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Railroads filling void as oil pipeline falls short

New transportation methods for volatile materials also lead to safety concerns

By Arman Batheja
Texas Tribune

In December, a new terminal in the Port of Beaumont welcomed its first customer: a train carrying 43,000 barrels of crude oil from Colorado. Workers at the terminal, the Jefferson Transload Railport, transferred the crude to a barge, which traveled down the Neches River to a nearby refinery.

As shale fields scattered across the Midwest and West Texas produce millions of barrels of crude oil, energy companies are finding the national pipeline network insufficient to transport their output. Railroads are increasingly picking up the slack, and Jefferson Energy Companies, based in The Woodlands, is one of several companies investing millions of dollars to help transport crude by rail, a business that was nearly nonexistent just five years ago.

"We never thought we competed with pipeline until four years ago when we moved our first unit train of crude by rail," Dean Wise, a vice president for BNSF Railway, based in Fort Worth, said at a rail conference in January. "Now BNSF is moving eight trains a day."

In Texas, the crude-by-rail boom has led to construction of facilities to help deliver the product to Gulf Coast refineries. It has also drawn concerns about the safety of moving such volatile materials throughout the state, in light of a spate of recent accidents.

"These things are firebombs on rail," said Tom "Smitty" Smith, the Texas director of Public Citizen, a consumer advocacy group. "They cross in the middle of urban areas and literally bisect small towns all over Texas, bringing the danger to our most populated areas."

While most crude oil is still transported by pipelines, rail transport is gaining ground. According to the Association of American Railroads, the U.S. rail system transported 407,642 carloads of crude oil in 2013, up from 9,500 carloads in 2008.

The Port of Beaumont and Jefferson Energy developed the Jefferson Transload Railport as a public-private partnership, a Jefferson Energy spokesman, Mark Viator, said. Funding for the project included $47 million borrowed through a federal bond program for areas affected by Hurricane Ike in 2008. While the terminal is currently receiving crude oil trains that have 60 to 80 cars, it is equipped to handle trains of up to 120 cars and to drain

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GOING OVER THE EDGE

After securing harnesses, ropes and rappelling devices, Permian Basin Outing Club members take the plunge from an 80-foot cliff in the Davis Mountains.
Members camped, hiked and rappelled during the club's fourth outing of the year last weekend at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch. Expert Richard Galle was on hand to teach nervous newcomers the ropes.
Hikers found bugs, lizards, butterflies and even horses while traversing the Green Trail's rocky riverbed. For more information about the outing club, visit sibleynaturecenter.org/pboc.

Photos by Rachael Gleason
Reporter-Telegram

North Texas city awaits word on wastewater reuse

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Grappling with a three-year drought, a North Texas city is awaiting word from the state to reuse wastewater, including some from toilet flushes, for drinking.

Mother Nature's been stingy with Wichita Falls, a city of about 104,000 near the Oklahoma border that's about 34 inches behind on rainfall over the past three years. At the end of February, Wichita Falls had recorded its driest 41-month period since record-keeping began in 1897.

The dire situation is fallout from Texas' driest year ever in 2011. Since then, rainfall has been more plentiful in the eastern half of the state. When it fell in the western half of the state, the precipitation didn't fall into lakes' watersheds.

Conservation by Wichita Falls residents has water usage down by about half in the past year, said Russell Schreiber, the city's water utilities director. But that can only go so far.

"The point is we're trying to keep people with a viable supply of drinking water," he said.

The city turned to an idea that garnered attention three years ago in West Texas, where a water supplier began constructing a wastewater reuse plant in Big Spring, about 235 miles southwest of Wichita Falls. Similar plants have been operating for years in Tucson, Ariz., parts of California and in other countries.

The wastewater reuse program will save a third of residents' current daily usage, Schreiber said. Fifty percent of the water would come from toilets, dish and clothes washers, and sinks, showers and baths.

One Wichita Falls woman resident can't get past consuming water that would in part come from toilets.

"Honestly, would anyone be OK drinking potty water?" House of Flowers owner Karen Gibson said. "For my plants, that would be no problem. That would be a fertilizer, so to speak. I don't think it could be any good for anybody" to drink.

Wichita Falls completed testing last month that showed no problems, Schreiber said.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality spokeswoman Andrea Morrow said the agency has 30 days from receipt of a complete report to rule on the project. The city, which submitted its report March 28, would become the second

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Officials advise against publishing scanner traffic

By Tyler White
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The frequent chiming of multi-pitched police scanner tones provides the soundtrack for many newsrooms across the country.

Dispatchers relay 911 calls and complaints to law enforcement and emergency personnel, while journalists hustle out the door to a crash, fire or shooting. But often, emergency personnel beat journalists to the scene and discover the situation isn't what was relayed on the scanner.

Police scanners provide useful information for breaking news coverage, but possessing the scanner is a privilege that law enforcement grants to the media.

Midland-Odessa television stations have been known to use information obtained through police scanner traffic in their breaking news coverage and in online reports.

National news organizations sourced such traffic following the Boston Marathon bombings that occurred a year ago Tuesday. The FBI and the Boston Police Department urged news organizations to stop using this information because of the potential for compromising the investigation and putting law enforcement at risk.

Scanner reports often are not checked for accuracy and not confirmed, because the information usually is obtained before officials have arrived on

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Bingo players are shown at the Cohoes Community Center on March 13 in Cohoes, N.Y. The Texas Lottery Commission will consider this week letting bingo halls in the state use electronic devices similar to slot machines.

Texas to mull slot-like devices at bingo halls

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Lottery Commission will consider this week letting bingo halls in the state use electronic devices similar to slot machines.

The commission on Wednesday will discuss a proposal that would let bingo players use "video confirmation" to show whether pull-tag tickets, which are similar to lottery scratch-off tickets, are winners, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Sunday.

Supporters said the proposal could draw more people to bingo halls, which would generate more money for Texas charities. But opponents said the machines will look and act much like slot machines, essentially bringing a form of casino-style gambling to Texas.

"This changes the gaming landscape in the state" and allows gaming like "we've never seen before," said Rob Kohler, a consultant with the Dallas-based Christian Life Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, which opposes increased gambling in the state.

Lottery officials say they don't consider video confirmation an expansion of legalized gambling.

"Video confirmation is the graphic and dynamic representation of the outcome of a pull-tab ticket, but video confirmation has no role in determining the ticket's outcome," commission spokeswoman Kelly Cripe said in a statement.

Cripe said proposed rules would prevent the video machines from simulating "rolling or spinning wheels, dice or the play of casino-style games."

Holly Taylor of Burleson told the newspaper she enjoys pull-tabs just as much, if not more, than bingo. And if the pull-tabs were displayed in an electronic game format, she thinks many bingo players would be happy with that, as well.

"If they were on the screen, even more people would buy them," said Taylor, 43. "I think it would be more exciting."

According to the most recent annual report from the Charitable Bingo Operations Division of the Lottery Commission, bingo sales in Texas reached an all-time high in 2011, topping $700 million, and more than $533 million was paid out to players.

Texas lawmakers approved state-regulated bingo in 1981 to raise money for charities. The bingo report shows that more than $1 billion has been paid to Texas charities through the game.

Currently on pull-tab tickets, players pull up tabs to reveal whether the card they bought was a winner. The proposal for video confirmation was submitted this year by K&B Sales and the Veterans of Foreign Wars-Department of Texas.

Electronic gaming devices have been an issue for more than a decade in Texas, as lawmakers have proposed allowing them, but the Legislature has rejected them.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Marshall W. Bowen, 30, of Crowley, was charged Saturday with sexual assault of a child.

Ricardo I. Hernandez, 35, of Midland, was charged Saturday with abandoning or endangering a child with immminent danger of bodily injury.

Cynthia R. Martinez, 47, of Midland, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Latoya R. Posey, 35, of Midland, was charged Saturday with failure to appear or bail jumping.

Wilbur A. Richardson, 38, of Midland, was charged Saturday with theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Abraham Soto, 32, of Midland, was charged Saturday with driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under 15 years of age.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Swarm of bees removed from Circuit of the Americas

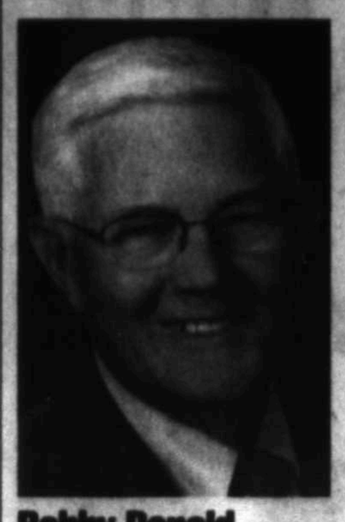
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A swarm of bees estimated at about 25,000 had to be removed at Circuit of the Americas in Austin after taking up residence under a picnic table near the main grandstand.

Walter Schumacher of Central Texas Bee Rescue and Preserve was called in to haul off the bees Saturday. He told the Austin American-Statesman that the bees, which live nearby, were attracted to the vendor stands that sell items like frozen yogurt and cookies. The track was hosting motorcycle racing this weekend.

A woman working at a frozen yogurt stand said the swarm came in as a cloud at about 11 a.m. Fire officials didn't allow access to the area until the bees were clear, about two hours later.

Obituaries



Bobby Donald Hughes

Surrounded with love by his wife, children & grandchildren; Bobby Donald Hughes went to be with his Lord and Savior on April 11, 2014 due to complications from a short bout with Leukemia.

Bobby was born in Lufkin, TX 75 years ago on June 30, 1938 to Roy E & C Ruth (Short) Hughes. He retired as a manager from Texas New Mexico Pipeline in 1994 with 28 years of service. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends on the golf course, game night or at his place in Rockport, TX where he loved to fish with everyone who wanted to go with him. It has been a special place for many years for his family to gather.

Bobby was an active member of First Baptist Church where he served as a deacon (Twice as Chairman) and also on committee's to numerous to list. He served on many boards that affect persons with special needs because of his love for his son with special needs. He, along with wife Yvonne, were teaching 4th grade Sunday School up until his illness was diagnosed. He rejoiced as each of his kids (as he affectionately referred to them) would ask Jesus in to their hearts and let Him be boss of their lives.

Bobby's heart was so full of love that he was blessed with the love of two wives. He is proceeded in death by his wife of 45 years Sheirran Francis Norton whom he married June 9, 1962 in Temple, TX and survived by his wife of 5 years Yvonne Eleanor Wagster Black whom he married December 6, 2008 in Midland, TX

He leaves a legacy that will continue for generations to come. He leaves behind many that will reunite with him again in Heaven including Daughter and husband, Melisa (Lisa) & Marcus Roberson. Son and Wife Roddy & Brookie (Lee) Hughes & Son David Hughes. His actions far outweighed his words and he was the real deal when it came to actions. When his first wife Sheirran's mother was killed leaving 3 minor children, he never hesitated once in taking them in and raising them, always referring to them as his children. So he also leaves behind, Michael & Linda Norton, Monette & Kenneth Harbert and Bobby Sherman. He gained more children upon his marriage to Yvonne to include Steve and Cheryl Black, Robin and Tom Bolander and Ronnie and Sharlene Black. There were a few that were blessed enough to call him Papaw. They include John & Jordan Roberson, Jennifer Roberson, Brandy Hughes, Justin Hughes, Taylor Harbert, Nolan Harbert, Carrie & Tony Lawerence, Lindsey Norton, Sarah Black, Amber Miller, Matt Miller & Tyler Black & his great-grandchildren Brooklee "Sheir" Hughes, Addison Kate Norton & Madyson Hope Crowe. He also leaves behind two sisters & their husbands, Barbara & James Brasuell, and Sharon & Glenn Tomblin and friends of 46 years Douglas and Jerri Hall many nieces and nephews whom all loved him dearly.

Visitation will be held at 5:30 to 7:30 Monday April 14, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home. The Celebration of his life service will be held at 12:00 pm on Tuesday April 15, 2014 at First Baptist Church, Midland, TX

In lieu of flowers the family request donations to be directed to First Baptist Missions or Benevolence Fund, MARC or Special Olympics - Midland or San Angelo. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com

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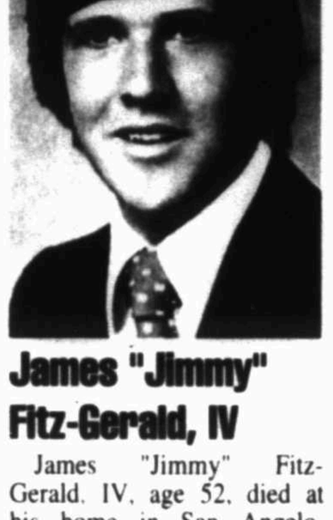

James "Jimmy" Fitz-Gerald, IV

James "Jimmy" Fitz-Gerald, IV, age 52, died at his home in San Angelo, March 28 after a long illness. He was born in Austin to parents Carolyn M. and James Fitz-Gerald, III.

After brief residences in Austin and Tyler, Jimmy spent his childhood in Midland and graduated from Midland High School, where he was head cheerleader, President of the senior class, and a member of the varsity tennis team which won state at the Interscholastic League. He graduated from Texas Tech University at Lubbock, where he was president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

He also attended graduate school at Texas Tech.

Following graduation, Jimmy was employed by Texas Tech University as a student recruiter and counselor and worked as a counselor at Collin County Community College, Plano. His last employment was with the San Angelo Independent School District.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his father, Judge James Fitz-Gerald, III of Midland.

He is survived by his mother, Carolyn Fitz-Gerald of Dallas; three sisters and their families, Lyn Levin and her husband Steve and their son David of Richardson, Jeanne Shilstone, her husband Jay of Prosper and daughters Samantha Jane of Prosper, and Sarah Shilstone Tanner and her husband Lucas of Houston, and Mab Fitz-Gerald and her husband, Dr. John Daly of Rochester, New York and their children Carolyn Elizabeth and Robert FitzGerald.

He is also survived by many other close relatives.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday, April 15, in the chapel at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Midland, 1906 W. Texas, at 2:00 p.m. with Monsignor Larry Droll officiating.

Honorary pallbearers are Duncan Kennedy, Kip Agar, Kyle MacDonald, Dusty Hicks and David Sparks of Midland; Matthew Hamm of Tyler; Rick Butler of San Angelo, and Bill Leifeste of Dallas.

Memorials may be directed to the Texas Tech Alumni Scholarship Fund, PO Box 45001, Lubbock, Texas 79409-5001, email *ttaa.communications@ttu.edu*, telephone 888-700-0855.

Linda Sucarol Ortiz

Linda Sucarol Ortiz, age 59, of Midland, passed away at Midland Memorial Hospital on April 10, 2014.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of thirty-three years, Richard Ortiz; two sons, Richard, Jr. and Gabriel Ortiz; one daughter, Sissy Ortiz.

Although she gave birth to only two children, many called her mama.

Viewing will be held Monday, April 14 starting at 10:00 a.m. at American Heritage Chapel. Funeral service will be Tuesday, April 15 at 12:00 p.m. at American Heritage Chapel with burial immediately following at American Heritage Cemetery

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

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Death Notices

Florentina Adame de Briones

Florentina Adame de Briones, age 85, of Odessa, passed from this life on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at her home. She was born in Boquilla de San Isidro, Ojinaga, Chihuahua Mexico on October 15, 1928 to the late Vicente and Ines (Lujan) Adame.

She is survived by her husband, Carlos Briones; son, Carlos Briones, Jr.; daughters: Maricela Briones, Aracely Briones, Socorro Briones, Martha Briones, Josefina Briones, Emely Briones, Maria de Jesus Briones, Luz Maria Briones and Alma Briones.

Services will in Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico. Interment will be at El Ultimo Refugio in Ojinaga. Services are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel in Odessa and Funeraria de Valle in Ojinaga.

Steven "Max" Rowell

Steven "Max" Rowell, 74, of Midland passed away Thursday, April 10, 2014 at Midland Memorial Hospital. Graveside services will be held at 10:00AM on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at Serenity Memorial Gardens in Midland.

Max was born on May 28, 1939 in Bremerton, WA, to Ethel and Zacheriah Rowell.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years Wilma Rowell of Midland; his children Mike, Kenneth, Joyce, Lee, Mandy, John and Christy; sixteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

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

Davis: Senate votes didn't conflict with clients

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Wendy Davis voted for bills in the Texas Senate that affected her clients and sought federal money while in office for a transportation project being handled by her Fort Worth law firm, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Davis told The Dallas Morning News that no conflicts of interests occurred. She and Republican opponent Greg Abbott have made ethics an issue in the race to succeed Gov. Rick Perry.

Voting records reviewed by the newspaper show Davis supported legislation governing a toll road project for which the North Texas Tollway Authority hired her law firm, Newby Davis, which she started with former Perry chief of staff Brian Newby.

Davis backed changes surrounding the collection of unpaid tolls that preceded a program in which law firms — including Davis' — were chosen to carry out the collections.

"I have never done anything in a way that represents a conflict in my voting and something that would benefit me personally," Davis told the newspaper. "If you look at my legislative work and see what I've done in terms of transparency and ethics to make sure that government officials, elected officials, are held to a standard they should be, I think it shows where I come from."

Being a state legislator is a part-time job in Texas. Under the state's relatively loose ethics laws, few lawmakers recuse themselves from legislation affecting their livelihoods.

For Davis, the issue is the line between public service and private legal work for public entities.

In June 2010, Davis wrote on Senate letterhead to U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood seeking federal funds for a North Texas toll project — the Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail Parkway, a 27-mile toll road from Fort Worth to Cleburne.

The law firm on the project was Cantey Hanger, where Davis was working at the time. Davis spokesman Zac Petkanas said she was acting as a senator, not a lawyer, in making the request.

The funds were denied, but the federal government allocated money for another North Texas toll project that had the effect of freeing up money for the parkway.

Officials say West Texas lakes are almost tapped out

By Nicole C. Brambila
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

Stephen Spillman/Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

Fishermen troll for their next catch March 18 at Lake Alan Henry. The lake lost roughly 4 billion gallons of water to evaporation in 2011 thanks to a lingering drought and sweltering temperatures and still more water is simply missing, according to federal government data

JUSTICEBURG — Lake Alan Henry lost roughly 4 billion gallons of water to evaporation in 2011 before the city of Lubbock took a drop.

That's twice as much as the city takes from the lake in a year.

Just four years ago, heavy summer rains flooded the lake. But that banner year was followed by the driest year on record and quickly receding water levels. Today, the city's only reservoir is a little more than 60 percent full.

Evaporation has licked up more than expected, thanks to a lingering drought and sweltering temperatures. Still more water is simply missing, according to federal government data. The water in the lake is a costly commodity for Lubbock — more expensive than most cities throughout the state.

"I'm worried, from a scientific standpoint, about the sustainability of the reservoir," USDA soil and water management researcher David Brauer told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

With $245 million invested in Lake Alan Henry, could the city's investment turn into a mud hole as Lake Meredith did?

"If we continue with this drought, I don't think there's any doubt," Lubbock Mayor Glen Robertson said.

"We've paid a lot of money and continue to pay a lot of money for that water.

"I don't think anybody thought we'd be here this quickly."

Calculating the water loss is tricky because the length and width of Lake Alan Henry changes as the lake level drops. No two feet of water yield the same volume.

If the six feet lost to evaporation in 2011 were equal — doing some quick and dirty math — that means Lubbock lost 4.4 billion gallons of water from Lake Alan Henry. That's roughly a third of what the city uses annually from Lake Alan Henry and the Roberts and Bailey counties well fields, combined.

But that's not even the most troubling.

The U.S. Geological Survey has been monitoring evaporation, stream flow and rainfall at Lake Alan Henry as part of its mission to collect data on the nation's water resources. It's this data that worries Brauer.

"The statistic analysis shows only about half of the water is getting into the lake for storage," he said.

This finding is critical because the model city planners have used is based on storing all the water they calculated should be captured at Lake Alan Henry.

"There's a loss, or we don't have as much water running into the reservoir as we thought," Brauer said. "That's what the data suggests, one of those two things."

The amount of water being stored in Lake Alan Henry, then, is less than the amount going into the reservoir through rainfall and river inflows, and no one knows why.

City officials take a more temperate stance.

"I guess that's his opinion," Aubrey Spear, director of Lubbock City Water Resources said, noting he had not seen the federal government's data. "A lot of dynamic factors go into a lake and what it should yield.

"A lake is based on historic droughts and inflows.

"That's the best we can do. We can't see the future."

But the city's strategic plan is based on forecasting and planning for the future.

"(Lake Alan Henry) should be a renewable supply of water throughout the planning period as long as its yield does not change due to dramatic changes in the lake's environment," the city's strategic plan reads.

"Without additional water supplies by 2025, Lubbock will not be capable of supplying the projected water demand even with aggressive conservation."

Today, the lake is at its lowest level in more than a decade.

Located 65 miles southeast of Lubbock in Garza County, Lake Alan Henry is considered one of the premier bass fishing lakes in Texas. Roughly 100,000 visitors flock to the lake annually. In 2012, gate and permit fees added $439,600 to the city's general fund.

Officials are quick to note, however, the lake's primary purpose has always been for drinking water, not recreation.

"The people that are concerned are concerned from a recreational or property owner point of view," said Robertson, who also owns a home at Lake Alan Henry.

"I understand the concern, but I have to be concerned about the taxpayers who built the lake for a water supply."

City staff began looking for an alternative water source in the '70s when Lubbock's primary water source was Lake Meredith in the Panhandle.

Once roughly 10 times the size of Alan Henry with a huge recreational draw, Lake Meredith has gradually dried up. In the wake of the city's quickly depleting water source, Lubbock leaders scrambled to accelerate its plans for Lake Alan Henry, turning on the tap in August 2012.

About 20 percent of the city's total annual water consumption — roughly 13.5 billion gallons in 2013 — comes from Lake Alan Henry. It is a critical component in diversifying Lubbock's water portfolio and part of the city's 100-year plan.

If Lubbock didn't have Lake Alan Henry, if suddenly 20 percent of the city's water dried up overnight, that would likely trigger a severe water shortage and kick in Stage 2, and possibly Stage 3, of the city's drought and emergency plan.

Among the Stage 3 restrictions:

- The city would halt water-main flushes and start using, where practicable, reclaimed water;
- Landscape irrigation would be limited to one day a month;
- Outdoor watering would be forbidden for washing down hard surfaces such as vehicles, sidewalks, parking lots and gutters;
- Pools would not be able to be filled or drained and refilled.

In other words, water use in Lubbock would dramatically and quickly change.

From its inception, city leaders have hailed Lake Alan Henry as a renewable water source.

The advantage to surface water is that it's more readily replaced with rain than groundwater. The clear disadvantage, in this arid region, is how quickly Mother Nature can lap up surface water.

At no time was that plainer than in 2011.

"The evaporation loss is pretty significant," Brauer said.

Surface area and temperature affect the rate of evaporation. The smaller the lake, the less lost to evaporation. The lower the temperature, the less lost. Of course, the opposite is true, too.

Lubbock averages 10 days a year when the mercury hits three digits. In 2011, Lubbock had 48 days of temperatures 100 degrees or higher, according to the National Weather Service.

"I don't know that anyone can plan for the five-year, protracted drought that we have," Robertson said. "It's got a tremendous watershed, but without any rain it doesn't matter how big a watershed you've got."

The lake is down about 15 feet since 2010, when heavy rains pushed the lake over the spillway and rushing across County Road 355.

For-sale signs dot the three housing developments on the shores of Lake Alan Henry where once flooded trees now jut through the water, making it treacherous for recreational use. Private docks buckling under the blistering West Texas sun lie suspended above dry land.

"There is more risk involved with reservoirs the further west you go," said Ken Rainwater, a civil and environmental engineering professor at Texas Tech.

While Lake Alan Henry may be faring better than Lake Meredith or O.C. Fisher Dam in San Angelo — both of which can no longer be used for drinking water — the majority of reservoirs throughout the state are fuller, according to the Texas Water Development Board. Nearly one in five is at capacity, although those are in East Texas, which has a climate more favorable for surface water.

"The level in the lake will go down until we get rainfall," Rainwater added.

Don't look for that to happen too soon.

The U.S. Drought Monitor predicts long-term drought conditions in West Texas to persist, if not intensify through June.

For all the talk about lack of rainfall, Lake Alan Henry, 2011 notwithstanding, has been receiving rain. The lake has gotten more than 35 inches of precipitation in the past two years, according to the National Weather Service.

"Rainfall events have to be of a certain intensity and certain amounts in certain locations to produce the water," Spear said. "I still think there are a lot of different variables that Mother Nature throws at us."

Because Mother Nature is often stingy with rain and the Ogallala Aquifer hasn't recharged as quickly as it's been used, securing water in parched West Texas has required big-money solutions.

Lubbock residents pay some of the highest water rates in the state. At $41, Lubbock users pay more each month for 5,000 gallons of water than Corpus Christi and Dallas, combined.

In fact, residents pay more than anyone in the 16 municipalities used for a water bill comparison throughout the state — 45 percent more than Austin residents, 87 percent more than in Houston, 158 percent more than Dallas and 179 percent more than folks in El Paso pay.

The reason?

It's predominantly because of the roughly $391 million in debt the water department has racked up securing and delivering water to a city that once got its water locally, but now must import it from several counties away.

And, another rate hike could be on the horizon.

Phase 2 of Lake Alan Henry is a $65.7 million infrastructure project that will expand the lake's peak capacity. That project, Spear said, could begin as early as 2017.

The USGS findings about how much water is being stored at Lake Alan Henry, however, raise serious concerns among researchers about the reservoir's viability. The science, after all, sometimes changes.

Take Lake Meredith, for example.

When construction began on Lake Meredith in 1962, the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority estimated it would yield 103,000 acre-feet a year. Later, studies found the lake was only yielding 76,000 acre-feet annually.

So, the 27,000 acre-feet difference between the two studies of Lake Meredith means the 11 cities, including Lubbock, the water authority serves lost 8.7 billion gallons of water in its annual yield because of forecasting.

Lake Alan Henry is expected to yield 22,210 acre-feet a year. The city's two-year safe yield — meaning what the reservoir can provide in both wet and dry periods looking at the drought of record — is 16,080 acre-feet a year. The city is conservatively withdrawing about half that.

It is unclear whether the USGS water measurements figure into the city's yield estimates. And it is uncertain whether the city's estimated yields will remain fixed or change substantively as the studies did with Lake Meredith.

What is known is Lake Alan Henry was a costly solution to the city's water woes and officials are counting on the reservoir being a viable water source, yet it may not be if attitudes and behaviors don't become more water-conscious.

"If we use it exactly the same way we used the old one, it too will disappear," Amy Hardberger, a St. Mary's University professor who teaches water law and land use in San Antonio said of Lake Alan Henry.

"Shouldn't we use it in a way that makes it more sustainable over time?"

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Passover begins at sundown

The eight-day festival of Passover is celebrated in the early spring, from the 15th through the 22nd of the Hebrew month of Nissan. It commemorates the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. And, by following the rituals of Passover, we have the ability to relive and experience the true freedom that our ancestors gained.

Source: http://www.chabad.org/

Things to do

■ Sibley/Basin PBS Film Series "Adventures in Birdwatching," noon, Sibley Nature Center. Sack lunch encouraged. sibleynaturecenter.org.
■ Story time with Arthur of "Arthur's World Tour" exhibit at 10:30 a.m. and meet and greet 1-4 p.m.; Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib
■ Awake 7:14 prayer conference, 7 p.m.; Midland Center. awake714.com

Meetings today

County commissioners
9 a.m.
Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom
500 N. Loraine St.

MISD
5:30 p.m.
First floor boardroom
615 W. Missouri Ave.

Greenwood ISD
7:30 p.m. Monday
Distance Learning Center
Greenwood High School

Club meetings, support groups today

■ PFLAG Odessa (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays); 7 p.m. (except on holidays); Alternative Life Solutions Counseling, 2458 E. 11th St., Odessa; 432-279-0749; pflagodessa@yahoo.com or www.pflagodessa.weebly.com
■ Midland Amateur Radio Club, 7:30 p.m., clubhouse, Loop 250 and Lamesa Road; 561-9729.
■ Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.

What's on the radio

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

KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)
6-10 a.m. Morning Show with Craig Anderson
10 a.m.-noon, Herman Cain
Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
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Sport talk
KMND (AM 1510)
6-9 a.m. Mike and Mike in the Morning
9 a.m.-noon The Herd with Colin Cowherd
Noon-3 p.m. The Dan Patrick Show

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

Know a troop coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their soldier is flying into our airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

Today in history

Today is Monday, April 14, the 104th day of 2014. There are 261 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Passover begins at sunset.

Today's highlight:
On April 14, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth while watching a performance of "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in Washington.

On this date:
In 1775, the first American society for the abolition of slavery was formed in Philadelphia.
In 1828, the first edition of Noah Webster's "American Dictionary of the English Language" was published.
In 1910, President William Howard Taft became the first U.S. chief executive to throw the ceremonial first pitch at a baseball game as the Washington Senators beat the Philadelphia Athletics 3-0.
In 1912, the British liner RMS Titanic collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic at 11:40 p.m. ship's time and began sinking. (The ship went under two hours and 40 minutes later with the loss of 1,514 lives.)
In 1939, the John Steinbeck novel "The Grapes of Wrath" was first published by Viking Press.
Today's birthdays: Country singer Loretta Lynn is 82. Retired MLB All-Star Pete Rose is 73.

Associated Press

RAILROADS

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every car simultaneously, Viator said.

"Everything that has been received so far in the Beaumont terminal has been from Colorado," John Roby, a spokesman for the Port of Beaumont, said. "It's mainly because rail is serving those areas that are not now served by pipelines."

Transporting crude oil by pipeline is generally cheaper than by rail, at a cost of about $5 a barrel compared with $10 to $15 a barrel, according to a February report by the Congressional Research Service. Yet rail offers its own advantages, including speed. Transporting oil from North Dakota's Bakken shale fields to the Gulf Coast can take five to seven days by rail, compared with about 40 days by pipeline.

There are nearly 140,000 miles of railroad in the United States, while the crude oil pipeline system is just 57,000 miles long, according to federal data. For a company with crude to transport, railroads can be the simpler solution if a link to a pipeline is not already in place, said Sandy Fielden, the director of energy analytics for RBN Energy, a consulting firm.

"If you're going to build a 1,000-mile pipeline, you have to have some serious investment," Fielden said. "But just to build a rail terminal in West Texas, depending on how big it is, is not such a huge investment."

The safety of crude-by-rail operations has drawn increased scrutiny since July, when a train carrying crude oil in Lac-Mégantic, Quebec, derailed and exploded, killing 47.

The incident was the most striking example among recent oil spills originating from trains, which have become increasingly common. More than 99 percent of hazardous material shipments reach their destinations without spills, according to the Association of American Railroads. Yet more crude oil was spilled in American rail incidents in 2013 than in the previous four decades, according to a McClatchy Newspapers analysis of federal data. The data for Texas shows 62 crude oil spills from trains over the past decade. Forty two, or 68 percent, have occurred since 2012.

U.S. Sen. Jay Rockefeller, a West Virginia Democrat and chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, has expressed concerns about the safety of using trains to transport crude and recently accused the crude oil industry of dragging its feet on sharing relevant data with federal regulators.

"While the economic benefits of shipping crude by rail may be immense, the safety shortcomings can become horrific disasters and heartbreaking tragedies as we saw in Lac-Mégantic and North Dakota," Rockefeller said in a statement.

Federal regulators and the railroad industry have agreed to some new safety measures for oil-tank cars, including plans for operators to slow the speed of those trains to 40 mph from 50 mph when traveling through 46 federally designated "high-risk urban areas." In Texas, the Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio regions are included on the list.

The Department of Transportation is also looking at implementing new safety standards for tank cars carrying crude oil or other combustible materials, a move which could require companies to upgrade or replace thousands of cars.

Along with the concerns about safety, the shipment of crude by rail from the oil sands of Canada has been at the center of an environmental debate over construction of the northern portion of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline, which is intended to link Alberta to the Texas Gulf Coast. From 2011 to 2013, Canadian crude imports by rail jumped to 40 million barrels from 1.6 million barrels, according to the Congressional Research Service.

TRAFFIC

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the scene, according to Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter and other law enforcement officials.

The Reporter-Telegram's has a policy against publishing local scanner reports.

"At one time, the Reporter-Telegram was one of the biggest offenders, but this is information that has not been confirmed by law enforcement authorities or journalists, which is why we stopped using scanner reports online and in the newspaper," said Editor Stewart Doreen.

Local officials said citing scanner traffic is a potentially dangerous use of privileged information.

The ethical dilemma

Two days after the Boston bombings, several news organizations erroneously reported that an arrest had been made. The FBI released a statement the same day advising reporters to "exercise caution and attempt to verify information through appropriate official channels before reporting."

Some of that information was coming from police scanner traffic.

The Boston Globe reported that Broadcastify.com, a San Antonio-based company providing live audio streams of police and public safety radio traffic, had about 160,000 people listening to Boston police scanner feeds following the terrorist attack.

