (21-14) at Santa Clara (24-11), 9 p.m.

Wednesday

Santa Clara at George Mason, 6 p.m.

Friday

x-Santa Clara at George Mason, 6 p.m.

CollegeInsider.com Tournament Glance

Semifinals

Saturday

East Carolina 81, Evansville 58

Weber State 59, Northern Iowa 56

Championship

Tuesday

East Carolina (22-12) vs. Weber State (30-6), 7 p.m.

NCAA Men's Div. II

Basketball Tournament Glance

Quarterfinals

At Louisville, Ky.

Thursday

Metro State 78, Franklin Pierce 65

West Liberty 110, Winona State 84

Western Washington 96, Florida Southern 82

Drury 84, S.C. Aiken 75

Semifinals

Saturday

Metro State 83, West Liberty 76

Drury 107, Western Washington 97

Championship

At Atlanta

Sunday, April 7

Metro State vs. Drury, 3 p.m.

NCAA Division III

Men's Basketball Glance

At Philips Arena

Atlanta

Championship

Sunday, April 7

Mary Hardin-Baylor vs. Amherst, 11:30 a.m.

Women's National Invitation Tournament Glance

Quarterfinals

Saturday

Florida 85, James Madison 80

Utah 58, Saint Mary's (Cal) 55

Kansas State 66, Illinois 48

Drexel 56, Arizona 48

Semifinals

Wednesday

Florida (28-8) at Drexel (26-10), 6 p.m.

Utah (22-13) at Kansas State (19-17), 7 p.m.

Championship

Saturday, April 6

Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

NBADL

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Rio Grande Valley	33	15	.688	—
Austin	26	21	.553	6 1/2
Tulsa	26	21	.553	6 1/2
Sioux Falls	24	23	.511	8 1/2
Texas	19	29	.396	14
Iowa	12	36	.250	21

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Bakersfield	33	14	.702	—
x-Santa Cruz	32	15	.681	1
Los Angeles	20	27	.426	13
Idaho	17	31	.354	16 1/2
Reno	15	31	.326	17 1/2

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Canton	28	19	.596	—
Fort Wayne	26	22	.542	2 1/2
Maine	25	23	.521	3 1/2
Erie	24	23	.511	4
Springfield	18	28	.391	9 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot

y-clinched division

Sunday's Score

Fort Wayne 109, Texas 85

Today's Games

Springfield at Erie, Noon

Bakersfield at Reno, 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Tulsa at Sioux Falls, 7 p.m.

Santa Cruz at Reno, 9 p.m.

Cycling

Ronde van Vlaanderen Results

Sunday

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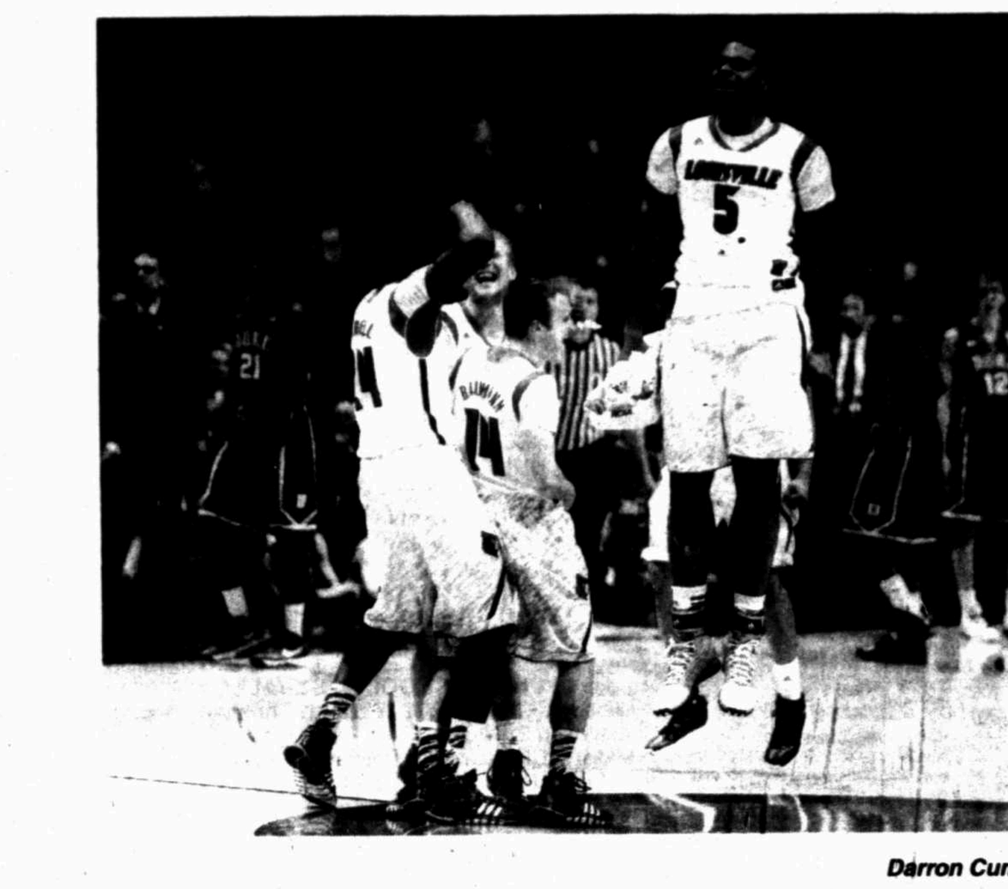
The Final Four is set after blowouts, surprises



Darron Cummings/AP

Louisville's Chane Behanan leaps in the air while wearing the jersey of injured teammate Kevin Ware as he and his teammates celebrate their 85-63 win over Duke in the Midwest Regional final of the NCAA Tournament Sunday in Indianapolis.

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

ATLANTA — An inspired Louisville squad vs. the surprising Shockers.

A new group of Fab Wolverines vs. the stingiest zone defense in college basketball.

After a weekend of blowouts and another upset, the Final Four is set.

Top overall seed Louisville will face Wichita State at the Georgia Dome on Saturday, while Michigan takes on Syracuse in the other national semifinal. The winners advance to the April 8 championship.

On Sunday, the Cardinals drew inspiration from a gruesome injury to guard Kevin Ware and cruised past Duke, 85-63, in the Midwest Regional. Michigan led from the opening tip, routing Florida. 79-59, in the South.

A day earlier, Syracuse shut down Marquette, 55-39, to win the East. Wichita State punched its Final Four ticket with a 70-66 upset of Ohio State out West.

In the final year of the Big East before it splits into two new conferences, Louisville and Syracuse provided a fitting send-off to a league that quickly became a basketball powerhouse after it was founded in 1979.

Before it goes, this version of the Big East has a shot at one more national title.

With two teams, no less.

The Cardinals — who, like Syracuse, are moving to the Atlantic Coast Conference — were the only No. 1 seed to make it to the Final Four. And, boy, it's been an impressive run.

Louisville (33-5) has won its four NCAA games by an average margin of nearly 22 points, capped by a second-half blowout of Duke after the Cardinals shook off the incredible shock of Ware's injury with about 6 1/2 minutes to go before halftime.

"We won this for him," coach Rick Pitino said.

The sophomore snapped his lower right leg after coming down awkwardly while defending a 3-point shot. The injury occurred right in front of the Louisville bench, where the players gasped and turned away quickly at the sight of Ware's dangling leg, which was broken in two places.

Russ Smith collapsed onto the floor, along with several players, and was crying as doctors attended to Ware. While Ware was loaded onto a stretcher, the Cardinals gathered at midcourt until Pitino called them over, saying the injured player wanted to talk to them before he left.

The sophomore, who played his high school ball in suburban Atlanta, urged his teammates to complete the trip to the Georgia Dome. Pitino wiped his eyes as Ware was wheeled out, as did several Louisville players.

"All he kept saying — and remember, the bone is 6 inches out of his leg — all he's yelling is, 'Win the game! Win the game!'" Pitino said. "I've never seen that in my life. We're all distraught and all he's saying is, 'Win the game.' Kevin is a special young man."

This is a special team. Smith scored 23 points. Gorgui Dieng had 14 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks.

The Cardinals simply refused to lose, breaking open a game that was tied at 42. They dove on the floor for loose balls. They pounded the boards ferociously. They contested every shot and swarmed around the Blue Devils like they had an extra player on the court.

In a sense, they did. During every timeout, Pitino reminded the players of their hospitalized teammate.

"This is a gritty bunch," the coach said. "From the beginning of the year to now, they've not had a bad game. I'm really proud of these guys."

While the Cardinals are the clear favorite heading to their second straight Final Four, Wichita State was the most improbable team to advance.

The ninth-seeded Shockers lived up to their nickname in the West, knocking off top-seeded Gonzaga in the second round and No. 2 seed Ohio State in the regional final Saturday night.

Wichita State (30-8) built a 20-point lead on the Buckeyes, then managed to hang on through a nerve-racking final five minutes to pull off the latest upset in a tournament filled with them.

The Shockers will need an even bigger stunner to knock off Louisville, the one team in a wide-open tournament that has looked unbeatable.

Then again, that other team from Kansas has shown no fear so far.

