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Architect: Tower will boost downtown activity

Expert sees vertical mixed-use buildings as the urban future

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Whereas five years ago developers were spending too much money on inefficient buildings, today they are more savvy about creating iconic but efficient buildings, according to the architect of Energy Tower at City Center.

Michael Edmonds, principal of Edmonds International, said vertical mixed-use buildings, such as Energy Tower, are the architectural projects of the future.

"Mixed-use buildings are much more sustainable," said Edmonds, who hopes the tower creates a social network downtown. "When you go vertical, you make less of a footprint."

The philosophy of Edmonds International is that form follows not only function but also efficiency, according to its website.

Edmonds said he founded his firm 14 years ago and since then has designed more than 60 million square feet in buildings across the world, in places such as Mexico and Asia. In Asia, mixed-use buildings have been built because of tight budgets, he said.

But now his firm is shifting focus onto North American cities such as Vancouver and Midland to design mixed-use buildings for the Western world.

Edmonds, a 20-year veteran of architecture, said there are two diverging philosophies when designing mixed-use buildings: horizontal or vertical design. With horizontal design, specific functions such as housing, commercial use and entertainment would have its own dedicated space on the ground, taking up a lot of land. With vertical design, each of these functions can be stacked on top of each other.

One of Edmonds International's projects, The Park Plaza in Mexico City, is a vertical mixed-use development that also houses the firm's Mexico headquarters. He said this building promotes sustainable living because everything he needed, including dining to entertainment, was contained within.

Energy Tower, being a vertically designed mixed-use building, frees up 80 percent of the total site area. This free area could be used for a plaza, garden, landscapes or a grass roof amphitheater, giving life to downtown, Edmonds said.

"What I'm excited the most for is that Energy Tower could start a ripple effect of activity downtown," Edmonds said.

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CHINAAID BANQUET



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Bob Sweely, left, of Irving, talks with Chen Guangcheng, middle, and Bob Fu, right, during the ChinaAid banquet Tuesday at Midland Country Club.

Blind activist speaks on Chinese communism

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130,000 — the number of pregnant women a Chinese civil rights activist said that he documented in his local area of China that were forced to have an abortion; 600,000 — the number of family members, friends and neighbors that were tortured and arrested for helping to hide the pregnant women.

Chen Guangcheng, who made international headlines last year when he escaped to the United States, spoke to a crowd of 225 Tuesday evening at the Midland Country Club.

Chen is the blind, self-taught lawyer who was imprisoned for four years and three months and then placed under house arrest for two years for his 2005 study and research into the Chinese government's forced abortions and massive abuses in the official family-planning policy.

The 41-year-old lost his sight at a young age when he became ill with a fever that damaged his optical nerves.

Speaking through the use of a translator, Chen was the keynote speaker at the annual ChinaAid banquet Tuesday honoring the organization that helped him escape his country and start a fresh life of freedom in America.

In September 2010, Chen was released from prison and remained under house arrest, where he and his family were subject to repeated beatings and constant surveillance. In April 2012, he escaped and fled to the U.S. Embassy in Beijing.

After a tense month of negotiations in which ChinaAid played a role, he was then permitted to leave China in May and travel to New York City, where he currently resides and is writing a book.

Chen said that since he arrived in Midland on Saturday, he's been impressed with Midlanders and their genuine sincerity and warm welcomes. Chen and ChinaAid founder Bob Fu met with Gov. Rick Perry on Monday and will meet with former President George W. Bush today.

He said that's he's glad to have the opportunity to talk with both men about the importance of the deteriorating situation of human rights across the globe.

Chen gave a brief overview of the Chinese communist government and said that while some may be under the impression that forced abortions only happen for those who have had more than one child, it's simply not true. If a family hasn't obtained a birth permit, whether it's their second child or their first one, the women are kidnapped and taken to a hospital where they are forced to have their babies killed.

Some of those women are even into their eighth and ninth months of their pregnancies, he added.

"You literally have got to have permission from the government to have your own child," he said.

Having this abuse occur around him drove Chen to start a study in 2005 that documented the 130,000 pregnant women who were forced to abort their babies and the 600,000 family members, neighbors and friends who were

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PB Coalition addresses lack of funding for 'immature' roads

By Joseph Basco
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One of the topics the Permian Basin Coalition discussed Tuesday at the Horseshoe was how vehicular traffic is becoming more dangerous, yet the Permian Basin receives inadequate funding from the state.

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According to the Texas Department of Transportation, crashes are up 40 percent and fatalities are up 58 percent in the TxDOT Odessa district, a region encompassing 12 counties including Midland and Ector counties.

Robin Donnelly, Midland County's Precinct 2 commissioner, said 87 percent of TxDOT funding goes to the major metropolitan areas — such as Houston, Austin, Dallas/Ft. Worth and San Antonio — leaving the remaining 13 percent to 25 metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) across the state, such as the Midland Odessa Transportation Organization (MOTOR).

This imbalance of funding, which potentially prevents road improvement, was the focus of the meeting's Transportation Challenges panel, comprised of Donnelly, Glasscock County Judge Kim Halfmann and Drew Crutcher, a traffic engineer from Odessa firm Landgraf, Crutcher & Associates.

The panelists and the moderator, Tom McMinn, kept referencing Permian Basin roads as an "immature transportation system." Halfmann said the accident rate in Glasscock County increased 500 percent within the past two years.

"Our roads were not intended for this kind of traffic," Halfmann said.

After the meeting, Halfmann told the Reporter-Telegram that Glasscock County, which has State Highway 158 going through county seat Garden City, has a population of 1,226 but doubles daily when oil workers come to work inside the county.

Donnelly spoke next, saying how Interstate 20 and many of the roads in the Permian Basin were meant for rural use, which creates heavy traffic problems at certain times such as 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

"The infrastructure that we have was great back in the '70s and '80s," Donnelly said.

The third panelist, Crutcher, said when

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Williams: Texas will get A-F school rating system

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The state's top education official said Tuesday he plans to order Texas to begin rating schools based on letter grades A through F starting next year — without waiting for high-profile bills proposing to do the same thing to work their way through the Legislature.

The current system features classifications ranging from "Exemplary" to "Academically Unacceptable," but key conservative lawmakers have supported a series of measures to replace it with grades A, B, C, D or F and used in states like Florida.

They said such a system would make it easier for parents and students to understand and increase classroom transparency.

But Education Commissioner Michael Williams told the Senate Education Committee that he had planned to simply order the change unilaterally beginning in academic year 2014.

Williams has for months been working on an overhaul of school accountability ratings, and said he had planned to unveil it last week — but held off when the Senate panel summoned him to appear.

Asked if he had the authority to do so without legislative approval, Williams said, "I believe I do."

Since being appointed commissioner by Gov. Rick Perry last year, Williams has promised to place extra emphasis in accountability ratings on how well schools and school districts are closing achievement gaps between white and minority students, and improving educational outcomes for youngsters from low-income families.

He said Tuesday he considers that "job one" of the state's educational system, and that new accountability standards will evaluate schools and districts on it, as well as three other areas: student achievement on standardized tests, students' academic improvement as they move through school, and how ready they are for college or a career upon graduating from high school.

Williams said he was still determining what each letter grade would mean, but that he believes schools and districts who pass all four standards would get an A, while others would go down one letter grade for each area where their students fall short. Currently his agency determines school ratings based on a formula, and that presumably wouldn't change under the new system, though the new formula it would use hasn't been established.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Jasmin Lozano Barrientos, 17, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of obstruction and/or retaliation.

Arturo Barrios, 24, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of assault on a family or household member.

Kevin J. Brooks, 27, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of probation.

Jonathan A. Brown, 23, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Kenneth A. Burgess, 42, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Jacob V. Cordero, 21, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Pablo DeLeon, 59, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of probation.

William D. Green, 32, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Anthony D. Jackson, 43, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of parole.

Casey J. Kimble, 26, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of intoxicated assault with a vehicle causing serious bodily injury.

Adenis B. Lane, 24, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Kenyatta Dejaun Leary, 36, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of manufacturing and/or delivery of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams and a charge of possession of marijuana between 4 ounces and 5 pounds.

Victor Wayne Lopez, 22, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Raymundo D. Rayos, 19, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of tampering or fabricating physical evidence.

Severina C. Sanchez, 28, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

John M. Solansky, 28, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of tampering or fabricating physical evidence.

Jonathan Vasquez, 24, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.

Austin S. Watson, 19, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Alfred L. Williams, 20, of Odessa, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a prohibited substance in a corrections facility.

John E. Williams, 60, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of theft.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

TEXAS ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Senate panel approves UIL homeschool measure

The Texas Senate Education Committee has endorsed a bill allowing homeschooled children to participate in University Interscholastic League sports and activities.

Tuesday's 7-1 vote referred Senate Bill 929 to the full chamber for consideration. But the committee only approved it after including an amendment that the measure expire in four years — thus requiring the Legislature to either then reauthorize it or scrap it altogether.

The bill is sponsored by McKinney Republican Sen. Ken Paxton and Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels. Public schools have resisted allowing private schools into the UIL — even for sports other than football or basketball — amid fears of recruiting.

Though students who are homeschooled are in different situations than those attending private schools, opponents have voiced some of the same concerns about this bill.

AUSTIN

Push for debt implications on Texas ballots stalls

Voters in Texas apparently won't see major changes to their ballots when deciding local bond proposals.

A push by Republican Comptroller Susan Combs to require ballots in local bond elections to spell out debt ramifications has been removed from a key House transparency bill. A Combs aide told lawmakers Tuesday that the revised legislation now makes the financial information available elsewhere.

The ballot idea was part of a sweeping bill aimed at government transparency that Republican leaders and Gov. Rick Perry trumpeted early in the session.

AUSTIN

Senate toughens punishment on fleeing an accident

The Texas Senate has toughened the punishment for leaving an accident that causes an injury.

The measure by Austin Democratic Sen. Kirk Watson passed unanimously on Tuesday. Senate Bill 275 makes fleeing the scene of an accident a second degree felony. That's the same as intoxication manslaughter for hitting someone while driving under the influence.

Watson said that because leaving the scene of an accident was only a third degree felony, some drunk drivers were driving away to avoid tougher punishments.

LITTLEFIELD

2 killed in West Texas glider accident identified

The two people who died in a glider accident in West Texas have been identified as a 79-year-old man and a 13-year-old boy described as a budding aviator.

The manager of the Littlefield airport told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal that Eddie Hoglan owned the Alexander Schleicher K-7 and was in the craft with teenager Taylor Brown.

The A-J reported Tuesday that Hoglan was a Plainview resident and Brown lived in Littlefield, about 35 miles northwest of Lubbock.

Authorities said a wing snapped from the craft shortly after it detached from the plane towing it Saturday.

AUSTIN

Lawmakers admonish CPRIT charity over closure

Frustrated lawmakers heaped fresh criticism Tuesday on a troubled $3 billion cancer-fighting agency in Texas over a closely linked nonprofit that raised salary sweeteners for top public officials and is now under investigation by the state attorney general's office.

The new round of admonishment is another image setback for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, known as CPRIT, and a poorly timed one — the rebuilding agency is running out of time at the Legislature to fight for new funding and potentially survival.

But CPRIT joined lawmakers this time in slinging blame at a unified target: a private foundation that raised roughly $4 million for CPRIT and is now going out of business. Agency leaders said they were blindsided when the CPRIT Foundation told them last week how the nonprofit would close and re-brand under a different mission.

AUSTIN

Bill to reduce concealed gun class time considered

Lawmakers are considering a proposal to reduce the amount of class time required for a concealed gun permit.

Under a bill heard by the Senate Criminal Justice Committee on Tuesday, new applicants would need four to six hours of classroom instruction. Current law requires 10 to 15 hours.

The classes would still cover dispute resolution, gun safety and gun storage. Applicants would still have to pass firing range tests.

New Braunfels Republican Sen. Donna Campbell described her bill as a defense of the Second Amendment. It drew little opposition.

AUSTIN

Study: Medicaid expansion would benefit Hispanics

A new study shows that Hispanics would benefit the most from expanding Medicaid in Texas.

The nonpartisan Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation examined who was eligible for coverage if the state expanded the health care program for the poor. The group released its results Tuesday.

Using U.S. Census and other independent data, the foundation determined that 38 percent of Hispanics in Texas don't have health insurance. That is the highest rate of any ethnic group.

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As Facebook matures, is it losing its edge?

Associated Press

NEW YORK — To see what Facebook has become, look no further than the Hutzler 571 Banana Slicer.

Sometime last year, people began sharing tongue-in-cheek online reviews of the banana-shaped piece of yellow plastic with their Facebook friends. Then those friends shared with their friends. Soon, after Amazon paid to promote it, posts featuring the $3.49 utensil were appearing in even more Facebook feeds.

At some point, though, the joke got old. But there it was, again and again — the banana slicer had become a Facebook version of that old knock-knock joke your weird uncle has been telling for years.

The Hutzler 571 phenomenon is a regular occurrence on the world's biggest online social network, which begs the question: Has Facebook become less fun?

That's something many users — especially those in their teens and early 20s — are asking themselves as they wade through endless posts, photos "liked" by people they barely know and spur-of-the moment friend requests. Has it all become too much of a chore? Are the important life events of your closest loved ones drowning in a sea of banana slicer jokes?

"When I first got Facebook, I literally thought it was the coolest thing to have. If you had a Facebook you kind of fit in better because other people had one," said Rachel Fernandez, 18, who first signed on to the site four or five years ago. And now? "Facebook got kind of boring," she said.

Chatter about Facebook's demise never seems to die down, whether it's talk of "Facebook fatigue," or grousing about how the social network lost its cool once grandma joined.

The Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project recently found that some 61 percent of Facebook users had taken a hiatus from the site for reasons that range from "too much gossip and drama" to "boredom." Some respondents said there simply isn't enough time in their day for Facebook.

If Facebook Inc.'s users leave, or even check in less frequently, its revenue growth would suffer. The company, which depends on targeted advertising for most of the money it makes, booked revenue of $5.1 billion in 2012, up from $3.7 billion a year earlier.

But so far, for every person who has left permanently, several new people have joined up. Facebook has more than 1 billion users around the world. Of these, 618 million sign in every day.

Indeed, Fernandez hasn't abandoned Facebook. Though the Traverse City, Mich., high school senior doesn't look at her News Feed, the constant cascade of posts, photos and viral videos from her nearly 1,800 friends, she still uses Facebook's messaging feature to reach out to people she knows, such as a German foreign exchange student she met two years ago.

Fernandez uses Facebook in the same way that people use email or the telephone. But she prefers using Facebook to communicate because everyone she knows is there. That's a sign that Facebook's biggest asset may also be its biggest challenge.

"We have never seen a social space that actually works for everybody," said Danah Boyd, who studies youth culture, the Internet and social media as a senior researcher at Microsoft Research. "People don't want to hang out with everybody they have ever met."

Might Facebook go the way of email? Those who came of age in the "You've got mail" era can reminisce fondly about arriving home from school and checking their AOL accounts to see if anyone sent them an electronic message.

Boyd, who is 35 (and legally spells her name with no capitalization), recalls being a teenager and "thinking email is the best thing ever."

Few people share that sentiment these days. Ian Bogost, professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology, recently listed email alongside "Blood, frogs, lice, flies, pestilence, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, death of the firstborn" in a Facebook post.

"I was just going through my daily email routine, reflecting on the fact that it feels like batting down a wall of locusts," Bogost said.

Although email has gone from after-school treat to a dull routine in the space of 20 years, no one is ready to ring its death knell just yet.

And similarly, Facebook's lost luster doesn't necessarily foreshadow its obsolescence.

"I don't see teenagers leaving in droves," Boyd said. "I just don't see it being their site of passion."

Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales, whose for-profit content creation site Wikia recently surveyed its young users about their technology habits said "do see value in Facebook."

"I think we are seeing a shift from (it being) a place to talk to each other as just part of the world —the infrastructure of the world," he said. "I don't know if that's to the detriment of Facebook in the long run."

NY lawmaker arrested in alleged plot

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A Democratic state lawmaker was arrested with five other politicians Tuesday in an alleged plot to pay tens of thousands of dollars in bribes to GOP bosses to let him run for mayor of New York City as a Republican.

U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara called it an "unappetizing smorgasbord of graft and greed" that reveals a New York political culture defined by a single rule: "Show me the money."

Malcolm Smith, 56, who has served at times as the state Senate's majority and minority leader since becoming a senator in March 2000, was arrested along with Republican New York City Councilman Dan Halloran, 42, and four other political figures.

Smith "tried to bribe his way to a shot at Gracie Mansion," Bharara said, referring to the official mayor's residence. "Smith drew up the game plan and Councilman Halloran essentially quarterbacked that drive by finding party chairmen who were wide open to receiving bribes."

A criminal complaint said that in meetings with a cooperating witness and an undercover FBI agent posing as a wealthy real estate developer, Smith agreed to bribe up to five leaders of Republican Party county committees in the five boroughs of New York City so he could run for mayor as a Republican, even though he was a registered Democrat.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

Today

"Oil Spills, Ethics and Society: How they intersect and where the responsibilities reside" is a free lecture presented by American Association of Petroleum Geologists Distinguished Ethics Lecturer Dr. W. C. Rusty Riese.

The event is scheduled for 9 a.m. today in the Scharbauer Student Center Carrasco Room.

Thursday

Midland College Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series presents Jane Goodall, environmentalist and chimpanzee researcher, 7:30-9:30, MC Chaparral Center. Admission: Free

Community calendar

■ A job fair for people 55 and older is planned for 10 a.m.-3 p.m. today at Workforce Solutions of the Permian Basin, 3510 N. 'A' St. Those attending should inquire about the Experience Works Program. For more information contact Liz Cox at 325-641-1319 or iz_cox@experienceworks.org.

■ Midland Association of Retired School Personnel is to meet 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Memorial Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Speaker is Skeet Doss.

Luncheon tickets are $10. To make a reservation, contact Anita Patton, at 697-1602 or apatton123@sbcglobal.net by Monday.

■ PFLAG Odessa (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is to meet 7 p.m. Monday at Alternative Life Solutions Counseling, 2458 E. 11th St., Odessa. There will be a discussion on the Trevor Project, which provides crisis prevention and suicide prevention in the LGBT community.

For more information, call Shari Johnson art 432-337-3684 or 559-5909 or visit www.pflagodessa.weebly.com.

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

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

To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

■ Midland Memorial Hospital is hosting a golf tournament May 4 at Hogan Park for the benefit of Rays of Hope Grief Centre.

It is a four-person scramble and the fee is $400 per team. Prizes will be awarded for first through third places. The event includes contest, raffles and complimentary lunch.

Deadline to register is April 19. To register or for more information, contact Lorri Fields at 221-1603, lorri.fields@midland-memorial.com.

Support groups today

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

Lake levels report

Representing totals from April 2011-2013.

	2011	2012	2013
O.H. Ivie	30.00	17.42	20.44
Thomas	4.92	1.08	0.80
Spence	2.12	0.44	5.05

From April 2010: Ivie 43.14, Thomas 5.15, Spence 4.38

Delivery (in gallons)

Midland: daily average this week 11.511 million

Midland: daily average last week 8.040 million

Midland: daily average last year 13.700 million

Odessa: daily average this week 14.404 million

Source: Colorado River Municipal Water District

Water tracker

The following is the amount of water delivered to the city of Midland from the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the Paul Davis water fields.

Friday's total: 16,100,000 gallons (CRMWD 11,924,000, Paul Davis fields 4,176,000)

Saturday's total: 17,995,000 gallons (CRMWD 14,020,000, Paul Davis fields 3,975,000)

Sunday's total: 18,188,000 gallons (CRMWD 14,021,000, Paul Davis fields 4,167,000)

Monday's total: 15,862,000 gallons (CRMWD 11,826,000, Paul Davis fields 4,036,000)

Source: City of Midland

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 7-6-6

Pick 3 night: 4-8-4

Daily 4 day: 3-0-0-3

Daily 4 night: 4-7-6-2

Cash Five: 3-8-17-20-36

Mega Millions: 7-10-14-40-47 MB: 34 Megaplier: 4

All or Nothing (morning): 2-4-5-6-8-9-10-11-14-18-22-24

All or Nothing (day): 3-6-8-10-11-12-13-15-17-18-21-24

All or Nothing (evening): 1-2-3-4-6-813-14-18-19-21-24

All or Nothing (night): 1-2-5-6-12-14-15-16-17-20-21-23

Today in history

Today is Wednesday, April 3, the 93rd day of 2013. There are 272 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1860, the legendary Pony Express began carrying mail between St. Joseph, Mo., and Sacramento, Calif. (The delivery system lasted only 18 months before giving way to the transcontinental telegraph.)

In 1882, outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Mo., by Robert Ford, a member of James' gang.

In 1968, the day before he was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn., civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous "mountaintop" speech to a rally of striking sanitation workers.

Today's birthdays: Conservationist Dame Jane Goodall is 79. Actor Alec Baldwin is 55. Comedian-actor Eddie Murphy is 52.

MPD: Reality show star charged for 2nd DWI, multiple hit-and-runs

By Tyler White
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Record breaker

Within hours of the Reporter-Telegram breaking this story, it quickly became the most popular story since the Reporter-Telegram created a Facebook page with 423 likes, 274 comments, 306 shares and reached 57,088 people, as of press time Tuesday.


Watson

A Midland oil worker who stars in truTV's "Black Gold" was arrested last week for allegedly being involved in multiple hit-and-run collisions while driving intoxicated.

Brandon Leigh Watson, 31, was being held on a $1,500 bond for a Class A misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated for a second time and two Class B misdemeanor charges of failure to stop and give notice upon striking an unattended vehicle with more than $200 worth of damage. Watson posted bond and was released Thursday.

Watson is an oil driller highlighted on truTV's reality-documentary series, "Black Gold," which follows oil rigs in West Texas.

The show recently completed its fifth season; the sixth season is set to begin airing later this year.

"He does three things well in his life: roughnecking, drinking and fighting — but not always in that order," according to Watson's bio on truTV's website. "This year, Brandon has cut back on drinking, and he's trying to clear up his problems with the law. Brandon says that he must complete community service as part of his probation — but all those hours are hard to balance with his responsibilities on the rig."

A Midland police officer was investigating a hit-and-run crash at about 12:30 p.m. March 27 in the 3000 block of Fredna Place. A silver Hummer, the vehicle allegedly involved, left the scene soutbound on Fredna.

Another officer later responded to a collision at Midland Drive and Andrews Highway involving the same Hummer. Witnesses at the scene said the driver allegedly was driving erratically. The officer said the driver, identified as Watson, was "obviously intoxicated" and that Watson said he was taking Xanax, according to the report.

Watson, who allegedly had slurred speech and glassy eyes, was allegedly unsteady on his feet and would not follow the officer's instructions.

The officer arrested Watson after he allegedly became argumentative and uncooperative, according to the arrest report.

Further investigation showed Watson allegedly was involved in three collisions before stopping at Andrews Highway and Midland Drive. Watson also allegedly struck a utility pole at an unknown location, according to the report.

If convicted of the Class A misdemeanor charge, Watson could face up to $4,000 in fines and/or up to one year in prison.

Editor's note: The Reporter-Telegram typically does not run misdemeanor arrests, except in the cases of arrests of people who are considered high profile or public figures.

Speakers tout oil industry's contributions to economy

By Mella McEwen
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Permian Basin oil and gas producers have sent billions to the state treasury in recent years.

In 2011 alone, according to the newly formed Permian Basin Coalition, the 59 counties that make up the West Texas portion of the Permian Basin sent $3.94 billion to the state in severance and sales taxes and to the Permanent University and Permanent School Funds.

"Our population is 1 percent of the total state population, but we paid 2.5 percent of the sales tax; that's a lot," Midland County Commissioner Robin Donnelly said to open Tuesday's meeting of the coalition. "What we receive in return is precious little."

Host James Beauchamp, president of the Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance, said the meeting began with a focus on the region's oil and gas industry to highlight the economic strength, job creation and challenges the industry has brought to the Permian Basin.

Ector County Judge Susan Redford asked Midland oil man Buddy Sipes and Luke Legate, with the Texas Oil and Gas Joint Association Education Initiative, how long the current oil boom will last.

"I've seen seven booms and busts over my professional career," with some lasting two years, but none longer than five or six years, Sipes said.

"But we've never had circumstances like we have now. I believe, unless demand falls and prices fall below $50 or $60, this will continue," he said.

Legate said companies he works with "literally have 20 to 30 years of reserves to develop. Companies are very bullish. They have literally decades of drilling, and we've just scratched the surface."

Kirk Edwards, president of Las Colinas Energy Partners, told the audience not to attach much significance in the rig count, which has been trending lower as companies switch from drilling vertical wells to horizontal wells.

"There aren't as many rigs, but they're drilling 4,000- to 8,000-foot laterals" and are twice as expensive, he said. "The rig count is lower, but producers are spending more. Those horizontal wells can produce twice as much and have twice the reserves."

Hoxie Smith, director of Midland College's Petroleum Professional Development Center, said the Permian Basin may have reserves yet to be produced. These may be even greater than the more than 30 billion barrels the Permian Basin has yielded in the last 100 years, he said.

About 10 years ago, Henry Petroleum helped kick off the current activity boom by unlocking the Wolfberry — made up of mixed Wolfcamp and Spraberry production, he said. Now unconventional plays in the Permian Basin have expanded to include the Avalon Shale and Bone Springs in the Delaware Basin and the Horizontal Wolfcamp, which he said could be the largest oil reserves in the nation's history, and at least as big as Alaska's Prudhoe Bay.