But Lindsay Blanton, the website's chief executive officer, said the company made a decision to pull the feeds for Boston-area police departments after the Boston Police Department posted the following tweet at 7:52 a.m. on April 19:

"#MediaAlert: WARNING: Do Not Compromise Officer Safety by Broadcasting Tactical Positions of Homes Being Searched."

The nonprofit Poynter Institute, which promotes "excellence and integrity" in journalism," offered its opinion about the use of scanner traffic. In an April 2013 article, Kelly McBride, a senior faculty member at Poynter, said police scanners facilitate better reporting, but most responsible journalists don't report as fact what they hear on the scanner.

"'You are literally hearing snippets of conversation, and it's out of context. It's almost impossible in a short amount of time to figure out what the entire context is,'" McBride wrote.

She said reporters are also likely to hear warnings or alerts that can be easily misunderstood.

In another article, Poynter reported that a former Reuters' deputy social media editor, Matthew Keys, was fired following the Boston attacks. Keys wrote in a Tumblr post that Reuters terminated his employment for several reasons, one of which was tweeting information he had obtained through police scanner traffic during the Boston bombings investigation.

Keys claimed in an interview with the Columbia Journalism Review that he was unaware of any requests by law enforcement to refrain from that activity, despite BPD's media alert via Twitter.

The effect on local law enforcement, emergency personnel

Broadcast of scanner traffic could have led to a local man evading arrest in October of last year.

Midland County SWAT and U.S. Marshals Service were attempting to serve a warrant to 37-year-old Joseph Caddell in the 5400 block of East County Road 75. Authorities engaged in a several-hour standoff at a building where they believed Caddell had barricaded himself. They deployed tear gas and breached the property, but Caddell was not there, according to previous Reporter-Telegram reports.

Painter said a friend notified Caddell about his impending arrest after hearing information about it on a police scanner. Painter believes this contributed to Caddell evading arrest. He eventually surrendered to authorities in Erath County.

While no news organizations directly sourced scanner traffic during this incident, Painter said it's common for news stations to post scanner traffic on Facebook.

One local television station posted details of the standoff location, which Painter said complicated the investigation. He said Facebook postings and social media chatter also can pose a risk to his employees.

If people are alerted by social media and scanner traffic, they can anticipate police presence by arming themselves, taking hostages or creating other obstacles to an arrest, said Ector County Sheriff Mark Donaldson.

"I think it can get an officer hurt or killed if the wrong information is broadcast or put out," Painter said. "(Suspects) can be prepared and we're not. That puts us severely at a disadvantage."

Under certain circumstances, Painter said he would pursue criminal aiding and abetting charges against people or news organizations that contributed to an officer being injured or a case being compromised.

Donaldson agreed it could hinder ongoing investigations, especially when officers are serving a warrant.

Suspects who are tipped off can destroy or hide evidence, compromising drug busts and evidence seizures, he said.

"(Officers are) fixing to surprise somebody and guess what? It's not a surprise," Donaldson said.

He said some news outlets have posted live updates on Twitter or Facebook that detail areas with a large police presence. The Reporter-Telegram does the same, but it is general practice to speak with officials at the scene before releasing details.

Local news sources have also published scanner traffic before confirming details.

One such scenario occurred on Sept. 21, when a small aircraft slid off a runway at Midland International Airport. The plane's two occupants were not injured. Information regarding the plane was relayed over police radios, and the city's public information officer called it an "incident." But a pair of television stations reported the incident as a "crash."

Like "the boy who cried wolf," Painter said this type of news coverage can incite panic in the general public and create additional problems.

Midland Fire Chief Robert Isbell agreed.

He encountered problems associated with scanner traffic while working in the Dallas area. Isbell recalled people driving by scenes of accidents and fires to take photographs and upload them to the web, creating a "social fever" and "information frenzy."

Donaldson said use of scanner traffic increases call volume for 911 dispatch centers. Concerned residents and news outlets -- the Reporter-Telegram included -- have called dispatchers for updates on wrecks, fires and shootings at times when information is scarce. This impacts work efficiency and slows response times for emergency personnel. Often, people drive by the scene, causing issues for first responders.

Sharlett Chowning, chief information officer for the Midland Public Safety Communications Center, said the only information that 911 dispatchers know is what they are told by the callers.

"We dispatch based on a phone call," Chowning said. "We don't verify the truthfulness of that phone call."

City PIO: Scooter driver in critical condition after crash

From staff reports

A 70-year-old man was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with critical injuries Sunday after he was hit while riding a scooter, according to the city's public information officer.

A Ford Mustang was exiting the parking lot of Advance Auto Parts on Rankin Highway when it hit the driver of an electric scooter. The scooter was traveling south on the sidewalk crossing the parking lot exit, said PIO Sara Higgins.

Midland emergency personnel arrived shortly after the crash, which occurred at about 1:30 p.m.

Higgins said the investigation is ongoing and the man remains in critical condition at the hospital.

Gunman kills 3 at Kansas City-area Jewish sites

By Maria Sudekum
Associated Press

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. — A gunman opened fire outside of a Jewish community center on Sunday, killing a doctor and his teenage grandson before heading to a Jewish retirement community a few blocks away and killing someone else, authorities said.

Police arrested the suspected assailant in an elementary school parking lot shortly after the attacks in the Kansas City suburb of Overland Park.

At a news conference, the city's police chief, John Douglass, said the suspect is in his 70s, wasn't from Kansas and wasn't known to area law enforcement. He also said there was no indication that the suspect knew the victims.

"Today is a sad and very tragic day," Douglass said. "As you might imagine we are only three hours into this investigation. There's a lot of innuendo and a lot of assertions going around. There is really very little hardcore information."

Douglass declined to release the names of the victims, citing the need to notify their loved ones first. But the family of the first two people who were shot released a statement later Sunday identifying them as Dr. William Lewis Corporon and his 14-year-old grandson, Reat Griffin Underwood. They were both Christian, and the family thanked members of their church congregation, among other people, for their support.

"We take comfort knowing they are together in Heaven," the family said. It asked for privacy to mourn.

Rebecca Sturtevant, a spokeswoman for Overland Park Regional Medical Center, where Reat was taken and where he died, said family members said Corporon and the boy were at the community center so that the high school freshman could try out for KC SuperStar, a singing competition for students.

Douglass said the suspect made several statements to police, "but it's too early to tell you what he may or may not have said." He also said it was too early in the investigation to determine whether there was an anti-Semitic motive for the attacks or if they will be investigated as hate crimes. The Jewish festival of Passover begins Monday.

"We are investigating it as a hate crime. We're investigating it as a criminal act. We haven't ruled out anything. ... Again, we're three hours into it," he said.

Douglass said the suspect first opened fire in the parking lot behind the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City. Corporon died at the scene and his grandson later died at the hospital. The chief said the suspect then drove to the nearby retirement community, Village Shalom, where he shot and killed a woman or girl.

WASTEWATER

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in the state to use such a process; Big Springs' Colorado River Municipal Water District began using its system last May.

If approved by state regulators, the re-use project will blend the wastewater with 50 percent from the city's two reservoirs — Lake Arrowhead and Lake Kickapoo — in a four-step treatment method. The lakes were a combined 26 percent full April 7.

Texas' water suppliers are required to submit drought contingency plans specific to their situations to the TCEQ. The plans map out what conditions trigger specific restrictions, most of which pertain to limits on days and times people can do outdoor watering. The limitations become more severe as drought worsens. The drought plans are not uniform, so it's difficult for the state to accurately compare restrictions, Morrow said.

Wichita City leaders also are looking at imposing rare Stage 5 water restrictions, which could prohibit filling outdoor swimming pools and curtail car washes. The city council will consider the step Tuesday, and could start the restrictions by June 1, Schreiber said. Fines can reach up to $2,000.

Wichita Falls is also part of a cloud seeding operation that Schreiber said added rain to the half-inch that was forecast for March 15. A plane fired salt-based flares into the sky, which brought 3 inches of rain to some areas around the city. Unfortunately, much the precipitation missed the lakes' watersheds, he said.

The drought's lasting effects are widespread in Texas. About 64 percent of the state is in some stage of drought, compared with 89 percent at this time last year and 98 percent in 2011.

As of April 10, 1,143 of the state's 4,642 water suppliers are under voluntary or mandatory restrictions. And estimates showed 31 public water systems with fewer than 90 days of water remaining; seven estimate they have fewer than 45 days.

Reservoirs across Texas are 65 percent full, the lowest amount for this time of year since 1990. Normal for this time of year is 84 percent full.

In the Austin area, the two lakes managed by the Lower Colorado River Authority that supplies water to more than a million people, industry, businesses and agriculture, are a combined 37 percent full. As of March 1, customer cities and industries were limited to watering lawns once a week with sprinklers and irrigation systems.

Forecasters said an El Nino weather pattern in the Pacific, one that brings more moisture, could help the state out by fall and into winter. And Texas' wettest months are coming soon, May and June.

But the year isn't shaping up to be as dry as 2011, which was also exceptionally hot. Wichita Falls had 100 days of temperatures over 100 degrees, a record.

"That drought in 2011 just crushed us with record temperatures," Schreiber said. "We've never had any relief the last three or four years."

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

Chances of getting audited by IRS lowest in years

As millions of Americans race to meet Tuesday's tax deadline, their chances of getting audited are lower than they have been in years.

Budget cuts and new responsibilities are straining the Internal Revenue Service's ability to police tax returns. This year, the IRS will have fewer agents auditing returns than at any time since at least the 1980s.

Taxpayer services are suffering, too, with millions of phone calls to the IRS going unanswered.

"We keep going after the people who look like the worst of the bad guys," IRS Commissioner John Koskinen said in an interview. "But there are going to be some people that we should catch, either in terms of collecting the revenue from them or prosecuting them, that we're not going to catch."

Better technology is helping to offset some budget cuts.

If you report making $40,000 in wages and your employer tells the IRS you made $50,000, the agency's computers probably will catch that. The same is true for investment income and many common deductions that are reported to the IRS by financial institutions.

But if you operate a business that deals in cash, with income or expenses that are not independently reported to the IRS, your chances of getting caught are lower than they have been in years.

Last year, the IRS audited less than 1 percent of all returns from individuals, the lowest rate since 2005. This year, Koskinen said, "The numbers will go down."

How to get more time to file your tax return

America's annual tax reckoning is here once again and for many who have yet to file their federal tax return, that means a mad dash to beat Uncle Sam's deadline.

The Internal Revenue Service already has received nearly 100 million tax returns, but anticipates getting about 35 million more by the midnight Tuesday deadline.

Many other taxpayers, however, are opting for plan B and asking for more time to file.

The IRS expects roughly 12 million taxpayers will make such a request before the tax filing deadline, enabling them to take an additional six months — until Oct. 15 — to prepare their tax return.

Getting started late and rushing to file can lead to headaches, particularly if you haven't organized the various receipts and forms, such as bank statements or W-2 forms that you may need to complete your return.

"When you sit down to do your return at the last minute, if you're realizing you're stuck, don't know what's happening or have an unexpected result and need more help, the best thing to do would be to file for an extension," said Lindsey Buchholz, a principal analyst at H&R Block.

If it looks like you're not going to make the deadline, and you owe unpaid taxes, it pays to ask for more time. That's because if you miss the deadline and fail to ask for an extension, the IRS will hit you with a monthly penalty of 5 percent of your unpaid tax balance. The quickest way to request an extension is to fill out the automatic extension of time to file - Form 4868 on www.irs.gov. It's also available through most tax preparation software.

Extension requests via mail must be postmarked by Tuesday to be considered on time. Forms filed on the IRS website or by using tax software can be sent in as late as 10:59 p.m. on Tuesday.

Getting more time to file your return doesn't mean you have more time to pay your 2013 tax bill, however.

"Some people mistakenly think that if they owe money and they file an extension that also gets them an extra six months to pay, which is not the case," Buchholz said.

The IRS requires taxpayers to pay up by Tuesday's deadline, or face interest charges on unpaid taxes.

If you file your tax return on time or get an extension, but fail to pay, the IRS will charge a monthly late payment penalty of 0.5 percent of your unpaid taxes. That translates to a $25 penalty if you owe $5,000. It is charged each month or part of a month the tax goes unpaid, up to 25 percent, or $1,250 on that $5,000.

In addition, the IRS will assess an annual 3 percent interest rate, compounded daily, on what you owe.

You can avoid the 0.5 percent late-payment penalty if you pay either 90 percent of your 2013 tax balance by April 15, or if you pay an amount equal to the full amount you paid on your 2012 tax return.

Obama, GOP compete for support among women

By Nedra Pickler
Associated Press

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President Barack Obama greets people in the East Room of the White House in Washington on April 8 during an event marking Equal Pay Day. The president announced new executive actions to strengthen enforcement of equal pay laws for women. The president and his Democratic allies in Congress are making a concerted election-year push to draw attention to women's wages. Lilly Ledbetter is at left in green.

WASHINGTON — After months on the defensive over his health law, a more combative President Barack Obama has emerged to fight about gender politics, leading to an election-year competition with Republicans for support from women.

No single group will be more important to Democrats' fortunes, said White House advisers, than unmarried women, who are likely to go Democratic — if they vote, and that's far from certain when trust in Washington is low.

The president is trying to convince women that Democrats are more concerned about improving their financial standing in difficult economic times, and he charges Republicans with standing in the way. "Republicans in Congress have been gumming up the works," he said at White House event on equal pay.

"This isn't just about treating women fairly. This is about Republicans seemingly opposing any efforts to even the playing field for working families," Obama said.

Republicans said they have learned important lessons from previous elections where women helped put Obama and other Democrats in office. This year, the GOP is promising an aggressive counterattack.

The Republican National Committee plans to a new initiative, "14 in '14," to recruit and train women under age 40 to help spread the party's message in the final 14 weeks of the campaign.

Representatives from all the party committees — the RNC and those supporting GOP candidates for Senate, House, governors and state legislators — meet regularly to plan strategy and advise candidates.

They are encouraging candidates to include their wives and daughters in campaign ads, have women at their events and build a Facebook-like internal database of women willing to campaign on their behalf.

Responding to Obama's equal pay event, Republicans cried hypocrisy and pointed out that women on average make less than men on the White House staff. When the Senate voted on an equal pay measure the next day, every Republican voted no and said the law already protects women from being paid less than men.

The Republican Party committees are circulating figures showing that poverty among women has risen during Obama's time in office, while women's average wages have dropped.

They said they are targeting older women, who are more likely to vote Republican than younger women, in part by highlighting cuts to Medicare Advantage plans that the Obama administration proposed and then reversed under pressure. They said they will continue to press the case that the health law has increased costs for some people and affected their health care plans.

"It feels to us like the White House and Democrats are making decisions on legislation and messaging priorities based on the fact that they have to talk about anything but Obamacare to appeal to their depressed base," said Republican National Committee spokeswoman Kirsten Kukowski.

Obama cites the Affordable Care Act as an example of improved gender equality. "Tens of millions of women are now guaranteed free preventive care like mammograms and contraceptive care, and the days when you could be charged more just for being a woman are over for good," he said in his weekly address this weekend.

Obama has promoted women's economic issues at White House events and in recent trips to Florida and Michigan, tightly contested states.

He embraced six original Rosie the Riveters — women who took on traditionally male jobs during World War II — on a recent White House visit, and holds them up as an example of equal pay for equal work. He held the first White House event on combating campus sexual assault.

The White House plans a June summit on economic issues facing working families, with a series of regional meetings leading up to it. Administration officials and Cabinet members plan to host business school deans at the White House to talk about workplace policies that could even the playing field for women.

Aides said the president will focus more in the coming weeks on workplace flexibility and the need for child care including universal pre kindergarten.

Neil Newhouse, pollster for Mitt Romney's Republican presidential campaign in 2012, helps conduct nonpartisan focus groups of moms who shop at Walmart. He said the Democrats' performance this year depends entirely on their ability to turn out critical groups of voters, including women, who sided with Obama in 2012.

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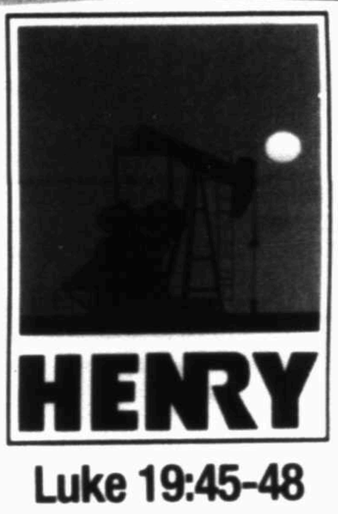

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Luke 19:45-48

Then he entered the temple area and began driving out those who were selling. "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be a house of prayer'; but you have made it 'a den of robbers.'" Every day he was teaching at the temple. But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him. Yet they could not find any way to do it, because all the people hung on his words.

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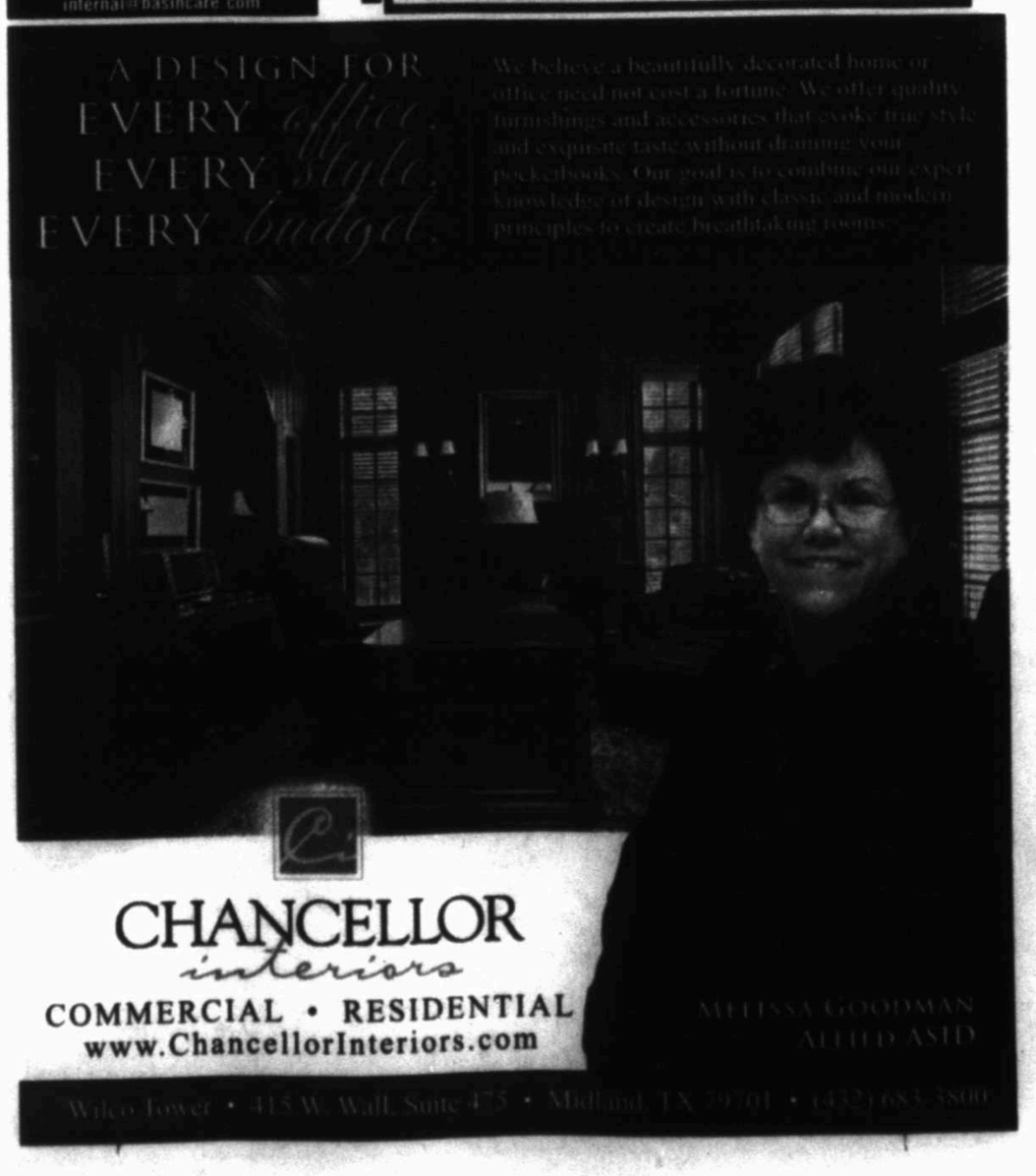

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OPINION

Decades later, healing takes place in Rwanda

■ People cry out at the memory, are serious about 'never again'

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

KIGALI, Rwanda —

At the 20th commemoration of the Rwandan genocide, the most moving moments were unplanned. In the audience at Amahoro Stadium, first one woman, then another, then dozens in turn, cried out in uncontrollable anguish and had to be escorted from the ceremony. They were overwhelmed by memory. In their screams you could hear the screams of two decades ago.

The day before, while visiting the Nyamata Church Memorial near Kigali, I listened to a survivor named Alice recall a few of the 800,000 genocide victims: her father, her mother, her sister, her brother, her first-born child, all killed at that Catholic church in April 1994, all buried in the vault below our feet. There is a scar left by a machete on Alice's face. She shows the mark from a spear on her left side. The Hutu man who attempted to murder her later apologized in a community court and is now her neighbor. Alice spoke of "an obligation to forgive, to heal, to move forward." As a nation, Rwanda must either forgive the unforgivable or destroy itself with rage.

A walk down some steps leads to the crypt of the memorial. Piles of bones and skulls on shelf after shelf, reaching back into darkness. Skulls sliced by machetes. Skulls broken by clubs. And the skulls of the children. The passage is tight; death at close range, as intimate as were the killings, done by hand, face to face, one by one. There are 45,083 people buried at the site. The remains of families are kept in caskets together.

Why not simply put such horrors behind us? Among other reasons, because the perpetrators wanted the victims forgotten. Genocides are often intended, perversely, as new beginnings. In Cambodia, it was Year Zero; in Germany, the inauguration of a thousand-year Reich. Some Rwandan perpetrators justified the killings as necessary for the sake of their children. The world would be washed and purified. This intention is defeated by remembrance, by historical specificity, by the affirmation that every human story is more important than the diseased narratives of dictators and killers. A genocide tries not only to kill victims, but to erase them. So: Speak their names, show their pictures, cry out at their memory.

After 1994, Rwanda faced the impossible task of building a unified national identity on the ruins of a very recent genocide. Few would have predicted the miracle of recovery that followed. This is now a forward-looking nation of fine roads and swept sidewalks and power lines and safe streets and women's rights and decent hospitals. Rwanda's government has prioritized political order, built technocratic rather than institutional legitimacy, and dared critics to judge it by its outcomes. However the critics judge, the resilience and achievements of Rwandans themselves are remarkable. One unexpected contribution has been the emergence of Rwandan soldiers as capable peacekeepers in conflicts from Darfur to the Central African Republic. No country takes "never again" with greater seriousness.

In other countries, that seriousness has varied. During the Rwandan genocide, the American response was a model of negligence, indifference and abdication. While an average of 8,000 people were being slaughtered each day, the Clinton administration resisted using the word "genocide," supported the withdrawal of United Nations peacekeepers, then fought against their reinforcement.

But this much accrues to President Bill Clinton's credit: He eventually apologized for American inaction. During the last two decades, he has seemed genuinely stricken. This has helped transform the American (and global) memory of the Rwandan genocide. If Clinton had insisted on the complexity and defensibility of his choice — so soon after Black Hawk Down in Somalia, so distant from traditional American interests — the lesson would still be debated and blurred. Through his conspicuous regret, Clinton has affirmed a norm: Those who fail to act in the face of genocide are harshly judged, even by themselves.

In fact, policy choices in such matters are generally complex, as in Syria and the Central African Republic today. And it is important to construct a variety of intermediary options between the abdication of 1994 and direct U.S. intervention. All-or-nothing decisions on atrocity prevention are likely to result in nothing.

But following the Rwandan genocide, choosing the option of inaction requires the betrayal of a vivid, recent historical memory. In the end, those with murderous intent view impunity as an invitation. And those who choose to be bystanders find that the cries of grief become indictments, and that the graves cannot be unfilled.

OUR VIEW

City needs ordinance requiring drivers to use hands-free cellphones

It is alleged that a Midland driver may have been texting before a hit-and-run crash last week that injured a motorcyclist. Some people are using this as an example why Midland needs an ordinance banning texting while driving.

We remind those just hopping on this bandwagon that we don't need ordinances enacted based on one or a couple of instances.

What we need are good laws, and in our view, Midland needed a law prohibiting texting while driving long before last week's wreck.

Last month, Midland Police Chief Price Robinson told the Midland City Council that drivers continue to use their cellphones while operating vehicles. Those driving on our city's streets know this to be true.

We don't believe it would be a stretch that a majority of drivers have at one time or another used their phone while operating a vehicle. There are few who likely can comfortably throw a stone in this fight.

Many people will say that this law would be hard to enforce. Our governor believes this and he vetoed legislation crafted by state Rep. Tom Craddick and supported by a vast majority of state lawmakers.

We don't know whether the council will take up this issue in the future. But as we wrote last month we hope they have the political courage to do so.

We also will use this opportunity to voice our support for the City Council to take it one step further by requiring drivers to use a cellphone only if they are doing so with a hands-free device.

And when council members debate this, here's the question they should ask themselves: Why not?

Would it be hard to enforce? No. If a police officer sees someone holding their cellphone while operating a vehicle, they are in violation. If they can spot someone not wearing a seat belt, then spotting cellphone use shouldn't be a problem.

Would it be hard to implement? No. Most phones and vehicles today offer the hands-free technology to make this a seamless transition for vehicle operators.

What's the reason to continue the status quo? Is it that people enjoy the thrill of driving with one hand attached to their ear or not looking at the road five to 10 seconds at a time? Is it that drivers like being held up or impacted by another driver who is using a cellphone?

A person's civil liberties wouldn't be violated by the ordinance. If you ask the motorcyclist who was hit or the thousands of other people impacted by distracted driving, some may say your liberties actually would be enhanced.

It is time for Scott Dufford or Mayor Jerry Morales to take the lead and propose an ordinance that would call for the use of hands-free devices if drivers are going to use their cellphone while operating a vehicle. Be bold. Set a new standard. This community will be better off if you do.

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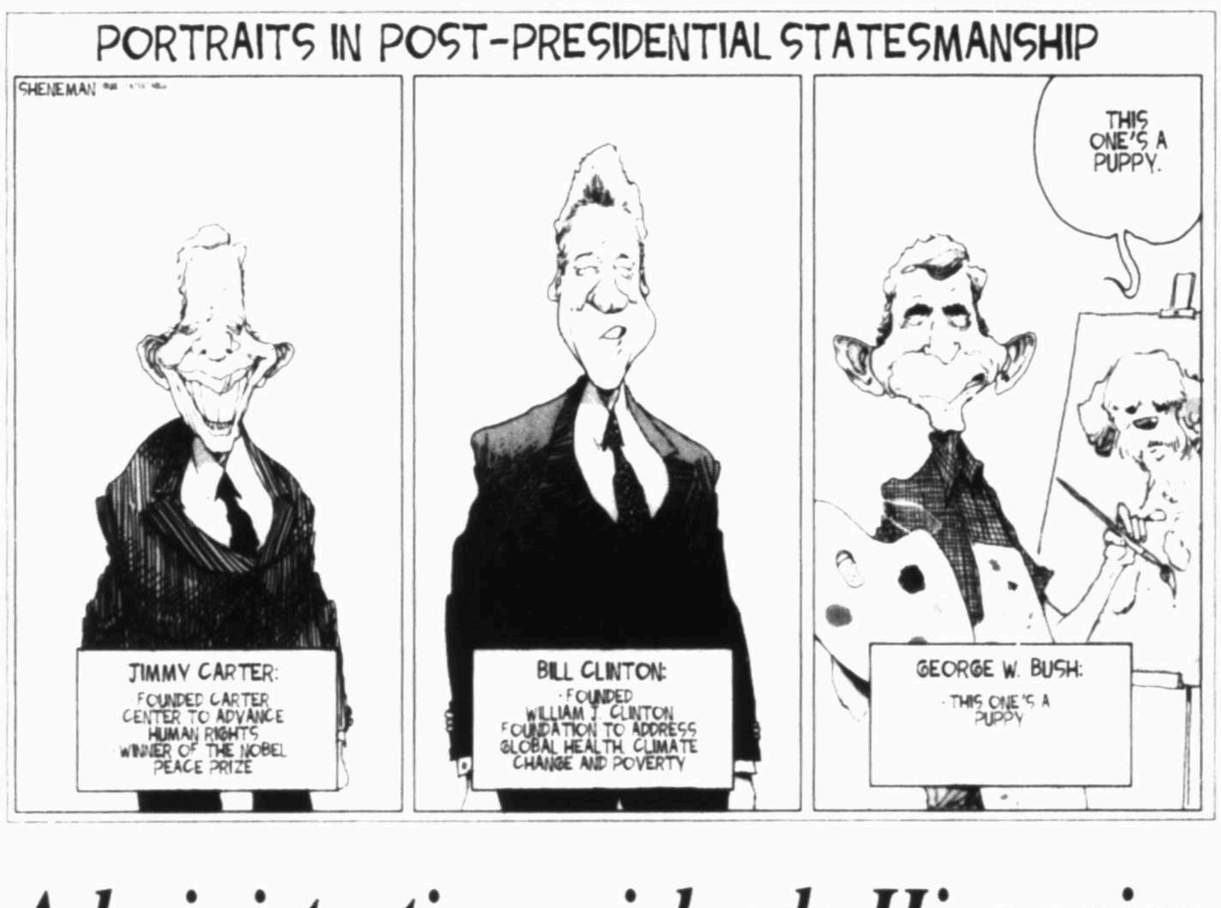

Administration misleads Hispanics

■ Obama strings along supporters with promises of immigration reform

ESTHER CEPEDA
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The week's award for truer words were never spoken goes to David Martin, who served as deputy general counsel at the Department of Homeland Security in the first two years of the Obama administration.

Martin made a blunt observation to a New York Times reporter — one that made sense to everyone who has seen through President Obama's immigration reform gambit designed to appease Hispanic voters.

"It would have been better for the administration to state its enforcement intentions clearly and stand by them, rather than being willing to lean whichever way seemed politically expedient at any given moment," Martin said. "They lost credibility on enforcement, despite all the deportations, while letting activists think they could always get another concession if they just blamed Obama. It was a pipe dream to think they could make everyone happy."

Martin's comments appeared in a Page One news story about the number of unlawfully present immigrants without criminal backgrounds who have been deported despite the president's request that DHS use discretion and focus on hard-core criminals.

DHS' inability to put a priority on drug dealers, gang members or actual terrorists while deporting red-light runners or those who misstep after overstaying a visa has been well-known for years. Yet the reason the Times article has been dissected, endlessly discussed and used to push the agendas of national immigrant advocacy organizations is that it puts Obama's cynicism on display for all to see.

Yes, Obama did step up deportations after he promised Latinos he'd find a way to offer relief while he negotiated a path-to-citizenship immigration reform. Yes, he did get miffed when activists, journalists and community leaders called him out on his inability to keep his promise, and he did scold them during White House meetings for publicly criticizing him.

Time and again, the president did say he could not act unilaterally to legalize unlawfully present immigrants and then turned around, practically on the eve of his re-election, and granted deferred action to young people who would have been eligible for the DREAM Act and who, coincidentally, were active campaigners on Democrats' behalf.

And yes, he is once again responding to renewed calls to end deportations with his stock answers of, basically, "I can't do anything about it" and "Blame the Republicans."

Obama did ask supplicants at recent White House meetings to shelve the anecdotes about the pain and suffering of deportation and families torn apart. Not because he doesn't care, of course — he's told us so often how much he cares — but because it's more productive to discuss strategy for legislating permanent relief. That at least was honest, if a bit cold.

His presidential machinations to preserve favorability ratings among Hispanics have been on display for years, even if his disciples didn't want to see them. And though every year Obama has gone on speaking tours during Hispanic Heritage Month to make clear that he cares about passing immigration reform, the president's approval rating among Latinos is at an all-time low — 52 percent, according to Gallup.

But why it was ever so high — 75 percent just one year earlier — is a mystery. As he was nearing the end of his first year in office, it was clear that the president's governing agenda for year two and beyond did not put immigration on the map.

I don't blame the president for his inability to rally an obstructionist Republican Party toward a compromise on one of the most contentious issues of our time. Even Ronald Reagan, many have noted, would have a slim chance of passing another reform in today's highly polarized climate.

And most levelheaded people wouldn't have blamed the president for focusing on repairing the economy and getting people back to work, if he would have just said so. Instead, he kept overpromising and under-delivering on immigration reform.

Obama's historic number of deportations and immigration reform failures will not be his enduring legacy. It will be how foolish his most ardent Hispanic supporters will forever feel knowing it took them so long to realize that the president has been stringing them along on the one issue that strikes at the heart of their dignity.