"It feels very good," said Cleanthony Early, a junior forward who, like most guys on this team, was passed over by higher-profile programs, "but we understand the fact that we've got to stay hungry and humble, because we've got two more games left to really be excited about."

Old-timers might remember Louisville and Wichita State as former conference rivals. The Cardinals were a member of the Missouri Valley Conference in the 1960s and '70s, which meant annual games against the Shockers.

Louisville holds a 19-5 edge in the series, but the teams haven't played since 1976.

Michigan (30-7) is headed back to the Final Four for the first time since the Fab Five era of the early 1990s, when the Wolverines lost in back-to-back national title games.

This team has much the same feel, led by sophomore Trey Burke, the Big Ten player of the year, and three freshmen starters. They were downright fabulous against Florida on Sunday, never seriously threatened after scoring the first 13 points.

"A lot of guys said we were really young and that we couldn't get here," said Burke, who scored 15 points against Florida but really came through in an improbable comeback against top-seeded Kansas in the regional semifinals. "We're here now and we still have unfinished business."

One of the freshmen, Nik Stauskas, hit all six of his 3-pointers and scored 22 points to lead the fourth-seeded Wolverines past the third-seeded Gators. Another of the youngsters, 6-foot-10 Mitch McGary, chipped in with 11 points and nine rebounds.

Florida became the first team to make it to three straight regional finals without winning any of them, according to STATS.

NCAA TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

Men

MIDWEST REGIONAL
LOUISVILLE 85
DUKE 63

INDIANAPOLIS — With tears in their eyes and Kevin Ware in their hearts, there was no way Louisville was losing this game.

Russ Smith scored 23 points, Gorgui Dieng had 14 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks and top-seeded Louisville put aside the shock from Ware's gruesome leg injury to beat Duke 85-63 on Sunday and earn a second straight trip to the Final Four.

It will be some time before the Cardinals can celebrate this victory, however. Ware, who's played a key role in Louisville's 14-game winning streak, was hospitalized after appearing to snap his lower right leg with 6:33 left in the first half.

SOUTH REGIONAL
MICHIGAN 79
FLORIDA 59

ARLINGTON — Freshman guard Nik Stauskas scored 22 points including six 3-pointers and Michigan is going to the Final Four for the first time since the Fab Five era after a 79-59 rout of Florida in the South Regional final Sunday.

The Wolverines (30-7) scored the game's first 13 points and maintained a double-digit lead the rest of the game against the SEC regular-season champion Gators (29-8), who lost in a regional final for the third straight year.

Stauskas hit all six of his 3-point attempts, including consecutive makes from the left corner for to give Michigan a 41-17 lead.

Sophomore Trey Burke, the Big Ten player of the year, added 15 points for Michigan. Mitch McGary, another freshman, had 11 points and nine rebounds. He scored eight in the opening 13-0 run.

Women

NORFOLK REGIONAL
NOTRE DAME 93
KANSAS 63

NORFOLK, Va. — Skylar Diggins was already having such a great day, her coach figured she might as well make it historic.

The Notre Dame point guard scored 22 of her 27 points by halftime Sunday and became the school's career scoring leader, leading the top-seeded Fighting Irish to a 93-63 victory against Kansas in the semifinals of the Norfolk Regional.

Notre Dame will play No. 2 seed Duke on Tuesday for a berth in the Final Four.

DUKE 53
NEBRASKA 45

NORFOLK, Va. — Tricia Liston scored 17 points and Duke shook off a slow start to beat Nebraska in the semifinals of the Norfolk Regional of the women's NCAA tournament.

Alexis Jones added 14 points for the Blue Devils (33-2), who also struggled last weekend at home. They advanced to Tuesday night's game against top-seeded Notre Dame with a berth in the Final Four on the line.

OKLAHOMA CITY REGIONAL
TENNESSEE 74
OKLAHOMA 59

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kamiko Williams scored 15 points, Cierre Burdick had 13 and second-seeded Tennessee routed Oklahoma in the regional semifinals of the NCAA women's tournament.

The Lady Vols (27-7) opened a 20-point lead in the first half and never let Oklahoma make a comeback, improving to 26-5 in regional semifinals.

NCAA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES

Men

FIRST ROUND
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Tuesday, March 19
N.C. A&T 73, Liberty 72
Saint Mary's (Cal) 67, Middle Tennessee 54
Wednesday, March 20
James Madison 68, Long Island U. 55
La Salle 80, Boise State 71

EAST REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 21
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
Butler 68, Bucknell 56
Marquette 59, Davidson 58
At HP Pavilion
San Jose, Calif.
California 64, UNLV 61
Syracuse 61, Montana 34
Friday, March 22
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Temple 76, N.C. State 72
Indiana 83, James Madison 62
At The Frank Erwin Center
Austin
Miami 76, Pacific 49
Illinois 57, Colorado 49
Third Round
Saturday, March 23
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
Marquette 71, Butler 72
At HP Pavilion
San Jose, Calif.
Syracuse 66, California 60
Sunday, March 24
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Indiana 58, Temple 52
At The Frank Erwin Center
Austin
Miami 63, Illinois 59
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 28
At The Verizon Center
Washington
Marquette 71, Miami 61
Syracuse 61, Indiana 50
Regional Championship
Saturday
Syracuse 55, Marquette 39

SOUTH REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 21
At The Palace of Auburn Hills
Auburn Hills, Mich.
Michigan 71, South Dakota State 56
VCU 88, Akron 42
Friday, March 22
At Wells Fargo Center
Philadelphia
Florida Gulf Coast 78, Georgetown 68
San Diego State 70, Oklahoma 55
At The Sprint Center
Kansas City, Mo.
North Carolina 78, Villanova 71
Kansas 64, Western Kentucky 57
At The Frank Erwin Center
Austin
Florida 79, Northwestern State 47
Minnesota 83, UCLA 63
Third Round
Saturday, March 23
At The Palace of Auburn Hills
Auburn Hills, Mich.
Michigan 78, VCU 53
Sunday, March 24
At Wells Fargo Center
Philadelphia
Florida Gulf Coast 81, San Diego State 71
At The Sprint Center
Kansas City, Mo.
Kansas 70, North Carolina 58
At The Frank Erwin Center
Austin
Florida 78, Minnesota 64
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 29
At Cowboys Stadium
Arlington
Michigan 87, Kansas 85, OT
Florida 62, Florida Gulf Coast 50
Regional Championship
Sunday
Michigan 79, Florida 59

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 21
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
Louisville 79, N.C. A&T 48
Colorado State 64, Missouri 72
At The Palace of Auburn Hills
Auburn Hills, Mich.
Michigan State 65, Valparaiso 54
Memphis 54, Saint Mary's (Cal) 52
At HP Pavilion
San Jose, Calif.
Saint Louis 64, New Mexico State 44
Oregon 68, Oklahoma State 55
Friday, March 22
At Wells Fargo Center
Philadelphia
Duke 73, Albany (N.Y.) 61
Creighton 67, Cincinnati 63
Third Round
Saturday, March 23
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
Louisville 82, Colorado State 56
At The Palace of Auburn Hills
Auburn Hills, Mich.
Michigan State 70, Memphis 48
At HP Pavilion
San Jose, Calif.
Oregon 74, Saint Louis 57
Sunday, March 24
At Wells Fargo Center
Philadelphia
Duke 66, Creighton 50
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 29
At Lucas Oil Stadium
Indianapolis
Louisville 77, Oregon 69
Duke 71, Michigan State 61
Regional Championship
Sunday
Louisville 85, Duke 63

WEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 21
At EnergySolutions Arena
Salt Lake City
Wichita State 73, Pittsburgh 55
Gonzaga 64, Southern 58
Arizona 81, Belmont 64
Harvard 68, New Mexico 62
Friday, March 22
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Ohio State 95, Iona 70
Iowa State 75, Notre Dame 58
At The Sprint Center
Kansas City, Mo.
Mississippi 57, Wisconsin 46
La Salle 63, Kansas State 61
Third Round
Saturday, March 23
At EnergySolutions Arena
Salt Lake City
Arizona 74, Harvard 51
Wichita State 76, Gonzaga 70
Sunday, March 24
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Ohio State 78, Iowa State 75
At The Sprint Center
Kansas City, Mo.
La Salle 76, Mississippi 74
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 28
At The Staples Center
Los Angeles
Ohio State 73, Arizona 70
Wichita State 72, La Salle 58
Regional Championship
Saturday
Wichita State 70, Ohio State 66

FINAL FOUR
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
National Semifinals
Saturday, April 6
Louisville (33-5) vs. Wichita State (30-8), 5 or 7:30 p.m.
Michigan (30-7) vs. Syracuse (30-9), 5 or 7:30 p.m.
National Championship
Monday, April 8
Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

Women

OKLAHOMA CITY REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 23
Columbus, Ohio
Oklahoma 78, Central Michigan 73
UCLA 66, Stetson 49
Knoxville, Tenn.
Creighton 61, Syracuse 56
Tennessee 83, Oral Roberts 62
Sunday, March 24
Waco
Florida State 60, Princeton 44
Baylor 82, Prairie View 40
Louisville, Ky.
Purdue 77, Liberty 43
Louisville 74, Middle Tennessee 49
Second Round
Monday, March 25
Columbus, Ohio
Oklahoma 85, UCLA 72
Knoxville, Tenn.
Tennessee 68, Creighton 52
Tuesday, March 26
Waco
Baylor 82, Florida State 47
Louisville, Ky.
Louisville 76, Purdue 63
Regional Semifinals
Oklahoma City
Sunday
Tennessee 74, Oklahoma 59
Louisville 82, Baylor 81
Tuesday, April 2
Regional Championship
Tennessee (27-7) vs. Louisville (27-8), 8 p.m.