Operators have been working on the new deeper Cline Shale to Midland's east, Smith said. While operators said not enough is known about its potential, some estimates predict the Cline could hold 30 billion barrels of oil, compared to 4.3 billion in the Bakken of North Dakota and 7 million to 10 billion in the Eagle Ford, of South Texas.

"Call it an energy renaissance, an energy revolution, what have you," said David Leaverton, public affairs supervisor with Pioneer Natural Resources. The current upswing in activity is not just because of strong prices but technological advances that have improved recovery and drilling.

The industry, which supports 9 million jobs nationwide, comprises 7.7 percent of the national economy and sends $86 million a day in revenues to the federal treasury, he said. His company alone plans to spend $1.65 billion in drilling in the Permian Basin, Leaverton said.

Leaverton, a native Midlander, said when he graduated from Midland High, "there wasn't a reason to come back after college. It's exciting to see people coming back in droves, when they can find room on their parents' couches.

"There are challenges, but I'd rather have them than closed storefronts and rampant unemployment," he said.

As the Permian Basin faces those challenges, Leaverton urged the coalition to present a unified voice in Austin. "There is so much this region shares," he said. "If people work together with one voice, great things will happen."

Suspicious package at mall prompts evacuation

By Tyler White
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Midland Police Department did not find explosives Tuesday night in a suspicious package found in the Midland Park Mall and deemed the building safe, according to the city's public information officer.

Mall security contacted MPD at 4:27 p.m. in regard to a green backpack left inside the mall near Ross Dress for Less, said Sara Higgins, the city's PIO.

MPD's Explosive Ordnance Disposal team and the unit's bomb robot were at the scene to take pictures and transport the package, Higgins said. The EOD team examined the package with X-rays to determine that there was no "immediate threat," Higgins said.

Police evacuated the east side of the mall and blocked off parking on the east side of the building. Mall security advised managers of all stores to close but that it was up to the manager's discretion, Higgins said.

Steven Rocha, a mall employee, said the evacuation went well and did not cause a panic.

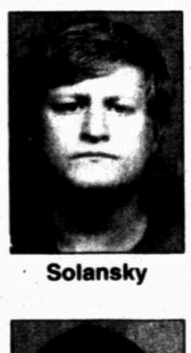
The package's contents and physical description have not yet been released, Higgins said.

This bomb scare comes after two bomb threats last week at the Stripes gas station near the intersection of South Midkiff Road and Interstate 20. No bombs were found during both threats.

MPD: Two arrested for drug possession

From staff reports

Two Midland men were arrested Monday on drug possession charges, and one of them also was charged with trying to destroy evidence, according to the arrest affidavits.


Solansky


Vasquez

John M. Solansky, 28, is being held on a $15,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of tampering or fabricating physical evidence. Solansky also was arrested on a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

Jonathan Vasquez, 24, is being held on a $10,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.

A Midland Police Department detective and officers responded to a welfare check at about 12:43 a.m. Monday in the 7100 block of Airline Road.

Upon arrival, the detective entered the residence after he allegedly overheard shouting and smelled marijuana coming from the residence.

A man, later identified as Solansky, was sitting in a recliner in the corner of the living room. He allegedly reached into his pocket, withdrew his hand, and then gradually placed something into his mouth. The detective told Solansky to spit it out and identified the item as a small bag of marijuana, according to the report.

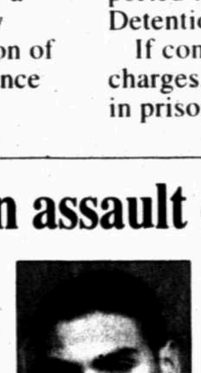
The detective also found four small bags of meth in a paper towel inside the recliner where Vasquez had been sitting, according to the report.

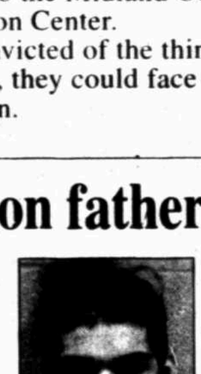
The men were arrested and transported to the Midland County Central Detention Center.

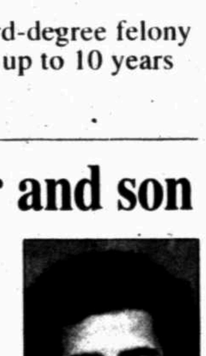
If convicted of the third-degree felony charges, they could face up to 10 years in prison.

MPD: 3 charged in assault on father and son

From staff reports


Cordero


Lane


Lopez

Three Midland men were arrested for allegedly using sticks and rocks to assault two men Sunday night, according to their arrest affidavits.

Jacob Vincent Cordero, 21, Adonis Bronson Lane, 24, and Victor Wayne Lopez, 22, are each being held on a $25,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Midland police officers responded to a disturbance at about 11:15 p.m. Sunday in the 2700 block of Roosevelt Avenue. Officers were advised that the suspects had guns and bats.

The suspects, later identified as Cordero, Lane and Lopez — as well as at least two other male suspects — reportedly went to the alleged victim's home to collect a debt and began assaulting him outside the residence. The alleged victim's father rushed outside to defend him, and the suspects then allegedly began striking both men with a stick and throwing rocks at them, according to the report. The father allegedly suffered a laceration on his head.

The suspects allegedly fled once a witness intervened, according to the arrest report.

Police arrested Cordero, Lane and Lopez that night, according to the report. It is unknown what the other alleged suspects' involvement was in the assault or if they were arrested.

If convicted, the three men could face up to 20 years in prison.

BANQUET

From 1A

tortured and arrested for helping the women to escape the abortions.

Because of these acts, he said the respect for babies and human life is decreasing in China.

"The respect of life among the common people is on the verge of extinction," he said.

Fu said that the significance of bringing Chen to Midland to talk with ChinaAid supporters and future donors is that he's a vivid example of what the organization is doing in Midland and the United States.

ChinaAid has worked to help thousands of individuals and sponsored more than 30 legal defense cases, as well as financially supported more than 100 individuals and their families who are imprisoned.

Last year Fu told the Reporter-Telegram that he knew about Chen's escape before it was discovered by police in China and that he has known Chen for more than a decade. Fu testified at an urgent Congressional Executive Commission on China hearing and phoned Chen to allow the activist to speak on his own behalf.

"The respect of life among the common people is on the verge of extinction.
Chen Guangcheng

The next day, Chinese officials then allowed Chen to apply for a visa to study law at New York University, and his paperwork in the U.S. was expedited.

Chen's story shows that nothing is impossible, Fu said.

"He's a man of courage who lost his sight during his childhood to a fever but has seen more things than many people who have eyes," he said. "He's an advocate for the voiceless."

ROADS

From 1A

he thinks of an mature transportation system, he thinks about how Interstate 45 connects Houston to Dallas and how Interstate 35 connects "economic generators."

"We don't have a spine, a backbone that has been developed like an I-45," Crutcher said. "That's why I say we are a bit immature in that aspect."

Donnelly said he hopes MOTOR becomes a transportation management area (TMA) so that it can compete with the seven largest communities in the state for funding.

With this being the first time representatives from multiple counties were able to come together to discuss needs, Halfmann said this meeting and future Permian Basin Coalition meetings will prepare them better for the next legislative session two years from now.

"We have a long ways to go," Halfmann said. "We've only got 50 plus days left in legislative session, so it would not be realistic for us to think we've done a lot between now and the end of this session. We need to get better organized, sit down and evaluate what each of our needs are."

TOWER

From 1A

According to the Edmonds International website, the firm takes note of a proposed building's site in terms of its unique requirements and opportunities so that the building responds to its surroundings responsibly and symbiotically.

Regarding Midland, Edmonds said he noticed how there is no activity on the streets downtown after 5 p.m., but people here are friendly and easy to talk to. That friendliness translates to a need for a "real social network" downtown, a place where people have places they can go to and be seen, he said.

Edmonds hopes Energy Tower will plant the seed for that real social network, he said.

Customers pack Conn. gun stores after deal on laws

Associated Press

NEWINGTON, Conn. — Customers packed gun stores around Connecticut on Tuesday ahead of a vote expected to bring sweeping changes to the state's gun control laws, including a ban on the sale of large-capacity ammunition magazines such as the ones used in the Newtown shooting and a new classification for more than 100 types of guns as banned assault weapons.

Lawmakers have touted the legislation expected to pass the General Assembly today as the toughest in the country. Some measures would take effect right away, including the expansion of the state's assault weapons ban, universal background checks for all firearms sales, and a ban on the sale or purchase of ammunition magazines holding more than 10 rounds.

The bill also addresses mental health and school security measures in response to the massacre.

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy, a Democrat, supports the bill and could sign it into law as soon as tonight.

In a state with a rich history of gun manufacturing, some companies said they feel the legislation made them into scapegoats for the deaths of 20 first-graders and six educators in the Dec. 14 massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School. At least one ammunition magazine maker is more seriously considering offers to leave.

"My home is in Connecticut, but at this point, I don't know if I can operate here legally come Wednesday afternoon," said Jonathan Scalise, owner of Ammunition Storage Components in New Britain. He said it's unclear to him whether employees in possession of banned firearms or ammunition would be breaking the law.

Gun shops across the state reported brisk sales Tuesday and said customers also checked on the status of orders that they worried could be canceled once the new laws take effect. The parking lot at Hoffman's Gun Center and Indoor Range in Newington was full Tuesday morning, with some drivers parking on the front lawn. Inside, customers waited in long lines to purchase what was left.

"I walked through. I walked out because they didn't have anything. The girl told me what's on the shelf is what they have. And I totally believe that," said Nick Viccione, a gun owner from Wallingford. He said people are trying to load up on ammunition and buy "anything semi-automatic."

At other shops, including the Delta Arsenal gun store in Wallingford, employees reported difficulty getting through to the state police to run background checks needed to complete gun sales. Connecticut State Police Lt. J. Paul Vance said he hadn't received any complaints of people not getting through to the office that handles such checks but acknowledged they might get a busy signal once in a while.

"The special licensing and firearms unit is going full bore," he said.

The gun industry in Connecticut dates back to the Revolutionary War and says it supports more than 7,000 jobs in the state. Some companies say the new restrictions have them considering a move.

O.F. Mossberg & Sons Inc. in North Haven does not support a ban on firearms or equipment, said Joe Bartozzi, senior vice president and general counsel, adding that "they've never reduced crime or violence."

Mossberg has been in business since 1919 and employs 270 workers in Connecticut. It also has a manufacturing plant in Eagle Pass and has been courted for years by other states.

"I've got a stack of invitations from governors, congressmen and economic development groups right here on my desk," he said.

Mark Malkowski, owner and president of Stag Arms in New Britain, said he's not threatening to move but that his biggest concern about staying in Connecticut is "staying in a state that does not support us."

"If our products are so dangerous and so horrible that no Connecticut resident should be in possession of it, why is it OK to send it to the rest of the country?," he said.

NRA releases report

WASHINGTON — The Senate gun control debate on the near horizon, a National Rifle Association-sponsored report on Tuesday proposed a program for schools to train selected staffers as armed security officers. The former Republican congressman who headed the study suggested at least one protector with firearms for every school, saying it would speed responses to attacks.

The study — unveiled at a news conference watched over by several burly, NRA-provided guards — made eight recommendations, including easing state laws that might bar a trained school staff member from carrying firearms and improving school coordination with law enforcement agencies. But drawing the most attention was its suggested 40- to 60-hour training for school employees who pass background checks to also provide armed protection while at work.

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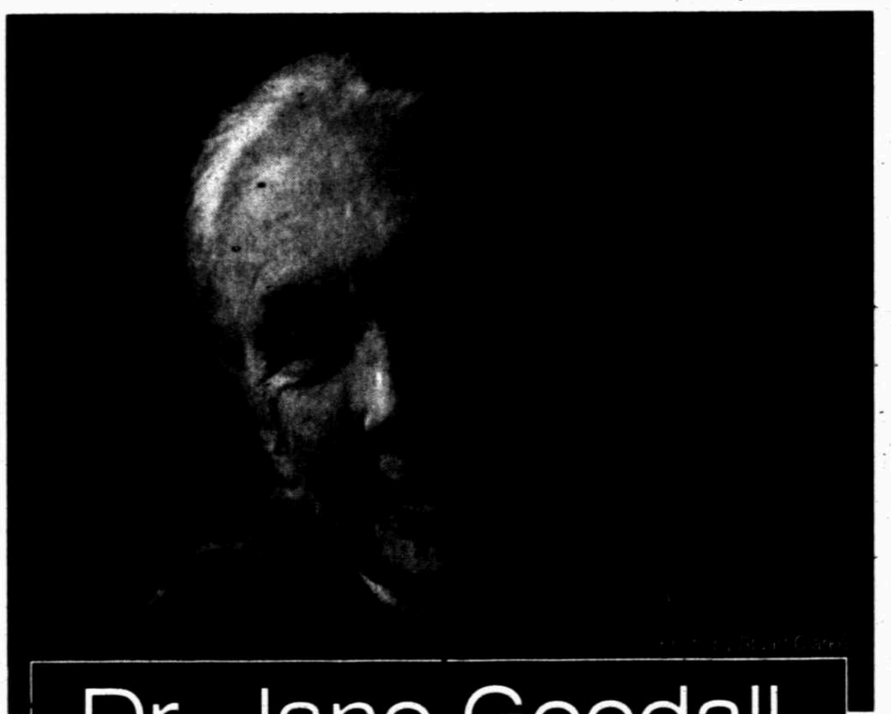
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OPINION

Global warming science is anything but settled

■ 'Climate deniers' miss biggest story on the issue.



RICH LOWRY
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There are few things sadder than the "climate denier." He ignores the data and neglects the latest science. His rhetoric and policy proposals are dangerously disconnected from reality. He can't recalibrate to take account of the latest evidence because, well, he's a denier.

The new climate deniers are the liberals who, despite their obsession with climate change, have managed to miss the biggest story in climate science, which is that there hasn't been any global warming for about a decade and a half.

"Over the past 15 years air temperatures at the Earth's surface have been flat while greenhouse-gas emissions have continued to soar," The Economist magazine writes. "The world added roughly 100 billion tons of carbon to the atmosphere between 2000 and 2010. That is about a quarter of all the CO2 put there by humanity since 1750." Yet, no more warming.

The Economist has been decidedly alarmist on global warming through the years, so it deserves credit for pausing to consider why the warming trend it expected to continue has mysteriously stalled out.

The deniers feel no such compunction. They speak as if it is still the late 1990s, when measurements of global temperature had been rising for two decades. In his State of the Union address, President Barack Obama said that "we can choose to believe in the overwhelming judgment of science and act before it's too late." In a passage devoted to global warming, though, he didn't mention the latest trend in global warming.

A denier feels the same righteous sense of certitude now, when warming has stopped, as he did a decade ago. Washington Post columnist Eugene Robinson recently opined that "sensible people accept the fact of warming" — but apparently not the fact of no-warming. He scorned those "who manipulate the data in transparently bogus ways to claim that warming has halted or even reversed course." Does he include NASA scientist James Hansen among these dastardly manipulators? No one this side of Al Gore has warned as persistently about global warming as Hansen. He nonetheless admits that "the five-year mean global temperature has been flat for a decade."

None of this means that the Earth didn't get hotter in the 20th century, or that carbon emissions don't tend to create a warmer planet, or that warming won't necessarily begin again. It does mean that we know less about the fantastically complex global climate system than global-warming alarmists have been willing to admit. The Economist notes the work of Ed Hawkins of the University of Reading in Britain. He has found that if global temperatures stay the same for a few more years, they will fall below the range of 20 climate models. In other words, the scientific "consensus" will have been proven wrong.

Why the stall in warming? According to The Economist, maybe we've overestimated the warming impact of clouds. Or maybe some clouds cool instead of warm the planet. Or maybe the oceans are absorbing heat from the atmosphere. Although the surface temperature of the oceans hasn't been rising, perhaps the warming is happening deep down. Hansen thinks new coal-fired plants in China and India, releasing so-called aerosols into the atmosphere that act to suppress warming, may be partly responsible for the stasis in temperatures.

Hansen writes that knowing more about the effect of aerosols on the climate "requires accurate knowledge of changes in aerosol amount, size distribution, absorption and vertical distribution on a global basis — as well as simultaneous data on changes in cloud properties to allow inference of the indirect aerosol forcing via induced cloud changes." Is that all? He ruefully notes that the launch of a satellite with a sensor to measure all of this failed, with no follow-up mission planned.

Hey, but don't worry. The science is all "settled."

What is beginning to seem more likely is that the "sensitivity" of the global climate to carbon emissions has been overestimated. If so, the deniers will be the last to admit it.

OUR VIEW

DA shootings can't become commonplace

The nation has been shocked by three recent murders in Kaufman County, where the district attorney and his wife were killed in their home near Forney just two months after one of the assistant prosecutors was gunned down.

We mourn the losses of District Attorney Mike McLelland and his wife, Cynthia, along with that of Assistant District Attorney Mark Hasse, who was shot to death in a parking lot a block from his courthouse office.

The tragedy makes us realize how dangerous it is to be in law enforcement and reiterates the important jobs being done by law enforcement and those who prosecute crimes.

While investigators don't know if these deaths are related, "it appears this was not a random act," said Forney Mayor Darren Rozell on Sunday.

There has been speculation that the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas, a white supremacist gang, might be connected with the murders.

This makes us think of similar violent murders against law enforcement in Mexico. The situation never should get to that point in the United States.

We hope these incidents are not allowed to stand out as a foreboding glimpse of our future.

OUR VIEW

Tech appearance nice for Midland football fans

It may only be a marketing tool for the university, but Midland will benefit when the Texas Tech Red Raiders come to Grande Communications Stadium on Saturday for a spring football practice session.

It's a great way for Tech to make a hearty connection with the Permian Basin football fans. After all, it's not often that a Division I team comes to town to show off its players. This is Tech's opportunity to land some new fans, renew the support of all the Tech grads and maybe access some of the money flowing in the Permian Basin.

Officials report that stadium gates will open at 11:30 a.m., and the practice — featuring a game simulation between the Red Raider offense and defense — is scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m. The event is free to the public.

It's also an opportunity for residents to greet new coach Kliff Kingsbury, a former Tech quarterback, as he prepares to take the team as a head coach. In addition, the Tech swagger will be present for the practice with the cheer and pom squads, the Masked Rider and the "Goin' Band from Raiderland."

There may be a lot on the agenda for this event, but having the opportunity to host it is a feather in the city's cap.

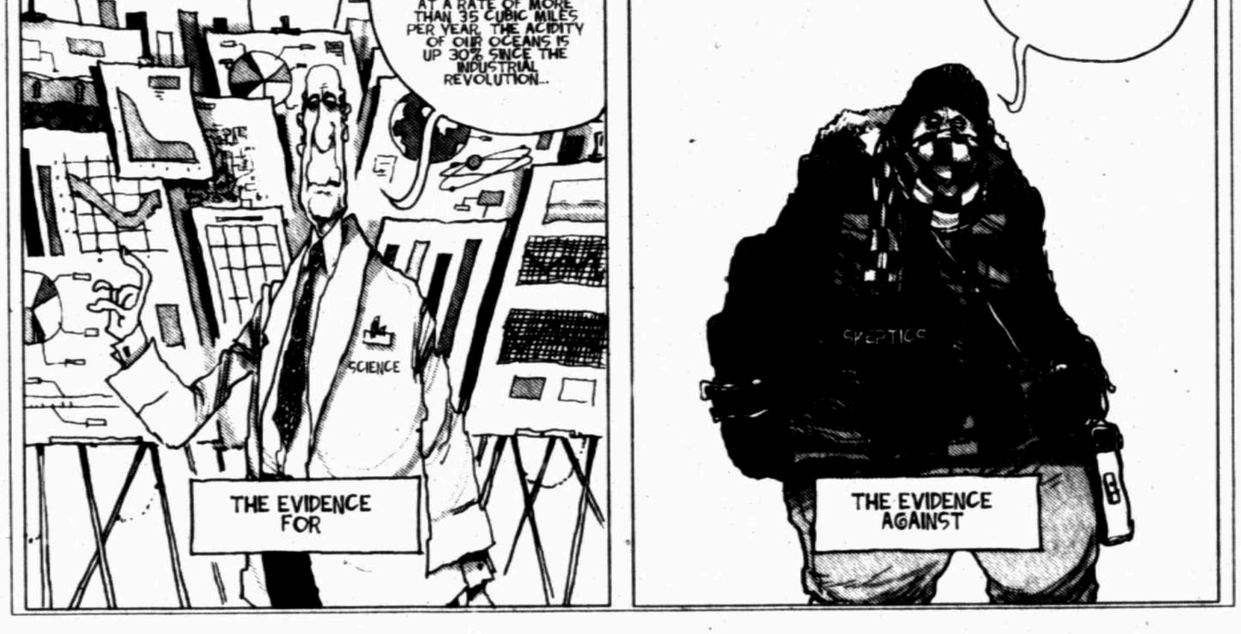
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DEBATING GLOBAL WARMING



SC takes lead on reconciliation

■ Actions speak louder than words, and the diversity being seen in the Palmetto State is breaking down stereotypes.



KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

CAMDEN, S.C. —

It isn't often that one gets to hear both the strains of "Dixie" and an African drum concert in the same public square. Nor, usually, are statue unveilings the riveting stuff of storytelling.

That is, unless one happens to be in the oldest inland city, population 7,000, of one of the oddest little states in a nation of oddness.

The unlikely combo of a brass band invoking the rebel anthem and a couple of dreadlocked musicians pounding drums provided the soundtrack for an Easter weekend unveiling of life-sized, bronze statues celebrating two Camden-born national figures -- African-American baseball legend Larry Doby and Jewish financier and presidential adviser Bernard Baruch.

The two men, an unlikely twosome not so long ago, both transcended racial and ethnic challenges that provided inspiration for subsequent generations.

Baruch, born in 1870, urged racial and religious understanding and counseled six presidents across party lines, setting an example few today seem willing to follow. Doby, born in 1923, conquered racial barriers by becoming the first black baseball player in the American League (for the Cleveland Indians) and the second African-American manager in baseball history (for the Chicago White Sox).

The sculpture featuring the two statues, brilliantly crafted by local artist Marja Kirby-Smith, is aptly titled "Reconciliation."

The ceremony was a feast of ironies, cognitive surprises and the sort of historic gestures that permit respite from the political cynicism that dominates our day. The lineup of native-born speakers was its own commentary on the status of South Carolina's evolution and quest for reconciliation, including businesswoman Darla Moore. Real leadership, said Moore, doesn't happen in Washington or the state capital but in communities such as Camden where citizens embrace diversity "as a force to improve quality of life for all citizens."

It wasn't always so, of course — and some would argue that it isn't yet — but art often expresses what we aspire to, and symbolic gestures count for something. Legislated correctives can do only so much in the service of racial equilibrium without the voluntary assent of willing neighbors.

The two statues, commissioned by local benefactors John and Anne Rainey, are such a gesture. Strategically placed along the town's main drag, they depict Doby standing behind home plate autographing a baseball for Baruch, who is seated a few feet away on a park bench, his favorite perch for contemplation.

John Rainey began his own remarks with none other than Robert E. Lee. Oh dear. Must we Southerners always invoke the leader of the Confederacy's army? But Lee had something to say about the future and reconciliation, and these were on Rainey's mind.

Rainey recounted that after the Civil War, while president of Washington College (now Washington & Lee University), Lee urged one Southerner: "Madam, don't bring up your sons to detest the United States government. Recollect that we form one country now. Abandon all these local animosities, and make your sons Americans."

Almost a century and a half later, these words sound freshly minted and aimed at a state where the tea party thrives. Lee the conciliator likely would be disappointed by today's rancorous rhetoric, which Rainey placed at the feet of "most of our leaders in the South since the end of the war, and you know who they are."

"They have not adhered to Lee's warning or followed his example, but instead have based their politics on division and disrespect. ... They have failed us."