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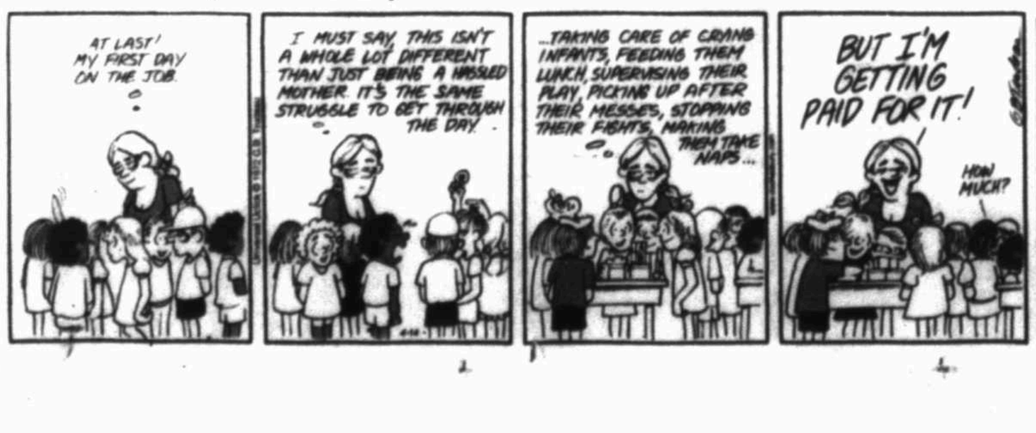

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Legal minds eye quality control for criminal convictions

By Jennifer Peltz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hospitals have staff conferences to examine why patients died. Airline pilots have a system for voluntarily submitting information on safety concerns. Yet the life-and-death world of criminal justice often operates without a similar mechanism for probing its most feared failures: wrongful convictions.

Some legal thinkers said it's time for a criminal-justice version of quality control: frank scrutiny of cases gone wrong to identify potential weaknesses in the justice system and keep errors from happening again.

"Every time you've got a mistake, you've got all those phases in the system that failed to pick it up," said John Hollway, the executive director of the University of Pennsylvania Law School's Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice.

District attorneys, defense lawyers, police officials and law professors traded thoughts there last week with some uncommon counterparts: doctors, a National Transportation Safety Board member, a NASA official and an expert on research-lab safety.

The gathering crystallized discussions that have percolated in recent years, as DNA has exonerated hundreds of people and raised broader concerns about false convictions. Concerns echoed with this week's exoneration of a New York man imprisoned for nearly a quarter-century in a murder case. A few cities are testing out problem-solving reviews of cases gone wrong.

Backers of such reviews said they can only work if people feel free to speak up about mistakes with a goal of fixing problems, not assessing blame. But that may be difficult in the inherently adversarial realm of crime and punishment.

"There's a withholding of information and a defensiveness that prevents us from getting to root causes of problems," said Jeffrey Deskovic, a reform advocate who has felt the toll of those problems firsthand.

He spent 16 years in prison in a suburban New York high school classmate's 1989 death. He lost appeals but was exonerated in 2006, after DNA linked the slaying to another man who had been convicted of killing someone else in the meantime. Jurors had known that DNA evidence didn't point to Deskovic, but they were apparently convinced by a confession he said was coerced by 7 1/2 hours of interrogation when he was 16 years old.

Prosecutors, lawmakers, judicial commissions and various other panels have sometimes analyzed the causes of wrongful convictions and other criminal justice problems. And the justice system has its own checks and balances, such as appeals courts, though their task is generally case-specific.

But in recent years, some prosecutors and public defenders including San Francisco's Jeff Adachi have taken a page from "The Checklist Manifesto," Dr. Atul Gawande's 2009 book arguing that humble lists prove to be powerful tools for combatting oversights in medicine, aviation and beyond. District attorneys' offices in New York City, Dallas and Santa Clara, Calif., among other places, have launched conviction-review units meant as non-antagonistic venues for raising innocence claims.

The units review cases defense lawyers present to them, reinvestigate new leads and sometimes agree to ask a judge to throw out convictions. In a recent example, Brooklyn District Attorney Kenneth Thompson agreed last week to exonerate Jonathan Fleming of a 1989 Brooklyn killing that, prosecutors now agree, happened while he was vacationing at Disney World. A key eyewitness had recanted, newly found witnesses implicated someone else and prosecutors' review of authorities' files turned up documents supporting Fleming's alibi. He had served 25 years in prison.

And the federal National Institute of Justice has cited medicine and aviation as inspirations for upcoming experiments with "all-stakeholder, non-blaming" reviews of criminal cases in Baltimore, Philadelphia and Milwaukee.

Milwaukee District Attorney John Chisholm is asking defense lawyers, judges, child welfare officials and others connected to a prominent local case — a killing committed by a teen on juvenile-court probation for an armed robbery — to help analyze what officialdom could have done differently.

As prosecutors, "we should be open to examining the system in a collaborative way," Chisholm said.

But collaborating is not always easy when information is scattered across a criminal justice system made up of 3,000 county court systems and 18,000 police forces.

"It's like trying to reduce the numbers of deaths in the hospital when you only hear about 1 in every 100 deaths that occur," said Samuel Gross, a professor at the University of Michigan Law School, who maintains a list of nearly 1,350 exonerations but believes there are countless more.

And some caution that a non-fault-finding approach can go only so far.

"Creating a culture of blame and a punitive culture is counterproductive when you're trying to figure out what went wrong and how to fix it," said defense lawyer Barry Scheck, a founder of the Innocence Project, which works to clear wrongly convicted people. "But you have to clearly, do something about those who are deliberate rule-breakers."

California drought spawns water well drilling boom

Associated Press

CHOWCHILLA, Calif. — The scarcity of irrigation water in drought-stricken California has created such a demand for well drilling services that Central Valley farmer Bob Smittcamp is taking matters into his own hands.

He's buying a drilling rig for $1 million to make certain he has enough water this summer for thousands of acres of fruit and vegetable crops.

"It's like an insurance policy," said Smittcamp, who knows two other farmers doing the same thing. "You have to do something to protect your investment."

With California in a third dry year, well drilling is booming across the nation's most productive agricultural region, and some drilling companies are booked for months or a year. In some counties, requests for permits to dig new wells have soared, more than doubling over this time last year.

Farmers expect to get only a fraction — if any — of the water they need from vast government-controlled systems of canals and reservoirs interlacing the state. In an effort to make up the difference, they are drilling hundreds of feet deep to tap underground water supplies.

Smittcamp said a licensed driller he often hires approached him, saying the demand for drillers is so high that Smittcamp needs his own full-scale drilling rig.

Smittcamp, whose Wawona Packing Co. farms thousands of acres, said he has written a $150,000 check as a deposit and the rest is due upon delivery of the $1 million rig, which he expects to happen soon.

He estimated that he spends $4,000 an acre tending his peach and grape crops before the harvest. If a well were to run dry mid-season with nobody to call, Smittcamp said he could lose that investment — and perhaps entire orchards or vineyards.

When the rig isn't being used on Smittcamp's land, he said the driller will put it to work on neighboring farms to recoup the investment.

The boom driving farmers to such lengths is a result of drought and a steadily improving economy, said John Hofer, an underground water consultant and executive director of the California Groundwater Association. Hofer said his consulting firm started receiving more calls last year, and that's when he predicted the rising demand for drillers would follow.

"I kept telling my friends and associates to look out, that it was going to get crazy, and it has," he said. "Drilling is up big-time."

The figures prove it. In Fresno County, which leads the nation in agricultural production, officials issued 256 permits to dig new wells in the first three months of 2014, more than twice the number compared to the same time last year. That includes all types of water wells used for agriculture and homes.

In Tulare County, the number of permits issued to dig farm wells alone has tripled to 245. In Kern County, farmers took out 63 new well permits in the first quarter of the year, more than quadrupling last year's number.

The price to dig a well depends on the depth and ground composition, drillers say, costing a farmer anywhere from $50,000 to $500,000 before installing the pumps.

Tapping groundwater has other costs. The water that was deposited underground naturally over thousands of years isn't being replaced as rapidly as it's being drawn, causing the ground in the Central Valley to sink in a process called subsidence. In California, there is little if any regulation of groundwater pumping by the state.

In most years, Central Valley farmers draw one-third of their water from wells, while the remaining two-thirds comes from California's State Water Project and the federal Central Valley Project. Most farmers expect to receive no water from either this summer, and that ratio is dramatically shifting to underground water supplies, which could eventually run dry.

Matt Rottman, president of Rottman Drilling Co. based in Lancaster, said his mid-sized firm of three rigs is backlogged 15 months. For a recent job near Bakersfield, his crew dug a 1,840-foot well. Three wells coming up later this year in the Central Valley will hit depths of 2,000 feet.

Farmers calling Rottman tell him they're in a pinch. They don't expect any water from the state and federal water projects this summer, and Rottman said the market price of buying irrigation water elsewhere has shot up three or four times.

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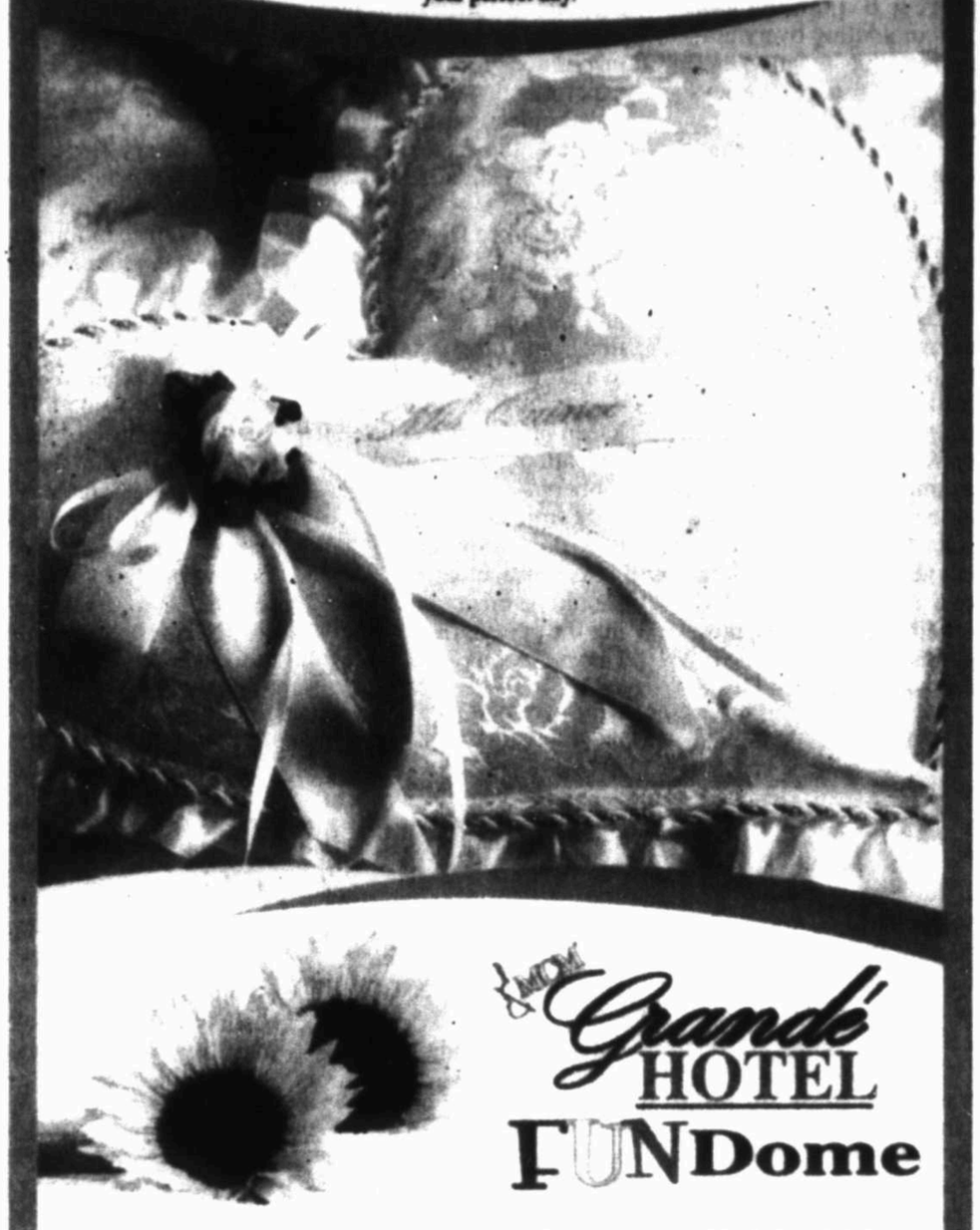

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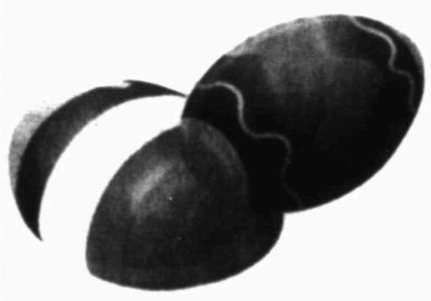

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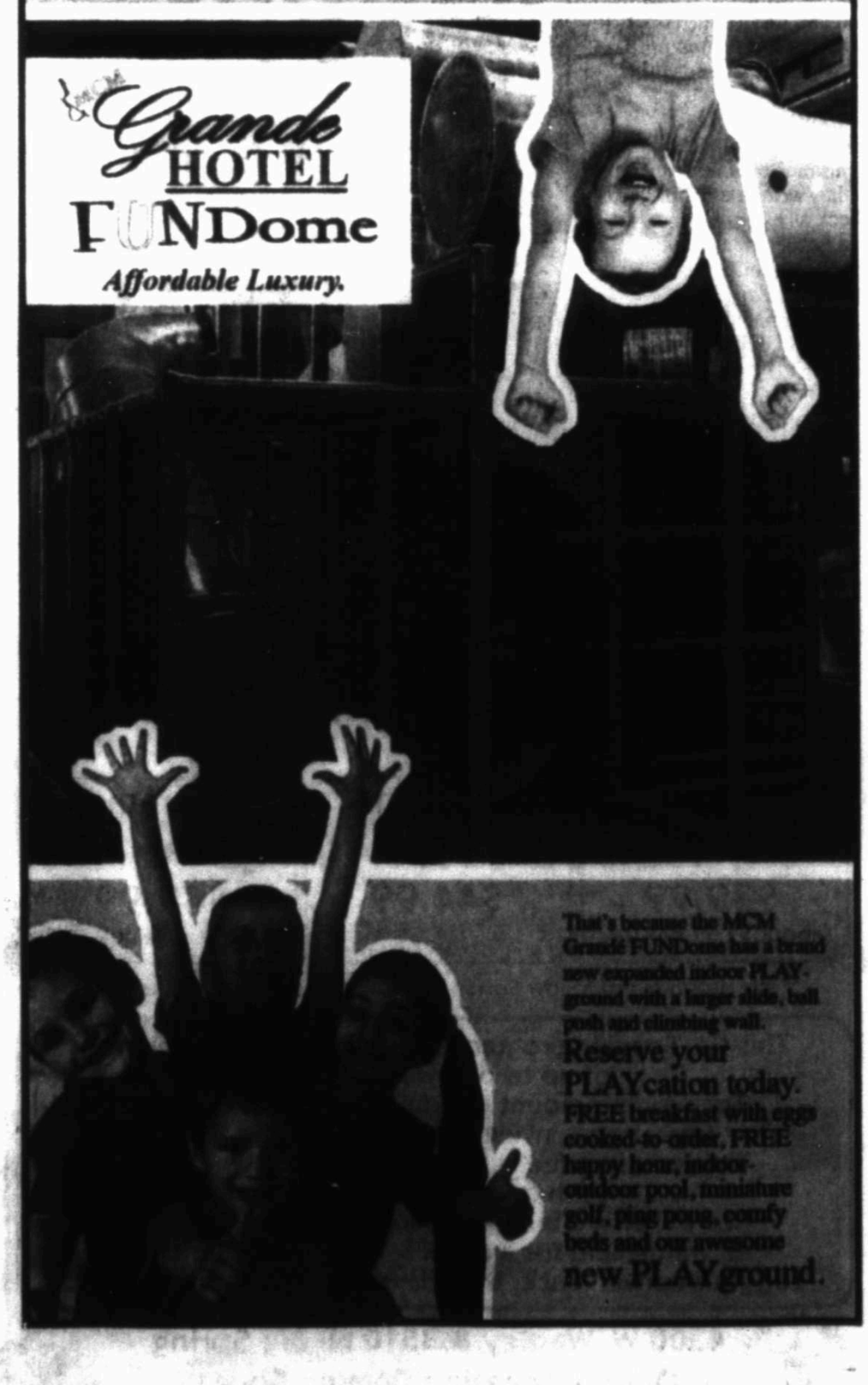

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- Garlic Press
- Carambas Spanish Inn
- Bob's Better Burger
- The Bar
- Chick-fil-A
- Basin Burger House
- Carino's
- Luigi's

Round of 16 *Monday, April 28*

ROUND of 8 *Monday, May 5*

SEMIFINALS *Wednesday, May 7*

DEAREN REGION

ROUND of 32: *Wednesday, April 16 - Thursday, April 17*

- Saltgrass Steak House
- Firehouse Subs
- Murray's Deli
- Dona Anita's
- Abuelos
- Harvest Caffe
- Osaka Japanese Steakhouse
- Wall Street Bar & Grill

ROUND 16 *Tuesday, April 29*

ROUND 8 *Monday, May 5*

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

Thursday, May 8 - Friday, May 9

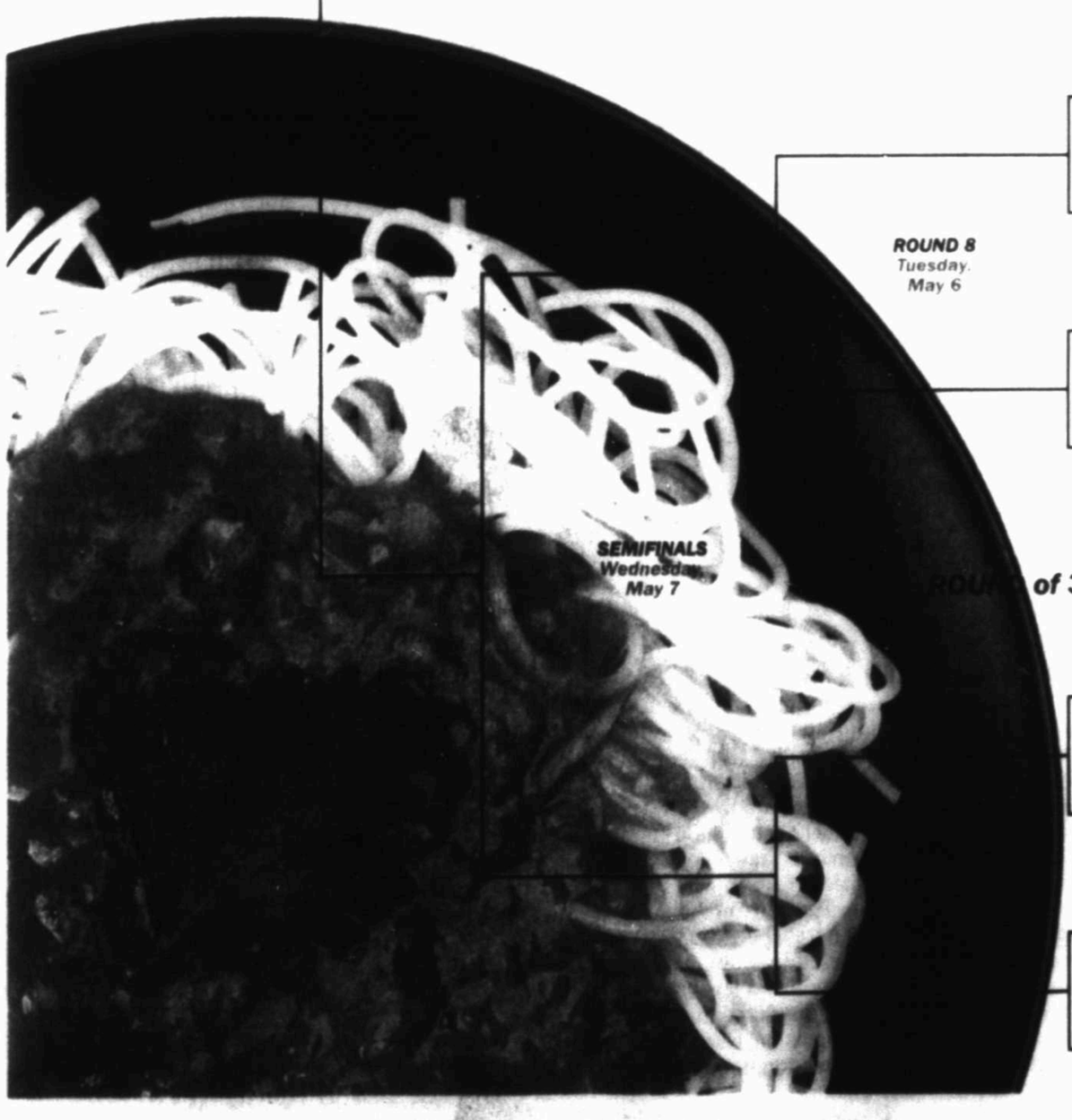
CANNON REGION

ROUND of 32: *Monday, April 21 - Tuesday, April 22*

- Manny's Italian Village
- Shogun Steak House
- Graham's Pharmacy
- King & I
- Jorge's
- Gerardo's Casita
- Dos Compadres
- KD's Barbecue

ROUND 8 *Tuesday, May 6*

ROUND 16 *Wednesday, April 30*



SEMIFINALS *Wednesday, May 7*

BUCK REGION

of 32: *Wednesday, April 23 - Thursday, April 24*

- La Bodega
- Cancun Grill
- Cattle Baron
- Rosa's Cafe
- Burgers, Fries & Cherry Pies
- Michael's Charcoal Grill
- Texas Roadhouse
- Jumburrito

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STREAMING

Fire TV device great, but not fully ready

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

■ REVIEW

NEW YORK — Amazon's new Fire TV streaming device shows a lot of potential in bringing together the best features from competing devices and adding voice search on top of that.

But for now, it's largely promise: Many of the best features work with only a handful of video services, which makes Fire TV primarily a showcase for Amazon's video offerings.

Fire TV, unveiled by Amazon.com Inc. early this month, marks the online retailer's latest push into streaming video.

Amazon has aggressively expanded its video library in recent months, and is now offering its own device to view that content. At $99, Fire TV costs about the same as other full-service streaming devices, namely Roku 3 and Apple TV.

With Fire TV, you can watch video from Netflix, Hulu Plus and more if you have subscriptions to those services. If you get Showtime and ESPN through a supported cable or satellite TV provider, you can access on-demand video from those channels.

Otherwise, you can use free, ad-supported services such as Crackle, Vevo and YouTube. You can also buy video individually through Amazon Instant Video or get a selection for free through Amazon's $99-a-year Prime program.

You can listen to music, too, through Pandora, iHeartRadio and other services or play one of more than 100 games, some of which require a $40 game controller.

Fire TV offers more than 175 video, music and game apps, but that pales compared with the more than 1,000 available through Roku. Still, it beats the few dozen offered by Apple TV.

Notable omissions in Fire TV's app store include HBO Go, PBS and Apple's iTunes. Major League Baseball, ABC and the Disney Channel are coming soon. Apple TV already has all that, but it doesn't offer Amazon Instant Video directly on the device.

Fire TV, like Apple TV, allows in-app purchases, so you can sign up for Hulu Plus right from the TV and have the monthly subscription fee billed through your Amazon account. But for now, this works only with a handful of services. Netflix isn't one of them. Apple requires all apps to support that so you don't have to pull out your credit card each time.

Fire TV also lacks the interface consistency that Apple insists on. That means on-screen keyboards, layouts and search tools vary from app to app. With Apple TV, all apps share a common look and feel so you don't waste time figuring out what's where.

Amazon's device trumps Roku in keeping audio and video in sync most of the time. I've found that to be a problem with most streaming devices, with Apple TV being the notable exception.

What sets Fire TV furthest apart from competing devices is its voice search. Just speak the title, actor, director or genre into your remote, and Fire TV shows matching content on the TV. There were a few laughable errors. The device searched for "How I Met Your Brother" and "Holly Met Your Mother" when I asked to see the popular sitcom "How I Met Your Mother." But mostly, voice recognition worked well.

Unfortunately, voice search works only with a handful of apps. I was able to get content from Amazon Instant Video, Hulu Plus and Vevo, but it missed Netflix and others. Searching "House of Cards" got me season 1 episodes available for purchase through Amazon, even though Netflix had those for free, plus season 2.

Furthermore, the search is rudimentary. Speaking "Sabrina: The Teenage Witch season 4" just got me the entire show, starting with season 1. The voice search recognizes titles of individual episodes, but it'll take me to the show's main page.

You can search while watching video, but that kicks you back to the home screen. It would have been nice to get just Hulu Plus video while in the Hulu Plus app.

One nice touch, though: If video is available for free on Hulu Plus, the search will steer you there, even if Amazon is trying to sell it. Amazon said it hopes to expand that to all other apps.

If you have Amazon's Kindle Fire HDX tablet, you can start video there and switch the feed to the TV. That frees up the tablet screen for supplementary content from Amazon's IMDb video and celebrity database. You can also check email and Facebook. It's akin to Apple's AirPlay feature for iPhones and iPads.

Fire TV is easy to set up, especially if you buy it through Amazon and have your device pre-registered to your account. Just plug the device into an outlet and connect it to the TV with an HDMI cable, which isn't included. You can get on the Internet through Wi-Fi or connect an Ethernet cable — again, not included.

The device is about the size of a double-album plastic CD case. That takes up more desk surface than the Roku 3 or the Apple TV, but it can be placed out of the way, even in a desk drawer. That's because the Fire TV's remote control connects with the device using Bluetooth wireless technology rather than infrared signals, so you don't need a direct line of sight.

Roku 3 uses Wi-Fi and doesn't need a direct line of sight either. Its remote has a headphone jack that captures audio from shows wirelessly, so you can watch late at night without disturbing others. Fire TV doesn't have that.

As stated previously, Fire TV is comparable in price to the Roku 3 and the Apple TV. Roku has cheaper options, for as low as $50, though it's worth paying $100 for a faster processor and other benefits. Meanwhile, Google Inc. has a $35 streaming device called the Chromecast. It's more of a conduit for flinging video from your phone or tablet to your TV. It's more cumbersome to use than a stand-alone streaming device, and it works with relatively few apps.

With Fire TV, you can stream personal photos and video stored on Amazon's Cloud Drive. A software update coming next month will also give you access to personal music files and to parental controls.

And that goes back to the idea of Fire TV being largely about promise. Many features aren't ready yet, and the ones that are don't work yet with every service.

Fire TV is a good investment if you use a lot of Amazon content, but you'll need patience for features to arrive or get better.

Narrative Clip logs your life in photos

By Ron Harris
Associated Press

■ REVIEW

ATLANTA — Ever had one of those "Gosh, I wish I had a camera" moments when something novel happens in your life? The Narrative Clip is a small, wearable camera that makes an attempt to capture some of those fleeting moments automatically.

The $279 square device clips on to your shirt collar or jacket pocket and takes a photo automatically every 30 seconds. That's more than 2,800 per day if you have it on around the clock.

The Narrative Clip doesn't have a shutter button or an on/off switch. It's just always on, always logging moments in your life.

It turns off only if you put it in your pocket, face down on a table or in a drawer. The battery lasts two days, but I threw it in a drawer at night so it never ran out of juice for me.

I wore the device for more than two weeks and got a middling mix of odd moments in line at Starbucks, blurred shots from a drive in my car and an occasional gem of my dog pulling me on a walk. Interesting moments indeed, but perhaps not crucial to re-live.

To view photos, I simply sync the device with a personal computer using a USB cable. Images are stored on your hard drive, and you can view them on your PC anytime.

You can also have copies stored through the device's online storage service. That's free for one year, but $9 plus tax per month after that. The online service will let you browse your life moments through an app for iPhones and Android phones.

The mobile app is pretty slick. It's a breeze to swipe along a ribbon of thumbnails near the bottom and enlarge chosen moments for closer inspection. I'm able to share any of those photos from the app to Facebook and Twitter.

The quality of the photos varies depending on lighting, motion and the occasional blockage from my shirt collar. The majority of the shots taken with the device's 5 megapixel camera were blurry and comparable to an entry-level pocket digital camera.

Furthermore, most moments I had hoped it would capture didn't happen exactly as the shutter snapped every 30 seconds. Only a few did.

This, however, is life in motion. I move. I drive. I walk my dog. I even clipped the Narrative Clip on to my dog's harness for a while and let him document his life. I put the clip on a ledge near my home office window and let it capture a 30-second interval time-lapse of the morning sun.

The Narrative Clip doesn't position itself as the answer to all photographic needs. It couldn't.

More to its stated goal, the small square camera with a silver clip on the back is a travel buddy. It takes the odd shot of the odd moment and lets you browse through the images chronologically. There's no search function or anything like that.

The Narrative Clip doesn't solve anything, but it offers something: a new and interesting perspective of my daily habits.

It taught me that I sit too much, jaywalk too much, tend to avoid crowds and go to Starbucks a lot. These are moments that I would have never thought to take a photo of, but they are part of my existence, now recorded in imagery.

In all, the Narrative Clip is a polished attempt at doing what we don't always have time to do: chronicle our lives.

OMAR GALLAGA
Cox Newspapers

Won't get tech-fooled again

When did April Fools' Day stop being fun?

Oh, right. When we all got online.

Every year, the April 1 tide of email fakery and website fooling can be exhausting. In the tech world, it's become something of a national holiday. It's the one day of the year when Google rolls out a cute fake-product gag to prove it has a sense of humor (almost), and inevitably some news outlet or online merchant overdoes it with a fake bit of news everyone actually believes. An apology often follows.

There's not much you can do unless you just stay offline to avoid the weird stomach twinge you get when you fall for one of these, then come to find out you were fooled. Feeling fooled isn't fun, but it's also not a crime. You can't call the police because someone tricked you into thinking Prince died or told you a food trailer outside your work is giving away free doughnuts. "April fools!" Sorry. There's no doughnut.

It can be the same with a lot of technology products you buy or tech projects you take on that leave you disappointed. Maybe there was no scam or dirty dealing involved, but I've sometimes made purchases or thrown a lot of time and effort into something that sounded easy and realized, "Hey, I got fooled. This wasn't how I thought things would be."

Here are a few of the most frequent tech offenders likely to fool you, rated on a scale from 1 (Fool me once!) to 10 (Shame on me!) on how likely they are to turn out badly.

Early upgrade cell plans: Last year, all four major wireless carriers pushed the idea of upgrading cellphones more frequently than the standard two-year contract. With plans from, say, AT&T or Sprint, you could upgrade once a year and pay more. T-Mobile and Verizon even introduced plans for six-month upgrades for those who want to change phones and have the latest-and-greatest much more quickly.

Neat idea, but typically you end up spending hundreds of dollars more for these trade-up plans, and you won't get the option to sell the phone yourself to recoup costs as you would with a standard contract. Fool Scale Rating: 6. Read the fine print and crunch the numbers or blame yourself down the road for having a new phone but a lot less money in the bank.

Upgrading a desktop PC again and again: This used to be me. For years, rather than buying a new computer or investing in a powerful laptop, I kept upgrading the components of my desktop computer, convinced I was saving money and getting more computing power for my cash.

This is no longer the case. Laptops are, of course, much cheaper than they were 10 years ago and, with the exception of some Apple models, a lot easier to upgrade and repair than they used to be. Hanging on to an aging desktop PC with an outdated operating system to save money is more hassle than it's probably worth. Fool Scale Rating: 3. Some people just like upgrading computers, and you have more control over the components than buying a new laptop.

Buying cheap or refurbished: Sometimes you can get an amazing online deal on computers or tablets, but more often than not, you get what you pay for. Buying a cheapie laptop or a knockoff tablet might save you money in the short term, but you'll likely have a more frustrating experience with equipment less likely to last.

And with refurbished items online, especially products such as HDTVs or laptops, you're taking a significant risk; my most aggravating online purchases involved refurbished products such as a vacuum cleaner and a receipts scanner I had to keep returning until I got a working model.

Factor in your tolerance for frustration and cost of tech support when you try to cut corners on high-end tech purchases. Fool Scale Rating: 9. Unless you're very lucky, you will likely get what you paid for and not much more.

The short future of closeout products: A brand new $99 Internet tablet? A cheap e-book reading device bearing a brand name you've actually heard of? Sometimes online deals sound too good to be true not because a bad product is being sold but because it's something with no future.

A few years ago, HP closed out its line of webOS-powered TouchPad tablets, and a fire sale drew a lot of interest. But those $99 products didn't have a future, and those tablets probably didn't get much use outside of tinkerers or people who wanted something disposable.

Sometimes it's hard to tell: the Barnes & Noble Nook has been teetering on the edge of obsolescence for a while now, but that doesn't mean Nook tablets aren't great products. Fool Scale Rating: 5. Use your best judgment and try to read up online about a product before you buy it on clearance.