SPOKANE REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 23
Spokane, Wash.
Iowa State 72, Gonzaga 60
Georgia 70, Montana 50
Lubbock
California 90, Fresno State 76
South Florida 71, Texas Tech 70
Sunday, March 24
Stanford, Calif.
Stanford 72, Tulsa 56
Michigan 60, Villanova 52
Baton Rouge, La.
Penn State 85, Cal Poly 55
LSU 75, Green Bay 71
Second Round
Monday, March 25
Spokane, Wash.
Georgia 65, Iowa State 60
Lubbock
California 82, South Florida 78, OT
Tuesday, March 26
Stanford, Calif.
Stanford 73, Michigan 40
Baton Rouge, La.
LSU 71, Penn State 66
Regional Semifinals
Spokane, Wash.
Saturday
Georgia 61, Stanford 59
California 73, LSU 63
Regional Championship
Monday, April 1
Georgia (28-6) vs. California (31-3), 8:30 p.m.

NORFOLK REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 23
Boulder, Colo.
South Carolina 74, South Dakota State 52
Kansas 67, Colorado 52
College Station
Texas A&M 71, Wichita State 45
Nebraska 73, Chattanooga 59
Sunday, March 24
Iowa City
Notre Dame 97, UT-Martin 64
Iowa 69, Miami 53
Durham, N.C.
Duke 67, Hampton 51
Oklahoma State 73, DePaul 56
Second Round
Monday, March 25
Boulder, Colo.
Kansas 75, South Carolina 69
College Station
Nebraska 74, Texas A&M 63
Tuesday, March 26
Iowa City
Notre Dame 74, Iowa 57
Durham, N.C.
Duke 68, Oklahoma State 59
Regional Semifinals
Norfolk, Va.
Sunday
Notre Dame 93, Kansas 63
Duke 53, Nebraska 45
Regional Championship
Tuesday, April 2
Notre Dame (34-1) vs. Duke (33-2), 6 p.m.

BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 23
Storrs, Conn.
Vanderbilt 60, Saint Joseph's 54
Connecticut 105, Idaho 37
College Park, Md.
Maryland 72, Quinnipiac 52
Michigan State 55, Marist 47
Sunday, March 24
Newark, Del.
Delaware 66, West Virginia 53
North Carolina 59, Albany (N.Y.) 54
Queens, N.Y.
Kentucky 61, Navy 41
Dayton 96, St. John's 90, 2OT
Second Round
Monday, March 25
Storrs, Conn.
Connecticut 77, Vanderbilt 44
College Park, Md.
Maryland 74, Michigan State 49
Tuesday, March 26
Newark, Del.
Delaware 78, North Carolina 69
Queens, N.Y.
Kentucky 84, Dayton 70
Regional Semifinals
Bridgeport, Conn.
Saturday, March 30
Kentucky 69, Delaware 62
Connecticut 76, Maryland 50
Regional Championship
Monday, April 1
Kentucky (30-5) vs. Connecticut (32-4), 6:30 p.m.

FINAL FOUR
At New Orleans Arena
New Orleans
National Semifinals
Sunday, April 7
Oklahoma City champion vs. Spokane champion, 4:30 or 7 p.m.
Norfolk champion vs. Bridgeport champion, 4:30 or 7 p.m. National Championship
Tuesday, April 9
Semifinal winners, 6:30 p.m.

BAYLOR

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points in Baylor's first two games in the tournament, didn't make a basket until she converted a putback with 15:20 left in the second half. She wound up with 14 points and 10 rebounds, making only four of her 10 shots and being a relative non-factor for her considerable stature.

Louisville surrounded Griner as she has been most of her career, and her teammates were unusually unable to hit outside shots and relieve the pressure.

The Lady Bears had been practically invincible for the past four months, winning 32 straight games mostly by double digits.

It's no surprise that the Louisville women were a 24-point underdog to Baylor in Las Vegas casinos, according to gambling expert R.J. Bell of Pregame.com. Odds on Louisville to win outright were 75-1, paying $7,500 on a $100 wager, Bell said.

It was Sims who eventually led Baylor's attempted comeback from a 17-point deficit in the final 7 1/2 minutes, after Louisville's barrage of 3-pointers finally came to an end.

Sims hit a pair of free throws and then got a steal in the backcourt for a layup that got Baylor back within a dozen, and the Lady Bears put together a 19-4 run to get within striking distance in the final 2 minutes.

Louisville coach Jeff Walz was called for a technical foul for arguing after he watched a scoreboard replay of an offensive foul whistled against Bria Smith, with a Baylor defender sliding under her after she took off.

Sims hit the resulting free throws and then a runner to get the Lady Bears within 78-76 with 1:49 to play.

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NHL ROUNDUP

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FLYERS 5
CAPITALS 4

PHILADELPHIA — Ruslan Fedotenko scored 1:34 into overtime after Kimmo Timonen got the tying goal with 9.5 seconds left in regulation and the Philadelphia Flyers beat the Washington Capitals 5-4 on Sunday night.

Maxime Talbot, Matt Read and Claude Giroux also scored for the Flyers, who moved within two points of the idle New York Rangers and New York Islanders for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

The Capitals are a point ahead of Philadelphia in a jumbled East.

Desperate to get a point, the Flyers tied it at 4 when Timonen ripped a slap shot past Braden Holtby after several chances in front. Timonen then set up Fedotenko with a perfect crossing pass in OT to cap off a remarkable comeback and set off a wild celebration.

Marcus Johansson and Alex Ovechkin scored power-play goals 26 seconds apart in the third period to give the Capitals a 4-2 lead.

BLACKHAWKS 7
RED WINGS 1

DETROIT — Brandon Saad had two goals and an assist and Dave Bolland scored twice in the Chicago Blackhawks' win over the Detroit Red Wings.

Jonathan Toews added a goal and two assists and Jeremy Morin and Nick Leddy, also scored for Chicago. Cory Crawford made 33 saves.

BLUE JACKETS 2
DUCKS 1, OT

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Mark Letestu set up the only goal in regulation and scored the game-winner in overtime, and Sergei Bobrovsky stopped 29 of 30 shots to lead the Columbus Blue Jackets over the Anaheim Ducks.

The victory improved the Blue Jackets to 9-0-3 in their last 12 games at Nationwide Arena and gave them points in 15 of their last 17 games (10-2-5) to crawl into playoff contention in the West.

BRUINS 2
SABRES 0

BUFFALO, N.Y. — David Krejci and Nathan Horton scored goals less than three minutes apart in the third period, and Anton Khudobin stopped 26 shots in leading the Boston Bruins over the Buffalo Sabres.

Krejci broke open a scoreless game during a scramble in front with 7:06 remaining, and after Horton was stopped twice from in close by Buffalo goalie Ryan Miller, Krejci then returned the favor by setting up Horton for a tap-in in front with 4:16 left in helping Boston win for only the third time in eight games (3-4-1).

Mike Fuentes/AP

Los Angeles forward Brad Richardson (15) celebrates a goal against Dallas goalie Kari Lehtonen (32) during the third period Sunday in Dallas.

Kings score twice in 3rd period to top Stars

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Los Angeles Kings played a night game and then traveled to Dallas — and still appeared to be the fresher squad Sunday night.

Brad Richardson and Justin Williams scored third-period goals just over a minute apart to help lift the Kings to a 3-2 victory over the Dallas Stars. Jeff Carter also scored his 20th goal of the season for Los Angeles, which has lost just once in regulation in Dallas in its last 14 visits (11-1-2) and outshot the Stars 40-15.

"Definitely, it's a hell of an effort," Kings goaltender Jonathan Bernier said. "Plus, we played last night, not an easy game to play, a 5 o'clock game. We found a way and we really battled hard."

The Kings were coming off a 4-3 shootout loss at Minnesota.

Richardson's goal was particularly impressive, since the fourth-liner was playing his first game since Feb. 10 and third of the season overall after sitting out as a healthy scratch the other 32 contests.

"(Richardson provided) some energy and some speed," Kings coach Darryl Sutter said. "Him and I have a good relationship and I feel bad not playing him. He's a guy that can play anywhere in your lineup. It's been hard for him."

Kings	**3**
Stars	2

Bernier needed to make just 13 saves for the Kings, and remained unbeaten — 8-0-0 in his starts this season.

"He's solid. That's the way we want him to play," Sutter said of Bernier, whose only losses have come in relief appearances. "We want our goalies to give us a chance to win."

Jamie Benn and Ray Whitney scored for Dallas, which had won both previous meetings between the Pacific Division rivals this season by a combined score of 7-2.