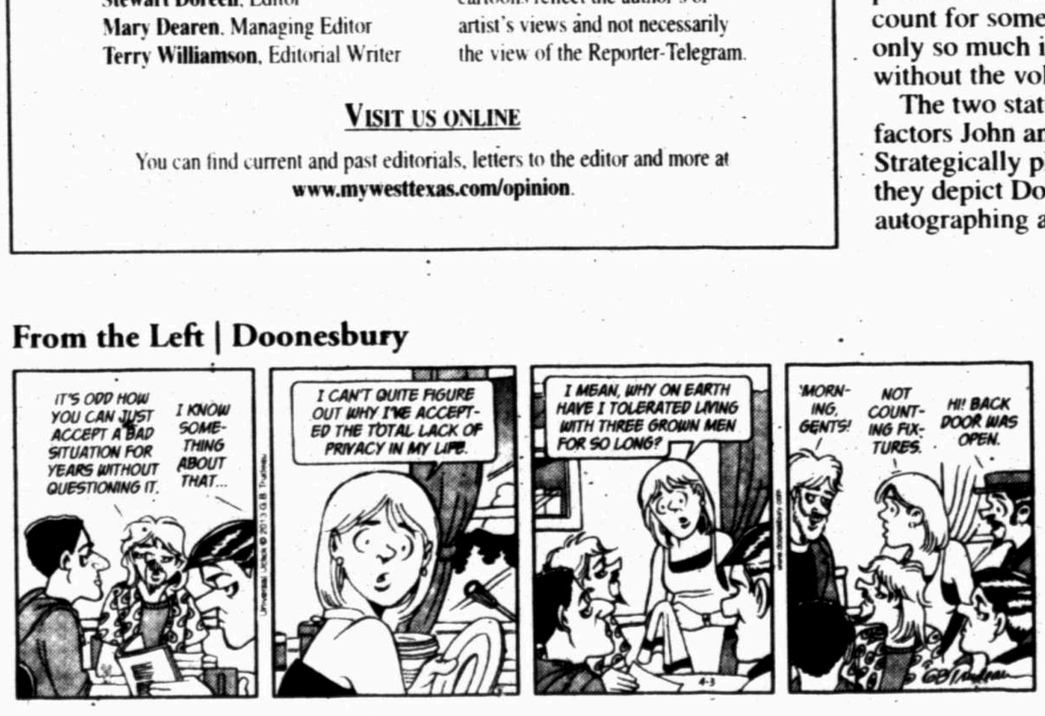
Rainey, a Vietnam vet, attorney and Republican activist, who once marched to protest the Confederate battle flag atop the state's capitol dome, has the bona fides to speak of Lee's legacy. A great-grandson of two Confederate soldiers who surrendered at Appomattox, he also is kin to a signer of the South Carolina Ordinance of Seeession.

Who better to lead the charge for reconciliation than a descendant of those who started this fine mess? What will it take for South Carolina to gain recognition beyond comedians' punch lines and the state's benighted, racist past?

Let's see, says Rainey, mentally checking diversity boxes: Gov. Nikki Haley is of Sikh Indian descent. U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, who spoke on behalf of Doby, defeated the sons of Strom Thurmond and former Republican Gov. Carroll Campbell for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. Scott is the first African-American senator from the South since Reconstruction.

We still have a way to go, but the old Southern stereotypes don't fit as well as they once did. Reconciliation, like evolution, is a process, not an

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



US restraint in Syria could aid Iran nuclear talks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's reluctance to give military aid to Syrian rebels may be explained, in part, in three words: Iranian nuclear weapons.

For the first time in years, the United States has seen a glimmer of hope in persuading Iran to curb its nuclear enrichment program so it cannot quickly or easily make an atomic bomb. Negotiations resume this week in Almaty, Kazakhstan, where encouraging talks in February between six world powers and the Islamic Republic ended in what Iranian diplomat Saeed Jalili called a "turning point" after multiple thwarted steps toward a breakthrough.

But Tehran is unlikely to bend to Washington's will on its nuclear program if it is fighting American-supplied rebels at the same time in Syria. Tehran is Syrian President Bashar Assad's chief backer in the two-year civil war that, by U.N. estimates, has left at least 70,000 people dead. Iranian forces are believed to be fighting alongside the regime's army in Syria, and a senior commander of Iran's elite Revolutionary Guard force was killed outside Damascus in February.

Russia also is supplying Assad's forces with arms. And the U.S. does not want to risk alienating Russia, one of the six negotiating nations also seeking to limit Iran's nuclear program, by entering what would amount to a proxy war in Syria.

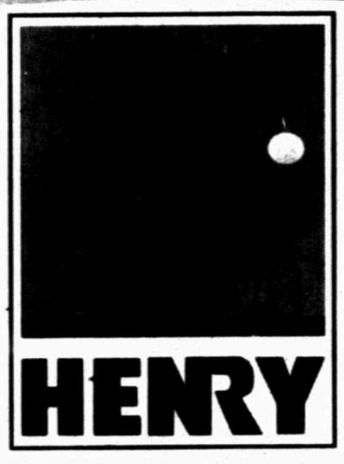
The White House has at least for now put the nuclear negotiations ahead of intervening in Syria, according to diplomats, former Obama administration officials and experts. Opposition forces in Syria are in disarray and commanded in some areas by a jihadist group linked to al-Qaida. Preventing Iran from building a nuclear bomb remains a top priority for the Obama administration, which has been bent on ending wars — not opening new military fronts.

"I think that the United States has not taken a more active role in Syria from the beginning because they didn't want to disturb the possibility, to give them space, to negotiate with Iran," Javier Solana, the former European Union foreign policy chief, said Monday at a Brookings Institution discussion about this week's talks.

Solana also warned of frostier relations between Moscow and Washington that could scuttle success in both areas.

Adding to the mix is the unpredictable relationship between the U.S. and China, which has been leery of harsh Western sanctions on Iran and is expected to follow Russia's lead on the nuclear negotiations. Without Russia and China's support, experts said, the West will have little success in reaching a compromise with Iran.

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Health care credits could trigger surprise tax bills

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Millions of people who take advantage of government subsidies to help buy health insurance next year could get stung by surprise tax bills if they don't accurately project their income.

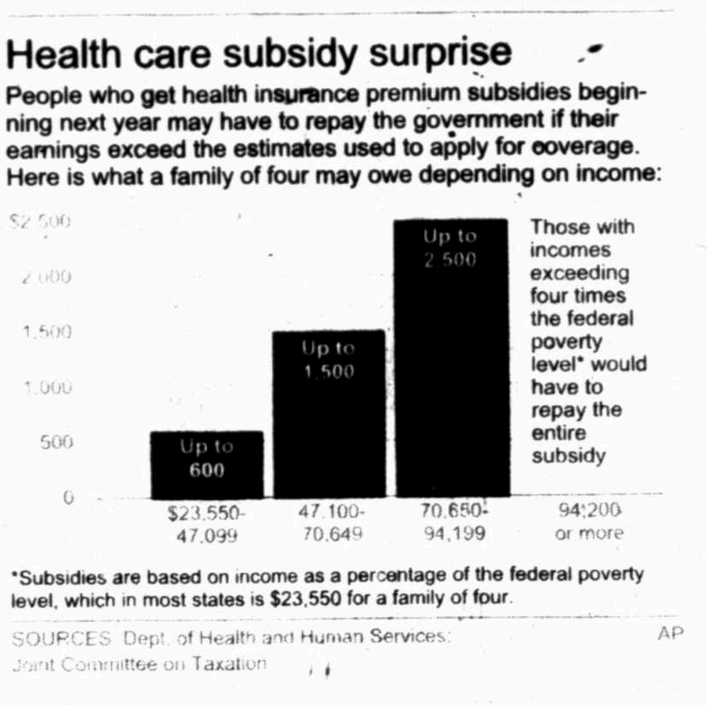
President Barack Obama's new health care law will offer subsidies to help people buy private health insurance on state-based exchanges if they don't already get coverage through their employers. The subsidies are based on income. The lower your income, the bigger the subsidy.

But the government doesn't know how much money you're going to make next year. And when you apply for the subsidy this fall, it won't even know how much you're making this year. So, unless you tell the government otherwise, it will rely on the best information it has: your 2012 tax return, filed this spring.

What happens if you or your spouse gets a raise and your family income goes up in 2014? You could end up with a bigger subsidy than you are entitled to. If that happens, the law says you have to pay back at least part of the money when you file your tax return in the spring of 2015.

That could result in smaller tax refunds or surprise tax bills for millions of middle-income families.

"That's scary," said Joan Baird, of Springfield, Va. "I had no idea, and I work in health care."



Baird, a health care information management worker, is far from alone. Health care providers, advocates and tax experts say the vast majority of Americans know very little about the new health care law, let alone the kind of detailed information many will need to navigate its system of subsidies and penalties.

"They know it's out there," said Mark Cummings, who manages the H&R Block office where Baird was getting her own taxes done. "But in general, they don't know anything about it."

A draft of the application for insurance asks people to project their 2014 income if their current income is not steady or if they expect it to change.

The application runs 15 pages for a three-person family, but nowhere does it warn people that they may have to repay part of the subsidy if their income increases.

"I think this will be the hardest thing for members of the public to understand because it is a novel aspect of this tax credit," said Catherine Livingston, who recently served as health care counsel for the Internal Revenue Service. "I can't think of what else they do in the tax system currently that works that way." Livingston is now a partner in the Washington office of the law firm Jones Day.

There's another wrinkle: The vast majority of taxpayers won't actually receive the subsidies. Instead, the money will be paid directly to insurance companies and consumers will get the benefit in reduced premiums.

The enrollment season starts Oct. 1. The subsidies are available to families with incomes up to 400 percent of the poverty level. This year, four times the poverty level is about $62,000 for a two-person family. For a family of four, it's $94,200.

About 18 million people will be eligible for subsidies, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

If families get bigger subsidies than they are entitled to under the law, the amount they have to repay is capped, based on income and family size. If they get less than they qualify for under the law, the government will pay them the difference in the form of a tax refund.

There are also special rules that protect people who marry or divorce from being required to pay back subsidies just because their marital status changes.

There are four thresholds for repaying the subsidies:

- A family of four making less than $47,000 would have to repay a maximum of $600.
- If the same family makes between $47,000 and $70,000, the amount they have to repay is capped at $1,500.
- If the same family makes between $70,000 and $94,200, the amount is capped at $2,500.
- Families making more than four times the poverty level have to repay the entire subsidy.

The total amount of money that taxpayers will have to repay is unclear, but congressional estimates offer some clues.


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FOOD AND FLOWERS

Farmer's Market to open Saturday for sixth season

From staff reports

The Midland Downtown Farmer's Market will kick off its sixth season Saturday under the green tents at 501 W. Texas Ave.

Those looking to shop for fresh and local produce and other goods can check out the market each Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. now through the end of October. The market averages about 20 vendors each weekend with hundreds of customers coming in to shop.

Farmers market

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
When: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays through October
Where: 501 W. Texas Ave.
Info: www.midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com

This year, founder Matt Hanson said volunteers are working to have more special events including the fourth annual local author day, second annual local artist day, the market's birthday bash and the "Shoulder Share" backpack drive. Volunteers also are looking to organize a motorcycle rally and a 5K fun run to bring awareness to the market.

The market will have recycling available on location for Midlanders wanting to bring plastic bottles, cans or paper. Hanson said he plans to have more live music at the market and host the Lonestar SPCA with pet adoptions on the third Saturday of each month.

While there are many non-food producing vendors who sell crafts and artwork, Hanson said he's looking this year to expand to more food production and hopes to draw in more farmers and gardeners from the area.

Hanson will even have a booth available this year — called an urban farm table — for backyard gardeners and small acreage and urban farmers who may want to sell some of their surplus produce and make a little extra money as well as gain market experience. The booth will be available for a reduced fee and vendors are limited to using it two times a season.



AT TOP
Cari Langford and Paula Barnett prepare some of the potted plants and flowers for the Ellen Noel Art Museum's annual Flower Market fundraiser.

ABOVE
Hank Owen gets some coffee and pies from Jeff Kennedy March 9 at Midland Brew Crew booth at the Midland Downtown Farmers Market.

Photos by Tim Fischer

Art Museum hosts flower market

ODESSA — Ellen Noël Art Museum will host its annual Flower Market from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. This year's event will focus on floral design, native planting and landscape alternatives. Presentations include "Professional Floral Arranging Tips" by Flowerland florist Chris Collum at 9:30 a.m., "Insight on Native Plants" by Shirley Kelly of Nature Ponds & Gardens at 11 a.m., and "Alternatives to Traditional Landscaping" by John Barnett of Barnett and Company Landscaping at 1:30 p.m. Shopping will be available throughout the day. Admission is free.

A preview party from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday will feature plants, vendors, hors d'oeuvres, beverages, presentations of the museum's current exhibits and a talk by art collector and florist Mark Knox of Mark Knox Flowers and Flowerland. Cost is $35. For more information, visit www.noelartmuseum.org or call 432-550-9696.

For more area gardening and outdoor events, see page 6B

Habitat to accept new home applications

■ Applications available through April 30.

By Audrie Palmer
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Midland Habitat for Humanity will accept applications for its low-income homeownership program now through the end of the month.

Once a year, the nonprofit allows interested Midlanders the chance to submit an application for a new home.

Executive Director Alynda Best said Monday that each year the program distributes between 400 and 500 applications with only 10 being accepted for new homes. In the past year, eight houses were built for Midland families.

Info

Applications are available at the Midland Habitat for Humanity office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, through April 30. For more information, call the office at 686-8877.

The application process is only open for one month. Staff and board members spend the next month going through the applications and making selections.

Applicants must be within the 25th to 60th percentile median income for the area. For a family of four, the median income in Midland is $65,100. Those applying for a home may not make more than $42,240 a year.

"This (the Habitat program) is important for them so they finally have some control over the cost of their housing. It's the most affordable home ownership in Midland," Best said.

Please see **HABITAT**/3B

Junior League plans four-day fundraiser

By Megan Lea Buck
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Midlanders can shoot, shop and sing along with country music star Clay Walker next week when the Junior League of Midland presents its third annual Shotguns and Stilettos.

The four-day fundraiser includes a Girls' Night Out Preview Party 6-9 p.m. April 11 at the Horseshoe Arena with shopping, hors d'oeuvres, drinks and door prizes, followed by an after-party from 9-11 p.m. with music and dancing.

Info

For information about tickets and sponsorships for Shotguns and Stilettos, call 682-4732.

The Spring Fling Stilettos Market will open 10 a.m. April 12 and close 4 p.m. April 14. Vendors from as far away as Alaska will offer gifts, clothing, jewelry, gourmet foods and children's items.

A ladies luncheon, planned for 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. April 12 at the Horseshoe, will feature motivational speaker and breast cancer survivor Suzie Humphreys.

"She has this can-do spirit that she projects on everybody," said

Please see **FUNDRAISER**/3B

'Creative and organized' dancer brings talents to Midland library

ED TODD'S PROFILES

Creative and disciplined, Edward McPherson is a seasoned performer who honed his artistic and athletic skills in the most demanding and exhilarating dance of grace and drama — ballet.

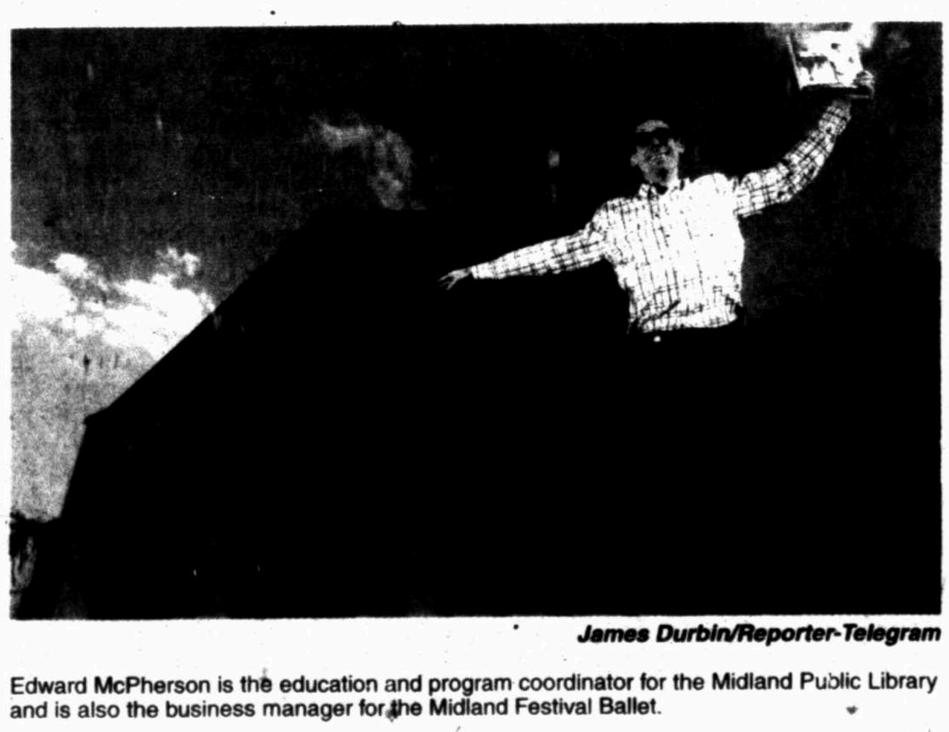
"It's fun when it's easy."

Quite so, said the suave, debonair and handsome 6-foot-4 McPherson, readily acknowledging that what appears to be easy simply ain't so, especially early into the discipline and in the daily rigors of staying fit.

His passion for ballet makes the cultured dance seem as easy and natural as falling in love, though getting there is onerous. "Now I get to enjoy it" once the "hard work" is over. "It's fun."

The discipline that propelled McPherson into ballet also prepared him for his creative and problem-solving roles as the Midland County Public Library (MCPL) System's education and program coordinator.

Please see **TODD**/3B



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Edward McPherson is the education and program coordinator for the Midland Public Library and is also the business manager for the Midland Festival Ballet.

Obituaries



Flo Lenora Williams

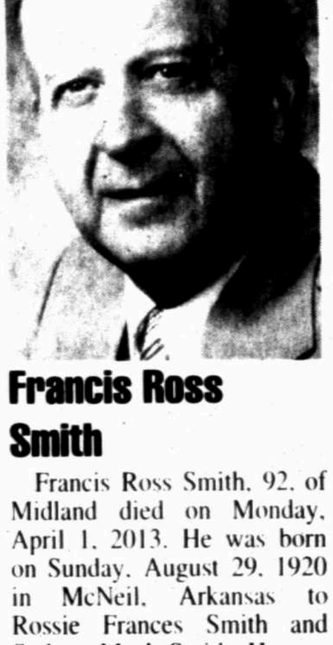
Flo Lenora Williams 91, of Midland, Texas passed away Wednesday March 27 ,2013 She was born June 5, 1921 in Kingston, Oklahoma to Joseph Reeves and Flo Keyes. She married Carl Joe Williams on May 15,1967 in Odessa, Texas.

During most of her working life , she was involved in the food industry and at one time, a part time store manager. She loved life and being around customers and friends. Later she had the opportunity to travel with her husband and co-worker friends in the petroleum industry.

She was able to see many areas of the lower 48 states while visiting with family members. While at home, she enjoyed working in her yard and watching everything grow.

Flo leaves behind one Son Curtis Usrey of Midland, Texas, one Granddaughter; Holly June Usrey of Midland, Texas, Three Sister; Bettie Hooper of Midland, Texas, Judie Parsley of Conway Arkansas, Maureen Burnett of Alamogordo, NM, one Brother Raymond Reeves of Nampa Idaho. Flo was preceded in death by Husband; Carl Joe Williams, one Brother; Joe M. Reeves of Goldendale, Washington, one Sister: Lovella Dawhaniuk of Portland, Oregon.

No Services plan per family request. Services by Odessa Funeral Home.



Francis Ross Smith

Francis Ross Smith, 92, of Midland died on Monday, April 1, 2013. He was born on Sunday, August 29, 1920 in McNeil, Arkansas to Rossie Frances Smith and Sydney Meek Smith. He was a veteran of WWII and served from 1941 to 1945 in the South Pacific on the islands of Saipan and Okinawa. Francis married the love of his life, Frances Green Smith in Magnolia, Arkansas. He was a resident of Midland for 56 years, where he was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church for 54 years. Francis owned the Woodcook Stove, and worked as a chef at Green's Restaurant and Warfield Truck Terminal.

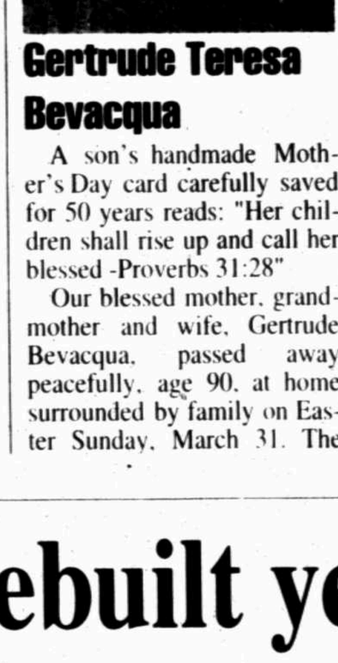
He is preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, one brother and son, John Sidney Smith.

Those left behind to honor and cherish his memory are his wife of 64 years, Frances Green Smith; daughter, Jan Smith Stephan and husband Thomas H. Stephan; grandchildren: Stephen Thomas Stephan, Shelby Anne Stephan and Susanna Marie Stephan.

Family will receive friends on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 between the hours of 6:00-8:00pm at Ellis Funeral Home. A funeral service has been scheduled at 10:00am on Thursday, April 4, 2013 at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 4501 Thomason Drive, Midland, Texas, with Pastor Randy Thomas officiating. Inerment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Gertrude Teresa Bevacqua

A son's handmade Mother's Day card carefully saved for 50 years reads: "Her children shall rise up and call her blessed -Proverbs 31:28"

Our blessed mother, grandmother and wife, Gertrude Bevacqua, passed away peacefully, age 90, at home surrounded by family on Easter Sunday, March 31. The love expressed in those many saved cards and letters from her family is forever.

She was born Gertrude Bjornson on August 19, 1922 in Norway, Michigan, to Dennis and Anna Cuff Bjornson, the youngest of seven children. The Great Depression made life challenging but hers was a loving family filled with Irish and Swedish heritage, a strong faith, close held values and mutual support.

After graduation from high school in Norway, she followed two sisters into the nursing profession graduating from the Columbus Hospital School of Nursing (Loyola University) in Chicago, Il, 1944. She then served in the Army, WWII, as a surgical nurse with the rank of 1st Lt., stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii, at the 147th General Hospital.

After military discharge in 1946, she returned to Chicago to work. There she met Louis Bevacqua, the best friend of her roommate's fiancé from Texas. After a long distance romance, they were married April 18, 1949 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Dallas, Texas.

Married to a Petroleum Geologist, she gave birth to four children and relocated seven times with the company before landing in Midland in 1969. At retirement Midland became home. She worked as an RN at Midland Memorial Hospital on 2W and Day Surgery. She loved the nursing profession and was an "Old School" RN: cap, white uniform, hose and shoes. She was known to carry a bottle of white shoe polish to work so that her shift could start the day without scuffed shoes. She pre-dated most computerized nursing practice and the surge of new technologies, yet marveled at the modern RN's level of education and confidence. She even grew to accept nurses wearing scrubs outside the OR and the loss of cap and pin she wore so proudly each day. She inspired a daughter to become an RN.

After her retirement, she stayed active in volunteer work with Community Children's Clinic, Meals on Wheels, St. Ann's Church Alter Society and visiting the home bound. She dedicated her social security income to support charities. And always, the rock of her life was her Roman Catholic faith.

More of a homebody than a traveler, she loved to crochet, read mystery novels and the daily paper. She was an excellent cook with the ability to prepare an Italian meal that rivaled her Italian in-laws. She was generous, loved the holidays and making each of her children feel special, giving you a imaginary "blue/gold bow" if you did a good job in any way. She loved to watch EWTN and Fox News and was known to stop any activity to follow a televised car chase, always disappointed when it ended too soon.

A proud displaced "Yooper", she enriched her children's lives with summer trips to her native Upper Penninsula of Michigan and the joys of family gatherings, blue lakes, pine woods, cottages, camps and Pasties. She never lost touch with her home town and family but was glad to leave the winters to them. She also loved Texas, evening car rides and Texas Rangers baseball, especially Michael Young and Josh Hamilton. She loved her dogs through the years and, although Alzheimer's Disease claimed much of her memory, she never forgot her beloved Boston Terrier, Chancey.

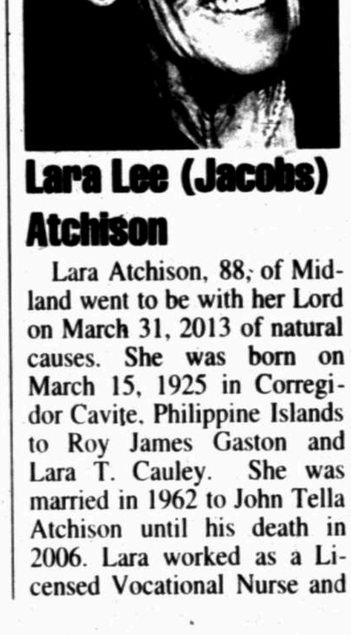
She was married to her true love, Lou, for almost 64 years. She is survived by him and her four children: Lucretia Bevacqua of Midland, Louis, Jr of Las Cruces, NM, Anna Brewer of Plano and Anthony of Austin. She adored her two grandchildren: Paul Brewer and Claire Brewer of Plano. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Her family would like to thank those who sent many prayers her way, her many caregivers with Home Instead and Home Hospice, especially Amy Burns, Shari Evans and the truly amazing Home Hospice care team.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you consider donations to Catholic Relief Services, St Ann's Church or the Hospice House in Odessa.