Tied up in pricey cables: If you pay more than $10-$20 for any single audio or video cable, you are probably spending way too much. Sure, future-proofing for high-bandwidth video formats of the future might require a higher-quality HDMI cable, but in general, quality cables can be found for about $10 on websites such as monoprice.com or CablesToGo.com. Fool Scale Rating: 10. Don't ever buy a $99-plus cable. Just don't.

The monthly renewable online service: This is an easy one, no different than the days when music companies offered you a bundle of CDs in the mail for a penny. If you sign up for a Web service you want to try out for a trial period (such as Amazon Prime), but you're not sure you want to keep paying regularly, do this: Get your calendar involved. Mark down the date the subscription will automatically renew and set a reminder a few days before to evaluate your options.

I can't tell you how many times I've paid a fee I didn't want to pay just because I lost track of time and forgot to cancel. Learn from my pain. Fool Scale Rating: 10. Easily preventable, but often forgotten.

THE TOP IPHONE APPS

App Store Official Charts for the week ending April 7, 2014:

Top paid iPhone apps:
1. Monument Valley, ustwo
2. Sleep Cycle alarm clock, Northcube AB
3. Minecraft - Pocket Edition, Mojang
4. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
5. Afterlight, Simon Filip
6. PRO LockScreen, Faizan, Kasbati
7. ThemeLab, Judi Peters
8. Sometimes You Die, Philipp Stollenmayer
9. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations
10. SkinneePix, PrettySmartWomen

Top Free iPhone apps:
1. 2048 - The Game, Ketchapp
2. Google Maps, Google, Inc.
3. What's the Difference?, Candywriter, LLC
4. Don't step the white tile, Ayumu Kinoshita
5. Snappy Bird: New Season, Animated Emoji
6. Boom Beach, Supercell
7. Facebook Messenger, Facebook Inc.
8. Snapchat, Snapchat Inc.
9. Smash Hit, Mediocre AB
10. Instagram, Instagram Inc.

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	C	A	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4,	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Dancing With the Stars (N)				Castle "The Good, the Bad and the Baby"		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	2 Broke Girls (N)	Friends Lives (N)	Mike & Molly (N)	Mom (N)	Person of Interest "Razgovor (In Cyrillic)"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) Late Late (N)
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Gilligan's Island	Gilligan's Island	Hogan's Heroes	Welcome Kotter	MaryTy-lerM.	MaryTy-lerM.	Twilight Zone	Perry Mason		Untouchables
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	B	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Bones "The Cold in the Case" (N)		The Following "The Reaping" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	The Arsenio Hall Show		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. William	Dr. R.Booker.	Update News	Day of Discovery	Light of the Southwest				House Call	Mani Erfan	Rocks/Manuscripts	Y Salamanca
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		The Voice "The Playoffs Continue" The top 20 artists perform in front of the coaches. (N)				The Blacklist		News-West 9	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Late Night
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	6	PBS NewsHour		Antiques Rd. "Kansas City (Hour Three)" (N)		Antique "Minneapolis (Hour One)"		Independent Lens "The Trials of Muhammad Ali" (N)		Art & Create	BBC News		Tavis Smiley (N)
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FLIX	340	65		165		(5:20)	Big Business	★★ Miami Rhapsody				(:35) ★★ Original Sin Antonio Banderas.			(:35)	★★★ Ruthless People	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:00)	Pitch Perfect	Last Hug (45) Silicon		★★★ Man of Steel (13, Act) Henry Cavill.				Game of Thrones		Veep	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:00)	★★★ Snitch	Bill Maher		Game of Thrones		Veep	Silicon	★ Magic Magic ('13, Thril) Juno Temple.			
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MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(4:00)	The Godfa...	★★ The Conjuring Patrick Wilson.						★★★★ The Shining ('80, Hor) Jack Nicholson.			Lingerie
MAX2	382	72	18	122		Movie	★★★ Office Space			★ Journey 2: The Mysterious ...			JumpOff	JumpOff	(:40) ★★ The Negotiator		
PLEX			96			(5:15)	Kevin of the...	★ Hercules & the Lost Kingdom				(:35) ★ Hercules in the Maze o...		(:10) ★ Down and Derby		Movie	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:15)	Dark Skies	Living Dangerously		Nurse J.	Califor.	Nurse J.	Califor.	Living Dangerously		★ Another Happy..	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	Movie	(:25)	★★ Boys and Girls				★★ Beauty Shop Queen Latifah.				★ White T Jamal Mixon.	SuicideG
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Bates "Presumed Innocent" (N)		Bates Motel "Presumed Innocent"		Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	★★★ Forrest Gump ('94, Com/Dra) Sally Field, Tom Hanks.						★★★ Forrest Gump ('94, Com/Dra) Sally Field, Tom Hanks.					
BET	58	26		40		★★ He's Mine Not Yours ('11, Com) Andrew Alexander.						Together	Chocolate Sundaes 2			Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		The Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives (N)		Southern Charm (N)		Watch (N)	Real Housewives	H.Wives	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Profit "Athans Motors"		The Profit		Profit "Sweet Pete's"		The Profit		The Profit		Profit "Skullduggery"	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		To Be Announced		CNN Rep.	The Case	A. Cooper 360		To Be Announced	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud (N)		Car Hoards (N)		Fast N' Loud		Lords of Car Hoards	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Dog Blog	★★★ Tinker Bell			Austin	GoodLuck	Win,Lose	Dog Blog	Austin	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves vs. Philadelphia Phillies (L)						MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics vs. Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim (L)					
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	SportsCenter		WNBA Draft (L)		NBA Coast to Coast				SportsCenter		Olbermann	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★ Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs				★★★★ A Bug's Life ('98, Ani) Dave Foley.				The 700 Club		Fresh P	Fresh P
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Guy's Grocery Games		Diners, Drive-Ins (N)		Kitchen Casino (N)		M. Diners	M. Diners	Diners...	Diners	Kitchen Casino	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	SportsDay OnAir	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners vs. Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park - Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Rangers Insider	SportsDay OnAir	Spotlight
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(5:00) ★★ Hall Pass		★★ The Waterboy Adam Sandler.				Archer (N)	Archer 2/2	Archer	★★ All About Steve		
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	The Waltons		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It (N)		HouseH	House	Love It or List It		Rehab	Rehab
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Swamp People		Swamp "Hexed"		Swamp People (N)		Down East Dickering		Hangar 1: UFO Files		Swamp "Hexed"	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Bring It! "The Wig is Off"		Bring It! "Baby Doll Don't Mean 'Baby'"		Bring It! "Sunjai in Stilettos"				Bring It! "Street Battle"		Preacher "Damned if You Do..."	Bring It! "Baby Doll Don't Mean 'Baby'"
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				Racing Spartan Race		UCI Cycling Paris-Roubaix World Tour						Barclay's Show (N)		EPL Soccer	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Sam & Cat	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail	Jail	Jail
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(4:30) ★ Indiana Jo...		Metal H	Metal H	Warehouse 13 (N)		Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13		Metal H	Metal H
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TCM	41	61	24	63	66	Classic Moments		★★★★★ Gone With the Wind (1939, Epic) Clark Gable, Olivia De Havilland, Vivien Leigh								Private Screenings	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		La impostora		En otra piel		Camelia la texana		Al rojo	(:35) Titular	En otra piel	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Olivia's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Paula's Story"		My 600-lb Life "James' Story"		My 600-lb Life "Tara's Story"		My 600-lb Life "James' Story"		My 600-lb Life "Tara's Story"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Murder, He Wrote"		Castle "Secret's Safe With Me"		Dallas "Where There's Smoke"		Dallas "Where There's Smoke"		Nash. Wives "Bless and Release" (SF) (N)		Nashville Wives "Bless and Release"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	Gilligan	Gilligan	Gilligan	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Hot In	SoulMan
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS: Los Angeles "Neighborhood Watch"		WWE Monday Night Raw						(:05) Chrisley	(:35) Chrisley	(:05) NCIS: Los Angeles "Lone Wolf"	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		Parks and Rec	Parks and Rec

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Video game doldrums end with strong spring releases

By Omar L. Gallaga
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — Every year, there's a stretch after the rush of November Black Friday shopping that lasts until late January — a pretty significant lull in video game releases as the big holiday hits are played through and the industry gears up for spring and summer.

With the rise of independent games and more options for digital releases, the gap gets filled a little better than in the past, but it's only around this time that you can see that we're back in boom times for great games to play on consoles, computers and portables.

Here's what's hot right now and what I'm looking forward to seeing in the next few months.

The next gen

The story of last year's launches of the PlayStation 4 and Xbox One game consoles was that they both seemed like capable, better-than-expected pieces of hardware without any absolute killer, must-own games to play.

That has suddenly changed. "Titanfall" for Xbox One (it's also out for Windows PCs and soon for Xbox 360) has proved to be the One for Xbox One — a game strong enough to make people take a look at the console. It's an action shooter with roots in "Call of Duty," but with giant mechanized units players also can pilot in battle.

"Titanfall" has proven such a draw that Microsoft is now bundling the game with the Xbox One at no extra cost, and some retailers have dropped the price of the Xbox One to $450 from $500. That means if you factor in the cost of the $60 game, the Xbox One actually turns out to be a pretty good deal compared to the $400 PlayStation, which appeared to be a better seller because of the initial price disparity.

The PlayStation 4 also has gotten an exclusive that's drawn attention, "Infamous: Second Son," though it hasn't drawn as many positive reviews. Both consoles have benefited from games such as "Tomb Raider: Definitive Edition," an enhanced version of last year's "Tomb Raider" built to take advantage of better graphics on both systems.

What's ahead? Xbox One has "Kinect Sports Rivals" out this week, and the PS4 will get "Final Fantasy XIV: A Realm Reborn" next week. In May, both systems get a "Wolfenstein" reboot and "Watch Dogs," a hotly anticipated open-world game.

"The Elder Scrolls Online" will debut on both consoles in June. The PC version was just released, and though early feedback of the game's beta phase was rough, it should attract the curiosity of fans who played past games such as "Skyrim" and "Morrowind."

The last gen

For those who haven't upgraded, it's been a strong couple of months for Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3 owners. "Dark Souls II" has earned some of the best reviews of the year so far for uncompromising gameplay. Fans of "South Park" finally got the epic role-playing game "The Stick of Truth" after many delays.

"The Last of Us," one of last year's best games, received a downloadable prequel, "Left Behind," which earned raves on the PS3. And Telltale Games' streak of episodic greatness continued with new episodes of "The Walking Dead: Season Two" and "A Wolf Among Us" for both consoles, as well as PC, Mac and iOS system. Fans of "BioShock: Infinite" also got what probably will be the last piece of episodic content for the game, the conclusion of a two-part story called "Burial at Sea."

What about Nintendo?

Things have been quiet for Nintendo's struggling Wii U game console. Apart from downloadable games, only one high-profile game has hit store shelves for the system lately, "Donkey Kong Country: Tropical Freeze."

Things should improve in May with the release of "Mario Kart 8" and Wii U versions of games such as "Watch Dogs" and "Child of Light."

The situation looks a little brighter for the Nintendo 3Ds/2DS game consoles with recent hits including "Bravely Default," a game out this week called "Disney Magical World" and a new "Mario Golf" game due in May.

Mobile and indie

Truth be told, though, most of my gaming time lately has been spent playing mobile games such as the addictive "2048" (free) and "Threes!" ($1.99), both highly addictive puzzle games for iOS and Android that can be played in short bursts.

On the indie side, games including "Monument Valley" (for iOS, expected soon for Android) and "Towerfall: Ascension" (PC and PS4) have been drawing raves of late.

And if buzz and sales alone are any indication of a hit, people are very interested in "Goat Simulator" (PC). A virtual simulator for those who want to play as a goat, it is apparently all the (goat) rage. That's how you know we're past the video game release doldrums and that there's something available for everyone.

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Tech Tips: Your risks and options with Windows XP

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Microsoft is saying goodbye to Windows XP.

Although the operating system is more than 12 years old, and Windows XP computers haven't been shipped since 2010, there are still millions of them in use. Gartner estimates that as much as 25 percent of Windows PCs in the workplace are running XP. Consumers tend to be even slower in upgrading.

Why so many XP computers? XP's successor, Vista, was unpopular, so many XP owners held off upgrading. In addition, many consumers are buying smartphones and tablet computers instead of upgrading old PCs.

Microsoft Corp. is pushing remaining XP owners to upgrade to a newer operating system, such as Windows 7 or 8. It will still be possible to use existing Windows XP computers after Microsoft retired it Tuesday, but that comes with risks.

Here's a guide to the risks and your options.

Q. What happened on Tuesday?

That's the day Windows XP reached what Microsoft calls "end of support."

XP made its debut in 2001 and retired from retail stores as boxed software in 2008. PC makers were allowed to sell computers with Windows XP for another two years.

In recent years, Microsoft hasn't done much with XP beyond releasing updates on the second Tuesday of each month to fix newly discovered security flaws. Tuesday was the last time Microsoft is doing that for XP, so any problems discovered after that won't get fixed.

You'll still be able to run XP computers and install past updates. If you need to reinstall XP from scratch, you can do so if you still have the discs that came with your computer.

Microsoft will still provide updates for its anti-malware software for XP until July 2015, but the company warns it will offer limited protection.

Q. How do I know if my computer is running XP?

This Microsoft site will check: http://amirunningxp.com. If you have XP, the site will go through your options.

Even if you don't visit the website, you may still get a pop-up notification, depending on how your computer's configured to check for Windows updates.

Q. If XP will still run, why do I need to upgrade?

A big reason is security. Hackers know Microsoft will no longer fix security flaws, so evil-doers have extra incentive to look for them. In addition, if a flaw is found for Windows 7 or 8, there's a good chance a similar issue exists for XP, as well. So when the fixes come out for Windows 7 or 8, hackers can go back to XP to look for an opening.

Hackers have become more sophisticated, and lately they have been breaking into computers for financial gain rather than just pride. So the risk is greater than when Microsoft retired past systems such as Windows 95 and 98.

There are also performance issues. If you buy a new printer or scanner, it might not work on XP. Same goes for new software, particularly if it needs faster processors and more memory beyond what was standard in XP's heyday. XP also lacks features that are common with newer operating systems, including energy-saving measures for laptops.

Q. What are my options for upgrading?

You can upgrade to Windows 7 or 8 by buying a disc. You will need to back up your files and have discs for any programs you may have installed, as upgrading requires completely wiping your hard drive and starting from scratch. Microsoft sells Windows 8 as an upgrade for $120; be sure to buy the DVD version and not the download. Retail sales of Windows 7 have ended, though you might be able to find leftover copies for sale online.

That said, it's probably not worth the upgrade. Your XP computer is several years old and might not even meet the system requirements to upgrade. Use this tool to check: http://bit.ly/KkZERx.

Even if an upgrade is possible, the money is better spent toward a new computer. Microsoft said many PC makers are offering deals timed to XP's retirement.

Be aware that either way, you may also need to buy new software, as older versions might not run on Windows 7 or 8. Microsoft, for instance, is also ending support for Office 2003.

Q. My XP computer works fine and fits my needs — and I don't want to spend money on an upgrade or a new machine. What should I do?

If despite the warnings, you are still running XP, here are a few things to do.

First, be sure to run all of Microsoft's previously released updates, plus the last one.

Then think about what you really need the computer for. If you don't need an Internet connection, unplug it. That will minimize the risk. Be careful about attaching USB storage drives, as that might introduce malicious software.

If you need the Internet, refrain from using email, Facebook and other communications channels through which malicious software might travel. Use a tablet, phone or another computer instead.

It's also a good idea to lock down your computer by using a profile that lacks administrative rights. That will make it harder to install anything new, including malicious software.

Mikko Hypponen of F-Secure suggests removing older software applications you no longer use. The less you have running, the less vulnerability you'll have.

Gartner fellow Neil MacDonald said XP computers on corporate networks have more options, including using XP only for crucial software that won't run on more up-to-date systems and accessing a virtual desktop remotely for email, Web and other modern tasks. He said companies can also pay Microsoft for customized fixes, but that gets expensive.

Q. Why is Microsoft doing this?

As technology improves, it makes less sense to support something designed a PC generation or two ago. The company's resources are better spent on making newer products better.

Apple does this, too, with its OS X system for Mac computers, though it doesn't announce end dates for older versions as Microsoft does. Unlike Microsoft, Apple now offers upgrades for free.

Q. Don't ATMs, retail payment systems, medical devices and other gadgets also run XP? What are my options?

Check with the manufacturer. MacDonald said there are two types of XP for so-called embedded systems, one of which will receive support until January 2016.

XP tech tips

What happened Tuesday?

- Microsoft Corp. will issue its final update to fix known security flaws with XP.
- After that, XP machines will still work, and you can install past security updates. You won't get new ones to address any new security flaws.
- Your machine will face greater security risks. Because hackers know Microsoft will no longer issue updates, they have extra incentive to look for security flaws.
- Microsoft will still provide updates for its anti-malware software for XP until July 2015, but the company warns it will offer limited protection.

Can I upgrade my computer?

- Check here to see whether your computer is running Windows XP: http://amirunningxp.com
- If it is, run the tool here to see whether your computer is powerful enough to upgrade: http://bit.ly/KkZERx
- If you can upgrade, you can buy a DVD version of the latest Windows 8 version for $120: http://bit.ly/1mQBzCe
- You'll need to back up your files and have discs for old programs handy, as an upgrade requires wiping out your hard drive. Microsoft has a step-by-step tutorial: http://bit.ly/1mYSYEj
- Keep in mind that it's likely better to use that $120 toward a new computer. You'll be getting something more powerful.

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If you have been considering what it would be like to see clearly without contacts or glasses, LASIK surgery could be for you, say Drs. Blake and Heather Kern Golson of Texas Country Eye Care. Whereas just a few years ago LASIK was only good for such basic vision issues as nearsightedness, it can now correct astigmatism and most other issues that deal with clarity of vision.

And, add the Golsons, many people this time of year apply their tax refund to the cost of this procedure.

LASIK has also expanded its age range, now extending from the mid-20s on up. At more mature ages LASIK can help, even if you currently wear bifocals. You may need reading glasses, but otherwise will be able to see without correction.

While the Doctors Golson do not perform LASIK surgery themselves, they provide pre- and post-operative checkups for a provider in Midland. If, after your meeting with them you decide to go forward, they will send you to the surgery center for a LASIK consult with the surgeons.

When you go to see Dr. Golson or Dr. Kern, they will examine your eyes to see if your vision can be helped by LASIK surgery. Then they will ask about your health history, questions that may seem unrelated to eye surgery. But if you are diabetic or if your health is compromised in certain other ways that could affect healing or other aspects of surgery, it is important for them to know that.

This is also the time of year that, due to dust, pollen and dry winds, many patients suffer from eye allergies. Dr. Golson points out that today's contacts, which absorb moisture in order to keep your eyes moist, also absorb pollen and other allergens so that, by the end of the time you wear monthly contacts, they can be holding a huge number of those allergens right against your eyeball.

One option is to go to daily wear contacts, which do cost more than monthly ones but cost less than steroid drops or other treatments. Dr. Kern notes that some wearers only need to do the dailies during the spring.

Many allergy sufferers don't realize that the antihistamines they take to dry up draining also dry the eyes, making it harder for their eyes to wash out allergens. Moisturizing drops can combat this.

Keeping your bedding washed regularly, especially your pillow case, can help because bedding collects a lot of allergens.

In some cases, the only remedy is to stop wearing contacts for a few weeks during the worst of the allergy season.

At Texas Country Eye Care the Doctors Golson and their staff look forward to helping you see better, whether it's through LASIK surgery, corrective lenses or strategies for reducing allergy inflammation.

Texas Country Eye Care, owned by Blake Golson, O. D. and Heather Kern Golson, O. D., is at 2200 West Wadley, Ste 22, in the Oak Ridge Square, across from La Bebe Boutique. Hours are 8-5:30 M-F and 9-2 on Saturday. The phone number is 684-7287. Same day appointments in most cases. Look for them on Facebook.

Get your swimsuit on at Pennyrich

Beaches, pools and cruises are calling for you to get this season's swimsuit from Sharon Wilcox at The Pennyrich Shop, 311 Dodson in Midland.

As the weather warms up this time of year, you can almost hear the ocean even without holding a conch shell up to your ear. If the next sound you hear after that is "Ouch!" as you try to cram into a swimsuit at the big department stores, there is good news. The Pennyrich Shop has swimsuits that fit and that cover up more than they show off.

Pennyrich owner Sharon Wilcox is excited about her brand new shipment of swimsuits, spilling over with this year's splashy colors. She has Amoena suits, friendly to both mastectomy patients and others, in sizes 4-32. This year's favorite colors are different from last year's, so you'll want to go by and browse through them yourself to find the one that's right for you.

And the shop is still where to find the top quality Spanx seamless underwear, in sizes small to 3X. Sharon also carries some really comfortable lingerie in sizes small to 6X.

She reminds this spring's brides-to-be that your wedding is coming up sooner than you think—so now is the time to get fitted for your strapless bra, corset or lingerie in order to make sure it's ready for your big day.

For a bra with comfort and the proper support, the Pennyrich shop is unmatched. Sharon carries bras in band sizes of 28-54 and cup sizes from AA to M. she also has mastectomy-friendly bras and the new Amoena strapless bra.

You will also find a complete line of mastectomy products. Sharon can help fit you with the right size and shape.

Go by The Pennyrich Shop this week and get ready for springtime activities.

The Pennyrich Bra and Lingerie Shop is located in Old Town Midland at 311 Dodson Street. The shop has served the area for over 30 years, carrying a complete line of breast prostheses, bras, mastectomy bras, lingerie and swimsuits. The shop is open Tuesday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 4:00 p.m. The phone number is 683-1045.

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LUBBOCK BOUND

Local athletes look to make noise at regionals

Regional tournaments in the University Interscholastic League begin across West Texas today and will run through Thursday.

Four Midland County golfers and tennis players have earned spots in their respective tourneys.

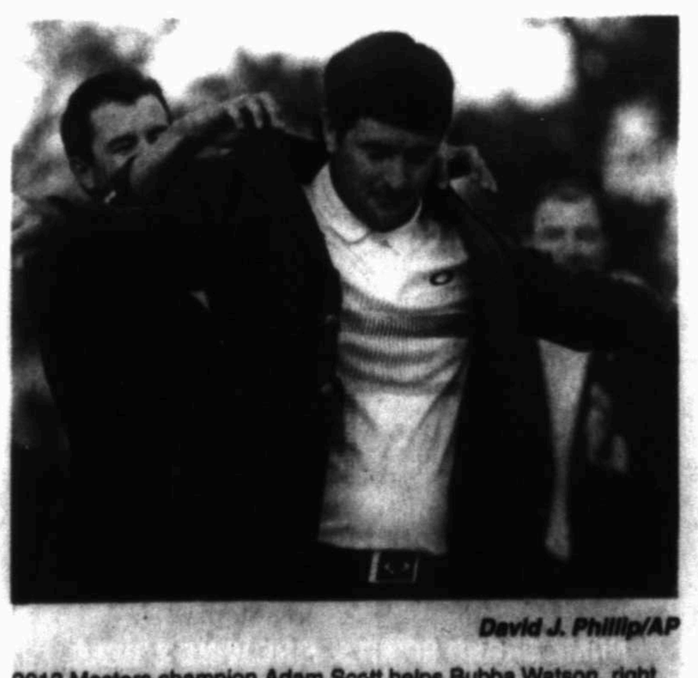
On Page 3C, see profiles for
Lee sophomore girls golfer
Alex Adkisson
(top)

Midland High freshman
tennis player
Kate Daugherty
(middle)

Greenwood sophomore
girls golfer
Ryan Pate
(bottom left)

Midland High senior boys golfer
Lucas McCubbin
(below)

Also on Page 3C, a list of area athletes competing in regional tournaments



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2013 Masters champion Adam Scott helps Bubba Watson, right, with his green jacket after Watson won the Masters on Sunday in Augusta, Ga.

Bubba Watson wins another green jacket

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Bubba Watson's second Masters title was nothing like the green jacket he won two years ago.

The only daring shot Watson hit was one he really didn't need. The wild swing in momentum came on the front nine, not the back nine of Augusta National. And the sweetest difference of all Sunday was seeing his 2-year-old son walk toward him on the edge of the 18th green after his three-shot victory over Jordan Spieth.

Watson turned in another masterpiece and joined an elusive group as the 17th player to win the Masters more than once.

He turned a two-shot deficit into a two-shot lead on the final two holes of the front nine, then kept Spieth, 20, and everyone else at safe distance the rest of the way. Watson closed with a 3-under 69 to beat a pair of Masters rookies in Spieth and Jonas Blixt of Sweden.

Two years ago, when he hit that wild hook out of the trees on the 10th hole to win in a playoff, his wife and newly adopted son were watching at home in Florida. This time, young Caleb was decked out in a green-and-white striped Masters shirt and green tennis shoes as he waddled over to his father.

"This one's a lot different," Watson said. "The first one, for me, it was almost like I lucked into it."

After high-fiving the crowd on his way to sign his card, Watson returned to Butler Cabin to take back that green jacket he slipped on Adam Scott a year ago.

"After giving it away last year, I wanted it back," Watson said. "I told Adam we could just swap it back and forth every year."

Spieth, trying to become the youngest Masters champion, could only watch from the side of the green.

He dazzled the massive crowd early by holing out for birdie from the front bunker on No. 4, and making back-to-back birdies to build a two-shot lead through seven holes. Bidding to become the first player

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ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV
BOXING
Lightweights, Jose Arambula (6-0-0) vs. David Diaz (4-0-1); featherweights, Julian Ramirez (10-0-0) vs. Carlos Rodriguez (22-13-3); junior lightweights, Ronny Rios (22-0-0) vs. Andrew Cancio (15-2-2), 8 p.m., Fox Sports 1
MLB
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., ESPN
Seattle at Texas, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 9 p.m., ESPN
WNBA
Draft, 7 p.m., ESPN2
Draft, at Uncasville, Conn., 8 p.m., ESPNU

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY
TEXAS LEAGUE
RockHounds at NW Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF
Region I-5A Tournament, The Rawls Course, Lubbock
Region I-3A Tournament, Shadow Hills Golf Course, Lubbock
Region I-2A Tournament, Ratliff Ranch Golf Links, Odessa
Region I-A Tournament, Lake Ridge Country Club
Region II-A Tournament, Shady Oaks Golf Course, Baird
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF
Region I-A Tournament, Reese Golf Center, Lubbock
Region II-A Tournament, Shady Oaks Golf Course, Baird
HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS
Region I-5A Tournament, McLeod Tennis Center, Lubbock

AUTO RACING

Indy
Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach Results
Sunday
At Long Beach Street Circuit
Long Beach, Calif.
Lap length: 1.968 miles
(Starting position in parentheses)
1. (17) Mike Conway, Dallara-Chevrolet, 80, Running.
2. (14) Will Power, Dallara-Chevrolet, 80, Running.
3. (11) Carlos Munoz, Dallara-Honda, 80, Running.
4. (16) Juan Pablo Montoya, Dallara-Chevrolet, 80, Running.
5. (6) Simon Pagenaud, Dallara-Honda, 80, Running.
6. (20) Mikhail Aleshin, Dallara-Honda, 80, Running.
7. (12) Oriol Servia, Dallara-Honda, 80, Running.
8. (8) Marco Andretti, Dallara-Honda, 80, Running.
9. (22) Sebastian Saavedra, Dallara-Chevrolet, 80, Running.
10. (21) Carlos Huertas, Dallara-Honda, 80, Running.
11. (9) Helio Castroneves, Dallara-Chevrolet, 80, Running.
12. (7) Scott Dixon, Dallara-Chevrolet, 80, Running.
13. (23) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda, 79, Running.
14. (3) Sebastien Bourdais, Dallara-Chevrolet, 77, Running.
15. (5) Jack Hawksworth, Dallara-Honda, 77, Running.
16. (10) Justin Wilson, Dallara-Honda, 64, Contact.
17. (18) Ryan Briscoe, Dallara-Chevrolet, 60, Running.
18. (13) Tony Kanaan, Dallara-Chevrolet, 55, Contact.
19. (4) Josef Newgarden, Dallara-Honda, 55, Contact.
20. (1) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Dallara-Honda, 55, Contact.
21. (2) James Hinchcliffe, Dallara-Honda, 55, Contact.
22. (15) Takuma Sato, Dallara-Honda, 55, Contact.
23. (19) Charlie Kimball, Dallara-Chevrolet, 41, Off Course.

Race Statistics
Winners average speed: 82.362
Time of Race: 1:54:41.6418
Margin of Victory: 0.9005 seconds
Cautions: 4 for 18 laps
Lead Changes: 6 among 5 drivers
Lap Leaders: Hunter-Reay 1-26, Dixon 27-28, Hunter-Reay 29-53, Newgarden 54, Saavedra 55-57, Dixon 58-77, Conway 78-80.
Points: Power 93, Conway 66, Pagenaud 60, Castroneves 55, Hunter-Reay 54, Dixon 51, Munoz 48, Montoya 47, Aleshin 46, Saavedra 42.