"It was like teams from two different leagues tonight, and they were back-to-back, so thank the Lord that they weren't fresh," Stars coach Glen Gulutzan said. "We're fighting for our lives here. After an embarrassing outing in front of our home fans like that, we better come out hard tomorrow."

Kari Lehtonen made 37 saves in his 14th consecutive start to keep Dallas in a game they probably shouldn't have had a chance to win.

"We just got to find a way to help our goalie, he can't stop everything," Stars defenseman Stephane Robidas said. "It could have been pretty ugly if he had an off game. It looks like we were the team that played back-to-back and had to travel. There's no excuse for that."

Whitney's goal came on the power play, which Dallas has converted on six of its last 15 opportunities over the past four games.

The Kings, coming off a 4-3 shootout loss in Minnesota on Saturday, remained unbeaten in regulation after four stops on a five-game road trip (3-0-1).

Despite controlling much of the action and outshooting Dallas 34-9 by the five-minute mark of the final period, the Kings were still tied 1-1, but two goals within a span of 1:09 propelled them to a 3-1 lead.

First, Richardson notched his first goal in exactly one calendar year at 5:40 of the third when he recovered a loose puck following a Dallas defensive zone turnover and lifted a quick snap shot over Lehtonen's blocker.

Pittsburgh's Frozen Four will house first timers

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh will host the Frozen Four for the first time ever next month. And in a season of firsts, three of four teams will be headed to the national hockey showcase for the first time.

UMass Lowell (28-10-2), St. Cloud State (25-15-1) and Quinnipiac (29-7-5) all clinched berths in the national semifinals for the first time this weekend, setting up a new look at the Consol Energy Center April 11-13. And the fourth member, Yale (20-12-3), hasn't been this far since 1952, when the entire tournament field featured just four teams.

The River Hawks, who won both the Hockey East regular season and conference tournament titles, will meet the Bulldogs in an all-New England matchup. The Bobcats, the No. 1 overall seed who won just their first NCAA tournament game Saturday in Providence, R.I., and raced to the nation's No. 1 ranking for the first time this season, will meet the Huskies, who upended Miami, Ohio, on Sunday to win the Midwest Regional.

Both Yale and Quinnipiac, separated by just eight miles in Connecticut, are members of the ECAC.

"It's great for the state of Connecticut," Quinnipiac coach Rand Pecknold said. "And it's great for our league."

Indeed, the ECAC — often seen as inferior to Hockey East — is in a good spot these days. With last season's appearance in the Frozen Four by Union, the ECAC now has three of the last eight national semifinalists.

"It speaks volumes for the league," Union coach Rick Bennett said. "Obviously, there can only be one winner, but we hope it's someone from the ECAC."

St. Cloud State, a member of the WCHA, is in the midst of a breakout, as well. The Huskies were 1-9 in tournament play before this weekend.

"We just want to keep this string going," St. Cloud State center Cory Thorson said. "We don't feel like we're finished yet."

Weber wins TOC for his 10th PBA major

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Pete Weber tied Earl Anthony by winning his 10th major Professional Bowlers Association title with a 224-179 win over Australian Jason Belmonte in the Tournament of Champions on Sunday.

Weber also became the first bowler to finish the PBA triple crown a second time by adding his second Tournament of Champions to his two World Championships titles and five U.S. Opens.

Weber won Sunday with three doubles, four spares and help from Belmonte, who left the 4-10 split three times and failed to convert it twice. The 50-year-old said he has no plans to retire soon.

His win Sunday was his 37th, tying him for third place on the PBA list with Norm Duke, behind Walter Ray Williams Jr., who has 47, and Anthony with 43.

"I don't know what it is," Weber said. "I get up for the majors, but there's one eluding me and the Weber family — the USBC Masters. I really want that one, and I'm not done yet. I'm not slowing down."

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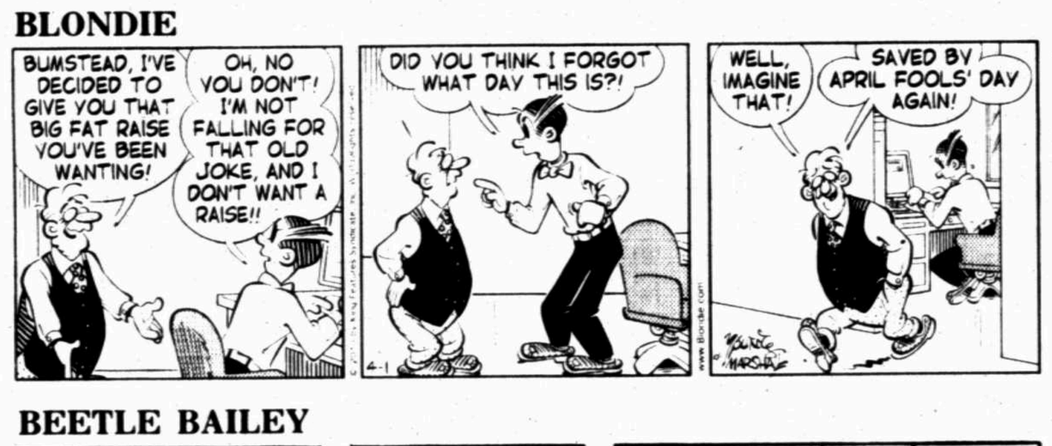

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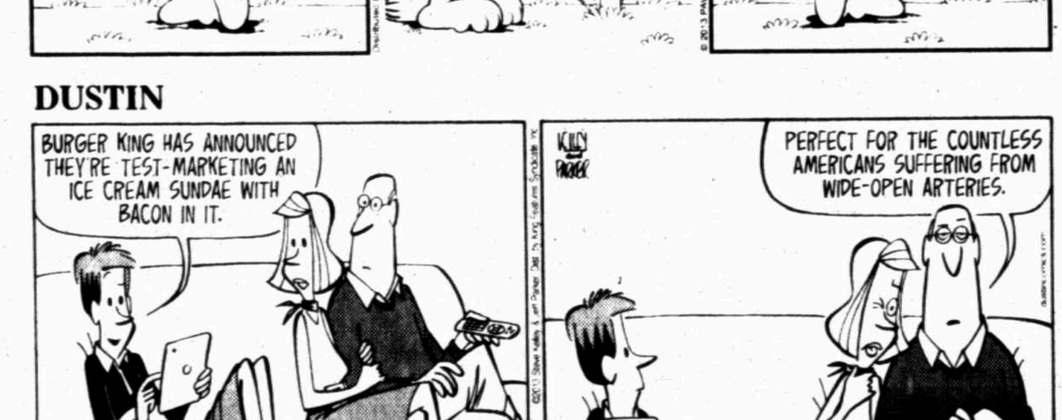

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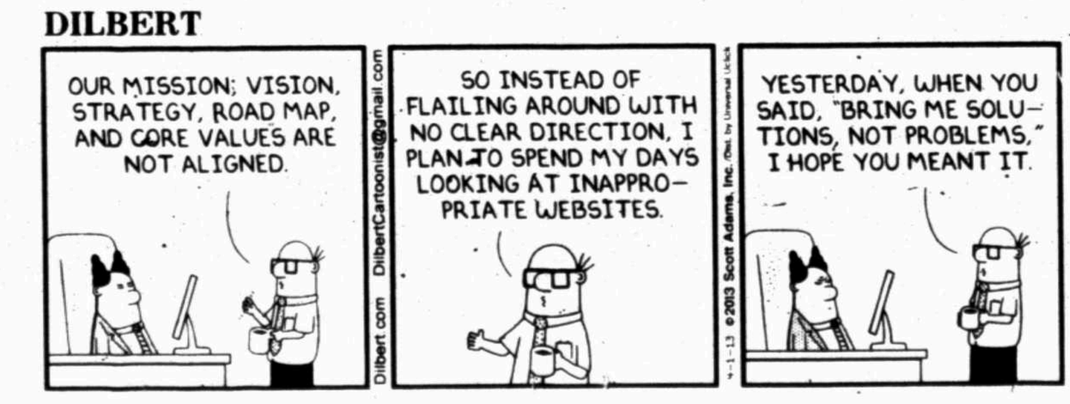

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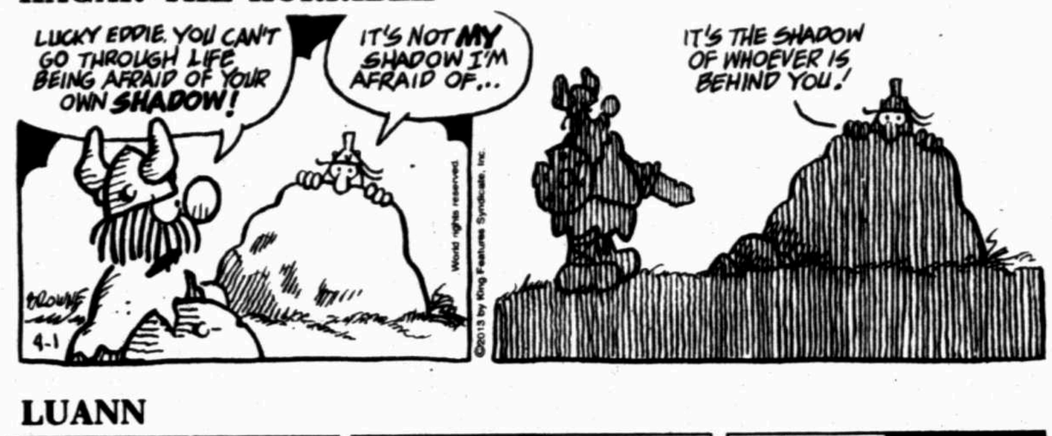