A rosary has been scheduled for 7:00pm on Thursday, April 4, 2013 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass has been scheduled for Friday, April 5, 2013 at 10:00am at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Lara Lee (Jacobs) Atchison

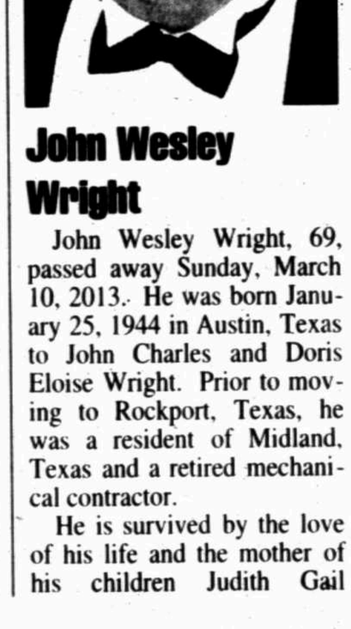
Lara Atchison, 88, of Midland went to be with her Lord on March 31, 2013 of natural causes. She was born on March 15, 1925 in Corregidor Cavite, Philippine Islands to Roy James Gaston and Lara T. Cauley. She was married in 1962 to John Tella Atchison until his death in 2006. Lara worked as a Licensed Vocational Nurse and was a member of the Fairmont Park Church of Christ. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Bill Jacobs; second husband, John Atchison; sons, Bill Charles Jacobs Sr. and Travis Bobby Jacobs; daughters, Carolyn Jean Rice and Charlotte Ann Jacobs; brothers, Ray Gaston and Albert Gaston; sisters, Margaret Alexander and Latrell Farris, and two grandsons, John Christian Jacobs and Bryan Van Clary.

Those left behind to honor and cherish her memory are her step-children: Kenneth T. Atchison of Abilene, Texas, Martha Carol Shuttlesworth of Jacksonville, Texas and Marilyn Diane Clary of Lampasas, Texas; daughter-in-law, Nita Jacobs Beebe of Jasper, Texas. She also leaves behind thirteen grandchildren: Bill Jacobs, Julie Jacobs Alexander, Charlotte Jacobs Chadbourne, Casey Castillo, Jeffery Clary, Justin Clary, Mamie Clary, Julie Clary, Lance Atchison, Jennifer Atchison McLeod, Michael Shuttlesworth, Mamie Shuttlesworth Batres and John Shuttlesworth; twenty great-grandchildren, seven nieces and four nephews.

Family will receive friends on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 between the hours of 6:00-8:00pm at Ellis Funeral Home. A funeral service has been scheduled for 2:00pm on Thursday, April 4, 2013 at Fairmont Park Church of Christ, 3813 N. Midland Dr, with Minister Scott Shepherd officiating. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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John Wesley Wright

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

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

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

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

Death Notices

Conrada Gutierrez Canales

Conrada Gutierrez Canales, 96, of Benavides, Texas passed away on Friday, March 29, 2013.

Conrada is survived by one daughter; four sons; fourteen grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; one sister, numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at the Garza Funeral Home in San Diego, Texas with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at Santa Rosa De Lima Catholic Church in Benavides, Texas. Interment will follow at Benavides Cemetery in Benavides, Texas.

Grace Brooks

Grace Nell Harvey Brooks, age 72, passed away Wednesday, March 27, 2013.

Her body was cremated and a graveside memorial service is planned for Saturday, April 6th at 2:00pm in La Vernia, Texas. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

She is survived by her daughters, Carla Heibert and husband, Eugene and Cat Geiger and husband, Roy; a brother, Don Harvey; her brother-in-law, Don Brooks and wife, Yvonne; her grandson, Will Geiger; and several nieces and nephews.

Pablo Vejar

Pablo Vejar, 56 of Midland, passed away on Monday, April 1, 2013 at Midland Memorial Hospital.

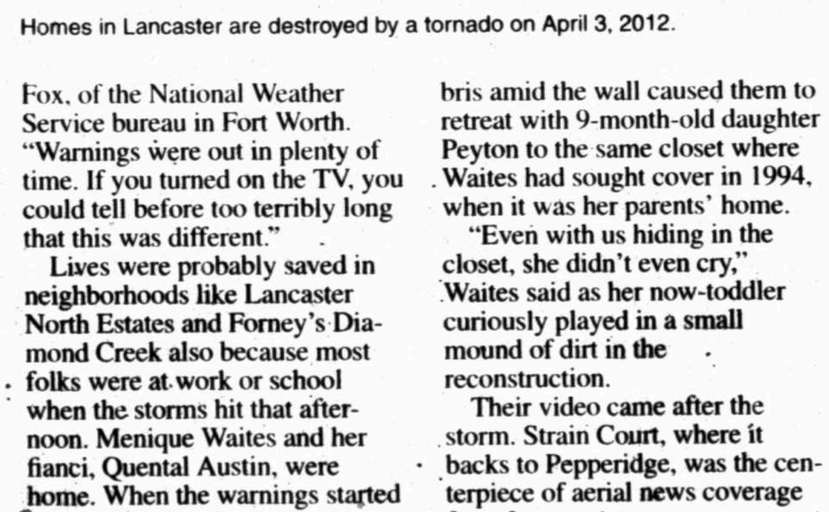
Rosary will be held Thursday, April 4 at 7:00p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral Mass is set for Friday, April 5 at 2:00p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

He is survived by his wife, Teresa Vejar; son, Pablo Vejar; four daughters, Belinda Madrid, Rocio Vejar, Maria Vejar and Veronica Quiroz; brother, Federico Vejar; sisters, Manuela Vejar, Rafaela Vejar and Benita Vejar and twelve grandchildren.

Lives rebuilt year after North Texas tornadoes

By Ray Leszcynski
The Dallas Morning News

LANCASTER — It's 2013 on one side of Pepperidge Drive but 1981 on the other. New home construction at the gateway to Lancaster North Estates offers a stark contrast to existing residences.



AP file photo

Homes in Lancaster are destroyed by a tornado on April 3, 2012.

Farther into the subdivision, bare slabs and uncleared shells of homes define a specific date: April 3, 2012, when the neighborhood took perhaps the hardest hit as more than a dozen tornadoes swirled in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Of more than 300 homes damaged in Lancaster, 23 still await demolition. Nowhere — Arlington, Dallas, Forney, Kennedale, Royse City — has the recovery been as drawn out.

But the city's wreckage also serves as its reminder: Nobody died in the tornadoes, as three had in Lancaster in 1994, nothing short of a miracle. Not even in Lancaster North Estates or along Interstate 20, where the same tornado blew semitractor trailers across eight lanes.

Many credit technology for the area's escape from serious injury. April 3 was not a red-letter morning for storm watching, but by the time conditions developed, weather experts were on full alert.

"It was a day where the entire system really worked," said Mark Fox, of the National Weather Service bureau in Fort Worth. "Warnings were out in plenty of time. If you turned on the TV, you could tell before too terribly long that this was different."

Lives were probably saved in neighborhoods like Lancaster North Estates and Forney's Diamond Creek also because most folks were at work or school when the storms hit that afternoon. Menique Waites and her fianci, Quental Austin, were home. When the warnings started mentioning familiar major streets, they ignored the sirens and went outside to see whether they could capture video.

"Living in Lancaster, if it rains kind of hard, the sirens go off," Waites said.

They saw no funnel — only a dark wall approaching Strain Court from the back side of Lancaster North Estates. Swirling debris amid the wall caused them to retreat with 9-month-old daughter Peyton to the same closet where Waites had sought cover in 1994, when it was her parents' home.

"Even with us hiding in the closet, she didn't even cry," Waites said as her now-toddler curiously played in a small mound of dirt in the reconstruction.

Their video came after the storm. Strain Court, where it backs to Pepperidge, was the centerpiece of aerial news coverage from Lancaster.

"It was total. My home was basically destroyed," Waites said. "Across the street, it was only the windows."

From the start, Lancaster residents felt they were behind the rebuilding curve. Immediately after the tornado, they were kept from their homes. But they'd go to the place they were staying, turn on the TV and see that people in other cities were getting access.

Lancaster officials said they drew from their experience with spring weather disasters, both in 1994 and 2004, when dozens of homes were wiped out in the flooding of Ten Mile Creek.

"What we did in 24 hours securing the area and clearing the area took weeks to do in 1994," City Manager Opal Mauldin Robertson said. And not only did the sirens go off, every household in the city with a landline got an automated phone call.

Like other cities, Lancaster stepped in to register contractors in an attempt to prevent residents from being revictimized. It partnered with county and state officials and held community meetings to help residents who didn't know how to deal with an insurance company or hire contractors to do the work.

"There were a few people still that tried to come in and prey on the neighborhood," Robertson said, confirming two or three instances. Neighbors cited a pile of bricks in one yard where a contractor cashed in and fled before the work was done.

Some of those who didn't need major repairs used insurance payments to make long-needed improvements, Robertson said.

While registering contractors, Lancaster didn't require fees from them — knowing those fees would be passed on to residents. The Lancaster City Council passed an ordinance allowing rebuilding to a lot's original home size. As for its remaining shells, the city's property standards board continues to hear appeals from residents who may be in litigation or other negotiations. But even red tape has its calendar limits.

"They will give an order to demolish," Robertson warned.

Truth is, each demolition will only create another empty lot. Few will be interested in building to the city's new larger square footage standards in the middle of a 1980s neighborhood.

Even pockmarked by empty lots, officials and residents agree the cumulative effect of neighbors helping neighbors has been a permanent strengthening of their community. Newer subdivisions were in better financial position for a comeback because insurance protection more closely matched property values. A neighborhood west of Bluegrove Road in Lancaster had 10 homes reduced to their concrete slabs, and only one has yet to be rebuilt.

One year after the cluster of tornados, 13 years after the downtown Fort Worth tornado and 19 after the deadly hit in Lancaster, North Texas has a track record not to be ignored. Waites, whose family stayed with her parents in Lancaster during the rebuild, doesn't take the sirens for granted anymore.

"I'm a little nervous about the April 3 date and even when the winds kind of kick up a bit," she said.

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Big Spring storyteller



Fort Chadbourne is a Texas historical treasure

Fort Chadbourne is located on Highway 277, 12 miles north of Bronte in Coke County. It is a surprising place. I have been in a number of restored military forts, but have never seen such devotion, appreciation and love for a place as I saw at Fort Chadbourne.

Eight generations of Garland Richards' family have lived on the land that Fort Chadbourne occupied. The fort was built in 1852 and was active for 15 years. Garland's great-great-grandfather, Thomas Odom, bought the fort and land adjacent to it in 1877 for $500 in gold and took up residence in the officer's quarters. He turned a barracks into a barn. This established headquarters for the Chadbourne ranch.

I interviewed Garland Richards in 1999 when he was just beginning to do the restoration work on the fort. I felt at the time that he thought it was going to be an impossible task.

"We didn't know how to do all this when we started," said Garland during a recent visit. "Most of the restoration work was done by a couple of ranch hands, some volunteers and myself. We operated under the ranching theory of operation, which is patch it up and make it last one more year. We applied this to a historical project and now it'll last another 150 years."

Garland and his helpers worked on the fort for a dozen years. Six buildings have now been totally restored and others, including the fort hospital, have been stabilized. One of the buildings is the only fully restored Butterfield Stage Station in Texas. The fort is now a showcase, especially the $2 million visitors center that includes a stage coach, an Indian teepee, thousands of artifacts and 330 of Garland's firearms that he has collected since he was in junior high school. One special area has the names of all 3,500 Medal of Honor recipients.

Garland heads up the Fort Chadbourne Foundation, established in 1999. His wife, Lana, is secretary-treasurer. Ann Pate, a lifelong friend of the couple, gives tours of the fort and wrote a book about it. Garland's ranch theory of making something last another year certainly could not be applied to some of the outstanding and up-to-date audiovisual elements found at the fort. In addition to a video documentary that won an Emmy, an antique bar has a lithograph behind it that features a horseback rider that follows you as you walk past. It is created by moving optical glass tiles. Someone from the Smithsonian visited the fort and told Ann he would be very happy to have the folks who worked on the fort join his staff.

All the funds for the restoration of the fort were donated. Admission is free. Longhorns and buffalo graze nearby. Although located in a remote area, the fort entrance is easy to find. It has a giant 1850s Cavalry spur at the front gate. The fort is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. A living history event takes place the first weekend in May. The annual fundraiser is the third Saturday in September.

Tumbleweed Smith lives in Big Spring and produces "The Sound Of Texas" syndicated radio show. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com.

Pasta dish reflects spring's maybe-maybe not feel

By Alison Ladman
Associated Press

The unpredictable nature of spring — balmy one moment, frigid the next — makes us hanker for dishes that reflect the season's maybe-maybe not feel.

And that was the inspiration for this dish, which blends one of the heartiest of winter pastas — potato gnocchi — with asparagus, a light vegetable that has come to represent one of surest signs of spring. We wanted protein, too, but nothing as heavy as meat, nor as light as beans or tofu. Shrimp, which pair so nicely with asparagus anyway, were the perfect choice.

To tie it all together, we started robust with some crumbled Gorgonzola. And to balance those big bold flavors, a light squeeze of lemon juice.

SPRING GNOCCHI WITH ASPARAGUS AND SHRIMP

Gnocchi pasta can be found in three sections of the grocer — the freezer section (along with the frozen ravioli), the pasta aisle (where they are packaged in shelf-stable containers) and alongside the fresh pasta in the refrigerated case.

Start to finish: 20 minutes
Servings: 6

Two 16- to 18-ounce packages gnocchi
4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter
Zest and juice of 1 lemon
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
2 bunches asparagus, trimmed and cut into 2-inch pieces
1 pound peeled, deveined raw shrimp
4 ounces watercress
1/3 cup crumbled Gorgonzola cheese

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the gnocchi and cook according to package directions, then drain and set aside.

Meanwhile, in a large skillet over medium heat, melt the butter. Add the lemon zest and cook until the butter begins to be fragrant and just begins to brown. Immediately add the salt, black pepper, asparagus and shrimp. Cook until the asparagus and shrimp are tender and cooked through, about 5 to 6 minutes.

Add the gnocchi to the pan and toss to coat and mix. Divide the gnocchi between 6 serving plates, then top each portion with watercress, Gorgonzola and a squeeze of lemon juice.

Nutrition information per serving: 510 calories; 120 calories from fat (24 percent of total calories); 13 g fat (8 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 150 mg cholesterol; 70 g carbohydrate; 7 g fiber; 12 g sugar; 31 g protein; 1190 mg sodium.

TODD

From 1B

"I will bring all the experience I have from the arts world — innovation and projects management — to the library. I am excited to help implement Mr. T's vision," McPherson said of John Trischitti III, the 35-year-old MCPL System's director. "He has a clear, very strong vision for the future" and is an "easy guy to get behind," straightforward and gifted with a settling sense of humor.

McPherson's roles at the downtown library and the north-side Centennial Library are to "augment and amplify the programming that is already happening at the library" and to ensure the visions of Trischitti and his department heads are "really coming true to the fullest extent."

While "everything needs to be taken seriously" especially in a government-allied service such as the public library, McPherson reasoned that "there's no reason to be wound-up about it. You've got to work hard, but you've got to have fun doing it."

"If I am not having any fun, then I try to change things up."

His library job also includes grant-writing, such as ensuring that the MCPL Foundation is "in a place to support the library in all of its efforts."

McPherson's part-time library work will become his full-time duty in early July when his revised work as the Midland Festival Ballet's business manager, grant-writer, administrative organizer and occasional dancer turns part time.

The Centennial Library's grand opening at 10:30 a.m. April 13, will feature talks by two celebrated former Midlanders: Laura Welch Bush, former librarian and first lady from 2001 to 2009, and United States Army General (retired) Tommy Franks who was hailed by his troops as a "Soldier's General."

"Libraries will always be about reading and literature," McPherson said. In addition to bound volumes, as in ink on paper, "books will play a different role" via electronic books.

"It is an exciting frontier," said McPherson, who referred to Computer Age inventor and software architect Bill Gates who in The New York Times said, "I'd be happy if ... the role of the library was sustained and even enhanced in the age of the computer."

The Centennial Library will afford "a really cool opportunity for the community to re-invent its own sense of the library," McPherson said. "Libraries have always been about books."

Coming to the Centennial Library in May 2013 is the traveling exhibit, "Bob Hope: An American Treasure," which celebrates the life of America's beloved vaudevillian, actor, showman-comedian and patriot. The library, too, has featured exhibits of America's Abraham Lincoln and Benjamin Franklin and Texana's Sam Houston.

"If you like art, you can come to the library," McPherson said. "If you like reading, you can come to the library. It is a great way to cross-pollinate."

McPherson's penchant for books and reading reflects his growing-up years in a California home without television "all before the Internet."

"Books were the only way that I could get to know the world that was beyond my fingertips," McPherson said. "If I couldn't see it or touch it, I had to read about it in books. Reading played a really big part in my life as a child because it was a window into the world beyond the town (Davis) I grew up in, about half the size of Midland."

"It (television) is not about you. TV is about the characters," however, "when you are reading, it is (vicariously) actually about you and your experiences," he said.

Ballet taught him discipline, hard work, planning and the follow-through principal vital in his library work. In his pre-ballet years, McPherson rushed through his schoolwork and didn't double-check his work.

Ballet taught him to complete tasks and to plan projects "from the beginning to the end." His problem-solving skills were sharpened in Odyssey of the Mind competition, and his ballet training was at Michigan's Interlochen Arts Academy and Indiana University. He danced professionally from California to Texas to the Midwest.

"Ballet in particular was a perfect blend of structure and A-type personality and artistry and passion," McPherson said, and prompted him to be "creative and organized" as if preparing him for his library roles in Midland.

HABITAT

From 1B

Applications are usually weeded out by an applicant's low credit rating or income but Best said anyone wanting a Habitat home should still apply, even if declined, so they know what to work on in the future.

Those awarded a Habitat home must contribute a minimum of 350 sweat equity hours on a construction site as well as complete a 16-week "homeowner college" class.

On average, it takes a new home recipient less than one year to complete the program and move into their house.

Habitat will hold an application workshop 6-7:30 p.m. April 18, at the Habitat for Humanity office, 305 E. Texas Ave. The workshop will be available for applicants needing assistance in the process.

Best said she believes the program is significant in the lives of Midlanders. Last year the organization received two thank you notes from homeowners who had graduated and were working on degrees at UTPB, she said. It was only because of being granted a Habitat home that the two recipients said they could have accomplished goals toward their careers.

With the high rental rates and cost of housing in town, many families are struggling to keep food on the tables, Best said. Habitat's homeownership program could affect on all the aspects of their lives.

FUNDRAISER

From 1B

event chairwoman Jennifer Hall.

On April 13, the league will host its annual Clay Shoot at Jake's Clays with morning and afternoon flights available for individuals and teams.

Clay Walker will perform at the Buckshot Bash, 6:30 p.m. April 13 at the CAF Museum. Alyssa Bagley will open the show.

Hall said league members and volunteers are excited to bring Walker to Midland.

"He has such a history and has such a great story," she said. "He has MS and is such a fighter."

The event will include dinner, dancing and silent and live auctions.

Auction items include a ladies Omega watch from Samuel L. Majors Jewelry, a four-wheeler, a yellow lab puppy, a Terra Cat off-road vehicle, a pheasant hunt for 10 at Champion Ranch in Colorado City and two African hunts in South Africa — one for 10 people and one for two people.

The event will wrap up April 14 with continued shopping at the market and an Explorer's Children's Event from 1-4 p.m. at the Horseshoe. The children's event will feature jumpers, balloons, face-painting, snacks, prizes and live animals. Parents may drop off their children at the event while they shop at the market.

Money raised at Shotguns and Stilettos funds programs such as Suits with Skills, Face the Race and Family First.

"We partner with Safe Place," Hall said of the league's Suits with Skills program. "We teach women how to be empowered, how to run financials, how to look good for an interview, how to interview. At the end we buy them a suit and get them ready for their first interview."

League members work with at-risk junior high girls through Face the Race, offering them after-school activities and programs before hosting a 5K race for the teens.

Families First is a one-day program that includes parenting classes and other resources for families in the community.

Shotguns and Stilettos is the biggest fundraiser for the nonprofit and brought in more than $350,000 last year, said Hall.

"All of the money goes back into the local community," she said.

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Pass the salt and pepper, and add some lemon. Lemon is one of the most commonly used flavorings in cooking. It is handy, inexpensive and provides a big boost of flavor and aroma to sauces, meats, vegetables, salads and desserts.

Lemons are very acidic and are commonly used in marinades to help tenderize meat. In addition, I use it as a handy way to make buttermilk when I need it in baking and I don't have any handy. Add one tablespoon and enough milk to make one cup. Let stand for five minutes and you will have a good buttermilk substitute.

When it comes to squeezing a lemon to juice it, room temperature lemons will yield the most juice. I have an old glass juicer that you might find in an antique store where you put half of a lemon on it, press down and twist. I watched a video on YouTube showing another process; they cut the lemon in half, stabbed the center with a fork and squeezed and twisted the fork around and it worked just as well. Whichever method you use to juice your lemons, the results are the same-delicious, fragrant lemon juice.

Lemony Green Beans and Mushrooms

From "Peace Meals"

1 1/2 pounds green beans, washed and trimmed
2 Tablespoons butter
8 ounces cremini mushrooms, cleaned and sliced
Coarse salt and freshly ground pepper
Zest and juice of 1 lemon

Blanch the beans in boiling water and cook for about 4 to 6 minutes until tender but still bright green (do not overcook). Cool the beans under cold running water, drain and set aside. Heat the butter in a medium sauté pan over medium low. Add the mushrooms and cook for 2 to 3 minutes over medium heat. Do not stir. Season generously with salt and pepper. Mix well and continue cooking for 2 minutes. Add the beans, lemon zest and juice; cover and cook 3 minutes. Serve immediately.

Lemon Garlic Chicken

From "Fix it and Forget it Cookbook"

1 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 pounds chicken breast halves, skinned and rinsed
2 Tablespoons butter or margarine
1/4 cup water
3 Tablespoons lemon juice
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 teaspoon chicken bouillon granules
1 teaspoon minced fresh parsley

Combine oregano, salt and pepper. Rub all of mixture into chicken. Brown chicken in butter or margarine in skillet. Transfer to slow cooker. Place water, lemon juice, garlic, and bouillon granules in skillet. Bring to boil, loosening browned bits from skillet. Pour over chicken.

Cover. Cook on HIGH 2-2 1/2 hours or Low 4-5 hours. Add parsley and baste chicken. Cover. Cook on HIGH 15-20 minutes until chicken is tender.

Grilled Marinated Shrimp

From Allrecipes

1 cup olive oil
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
1 lemon, juiced
2 Tablespoons hot pepper sauce
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 Tablespoon tomato paste
2 teaspoons dried oregano
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
2 pounds large shrimp, peeled and deveined with tails attached
Skewers

In a mixing bowl, mix together first nine ingredients. Reserve a small amount for basting later. Pour remaining marinade into a large resealable plastic bag with shrimp. Seal, and marinate in the refrigerator for 2 hours. Preheat grill for medium-low heat. Thread shrimp onto skewers, piercing once near the tail and once near the head. Discard marinade. Lightly oil grill grate. Cook shrimp for 5 minutes per side, or until opaque, pasting frequently with reserved marinade.

Seafood Salad with Lemon Mustard Dressing

From "Sensational Seasons"

1 small onion, minced
2 hard boiled eggs, chopped
1 cup shrimp, boiled and peeled
1 cup crab meat
1/2 cup celery, chopped
1 cup mayonnaise
2 cups rice, cooked and chilled
3 Tablespoons lemon mustard dressing
Lettuce leaves
Almonds, sliced and toasted

Dressing:
1 cup olive oil
1/4 cup lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 1/2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1 1/2 teaspoons honey
1/4 teaspoon white pepper

Combine onion, eggs, shrimp, crab meat, celery and mayonnaise. Chill for several hours. Combine all ingredients in a jar and shake until well blended. Will keep in refrigerator for up to 2 weeks.

Toss the rice with 3 tablespoons of the dressing. Mound rice on lettuce leaf, depress center and fill with seafood mixture. Garnish with almonds.

Lemon Roll

From "Vineyard Seasons"

3 eggs, separated
1 cup sugar
6 Tablespoons hot water
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
Grated rind of 1 lemon
Lemon Filling
Powdered sugar
Preheat oven to 375.

Beat egg yolks, add sugar and beat till thick and lemon colored. Stir in water and dry ingredients. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Add grated rind. Grease a cookie sheet that has a rim (jelly roll pan), line it with waxed paper and grease it again. Pour batter into pan, spreading evenly. Bake 12-15 minutes. Immediately cut off crisp edges and turn out onto large cloth, lightly covered with powdered sugar. Remove waxed paper. Using the cloth, roll up the cake (lengthwise), and set aside while you make the filling. When ready, unroll cake, spread on filling and roll back up. Cool completely; transfer to serving dish. Cut with serrated knife.

Lemon Filling:
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
2 Tablespoons butter, melted
Juice and grated rind of 2 lemons

Put all ingredients in a double boiler-beat well and stir until thick-15-20 minutes. Cool slightly.

Lemon Glazed Peach Muffins

From "No-Guilt Desserts"

1 cup flour
3 Tablespoons sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
1 (16-ounce) can sliced cling peaches in light syrup
1 cup Kellogg's All-Bran Cereal
1/2 cup skim milk
1 egg white
2 Tablespoons vegetable oil
Lemon sauce (recipe follows)

Stir together flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and pumpkin pie spice. Set aside. Drain peaches, reserving 1/3 cup syrup. Set aside 8 peach slices; chop remaining peach slices. Mix cereal, milk, and reserved syrup into large mixing bowl. Stir to combine. Let stand 2 minutes or until cereal is softened. Add egg white and oil. Beat well. Stir in chopped peaches.

Add flour mixture, stirring only until combined. Portion batter evenly into 8 lightly greased 2 1?2 -inch muffin cups. Place 1 peach slice over top of each muffin. Bake at 400 degrees about 25 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm with Lemon Sauce.