NHRA
Four-Wide Nationals Results
Sunday
At zMax Dragway
Concord, N.C.
Final Placings
TOP FUEL
1. Antron Brown. 2. Shawn Langdon. 3. J.R. Todd. 4. Doug Kalitta. 5. Tony Schumacher. 6. Spencer Massey. 7. Khalid alBalooshi. 8. Brittany Force. 9. Steve Torrence. 10. Clay Millican. 11. Bob Vandergriff. 12. Richie Crampton. 13. Leah Pritchett. 14. Terry McMillen. 15. Sidnei Frigo. 16. Pat Dakin.
FUNNY CAR
1. Robert Hight. 2. John Force. 3. Alexis DeJoria. 4. Tim Wilkerson. 5. Del Worsham. 6. Tommy Johnson Jr. 7. Blake Alexander. 8. Matt Hagan. 9. Courtney Force. 10. Ron Capps. 11. Jack Beckman. 12. Bob Tasca III. 13. Chad Head. 14. Tony Pedregon. 15. Jeff Arend. 16. Cruz Pedregon.
PRO STOCK
1. Jimmy Alund. 2. Shane Gray. 3. Vincent Nobile. 4. Erica Enders-Stevens. 5. Jason Line. 6. Chris McGaha. 7. Jeg Coughlin. 8. Allen Johnson. 9. V Gaines. 10. Dave Connolly. 11. Rodger Brogdon. 12. Jonathan Gray. 13. Larry Morgan. 14. Justin Humphreys. 15. Robert Patrick.
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1. Andrew Hines. 2. Eddie Krawiec. 3. Scotty Pollacheck. 4. John Hall. 5. Hector Arana Jr. 6. Chaz Kennedy. 7. Mike Berry. 8. Hector Arana. 9. Jerry Savoie. 10. Shawn Gann. 11. Angie Smith. 12. Michael Ray. 13. Matt Smith. 14. Adam Arana. 15. Jim Underdahl. 16. Katie Sullivan.
Final Results
Top Fuel — Antron Brown, 3.800 seconds, 317.42 mph def. Shawn Langdon, 3.800 seconds, 322.11 mph and J.R. Todd, 3.799 seconds, 318.32 mph and Doug Kalitta, 4.587 seconds, 172.04 mph.
Funny Car — Robert Hight, Ford Mustang, 4.074, 311.34 def. John Force, Mustang, 4.132, 307.51 and Alexis DeJoria, Toyota Camry, 4.098, 301.67 and Tim Wilkerson, Mustang, 6.631, 98.01.
Pro Stock — Jimmy Alund, Chevy Camaro, 6.562, 211.59 def. Shane Gray, Camaro, 6.563, 211.69 and Vincent Nobile, Camaro, 6.667, 209.46 and Erica Enders-Stevens, Camaro, 11.719, 79.19.
Pro Stock Motorcycle — Andrew Hines, Harley-Davidson, 6.859, 196.10 def. Eddie Krawiec, Harley-Davidson, 6.874, 196.13 and Scotty Pollacheck, Buell, 6.966, 191.73 and John Hall, Buell, 7.547, 133.32.
Top Alcohol Dragster — Corey Michalek, 5.428, 264.55 def. Brandon Booher, broke.
Top Alcohol Funny Car — Dan Pomponio, Chevy Monte Carlo, 6.120, 249.81 def. Jonnie Lindberg, Monte Carlo, 15.758, 31.56.
Competition Eliminator — Scotty Richardson, Chevy, 8.645, 119.16 def. Russell Joly, Chevy Cobalt, foul.
Stock Eliminator — Greg Rowe, Pontiac Firebird, 10.552, 118.98 def. Jeff Hairrington, Ford Mustang, 10.266, 129.11.
Super Comp — Brad Plourd, Dragster, 8.957, 160.38 def. Alan Kenny, Dragster, 8.921, 181.45.
Super Gas — Ray Sawyer, Chevy Camaro, 9.893, 168.68 def. Jeremy Jensen, Chevy Corvette, 9.891, 147.84.
Top Sportsman — Marco Abruzzi, Chevy Camaro, 6.890, 192.30 def. Marc Caruso, Chevy Cobalt, 7.043, 188.46.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned SS Justin Sellers to Columbus (IL). Reinstated 3B Lonnie Chisenhall from paternity leave.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Transferred LHP Brian Moran to the 60-day DL. Optioned RHPs Dane De La Rosa and Matt Shoemaker to Salt Lake (PCL). Selected the contract of RHP Yoslan Herrera from Salt Lake. Recalled LHP Jose Alvarez from Salt Lake.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Optioned OF Kevin Kiermaier to Durham (IL). Selected the contract of LHP Erik Bedard from Durham. Placed RHP Alex Cobb on the 15-day DL. Recalled LHP Jeff Beliveau from Durham (IL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Placed 3B Adrian Beltre on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 9.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Placed 2B Maicer Izturis on the 15-day DL. Optioned C Erik Kratz to Buffalo (IL).
National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Optioned LHP Chris Rusin to Iowa (PCL). Recalled RHP Blake Parker from Iowa (PCL).
COLORADO ROCKIES — Optioned INF Charlie Culberson to Colorado Springs (PCL). Reinstated RHP Tyler Chatwood from the 15-day DL.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Placed RHP Brandon Kintzler on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 9. Recalled RHP Rob Wooten from Nashville (PCL).
NEW YORK METS — Sent OF Chris Young to Las Vegas (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Assigned RHP Brad Lincoln outright to Lehigh Valley (PCL). Recalled RHP Jonathan Pettibone and RHP Luis Garcia from Lehigh Valley. Optioned RHP Justin De Fratus to Lehigh Valley.
ST. LOUIS CARDIONALS — Sent 2B Mark Ellis to Memphis (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Placed 3B Ryan Zimmerman on the 15-day DL. Recalled INF Zach Walters from Syracuse (IL).
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL — Fined Florida D Ed Jovanovski $5,000 for elbowing Columbus F Corey Tropp in a game on April 12.
BOSTON BRUINS — Recalled Fs Craig Cunningham, Justin Florek, Alexander Khokhlachev and Matt Lindblad from Providence (AHL) on an emergency basis.
BUFFALO SABRES — Called up G Andrey Makarov, F Nicolas Deslauriers and D Mark Pysyk from Rochester (AHL).
FLORIDA PANTHERS — Returned Fs Vincent Trocheck, Quinton Howden and Drew Shore to San Antonio (AHL).
American Hockey League
AHL — Suspended Hartford LW Micheal Haley and Portland LW Darian Dziurzynski three games and Manchester D Andrew Bodnarchuk one game.
WORCESTER SHARKS — Assigned F Matt Nieto to Ontario (ECHL).
ECHL
CINCINNATI CYCLONES — Released F Colin Mulvey.
FORT WAYNE KOMETS — Released D Steven Shamanski from an amateur tryout agreement.
SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS — Released F David Gerths. COLLEGE
CLEMSON — Announced basketball junior G Adonis Filer will transfer.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Today
At UIC Pavilion, Chicago (FS1), Ronny Rios vs. Andrew Cancio, 10, junior lightweights.
Friday
At Turning Stone Resort & Casino, Verona, N.Y. (ESPN2), "Boxcino" middleweight tournament semifinals: Vitali Kopylenko vs. Willie Monroe Jr.; Brandon Adams vs. Raymond Gatica (8 rounds).
At Monroeville (Pa.) Convention Center (SHO), Alexei Collado vs. Rod Salka, 10, lightweights.
At Illusions Theater, San Antonio (FS1), Alan Sanchez vs. Jorge Silva, 10, welterweights; Raul Martinez vs. Sergio Perales, 10, lightweights.
Saturday
At Manchester, England, Scott Quigg vs. Nehomar Cermeno, 12, for Quigg's WBA World junior featherweight title.
At the D.C. Armory in Washington, D.C. (SHO), Bernard Hopkins vs. Beibut Shumenov, 12, for the WBA Super World-IBF-IBA light heavyweight titles; Peter Quillin vs. Lukas Konecny, 12, for Quillin's WBO middleweight title; Shawn Porter vs. Paulie Malignaggi, 12, for Porter's IBF welterweight title.
April 23
At Osaka, Japan, Shinsuke Yamanaka vs. Stephane Jamoye, 12, for Yamanaka's WBC bantamweight title; Kiko Martinez vs. Hozumi Hasegawa, 12, for Martinez's IBF junior featherweight title.
April 24
At Agua Caliente Casino, Rancho Mirage, Calif. (ESPN2), Josesito Lopez vs. Aaron Martinez, 10, light welterweights; Thomas Williams Jr. vs. Enrique Ornelas, 10, light heavyweights. April 25
At Moscow, Russia, Richard Abril vs. Eduard Troyanovsky, 12, for Abril's WBA World lightweight title; Denis Lebedev vs. Guillermo Jones, 12, for Lebedev's WBA World cruiserweight title.
April 26
At Oberhausen, Germany, Wladimir Klitschko vs. Alex Leapai, 12, for Klitschko's IBF-WBO-IBO-WBA Super World heavyweight titles; Joseph Parker vs. Sherman Williams, 10, heavyweights.
At Sonora, Mexico, Juan Francisco Estrada vs. Richie Mepranum, 12, for Estrada's WBA Super World-WBO flyweight titles.
At StubHub Center, Carson, Calif. (SHO), Keith Thurman vs. Julio Diaz, 12, for Thurman's interim WBA World welterweight title; Omar Figueroa Jr. vs. Jerry Belmontes, 12, for Figueroa's WBC lightweight title; Lucas Matthysse vs. John Molina, 12, junior welterweights; Antonio Orozco vs. Martin Honorio, 10, junior welterweights.
April 28
At Bayamon, Puerto Rico (FS1), Michael Perez vs. Jorge Romero, 10, junior welterweights; McJoe Arroyo vs. Eliecer Aquino, 12, IBF junior bantamweight eliminator.
May 1
At Hialeah (Fla.) Park Race Track (ESPN2), Robert Garcia vs. Victor Cayo, 10, welterweights.
May 2
At the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas (FS1), Erislandy Lara vs. Ishe Smith, 12, for Lara's WBA World light middleweight title; Mickey Bey Jr. vs. Alan Herrera, 10, lightweights; Jesus Cuellar vs. Rico Ramos, 12, for Cuellar's interim WBA World featherweight title.

Rangers get win to clinch Astros series

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

Rangers	1
Astros	0

ARLINGTON — Martin Perez kept his pitches low in the zone and got plenty of help from the Texas defense.

Perez threw eight scoreless innings with the benefit of four double-play grounders, plus two runners thrown out trying to steal a base, and the Rangers got a series-clinching 1-0 victory over the Houston Astros on Sunday.

"That happens when you throw all your pitches down and you get a lot of groundballs," Perez said. "If you can throw strikes with runners on base, you can get a win, you can get the outs. You have to make a pitch and trust your stuff."

The lone run came on a sacrifice fly in the sixth by Donnie Murphy, who was in the game only because shortstop Elvis Andrus got ejected at the end of the third after taking a called third strike. Andrus tossed his bat away from the plate and then said something to home plate umpire Alan Porter.

"As soon as I saw (the ump) point at him, I automatically threw off the hoodie and got loose, so I didn't really have much time to think about it," said Murphy, who joined the Rangers at the end of spring training. "It's always nice when you don't start the game just to come in and contribute like that."

Perez (2-0) struck out two while scattering five hits and three walks. Catcher Robinson Chirinos threw out would-be base stealers in the third and fifth innings.

Alexi Ogando worked a perfect ninth to convert his first save chance.

Murphy's deep flyball to the left-center gap in the sixth sent home Josh Wilson against Brett Oberholtzer (0-3), who had a career-high seven strikeouts with no walks.

"Oberholtzer was outstanding. Our starters did a tremendous job this whole series. The starts put us in a position to win every game," Astros manager Bo Porter said. "We've got to get (the offense) going. If you don't score, you've got zero chance of winning."

The Astros, who have scored only four runs in Oberholtzer's three starts, scored in only two of their 31 innings against Texas. They had a five-run fourth inning Saturday before the game-winning run in the 10th.

It was only the 10th 1-0 victory for the Rangers in their 1,601 regular-season home games since moving into their current ballpark 20 years ago.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ATHLETICS 3
MARINERS 0

SEATTLE — Yoenis Cespedes hit a two-run homer that broke a scoreless tie in the eighth inning, lifting the Oakland Athletics over the Seattle Mariners 3-0 Sunday.

Cespedes pulled a 2-2 slider from Charlie Furbush (0-1) into the left field bullpen. Cespedes' second homer of the season came after Jed Lowrie drew a leadoff walk.

Josh Donaldson added a solo home run in the ninth, his third, off Lucas Luetge.

A's starter Scott Kazmir pitched two-hit ball for six innings, striking out nine without a walk.

Dan Otero (2-0) retired two batters in the seventh. Luke Gregerson worked the eighth and Sean Doolittle allowed one hit in the ninth for his first save.

Chris Young made his first start since Sept. 9, 2012, while with the New York Mets. Young pitched six shutout innings, giving up four hits. He walked three and struck out two.

BLUE JAYS 11
ORIOLES 3

BALTIMORE — Mark Buehrle allowed one run over seven innings to win his third straight start, and the Blue Jays hit three home runs and had a season-high 17 hits in an victory over the Orioles.

Jose Bautista hit a three-run drive and Colby Rasmus and Brett Lawrie had solo shots to help Toronto win the decisive matchup of the three-game series.

Rasmus, Edwin Encarnacion and Adam Lind each collected three hits for the Blue Jays, who enjoyed their highest scoring game of the year at the expense of Ubaldo Jimenez (0-3) and three Baltimore relievers.

Buehrle (3-0) gave up five hits, walked none and struck out two.

Chris Davis hit his first homer of the season for Baltimore.

TWINS 4
ROYALS 3

MINNEAPOLIS — Pitcher Wade Davis made a wild flip home on a comebacker in the eighth inning and the Twins rallied past the City Royals for a three-game sweep.

A madcap sequence put the Twins ahead and a crazy play ended it, too.

WHITE SOX 4
INDIANS 3

CHICAGO — Alexei Ramirez hit a two-run homer off John Axford in the ninth inning, rallying the White Sox over the Indians.

The Indians scored twice in the top of the ninth, getting the go-ahead run on a wild pitch by closer Matt Lindstrom (1-1).

YANKEES 3
RED SOX 2

NEW YORK — Carlos Beltran hit a two-run homer, Ivan Nova rebounded from a rough outing and the New York Yankees beat Boston 3-2 Sunday night with the aid of another disputed replay ruling that led to the ejection of Red Sox manager John Farrell.

Beltran had three hits and was pressed into his first career appearance at first base for the banged-up Yankees. Ichiro Suzuki robbed David Ortiz of extra bases with a spectacular catch in the eighth inning to help New York take three of four in the first series of the season between the longtime rivals.

National League

BREWERS 4
PIRATES 1

MILWAUKEE — The Milwaukee Brewers won their ninth in a row, with Kyle Lohse coming within one out of a complete game Sunday in a 4-1 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

At 10-2, the Brewers are off to their best start since going 13-0 to start the 1987 season. This is Milwaukee's longest winning streak since a nine-game string last April.

GIANTS 5
ROCKIES 4

SAN FRANCISCO — Brandon Crawford led off the 10th inning with a splash homer to lift the San Francisco Giants over the Colorado Rockies.

Pablo Sandoval homered and Angel Pagan drove in two runs for the Giants.

DODGERS 8
DIAMONDBACKS 6

PHOENIX — Adrian Gonzalez homered for the fourth consecutive game and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Arizona Diamondbacks for a three-game sweep.

Gonzalez's three-run shot off Trevor Cahill (0-4) in the third inning gave him 10 RBIs in the series. Matt Kemp and Juan Uribe also homered for the Dodgers.

BRAVES 10
NATIONALS 2

ATLANTA — Justin Upton and Freddie Freeman each hit two-run homers off Gio Gonzalez and the Atlanta Braves completed a three-game sweep of the Washington Nationals.

The Braves have won five of six against the Nationals this year.

CARDINALS 6
CUBS 4

ST. LOUIS — Matt Carpenter drove in three runs, leading Michael Wacha and the St. Louis Cardinals over the Chicago Cubs.

Carpenter hit a two-run single in the second inning and added a sacrifice fly in the fourth that put St. Louis ahead to stay at 4-3.

PHILLIES 4
CUBS 3

PHILADELPHIA — Chase Utley extended his fast start with the tiebreaking homer among three hits, and the Philadelphia Phillies finished off a three-game sweep of the Miami Marlins.

The Marlins lost their seventh in a row.

Interleague

ANGELS 14
METS 2

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Mike Trout, Albert Pujols and Raul Ibanez hit consecutive home runs off Bartolo Colon in the first inning, setting the tone for the Angels' rout of the Mets in the decisive game of their interleague series.

Hank Conger also went deep against Colon, who won the AL CY Young Award in 2005 with the Angels. Colon (1-2) gave up nine runs and 11 hits in five innings, allowing at least one hit to every batter in the Angels' starting lineup.

PADRES 5
TIGERS 1

SAN DIEGO — Tyson Ross outdueled AL Cy Young Award winner Max Scherzer, and Jedd Gyorko and Xavier Nady homered as the San Diego Padres beat the Detroit Tigers to take two of three.

After two shaky opening starts, Ross (1-2) struck out seven and held the Tigers to one run and six hits in seven innings. He also hit an RBI single.

REDS 12
RAYS 4

CINCINNATI — Chris Heisey hit his first grand slam and Devin Mesoraco homered and drove in career high-tying four runs as the Cincinnati Reds took advantage of Tampa Bay's depleted pitching staff.

The Reds' best offensive showing of the season featured Mesoraco's three-run homer, Joey Votto's two-run shot and Heisey's pinch-hit slam in the eighth. Jay Bruce doubled, walked four times and scored four runs.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES AND LINESCORES

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	7	6	.538	—
Tampa Bay	7	6	.538	—
Toronto	7	6	.538	—
Baltimore	5	7	.417	1 1/2
Boston	5	8	.385	2
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	6	4	.600	—
Chicago	7	6	.538	1/2
Minnesota	6	6	.500	1
Cleveland	6	7	.462	1 1/2
Kansas City	4	7	.364	2 1/2
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	8	4	.667	—
Seattle	6	5	.545	1 1/2
Los Angeles	6	6	.500	2
Texas	6	6	.500	2
Houston	5	8	.385	3 1/2

Sunday's Scores
Cincinnati 12, Tampa Bay 4
Toronto 11, Baltimore 3
Chicago White Sox 4, Cleveland 3
Minnesota 4, Kansas City 3
Texas 1, Houston 0
L.A. Angels 14, N.Y. Mets 2
San Diego 5, Detroit 1
Oakland 3, Seattle 0
N.Y. Yankees 3, Boston 2

Today's Games
Tampa Bay (Archer 1-0) at Baltimore (W.Chen 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Elias 0-1) at Texas (Lewis 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (J.Chavez 0-0) at L.A. Angels (H.Santiago 0-2), 9:05 p.m.

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	8	4	.667	—
Washington	7	5	.583	1
Philadelphia	6	6	.500	2
New York	5	7	.417	3
Miami	5	8	.385	3 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	10	2	.833	—
St. Louis	7	5	.583	3
Pittsburgh	6	6	.500	4
Chicago	4	8	.333	6
Cincinnati	4	8	.333	6
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	9	4	.692	—
San Francisco	8	5	.615	1
Colorado	6	7	.462	3
San Diego	5	7	.417	3 1/2
Arizona	4	11	.267	6

Sunday's Scores
Cincinnati 12, Tampa Bay 4
Philadelphia 4, Miami 3
Atlanta 10, Washington 2
Milwaukee 4, Pittsburgh 1
St. Louis 6, Chicago Cubs 4
L.A. Angels 14, N.Y. Mets 2
San Francisco 5, Colorado 4, 10 innings
San Diego 5, Detroit 1
L.A. Dodgers 8, Arizona 6

Today's Games
Atlanta (E.Santana 1-0) at Philadelphia (R.Hernandez 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (W.Rodriguez 0-2) at Cincinnati (Bailey 0-1), 6:10 p.m.
Washington (Zimmermann 0-0) at Miami (Undecided), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lynn 2-0) at Milwaukee (Garza 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 0-2) at Arizona (Collmenter 0-0), 8:40 p.m.
Colorado (Lyles 2-0) at San Diego (Stults 0-2), 9:10 p.m.

SUNDAY'S AL WEST BOXES
RANGERS 1, ASTROS 0

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Fowler cf	4	0	0	0	Choo dh	4	0	1	0
Altuve 2b	4	0	1	0	Andrus ss	2	0	0	0
Guzmn 1b	3	0	1	0	DMrph 2b	1	0	0	1
Carter dh	2	0	0	0	Rios rf	3	0	0	0
MDmn 3b	3	0	1	0	Fielder 1b	3	0	0	0
Hoes rf	2	0	0	0	Kzmnff 3b	3	0	2	0
Grssmn lf	3	0	1	0	Choice lf	3	0	1	0
Corprn c	3	0	1	0	Chirins c	3	0	0	0
Villar ss	2	0	0	0	LMartn cf	3	0	0	0
					JoWilsn 2b-ss	3	1	1	0
Totals	26	0	5	0	Totals	28	1	5	1

Houston ... 000 000 000—0
Texas ... 000 001 00x—1
DP—Texas 4. LOB—Houston 2, Texas 4. 2B—Kouzmanoff (1). CS—M.Dominguez (1), Villar (1). SF—Do.Murphy.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Oberholtzer L,0-3	7	5	1	1	0	7
Williams	1	0	0	0	0	1
Texas						
M.Perez W,2-0	8	5	0	0	3	2
Ogando S,1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0

T—2:15. A—38,698 (48,114).

ANGELS 14, METS 2

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
EYong lf	3	1	0	0	Shuck lf	6	1	3	1
DnMrp 2b	3	0	0	0	Trout cf	4	2	3	1
Quntnll 2b	1	0	0	0	Cowgill cf	1	0	0	0
DWrght 3b	3	0	1	1	Pujols dh	4	1	1	1
Duda 1b	1	0	0	0	Ibanez 1b	3	1	1	2
Satin 1b-3b	4	0	1	0	Calhon rf	5	2	2	0
Grndrs rf	3	0	1	0	HKndrc 2b	4	2	1	0
Famili p	0	0	0	0	IStewrt 3b	4	2	2	3
Lannan p	0	0	0	0	Conger c	5	2	2	2
I.Davis ph	1	0	0	0	Aybar ss	3	1	1	2
ABrwn dh-rf	2	0	0	0	JMcDnl pr-ss	1	0	1	0
Lagars cf	4	1	2	0					
dArnad c	2	0	1	0					
Tejada ss	3	0	0	0					
Totals	30	2	6	1	Totals	40	14	17	12

New York ... 100 010 000—2
Los Angeles ... 400 322 03x—14
DP—New York 1, Los Angeles 3. LOB—New York 5, Los Angeles 8. 2B—Satin (2), Calhoun (2), I.Stewart (1), Conger (1), Jo.McDonald (1). 3B—Calhoun (1), Aybar (2). HR—Trout (4), Pujols (3), Ibanez (3), I.Stewart (1), Conger (1). CS—D.Wright (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Colon L,1-2	5	11	9	9	2	3
Rice	1	2	2	2	2	2
Familia	1	1	0	0	1	1
Lannan	1	3	3	3	1	1
Los Angeles						
C.Wilson W,2-1	7	6	2	2	3	9
Jepsen	1	0	0	0	0	2
Y.Herrera	1	0	0	0	1	0

WP—Rice 2, Lannan, C.Wilson 2.
T—3:05. A—38,855 (45,483).

ATHLETICS 3, MARINERS 0

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp cf	4	0	2	0	Almont cf	4	0	0	0
Gentry cf	1	0	0	0	BMiller ss	4	0	1	0
Jaso c	4	0	1	0	Cano 2b	4	0	2	0
Dnldsn dh	5	1	1	1	Hart dh	4	0	0	0
Moss 1b	3	0	1	0	Smoak 1b	3	0	0	0
Lowrie ph	0	0	0	0	Romer rf	2	0	0	0
Barton pr-1b	1	1	0	0	Morrsn ph-rf	1	0	0	0
Cespds lf	3	1	1	2	Seager 3b	3	0	0	0
Callasp 3b	4	0	0	0	Zunino c	3	0	0	0
Reddck rf	3	0	1	0	Blmqst lf	3	0	0	0
Punto ss	3	0	1	0					
Sogard 2b	4	0	0	0					
Totals	35	3	8	3	Totals	31	0	3	0

Oakland ... 000 000 021—3
Seattle ... 000 000 000—0
E—Cespedes (1). LOB—Oakland 10, Seattle 4. HR—Donaldson (3), Cespedes (2). SB—Crisp (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Kazmir	6	2	0	0	0	9
Abad	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Otero W,2-0	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Gregerson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Doolittle S,1-1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Seattle						
C.Young	6	4	0	0	3	2
Medina	1	1	0	0	1	1
Furbush L,0-1	1	2	2	2	1	1
Luetge	1	1	1	1	0	1

WP—C.Young.
T—2:44. A—22,628 (47,476).

SUNDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE

WHITE SOX 4, INDIANS 3
Cleveland ... 000 100 002—3 7 1
Chicago ... 000 100 012—4 9 1
Kluber, Rzepczynski (8), Allen (8), Axford (9) and Y.Gomes; Quintana, Cleto (7), Lindstrom (9) and Flowers. W—Lindstrom 1-1. L—Axford 0-1. HRs—Cleveland, Brantley (1). Chicago, Semien (2), Al.Ramirez (3).

YANKEES 3, RED SOX 2
Boston ... 010 001 000—2 9 0
New York ... 002 100 00x—3 8 0
Doubront, Capuano (7) and Pierzynski; Nova, Thornton (8), Phelps (8), Kelley (9) and McCann. W—Nova 2-1. L—Doubront 1-2. Sv—Kelley (3). HRs—Boston, Napoli (3). New York, Beltran (3).

INTERLEAGUE
REDS 12, RAYS 4
Tampa Bay ... 002 000 200—4 7 1
Cincinnati ... 025 010 04x—12 13 0
C.Ramos, B.Gomes (3), Beliveau (4), Bedard (5), H.Bell (7), Lueke (8) and Hanigan; Cingrani, Christiani (7), LeCure (8), Partch (9) and Mesoraco. W—Cingrani 1-1. L—C.Ramos 0-1. HRs—Tampa Bay, Zobrist 2 (3). Cincinnati, Votto (2), Mesoraco (2), Heisey (1).

PADRES 5, TIGERS 1
Detroit ... 000 100 000—1 7 1
San Diego ... 010 300 10x—5 6 1
Scherzer, Coke (6), Krol (7), Alburquerque (7), Chamberlain (8) and V.Martinez; T.Ross, Benoit (8), Street (9) and Rivera. W—T.Ross 1-2. L—Scherzer 0-1. HRs—San Diego, Gyorko (1), Nady (2).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BRAVES 10, NATIONALS 2
Washington ... 000 010 001—2 6 3
Atlanta ... 330 000 04x—10 11 0
G.Gonzalez, Detwiler (7), Blevins (8) and Lobaton; Harang, Thomas (7), J.Walden (8), Schlosser (9) and Laird. W—Harang 2-1. L—G.Gonzalez 2-1. HRs—Washington, LaRoche (3). Atlanta, J.Upton (4), Freeman (4), Simmons (1).

PHILLIES 4, MARLINS 3
Miami ... 110 010 000—3 6 1
Philadelphia ... 001 020 01x—4 13 1
H.Alvarez, A.Ramos (7), M.Dunn (8) and Mathis; K.Kendrick, Rosenberg (7), Bastardo (8), Papelbon (9) and Nieves. W—Bastardo 1-1. L—M.Dunn 0-1. Sv—Papelbon (3). HRs—Miami, G.Jones (1). Philadelphia, Howard (2), Utley (3).

BREWERS 4, PIRATES 1
Pittsburgh ... 000 100 000—1 4 2
Milwaukee ... 001 102 00x—4 7 0
Morton, Ju.Wilson (8) and T.Sanchez; Lohse, W.Smith (9) and Maldonado. W—Lohse 2-1. L—Morton 0-1. Sv—W.Smith (1).

CARDINALS 6, CUBS 4
Chicago ... 200 100 001—4 7 1
St. Louis ... 030 100 02x—6 11 1
E.Jackson, Russell (7), B.Parker (8), W.Wright (8) and Castillo; Wacha, Siegrist (7), Rosenthal (9) and Y.Molina. W—Wacha 2-0. L—E.Jackson 0-1. Sv—Rosenthal (4). HRs—Chicago, Rizzo (2).

GIANTS 5, ROCKIES 4
Colorado ... 010 000 120 0—4 7 0
San Francisco ... 000 031 000 1—5 9 0
Chatwood, Morales (7), Logan (8), Ottavino (9), Brothers (10) and Rosario; T.Hudson, J.Lopez (8), Casilla (8), Romo (10) and Posey. W—Romo 1-0. L—Brothers 1-1. HRs—Colorado, Rosario (1), Morneau (1). San Francisco, Sandoval (2), B.Crawford (1).

DODGERS 8, DIAMONDBACKS 6
Los Angeles ... 014 020 100—8 7 1
Arizona ... 003 000 300—6 13 1
Haren, P.Rodriguez (6), J.Wright (7), Howell (8), C.Perez (8), Jansen (9) and Federowicz; Cahill, Delgado (5), Thatcher (6), Harris (7), Ziegler (9) and Gosewisch. W—Haren 2-0. L—Cahill 0-4. Sv—Jansen (4). HRs—Los Angeles, Kemp (3), Ad.Gonzalez (5), Uribe (1). Arizona, E.Chavez (1), Trumbo (6).

SATURDAY'S LATE AL WEST BOX
METS 7, ANGELS 6, 13 INNINGS

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
EYong lf	4	0	0	0	Cowgill lf	3	2	2	1
DnMrp 2b	7	0	0	0	Shuck ph-lf	3	0	1	0
DWrght 3b	6	0	1	0	Trout cf	6	0	2	0
Grndrs rf	4	1	1	0	Pujols 1b	5	0	1	1
I.Davis 1b	4	1	0	0	HKndrc 2b	5	0	0	0
Duda dh	5	2	2	1	Freese 3b	5	1	1	0
Lagars cf	6	2	2	1	Aybar ss	3	1	0	0
Recker c	5	1	2	3	Ibanez dh	5	1	1	3
Quntnll ss	6	0	3	2	Iannett c	5	1	1	1
					Calhon rf	5	0	0	0
Totals	47	7	11	7	Totals	45	6	9	6

New York ... 010 000 302 000 1—7
Los Angeles ... 100 011 003 000 0—6
DP—New York 3, Los Angeles 1. LOB—New York 11, Los Angeles 2. 2B—Trout (2). HR—Duda (3), Recker (1), Cowgill (1), Ibanez (2), Iannetta (1). SB—E.Young (6), Recker (1). CS—D.Wright (1). S—E.Young.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Niese	7 1-3	6	3	3	1	5
C.Torres	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Valverde	1	2	3	3	1	1
Rice	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Germen	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Lannan W,1-0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles						
Weaver	6 2-3	3	4	4	4	5
Salas BS,1-1	1-3	1	0	0	0	1
Kohn	1	1	0	0	0	1
D.De La Rosa	1-3	1	2	2	1	0
Jepsen	2-3	1	0	0	1	1
Frieri	1	0	0	0	0	1
J.Smith	1	1	0	0	0	3
Shoemaker L,0-1	2	3	1	1	2	2

HBP—by Jepsen (E.Young). WP—Shoemaker.
T—4:29. A—40,027 (45,483).

A LOOK AT LOCAL ATHLETES GOING TO REGIONALS

BY LEN HAYWARD

ALEXIS ADKISSION
Lee, So., golf

Tournament: Region I-5A Girls Golf

When/where: Wednesday-Thursday, Texas Tech's Rawls Course, Lubbock

Notes: Adkisson had her first taste of the regional tournament as a freshmen when she was on the 2013 Lady Rebels team that won the District 2-5A title. This season, though, Adkisson will be making the trek north by herself after finishing fifth overall in the District 2-5A tournament. Adkisson also earned that finish by playing through an illness during the 2-5A tournament's first round at Green Tree Country Club.

Adkisson

Favorite golfer: Phil Mickelson

Favorite golf movie: "Happy Gilmore"

Favorite movie: "Endless Love" (the new version)

Best golf round: 79 at Ratliff Ranch Golf Links last summer

What's your top high school golf moment? "Probably when I finished my full round of 18 holes when I had the stomach bug (during the first round at Green Tree Country Club)."

What are your chances at the regional golf tournament? "I think if I play to the best of my ability, and maybe I'll have a shot at going to state. My goal was to get to regionals, and I'm there, and now I'm going to have fun."

What's the best part about your golf game? "It's off and on. Sometimes my drives will be my best, and second shots sometimes, but it's probably my second shots."

What's the best part about playing high school golf? "I like traveling a lot, and just enjoy playing golf. It's all of it really. I enjoy the sport and I enjoy just playing."

Do you like practice or playing rounds better? "Playing rounds better. I feel like I get more practice and more actual shots to hit in a tournament than in a practice."

What are you goals for high school golf: "I'd like to make it to regionals every year of high school and hopefully get a scholarship after school."

LUCAS MCCUBBIN
Midland High, Sr., golf

Tournament: Region I-5A Boys Golf

When/where: Today-Tuesday, Texas Tech's Rawls Course, Lubbock

Future college: Will play golf at Midland College

Notes: McCubbin's goal this season was to qualify for the state tournament. He knew with a young team around him, doing it with a team might be a challenge, but he knew he had a shot as an individual.

McCubbin is halfway to that goal after finishing fourth overall in the District 2-5A golf tournament and earning one of the two individual regional berths. Now, McCubbin will return to the Rawls Course in Lubbock trying to find a way to break into that top 10 again and make his way to Austin. This is McCubbin's third trip to the regional tourney as he went with the Bulldogs in 2012, and the last two years as an individual.

McCubbin

Favorite Golfer: Adam Scott

Favorite Athlete: Tiger Woods

Favorite Golf Movie: "Tin Cup"

Favorite Movie: "Saving Private Ryan"

Prospective major in college: Criminal justice

Best golf round: 64 at Midland Country Club

Top high school golf moment: "Making three eagles in one round. It was the fall tournament in El Paso."

What are your chances at the regional golf tournament? "I feel like they are really good. (Last Tuesday), I hit the ball really good and I had some birdie putts, but I just couldn't get the feel for the greens. Now that I know the greens are going to be like that, I can adjust. I have time to adjust to it, and not just the hour that I'm warming up."

What's the hardest part about playing the Rawls Course? "Probably reading the greens because they are so undulating."

Would anything other than qualifying for the state tournament be a disappointment? "I was there last year, and that was a learning experience, missing by five shots. I know this week is supposed to be windy and cold just like last year. I know what to expect. All those schools from Dallas and around there, they are not used to the wind like I am."

What's the best part about being a high school golfer? "Probably, the experience, the traveling all over and staying over night with all the guys. It's not all about golf. People thought I was going to be isolated last year when (Zarek Crowder) left. Zach Hartzer has been my wing man (this year), and he's been there and took Z's spot."

RYAN PATE
Greenwood, So., golf

Tournament: Region I-3A Girls Golf

When/where: Wednesday-Thursday, Shadow Hills Golf Club, Lubbock

Notes: Pate qualified for the regional tournament last year as a freshman, but after the first round of the District 4-3A tournament this year, her chances of qualifying were put in doubt. Pate shot a 90 in the first round in Monahans. But the sophomore came back to shoot 74 and 73 in the next two rounds to finish third overall and earn one of the two individual regional tournament berths. Now, Pate heads back to a course this week where she finished second in the Region I Preview at Shadow Hills. Pate shot a second-round 69 at the course in February and finished four strokes off the lead.

Pate

Favorite golfer: Women, Paula Creamer; Men, Fred Couples

Favorite athlete: Babe Didrickson Zaharias

Favoite golf movie: "Seven Days in Utopia"

Favorite movie: "Pearl Harbor"

Best golf round ever: 68 at Nueva Vista Golf Club

Do you have any superstitions before a tournament? "I don't have any superstitions, but I definitely have a little zone I get myself into as far as getting calmed down and not getting too excited for the day ahead. I listen to Christian music before I play to kind of get myself in the right mindset and calm down. That's really what I struggle with is getting too excited, and I try to channel that nervousness into excitement."

What do you feel like your chances are at the regional tournament? "I feel like I have a good chance this year. Definitely better than last year. I've gained mental experience, and I've learned how to control my bad shots. Instead of having a bad shot and getting down on myself, I just tell myself everybody has them and they are going to happen in your round. The best golfers are the ones that come back from the bad shots."

What was the biggest thing you learned from your experience last year: "Definitely how to use your mental game to your advantage. People start thinking too much and they start trying to fix their problems while they are playing. You just have to stay calm and keep doing what you are doing, and not beat yourself."