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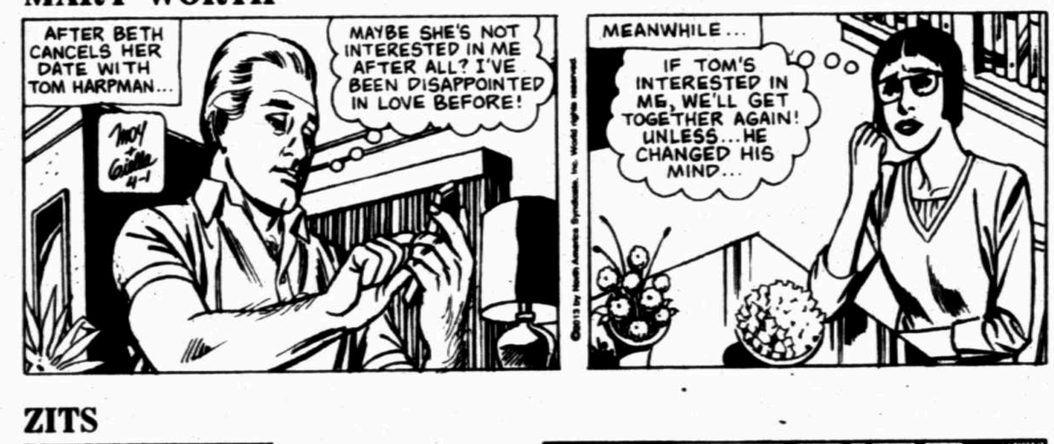

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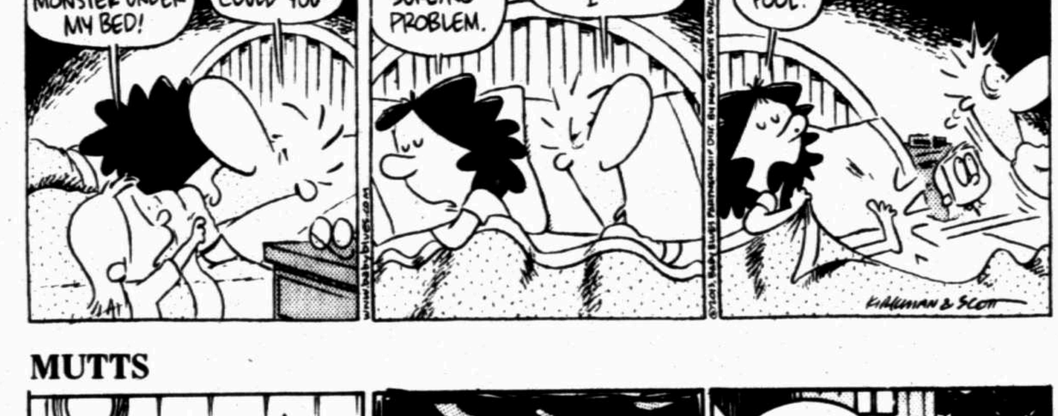

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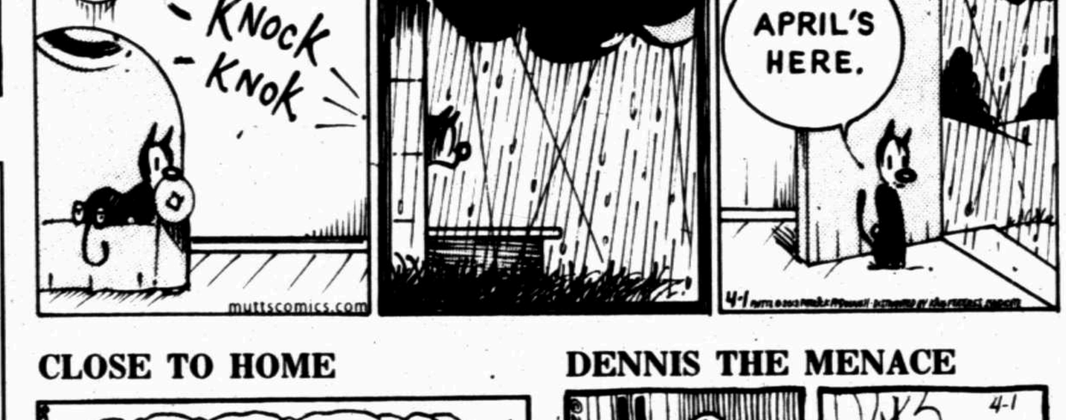

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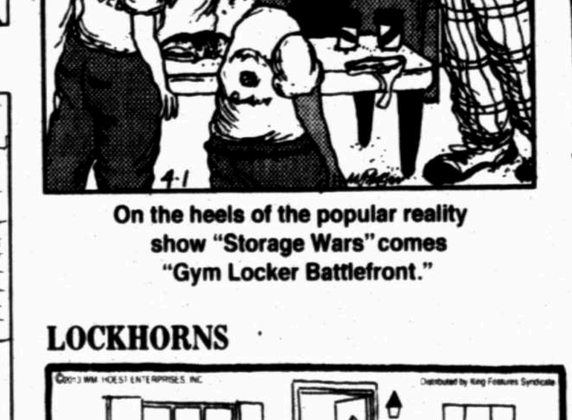

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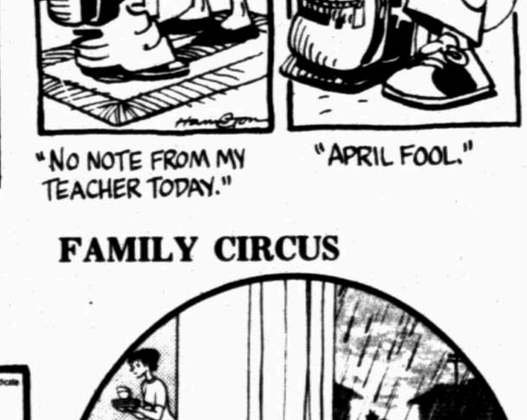

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WEDNESDAY: Partly sunny High: 55 Low: 41

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 88 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 52 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms.

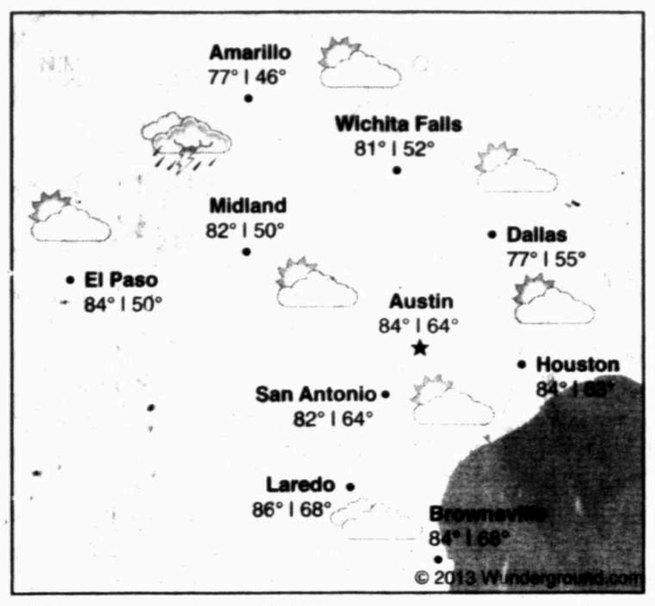
Tuesday, look for partly sunny skies with a high around 56 and northeast winds between 10 and 15 mph with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms. Expect mostly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 40 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph with a 70 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Wednesday, the forecast calls for partly sunny skies during the day, with a high around 55 and a low around 41.

The high on Sunday reached 00, while the low dropped to 00. The record high for March 00 is 00 set in 1988. The record low is 00 set in 1997.

National forecast

Showers and thunderstorms accompany a cold front through the Southeast coast and Florida today. A few thunderstorms may be severe and produce damaging wind gusts and hail. A second cold front drops into the northern part of the region later in the day.