Lemon Sauce:
1/3 cup sugar
2 Tablespoons cornstarch
1 1/2 cups cold water
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
1 Tablespoon lemon juice

Combine sugar and cornstarch in 2-quart saucepan. Add water, stirring until smooth. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture boils. Continue cooking and stirring 3 minutes longer. Remove from heat; stir in lemon peel and juice. Serve hot over warm peach muffins.

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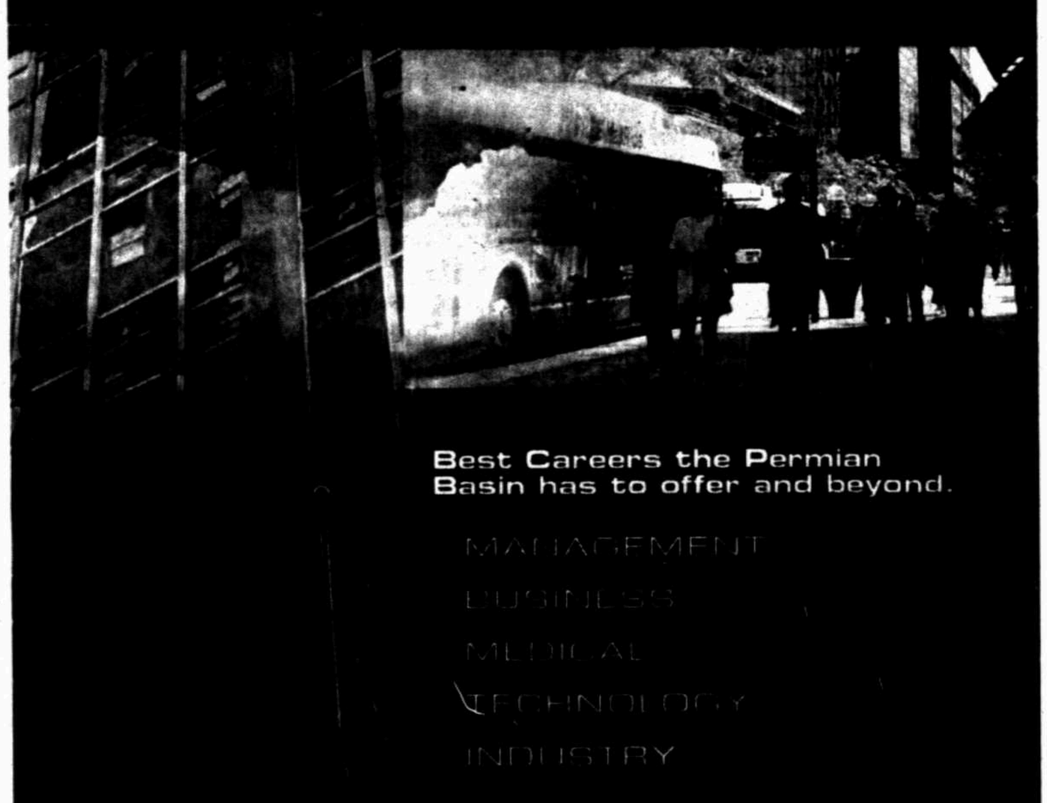
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FRIDAY: Sunny High: 80 Low: 58

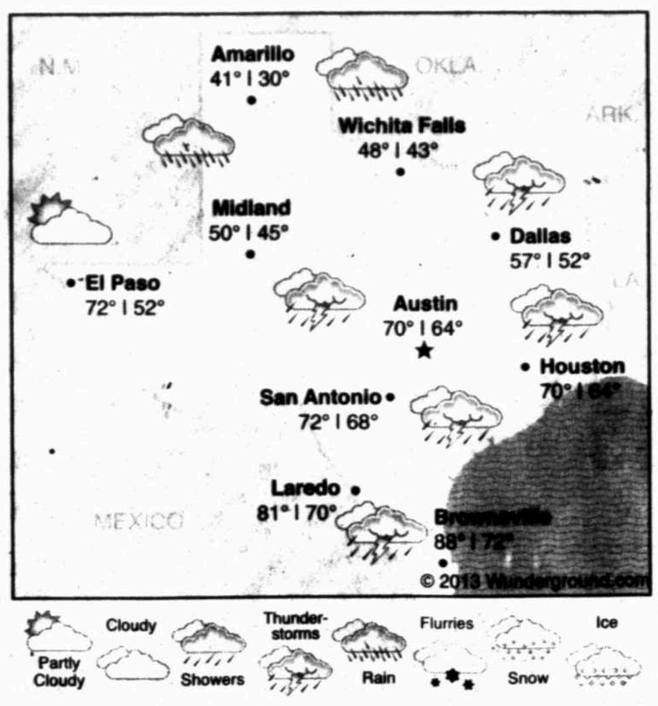
Local forecast

Expect mostly cloudy skies today with a high around 56 and north winds between 10 and 15 mph. There is a 30 percent chance of showers, mainly before 1 p.m. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 39 and northeast winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming light after midnight.

Thursday, look for sunny skies with a high around 70 and calm winds becoming west around 5 mph. Expect mostly clear conditions at night, with a low around 50 and northwest winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming southeast after midnight.

Friday, the forecast calls for sunny skies during the day, mostly clear skies at night, with a high around 80 and a low around 58.

The high on Tuesday reached 66, while the low dropped to 44. The record high for April 2 is 95 set in 2011. The record low is 28 set in 1938.



National forecast

Cold and blustery weather will continue in the Northeast today.

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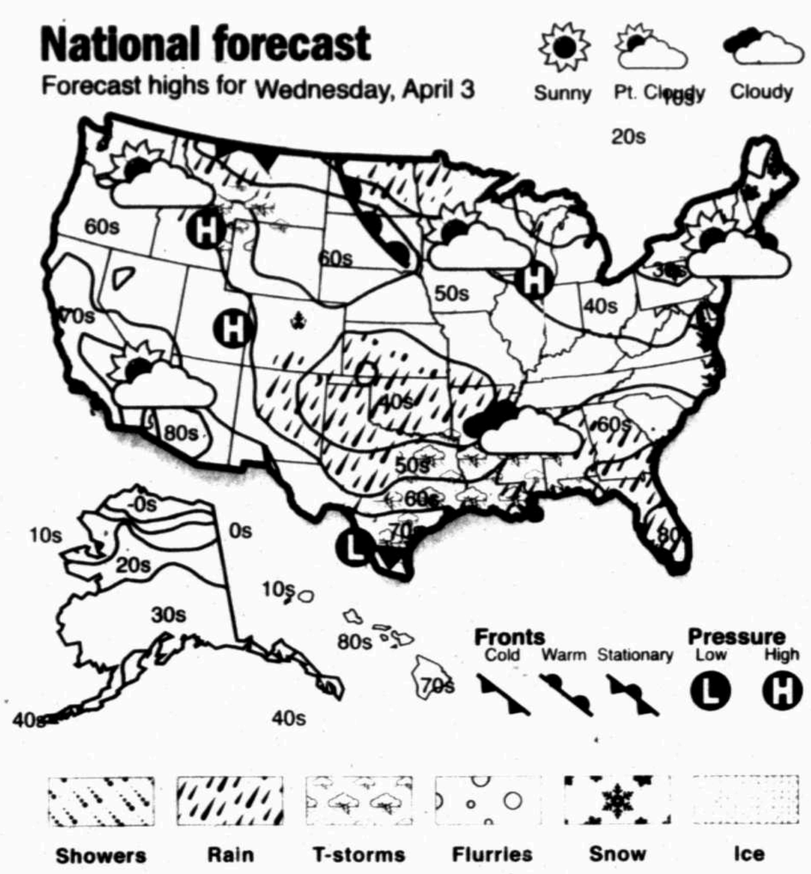
Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	1.53 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.91 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	66
Low	44
Normal high	75
Normal low	45
Sunrise	7:34 a.m.
Sunset	8:10 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, April 3



Woman's big breasts are big deal to boyfriend

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: Before we met, my girlfriend got large breast implants. I think they're a terrible turn-off, but I don't know how to tell her. Should I try to overlook this because I love her, or can I tell her the truth about why our love life is sometimes not so hot? I have known her long enough that the next step is marriage — or nothing. She walks around the house bare-chested and obviously thinks I find her breasts a big turn-on. I have faked it for five years. What should I do? — NOT THAT EXCITED IN COLORADO

DEAR NOT THAT EXCITED: Your letter is a lesson about the danger of "faking it." Level with your girlfriend but without using the words "terrible" and "turn-off." Tell her you love her, but while many men find large breasts to be a turn-on, you actually prefer smaller ones — to the degree that it sometimes affects your sexual performance.

Explain that if she thinks her breasts are what have kept you interested, it's not the case. At some point, one or more of her implants may need to be replaced, and she might opt for smaller ones.

DEAR ABBY: I moved to Australia 10 years ago. It has been a fantastic adventure, but I feel drawn home. Complicating things is the fact that I have a same-sex Australian partner. Because gay marriage is not federally recognized in the United States, he has no possibility of legally emigrating there. His skills are not sufficient.

To move back to the U.S. would destroy my home, which is a happy one. On the other hand, I come from a large, close family and my parents are entering their 70s. I miss my family and my culture every day, and feel torn between my family in the U.S. and my partner in Australia.

I have felt this way for a few years. I feel unable to settle down and start living or feel comfortable in my life until I work this out. The thought of not being around my family in the long term is unbearable. The thought of leaving my partner is equally painful. I have tried in vain to find an answer and feel overwhelmed. Help! — TRANS-PACIFIC READER

DEAR TRANS-PACIFIC: I don't know your financial situation, but why must this be an "either/or" situation? You're happily settled in a beautiful country and enjoying a loving relationship. I assume you also have a well-paying job.

Your dilemma might be solved by visiting your parents more often, particularly since their health is still good. If that changes, you could return to the U.S. for a more extended period. Until the laws in the U.S. regarding same-sex marriage change, that's what you will have to do unless you're willing to sacrifice your relationship.

DEAR ABBY: Is it proper to tip your tattoo-artist or piercer? They provide a service, just as a hairdresser would. I have never seen this addressed before. Your input would be helpful. — CURIOUS IN UPSTATE NEW YORK

DEAR CURIOUS: Tattoos and piercings are considered works of art, and it's not unusual for a customer to present the artist with a gratuity commensurate with the degree of satisfaction the person feels with the results, the time it took to create it and the intricacy of the design.

In lieu of money, sometimes gifts such as art books, spiritual artifacts or jewelry are given to the artist.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 3, 2013:

This year you meet heavy demands, but the responsibilities cause you to be curt or touchy. Others can't always identify with your ideas and actions. Find an effective outlet for your anger and frustration. If you are single, you might want to find someone who is just as busy as you are. Hopefully your schedules will fit together. If you are attached, make sure that you include your significant other in your plans as much as you can. CAPRICORN demands a lot from you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Whether you're dreaming or at an event, you are on the move. You feel passionately about the direction in which you are heading. If you listen to the voices on the sidelines, you might meet resistance. Your determination can't be reasoned with. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You see life from a different perspective than many other people. As much as you might try to detach, your inner voice will scream passionately about the matter at hand. Calm yourself down before making any dramatic statements. Tonight: Pursue a favorite pastime.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ A meeting or get-together could give you quite a start-up kick, which will charge the remainder of the day. Talk to a dear friend in order to gain a different perspective. Understand what is happening on a deeper level, and eliminate judgments if possible. Tonight: Share news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone you care about. You might be surprised by what happens when you hear this person's news and rationale for his or her reactions. A boss or an authority figure could be — at best — in a sour mood. Steer clear. Tonight: Return calls and emails.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ A call or a message triggers a lot of action. Someone might be more irritated than you'd originally thought. Stay on top of problems, but try to be flexible. That attitude will get the situation calmed down as much as possible. Tonight: Off to the gym.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Your creativity emerges when faced with a problem. Stay centered, and understand that you will need to resolve this issue. A brainstorming session produces insightful thoughts. Take a lunch break to clear your mind. You will come back with more ideas. Tonight: Ever playful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Take a step back and observe. See how others handle a domestic issue. The solution that emerges might not be exactly to your liking, but you will get a better idea as to where they are coming from. Your lightness and energy need to be focused elsewhere. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Say what you want, but do consider the reactions you might get as a result. Look beyond the obvious and past your objectives. Evaluate your words if you want to maintain peace and accomplish a long-term goal at the same time. Tonight: Let a discussion continue.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Be sure of your financial decisions. Do some fact-checking if needed. You also might want to check out an investment, as it could involve more risks than you are aware of. A loved one pushes you to spend more time with him or her. Make it your pleasure. Tonight: Run an errand or two.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You'll see a situation in a new light, and you will be ready to make a move. If you do, others might feel left out, and you could have a lot of apologies to make. Decide whether the flak you'll likely receive is worth it. Tonight: Take a midweek break from your day-to-day routine.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You might want to try a different approach. It will work, and you will stay ahead of the game. Realize that you don't have the audience or the support you desire. Timing is not working with you. Put this idea on the back burner for now. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You could overspend or overcommit if you are not careful. Be aware of your limitations before you take action or say "yes" to an offer. Remember, you are human and can do only so much. Discussions need to focus on friends. Tonight: Have a spontaneous get-together.

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BORN TODAY

Comedian Eddie Murphy (1961), singer Leona Lewis (1985), actor Alec Baldwin (1958)

GOREN BRIDGE

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The intra-finesse

East-West vulnerable. East deals.

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♣ K 9 4

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♠ 6
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♦ K J 8 7 3
♣ 10 8

EAST
♠ K 5 4
♥ Q 2
♦ A 10 5 4
♣ Q J 5 3

SOUTH
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♥ 8 6
♦ Q 9 6
♣ A 7 6 2

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♦	1♠	2♦	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: Seven of ♦

From time to time, we have written about the "intra-finesse." Here's an example from a recent World Championship.

At favorable vulnerability, South showed no fear in entering the auction with a less than robust four-card spade suit. North, with a favorably positioned king, excellent trump support, a single-ton and another king that was surely working, wasted no time in bouncing into game.

West led the seven of diamonds to East's ace, and a trump was returned. Declarer ducked that and won in dummy with the seven. Since the contract could be claimed if trumps were evenly divided and the ace of hearts onside, declarer continued with the knave of trumps, repeating the finesse when East followed low. When the 3-1 spade break was revealed, declarer needed three club tricks to get home.

Another spade to the ace fetched his majesty, and a low club was covered with the eight and nine, losing to East's jack. A heart was returned to the ace and dummy won the next heart with the king.

Declarer cashed the table's king of clubs, noting the fall of the 10 from West. Dummy's remaining club was led and, when East followed with the five, declarer finessed the seven. When that held, declarer was home with five spade tricks, the king of hearts, a heart ruff in hand and three clubs.

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ACROSS

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7 NASA citrus drink
11 Digital doc format
14 Cry from an oversleeper
15 Smokehouse order
16 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
17 "Career soldier
19 Quaint curse
20 Yellowish green
21 "Gotcha!"
22 Small craft concern
23 End of a New Year's song
24 "1995 movie flop dubbed "Fishtar"" by some critics
26 Word before chi or after mai
28 Long tale
29 "Much-sought-after celebrity
35 Baker's 13
38 Campfire residue
39 Beijing-born, say
41 Madhouse
42 Green stuff
44 "Sun emanation responsible for the northern lights
46 Unveiler's cry
48 British verb ender
49 "Petal-pusher?
54 Walrus feature
58 Dieter's gain?
59 Singer Erykah
60 Political channel
61 Word of repulsion
62 Brangelina, e.g. — or, in a way, each of the answers to starred clues
64 "__ Big to Fail": 2009 account of the financial crisis
65 Gets to
66 Mourn
67 Clairvoyant's gift
68 Soft "Yo!"
69 Beginning bits

DOWN

1 Oscar night rides
2 "Our Town" girl
3 Too pooped to pop
4 Unworldliness
5 Sermon ending?
6 Deal-busting org.
7 Behind-closed-doors event
8 'Til Tuesday lead vocalist Mann
9 Cavs and Mavs
10 "The Pyramid" channel
11 29-Across chasers
12 Dryly amusing
13 Not likely to move
18 River valley formation
22 Disco adjective
24 Fingers-crossed thought
25 Angler's gear
27 Place to play "Space Invaders"
29 "Skyfall" director Mendes
30 GI's hangout
31 Image-editing software
32 "__ a pity"
33 Year abroad?
34 Fam. reunion attendee
36 Years and years
37 Bob of hope, maybe
40 Take a trip by ship
43 Congressional output
45 Triathlon attire
47 Vine yards?
49 Champagne glass
50 Java's coffee cup et al.
51 Stares stupidly
52 Latin clarifier
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60 Trite stuff
62 Humdinger
63 Software-driven film effects, for short

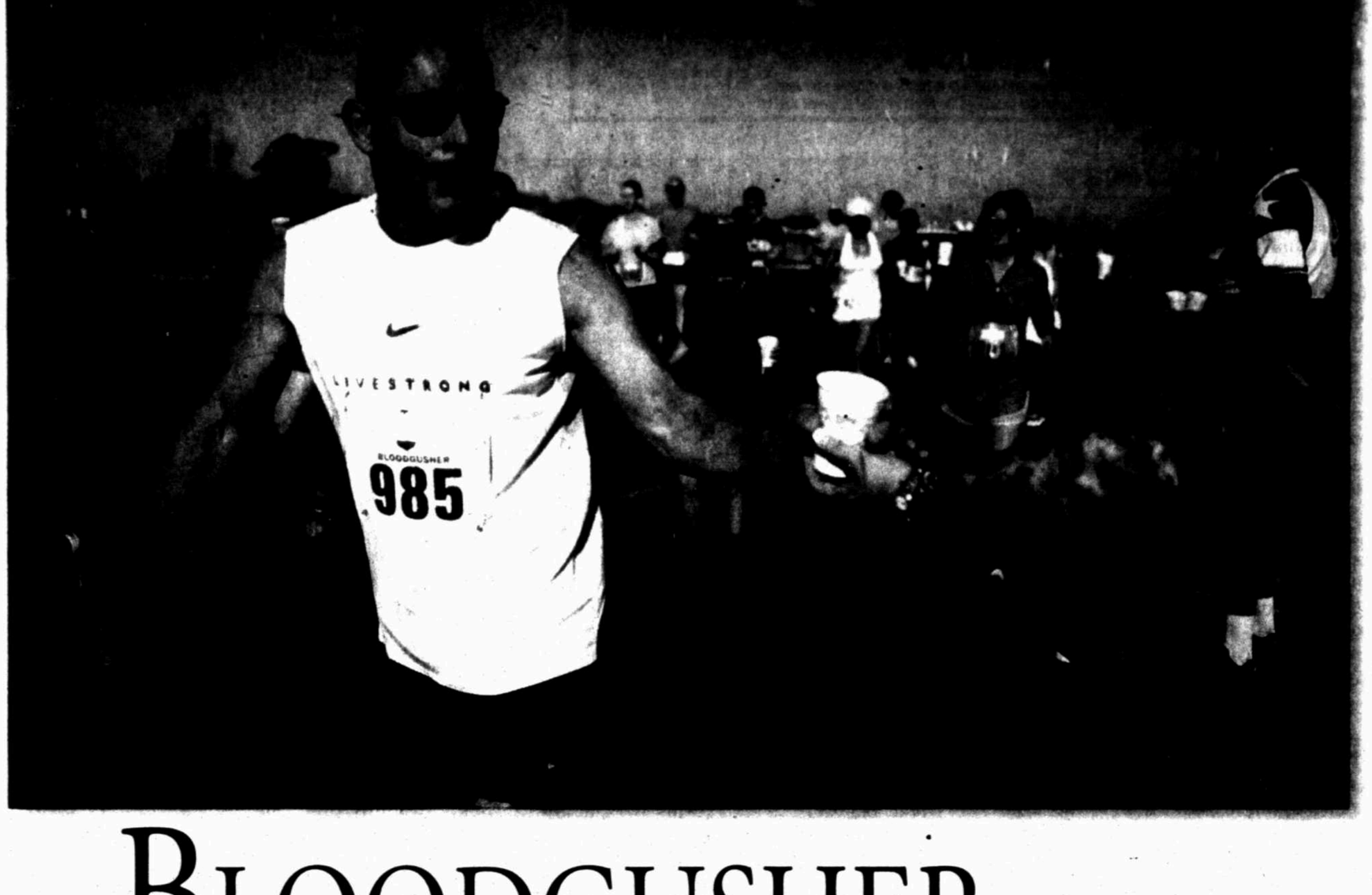
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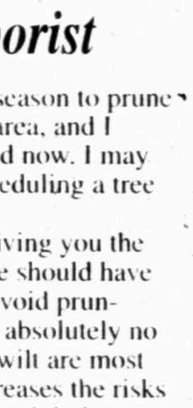
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The 11th annual Bloodgusher run on Saturday hosted a total of 1,214 registrants for the half-marathon, 10K, 5K and 1 mile fun run races. The event, which benefits the United Blood Services, was held at the Schlauer Sports Complex and raised several thousands of dollars for the organization and 134 blood donations, according to center director Lee Hartmann. An exact total of monetary donations had not been tallied as of Monday afternoon. RIGHT A race participant grabs a cup of water while running in the Bloodgusher half-marathon.

James Durbin
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BLOODGUSHER
half-marathon



NEIL SPERRY

Neil Sperry is a Texas gardening expert. Email him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com.

Homeowner with oak wilt needs help of certified arborist

Dear Neil: I didn't realize there is a season to prune oak trees. We have oak wilt in our area, and I need to know if they can be trimmed now. I may actually have oak wilt in the tree. I am scheduling a tree expert now.

Answer: If you had a certified arborist giving you the estimate (hopefully you did), then he or she should have informed you about oak wilt. You should avoid pruning oaks at this time of year unless there is absolutely no recourse. This is when fungal mats of oak wilt are most active, and any type of pruning greatly increases the risks of its spreading. However, if you think you might have oak wilt in this tree already, you really need to get with a specialist who is trained in oak wilt at once. Follow his or her advice completely if your tree is to have any hope of surviving, also to protect neighborhood trees from spread of the disease. This is a difficult challenge.

Dear Neil: The outer leaves of our oleander bush turned brown a month or two ago. Is this a disease or cold injury?

Answer: Definitely cold injury. Oleanders really don't suffer many disease problems, plus diseases are rarely active during the winter. This doesn't look especially severe. Wait for new growth to sprout out around it. You shouldn't even need to trim it.

Dear Neil: I have seen an electric indoor composter from a couple of online gardening retailers. What is your opinion of them? I don't want to have an ugly composter in my backyard, but I really do want to try a little composting. The machine is fairly expensive.

Answer: First, I'm a huge fan of composting. However, and it's just one guy's opinion, but I can't imagine having compost turning inside my house. Call me old-fashioned, but I'm quite satisfied to wait on natural composting outdoors. A compost bin doesn't have to be unattractive. And they can be screened by short fencing or shrubs. They're not terribly expensive, but they're a lot larger than what you were describing. With an indoor machine, you wouldn't have enough compost to accomplish a lot. One you could tuck away outdoors could let you recycle all of your grass clippings, fallen leaves and garden stubble.

Dear Neil: I removed a planting of liriope that had gotten rather unattractive, but now I'm looking at Indian hawthorns that are completely bare from 18 inches down to the ground. Can I trim them back by half now, or would that kill them?

Answer: Indian hawthorns don't handle that kind of extreme pruning very well. You'd be much better off just replacing them. Your newly planted bed would look great from the outset, plus it would give you the chance to bring some new design elements into play. For what it's worth, Indian hawthorns are vulnerable to the same Entomosporium fungal leaf spot that is attacking redtip photinias. We have no control for it, so you might want to take the opportunity to switch to another type of low shrub.

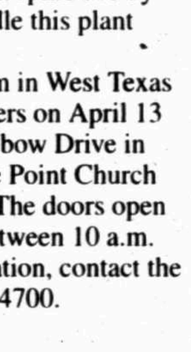
Dear Neil: My pecan has dropped several small branches recently that look like some type of animal has cut a ring around them. We are new to this house. Is this anything we need to worry about? The tree looks healthy otherwise.

Answer: That's an insect called twig girdler, and the female circles the twigs and small branches, cutting a spiral with her sharp mouthparts. She then lays her eggs on the outer ends of the twigs. As they larvae develop, they feed on the wood of the dead branch. There is no spray that will prevent her damage, and she is there for such a short period of time that you'd have to be spraying at that moment. You can reduce the population simply by collecting the fallen branches and discarding them with the trash. Where burning is allowed, that is another means of getting rid of them. Of course, there is an ongoing supply of adult beetles from neighborhood trees, so don't expect to be free of them.

Dear Neil: Last year my Homestead Purple verbenas were gorgeous in the spring, but then the plants started to turn tan. I lost a few plants, but the rest look terrific again this year. What caused that, and what can I do to avoid it this spring?

Answer: That was damage done by spider mites. They're nearly microscopic pests that attack the undersides of plants' leaves. You can see them if you thump an ailing leaf over a sheet of white paper. They'll be the tiny dust-like specks that start to move around. Verbenas are some of their favorite host plants. You could try a system insecticide drench onto the soil, or you could spray the plants with a general-purpose insecticide just as you see the first spotting appear.