What are your expectations this week? "My expectations are to go and play the best golf I can and just play the course instead of everybody else. That's what matters the most. It doesn't matter what everybody else shoots, if you shoot the best you can do that's all that matters."

What's your top high school golf moment? "Probably when I was in Lubbock this year. At the regional preview, I shot 79 the first day. The second day, I kind of convinced myself I didn't have anything else to play for because I wasn't playing for a spot anymore because I did so bad the first day. The wind was high and I told myself to get out there and play, and not worry about anything else ... just play weekend golf. I did and shot 69 the second day and I was able to take second place. That was kind of when I told myself if I can get myself ready mentally I can just believe that I can do it."

KATE DAUGHERTY
Midland High, Fr., tennis

Tournament: Region I-5A Girls Tennis

When/where: Monday-Tuesday, McLeod Tennis Center, Lubbock

Notes: Daugherty, who has been playing tennis since she was 5 years old, always knew she had a chance to make the regional tournament, but doing it was a different story. Daugherty came back from a semifinal loss on Monday at the District 2-5A tournament last week to beat Lee's Hope Williams in the third-place match, and then beat San Angelo Central senior Julie Swets in the regional playback for the spot. Now Daugherty gets a chance to mix it up with some of the region's best this week, looking to make this a yearly trip.

Daugherty

Favorite tennis players Women, Maria Sharapova. Men, Novak Djokovic

Favorite athlete: Novak Djkovic

Favorite tennis movie: ESPN's 30 for 30 "Unmatched"

Favorite movie: "Divergent"

What's been you top tennis moment? "I would say last Monday and Tuesday. I lost and then I came back, and it was really fun."

What do you feel like your chances are at regionals? "I haven't really heard who's going to be there. I think I can get through the first round at least, and I feel like I have a good chance."

What would qualifying for state mean to you? "It's a cherry on top pretty much because as a freshman you don't really know what the competition is or anything and not knowing what to expect."

What are your expectations this week? "I want to have fun there and just play good tennis against some really good players."

What's the best part about playing high school tennis? "I like being part of the team, having teammates cheer you on and stuff during matches. In tennis most of the time you are on your own, and you don't really get that."

AREA REGIONAL QUALIFERS AND SCHEDULE

Area Regional Golf and Tennis Qualifers

GOLF

Class 5A

Boys

Lucas McCubbin, Midland High

Girls

Lee

Alexis Adkisson, Lee

Class 3A

Boys

Andrews (2 teams)

Black: GK Morrison, Casey Fowler, Erik Wallinder, Austin Lovato, Logan Upton or Mac Rochell

Gold: Logan Upton or Mac Rochell, Braxton Parker, Ivan Armendariz, Landon Mack, Ausden Vasquez, Alt. Hayden Rochell

Big Spring: Tate Kennedy, Devin Roberrson, Tyler Bryan, Mikey Pappajohn, Sam Harris

Girls

Andrews (2 teams)

Black: Sarah Black, Haley Burgen, Kalli Jennings, Lexi Lopez, Libby Wallinder

Gold: Madee McAllister, Kristina Hernandez, Kristinai McDonald, Savannah Pinson, Adrianne Peralta and Magi Lopez

Ryan Pate, Greenwood

Kelsie Guinn, Big Spring

Class 2A

Boys

Stanton: Kyle Inmann, Nathan Garlington, Kevin Glaspie, Ben Crockett, Levi Bryand, Colton VerSteeg, Coahoma

Girls

Stanton: Skyler Church, Amber Peterson, Madison Graves, Desiree Khongraj, Kallie Woodfin

Class A

Boys

Grady: Joseph Briseno, Cole Avery, Tucker Wells, E.J. Rodriguez, Beau Lucas, Andrew Cornett

Garden City: Corbin Davis, Tanner Davis, Braden Jones, Sam Miller, Cody Halfmann

Girls

Grady: Ariel Arnold, Brittnee Garza, Kristen Blocker, Carli Richards

Garden City: Ashley Halfmann, Holly Halfmann, Hope Halfmann, Brooklyn Batla, Elizabeth Zuniga

TAPPS 4A

Midland Christian

Boys: Coleman Houston, Reagan Brown, Dakota Phillips, Landon Ballard, Gunnar Gault

Girls: Christian Curnutte

TAPPS 3A

Midland Classical

Boys: Daniel Snell

Girls: Madison Sheets, Brianna Rico, Angela Johns, Alexis Carter

Trinity

Boys: Gage Morrow, Phillip Beal, William Farish, Christophe Palacios, Ethan Samuels

TENNIS

Class 5A

Midland High

Girls Singles: Kate Daugherty

Class 3A

Andrews

Boys Singles: Rodolfo Mendieta

Girls Singles: Zayra Gomez

Boys Doubles: Jordan Davis-Trent Ward

Girls Doubles: Lesly Gonzales-Patricia Ciav

Mixed Doubles: Lucio Valenzuela-Candace Trevino

Class 2A

Stanton

Boys Doubles: Tim Anderson-Drew Snellgrove

Boys Doubles: Jonathan Ramos-Bob Teven

Boys Singles: Estevan Chavez

Class A

Garden City

Boys Singles: Angel Zuniga

Girls Singles: Ashlyn Keonning

THIS WEEK'S REGIONAL SCHEDULE

Today

Boys Golf

Region I-5A Tournament: The Rawls Course, Lubbock

Region I-3A Tournament: Shadow Hills Golf Course, Lubbock

Region I-2A Tournament: Ratliff Ranch Golf Links, Odessa

Region I-A Tournament: Lake Ridge Country Club

Region II-A Tournament: Shady Oaks Golf Course, Baird

Girls Golf

Region I-A Tournament: Reese Golf Center, Lubbock

Region II-A Tournament: Shady Oaks Golf Course, Baird

Tennis

Region I-5A Tournament: McLeod Tennis Center, Lubbock

Tuesday

Boys Golf

Region I-5A Tournament: The Rawls Course, Lubbock

Region I-3A Tournament: Shadow Hills Golf Course, Lubbock

Region I-2A Tournament: Ratliff Ranch Golf Links, Odessa

Region I-A Tournament: Lake Ridge Country Club

Region II-A Tournament: Shady Oaks Golf Course, Baird

TAPPS 4A North Region: Canyon Creek Golf Club, Richardson

TAPPS 3A North Region: Canyon West Golf Club, Weatherford

Girls Golf

Region I-A Tournament: Reese Golf Center, Lubbock

Region II-A Tournament: Shady Oaks Golf Course, Baird

TAPPS 4A North Region: Canyon Creek Golf Club, Richardson

TAPPS 3A North Region: Canyon West Golf Club, Weatherford

Wednesday

Girls Golf

Region I-5A Tournament: The Rawls Course, Lubbock

Region I-3A Tournament: Shadow Hills Golf Course, Lubbock

Tennis

Region I-3A Tournament: McLeod Tennis Center, Lubbock

Region I-2A Tournament: Ratliff Tennis Center, Odessa

Region I-A Tennis: South Plains College, Levelland

Region II-A Tournament: Rose Park Tennis Center, Abilene

Thursday

Girls Golf

Region I-5A Tournament: The Rawls Course, Lubbock

Region I-3A Tournament: Shadow Hills Golf Course, Lubbock

Tennis

Region I-3A Tournament: McLeod Tennis Center, Lubbock

Region I-2A Tournament: Ratliff Tennis Center, Odessa

Region I-A Tennis: South Plains College, Levelland

Region II-A Tournament: Rose Park Tennis Center, Abilene

Myers leads RockHounds past Naturals

From staff reports

SPRINGDALE, Ark. — D'Arby Myers was 4-for-4 and drove in two runs as the Midland RockHounds rolled to an 11-6 victory against the Northwest Arkansas Naturals on Sunday at Arvest Ballpark.

Myers

The RockHounds built a 4-0 lead in the second inning, taking advantage of two Naturals errors. Beau Taylor drove in a run with a sacrifice fly, and Billy Burns, Myers and Conner Crumbliss also had RBI.

Midland extended the lead with two runs in the third on a Colin Walsh 2-run double, and then plated single runs in the fourth, sixth and seventh innings.

The Naturals staged a comeback with three runs in eighth and ninth innings, but the RockHounds' pitchers were able to hold off Northwest Arkansas.

Myers hit a solo home run in the eighth, and Josh Whitaker's single later in the inning scored Max Muncy.

Chris Jensen started for the RockHounds, picking up his first win of the season as he pitched 5 2/3 innings, giving up three runs, one earned, on even hits with four strikeouts and two walks.

Along with Myers, Crumbliss was 2-for-5 with an RBI, Muncy was 2-for-3 with an RBI, Whitaker 2-for-4 with an RBI and Taylor was 1-for-4 with a pair of RBI.

The RockHounds and Naturals will play the second game of their three-game series at 7:05 p.m. today at Arvest Ballpark.

ROCKHOUNDS 11, NATURALS 6

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	NW Ark	ab	r	h	bi
Burns cf	6	1	1	1	Adams cf	3	2	0	0
Myers dh	4	3	4	2	Franco ss	4	0	1	0
Crumbliss 2b	5	0	2	1	Bonifacio rf	5	0	2	3
Coleman ss	5	0	0	0	Cuthbert 3b	4	1	1	0
Muncy 1b	3	2	2	1	Schlehuber dh	4	0	0	0
Whitaker rf	4	1	2	1	Threlkeld 1b	5	2	2	1
Oberacker lf	5	2	0	0	Rincon lf	5	1	1	0
Walsh 3b	5	1	2	2	Graterol c	5	0	2	0
Taylor c	4	1	1	2	Trapp 2b	3	0	1	0
Totals	41	11	14	10	Totals	38	6	10	4

Midland	042 101 120	—11
NW Arkansas	000 210 021	—6

E — Walsh 2 (2), Trapp (2), Franco (3). Cuthbert (6). LOB — Midland 8, NW Arkansas 11. 2B — Walsh (1), Muncy (1). 3B — Myers (1). HR — Taylor (1), Threlkeld (2), Myers (1). SB — Burns (7), Myers (4). CS — Myers (2), Walsh (1). SF — Taylor.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Jenson W, 1-0	5.2	7	3	1	2	4
Castillo	1.1	0	0	0	0	0
Werner	1.0	2	2	2	2	0
Dull	1.0	1	1	1	0	2
NW Arkansas						
Sulbaran L, 0-1	3.0	6	6	2	2	0
Fassold	2.2	4	2	1	1	4
Baez	2.1	4	3	3	0	5
Alexander	1.0	0	0	0	0	1

HBP – by Sulbarn (Whitaker), by Jensen (Adams), by Jensen (Adams). WP – Jensen 2.
T – 3:04. A – 3,824

RockHounds	11
Naturals	6

Texas League

First half

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	6	3	.667	—
Tulsa	4	6	.400	2 1/2
Springfield	3	7	.300	3 1/2
NW Arkansas	2	8	.200	4 1/2

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi	8	2	.800	—
Midland	**6**	**4**	**.600**	**2**
Frisco	5	4	.556	2 1/2
San Antonio	5	5	.500	3

Sunday's Scores

Corpus Christi 9, Springfield 1

Midland 11, Northwest Arkansas 6

Tulsa 4, San Antonio 3

Frisco at Arkansas, ppd., rain

Today's Games

Frisco at Arkansas, 6:10 p.m., 1st game

Midland at Northwest Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.

Tulsa at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.

Springfield at Corpus Christi, 7:10 p.m.

Frisco at Arkansas, 8:40 p.m., 2nd game

Red Raiders complete series sweep of Wildcats

From staff reports

Red Raiders	11
Wildcats	7

LUBBOCK —Texas Tech used 14 base hits and some solid relief pitching from Jonny Drozd to take an 11-7 victory against Kansas State on Sunday to compete a Big 12 series sweep over Kansas State with 2,145 fans in attendance at Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park.

Texas Tech (28-11, 8-7 Big 12) earned its first Big 12 series sweep since 2011 (vs. Kansas) and swept the Wildcats (20-16, 2-7 Big 12) for the first time since 2004 — a series also played in Lubbock.

Bryant Burleson led the Red Raiders going 4-for-5 with two runs, three doubles and three RBI. He is the first Red Raider with three doubles in a game since 2010 (Jeremy Mayo, at Kansas).

Drozd (4-0) entered in the fifth inning and closed out the Wildcats with 4 2/3 innings of work from the bullpen without allowing an earned run. The only run allowed by Drozd was unearned, while the Red Raiders overcame a season-high four errors. Drozd allowed two base hits and struck out three with two walks.

K-State starting pitcher Nate Griep (3-2) took the loss allowing seven runs on eight hits in three innings allowing two walks.

Joining Burleson with a multi-hit game were Stephen Smith (2-for-4, 2 runs), Eric Gutierrez (2-for-3, 2 RBI), Jake Barrios (2-for-4, 2 runs) and Proudfoot (2-for-3, 2 runs, 2 RBI).

Manny Pacquiao back on top after Bradley win

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

Eric Jamison/AP

Manny Pacquiao, top, punches Timothy Bradley in their WBO welterweight title fight Saturday in Las Vegas.

LAS VEGAS — The old Manny Pacquiao returned for thrilling bursts, hounding Timothy Bradley onto the ropes and battering the welterweight champion with whip-quick combinations that recalled the Pacman's magical prime.

The older Pacquiao couldn't finish the trick, however.

Although he tried mightily, Pacquiao didn't stop or even really hurt Bradley during 12 mostly exciting rounds Saturday night, settling for the lucrative revenge of a unanimous-decision victory.

"I didn't want to get careless," Pacquiao said.

Pacquiao (56-5-2) proved he is still one of the world's most exciting boxers with his second straight win, even if he might never recapture his most destructive form. His hands and footwork are still inimitable, but the eight-division world champion's power and timing weren't good enough to stop Bradley — or any of his opponents since late 2009, the date of his last knockout.

Pacquiao apologetically showed up to his post-fight news conference well after midnight at the MGM Grand Garden, a large bandage concealing 32 stitches in a deep gash on his left eyebrow from a head-butt. Trainer Freddie Roach had filled the time by praising his fighter while simultaneously acknowledging Pacquiao's days of highlight-reel knockouts have faded.

"I think he was doing his best to stop him," Roach said. "He was throwing combinations. I told him, 'All you have to do is outbox this guy. You can outbox him in and out, all night long.' ... I thought he had the killer instinct. When he had (Bradley) on the ropes, he opened up pretty well. It just didn't seem like he had the power he usually has. It was a little bit slower than he seemed in the past. I don't know why, because in the dressing room, he was on fire."

Bradley, still classy after his first career defeat, gave a mixed review of Pacquiao's physical skills in comparison to their first fight.

"He still has the real sharp snap on his punches," Bradley said. "(But) I believe in the first fight, his punching power was way harder. I was able to take it. He went for the knockout, he definitely did."

Pacquiao still beat up one of the world's best boxers with relative ease, and his next bout in the fall will be among the biggest happenings in sports. His mostly likely opponent is a fifth meeting with Juan Manuel Marquez, who fights Mike Alvarado on May 17.

But Pacquiao and promoter Bob Arum still hold out hope of a fight with Floyd Mayweather Jr., even while the distance between the two fighters appears to grow, both inside the ring and out.

"It's really hard to talk about that," Pacquiao said. "It's been how many years we're talking about that? How many years, days, months we're talking about that? The line is open 24 hours. If he's awake and he wants to fight, the fight will be."

TRACKRESULTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

TAPPS DISTRICT 1-4A TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Wilford Moore Stadium
Abilene
Final Results

Note: Top 4 finishers qualify for TAPPS North Region Meet

GIRLS

Team totals: 1. Midland Christian 219; 2. Lubbock Trinity 137; 3. FW Christian 116; 4. Arlington Grace Prep 53; 5. FW SW Christian 29; 6. Arlington Pantego 28; 7. Grapevine Faith 27

Field events

High jump: 1. Morgan Ashton, MCS 5-2; 2. Macie Liley, Lubbock Trinity, 5-0; 3. Molly Johnston, Lubbock Trinity, 5-0; 4. Nikki West, Lubbock Trinity, 4-10

Pole vault: 1. Kami Berryhill, MCS, 12-0; 2. Mandy Clyde, FW Christian, 8-0; 3. Jordan Terrell, Grapevine Faith, 8-0; 4. Maddy Henderson, Lubbock Trinity, 7-0

Long jump: 1. Morgan Ashton, MCS, 17-1.5; 2. Kami Berryhill, MCS, 16-10; 3. Rylee Hill, MCS, 16-10; 4. Jessie Pharis, FW Christian, 16-4.75

Triple jump: 1. Rylee Hill, MCS, 24-5.5; 2. Jessie Pharis, FW Christian, 34-1.5; 3. Margie Galindo, MCS, 33-6.50; 4. Ashton Duncan, Lubbock Trinity, 33-4.50

Shot put: 1. Cecily Woolfolk, FW Christian, 37-8; 2. Lauren Parker, Lubbock Trinity, 31-0.50; 3. Audrey Culyer, MCS, 30-5.50; 4. Taylor Cox, Lubbock Trinity, 29-5.75

Discus: 1. Cecily Woolfolk, FW Christian, 113-2; 2. Haley Polk, FW Christian, 106-2; 3. Megan McClendon, MCS, 103-0; 4. Audrey Culyer, MCS, 93-2

Running events

100: 1. Kenzie McGraw, MCS 12.81; 2. Macie Liley, Lubbock Trinity 13.21; 3. Jessie Pharis, FW Christian 13.23; 4. Shelby Thomas, Grace Prep 13.51

200: 1. Audrey Parker, Grace Prep 27.23; 2. Macie Liley, Lubbock Trinity 28.06; 3. Margie Galindo, MCS 28.30; 4. Ivy Guice, Grapevine Faith 28.36

400: 1. Audrey Parker, Grace Prep 59.15; 2. Breklyn Wentz, Lubbock Trinity 1:00.20; 3. Grasce Quinn, FW Christian 1:03.08; 4. Rachel O'Day, FW Christian 1:05.66

800: 1. Gentry-Hicks, Lubbock Trinity 2:29.47; 2. Ellie Parker, Grace Prep 2:30.39; 3. Jordan Geglemen, MCS 2:34.88; 4. Molly Meeker, MCs, 2:35.36

1,600: 1. Erin Phelan, Arl. Pantego 5:43.64; 2. Caroline Hammond, MCS 5:56.34; 3. Gentry Hicks, Lubbock Trinity 5:47.66; 4. Ashley Bratton, FW SW Christian 5:52.15

3,200: 1. Erin Phelan, Arl. Pantego 13:28.39; 2. Ashley Bratton, FW SW Christian 13:32.04; 3. Lindsey Mills, MCS 14:10.12; 4. Caroline Hammond, MCS 14:27.48

100 hurdles: 1. Kami Berryhill, MCS 16.47; 2. Margie Galindo, MCS 16.83; 3. Rebecca Curie, Arl. Pantego 17.03; 4. Rebecca Reid, FW Christian 17.74

300 hurdles: 1. Morgan Ashton, MCS 45.04; 2. Sarah Wall, Lubbock Trinity 50.86; 3. Lyndsay Makens, FW Christian 50.91; 4. Kennedy King, Lubbock Trinity 50.96

400 relay: 1. MCS (Kami Berryhill, Morgan Ashton, Madeline Smith, Kenzie McGraw) 50.08; 2. Grace Prep 51.33; 3. FW Christian 51.56; 4. Lubbock Trinity 51.96

800 relay: 1. MCS (Rylee Hill, Shea Fender, Jordan Geglemen, Morgan Ashton) 1:47.83; 2. Lubbock Trinity 1:49.37; 3. FW Christian 1:52.88; 4. FW SW Christian 1:55.59

1,600 relay: 1. MCS (Rylee Hill, Shea Fender, Jordan Geglemen, Morgan Ashton) 4:10.01; 2. Lubbock Trinity 4:17.99; 2. FW Christian 4:22.94; 4. FW SW Christian 4:44.65

BOYS

Team totals: 1. Midland Christian 216; 2. Fort Worth Christian 106; 3. Arlington Pantego 84; 4. Arlington Grace Prep 75; 5. Lubbock Trinity 67; 6. Grapevine Faith 53; 7. FW SW Christian 17

Online

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Field events

High jump: 1. Kaleb Warren, MCS, 6-2; 2. Garry Powell, MCS, 5-10; 3. Tyler Dixon, Grapevine Faith, 5-10; 4. Bret Thomason, MCS, 5-8

Pole vault: 1. Devin Nguyen, MCS, 15-0; 2. Paul Gaschen, Lubbock Trinity, 13-0; 3. Brit Hooper, MCs, 13-0; 4. Brock Waldrup, Lubbock Trinity, 11-0

Long jump: 1. Payton Murrell, FW Christina, 21-0.25; 2. Dylan Sommerfeld, Arl. Pantego, 20-11.25; 3. Devin Nguyen, MCs, 20-10; 4. Elias Aguirre, MCS, 19-7.50

Triple jump: 1. Jarrod Koym, MCS, 44-7.75; 2. Caleb Ward, Lubbock Trinity, 40-7.5; 3. Cory Wimblerly, Lubbock Trinity, 40-5.5; 4. McLane Mannix, MCS, 40-2.75

Shot put: 1. Johnny Wilson, MCS, 49-0; 2. James Geesling, Lubbock Trinity, 42-11; 3. Kail Ellison, Grace Prep, 41-5.75; 4. Bryson Breeding, MCS, 41-1.25

Discus: 1. Kail Ellison, Grace Prep, 162-8; 2. Johnny Wilson, MCS, 153-11; 3. Daniel Parkhurst, MCS, 126-7; 4. Bryson Breeding, MCs, 121-9

Running events

100: 1. Elias Aguirre, MCS, 11.02; 2. Tyler Dixon, Grapevine Faith, 11.27; 3. Erwin Baquirin, MCS, 11.27; 4. McLane Mannix, MCS, 11.31

200: 1. Ryan Champlin, Grace Prep, 22.69; 2. Eli Sherrill, Arl. Pantego, 22.86; 3. Jarrod Koym, MCS, 23.07; 4. Cameron Brown, FW SW Christian, 23.15

400: 1. Ryan Champlin, Grace Prep, 49.17; 2. Hunter Smiley, FW Christian, 5097; 3. Blayne Champlin, Grace Prep, 52.59; 4. Brit Hooper, MCS, 53.12

800: 1. T.J. Sugg, Grapevine Faith, 1:59.81; 2. Grayson Humphery, Arl. Pantego, 1:59.92; 3. Alex Causey, MCS, 2:00.63; 4. Scott Shelton, FW Christian, 2:01.61

1,600: 1. T.J. Sugg, Grapevine Faith, 4:45.90; 2. Alex Causey, MCS, 4:47.90; 3. Johnathan Toti, Lubbock Trinity, 4:49.89; 4. Riley Gage, FW Christian, 4:52.74

3,200: 1. Riley Gage, FW Christian, 10:46.01; 2. Trey Capuchino, Arl. Pantego, 10:49.80; 3. Johnathan Toti, Lubbock Trinity, 10:54.04

110 hurdles: 1. Caleb Stone, FW Christian, 16.09; 2. Caleb Ward, Lubbock Trinity, 16.41; 3. Brent Vantland, Arl. Pantego, 16.51; 4. Keifer Gilbreath, MCS, 16.69

300 hurdles: 1. Dylan Sommerfeld, Arl. Pantego, 41.03; 2. Caleb Stone, FW Christian, 42.10; 3. Devin Nguyen, MCs, 42.90; 4. Keifer Gilbreath, MCS, 42.91

400 relay: 1. MCS (Erwin Baquirin, Brit Hooper, Kade Christensen, Elias Aguirre), 43.11; 2. FW Christian, 43.88; 3. Arl. Pantego, 44.09; 4. Grapevine Faith, 44.21

800 relay: 1. MCS (Jarrod Koym, Garrett Eddison, Devin Nguyen, Elias Aguirre), 1:31.34; 2. Arl. Pantego, 1:31.54; 3. FW Christian, 1:33.50; 4. Arl. Grace Prep, 1:33.86

1,600 relay: 1. Grace Prep (Armon Kohan, Elijah McIntyre, Ryan Champlin, Blayne Camplin), 3:27.02; 2. FW Christian, 3:31.15; 3. MCS, 3:33.50; 4. FW SW Christian, 3:34.90

Pat Sullivan/AP

Fernando Verdasco celebrates his win over Nicolas Almagro in the final of the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship on Sunday in Houston.

Fernando Verdasco wins US Men's Clay Court

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Fernando Verdasco won the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship on Sunday for his sixth ATP World Tour title and first since 2010, beating Spanish countryman Nicolas Almagro 6-3, 7-6 (4).

The 30-year-old Verdasco ended a six-match losing streak in tournament finals. He also reached the doubles final and had been on the court six hours longer than Almagro going into the final.

"I'm so tired I don't know if I can talk so much," said Verdasco, seeded fourth.

Almagro had a walkover in the semifinals when Sam Querrey pulled out because of back injury.

The third-seeded Almagro reached set point five times against Verdasco's serve in the ninth game of second set, but couldn't convert. He also up a mini-break in the tiebreaker before Verdasco rallied.

Almagro also finished second last year, losing to John Isner. Almagro has won all 12 of his titles on clay.

"You are never happy when you lose a final," Almagro said. "I had my chances. But I credit Fernando."

On Saturday night in the doubles final, twin brothers Bob and Mike Bryan beat Verdasco and David Marrero 4-6, 6-4, 11-9.

49ers linebacker Aldon Smith arrested at airport

By Daisy Nguyen
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — San Francisco 49ers linebacker Aldon Smith was arrested Sunday at Los Angeles International Airport after authorities said he became belligerent during a security screening and threatened that he had a bomb.

The 24-year-old player was randomly selected for a secondary screening at Terminal 1 and became uncooperative with the process, airport police Sgt. Karla Ortiz said. She said he told a TSA agent that he had a bomb before walking to the gate. When airport police officers caught up with him, Ortiz said Smith became uncooperative and was taken into custody.

A witness video posted on TMZ.com shows Smith exchanging words with an officer as he was being handcuffed and escorted out of the gate area.

Smith was booked for investigation of making a false bomb threat. FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said anyone who makes a bomb threat at an airport is potentially subject to federal charges, although no such charges have been filed against Smith.

A message seeking comment from Smith's agent wasn't immediately returned.

With the arrest, Smith is involved in three pending criminal cases.

"We are disappointed to learn of the incident today involving Aldon Smith," 49ers general manager Trent Baalke said in a statement.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Michael Conroy/AP

Indiana guard Lance Stephenson, left, shoots under Oklahoma City forward Serge Ibaka in the second half of Sunday's game in Indianapolis.

PACERS 102
THUNDER 97

INDIANAPOLIS — David West scored 21 points and Lance Stephenson had his league-best fifth triple-double of the season, leading Indiana past Oklahoma City 102-97 Sunday — putting the Pacers one win away from clinching the Eastern Conference's top seed.

The Pacers (55-26) lead two-time defending champion Miami by a half game with one to play and hold the tiebreaker based on conference record.

Kevin Durant finished with 38 points for Oklahoma City (58-22) on a day it could have locked up the second seed in the West.

RAPTORS 116
PISTONS 107

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — DeMar DeRozan scored 14 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter, and Toronto tied a franchise record for victories with a win over Detroit.

The Raptors (47-33) had already clinched the Atlantic Division, and the victory over Detroit was their 10th in 14 games. Toronto has reached the 47-win mark for the third time. The Raptors went 47-35 in 2001 and 2007.

NETS 97
MAGIC 88

NEW YORK — Mirza Teletovic scored a team-high 20 points and Joe Johnson and Mason Plumlee each added 17 and the Brooklyn Nets beat the Orlando Magic 97-88 Sunday night.

Deron Williams had 16 points, five assists and four steals for the Nets, who have a two-game lead for the fifth spot in the Eastern Conference playoff race over the idle Washington Wizards.

KNICKS 100
BULLS 89

NEW YORK — Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 20 points and the New York Knicks, a night after being eliminated from playoff contention, beat the Chicago Bulls 100-89 on Sunday.

No longer with any hopes of their own, the Knicks snapped the Bulls' seven-game winning streak and dropped them back into a tie with Toronto for the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference with two to play.

TRAIL BLAZERS 119
WARRIORS 117, OT

PORTLAND, Ore. — LaMarcus Aldridge scored 26 points, including the go-ahead jumper in overtime, and the Portland Trail Blazers defeated the Warriors 119-117 despite a season-high 47 points from Golden State's Stephen Curry.

Aldridge's jumper with 39.9 seconds to go gave the Blazers a 118-117 lead. Damian Lillard added a free throw for Portland before Andre Iguodala missed a 3-pointer with 2.9 seconds left and Wesley Matthews grabbed the rebound for the Blazers.

GRIZZLIES 102
LAKERS 90

LOS ANGELES — Mike Conley scored 24 points and Memphis pulled away in the third quarter to beat the Los Angeles Lakers 102-90 on Sunday night, moving the Grizzlies a game ahead of idle Phoenix in the race for the final Western Conference playoff berth.

Marc Gasol added 18 points and 15 rebounds and Mike Miller had 13 points for the Grizzlies, who head to Phoenix for a showdown with the Suns on Monday night. Gasol hugged his brother Pau after the game; Pau has been out for the Lakers with vertigo.

NBA GLANCE AND BOXES

STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Toronto	47	33	.588	—
x-Brooklyn	44	36	.550	3
New York	35	45	.438	12
Boston	25	55	.313	22
Philadelphia	17	63	.213	30
Southeast Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
y-Miami	54	26	.675	—
x-Washington	42	38	.525	12
x-Charlotte	41	39	.513	13
x-Atlanta	37	43	.463	17
Orlando	23	57	.288	31
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
y-Indiana	55	26	.679	—
x-Chicago	47	33	.588	7 1/2
Cleveland	32	49	.395	23
Detroit	29	52	.358	26
Milwaukee	15	65	.188	39 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
z-San Antonio	62	18	.775	—
x-Houston	53	27	.663	9
x-Dallas	49	32	.605	13 1/2
Memphis	48	32	.600	14
New Orleans	32	48	.400	30
Northwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
y-Oklahoma City	58	22	.725	—
x-Portland	53	28	.654	5 1/2
Minnesota	40	40	.500	18
Denver	36	44	.450	22
Utah	24	56	.300	34
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
y-L.A. Clippers	56	24	.700	—
x-Golden State	49	31	.613	7
Phoenix	47	33	.588	9
Sacramento	28	53	.346	28 1/2
L.A. Lakers	25	55	.313	31

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

Sunday's Scores
Indiana 102, Oklahoma City 97
Toronto 116, Detroit 107
Brooklyn 97, Orlando 88
New York 100, Chicago 89
Portland 119, Golden State 117, OT
Sacramento 106, Minnesota 103
Memphis 102, L.A. Lakers 90

Today's Games
Miami at Washington, 6 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S BOXES
KNICKS 100, BULLS 89

CHICAGO (89): Boozer 4-9 0-0 8, Dunleavy 4-9 4-4 13, Noah 2-5 9-11 13, Hinrich 4-13 2-2 11, Butler 6-11 3-6 17, Augustin 3-13 4-6 12, Gibson 5-13 3-3 13, Mohammed 1-1 0-0 2, Snell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-74 25-32 89.

NEW YORK (100): Anthony 7-13 2-3 17, Stoudemire 5-8 2-3 12, Chandler 0-2 1-2 1, Felton 5-14 3-4 14, Smith 6-13 0-0 17, Shumpert 5-11 0-0 10, Hardaway Jr. 5-12 8-8 20, Prigioni 1-3 1-1 3, Aldrich 3-5 0-0 6, Murry 0-0 0-0 0, Tyler 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-81 17-21 100.

Chicago	22	17	25	25	— 89
New York	19	26	32	23	— 100

3-Point Goals—Chicago 6-22 (Butler 2-4, Augustin 2-8, Dunleavy 1-4, Hinrich 1-6), New York 9-25 (Smith 5-9, Hardaway Jr. 2-7, Felton 1-3, Anthony 1-4, Prigioni 0-1, Shumpert 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 56 (Noah 17), New York 44 (Chandler 12). Assists—Chicago 23 (Noah 9), New York 16 (Felton 7). Total Fouls—Chicago 19, New York 25. Technicals—Gibson, Noah, Anthony. Flagrant Fouls—Chandler. A—19,812 (19,763).

NETS 97, MAGIC 88

ORLANDO (88): Harkless 4-8 1-1 10, O'Quinn 5-7 0-0 10, Dedmon 1-4 0-0 2, Oladipo 5-8 1-2 14, Afflalo 2-7 0-0 5, Harris 7-11 3-5 18, Lamb 1-7 0-0 3, Nicholson 5-8 2-2 12, Moore 3-6 2-2 8, Price 2-8 1-2 6. Totals 35-74 10-14 88.

BROOKLYN (97): Kirilenko 1-4 0-0 2, Pierce 3-7 4-4 10, Garnett 1-3 1-2 3, Williams 5-10 2-3 16, Johnson 6-13 2-2 17, Plumlee 6-8 5-8 17, Thornton 3-11 1-2 8, Teletovic 7-12 2-2 20, Gutierrez 0-2 0-0 0, Blatche 2-3 0-0 4, Collins 0-0 0-0 0, Teague 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-73 17-23 97.