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Saturday	trace
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Sunday's temperatures

High	80
Low	59
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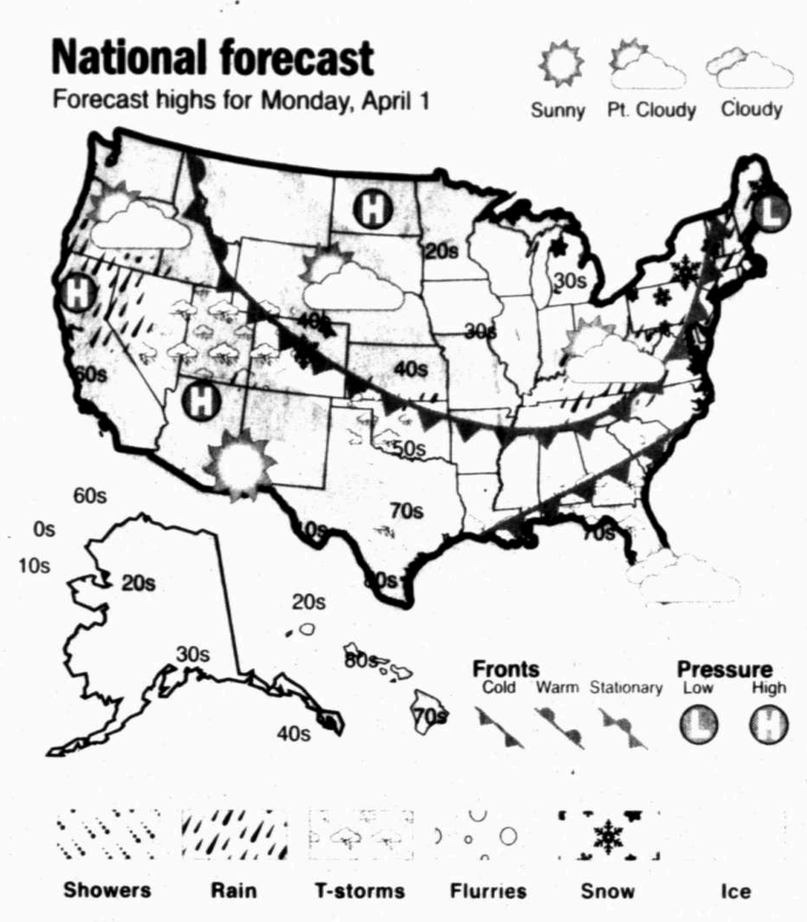
Sunrise	7:37 a.m.
Sunset	8:09 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, April 1



What fools we mortals be, trying to pull off a joke

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 READERS: It's April Fools' Day, the day on which I share some offbeat letters and examples of readers' efforts to pull my leg. It's all in fun — so enjoy!

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married almost 10 years. He has always been a good husband, but recently he has been coming home increasingly late. He says he's putting in overtime.

The other day when I was doing the laundry, I discovered a red stain on his underwear. He said they were painting the bathroom at work and he had gotten paint on it when he used the facilities, but it looks more like lipstick to me.

Can you tell me how to get the lipstick out of his shorts? — GOOD HOUSEWIFE IN UTAH

DEAR GOOD HOUSEWIFE: There's more to marriage than getting whiter whites. You may be a great housewife, but you're missing the big picture. More important than getting the lipstick out of his shorts is keeping his shorts away from the lipstick. And that's no joke.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend just moved in, and we're going to have a party to celebrate. We have decided to have it here, but the problem is we have just one bathroom.

I think we should rent a porta-potty. We could put it in the hallway next to the dining room. My girlfriend thinks that's tacky, but I think it's a sensible solution. Because this is a fourth-floor walk-up, the porta-potty folks may charge extra to deliver it. Advice, please? — TOM AND NANCY IN NEW YORK

DEAR TOM AND NANCY: Gladly. CHARGE for the use of the porta-potty and two things will happen: You will make enough money to reimburse yourself for the delivery cost, and so few guests will accept your invitations in the future that your one bathroom will be able to accommodate them.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I and our teenage son came home from a family get-together, and after he went to bed, my wife told me she wants to get a new, "bouncier" bed. We don't want to wake up our son with the noise of our enjoying it. What kind of bed do you recommend? — MR. ROMANCE IN OREGON

DEAR MR. ROMANCE: Forget the bed and buy a trampoline. And if your son asks why, tell him you're training to join the circus.

DEAR ABBY: How can I give my boyfriend makeup sex if we never have an argument? — MISS BLISS IN INDIANA

DEAR MISS BLISS: That's a good question. If you figure out the answer, let me know.

DEAR ABBY: I am a married man dating a married woman. She's the love of my life. My girlfriend is sweet, kind, has a caring heart and is very much a lady.

We often sneak away for romantic weekends, where we laugh and enjoy being together and forget our daily routines. Sometimes I'll stop and watch her while she shops or talks to people and admire how beautiful she is. The twinkle in her eyes is as close as I can get to the stars in the sky. I adore her and plan to be with her for the rest of my life.

And one more thing: My girlfriend is also my bride of 40 years! — ONE LUCKY GUY IN TENNESSEE

DEAR LUCKY GUY: Normally I'd advise you to try to turn your wife into the love of your life, but you're ahead of me!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, April 1, 2013:

This year you will tend to be more adventuresome than in past years. You have unusually high energy and need a positive outlet. You communicate with excellence; people respond to you. If you are single, you are like a magnet — several admirers cannot stay away. You could be interested in someone who has a very unusual lifestyle. If you are attached, form a habit of jogging or walking every day, or else you could find yourself fighting with your sweetie. Your frustration level might be a problem. SAGITTARIUS encourages you to take risks.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Once more, you are energized and ready to go. Others respond to your efforts. Opportunities pop up left and right; know that you are fortunate. Trust yourself to know which way to turn. A call comes in from out of left field that makes you smile. Tonight: Hang out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Go with the moment, but be sure to include a friend or loved one in your plans. You might be in the throes of anger and trying to suppress your feelings. Know that they will come through anyway. The other party happily will work through this rift with you. Tonight: Togetherness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Defer to a partner or an associate who seems to have a lot to share. This person might want to have an open discussion with you. Relate to him or her directly, especially if you feel angry or frustrated. Clearing the air will energize you. Tonight: Go for what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might want to approach a personal matter differently. You'll open up to a positive change, mainly because your sixth sense pushes you in that direction. You are in a period where you make the right choices. Tonight: Back away from a controlling authority figure.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You might want to rethink a personal issue. What you might have believed was happening likely will be true, and it will result in a wonderful opportunity that comes forward. You could be delighted as a result. Tonight: Ever playful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Tension builds around a family member, real estate or a matter relating to your home. You can only push so much. You are making a judgment that is increasing the pressure. Understand that you cannot control others, nor should you even try to. Tonight: Make it easy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Be aware of your limits. By honoring boundaries, everyone will get along much better. News from a distance encourages you to try something different or open up to new possibility. You might need to pull back some in order to get the big picture. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ You have a tendency to go overboard. Hold back, as you might not be interested in what comes down your path in the long run. What is behind your sudden desire to go wild? You might gain more self-control when you find that answer. Tonight: Run some errands on the way home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You beam and draw many people toward you. When you see your options more clearly, the way you handle a personal matter could change radically. A person who seems to bring you luck will suddenly appear. Be happy for the ease at present. Tonight: Head home early.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ You could feel off-kilter right now. Assume a low profile — at least for a little while. Observe what is happening on the home front. You might wish for a change of pace and/or a more peaceful atmosphere. Just go with the moment. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Zero in on your priorities. Someone you interact with could find you to be very touchy or difficult to deal with. This person lets you know what he or she feels in no uncertain terms. Do you really want a fight? Let go of the issue. Tonight: Try to make it an early night.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ A boss could anger you. You might not feel free to really express what you are thinking. Follow your intuition, and give the situation some time. Get feedback from a trusted friend or an adviser. Timing can make all the difference. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

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Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A J 10 9 8 5 ♡ A 10 9 ◇ 8 6 5 ♣ 7

What action do you take?

A — While we do not object to opening some weak two bids with an 11-point hand including two aces, this hand is not one of them. Your good intermediates in the major suits are certainly worth a point or two, and we would open one spade.

Q 2 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q 9 8 7 6 3 2 ♡ Q 10 2 ◇ 8 ♣ 10 2

What action do you take?

A — While we certainly do not object to opening a pre-emptive three spades with a somewhat weaker hand than normal, this hand is critical. Pass.

Q 3 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A 9 5 ♡ A K Q 10 9 6 3 ◇ 7 ♣ 6 5

What is your opening bid?

A — We would open two clubs before we opened with a pre-emptive bid in hearts! Take away the ace of spades and bid four hearts. Bidding one heart will be difficult for opponents to pre-empt you out of the auction!

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 9 4 ♡ K Q 10 ◇ Q 9 3 ♣ Q J 8 4

Partner opens the bidding with one club. What do you respond?

A — When we learned bridge more years ago than we care to remember, responder bid no-trump whenever possible to describe a balanced hand. So, with a balanced 14, bid three no-trump.