Jimsonweed: Beautiful, toxic plant for low-water landscapes



JEFF FLOYD

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One of the most striking plants you will ever see is Jimsonweed. Often seen growing in fields and along fence lines, Jimsonweed's large trumpet-shaped flower is noticeable even when passing it at highway speeds.

This Mexican native is now cultivated worldwide and is a frequent addition to low-water landscapes. Most commonly called by its genus name Datura, the plant performs best in full sunlight and thrives in West Texas summer heat. The white, yellow or purple tinged flowers are three to four inches wide and bloom from May throughout the summer. At dusk, this stunning flower may stand out in glaring contrast to other plants in the landscape as it collects the fading light.

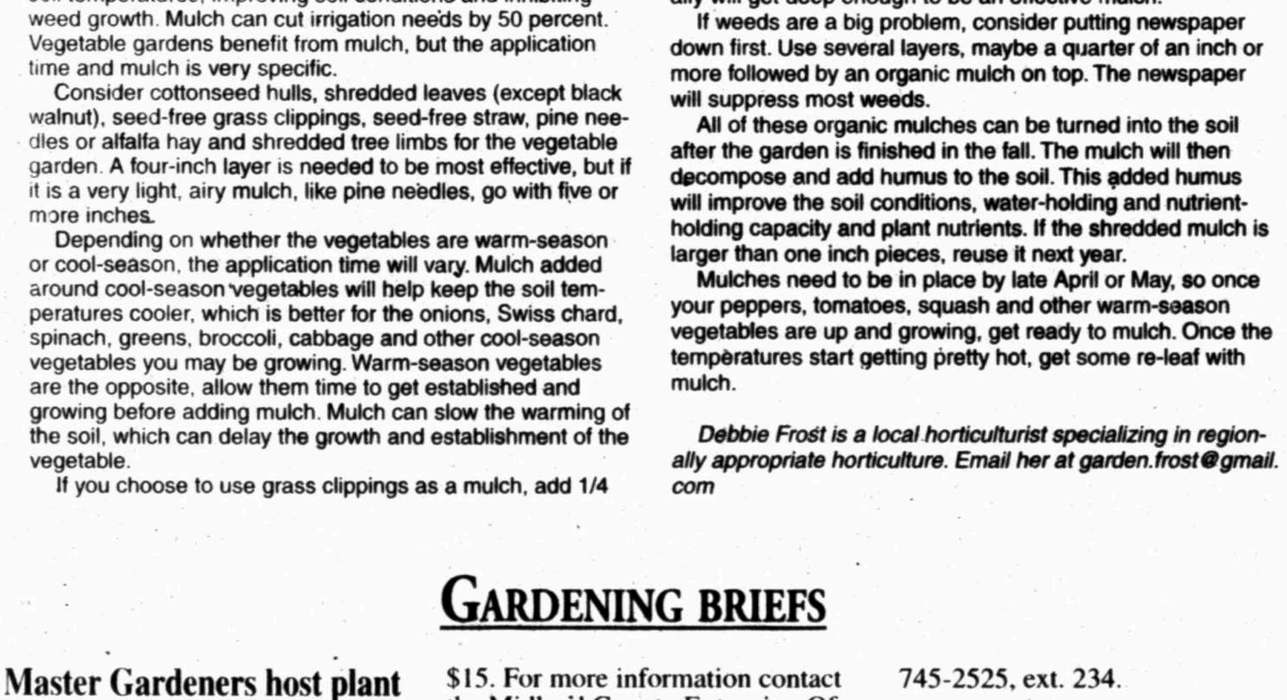
The thick leaves of Datura are fuzzy in texture and up to five inches wide and eight inches long. The plant can spread up to eight feet, but only gets about two feet tall. Some people are allergic to Datrura and for them, contact with the leaves or any portion of the plant can cause a reaction.

The shrubby herbaceous plant produces hundreds of seeds that are naturally dispersed by wind and animals. Although Datura rarely survives winter, it is sometimes perennial. Datura often drops seed where it grows. The fallen seed develops into a new plant in the same approximate location as the old, giving the appearance of a species that is perennial.

Another name given to this remarkable plant is angel's trumpet. Except for its appearance in a xeric (low water) landscape, Jimsonweed is anything but angelic. Every part of the plant is toxic and it has caused accidental poisonings and even death when consumed. Atropine, the toxin in Datura, has valuable medicinal uses but creates its own set of unique medical complications including dilated pupils and increased heart rate. Atropine use by the untrained is often gravely toxic. Handle this plant with care.

To learn more about plants that perform in West Texas landscapes, visit with the Master Gardeners on April 13 at Barbara Jordan Elementary, 9400 Rainbow Drive in Odessa. They have been invited by Grace Point Church to teach landscape beautification basics. The doors open at 9:30 a.m. with the program running between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Cost is $15. For more information, contact the Midland County Extension office at 686-4700.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST



These beautiful cool season lettuce plants will thrive better with cool soil temperatures, so prolong the cooler soil temperatures with a generous layer of mulch before temperatures get too hot.

Mulch is great for conserving soil moisture, moderating soil temperatures, improving soil conditions and inhibiting weed growth. Mulch can cut irrigation needs by 50 percent. Vegetable gardens benefit from mulch, but the application time and mulch is very specific.

Consider cottonseed hulls, shredded leaves (except black walnut), seed-free grass clippings, seed-free straw, pine needles or alfalfa hay and shredded tree limbs for the vegetable garden. A four-inch layer is needed to be most effective, but if it is a very light, airy mulch, like pine needles, go with five or more inches.

Depending on whether the vegetables are warm-season or cool-season, the application time will vary. Mulch added around cool-season vegetables will help keep the soil temperatures cooler, which is better for the onions, Swiss chard, spinach, greens, broccoli, cabbage and other cool-season vegetables you may be growing. Warm-season vegetables are the opposite, allow them time to get established and growing before adding mulch. Mulch can slow the warming of the soil, which can delay the growth and establishment of the vegetable.

If you choose to use grass clippings as a mulch, add 1/4 inch of clippings each time you mow. The mulch layer eventually will get deep enough to be an effective mulch.

If weeds are a big problem, consider putting newspaper down first. Use several layers, maybe a quarter of an inch or more followed by an organic mulch on top. The newspaper will suppress most weeds.

All of these organic mulches can be turned into the soil after the garden is finished in the fall. The mulch will then decompose and add humus to the soil. This added humus will improve the soil conditions, water-holding and nutrient-holding capacity and plant nutrients. If the shredded mulch is larger than one inch pieces, reuse it next year.

Mulches need to be in place by late April or May, so once your peppers, tomatoes, squash and other warm-season vegetables are up and growing, get ready to mulch. Once the temperatures start getting pretty hot, get some re-leaf with mulch.

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GARDENING BRIEFS

Master Gardeners host plant sale, landscape class

The Permian Basin Master Gardeners will host their annual plant sale 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the Midland Horseshoe Arena, 2514 Arena Trail. For more information, call the Midland County Extension office at 686-4700.

The Master Gardeners will teach a landscape beautification class from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 13, at Barbara Jordan Elementary, 9400 Rainbow Drive in Odessa. Cost is $15. For more information contact the Midland County Extension Office at 686-4700.

Lubbock butterfly, garden exhibit continues

LUBBOCK — Butterflies Alive! continues through June 12 at Science Spectrum & OMNI Theater. The exhibit consists of a contained garden with hundreds of butterflies and moths and a variety of plants.

For more information, including group and school rates, call 806-745-2525, ext. 234.

KMB continues annual cleanup

Keep Midland Beautiful's annual Great American Cleanup/Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off Week will continue through Saturday. Lunch for all registered groups will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day at Hogan Park. For more information, visit www.keepmidlandbeautiful.org.

Darvish almost perfect; Rangers beat Astros

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Yu Darvish was one out from a perfect game when Marwin Gonzalez grounded a clean single through the pitcher's legs, and the Texas Rangers beat the Houston Astros 7-0 on Tuesday night.

The celebrated right-hander from Japan struck out 14 and appeared to be in complete control before Gonzalez smacked the first pitch up the middle. Darvish was unable to get his glove down in time and the ball skittered into center field well beyond a desperate dive by shortstop Elvis Andrus.

Darvish put up his hands — almost like, "Oh well, it happens" — after the single. The Texas infielders immediately came to the mound, and manager Ron Washington joined them.

Rangers	7
Astros	0

Washington patted Darvish on the chest and then signaled for a reliever. A crowd that included lots of Rangers fans cheered Darvish as he walked off.

He sat on the bench to watch the rest of the game, and took part in the congratulations line when it ended.

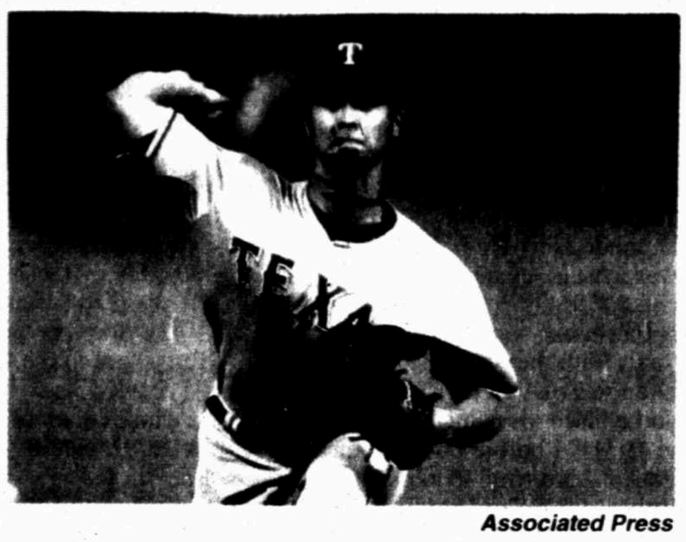
Darvish became the first pitcher to lose a perfect game with two outs in the ninth inning since Armando Galarraga on June 2, 2010. Of course, the Detroit pitcher was denied only because of an infamous missed call at first base by umpire Jim Joyce, who later admitted he blew the play.

On the second full day of the major league season, Darvish nearly picked up right where baseball left off last year, when there were a record three perfect games, thrown by Philip Humber, Matt Cain and Felix Hernandez.

Darvish arrived in the majors last year with much fanfare, having already been a five-time All-Star and two-time MVP in Japan. The Rangers paid more than $107 million to get him for five seasons.

The 6-foot-5 righty quickly settled in with Texas, becoming an All-Star last year on the way to going 16-9 with 221 strikeouts. He also once flirted with perfection, retiring the

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Associated Press

The Texas Rangers' Yu Darvish delivers a pitch against the Houston Astros in the fifth inning Tuesday in Houston. Darvish allowed one hit, spoiling his chance at a perfect game.

District 2-5A soccer in review



EXPERIENCE KEY FOR SOCCER SQUADS

By Len Hayward | *lhayward@mrt.com*

The optimisim that surrounded the start of the season for the four Midland ISD soccer teams was pretty guarded.

The Midland High girls squad had a new coach, its fourth in three years, and the Lee girls had a sizable senior class that had played for coach Brian Pollard for all four years.

On the boys side, Lee lost all but two starters, and the Midland High boys had plenty of experience returning but were coming off a season where it missed the playoffs.

Three of the four teams in the district qualified for the postseason, and even though all three lost in the opening round, there were still plenty of positives to be found for all four teams.

Check out brief looks at each team from Midland ISD reviewing their seasons and looking forward to 2014 on **Page 4C**.

Texas Tech introduces Tubby Smith

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Tubby Smith's time at Texas Tech has begun. And he says he will fit in just fine in West Texas, where cowboy hats and cowboy boots are more prominent than other many other places he's coached.

"I already have some," Smith said of his cowboy boots. "I just didn't bring them with me."

Texas Tech is counting on Smith to bring the same touch he's used to revive other programs. Texas Tech hasn't had a winning conference record since 2006-07 and it finished 19-43 overall the past two seasons, including a 4-32 mark in the Big 12.

The Red Raiders last went to the NCAA tournament in 2007, Bob Knight's final full season in Lubbock. It's been mostly downhill since then.

Smith won a national title and five Southeastern Conference championships in 10 years with Kentucky before leaving for Minnesota in-2007. Smith, who was replaced at Kentucky by Billy Gillispie, has also taken Tulsa and Georgia to the round of 16.

Now he'll try to do it again at Texas Tech, where he succeeds Gillispie. Smith is the fourth person to lead Texas Tech in as many seasons.

"It's my goal to build this program into one of the top programs, not just in the Big 12 but in the country, and that's not going to be easy," he said Tuesday at his first news conference in Lubbock. "It's going to be hard work."

Smith was fired by Minnesota last week after six seasons and landed a new job almost as quickly as the weather changes in West Texas. The 61-year-old got a six-year deal from the Red Raiders that will pay him $1.8 million a year, his agent Ricky Lefft said. It is the largest paycheck for a Texas Tech basketball coach

Smith told Texas Tech fans

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Associated Press

Texas Tech's mascot Raider Red welcomes Tubby Smith to the stage before Smith was introduced as the new men's basketball coach at Texas Tech at news conference in Lubbock on Tuesday.

Packer tabbed as new Lee coach

By Jordan Mason
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For the second time in his short coaching career, Chris Packer has been tabbed to lead a program, and this time it's one he knows well.

Midland ISD Athletic Director Todd Howey confirmed Tuesday that Packer has been offered and has accepted the head coach position for the Lee boys basketball program. Packer's hiring is pending the approval of the Midland ISD Board of Trustees.

"He's a Lee guy; his family is from here," Howey said. "He's very supported in the community. I'm excited for what he's going to do."

The 31-year-old Packer was a standout player at Lee, where his senior season in 2000 coincided with the final year that former coach John House served as head coach.

The next head coach was Mark Coffman, who retired this past February, and who Packer now replaces.

Packer has served as the boys cross country coach and an assistant to Coffman the last two seasons.

Prior to that, Packer was the head coach at Class 4A Dumas from 2007-2010 before spending a year as director of operations and an assistant coach at Texas State.

After playing at Lee, Packer played at Clarendon Junior College, then Sul Ross State, where he was voted University Man of the Year in 2004 and later served as a graduate assistant.

Packer is expected to be officially announced as head coach, along with the new Lee volleyball coach, at a press conference at 1:15 p.m. Thursday at the Lee library.

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Ex-OU, Patriots coach Chuck Fairbanks dead at 79

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Chuck Fairbanks, who coached Heisman Trophy winner Steve Owens at Oklahoma and spent six seasons as coach of the New England Patriots, died Tuesday in Arizona after battling brain cancer. He was 79.

Oklahoma said in a news release that Fairbanks died in the Phoenix suburb of Scottsdale.

"He was a special coach, he was a special friend," said Owens, one of five Heisman winners for Oklahoma after rushing for 1,523 yards and 23 touchdowns in 1969. "As a player, he made me better on the field. He was a tough coach, but he was a fair coach."

Fairbanks was 52-15-1 in six years with the Sooners, including an Orange Bowl victory his first season and consecutive Sugar Bowls wins in 1971-72 before taking over the Patriots. He won 46 games for New England, a franchise record at the time.

The Patriots made the playoffs in their fourth season under Fairbanks in 1976 and two years later were on their way to their first outright AFC East title when owner Billy Sullivan angrily suspended him for the final regular-season game because he had agreed to go to Colorado.

Fairbanks returned for the playoffs, but New England lost to Houston. He was 0-2 in the playoffs with New England.

Colorado hired Fairbanks away from the Patriots, but he was just 7-26 in three seasons, including an 82-42 loss at home to the Sooners and his replacement, Barry Switzer.

Fairbanks left the Buffs to become coach and general manager of the New Jersey Generals of the USFL. He was fired after one season.

The Sooners went 10-1 and beat Tennessee in the Orange Bowl in Fairbanks' first year in 1967. He won 11 games each of last two seasons with OU, beating Auburn and Penn State in the Sugar Bowl.

Fairbanks agreed with the suggestion of Switzer, his offensive coordinator, to install the wishbone at OU after Texas used it to win a national championship in 1969. After becoming head coach, Switzer used the wishbone to win three national titles, matching the number Bud Wilkinson won from 1947 to 1963, a tenure that included a record 47-game winning streak.

"His squads won three Big Eight championships and helped lay the foundation for the program's ongoing success with the installation of the wishbone-T offense," current Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said in a statement. "I was fortunate to have many opportunities to get to know Chuck over the years."

Fairbanks played for Michigan State's 1952 national title team and was an assistant at Arizona State and Houston before joining the OU staff in 1966. Owens said he stayed in touch with Fairbanks because his former coach would often visit his daughter in Norman.

"Not just during football, but after football, we just loved him," Owens said. "He was like a second father to me."



AP file photo

Nebraska head coach Bob devaney, left, poses with Oklahoma head coach Chuck Fairbanks in Norman, Okla., in 1971 Fairbanks, who coached Heisman Trophy winner Steve Owens at Oklahoma and spent six seasons as coach of the New England Patriots, died Tuesday in Scottsdale, Ariz., after battling brain cancer, the University of Oklahoma said in a news release. He was 79.

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gathered for his introduction that he was ready when athletic director Kirby Hocutt came calling last week.

"I wanted to get back on the horse right away because I feel like I have a lot to offer, a lot of energy," he said. "There's a lot of good years left in me to coach."

He said he plans to head to the Final Four in Atlanta this weekend to begin putting together his staff.

Smith's experience could be just what the Red Raiders need to pull out of their skid. The AP Coach of the Year in 2003, Smith is known as a program builder who doesn't cut corners. His teams have been clean and he's done things the right way, which could go a long way toward bringing name recognition to Texas Tech.

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski called Smith's hire a terrific choice.

"As Tubby has done everywhere he's coached, he will represent Texas Tech in a first-class manner and do an outstanding job leading the program," he said in a statement provided by Texas Tech.

Smith led the Golden Gophers to three NCAA tournaments and this year supplied the program's first tourney win — over UCLA — since 1997. He went 124-81 (.610), winning 20 games five times. But he never finished higher than sixth in the Big Ten, going just 46-62 in conference play, and Minnesota's athletic director decided it was time for a change.

In all, Smith is 511-226 (.693) in 22 seasons and his teams have won 20-plus games 19 times. His teams at Tulsa, Georgia, Kentucky and Minnesota went to the NCAA tournament in 17 seasons.

Senior Jaye Crockett, the Red Raiders' leading scorer (11.9 points per game) and rebounder (6.5 rpg) this season, said he's heard plenty of good things about Smith.

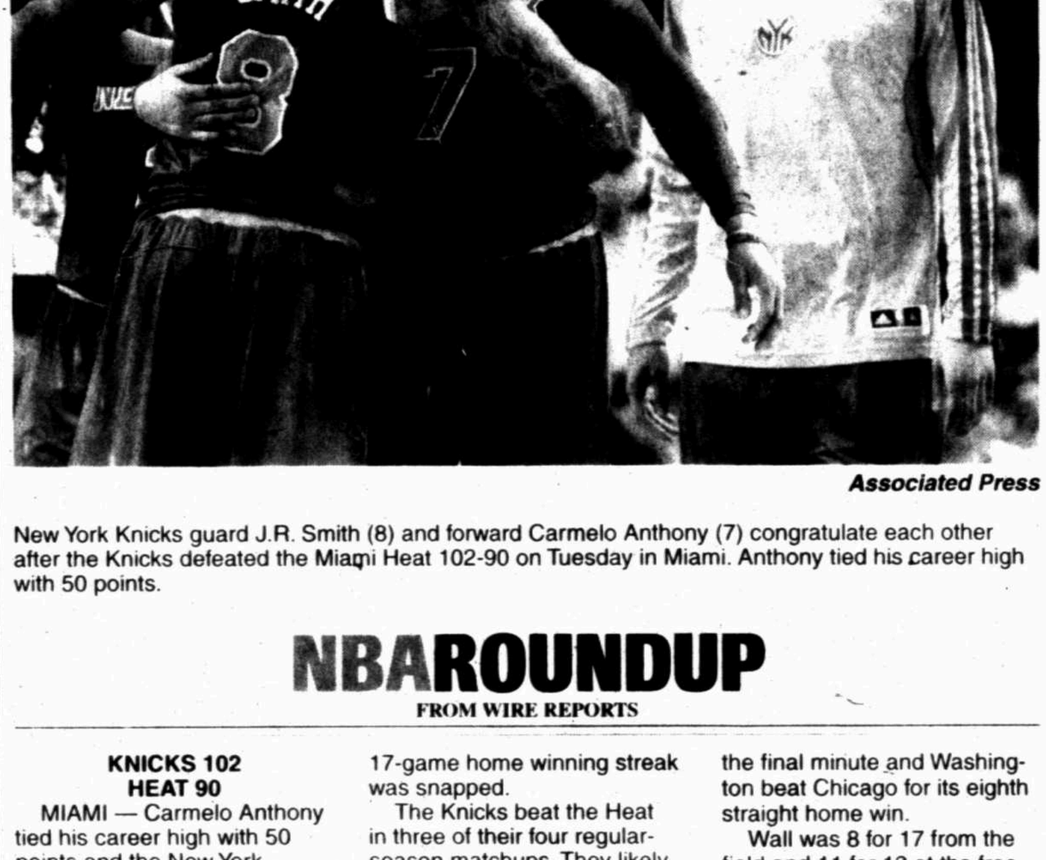
"Hopefully he can just change it around as quick as possible because I only have a year, so hopefully it can be my best year yet," he said.

Crockett has had a different coach each year at Texas Tech. Pat Knight recruited him, he played for Gillispie and this season he had interim coach Chris Walker leading the team.

"I thought it was going to be Pat Knight here, and I'd be seeing Bob Knight in the office, stuff like that," he said. "Same players, same routine. It's a little different. You never know what life will throw at you."

Gillispie last one season at Texas Tech. Several players left the program and complained to Hocutt about how Gillispie treated them. There were some secondary NCAA violations for exceeding practice times and it all led to the Red Raiders finishing 8-23 and winning just one Big 12 game in 2011-12, the program's worst season since 1990-91.

Gillispie stepped down in September, citing health reasons after two hospital stays. Walker, an assistant at several schools for 17 years, was named interim coach and led Texas Tech to an improved season.



Associated Press

New York Knicks guard J.R. Smith (8) and forward Carmelo Anthony (7) congratulate each other after the Knicks defeated the Miami Heat 102-90 on Tuesday in Miami. Anthony tied his career high with 50 points.

NBA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

KNICKS 102
HEAT 90

MIAMI — Carmelo Anthony tied his career high with 50 points and the New York Knicks won their ninth straight game, topping the injury-depleted Miami Heat 102-90 on Wednesday night.

Anthony finished 18 of 26 from the field, reaching 50 on a jumper with 16.9 seconds remaining. J.R. Smith scored 14 and Raymond Felton added 10 for New York.

Chris Bosh scored 23 points for Miami, which played without LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Mario Chalmers, all held out with injuries not believed to be serious. Mike Miller scored 18, Ray Allen finished with 16 and Norris Cole had 14 for the Heat, whose 17-game home winning streak was snapped.

The Knicks beat the Heat in three of their four regular-season matchups. They likely would not meet again before the Eastern Conference finals.

Miami's magic number for clinching home-court throughout the NBA playoffs remained at five, and the Heat already have the No. 1 spot in the Eastern Conference wrapped up. The Knicks now lead Brooklyn by five games in the race for the Atlantic Division title.

WIZARDS 90
BULLS 86

WASHINGTON — John Wall had 27 points, nine assists and eight rebounds, Emeka Okafor scored the go-ahead dunk in the final minute and Washington beat Chicago for its eighth straight home win.

Wall was 8 for 17 from the field and 11 for 13 at the free throw line as the Wizards maintained pursuit of their goal of becoming the best team not to make the playoffs. They want to pass the Philadelphia 76ers and finish ninth in the Eastern Conference — not bad for a team that started 4-28 — and the win left them 2½ games back with eight to play.

Carlos Boozer had 19 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Bulls, who fell two games behind the fourth-place Brooklyn Nets in the Eastern Conference. Chicago visits Brooklyn on Thursday.

Williams transitions to clay with win

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Serena Williams only had three days to make the transition from hard courts to clay, and it showed a few times as she won her opening match at the Family Circle Cup.

The world's No. 1 player beat Camila Giorgi 6-2, 6-3 on Tuesday, losing her serve in her second game and looking uncomfortable when the Italian was able to get Williams running.

"It was definitely not great for me. I think I played well, but I wasn't great footing-wise. I was just trying to get my stability," Williams said.

Williams avoided a rash of upsets at the first clay court tournament of the season. Three of the top seeds were beaten in their opening matches, including No. 4 Sloane Stephens, who lost 6-2, 6-0 to Bethanie Mattek-Sands.

Williams did look shaky to start. Up 3-2 in the first set, she was nearly broken again. She lost the first three points of the game before rallying back to win the next five. Giorgi wouldn't get another chance to break Williams the rest of the match, and only won two points against Williams' serve the entire second set.

Williams said she figured she would start slow because she only got one day of practice on clay to adjust from the fast, hard surface at Key Biscayne where she won the title for the sixth time Saturday to the green, slow clay in Charleston, where she is the top seed.

"It was a little awkward for me," said Williams, who at 31 is the oldest woman to ever have the world's top ranking.

She also was facing a 21-year-old rising star in Giorgi, who caught Williams' eye last year by making it to the fourth round at Wimbledon.

"I actually have been watching her. I think she is a good player and I knew one day I'd be playing her," Williams said.