Orlando	28	21	21	18	— 88
Brooklyn	25	21	33	18	— 97

3-Point Goals—Orlando 8-20 (Oladipo 3-3, Afflalo 1-2, Harkless 1-2, Harris 1-2, Price 1-4, Lamb 1-5, Moore 0-1, Nicholson 0-1), Brooklyn 12-29 (Williams 4-7, Teletovic 4-7, Johnson 3-7, Thornton 1-5, Pierce 0-3). Fouled Out—Nicholson. Rebounds—Orlando 36 (Harris, Nicholson 7), Brooklyn 52 (Plumlee 11). Assists—Orlando 22 (Price 6), Brooklyn 23 (Williams 5). Total Fouls—Orlando 23, Brooklyn 16. Technicals—Oladipo. A—17,732 (17,732).

RAPTORS 116, PISTONS 107

TORONTO (116): Ross 2-4 1-1 6, Johnson 3-3 2-3 8, Valanciunas 5-12 8-9 18, Lowry 9-18 6-8 28, DeRozan 10-19 8-10 30, Patterson 2-5 0-0 4, Salmons 0-3 0-0 0, Hansbrough 0-0 2-2 2, Vasquez 5-9 2-2 14, De Colo 2-5 0-0 4, Hayes 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 39-81 29-35 116.

DETROIT (107): Singler 4-9 4-6 14, Monroe 8-13 7-11 23, Drummond 5-9 4-8 14, Jennings 6-18 3-4 17, Stuckey 5-11 8-10 18, Jerebko 2-5 1-1 6, Mitchell 1-2 0-1 2, Datome 0-2 0-0 0, Siva 2-9 5-7 9, Caldwell-Pope 2-6 0-0 4. Totals 35-84 32-48 107.

Toronto	42	21	24	29	— 116
Detroit	26	23	37	21	— 107

3-Point Goals—Toronto 9-23 (Lowry 4-7, Vasquez 2-4, DeRozan 2-4, Ross 1-3, De Colo 0-2, Patterson 0-3), Detroit 5-20 (Singler 2-4, Jennings 2-9, Jerebko 1-1, Caldwell-Pope 0-1, Stuckey 0-1, Datome 0-1, Siva 0-3). Fouled Out—Ross, Lowry. Rebounds—Toronto 46 (Hayes 10), Detroit 67 (Drummond 17). Assists—Toronto 22 (Lowry 7), Detroit 25 (Jennings 7). Total Fouls—Toronto 35, Detroit 29. Technicals—Monroe. A—16,944 (22,076).

PACERS 102, THUNDER 97

OKLAHOMA CITY (97): Durant 13-27 10-10 38, Ibaka 4-11 2-2 11, Perkins 1-3 0-0 2, Westbrook 7-23 4-5 21, Sefolosha 0-1 0-0 0, C.Butler 6-10 0-0 13, Adams 2-3 0-0 4, Jackson 3-4 2-2 8, Collison 0-1 0-0 0, Fisher 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 36-84 18-19 97.

INDIANA (102): George 6-17 5-5 20, West 9-11 3-4 21, Hibbert 0-9 0-0 0, G.Hill 1-3 1-2 3, Stephenson 7-10 1-2 17, Watson 6-10 4-6 20, Mahinmi 4-4 3-4 11, Turner 0-1 0-0 0, Scola 5-7 0-0 10. Totals 38-72 17-23 102.

Oklahoma City	21	24	21	31	— 97
Indiana	22	25	27	28	— 102

3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 7-28 (Westbrook 3-10, Durant 2-11, Ibaka 1-2, C.Butler 1-3, Fisher 0-1, Sefolosha 0-1), Indiana 9-20 (Watson 4-7, George 3-6, Stephenson 2-5, G.Hill 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 36 (Westbrook 9), Indiana 53 (George 12). Assists—Oklahoma City 21 (Westbrook 7), Indiana 23 (Stephenson 11). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 24, Indiana 21. Technicals—Ibaka. A—18,165 (18,165).

KINGS 106, TIMBERWOLVES 103

MINNESOTA (103): Brewer 2-8 6-8 10, Love 12-23 15-17 43, Dieng 9-15 2-2 21, Rubio 0-4 0-0 0, Martin 0-8 2-2 2, Hummel 1-3 0-0 3, Mbah a Moute 6-9 0-0 12, Turiaf 0-0 0-0 0, Barea 2-11 0-0 5, D.Cunningham 3-7 1-1 7. Totals 35-88 26-30 103.

SACRAMENTO (106): Williams 4-9 4-7 13, Thompson 3-8 0-0 6, Cousins 13-21 9-13 35, Thomas 6-13 1-2 14, McLemore 6-11 4-5 19, McCallum 5-9 0-0 11, Gray 1-2 0-0 2, Acy 2-2 0-0 4, Outlaw 1-7 0-0 2. Totals 41-82 18-27 106.

Minnesota	28	24	24	27	— 103
Sacramento	30	17	28	31	— 106

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 7-22 (Love 4-9, Dieng 1-1, Hummel 1-2, Barea 1-5, Brewer 0-1, Rubio 0-1, Martin 0-3), Sacramento 6-17 (McLemore 3-6, Williams 1-2, McCallum 1-2, Thomas 1-5, Outlaw 0-2). Fouled Out—Thompson. Rebounds—Minnesota 50 (Dieng 14), Sacramento 57 (Cousins 15). Assists—Minnesota 26 (Rubio 11), Sacramento 25 (Cousins, McCallum 6). Total Fouls—Minnesota 20, Sacramento 23. Technicals—Cousins. A—16,965 (17,317).

TRAIL BLAZERS 119, WARRIORS 117, OT

GOLDEN STATE (117): Iguodala 7-10 0-0 15, Lee 2-9 0-2 4, Bogut 1-3 0-0 2, Curry 16-29 8-8 47, Thompson 9-17 1-2 25, Barnes 3-7 1-2 8, O'Neal 2-5 2-2 6, Blake 2-6 0-0 5, Green 1-3 0-0 3, Crawford 1-2 0-0 2, Speights 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 44-91 12-16 117.

PORTLAND (119): Batum 7-9 1-5 18, Aldridge 11-23 4-6 26, Lopez 6-11 4-4 16, Lillard 3-13 5-6 13, Matthews 6-13 8-10 24, Robinson 2-4 0-0 4, Williams 8-10 1-1 18, Wright 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 43-86 23-32 119.

Golden State	19	33	23	30	12	— 117
Portland	23	21	32	29	14	— 119

3-Point Goals—Golden State 17-37 (Curry 7-14, Thompson 6-10, Green 1-2, Iguodala 1-3, Barnes 1-3, Blake 1-4, Crawford 0-1), Portland 10-24 (Matthews 4-10, Batum 3-5, Lillard 2-6, Williams 1-2, Wright 0-1). Fouled Out—Thompson, Lee. Rebounds—Golden State 46 (Bogut 9), Portland 57 (Batum 12). Assists—Golden State 22 (Curry 5), Portland 26 (Lillard, Batum 5). Total Fouls—Golden State 27, Portland 12. Technicals—Robinson. A—19,995 (19,980).

GRIZZLIES 102, LAKERS 90

MEMPHIS (102): Prince 4-7 0-0 9, Randolph 4-8 2-4 10, M.Gasol 7-16 4-5 18, Conley 9-12 4-4 24, Lee 4-11 0-0 10, Allen 4-12 0-0 8, Koufos 2-3 0-0 4, Miller 5-7 0-0 13, Calathes 1-4 0-0 2, Davis 2-8 0-0 4, J.Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Udrih 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-88 10-13 102.

L.A. LAKERS (90): W.Johnson 6-12 0-0 15, Kelly 2-8 3-4 8, Hill 5-9 0-0 10, Marshall 4-9 0-0 9, Meeks 7-12 5-5 20, Young 5-12 0-0 14, Sacre 4-8 1-2 9, Farmar 2-10 0-0 5. Totals 35-80 9-11 90.

Memphis	23	30	34	15	— 102
L.A. Lakers	27	25	17	21	— 90

3-Point Goals—Memphis 8-15 (Miller 3-4, Conley 2-3, Lee 2-4, Prince 1-1, Calathes 0-1, Allen 0-2), L.A. Lakers 11-27 (Young 4-8, W.Johnson 3-5, Meeks 1-3, Kelly 1-3, Marshall 1-4, Farmar 1-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 57 (M.Gasol 15), L.A. Lakers 39 (W.Johnson 15). Assists—Memphis 29 (Conley 8), L.A. Lakers 29 (Marshall 9). Total Fouls—Memphis 12, L.A. Lakers 15. A—18,997 (18,997).

AP source: Dumars out as Detroit's team president

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Joe Dumars tried to push the Detroit Pistons back toward the playoffs with a couple of big moves last offseason.

That didn't work, and now the Pistons will be hiring someone else to replace him.

Detroit has decided not to renew Dumars' contract as president of basketball operations, a person familiar with the situation said Sunday. The person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the team has not made any announcement on Dumars' future, says Dumars will remain with the Pistons as an adviser.

Dumars was named the 2003 executive of the year, and the Pistons won the title the following season, adding the 2004 crown to the two they won when Dumars was a player.

Dumars

But Detroit hasn't made the playoffs since 2009, and the retooled Pistons flopped badly this season.

Detroit has one of the game's top young big men in Andre Drummond, but he's one of the franchise's few bright spots at the moment.

Owner Tom Gores must now hire a new general manager, and in the meantime, ownership executives Phil Norment and Bob Wentworth are expected to supervise preparations for the draft and free agency.

Detroit signed Josh Smith and traded for Brandon Jennings last offseason in what seemed like a return to relevance, but the new-look roster lacked cohesion at times. Coach Maurice Cheeks was fired in February, and the Pistons are 29-52 with one game remaining.

"I think overall we have a quality team as is," forward Kyle Singler said. "I don't know necessarily the formula to win, but we just weren't able to get into a groove earlier on in the year to gain confidence and know that we're a playoff team."

Dumars began running the Pistons in 2000, and he made one shrewd move after another at first, acquiring Ben Wallace for Grant Hill in a sign-and-trade and sending Jerry Stackhouse to Washington for Richard Hamilton.

He brought Rasheed Wallace to Detroit in another trade and signed Chauncey Billups as a free agent. Even a draft day blunder in 2003 — picking Darko Milicic over Carmelo Anthony, Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade with the No. 2 pick — seemed like an aberration when the Pistons beat the Los Angeles Lakers in the finals the following year.

That title, however, is well in the past. The Pistons have played in front of sparse crowds in recent years, struggling to stay relevant in Detroit while the Tigers have drawn fans in droves to their downtown ballpark.

In 2008, Dumars traded Billups in a deal that brought Allen Iverson to the Pistons. That move didn't work out, and neither did the decision to sign Ben Gordon and Charlie Villanueva to big contracts during the 2009 offseason.

SUNDAYINTHENHL

FROM WIRE REPORTS

STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
z-Boston	82	54	19	9	117	261	177
x-Tampa Bay	82	46	27	9	101	240	215
x-Montreal	82	46	28	8	100	215	204
x-Detroit	82	39	28	15	93	222	230
Ottawa	82	37	31	14	88	236	265
Toronto	82	38	36	8	84	231	256
Florida	82	29	45	8	66	196	268
Buffalo	82	21	51	10	52	157	248
Metropolitan Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
y-Pittsburgh	82	51	24	7	109	249	207
x-N.Y. Rangers	82	45	31	6	96	218	193
x-Philadelphia	82	42	30	10	94	236	235
x-Columbus	82	43	32	7	93	231	216
Washington	82	38	30	14	90	235	240
New Jersey	82	35	29	18	88	197	208
Carolina	82	36	35	11	83	207	230
N.Y. Islanders	82	34	37	11	79	225	267

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Colorado	82	52	22	8	112	250	220
x-St. Louis	82	52	23	7	111	248	191
x-Chicago	82	46	21	15	107	267	220
x-Minnesota	82	43	27	12	98	207	206
x-Dallas	82	40	31	11	91	235	228
Nashville	82	38	32	12	88	216	242
Winnipeg	82	37	35	10	84	227	237
Pacific Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
z-Anaheim	82	54	20	8	116	266	209
x-San Jose	82	51	22	9	111	249	200
x-Los Angeles	82	46	28	8	100	206	174
Phoenix	82	37	30	15	89	216	231
Vancouver	82	36	35	11	83	196	223
Calgary	82	35	40	7	77	209	241
Edmonton	82	29	44	9	67	203	270

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

Sunday's Scores
Carolina 6, Philadelphia 5, SO
Tampa Bay 1, Washington 0, SO
N.Y. Islanders 4, Buffalo 3, SO
Ottawa 3, Pittsburgh 2, SO
Detroit 3, St. Louis 0
New Jersey 3, Boston 2
Nashville 7, Minnesota 3
Anaheim 3, Colorado 2, OT
Vancouver 5, Calgary 1
Phoenix 2, Dallas 1

End regular season

Playoff Glance
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
(x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Detroit vs. Boston
Friday, April 18: Detroit at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 20: Detroit at Boston, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, April 22: Boston at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 24: Boston at Detroit, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 26: Detroit at Boston, 2 p.m.
x-Monday, April 28: Boston at Detroit, TBD
x-Wednesday, April 30: Detroit at Boston, TBD

Montreal vs Tampa Bay
Wednesday, April 16: Montreal at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
Friday, April 18: Montreal at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 20: Tampa Bay at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, April 22: Tampa Bay at Montreal, 6 p.m.
x-Thursday, April 24: Montreal at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
x-Sunday, April 27: Tampa Bay at Montreal, TBD
x-Tuesday, April 29: Montreal at Tampa Bay, TBD

Columbus vs. Pittsburgh
Wednesday, April 16: Columbus at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 19: Columbus at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Monday, April 21: Pittsburgh at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, April 23: Pittsburgh at Columbus, 6 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 26: Columbus at Pittsburgh, TBD
x-Monday, April 28: Pittsburgh at Columbus, TBD
x-Wednesday, April 30: Columbus at Pittsburgh, TBD

Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers
Thursday, April 17: Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 20: Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 11 a.m.
Tuesday, April 22: N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 25: N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
x-Sunday, April 27: Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 11 a.m.
x-Tuesday, April 29: N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, TBD
x-Wednesday, April 30: Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Minnesota vs. Colorado
Thursday, April 17: Minnesota at Colorado, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 19: Minnesota at Colorado, 8:30 p.m.
Monday, April 21: Colorado at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Thursday, April 24: Colorado at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 26: Minnesota at Colorado, TBD
x-Monday, April 28: Colorado at Minnesota, TBD
x-Wednesday, April 30: Minnesota at Colorado, TBD

Chicago vs. St. Louis
Thursday, April 17: Chicago at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 19: Chicago at St. Louis, 2 p.m.
Monday, April 21: St. Louis at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 23: St. Louis at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
x-Friday, April 25: Chicago at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
x-Sunday, April 27: St. Louis at Chicago, 3 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 29: Chicago at St. Louis, TBD

Dallas vs. Anaheim
Wednesday, April 16: Dallas at Anaheim, 9 p.m.
Friday, April 18: Dallas at Anaheim, 9 p.m.
Monday, April 21: Anaheim at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 23: Anaheim at Dallas, 7 p.m.
x-Friday, April 25: Dallas at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, April 27: Anaheim at Dallas, TBD
x-Tuesday, April 29: Dallas at Anaheim, TBD

Los Angeles vs. San Jose
Thursday, April 17: Los Angeles at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 20: Los Angeles at San Jose, 9 p.m.
Tuesday, April 22: San Jose at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Thursday, April 24: San Jose at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 26: Los Angeles at San Jose, TBD
x-Monday, April 28: San Jose at Los Angeles, TBD
x-Wednesday, April 30: Los Angeles at San Jose, TBD

MASTERS

From 1C

in 35 years to win a green jacket in his first try, Spieth looked to be well on his way.

But he three-putted for bogey on No. 8 — the first 6 on his card all week — as Watson got up-and-down for birdie to tie for the lead. Spieth then made a rookie mistake, leaving his approach below the flagstick on No. 9 and watching it roll back into the fairway, setting up another bogey and two-shot swing.

Whatever prayer he had might have ended at Amen Corner.

His tee shot on No. 12 found Rae's Creek. He missed a short birdie attempt on the 13th.

Watson was too powerful, too experienced, too tough to beat. Spieth closed with six pars for a 72 and tied for second with Blixt, who never went away but never really threatened. Blixt shot a 71.

"That was fun, but at the same time, it hurts right now," Spieth said. "I wanted to get in contention on the back nine Sunday, but didn't come out on top."

Watson finished at 8-under 280 and goes to a career-best No. 4 in the world.

Miguel Angel Jimenez, the 50-year-old wonder from Spain, shot 71 and finished alone in fourth. Matt Kuchar lost a share of the lead with a four-putt double bogey on the fourth hole and never challenged again. He closed with a 74 and tied for fifth with Rickie Fowler (73).

This was nine holes of theater everyone expected only for this to turn into a two-man show.

After trading pars on the opening hole, either Watson or Spieth — sometimes both — made birdie or bogey over the next nine holes.

They matched birdies on the par-3 fourth hole when Spieth holed out from the front bunker and Watson hit his tee shot into 4 feet Spieth led by as many as two shots for most of the front nine, and his spectacular overshadowed a steady hand from Watson

Two holes to close out the back nine changed everything. Amen Corner swung the Masters in Watson's favor for good.

Masters scores

Sunday
At Augusta National Golf Club
Augusta, Ga.
Yardage: 7,435; Par 72
Final
x-won in playoff

Bubba Watson ($60), $1,620,000	69—280	
Jonas Blixt (270), $792,000	71—283	
Jordan Spieth (270), $792,000	75—283	
Miguel A. Jimenez, $432,000	71—284	
Rickie Fowler (118), $342,000	73—286	
Matt Kuchar (118), $342,000	74—286	
Lee Westwood (103), $261,000	73—287	
Thomas Bjorn, $234,000	74—288	
Bernhard Langer ($5), $234,000	73—289	
Rory McIlroy ($5), $234,000	69—289	
John Senden ($5), $234,000	73—289	
Kevin Stadler ($5), $234,000	73—289	
Jimmy Walker ($5), $234,000	70—289	
Stewart Cink ($5), $140,500	69—289	
Justin Leonard ($5), $140,500	75—289	
Jim Furyk ($5), $140,500	75—289	
Justin Rose ($5), $140,500	74—289	
Adam Scott ($5), $140,500	73—289	
Henrik Stenson ($5), $140,500	75—289	
Fred Couples (49), $101,160	75—290	
Jason Day (49), $101,160	73—290	
Bill Haas (49), $101,160	76—290	
Chris Kirk (49), $101,160	73—290	
Ian Poulter (49), $101,160	74—290	
Louis Oosthuizen (45), $79,800	73—291	
Steven Bowditch (43), $66,600	72—292	
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano (43), $66,600	74—292	
Josh Loiken, $66,600	67—292	
Hunter Mahan (43), $66,600	73—292	
Gary Woodland (43), $66,600	76—292	
Russell Henley (39), $56,800	75—293	
Martin Kaymer (39), $56,800	73—293	
Brian Harman (39), $56,800	76—293	
K.J. Choi (36), $46,600	74—294	
Stephen Gallacher, $46,600	78—294	
Jose Maria Olazabal (36), $46,600	73—294	
Brendon de Jonge (32), $40,800	73—295	
Billy Horschel (32), $40,800	75—295	
Thongchai Jaidee, $40,800	73—295	
Vijay Singh (32), $40,800	76—295	
Brandt Snedeker (30), $40,500	71—295	
Lucas Glover (29), $34,200	75—296	
Kevin Streelman (29), $34,200	79—296	
Darren Clarke (25), $27,972	76—297	
Sandy Lyle (25), $27,972	73—297	
Thorbjorn Olesen (25), $27,972	76—297	
Nick Watney (25), $27,972	74—297	
Mike Weir (25), $27,972	73—297	
Oliver Goss, $0	75—298	
Francesco Molinari, $23,400	76—299	
Larry Mize (20), $22,680	79—304	

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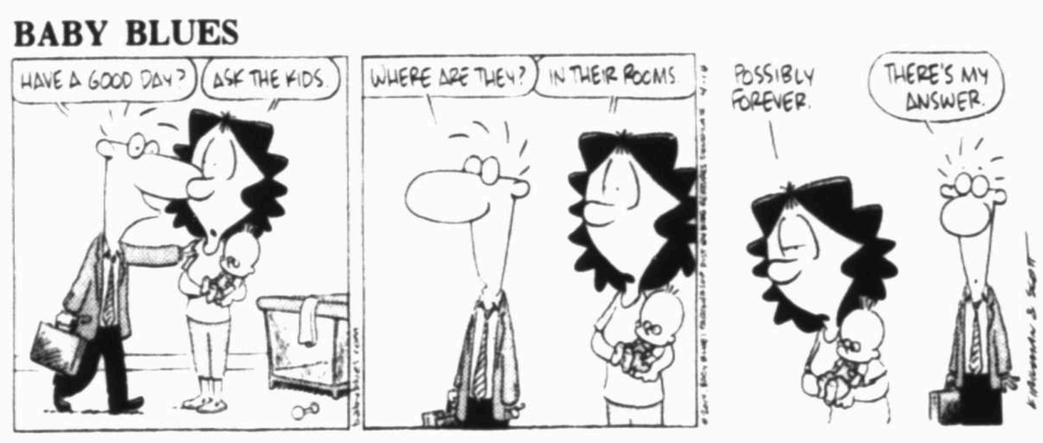

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CLOSE TO HOME

Early documentaries.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"SHE'S NOT THAT LARGE, MOM. WHY DID YOU SAY SHE NEEDS A SHRINK?"

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Look at all those papers and numbers! Daddy, you must REALLY be thinkin'!"

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TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 84 Low: 36

TUESDAY: Sunny High: 82 Low: 41

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 78 Low: 44

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 80 Low: 49

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 74 Low: 54

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 75 Low: 59

Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 54 and north winds between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. There are areas of blowing dust before 8 a.m. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 35 and north winds between 15 and 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

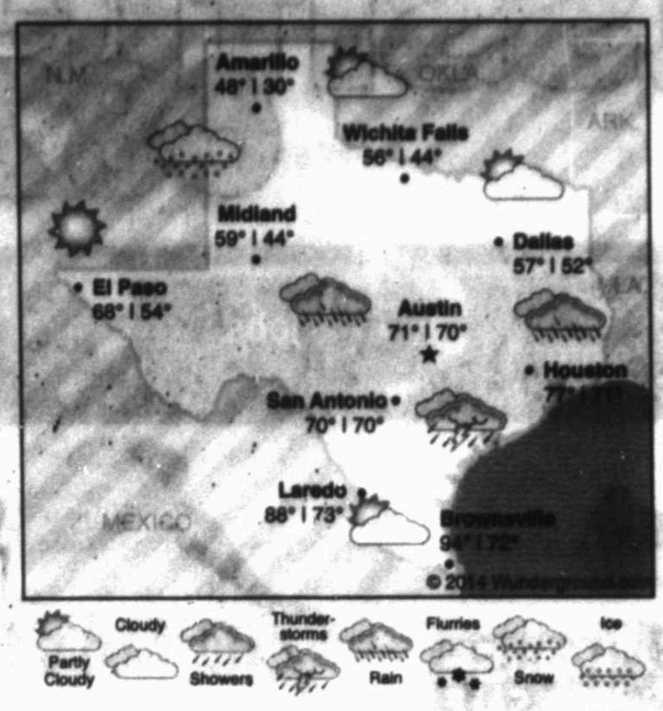
Tuesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 62 and light and variable winds becoming south between 5 and 10 mph in the morning. Expect mostly clear conditions at night, with a low around 41 and south winds around 15 mph.

Wednesday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 78 and a low around 55.

The high on Sunday reached 87, while the low dropped to 71. The record high for April 13 is 97 set in 1972. The record low is 28 set in 1957.

National forecast

Drastically colder air will continue to press to the south and the east across the Plains today.



Precipitation

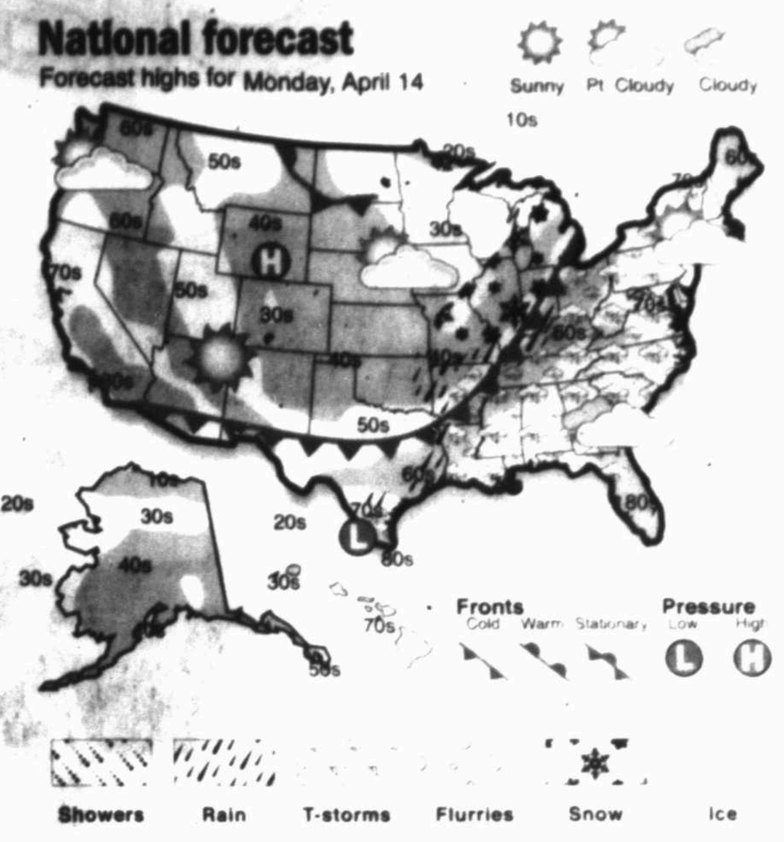
Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	trace
Year total	0.45 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.15 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	87
Low	71
Normal high	79
Normal low	48
Sunrise	7:21 a.m.
Sunset	8:17 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, April 14



Communication online lacks personal touch for some users

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I recently exchanged pleasantries via email and text messaging with a lady I met on a website. One day later, I received a message from her stating she'd prefer our method of communication be kept to email and texting because she wasn't much of a phone talker.

Over the past few months, I have been out a number of times with other women who also expressed their preference to keep communication limited to email and texting. Is this becoming common?

I may be old-fashioned because I feel interpersonal relationships — especially initially — should include the element of voice inflection. I think it's more effective than a guessing game that only a full page of text can provide. Am I wrong? — WANTS TO TALK IN RENO

DEAR WANTS TO TALK: I don't think you are wrong, and I happen to agree with you. I, too, usually learn more from a spoken conversation than from an email or text because I can distinguish whether the person is joking or being serious. But you and I are becoming the minority. Today many younger people feel more comfortable communicating online — at least initially.

DEAR ABBY: My husband recently returned to the family business to become the general manager. He is in control of hiring new employees, and he recently told me they need to hire more people. I have mentioned several times my interest in working there as an administrative assistant. However, my husband either changes the subject or gets angry when I ask about it.

It hurts my feelings that I am the person raising his children, but am not good enough to work in the family business! I also know it's not because of lack of experience. This makes me question the strength and value of our marriage. — HURT FEELINGS IN OREGON

DEAR HURT FEELINGS: While I can see that you might be disappointed, what I regard as your problem may be the lack of honest communication between you and your husband. He may have reasons for preferring you not work in the family business that have nothing to do with the strength or value of your marriage. It might be that he is new in his position as general manager, that working in ANY family business can be stressful, that he'd prefer separation between his working life and his family life, or that other family members might object.

Let the subject rest for a while, and when you do raise it again, try to do it in a non-confrontational manner. If you do, he may be more open and less defensive with you about what his reasons are. And if you would prefer to work outside the home in addition to raising the children, consider submitting your resumes to other companies.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are approaching our 25th anniversary. We don't have a lot of money to spend on a large party (our sons are 14 and 17). Are there inexpensive solutions? I'd prefer not to have it at our house. — STUMPED IN GEORGIA

DEAR STUMPED: Because you don't want to entertain at your home, consider holding the celebration at a park, limiting the guest list and making it a potluck.

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 14, 2014:

This year you see many different situations unfold. Your willingness to give 100 percent marks your most successful ventures. If a circumstance does not go in the direction you would like, at least you'll know that you did your best. If you are single, you will be delighted by your choices; however, you often might experience discomfort when someone pulls the reins too tight. The person you choose will need to have similar freedom and intimacy needs. A good period to meet this person will be anytime after spring. If you are attached, you will defer more often to your sweetie this year. Your closeness will grow. LIBRA has the same core issues, but he or she manifests them in different ways.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You could have a heavy underpinning of fatigue as you start your day. Your dream life likely has been quite active, which could leave you feeling somewhat uneasy. You might react to a close partner by unleashing a snappy comment. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You might be more irritable than you realize. Listen carefully to feedback from an associate without passing judgment. You are likely to cast a sour perspective on any matter right now. Tonight: Do not push.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Know that you are not seeing the big picture right now. You often strive to gain a more creative perspective. Today you will need to detach from any ingrained views; you will create a more dynamic plan if you do. Brainstorm with a trusted buddy. Tonight: Fun and games.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You tend to come from a secure place, even when you're in an argument. Keep an eye on someone's offbeat energy, and acknowledge what you need to do in order to keep the peace. For some people, it could be as simple as doing some spring cleaning. Tonight: At home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Initiate a conversation, but give yourself an exit strategy if the other party seems to be unduly difficult. You are unlikely to run into a receptive audience, as those around you might be unusually aggressive or sensitive. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Your concern might be your budget. Certainly a risk seems tempting. You might not be able to say "no." If you were to gamble and lose, what would the damage be? Would you be able to handle it? If you feel you could, then consider it. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could find others to be somewhat difficult. Might you be coming across more provocatively than you had intended? Your fuse has been short lately, and news might be overwhelming, but know that all's well that ends well. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ You might want to defer any interactions with certain people to others. You often suppress your anger, and it easily could be triggered. Unexpected demands at work or from others could send you into a tizzy. Treat yourself as a fragile object today. Tonight: Not to be found.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You flourish when loved ones and friends come together. Gather your cohorts together for a meeting, as it could trigger a flow of ideas. Deal with a partner directly. Do not negotiate a financial matter. You know what is good for you. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ A take-charge attitude will get you far, and it also will allow you to greet unusual success and change. Still, someone might be undermining you on some level. Use care with a personal matter. You inadvertently could trigger a situation. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You might want to step out of your comfort zone in order to find the answers you need. Confusion seems to surround communication. Someone could be looking for you in the wrong spot or at the wrong time. Confirm plans. Tonight: Do not second-guess yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Be direct with a partner. It appears as if you can't make a change without this person by your side. On some level, you believe that you can charm someone to your side of an issue. Tonight: Be nice and naughty.

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BORN TODAY

Singer Loretta Lynn (1932), actor John Gielgud (1904), teacher Anne Sullivan (1866)

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Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K J 10 6 4 ♡ A 3 2 ♢ J 8 7 ♣ Q 9
The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♢	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	?	

What call would you make?
A — Partner's bid shows 18-19 points — not quite enough for slam. Hands with a combined 30 points or so often play just as well in no-trump as they do in an eight-card major suit fit, if there is one. Don't bother to look. Bid three no-trump.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A 10 7 5 3 ♡ K 10 8 4 ♢ A Q ♣ 6 2
The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	2♢	Pass
3♡	Pass	3♠	Pass

What call would you make?
A — Partner might have bid four spades, or even four hearts, if he was only interested in game. His hand is unlimited and you have a slammish minimum. Bid four diamonds.

Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 5 2 ♡ 7 5 3 ♢ A Q 7 5 ♣ K Q J 9
The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♢	1♡	Dbl*	2♡

*Negative — values with no clear bid
What call would you make?
A — You have a lovely club suit, and partner has suggested clubs, but you are not strong enough for a free bid. Pass. Should it be right to compete further, partner will act again.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A K Q 5 4 ♡ Void ♢ 10 8 5 4 ♣ A Q J 2
The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass

What call would you make?
A — You have a lot of work to do. Bid two diamonds in preparation for a possible three-club bid at your next turn.

DAILY CROSSWORD

Sean Dobbin is an English teacher at the Community High School of Vermont (CHSVT) in St. Johnsbury. 12 students worked on today's puzzle.