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ACROSS

1 Bouncing toy
5 What waiters wait for
9 Finishes making, as a black-and-white cookie
13 ___ vera lotion
14 Length times width
15 Arm of a sea
16 "Evangelist honored with a basilica in Venice
18 Resell at a big profit
19 Flatter the boss for personal gain
20 English class assignment
22 Huck Finn's ride
25 Astrological edges
27 Pyromaniac's crime
31 Lock horns (with)
33 Figs. well above 100 in Mensa
35 Marsh grasses
36 BBC nickname, with "the"
37 Juan's water
38 Spawned
39 Ice show site
40 "Hud" Best Actress Patricia
41 Yours and mine
42 Dean's
43 Inelegant laugh
44 ICU personnel
45 Campaign sticker, e.g.
46 Cold hard cash
47 Cubes in a bowl
49 Folk icon Seeger
51 Spiteful, as gossip
53 Antitheft noisemakers
58 Bracelet site
60 Cry heard today, and a hint to the ends of the answers to starred clues
63 Deep trepidation
64 Not hypothetical
65 "Not only that ..."
66 Mayo holders
67 Beaver-built barriers
68 Conserve energy

DOWN

1 Soak up the sun
2 Jai ___
3 Superman's Lane
4 Binoculars part
5 ___ Bay Rays
6 Composer Gershwin
7 Pay-___-view
8 Sushi bar cupful
9 Machu Picchu builders
10 "Trapshooter's target
11 Snakelike swimmer
12 Longtime auto racing sponsor
15 Newsletter edition
17 Spins in board games, say
21 Reef explorer's gear
23 Seamstress's purchase
24 "Tapped maple fluid
26 Unhip type
27 Ann ___, Michigan
28 "Seinfeld" episodes, now
29 "Lightweight, crinkled material used for suits
30 Betting info
32 Soft-hearted
34 Thirst-inducing, like potato chips
37 Year, on monuments
39 Vigilant
43 Aroma
45 Passe
48 Grand parties
50 Coin toss choice
52 Scotland
54 Quite a distance
55 Actor's cameo, e.g.
56 Forest-floor plant
57 One-armed bandit
58 Descriptive wd.
59 Org. that created American Heritage magazine
62 Potpie veggie
62 Chrysler truck that sounds hard-hitting

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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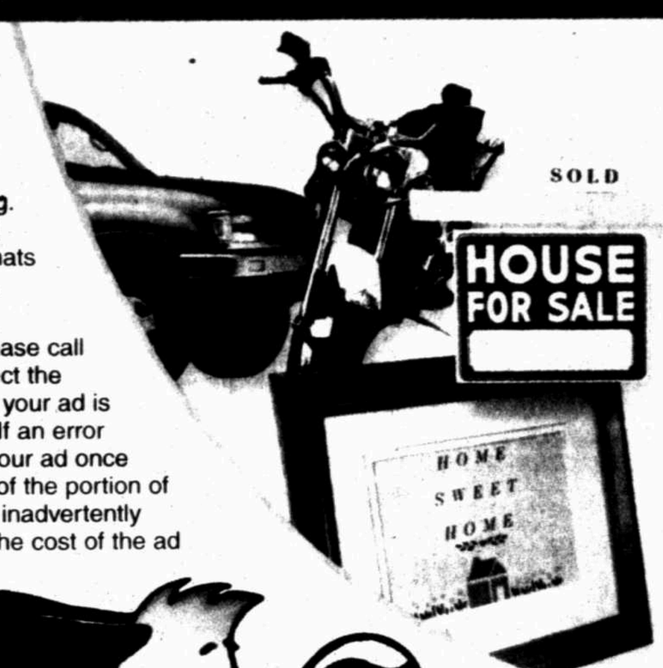

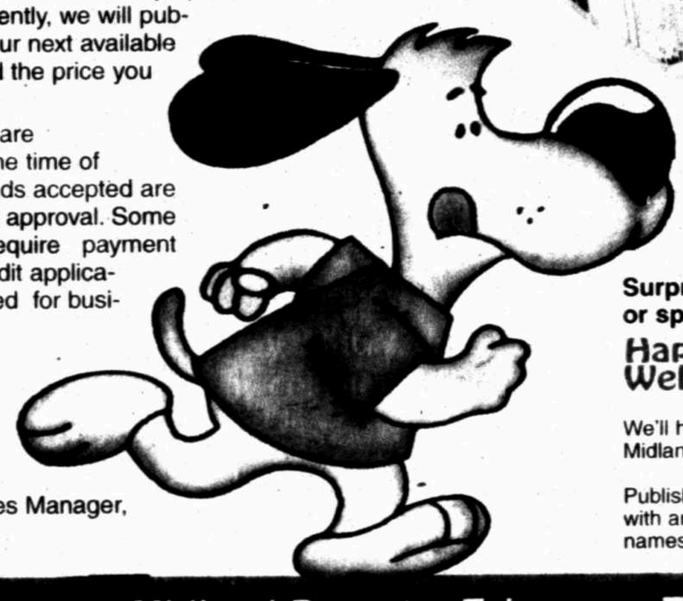

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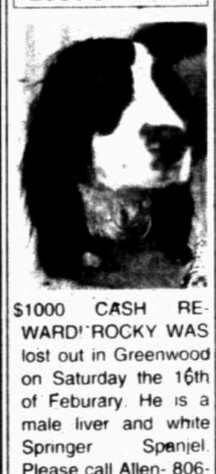

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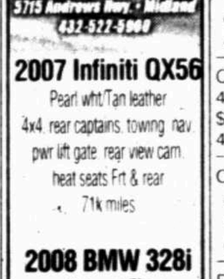

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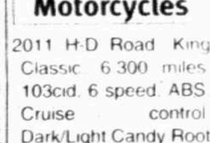

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AR/AP clerk needed. Candidate must show strong attention to detail and be motivated self started. 1 year oilfield accounting experience desired. Please forward resume and salary requirements to: PO BOX 10887, Midland, TX 79702, fax to 877-471-1315, Email: tbohannon@impactchemtech.com

Administrative Assistant

Endeavor Energy FT

Endeavor Energy Resources is looking for an Administration Assistant for immediate hire. As an Administrative Assistant, you will perform a variety of administrative functions including, but not limited to; data entry, filing, and maintaining records, drafting letters and documents, and manipulating and maintaining spreadsheets. The position would suit candidate who has a can do attitude, is self-motivated, possesses great communication skills, has an eye for detail, is well organized, and has a willingness to learn. This position requires the candidate to have strong computer skills. If you are interested please email your resume to hgodfrey@eeronline.com

Kelly Services Has Immediate Openings

• Warehouse/Shophands - Must have forklift experience, warehouse background, material handling and inventory. Salary $14.00 - $17.00

Apply in person at 6 Desta Drive, Suite 1260. Never an applicant fee. Equal opportunity employer.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Administrative Assistant

Appointment coordination,Event and meeting planning,Make travel arrangements,monitor expenses,Must possess a valid driver,s license,Attach resume with cover letter and salary expectations : chaen1@live.com

District Clerk

Midland Soil and Water Conservation Dist PT

1509 W.Wall St. Suite 106

Midland, TX. 79701

Midland Soil and Water Conservation District #244 has a position open for a district clerk. This is a part time position with flexible hours, minimum of 20 hrs per week, depending on work load.

Application can be picked up at 1509 @ Wall St., Suite 106 permian Bldg. Midland, TX. For more information call 432-684-8722 Ext. 3. Deadline for submitting applications is April 5th by 4:30pm or until position filled.

Receptionist

Receptionist needed for busy Land Surveying office. Duties include answering phones, filing, upkeep of storage area, and other duties as assigned. Also, job entails running errands using personal vehicle. Mileage reimbursement based on IRS,s standard mileage rate. Salary based on experience is negotiable. Email resumes to jobs@windearthwater.com

Service Technician/Confined Space Rescue

Confidential F/T

Inspect,Maintain Fire Ext. Respiratory, Gas Detection and other Safety Related Equipment in the West Texas area. Home most nights and weekends. Previous experience not necessary. Will train. Wages depend on experience/skills. More information can be found on www.workintexas.com job # 8224807. Send resume to info@blazinsafety.com or mail to PO Box 1682, Midland, TX 79702

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Electrician

West Texas Gas FT

Now accepting resume for Electrician @ Natural Gas Processing Plant NW of Stanton TX. Excellent salary. Paid vacation, Medical Insurance, and 401K. Please send resume to plant supervisor 11703 E. FM 846, Coahoma, TX 79511, or fax to (432) 399-4290, or Email to carcher@wtggas.com

Manager Slickline Operations

Local company seeking a manager for all aspects of slickline operations. Minimum five years experience. Managerial skills essential for a staff of 15-20. Must be computer proficient and able to interact with all levels of personnel internally and with customers. Please send resume and salary requirements to M-21 Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701

Executive Secretary

Full-time position for Executive Secretary. Oil and gas secretarial experience necessary. Need to have good communication skills and at a minimum be proficient in Word, Excel, Access and Outlook. P-121 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701

HEALTHCARE

Aid

Confidential

Need someone to assist 16 year old mentally and physically handicapped male. Call for more info. 432-218-6381

Clinic Nurse LVN- Addiction Treatment Center

Midland/Odessa

Monday-Friday 5:15am-12:15pm weekdays & 6am to 9:30am on Saturdays. Travel required between Midland & Odessa clinics. Assessments, TBs, dispense meds. Paid holidays, CEU days & personal days. Fax: 800-571-8364

LPC/LCDC/License Counselor

Midland/Odessa Addiction Treatment Center PT

Monday-Friday 6:00am-10:30am

Treatment planning/Case management. Personal days/CEU days. Paid holidays. Fax resume to 800-671-8364

Medical Personnel

Su Casa Home Health FT

Midland, TX 79701

PHC Cognitive to work 30 hours per week. Must have good organizational skills and enjoy working with the elderly. Private Pay Sitters and Personal Care Attendants. Bilingual a plus. Fax resumes to 432-620-8250 or call 432-685-1705.