Giorgi had only herself to blame for not taking advantage of Williams' slow start. She had eight double-faults in the first set and 12 for the match. Williams' broke serve in the first two games as Giorgi's second serves went into the net each time.

Williams advances to the third round and just as importantly gets a day off Wednesday. She said she plans on hitting just a few balls, but mostly resting. And if last year is any indication, Williams should get stronger as the tournament goes on. Williams won her opener 6-3, 6-4 in the 2012 tournament, and then lost seven games the rest of the week.

Another player glad to have a day off is Mattek-Sands. She beat Stephens in 57 minutes, one day after her three-set opening match win went 3:42, the longest WTA match this season.

Mattek-Sands pounced on Stephens, breaking her in the fourth game of the match.

Tulsa formally accepts invitation to join Big East

Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — Tulsa officials say they've accepted an invitation to join the soon-to-be-renamed Big East Conference beginning in 2014.

The Golden Hurricane, who joined Conference USA in 2005 after leaving the WAC, won last year's football championship in the league and recently won the women's basketball tournament title while hosting both hoops tourneys.

The school announced the decision at a press conference Tuesday.

The renamed Big East will have 12 members in 2015 when Navy joins for football only. Among that group will be seven ex-Conference USA teams: Tulsa, Tulane, East Carolina, Central Florida, SMU, Houston and basketball power Memphis.

Last week, Tulsa hired Derrick Gragg as its new athletic director. He replaces Ross Parmley, who was fired amid gambling allegations.

The school participates in 18 intercollegiate sports.

RANGERS

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first 17 batters at Kansas City on Sept. 3.

If Darvish had been able to finish the job Tuesday, it would have been the earliest perfecto in history.

He didn't really need a dazzling play from his defense as he shut down the Astros and chased the 24th perfect game in big league history — including the one Don Larsen tossed in the 1956 World Series, and two in 1880.

It was almost the second time in 10 months the overmatched Astros failed to put a runner on base. Cain's perfect game for the World Series champion San Francisco Giants came against Houston on June 13 last year.

Many expect the Astros to be the worst team in the majors this year, after two straight 100-loss seasons and a major league-low payroll of just under $22 million. But they cruised to an 8-2 win over Texas in the major league opener and their American League debut Sunday night.

The 26-year-old Darvish carried over a strong showing in spring training this year into near perfection in his first regular-season start. The Astros looked totally lost against him, often taking wild swings at breaking balls that bounced.

With the crowd on its feet and a mixture of cheers and "Yuuus" filling Minute Maid Park, Chris Carter took Darvish to a full count before striking out on the ninth pitch of the at-bat for the first out of the eighth inning.

Rick Ankiel followed by striking out and Justin Maxwell hit an easy grounder to second baseman Ian Kinsler.

Darvish looked toward the sky for a couple of seconds before retreating to the dugout.

Darvish, who played seven professional seasons in Japan before joining the Rangers, set rookie franchise records for wins (16) and strikeouts (221) last season. He finished third in AL Rookie of the Year voting behind winner Mike Trout and Oakland outfielder Yoenis Cespedes.

The win gives Darvish five straight regular-season victories dating to last season. He took the loss in the Rangers' 5-1 defeat to Baltimore in the AL wild-card game last year.

Using his dizzying array of pitches, including a fastball that topped out at 97 mph, a slider, and 95 mph cutters, Darvish bedeviled the mostly inexperienced Houston hitters.

Darvish sailed through the first four innings, striking out nine, including the side in the second and fourth.

Carter hit a long fly that looked as though it could be gone before David Murphy caught it just in front of the wall in left-center for the first out of the fifth. First baseman Mitch Moreland made a nice catch on a liner by Ankiel for the second out before Darvish fanned Maxwell on three pitches to end the inning.

MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ORIOLES 7
RAYS 4

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Adam Jones keyed a seventh-inning rally with a two-run, go-ahead double and Chris Davis followed with a three-run homer Tuesday to help the Baltimore Orioles open the season with a 7-4 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays.

Matt Wieters homered early off AL Cy Young Award winner David Price. Wieters later drew an intentional walk from reliever Jake McGee (0-1) before Davis' towering shot over the right-field wall broke open the game and silenced a sellout crowd of 34,078 at Tropicana Field.

Jason Hammel (1-0) allowed three runs and three hits in six innings. Jim Johnson pitched a scoreless ninth for a save.

Price was not particularly sharp in his second career opening-day start, but departed with a 3-2 lead after the Rays scored twice in the sixth.

INDIANS 4
BLUE JAYS 1

TORONTO — NL Cy Young winner R.A. Dickey and the overhauled Toronto Blue Jays struggled in their opener and lost to Asdrubal Cabrera, Justin Masterson and the Cleveland Indians 4-1 Tuesday night.

Cabrera hit a two-run homer off Dickey, Masterson pitched six innings and the Indians ended their streak of opening day losses at four.

Cleveland won its opener for the first time since beating the Chicago White Sox in 2008. The Indians had dropped eight of their last 10 openers.

Excited by the winter acquisitions of Dickey, Jose Reyes and other All-Stars, fans in Toronto were eager to see the revamped roster in action.

Instead, a disappointed sellout crowd of 48,857 saw Masterson and three relievers combine to hold Toronto to just one hit after newcomer Melky Cabrera's leadoff single in the third, a two-out double in the ninth by catcher J.P. Arencibia. Colby Rasmus followed by striking out to end the game.

Masterson (1-0) allowed one run and three hits in six innings, ending his night by retiring 11 straight batters. The right-hander walked four and struck out five.

National League

ROCKIES 8
BREWERS 4

MILWAUKEE — Troy Tulowitzki and Carlos Gonzalez each homered for the second straight game, leading the Colorado Rockies over the Milwaukee Brewers 8-4 Tuesday night and giving Walt Weiss his first win as a major league manager.

Tulowitzki is off to quick start after missing the last four months of the 2012 season with an injured left groin that required surgery.

The All-Star shortstop went 2 for 5 with a homer and two RBIs in Monday's loss on opening day.

Tulowitzki and Gonzalez each drove in two runs in the win. Weiss posted his first victory, a year after he was managing his son's high school team.

Ryan Braun hit his first homer of the season for Milwaukee.

Edgmer Escalona (1-0) pitched 1 2-3 innings of scoreless relief for the victory.

Jorge De La Rosa started for Colorado and pitched 4 1-3 innings, giving up four runs and five hits. Rafael Betancourt got the last out to record his first save in his first chance.

Marco Estrada started and went five innings for Milwaukee. He gave up four runs on nine hits and struck out eight.

Tulowitzki hit a solo homer in the third to make it 2-all. Gonzalez's two-run homer in the fifth tied it at 4.

The Rockies broke it open in the seventh by scoring three runs on four singles, a walk and a sacrifice fly off Brewers relievers Michael Gonzalez (0-1) and Burke Badenhop.

SPORTSSCOREBOARD

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	37	28	9	0	56	124	88
New Jersey	36	15	12	9	39	89	100
N.Y. Islanders	37	18	16	3	39	108	115
N.Y. Rangers	36	17	15	3	37	82	86
Philadelphia	35	15	17	3	33	95	108

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	35	23	7	5	51	111	84
Boston	35	23	8	4	50	100	77
Toronto	36	20	12	4	44	112	100
Ottawa	36	19	11	6	44	91	79
Buffalo	37	14	17	6	34	98	114

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Winnipeg	38	18	18	2	38	93	115
Washington	36	17	17	2	36	107	104
Carolina	35	16	17	2	34	96	106
Tampa Bay	35	15	18	2	32	112	106
Florida	37	12	19	6	30	91	127

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	35	27	5	3	57	119	76
Detroit	36	18	13	5	41	94	94
St. Louis	34	18	14	2	38	98	94
Nashville	37	15	14	8	38	92	100
Columbus	36	15	14	7	37	87	97

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	35	21	12	2	44	98	90
Vancouver	36	19	11	6	44	94	93
Edmonton	35	15	13	7	37	91	96
Calgary	34	13	17	4	30	94	118
Colorado	36	12	20	4	28	87	114

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	36	24	7	5	53	111	90
Los Angeles	35	20	12	3	43	103	88
San Jose	35	18	11	6	42	88	86
Dallas	36	16	16	3	35	94	107
Phoenix	35	14	15	6	34	94	101

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

Tuesday's Scores

Florida 3, Tampa Bay 2, SO
Boston 3, Ottawa 2
N.Y. Islanders 5, Winnipeg 2
Washington 5, Carolina 3
Buffalo 4, Pittsburgh 1
Nashville 3, Colorado 1
Los Angeles at Phoenix, late

Today's Games

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Anaheim, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Tennis

WTA Family Circle Cup Results

Tuesday

At The Family Circle Tennis Center

Charleston, S.C.

Purse: $795,707 (Premier)

Surface: Green Clay-Outdoor

Singles

First Round

Sabine Lisicki (15), Germany, def. Anna Tatishvili, Georgia, 6-0, 6-0.
Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, def. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, 7-6 (2), 6-4.
Vania King, United States, def. Yaroslava Shvedova (14), Kazakhstan, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.
Jelena Jankovic (9), Serbia, def. Melanie Oudin, United States, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.
Madison Keys, United States, def. Alexandra Cadantu, Romania, 7-6 (3), 6-4.
Julia Goerges (10), Germany, def. Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan, 6-2, 6-3.
Mirjana Lucic-Baroni, Croatia, def. Romina Oprandi, Switzerland, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.
Laura Robson (16), Britain, def. Estrella Cabeza Candela, Spain, 6-2, 6-2.

Second Round

Sorana Cirstea (11), Romania, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, walkover.
Serena Williams (1), United States, def. Camila Giorgi, Italy, 6-2, 6-3.
Stefanie Voegele, Switzerland, def. Carla Suarez Navarro (7), Spain, 6-2, 6-4.
Jessica Pegula, United States, def. Mona Barthel (8), Germany, 7-6 (4), 6-1.
Varvara Lepchenko (12), United States, def. Mathilde Johansson, France, 7-5, 4-6, 6-1.
Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, def. Sloane Stephens (4), United States, 6-2, 6-0.

WTA Abierto Monterrey Results

Tuesday

At Sierra Madre Tennis Club

Monterrey, Mexico

Purse: $235,000 (Intl.)

Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles

First Round

Ayumi Morita (8), Japan, def. Jana Cepelova, Slovakia, 6-0, 6-1.
Donna Vekic, Croatia, def. Julia Cohen, United States, 6-0, 6-4.
Lauren Davis, United States, def. Olga Puchkova, Russia, 6-2, retired.
Jovana Jaksic, Serbia, def. Vera Dushevina, Russia, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (2).
Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, def. Eva Birnerova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-3.
Tereza Mrdeza, Croatia, def. Daria Gavrilova, Russia, 6-4, 6-2.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (5), Russia, def. Nina Bratchikova, Russia, 6-4, 6-0.
CoCo Vandeweghe, United States, def. Marion Bartoli (2), France, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Soccer

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	4	1	0	12	6	4
Houston	3	1	0	9	8	4
Sporting Kansas City	2	1	2	8	6	3
Columbus	2	1	1	7	7	4
Philadelphia	2	2	0	6	5	6
New York	1	2	1	4	5	6
Toronto FC	1	2	1	4	5	7
D.C.	1	2	1	4	2	4
New England	1	2	1	4	*	1
Chicago	0	3	1	1	1	9

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
FC Dallas	4	1	0	12	8	5
Chivas USA	3	1	1	10	10	7
Los Angeles	2	0	2	8	8	3
Real Salt Lake	2	2	1	7	5	5
San Jose	2	2	1	7	6	7
Vancouver	2	2	0	6	5	5
Portland	0	1	5	3	7	8
Colorado	0	3	2	2	4	7
Seattle	0	3	1	1	2	5

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie

Friday's Game

D.C. United at Sporting Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

FC Dallas at Toronto FC, 3 p.m.
Philadelphia at Columbus, 4 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Colorado, 5:30 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 9:30 p.m.
Vancouver at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Montreal at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m., Postponed

Sunday's Games

New York at Chicago, 4 p.m.
*Chivas USA at Seattle FC, 10 p.m., Postponed

European Champions League Glance

Home teams listed first

QUARTERFINALS

First Leg

Tuesday

Paris Saint-Germain (France) 2, Barcelona (Spain) 2
Bayern Munich (Germany) 2, Juventus (Italy) 0

College Baseball

SOUTHWEST

Houston Baptist 4, Stephen F. Austin 3, 10 innings
New Mexico 10, Texas Tech 3
Texas A&M-CC at Texas, ccd., rain
Texas A&M-Kingsville 6, Texas A&M-International 3
TCU 9, Texas-Pan American 5

SOUTH

Appalachian St. 9, E. Kentucky 6
Austin Peay 6, Lipscomb 4
Bellarmine 8-9, Mc Kendree 2-2
Boston College 7, Connecticut 4
Christian Brothers 12, Le Moyne-Owen 2
Covenant 5, Maryville (Tenn.) 2
Cumberland (Tenn.) 8, Lee 7
Duke 9, Davidson 3
ETSU 3, Tennessee Tech 0
Elon 16, High Point 7
Florida State 12, Florida Gulf Coast 9
Georgia Southern 8, Jacksonville 4
Hanover 8, Transylvania 1
Hampden-Sydney 8, Lynchburg 3
Kentucky 5, Louisville 4, 10 innings
Lenoir-Rhyne 10, St. Augustine's 4
Limestone 4, Carson-Newman 2
Lincoln Memorial 6, King (Tenn.) 3
Longwood 7, Tennessee 5
LSU-Alexandria 5-10, Loyola NO 1-1
Martin Methodist 4-5, Reinhardt 2-3
Mercer 10, Georgia Tech 1
Mobile 13, Spring Hill 6
Mount Olive 4-8, Catawba 3-6
Newberry 10, Pfeiffer 9 *
NC State 6, East Carolina 1
Roanoke 8, Guilford 3
St. Andrews 3, Barton 2, 13 innings
St. Catherine 10, Berea 9, 10 innings
Virginia 2, Liberty 0
Virginia Tech 11, VCU 5
Wake Forest 5, UNC Greensboro 4
Washington and Lee 7, E. Mennonite 4

MIDWEST

Xavier 15, Ohio 10

FAR WEST

E. New Mexico 6, Wayland Baptist 4
New Mexico 10, Texas Tech 3

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	1	0	1.000	—
Boston	1	0	1.000	—
New York	0	1	.000	1
Tampa Bay	0	1	.000	1
Toronto	0	1	.000	1

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	1	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	1	0	1.000	—
Detroit	1	0	1.000	—
Kansas City	0	1	.000	1
Minnesota	0	1	.000	1

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000	—
Seattle	1	0	1.000	—
Houston	1	1	.500	1/2
Texas	1	1	.500	1/2
Oakland	0	1	.000	1

Tuesday's Scores

Baltimore 7, Tampa Bay 4
Cleveland 4, Toronto 3
Texas 7, Houston 0
Seattle at Oakland, late

Today's Games

Kansas City (Santana 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Peavy 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Texas (Ogando 0-0) at Houston (Humber 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Detroit (Sanchez 0-0) at Minnesota (Correia 0-0), 3:10 p.m.
Boston (Buchholz 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Jimenez 0-0) at Toronto (Morrow 0-0), 6:07 p.m.
Baltimore (Chen 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Hellickson 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Wilson 0-0) at Cincinnati (Latos 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
Seattle (Saunders 0-0) at Oakland (Milone 0-0), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	—
New York	1	0	1.000	—
Washington	1	0	1.000	—
Miami	0	1	.000	1
Philadelphia	0	1	.000	1

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	1	0	1.000	—
Milwaukee	1	1	.500	1/2
Cincinnati	0	1	.000	1
Pittsburgh	0	1	.000	1
St. Louis	0	1	.000	1

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	1	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000	—
Colorado	1	1	.500	1/2
San Diego	0	1	.000	1
San Francisco	0	1	.000	1

Tuesday's Scores

Colorado 8, Milwaukee 4
St. Louis at Arizona, late
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games

Chicago Cubs (Jackson 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Rodriguez 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Miami (Slowey 0-0) at Washington (G.Gonzalez 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Wilson 0-0) at Cincinnati (Latos 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Halladay 0-0) at Atlanta (Mahoim 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
San Diego (Richard 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
Colorado (Nicaso 0-0) at Milwaukee (Peralta 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lynn 0-0) at Arizona (McCarthy 0-0), 8:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Linecum 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 0-0), 9:10 p.m.

TUESDAY'S AL WEST BOX SCORE

RANGERS 7, ASTROS 0

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Kinsler 2b	4	2	2	2	Altuve 2b	4	0	1	0
Andrus ss	4	1	3	1	Wallace 3b	3	0	0	0
Berkman dh	4	0	3	2	J.Martinez ph	1	0	0	0
Beltre 3b	5	0	0	0	C.Pena 1b	3	0	0	0
D.Murphy lf	4	1	0	0	Carter lf	3	0	0	0
N.Cruz rf	5	1	2	1	Ankiel rf	3	0	0	0
Pierzynski c	3	0	0	0	Maxwell cf	3	0	0	0
Moreland 1b	3	0	0	1	J.Castro dh	3	0	0	0
Gentry cf	4	2	2	0	Corporan c	3	0	0	0
					M.Gonzalez ss	3	0	1	0
Totals	36	7	12	7	Totals	29	0	2	0

Texas.....001 000 222—7
Houston.....000 000 000—0

DP—Houston 2. LOB—Texas 8, Houston 4. 2B—N.Cruz (1), Gentry (1). 3B—Andrus 2 (2). Gentry (1). HR—Kinsler (1). SF—Moreland.

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Darvish W,1-0	8 2-3	1	0	0	0	14
Kirkman	1-3	1	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Harrell L,0-1	6	6	1	1	2	4
C.Cedeno	1-3	1	1	1	0	1
R.Cruz	2-3	2	1	1	0	0
W.Wright	2-3	1	2	2	1	0
Fields	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Veras	1	1	2	2	2	1

HBP—by Harrell (Pierzynski)
T—2:54. A—22,673 (42,060).

TUESDAY'S LINESCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ORIOLES 7, RAYS 4

Baltimore.....200 000 500 —7 13 1
Tampa Bay.....000 102 010 —4 6 0

Hammel, Patton (7), O'Day (7), Ji.Johnson (9) and Wieters; Price, McGee (7), J.Wright (7), C.Ramos (9) and J.Molina. W—Hammel 1-0. L—McGee 0-1. Sv—Ji.Johnson (1). HRs—Baltimore, Wieters (1). C.Davis (1). Tampa Bay, Zobrist (1).

INDIANS 4, BLUE JAYS 1

Cleveland.....020 020 000 —4 7 1
Toronto.....001 000 000 —1 4 0

Masterson, J.Smith (7), Pestano (8), C.Perez (9) and C.Santana; Dickey, Loup (7), Santos (8), Cecil (9) and Arencibia. W—Masterson 1-0. L—Dickey 0-1. Sv—C.Perez (1). HRs—Cleveland, A.Cabrera (1).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ROCKIES 8, BREWERS 4

Colorado.....011 020 310 —8 14 2
Milwaukee.....022 000 000 —4 9 0

De La Rosa, Escalona (5), Belisle (7), W.Lopez (9), Brothers (9), R.Betancourt (9) and Torrealba; Estrada, Kintzler (6), Mc.Gonzalez (7), Badenhop (7), Gorzelanny (8), Narveson (9) and Lucroy. W—Escalona 1-0. L—Mc.Gonzalez 0-1. Sv—R.Betancourt (1). HRs—Colorado, Tulowitzki (2), C.Gonzalez (2). Milwaukee, Braun (1).

MONDAY'S LATE LINESCORE

MARINERS 2, ATHLETICS 0

Seattle.....000 020 000 —2 5 0
Oakland.....000 000 000 —0 3 1

F.Hernandez, Furbush (6), Pryor (8), Wilhelmsen (9) and J.Montero; Anderson, Resop (8), Blevins (9) and Jaso. D.Norris. W—F.Hernandez 1-0. L—Anderson 0-1. Sv—Wilhelmsen (1).

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	47	26	.644	—
x-Brooklyn	42	31	.575	5
Boston	38	36	.514	9 1/2
Philadelphia	30	43	.411	17
Toronto	27	47	.365	20 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Miami	58	16	.784	—
x-Atlanta	42	33	.560	16 1/2
Washington	28	46	.378	30
Orlando	19	56	.253	39 1/2
Charlotte	17	57	.230	41

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	48	27	.640	—
x-Chicago	40	33	.548	7
Milwaukee	36	37	.493	11
Detroit	25	50	.333	23
Cleveland	22	51	.301	25

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	55	19	.743	—
x-Memphis	50	24	.676	5
Houston	41	33	.554	14
Dallas	36	37	.493	18 1/2
New Orleans	26	48	.351	29

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Oklahoma City	54	20	.730	—
x-Denver	50	24	.676	4
Utah	39	36	.520	15 1/2
Portland	33	41	.446	21
Minnesota	27	46	.370	26 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-L.A. Clippers	49	26	.653	—
Golden State	42	32	.568	6 1/2
L.A. Lakers	38	36	.514	10 1/2
Sacramento	27	47	.365	21 1/2
Phoenix	23	51	.311	25 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot
z-clinched conference

Tuesday's Scores

Washington 90, Chicago 86
New York 102, Miami 90
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, late

Wednesday's Games

Brooklyn at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
New York at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Washington at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Orlando at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Portland, 9 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S BOXES

KNICKS 102, HEAT 90

NEW YORK (102): C.Anthony 18-26 7-8 50, Shumpert 3-5 0-0 9, Chandler 0-2 1-2 1, Prigioni 1-1 0-0 3, Felton 4-9 2-2 10, Martin 4-7 1-2 9, Smith 5-15 2-4 14, Kidd 0-2 0-0 0, Novak 1-2 0-1 3, Copeland 1-2 1-1 3. White 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-71 14-20 102

MIAMI (90): Haslem 3-4 2-2 8, Lewis 0-2 0-0 0, Bosh 6-13 10-10 23, Cole 6-12 1-2 14, Miller 7-12 0-0 18, Allen 5-7 5-5 16. Barber 1-5 2-2 5, Andersen 2-3 2-2 6, Jones 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 30-60 22-27 90

New York	27	23	28	24	—	102
Miami	25	33	18	14	—	90

3-Point Goals—New York 14-27 (C.Anthony 7-10, Shumpert 3-5, Smith 2-3, Prigioni 1-1, Novak 1-2, Copeland 0-1, Kidd 0-2, Felton 0-3), Miami 8-20 (Miller 4-8, Allen 1-1, Cole 1-2, Bosh 1-3, Barber 1-4, Jones 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 34 (Smith, Martin 6), Miami 41 (Barber, Miller 6). Assists—New York 17 (Felton 9), Miami 18 (Bosh, Miller 4). Total Fouls—New York 25, Miami 19. Technicals—C. Anthony, Miller, Miami delay of game, Miami defensive three second A—20,300 (19,600)

WIZARDS 90, BULLS 86

CHICAGO (86): Deng 9-15 3-3 23, Boozer 9-18 1-1 19, Mohammed 1-2 2-2 12, Hinrich 3-8 0-0 8, Butler 4-13 3-4 11, Gibson 2-3 0-0 4, Robinson 7-16 2-4 17, Cook 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 35-69 11-16 86

WASHINGTON (90): Webster 2-7 2-2 6, Nene 5-11 0-0 10, Okafor 4-10 2-4 10, Wall 8-19 11-13 27, Temple 1-2 0-0 2, Seraphin 1-5 0-0 2, Beal 3-11 1-2 8, Ariza 3-5 2-2 10, Booker 1-3 0-2 2, Price 5-7 0-0 13. Totals 33-78 18-26 90

Chicago	24	25	20	17	—	86
Washington	18	24	28	20	—	90

3-Point Goals—Chicago 5-23 (Hinrich 2-4, Butler 2-6, Robinson 1-7, Mohammed 0-1, Cook 0-2, Deng 0-3), Washington 6-13 (Price 3-4, Ariza 2-3, Beal 1-4, Temple 0-1, Webster 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 55 (Mohammed, Boozer 12), Washington 57 (Okafor 9). Assists—Chicago 21 (Boozer 5), Washington 22 (Wall 9). Total Fouls—Chicago 20, Washington 17. Technicals—Boozer, Hinrich 2. Ejected—Hinrich. A—17,319 (20,308).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

National Invitation Tournament

Quarterfinals

Tuesday, March 26

Maryland 58, Alabama 57
Wednesday, March 27
Iowa 75, Virginia 64
BYU 79, Southern Mississippi 62
Baylor 79, Providence 68

At Madison Square Garden

New York

Semifinals

Tuesday

Baylor 76, BYU 70
Iowa 71, Maryland 60

Championship

Thursday

Baylor (22-14) vs. Iowa (25-12), 8 p.m.

College Basketball Invitational

Championship Series

(Best-of-3)

(x-if necessary)

Monday

Santa Clara 81, George Mason 73

Today

Santa Clara (25-11), at George Mason (21-15), 6 p.m.

Friday

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

Collegeinsider.com Tournament Glance

Semifinals

Saturday, March 30

East Carolina 81, Evansville 58
Weber State 59, Northern Iowa 56

Championship

Tuesday

East Carolina 77, Weber State 74

NCAA Men's Div. II Basketball Tournament

Quarterfinals

At Louisville, Ky.