ACROSS

1 Steady look
5 Uneducated guess
9 Knife and fork separator, in a place setting
14 Black cat, to some
15 Like a guru
16 Long-eared hoppers
17 Hand Vac maker
19 Haloed messenger
20 Nocturnal annoyance
21 Once in a while
23 Until now
25 Road groove
26 Bermuda hrs.
29 Special "Jeopardy!" square
36 Stir-fried hodgepodge
38 Ad-lib comedy style
39 Hailed vehicle
40 Cavity filler's letters, or, said another way, a hint to 17-, 29-, 49- and 65-Across
42 Comedian Cook
43 "The Real Slim Shady" rapper
46 Big name in gloves
49 A&E reality series featuring the Robertson family
51 Arid
52 Past-tense verb that sounds like a number
53 EMT technique
55 Squirrel's discard
60 Continental bank notes
64 Hauled to the hoosegow
65 Computer component
67 Speak one's mind
68 Good earth
69 Peak
70 Moisten, as a lawn
71 Tolkien tree creatures
72 Ash Wednesday-to-Easter time

DOWN

1 Zeus and Apollo
2 Idi of Uganda
3 None
4 Way in
5 Nor. neighbor
6 DVR pioneer
7 "Not a chance!"
8 Steeple section with a ringer
9 "The __ of the Opera"
10 Touch down
11 Jason's ship
12 New driver, often
13 Immigrant's subj.
18 Closing documents
22 German automaker
24 Cross-shaped Greek letter
26 Played a part (in)
27 SeaWorld orca
28 Poisonous, as waste
30 Mil. roadside hazard
31 Winona's "Beetlejuice" role
32 Prom hairstyle
33 Mark with an iron
34 Introvert
35 "__ Breath You Take": Police hit
37 Internal color of a medium steak
41 Puncture sound
44 1970s Mary Tyler Moore co-star
45 Folk story
47 Non-prescription: Abbr.
48 Used a keyboard
50 Tattoo tool
54 Not urban
55 California wine valley
56 Textbook chapter
57 Fork prong
58 Big cat
59 Test for a future atty.
61 Like a red tomato
62 Cookie cooker
63 Modern message between trysters, perhaps
64 Spreadsheet feature
66 Metric distances: Abbr.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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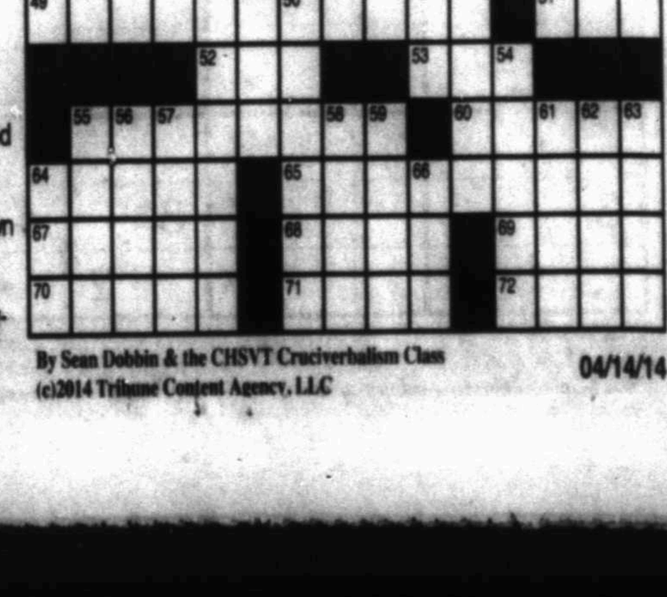

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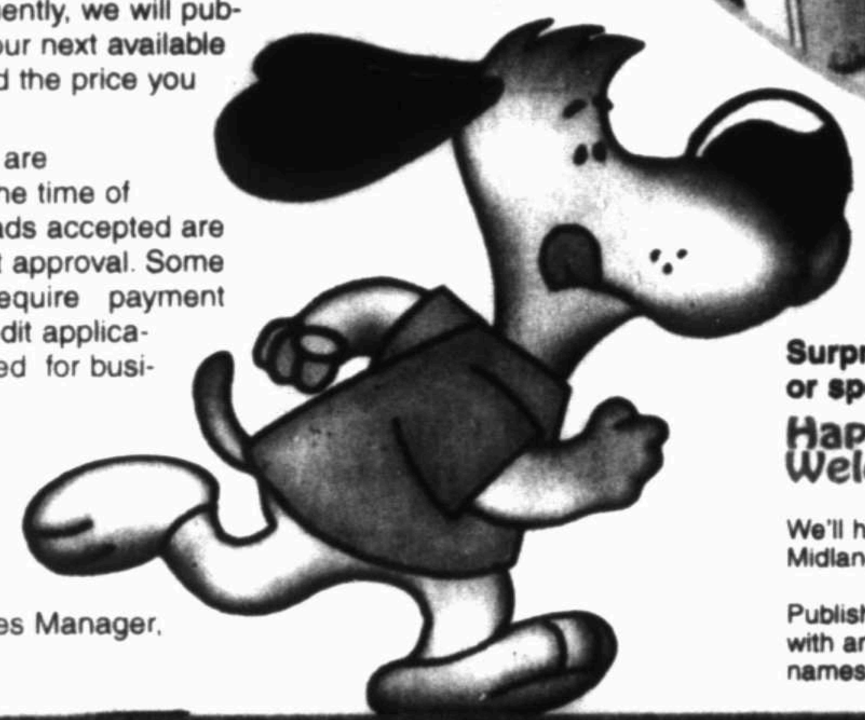

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Big Dog Rig Movers is looking for someone to be a part of our safety department. Must have knowledge of OSHA and DOT standards with 2-5 years experience. Must have valid drivers license and the ability to work well with other people. This is a full time position. Please send resume to **ringe@eeronline.com** or contact Ron Inge, Safety Director at **432-262-4319**

Water Well Driller - Midland, TX (E-05)
Layne is seeking an experienced **Driller** to work out of our Midland, Texas location who will be responsible for delivering drilling projects in a consistently courteous and professional Layne manner. Layne is a global water management, construction and drilling company, providing responsible solutions for water, mineral and energy resources. Layne operates in more than 100 integrated offices worldwide. Our philosophy of responsible growth guides us in consistently doing the right thing for our people, the environment, our company and the clients we serve every day. We strive to leave the individuals and places we touch better off for their interaction with us, and our culture is embodied in our unwavering commitment to the four core values that define us: Safety, Sustainability, Integrity and Excellence. **Primary Responsibilities**: *Responsible for loading and mobilizing equipment to project site. *Responsible for performing and documenting drilling project tasks. *Perform preventative maintenance procedures and other duties as required. **Position Qualifications Requirements/Preferences**: *Mechanical/Welding Aptitude *Ability to operate all drilling associated equipment (backhoe, forklift, etc.) *Ability to follow instructions and implement standard operating procedures *Ability to direct self and 1 to 2 others. *Good oral and written communication skills. *Prefer 3 to 5 years of experience. *Willingness to travel and work outdoors. *Mud School certification preferred. *State Drillers License Required. *Welding Certifications Preferred. *Must be able to attain a Class A CDL. To apply for this position electronically, please email your resume to **resume@layne.com**. Please put the Job Title and Location in subject line of email. This job description in no way states or implies that these are the only duties to be performed by the employee(s) incumbent in this position. Employee(s) will be required to follow any other job-related instructions and to perform any other job-related duties requested by an person authorized to give instructions or assignments. A review of this position has excluded the marginal functions of the position that are incidental to the performance of fundamental job duties. All duties and responsibilities are essential job functions and requirements and are subject to possible modification to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities. To perform this job successfully, the incumbent(s) will possess the skills, aptitudes, and abilities to perform each duty proficiently. Some requirements may exclude individuals who pose a direct threat or significant risk to the health or safety of themselves or others. The requirements listed in this document are the minimum levels of knowledge, skills, or abilities. This document does not create an employment contract, implied or otherwise, other than an "at will" relationship. An Equal Opportunity M/F/D/V Employer Drug Free/Smoke Free

HEALTHCARE

Optometric Tech
Luke Eye Associates FT

Front office, reception, pre-screening. Experience helpful, but not required. Bilingual a plus. Send resume to: luke_eye@hotmail.com

Part time Medical Assistants & Exp. Sonographer
Somno Systems is looking for part time medical assistants and sonographer with experience. Please send resume to **info@somnosystems.com**

Physician Assistant/Nurse Practioner
Neurosurgical practice (Midland) has immediate opening for a Texas licensed **PA or NP**. Call Beverly at 432-682-4307 to schedule interview.

HEALTHCARE

Private Duty Caregivers & CNA's
St. Joseph's Home Health Inc. FT

St. Joseph's Home Health Inc is currently hiring English and Spanish speaking Private Duty Caregivers & CNA's in Midland, TX. Please contact Melissa 432-684-5858

Registered Dental Hygienist
Thomas Campagna, DMD FT

We are looking for an exceptional, experienced **Registered Dental Hygienist,** full-part time to join our team at Midland's premier dental practice. Please email **info@smilemidland.com** fax (432) 520-0720 or bring resume to **3722 W. Loop 250 North, Midland, TX**

Seeking friendly, dependable, hard-working person for busy eye clinic and optical shop. Experience preferred but not required. Bring resume in person to Phillips Eye Clinic, 4311 W. Wadley, Midland.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

All Positions
Now hiring for all positions. Please apply in person at Midland Springhill Suites, 5716 Deauville Blvd, Midland, TX 79706

Assistant General Manager
Looking for energetic person for the position of Assistant General Manager for a very busy hotel. Apply in person at 5716 Deauville Blvd, Midland, TX

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

SCSS
NOW HIRING!

Security officers $11.50 to $13.00 an hour
Security Supervisor $13.50 to $15.00 an hour
Janitorial staff $9.50 to $11.00 an hour

Contact Colton Walsh at 903-603-0743 or coltonwalsh776@yahoo.com

OTHER JOBS

All Positions
Firehouse Subs FT

Midland, TX 79701

Now hiring Slice, Prep, Cashiers, Catering & Kitchen Help for AM/PM positions. Apply in person: 2900 W. Loop 250 North, Ste 162

Church Organist
Sunday Services 9:30 - 11:00 AM and Wednesday services 7:00- 8:30PM. Call 235-0006

MEDLEY
MATERIAL HANDLING

Experienced Equipment Technicians needed!!

Earn $200.00 Today!!

Medley Material Handling, a leader in the forklift industry is hiring Experienced Equipment Technicians!

Please visit our website to learn more about the job, company, and locations available. If you are an Experience Equipment Technician you can fill out a short questionnaire online or simply call 1-800-375-3453 x 1217 and earn $200.00 today!!

Sign on bonuses and top dollar paid to qualified applicants!

Exciting opportunity with a highly respected company in Petroleum Field Service. Excellent pay and advancement opportunity. Please note there will be some travel and you must be able to pass background check/drug test. Please email resume to resume@foleygrp.com

Nursery Worker
Wilshire Park Baptist Church needing part time nursery worker. Applicants must love children and have a desire to teach them about the word of God. Sundays and Wednesday evenings. For appointment call Paula at 432-413-3857

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

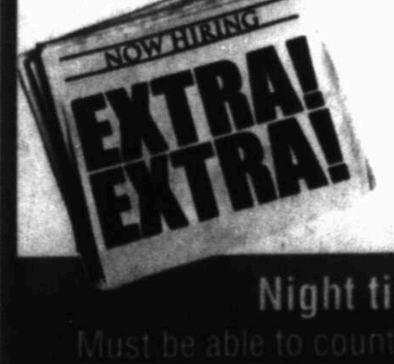
Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

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: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE



Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

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OTHER JOBS

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JM OILFIELD Services
2601 Ursila, Monahans, TX

Immediate Openings for:
Clerical
Dispatchers
Night Truck Pusher
Sand Truck - Drivers experience required
Diesel Mechanics - Must have experience and own tools

Great Pay & Benefits
For more info, call Jeremy at 501-589-5351

Lifeguards/Cabana Staff
The Racquet Club is currently accepting applications for Lifeguards and Cabana Staff. Apply in person: 3009 Racquet Club Dr. Midland, Tx. No phone calls please.

Petroleum Landman
Hilliard Energy F/T
Hilliard Energy has an opening for an oil and gas landman. Candidate must have a minimum of 2 years title and negotiations experience (running mineral, lease hold and surface title, acquiring leases and surface agreements), willingness to travel, and a clean driving record. To apply, send resume to **careers@mmbo.com** or for more info call 432-683-3100.

Resident Monitor, Full Time & Relief Cook, Administrative Clerk
Dismas Charities FT/PT
Midland, TX 79701
Dismas Charities is hiring Full time, Part time & relief staff for the positions of Resident Monitor, Administrative Clerk and Full Time & Relief Cook (part-time: up to 25hrs wk $9.64/hr - $3.81). Walk-in applicants are welcome at 24 W. Industrial Loop.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Emergency Shelter Administrator
Emergency Shelter Administrator: Full time position with benefits for a respected Child Placing Agency, High Sky Children's Ranch. Requires strong leadership skills, ability to develop a team, monitor a high volume documentation requirements, light travel and on call. Position requires a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree. Preference given to applicants with Master's in Social Work or related field. 2 years supervisory experience preferably in the Social Work field including a GRO or CPA setting. If you would like a full job description or to send a resume, contact Shawna Bowerman at shawnab@highsky.org. Position closes 4/21/14. No phone calls please.

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PRODUCTION ANALYST

A publicly-traded oil and gas company in Midland, Texas, is seeking a production analyst with 3 - 5 years experience in the following areas: production reporting including various RRC and NMOCD regulatory forms and maintaining well database. Excel and Access proficiency a must. This position demands an energetic individual who is conscientious, organized and reliable. Also must work well in a team environment. We are an equal opportunity employer and offer competitive salary with an excellent benefits package. Non-smoking environment.

Please email resume to: hr@claytonwilliams.com. or send to: Attn: Personnel, Clayton Williams Energy, Inc., 6 Desta Drive, Suite 6500 Midland, Texas 79705 No agencies or phone calls please.

The Hillander School is currently interviewing for the following positions:

ELEMENTARY GRADE TEACHER

PART-TIME PHISICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Qualified candidates are required to have a current teaching certificate. Both positions will be available for the fall semester 2014.

Please send your current resume to:

The Hillander School
Attention: Karen Rhodes, Principal
1600 West Wadley
Midland, Texas 79705

Or fax to 432-684-3863

QA & QUALITY CONTROL

Quality Assurance/Quality Control Technician
T.H.Hill Associates, the Leader in third party monitoring services for the drilling side of the oil and gas industry is seeking qualified personnel to work as Quality Assurance Quality Control Technicians in the Midland/Odessa area. The following qualifications are highly desired: Experience in the inspection, assembly and testing of downhole drilling tools. Experience with NDT Inspection and Quality Assurance Control procedures. Experience in the enforcement of technical specifications and SOPs. Engineering & Industrial Technology experience. Technical writing skills, reliable transportation and a laptop computer are required. Position requires travel and overtime availability. Benefits include guaranteed hours, Medical, Dental, and Life Insurance, 401K opportunities and paid vacation. Please email your resume to careers@thhill.com. For more information, please visit our website at www.thhill.com.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

PrepCooks/Waitstaff/Dishwashers
Murray's Deli FT
Midland, TX 79705
Now hiring for Cooks, Waitstaff & Dishwashers. Day or night shift. Apply at 3211 West Wadley, Midland.

Restaurant Positions
Osaka Japanese Steakhouse FT
Would you like to make **$15-$20** an hour? Now hiring Hibachi Chefs, Managers, Waitresses, Hostesses, Cashiers, Bartenders, Bus Help, Dishwashers & Kitchen Help. Please apply in person: **1207 Tradewinds Blvd. 79706.**

RETAIL JOBS

New Avenues is looking for Delivery Drivers and Sales Managers in Midland and Odessa. Please apply by email: Jobs@selectmgmt.com or in person. Candidates must successfully complete a Consumer Credit, Criminal background and drug test. We offer GREAT PAY, Flexible Hours and a Great Work Environment.

SALES JOBS

CASHIERS
Smoker's Outlet is looking for **Cashiers** in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid weekly. Go by your nearest **Smoker's Outlet** to apply.

Sales Associates and Assistant Managers
Wood's Boots in Midland and Odessa are adding to our teams. We are looking for talented **Sales Associates** and **Assistant Managers** at multiple locations. Stop in today and pick up an application at any of our 4 locations.

SKILLED LABOR

DOZER AND MAINTAINER OPERATORS
Dozer and Maintainer Operators wanted in Pecos area. Top pay. Call Harry at **520-904-5048.**

Electrician Apprentice
Immediate opening for an Electrician Apprentice. Sign-on bonus. Call 432-697-4439.

General Welders & Welders Helpers
Accepting applications between 8:30am & 4:30pm for **experienced welders and welders helper.** Apply in person at **Rush-Overland Manufacturing 2700 E.I-20 Odessa, TX 79766.** No phone calls please. E.O.E.

SKILLED LABOR

FIELD MECHANIC
Basin Engine and Pump
Field Mechanic needed for Industrial Oilfield Shop. Experience is required. Uniforms provided. Benefits package includes vacation, health insurance and retirement match savings. Salary depends on experience. Please submit resume by fax to **432-570-1115** or email to **shawn@basinengine.com.** Office **432-570-1114.** Applications may be filled out at **1914 South County Rd 1083-Midland, TX.**

Now Hiring General Manager

Qualifications Needed:
- **5 years experience in managing and supervising employees**
- **Good working knowledge of oil field production**
- **Sales experience and must be willing help with sales and marketing efforts**
- **Must have contacts and relationships with oil and gas decision makers in the Permian Basin**
- **Good computer skills, knowledge of basic electronics, and oil production processes needed.**
- **Must be able to pass a drug screen test and criminal background check**
- **Must have a valid Texas driver's license**
- **Previous job references needed**

Remote Monitoring Systems

Competitive Salary plus Commission. Work truck provided. Health Benefits available. Training provided. Work location is Midland, Texas. Contact: Mike McMillan – (678) 860-6705 or Ron McMillan – (713) 504-3968

Landscape Help
Hunter's Ridge Apartments FT
4201 Andrews Hwy.
Midland, TX 79701
Landscaping help needed. Apply in person to Hunter's Ridge, Midland.

Licensed Commercial Plumber & Exp. Helpers
TMI Mechanical currently hiring **Licensed Commercial Plumbers & Experienced Helpers** for local jobsites. We offer top pay **(up to $28/hr DOE and we will pay additional for medical gas endorsements)**. Paid medical, paid vacations and holidays. Must have good driving record. Please call **432-686-0002** for interview.

Mack Truck Diesel Mechanic
Permian Pertroleum Services, Inc. FT
Need experienced Mack Truck Diesel Mechanic. Must have own tools. Competitive wages, paid health insurance, uniforms and vacations, retirement, family medical, dental and vision coverage available. Apply to 4601 Rankin Highway, Midland, Texas, mail resume to P.O. Box 3663, Midland, TX 79702, fax to 432-683-7407, or call 24-hour phone 432-682-0434 or email rvmaskell@gmail.com.

Operations Geologist
Exciting Independent Oil Company in Midland, TX needs Geologist. BS / MS Geology Degree and 3+ years in the Permian Basin required. Skill Requirements: Wellsite, Onsite Geosteering, QC logging operations, Field studies, Well evaluations. Competitive salary, bonus, 401k, Insurance. Send Resume to: Human Resources, Attn: Geology Department P.O. Box 2071, Midland, TX 79702.

Plumber Helpers & HVAC Tech
Carroll Plumbing FT
Plumber Helpers needed, self motivated. Also EXPERIENCED HVAC Tech. Call 432-687-4507.

PRESSMAN
The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: PRESSMAN for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses.
This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.
Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail:jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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TECHNOLOGY

IT Assistant
Local oil and gas company seeking part-time or full-time job candidate to work under the direction of IT Specialist on routine user problems and assist with moderately complex applications. Duties include assisting with desktop support, troubleshooting desktop hardware/software problems and carrying out projects as assigned. Entry level IT skills required with general knowledge in network and hardware (server and workstations). Experience with different versions of Microsoft OS and Microsoft Office applications useful. Strong written and oral communication, interpersonal and custom service skills necessary. Send resume to lynda@fort.com.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Drivers
Currently taking applications for Class A CDL Drivers. Must pass DOT physical, drug & alcohol test. Must have valid TX Drivers License and clean driving record for the last 3 years. Company will provide a company cell phone, uniforms, health & dental insurance within 90 days and weeks' paid vacation after one year of employment. Serious applicants only may stop by 13431 County Rd 133 W, Odessa, TX between Faudree & Coors Rds, off Hwy 80 & County Road 1310.

Class A CDL Driver
$5,000.00 Sign On Bonus. Stable company with competitive hourly wage and excellent benefits in Midland, TX needs a full time Class A CDL Driver with Hazmat endorsement. Our Drivers have most weekends off!! Position requires a minimum 3 to 5 years verifiable professional driving experience with a clean driving and background record. Ideal candidates need to be dependable, reliable, and trustworthy. If you meet these qualifications, please contact Rudy at 432-570-9414 or send an email to tammy@oilcenter.com.

Class A CDL Truck Drivers
Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. 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.rockwaterenergy.com

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

DRIVER & WAREHOUSE OPENINGS
Drivers: Local P&D Home Every Night & Linehaul Great Pay & Benefits! CDL-A w/X & T, 1yr Exp. Req. (EOE/AA) **Old Dominion Freight Line. Call Vince Esquibel: 432-563-1405.**

Experienced Driver
G & K Trucking, Inc. FT
Local trucking company seeks an experienced **Class A CDL HOTSHOT driver** in the Midland area for local, regional and out of state deliveries. Benefits include bonuses, scheduled days off, medical insurance and paid vacation. Hazmat preferred. Please call **432-413-2472** Mon-Fri.

Hot Shot Driver
G & W Trucking FT
Hot Shot Drivers wanted in the Midland area. Class A CDL, and drug screen required. Call 800-572-6338 or apply at Texas Work Force Commission for more information.

Local Truck Driver Wanted (Midland/Odessa)
Confidential FT
LOCAL FULL TIME CDL "CLASS A" DRIVER WANTED
Hazmat desirable/not required. Send resume to: driverresumedriver@gmail.com or call 575-268-8093 or 432-894-8339

Now Hiring CDL Drivers
Must have good driving record and pass pre-employment drug screen. Experience preferred. Please call **432-638-2083** for interview.

Warehouse Helper
Confidential FT
Midland, TX 79711
Warehouse helper needed. Apply in person at:11524 County Rd 128 West, Midland, 79711

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

General

NEWSPAPER STREET CORNER SALES

Selling Newspapers On The Street Corners
(avg. income $50.00 - $100.00/day)

MUST BE AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD SUNDAYS ONLY IF INTERESTED CALL TOMMY 967-2267

EARN UP TO $500 PER WEEK!

Do you have a reliable car with insurance and a phone?? Become an independent contractor delivering the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

Contact: Linda 687-8807

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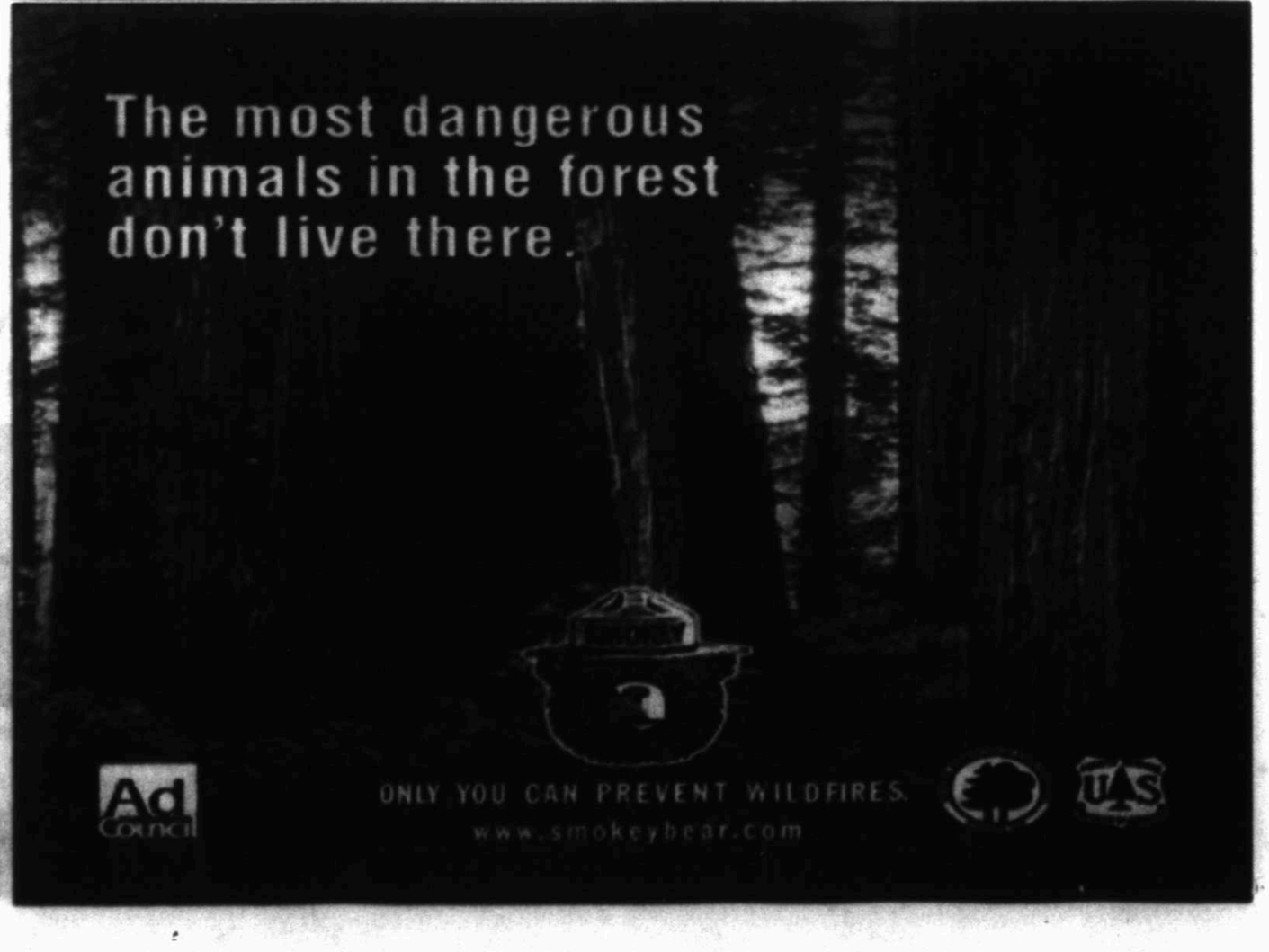
Litigation Paralegal/Legal Assistant
Wanted- Position requires substantial litigation experience. Must be a self starter with good communication skills and ability to deal with the public. Salary commensurate with experience. Mouton & Mouton, Big Spring, Texas. Send resume to drew@moutonlaw.com.



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1- AAA Appliance Free pickup in 30min. 556-0104 / 528-3046

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2-YR old male German Sheppard mix needs good home. Neutered, shots, very loving, good with other pets. He needs a new home ASAP; our child is allergic. 512-970-6067

FREE beautiful kitten to good homes. Call 432-238-2950

FREE WOODEN PALLETS!
Midland Reporter-Telegram (on dock side)

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We buy broken appliances w/ free removal. Also we repair appliances. 432-570-8278

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LARGE, BOLD, beautiful marble coffee table with 3 end tables and an entertainment center. 432-934-6470

Miscellaneous for Sale

NEW TODAY!

AUTHENTIC LOUIS Vuitton wallet never used. Retail $675 sell for $550. 432-689-9111 or 432-813-4590

CRYPTS SIDE by side Resthaven North in Sanctuary of Faith Mausoleum. Family moved from TX. $3700 for crypts includes transfer fee. Call Adrianna 505-328-6983

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Miscellaneous for Sale

FOR SALE 500 gallon concrete tanks. $50 each. Troy Vines Inc. 2817 Rankin Hwy., Midland.

FOUR ADJOINING burial plots in Resthaven Memorial Park, Garden of Peace. $1,500 each, sold in pairs only. Call 817-379-1459.

GOOD RESTAURANT CHAIRS for sale, 2 styles $60-$75. Call 432-770-7982.

Resthaven Mem. Prk. Garden of Love. 4 plots. Mkt. val. $2,395 ea. Selling pairs only $2,000 ea. email: mama-di47@sbcglobal.net 432-682-3974

SACRIFICING 2 choose spaces. Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Garden of Love. Perterual Care. No trans fee. $1,550 for both. Info 386-438-5825c

Miscellaneous for Sale

*Heavy duty metal shelves $45 call for sizes
*55gl plastic barrels $10
*30gl plastic barrels $7
*36 inch metal doors with frame half glass $50
Call 432-352-8419

TWO SIDE-BY-SIDE spaces at Resthaven Cemetary, located in the Hope Garden, Lot 56. $2300 each. Call 512-591-7192

Sporting Goods

NEW PROFORM Home Gym. Cost $2500. Will sell for $1500 or best offer. 432-770-7719

ATTN: READERS
Re: Advertising
It is against City ordinance to attach any notices or advertising matter to any utility pole. Please contact City of Midland Code Enforcement Office, 685-7410, for additional information.

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Heavy Equipment

FOR SALE Ajax gas compressor, model C42, Waukesha motor, model 145GZU, Waukesha model 190GLB. 325-642-0982 or 325-646-3895

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Animals & Pets

Pets

AKC AIREDALE Terrier Puppies. Four females & one male available. Parents on site. $900. Call 575-808-0010

FEMALE PAPILLON puppy 3 mo old - Healthy, shots, paper trained, home raised, great disposition. AKC papers available. $350 to good home. Call 432-426-5005.

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Real Estate Rentals & Sales

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Apartments for Rent Unfurnished

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2BD/2 LIVING/1 BA/1 car garage. 3202 Princeton. $1500/mo, $1500 deposit. Call 432-230-5281

2 BEDROOM, 1 bath, near Dennis the Menace Park. Fenced yard. $900 monthly $S500 deposit. Please call 432-684-7535.

3203 B Dentcrest, excellent condition, great location, 3 bd, 2 ba, 2 car garage, NO PETS, NO SMOKING, $1995 per month $1995 deposit. References, background check, credit bureau. Call 432-550-3611 or 432-528-1928

3 Amhurst Ct. Large 4 Bdrm 2 1/2 Ba, 2 living areas, dining area, fireplace, all new flooring, 2 car garage, large backyard, and Great Neighborhood. Swing set for small children & outdoor patio. Pets additional, $3,000 + $3,000 deposit. Background check. 432-695-4449

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Residential Rentals

Houses for Rent Unfurnished

3 BEDROOM 2 bath No pets. $1,100 month & $1,000 deposit. Must have good employment & rental history. Application fee. 1219 S. Moran. Call 522-1166 9am-5pm only!!!

5104 A Rainbow, 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 car garage. No smoking. Sprinkler system. Includes yard maintenance. $2,000 month. Call 432-664-0171 or 432-425-2739

Rooms for Rent

LOOKING FOR roommate to share 3BR/2BA home. Call Mike at 432-813-9563 for details.

Residential Sales

Condos/ Townhouses

CONDO FOR SALE BY OWNER CHANDELLE Condo complex on Wadley. 2 BR's, both Master Suites, each with full baths. Cash or prequalified buyer preferred. Priced for quick sale. $160K Call 1 830 719-6207 for appointment.

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3504 SHELL-BRAND NEW 3 bedroom, 2 bath over 2,300 sq. ft., vaulted ceilings. Zeroscaped. 2 car garage. $295,000 Amber Davis Broker Associate/Property Manager-Cell 432-238-9916, Office 432-689-7770.

Homes for Sale

12 ACRES with Double Wide. Water well, septic system. For serious inquiries, call 432-425-7710

3608 SINCLAIR, 4bedroon 3 bath 2900 + sq. ft. 631-8100 or 266-1212

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*907 CANYON 3bd, 1ba, BEST OFFER.
*1603 W. Fancis 1/2 acre $30,000. Call 432-683-2243

By owner, 2818 Haynes Ave. 3 bed 2 bath sequestered master, large walk in closets, 3 car garage, pool and hot tub in ground. Formal dining large kitchen with lots of storage throughout the home. $310,000. Please call Michelle Dalton 432-528-4949

Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

FIXER UP 3234 Shandon Avenue, approximately 2300 sq. ft. $165,000 as is. 432-230-5281

FOR SALE BY OWNER. 2400 Shell Ave. Location Location Location Old Midland area. Big corner lot next to park. Large Oak trees. 2745 sq. ft. 4 bedroom 3 bath Jacuzzi bath, office, 1 living area, 1 large dining area with fireplace, hardwood floors, Satillo tile, crown molding. Large utility/ laundry with sink, lot of windows, new A/C unit, 3 car carport is 647 sq. ft. with extra pad for RV. Mancave. New exterior paint, covered patio with beautiful landscaping, sprinkler system. $390,000 pre approved only. 432-553-3374

FOR SALE by Owner. 3 br./2 ba/ town home 3519 Boyd Ave., Midland. On quiet street. 2 car garage, exc. condition, low maintenance yard. $185,000. Call 432-934-3390 or 719-431-9605.

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