PRN Admissions Clerk

Martin County Hospital in Stanton is looking for a PRN Admissions Clerk. No set hours. Apply @ pdority@martinch.org. Paula Dority DHR, Phone 432-607-3227

Receptionist

Experienced Receptionist for busy Dr.'s office. Attractive salary & benefits. Fax resume to: 432-522-2950

Sitters / CNA's

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. FT

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. seeking experienced Sitters/CNA's to work for private duty clients. All shifts.Call 522-5080 or 1-800-201-5904. EOE

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HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

All Positions

Hampton Inn FT

5011 North Loop 250 W.

Midland, TX 79707

Now hiring all positons. Flexible schedule, great pay, hotel discounts & advancement opportunities. Apply within or email cody.overturff@platinumhotel.com

Hourly Positions

New SpringHill Suites by Marriott now accepting resumes and applications for the following hourly positions: Front desk, bar tenders, maintenance, and housekeeping. Please email resumes to the following email address: careers@insigmamgmt.com or fax resume to 432-699-0979 or apply in person to 4410 N Midkiff Rd. Suite D 212, Midland, TX 79705.

Housekeepers

Victorian Inn FT

Midland, TX 79703

Needing 3 to 4 Housekeepers for Full-time & Part-time. Apply in person: 4714 West Wall, Midland 79703.

Manager

Crest Hotels Management, LLC FT

Housekeeping Manager Needed. Salary and benefits.Please send your resume to **kelly@crest-mgmt.com** or call 432.934.4818 to set up interview

Multiple Positions

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Now Hiring

- Front Desk Clerks
- Housekeepers
- Laundry & Breakfast Attendant

Flexible Hours. Great Pay!

Please apply at LaQuita Inn & Suiteson Loop 250 next to Kohl's

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR DAY TIME ASSOCIATE

Day time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

Pay 10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: efitsworth@hearstnp.com

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

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INTERNET

WANTED VB.NET/ASP.NET PROGRAMMER

Required skills and experience: 3+ years experience in developing, testing, deploying and documenting windows database applications with VB.NET or ASP.NET. Please send resume to **kwatkins@autodril.com** or contact Kristie at **(432)561-8455.**

OTHER JOBS

Golf Course Member Service

Midland's Premier County Club FT/PT

Is looking for Outside Golf Course Member Service Staff. We hire attitude and personality over experience. All positions available Full or Part time. In addition to competitive wages we offer paid medical and 401K. Please apply in person at Midland Country Club 6101 N Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705.

HOUSEKEEPER

Confidential PT

Housekeeper needed 2 days a week. Pay $20 per hour. References required. Send resume to PO Box 53, Midland, TX 79702

LEASING AGENT

Part time Leasing Agent. Mail resume to **M-40 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX, 79701**

Lot Attendant

The Car Store is looking for a **Lot Attendant** for our Dealership. A strong work ethic, positive attitude and punctuality are a must. Please apply in person at **4030 W. Wall St.**

Safety Coordinator

Crossfire, LLC, an industry leading oilfield service company is currently hiring for a Safety Coordinator within our West Texas district located in Midland, Tx. For a complete job description and to send your resume, visit our website at: www.crossfire-llc.com

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Christ Church Anglican seeks a full time Music Minister to provide inspirational leadership; ensuring that the mood, style, and content of music draws people into a shared, meaningful worship experience. The candidate should appreciate traditional and contemporary music styles and be able to lead an adult choir and praise team. Qualified persons may seek additional information at churchstaffing.com or e-mail Jason Wacker at wackerj@yahoo.com

REAL ESTATE

Office Clerk

Santa Fe Apartments now hiring an experienced Office Clerk that is good with numbers. Under Total new management. Fax resume to 432-520-9434 or apply person at 5010 W. Loop 250 North, Midland, TX., No phone calls please.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

All Positions

Firehouse Subs FT

Midland, TX 79701

All Positions at Firehouse Subs FT and PT in Midland, TX 79701. Firehouse Subs is now hiring for our new West Tx. training restaurant at 2900 West Loop 250 North (across Loop 250 from Best Buy). Positions include ($9.00-$12.00) for Cashiers, Catering Asst., Slicers and ($12.00-$14.00) for Crew Leaders. Apply in person 9am-3pm Mon-Sat or call 806-786-9031 for appointment.

All Positions

La Bodega Mexican Restaurant FT

2700 N. Big Spring Street **Apply in Person**

Midland, TX **To fill out application.**

La Bodega Midland & Odessa, located at 7th & Dixie is now hiring for all positions.

All Positions

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Food & Beverage Manager

Midland Country Club FT

Is looking for a Food and Beverage Manager. We hire attitude and personality over experience. Position is full-time. In addition to competitive wages we offer paid medical and 401k. Please apply in person: Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705.

General Manager, Breakfast Cooks & Servers

Lori's Cafe needs qualified • Breakfast Cooks & • Servers. Top pay for experience. • We are also seeking an Experienced Restaurant General Manager who is able to move through all restaurant positions, close registers, generate sales reports, basic accounting and back of house required. Customer service skills and small business minded is essential as we are still locally owned and family oriented. Please email resume to loriscafe@att.net or bring resume or application in between 9-11 or 1-2. Hours of operation are 6AM-2PM.

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Now hiring full & part time help. Cashier and counter help. Apply in person at Michael's Charcoal Grill. 723 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas

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Positions: **Team Members**, **Team Leaders**, **Managers**, **Day** and **Night Shifts** Available. Clean, grease-free environment and fun atmosphere. Apply at **5211 W Wadley** or **1109 Andrews Hwy** today!

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Management Opportunity! Assistant General Manager needed to assist with daily operations of busy 24 hr Truck Stop. Very competitive pay with quarterly bonus plan and excellent benefit package! Fax resume & salary history to 281-681-7692 or email: dvaughan@petroleumwholesale.com

Kitchen Seasonal Help

Susie's South Forth Confections FT

Midland, TX 79701

2 months only from April 1st - June 1st. 40 hour work week. Apply in person at 1515 South Fairgrounds Rd.

Pharmacy Technicians

Walgreens Drug Store

Now seeking Pharmacy Technicians. Benefits available including Medical, Dental & 401K. Apply in person: 215 Andrews Hwy. or Email: walgreens.com/careers.

SALES JOBS

FT Assistant Sales Manager

Affordable Storage, Inc. FT

Affordable Storage, is seeking a **FT Assistant Sales Manager** Applicants must have an extensive sales background. Working most weekends is required. Room to grow in the company! $28K - $32K starting Salary. **Send Resumes to: jd@selfstorageoflubbock.com** Fax to: (432) 694-4445 Drop off at: 3420 Thomason Dr.

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Duties for this position will include, but is not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including www.emidland.com.

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If you be the one we are looking for, please send resume to:

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- Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision
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Midland Reporter-Telegram

Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Wall Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
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- **Field Service Technicians**
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Maintenance
Hilliard Companies has an opening for maintenance personnel. Person should be knowledgeable in all areas of general commercial building, residential, automobile and other common maintenance. Minimum of 5 years experience required. Please send resume to: careers@mmbo.com or call 432-683-9100 for more information.

Mechanic/Service Man
Midkiff Tranports, Inc. FT
Apply at Midkiff Tranports Inc. 6601 FM 715, Midland, TX. 432-682-2405.

MECHANICS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!
Mid-level mechanics needed for very busy shop with growing company. Candidate should have basic tools and dependable transportation. Candidate should have basic knowledge of tractors, diesel engines, hydraulics, pneumatics, triplex pumps, centrifugal pumps, air brakes, basic electrical and DOT. Welding and fabrication skills are a plus. Pay and benefits are competitive. Email resumes to Chris Dedmon at **chris@acidspecialistsllc.com**, or in person at **4004 N. Co. Rd. 1150** Midland, Tx.

Plumber Apprentice
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CDL Drivers
B & B Wrecker Service is looking to hire **CDL Drivers**. Must be 21 years or older. Good driving record. Paid every Friday. Health Insurance provided. Please come by **2823 S. Rankin Hwy**.

Class A CDL Truck Drivers
Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: driver $2,000 sign-on bonus, medical, life & dental insurance, paid vacation, & 401k. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call **432-563-1894** for interview or online @ **www.silverlinetx.com**

DRIVERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY
Regional Ice Manufacturer, Seeking FULL-TIME Route Delivery Drivers for the Midland, TX area. Home Every Night. Class A or B CDL Required. Pre-employment Drug Screen and Clean Driving Record a Must. Able to lift minimum of 50 lbs. Pays an excellent hourly wage and commission. Full Benefits Package Available. Please call 1-800-321-5558.

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Renzenberger, the leading provider of transportation services, is seeking qualified drivers in the Midland, TX area to provide transportation services for our clients. We provide well-maintained, late model vehicles in excellent condition. Starting salary is $12.00/ hour. Apply online at www.renzenberger.com

Driver Wanted
Action Wrecker Service FT/PT
Action Wrecker Service is now accepting applications for Wrecker Drivers. Day and Night Shift available. Must have clean driving record, able to pass drug test and be at least 25 years old. Commission based pay plus benefits. For more information contact Action Wrecker Service, 1109 S. Midland Dr., (432) 697-8697.

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G & K Trucking, Inc. FT
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RVs

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Pets

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Pets

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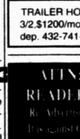

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