Thursday, March 28

Metro State 78, Franklin Pierce 65
West Liberty 110, Winona State 84
Western Washington 96, Florida Southern 82
Drury 84, S.C. Aiken 75

Semifinals

Saturday, March 30

Metro State 83, West Liberty 76
Drury 107, Western Washington 97

Championship

At Atlanta

Sunday

Metro State vs. Drury, 3 p.m.

NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Tournament

At Philips Arena

Atlanta

Championship

Sunday

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

TUESDAY'S TEXAS BOX

BAYLOR 76, BYU 70

BYU (24-12): Zylstra 1-5 0-0 2, Austin 3-6 3-4 9, Dawes 4-11 5-9 13, Haws 9-15 7-7 25, Carlino 7-20 0-0 19, Cusick 0-0 0-0 0, Calvert 1-2 0-0 2, Kaufusi 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-60 15-20 70

BAYLOR (22-14): Walton 4-8 2-2 10, Jefferson 8-11 5-7 21, Austin 5-12 3-5 14, Heslip 0-5 0-0 0, Jackson 6-14 9-10 24, Gathers 0-2 0-0 0, Franklin 1-6 0-0 3, Bello 0-0 0-0 0, Prince 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 26-60 19-24 76.

Halftime—Baylor 35-33. 3-Point Goals—BYU 5-20 (Carlino 5-14, Calvert 0-1, Haws 0-1, Zylstra 0-4), Baylor 5-15 (Jackson 3-5, Austin 1-1, Franklin 1-5, Heslip 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—BYU 40 (Austin 11), Baylor 33 (Austin 10). Assists—BYU 9 (Carlino 5), Baylor 16 (Jackson 10). Total Fouls—BYU 22, Baylor 19. A—NA

2012-13 AP All-America Teams

Statistics through March 17

First Team

Trey Burke, Michigan, 6-0, 190, sophomore. Columbus, Ohio, 19.2 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 6.7 apg, 40.1 3-pt fg pct, 1.6 steals, 35.2 minutes (62 first-team votes, 319 total points)

Otto Porter Jr., Georgetown, 6-8, 205, sophomore, Morley, Mo., 16.3 ppg, 7.4 rpg, 42.7 3-pt fg pct, 1.9 steals, 35.3 minutes (62, 319)

Victor Oladipo, Indiana, 6-5, 214, junior, Upper Marlboro, Md., 13.6 ppg, 6.4 rpg, 59.9 fg pct, 44.3 3-pt fg pct, 2.2 steals (58, 306)

Doug McDermott, Creighton, 6-8, 225, junior, Ames, Iowa, 23.1 ppg, 7.5 rpg, 56.1 fg pct, 49.7 3-pt fg pct, 86.0 ft pct (44, 279)

Kelly Olynyk, Gonzaga, 7-0, 238, junior, Kamloops, British Columbia, 17.5 ppg, 7.2 rpg, 65.2 fg pct (47, 278)

Second Team

Marcus Smart, Oklahoma State, 6-4, 225, freshman, Flower Mound, Texas, 15.4 ppg, 5.7 rpg, 4.2 apg, 2.9 steals (11, 190)

Cody Zeller, Indiana, 7-0, 240, sophomore. Washington, Ind., 16.9 ppg, 8.2 rpg, 57.3 fg pct, 1.3 blocks (7, 178)

Mason Plumlee, Duke, 6-10, 235, senior, Warsaw, Ind., 17.2 ppg, 10.2 rpg, 2.0 apg, 59.2 fg pct, 1.5 blocks (9, 164)

Shane Larkin, Miami, 5-11, 176, sophomore. Orlando, Fla., 14.2 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 4.3 apg, 40.1 3-pt fg pct, 2.0 steals, 36.3 minutes (5, 152)

Ben McLemore, Kansas, 6-5, 195, freshman, St. Louis, 16.4 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 2.0 apg, 50.7 fg pct, 43.7 3-pt fg pct, 86.7 ft pct (5, 146)

Third Team

DeShaun Thomas, Ohio State, 6-7, 215, junior, Fort Wayne, Ind., 19.5 ppg, 6.2 rpg, 83.6 ft pct, 35.3 minutes (3, 122)

Jeff Withey, Kansas, 7-0, 235, senior, San Diego, 13.6 ppg, 8.4 rpg, 57.8 fg pct, 3.8 blocks (5, 114)

Russ Smith, Louisville, 6-0, 165, junior, Brooklyn, N.Y., 18.1 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 3.0 apg, 2.0 steals (2, 90)

Erick Green, Virginia Tech, 6-3, 185, senior, Winchester, Va., 25.0 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 3.8 apg, 36.4 minutes (1, 46)

Nate Wolters, South Dakota State, 6-4, 190, senior, St. Cloud, Minn., 22.5 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 5.8 apg, 1.7 steals, 37.9 minutes (0, 36)

Honorable Mention

Kyle Barone, Idaho; Jerrelle Benimon, Towson; Anthony Bennett, UNLV; Anthony Bennett, Stony Brook; Sherwood Brown, Florida Gulf Coast; Isaiah Canaan, Murray State; Kentavious Caldwell-Pope, Georgia; Michael Carter-Williams, Syracuse; Ian Clark, Belmont; Jake Cohen, Davidson

Jack Cooley, Notre Dame; D.J. Cooper, Ohio; Allen Crabbe, California; Aaron Craft, Ohio State; Seth Curry, Duke; Matthew Dellavedova, Saint Mary's; Gorgui Dieng, Louisville; James Ennis, Long Beach State; Chris Flores, NJIT; Jamal Franklin, San Diego State

Ian Hummer, Princeton; Colton Iverson, Colorado State; Joe Jackson, Memphis; Kareem Jamar, Montana; Lamont Jones, Iona; Ray Mc-Callum, Detroit; Rodney McGruder, Kansas State; Shabazz Muhammad, UCLA; Erik Murphy, Florida (1 first-team vote); Mike Muscala, Bucknell

Stan Okoye, IUP; Jamal Olasewere, LIU Brooklyn; Phil Pressey, Missouri; Augustine Rubit, South Alabama; Peyton Siva, Louisville (1); Taylor Smith, Stephen F. Austin; Omar Strong, Texas Southern; Kendall Williams, New Mexico; Pendarvis Williams, Norfolk State; Khalif Wyatt, Temple

Women

Women's National Invitation Tournament

Semifinals

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Florida (28-8) at Drexel (26-10), 6 p.m.
Utah (22-13) at Kansas State (19-17), 7 p.m.

Championship

Saturday, April 6

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Statistics through March 17

First Team

Brittney Griner, Baylor, 6-8, senior, Houston, 23.6 ppg, 9.2 rpg, 2.0 apg, 64.4 fg pct, 4.2 blocks (40 first-team votes, 200 total points)

Skylar Diggins, Notre Dame, 5-9, senior, South Bend, Ind., 17.0 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 5.9 apg, 82.0 ft pct, 3.1 steals (40, 200)

Chiney Ogwumike, Stanford, 6-3, junior, Cypress, Texas, 22.4 ppg, 13.1 rpg, 57.4 fg pct, 1.9 blocks (39, 196)

Elena Delle Donne, Delaware, 6-5, senior, Wilmington, Del., 25.3 ppg, 8.5 rpg, 49.8 fg pct, 49.0 3-pt fg pct, 92.2 ft pct, 2.3 blocks (32, 184)

Odyssey Sims, Baylor, 5-8, junior, Irving, Texas, 12.5 ppg, 5.7 apg, 82.2 ft pct, 2.6 steals (17, 150)

Second Team

Alyssa Thomas, Maryland, 6-2, junior, Harrisburg, Pa., 18.7 ppg, 10.5 rpg, 5.5 apg, 1.8 steals (13, 140)

Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis, Connecticut, 6-0, sophomore, Anaheim Hills, Calif., 17.6 ppg, 6.5 rpg, 2.4 apg, 53.1 fg pct, 50.0 3-pt fg pct, 89.9 ft pct (10, 119)

Maggie Lucas, Penn State, 5-10, junior, Narberth, Pa., 20.5 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 2.1 apg, 47.5 3-pt fg pct, 81.9 ft pct, 2.2 steals (3, 80)

Chelsea Gray, Duke, 5-11, junior, Manteca, Calif., 12.6 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 5.4 apg, 40.7 3-pt fg pct, 85.1 ft pct, 3.6 steals (3, 69)

A'dia Mathies, Kentucky, 5-9, senior, Louisville, Ky., 15.9 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 2.3 apg, 40.8 3-pt fg pct, 1.9 steals (1, 68) Third Team

Kelsey Bone, Texas A&M, 6-4, junior, Houston, 16.7 ppg, 9.4 rpg, 2.2 apg, 56.5 fg pct (0, 60)

Stefanie Dolson, Connecticut, 6-5, junior, Port Jervis, N.Y., 14.3 ppg, 6.9 rpg, 3.1 apg, 59.0 fg pct (0, 42)

Elizabeth Williams, Duke, 6-3, sophomore, Virginia Beach, Va., 15.2 ppg, 7.2 rpg, 52.4 fg pct, 2.5 blocks (0, 39)

Meighan Simmons, Tennessee, 5-9, junior, Cibolo, Texas, 17.6 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 2.1 apg, 84.5 ft pct, 1.5 blocks (0, 36)

Kayla McBride, Notre Dame, 5-11, junior, Erie, Pa., 15.4 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 91.5 ft pct, 1.5 steals (1,

Allmendinger gets 2nd chance in IndyCar

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — AJ Allmendinger doesn't know why Roger Penske gave him a second chance.

He doesn't ask, either.

"He's a great man, a great man in nature," Allmendinger said. "But do I feel like I deserve a second chance? No. Not from him. I brought bad light to his name. Do I feel like I've worked hard to get a second chance? Yes. I've worked hard every day, put my head down and worked my butt off, and I'm lucky enough to have someone like Roger Penske take another shot with me."

Allmendinger's next chance comes this weekend at Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, Ala., where he'll make his IndyCar Series debut more than six years after he last raced in an open-wheel series. He's driving for Penske Racing as a tune-up to the Indianapolis 500 in the second chance he never thought he'd get when he was fired by the organization last summer.

Hired by Penske that year to drive for his NASCAR team, Allmendinger failed a random drug test hours before the July race at Daytona. He was immediately suspended by NASCAR, and ultimately fired by Penske when his backup "B" sample also tested positive for what Allmendinger has identified as Adderall.

It could have been a career-ender for Allmendinger. But he successfully completed NASCAR's "Road to Recovery" program and was reinstated in September. Penske stayed in touch with him the entire time and brought him out to the IndyCar season finale at Fontana last September as his guest.

Why? Because Allmendinger had earned a spot in the Penske organization in just six months.

"As we built our team over the years, drivers become part of the family," Penske said. "All of us have had issues as we've grown up, and I think this is a situation that was unfortunate. The rules are the rules, and I think we stepped back and said, 'OK, he had to go through NASCAR probation.'

"But I felt like this opportunity for him, where we got a sponsor for him for Indy, was an opportunity to get him back up at a level where he needed to be to carry on his career," he said. "It was an easy decision. We are trying to rally around him."



AP file photo

Driver AJ Allmendinger gets ready for the afternoon session of IndyCar testing at Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, Ala., on March 12. Allmendinger doesn't know why Roger Penske gave him a second chance. All he knows is that he heads to Barber Motorsports Park this weekend in Alabama to make his IndyCar Series debut with an organization that fired him for failing a random drug test last year.

Penske hasn't always been so forgiving with his drivers. After all, Paul Tracy was shown the door when he tested the team owner's patience.

When asked the difference between Tracy, who coincidentally has been a mentor at times to Allmendinger, and Penske's reclamation project, Penske snickered.

"I think Paul — some of that was his own doing," Penske said. "There's a few guys who don't graduate. I just want you to realize one thing: We don't have an environment where nobody can't fail. Just remember that. Put that clear. We don't have an environment where no one fails."

So Allmendinger gets his second chance, and he desperately doesn't want to fail.

He left Champ Car after a successful five-win season in 2006 when an opportunity opened in NASCAR and, until now, he never looked back. All the money was in NASCAR, and the future of open-wheel racing in America was shaky at best.

But Allmendinger has a respect for the talent level in IndyCar, for the drivers he competed against long ago. His participation in Sunday's race will draw some NASCAR fans to the viewing audience, and Allmendinger expects them to be impressed.

"I guess NASCAR fans don't know a lot of the names in the field, but that's because of marketing. Trust me, there are no scrubs in this series, these guys are so quick," Allmendinger said. "So now I'm here trying to manage expectations. But right now, I would love just to get through the first round of qualifying.

"I know people are going to be watching me, and I think it's going to be cool to bring some of those NASCAR fans over to notice the series and get them to say, 'Hey, that's some great racing.' I want IndyCar to be strong and it has a place in this country. It just needs to be noticed."

NHL ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SABRES 4
PENGUINS 1

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Penguins' run at a record-breaking streak is over. Playing without injured star Sidney Crosby, the Penguins fell to the Buffalo Sabres 4-1 to end their 15-game winning streak Tuesday night.

Pittsburgh was attempting to draw within one of the NHL record of 17 consecutive wins set by the 1992-93 Penguins, but looked out of sync and lost for the first time since falling to Carolina 4-1 on Feb. 28.

Kevin Porter scored his first two goals of the season for the Sabres, who won for the first time in five games. Steve Ott and Cody Hodgson also scored as Buffalo sent Pittsburgh to its first loss in more than a month. Ryan Miller made 19 saves on the night he surpassed Dominik Hasek for the most games played by a Sabres goaltender.

BRUINS 3
SENATORS 2

BOSTON — Nathan Horton broke a tie midway through the third period with his fourth goal in four games and Boston beat Ottawa with an aggressive attack that produced a season-high 50 shots.

While awaiting the arrival of newly acquired five-time NHL scoring leader Jaromir Jagr from the Dallas Stars, the Bruins shook off their recent offensive woes with their second straight win after losing five of their previous seven games.

Horton got his 12th goal of the season at 10:21 of the third period after goalie Robin Lehner stopped Milan Lucic's shot with his pad. But Horton scored on the rebound.

ISLANDERS 5
JETS 2

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Frans Nielsen scored the go-ahead goal and Kevin Poulin made 23 saves for his first win of the season and New York defeated Winnipeg.

With the victory, the Islanders moved past the idle New York Rangers into the eighth and final Eastern Conference playoff spot.

The Islanders have 11 games remaining while the Rangers have 13.

Nielsen's power-play goal at 19:32 of the second period came when a rebound of a Mark Streit slap shot ricocheted to him in the right circle. Nielsen fired the puck past Ondrej Pavelec for this fourth of the season.

CAPITALS 5
HURRICANES 3

RALEIGH, N.C. — Alex Ovechkin had two goals and an assist, and Washington beat Carolina despite allowing three goals to Jiri Tlusty.

Mike Green scored two goals, Joel Ward added a goal, Nicklas Backstrom matched a career high with four assists and Braden Holtby made 31 saves.

Washington trailed 2-0 early before scoring five goals on its first 11 shots, won its seventh in 11 games and won for the first time since 2007 when allowing a hat trick to an opposing player, according to STATS LLC.

PANTHERS 3
LIGHTNING 2, SO

TAMPA, Fla. — Peter Mueller scored the only goal in the shootout and Jacob Markstrom had 39 saves to lead the Florida Panthers past the Tampa Bay Lightning 3-2 on Tuesday night.

Tomas Kopecky and Greg Rallo both scored goals on deflections of shots by T.J. Brennan to give the Panthers a 2-0 lead after two periods.

The Lightning rallied in the third period to tie the score with goals from Tom Pyatt and Alex Killorn.

PREDATORS 3
AVALANCHE 1

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — David Legwand scored with 1:14 left, and the Nashville Predators edged Colorado 3-1 Tuesday night to avoid being swept by the Avalanche.

Patric Hornqvist scored a power-play goal that tied it up at 1 at 8:23 of the third, and Taylor Beck had two assists. Paul Gaustad had an empty-netter for his third this season with 14.7 seconds remaining.

SOCCER WRAP-UP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MIDLAND HIGH GIRLS

Record: 10-7-6, 10-3-3 in District 2-5A (4th)

Playoffs: Lost in bi-district to El Paso Socorro

Key players graduating: F Madison Scribner; D Megan Hoppel; D Meagan Martin; D Channing Harrell; MF Madison Morrow; MF Annie Bergman

Key players expected to return: GK Whitney Siegler; MF Sara Torres; F Vanessa Salazar; MF Sarah Krisa; F Shelby Shelton

Midland High coach Ryan Dunlevy on the season: "I thought the girls responded really well to a brand new coaching staff with their own ideas how to run things. This is the fourth coach this team has had in three years, and they've gone through a whole bunch of change. We came up a little bit short in the end, but overall I think the girls considered it a successful season despite a fourth place finish and going out in the first round."

Wrapping up 2013: The Lady Bulldogs had an up-and-down season that started in their first tournament of the year in Fort Worth. And it continued in district play. But as the season progressed and after a formation change, Midland High found some consistency late in the year heading into the playoffs. Plus an injury to forward Shelton was an early blow, but the Lady Bulldogs also had some young players, such as Krisa were key this season.

Looking ahead to 2014: The expectations won't change for Midland High even though they lose a significant number of seniors and its key scorer in Scribner. But Shelton will return with a repaired knee, and Krisa will bring in two years of experience playing on senior-ladened teams. Dunlevy will have one more year to implement his off-season program, and give players another year to get used to him. And after falling in the first round and finishing fourth, there will be no lack of motivation for the Lady Bulldogs next season.

LEE GIRLS

Record: 4-16-2, 3-11-2 in District 2-5A (7th)

Playoffs: Did not qualify

Key players graduating: F Tori Rackow; D/MF Erin Cumbest; MF Maria Gil

Key players expected to return: F Deo'nna Calhoun; D Ashley Lopez; MF/F Candace Stark; GK Morgan Barr

Lee coach Brian Pollard on the season: "It's kind of a sense of thankfulness and greatfulness of the girls and what they've done and how far they've come this year. I throughouly enjoyed coaching them this year, and their overall attitude and the way they played. The effort and attempts were always there, and I never had to worry about that."

Wrapping up 2013: This season was frustrating and disappointing for a Lady Rebels team looking to make a return to the playoffs. The Rebels were hit with injuries during the season and never really recovered. Senior defender Amanda Peterson battled a back injury all season, forcing some changes in Lee's lineup, while the concussion suffered by Morgan Barr kept her out for the rest of the season. Lee earned points later in the season as the lineup was solidified but by then the Lady Rebels were out of the playoff hunt.

Looking ahead to 2014: One of the bright spots for Lee is that a number of young players saw playing time this year, which could help next year's squad. Pollard will be in his fifth season, and the playoff expectations will be there, but a key again will be keeping players healthy in what is a tough district.

LEE BOYS

Record: 12-4-8 overall, 9-1-6 in District 2-5A (2nd)

Playoffs: Lost in bi-district round to El Paso Americas

Key players graduating: MF Reilly Gwin; D Jason McAfee; MF Felipe Sinisterra; D Ryan Knittle

Key players expected to return: F Darius Strambler; D Logan Vitello; MF Alex Bell

Lee coach Scott Bryant on the season: "It was a very young team, and I think we were surprised with the things that they accomplished this year. I would have not like to have tied so many times, but the nice thing was they came together and they met our expectations that we set for them. No matter what, they were always working hard, and that was one of the cool things about them."

Wrapping up 2013: The Rebels finished second in District 2-5A for the second straight season and did it while tying six times during the league season. Some of those ties were key, and others were frustrating. But Lee locked up its spot with a couple of wins down the stretch against Abilene Cooper and rival Midland High.

Looking ahead to 2014: The Rebels lose some key players in Gwin and McAfee, but Lee returns a handful of talented players in Strambler, Vitello and Bell. They also return some promising young players such as Nate Ortiz, Leo Barba and Tre Sanchez. The program does face some uncertainty in regard to the head coach because co-head coach Chris Bryant has announced his intent to resign and take a job at the Region 18 Service Center, and Lee co-head coach Scott Hicks is contemplating his future with the program as he is also a varsity football coach. Hicks said he would like to be a part of the program but said what his role would be is still being discussed.

Class 5A pairings

CLASS 5A
BOYS
Bi-district

El Paso Bel Air (R1, 21-4) 4, Midland High 2
Southlake Carroll (W4) 2, Arlington Lamar 1
Richland (T4, 15-4-4) def. Fort Worth Paschal
El Paso Montwood (F1) 3, Odessa Permian 0
Flower Mound Marcus (R5) 2, Hurst L D Bell 0
Belton (W8) 3, Cedar Hill 1
Duncanville (F7) 2, Killeen Ellison 0
Flower Mound (F5) 4, Irving Nimitz 1
El Paso Americas (T1, 19-5) 3, Lee 0
Arlington Sam Houston (W3) 2, Keller 1
Keller Central (R4) 3, Arlington High 1
San Angelo Central (F2, 13-6-4) 3, El Paso Socorro 2, OT
Lewisville Hebron (T5) 5, Carrollton Turner 3
Midlothian (W7) 5, Killeen Harker Heights 0
Waco Midway (R8) 4, Grand Prairie 0
Coppell (W5) 1, Euless Trinity 0

Area
El Paso Bel Air (R1, 21-4) vs. Southlake Carroll (W4, 19-4-4), TBA
Richland (T4, 15-4-4) vs. El Paso Montwood (F1), 6 p.m. Friday, Grande Communications Stadium
Flower Mound Marcus (R5) vs. Belton (W8), 8 p.m. Friday, Midlothian HS
Duncanville (F7) vs. Flower Mound (F5), 6 p.m. Friday, Pennington Field, Bedford
El Paso Americas (T1, 19-5) vs. Arlington Sam Houston (W3, 20-1-3), 4 p.m. Friday, Grande Communications Stadium
Keller Central (R4, 13-4-6) vs. San Angelo Central (F2, 13-6-4), 2 p.m. Friday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
Lewisville Hebron (T5) vs. Midlothian (W7), 8 p.m. Friday, Dragon Stadium, Southlake
Waco Midway (R8) vs. Coppell (W5), 7 p.m. Thursday, Newsom Stadium, Mansfield

GIRLS
Bi-district

El Paso Franklin (R1) 1, Odessa Permian 0
Southlake Carroll (W4) 3, Arlington Lamar 0
Keller Timber Creek (T4) 2, Arlington High 1
San Angelo Central (W2, 19-5-2) 2, El Paso Eastwood 0
Lewisville Hebron (R5) vs. Colleyville Heritage (T6), late
Belton (W8) 3, Duncanville 1
Midlothian (R7) 3, Temple 1
Grapevine (W6) 2, Flower Mound 1, SO
Odessa High (R2, 16-2-5) 3, El Paso El Dorado 0
Arlington Marton (W3) 1, Keller Central 0
Keller (R4) 2, Fort Worth Paschal 0
El Paso Socorro (W1, 22-3) 3, Midland High 2, OT
Coppell (T5) 1, Euless Trinity 0
Mansfield (W7) 7, Copperas Cove 0
Waco Midway (R8) 1, Mansfield Timberview 0, SO
Flower Mound Marcus (W5) 6, Carrollton Turner 1

Area
El Paso Franklin (R1) vs. Southlake Carroll (W4, 24-2-0), time TBA, Friday, Grande Communications Stadium
Keller Timber Creek (T4) vs. San Angelo Central (W2, 19-5-2), 4 p.m. Friday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
Lewisville Hebron (R5) vs. Belton (W8), TBA Midlothian (R7) vs. Grapevine (W6), 6 p.m. Friday, Dragon Stadium, Southlake
Odessa High (R2, 16-2-5) vs. Arlington Martin (W3, 16-8-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
Keller (R4, 19-5-3) vs. El Paso Socorro (W1, 22-3), 4 p.m. Friday, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa
Coppell (T5) vs. Mansfield (W7), 7 p.m. Friday, Newsom Stadium, Mansfield
Waco Midway (R8, 12-5-4) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (W5), 6 p.m., Friday, Midlothian

MIDLAND HIGH BOYS

Record: 12-6-4, 9-5-2 in District 2-5A (3rd)

Playoffs: Lost in bi-district round to El Paso Bel Air

Key players graduating: F Nico Francino; D Stephen Reid; MF Ethan Baltier; D Bart Conner

Key players expected to return: F Will Downing; D Michael Iaquaniello; MF Allan Aguilar; MF Alex VonHolle

Midland High coach Warren Cottle on the season: "I tell you what, it was a good year, and it was a fun year with a bunch of guys that worked extremley hard. It ended abruptly, but it will go down as one of my favorite years and, it was a great group of kids."

Wrapping up 2013: Cottle's expectation for this season was to return to the playoffs, and the Bulldogs did just that. They were in the mix thorughout the season. Even though the squad had some frustrating losses, including falling to Lee in the season finale, it was a 3-1 victory against Odessa High on Feb. 9 that helped set the tone for the rest of the season. Nico Francino, who scored two goals in the loss to Bel Air, was among the league leaders in goals scored this year and will be tough to replace next year.

Looking ahead to 2014: Losing Francino, Reid and Baltier will be big, but Cottle said he has plenty left in the cupboard to replace those guys. Downing will return next year to man the top, while Cottle is also expecting good things from a strong group of sophomores and freshman.

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Rory McIlroy hits a shot out of a bunker during the first round of the Houston Open on March 28 in Humble.

McIlroy still sees the big picture

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

HUMBLE — When the scrutiny becomes suffocating, it's a good time for Rory McIlroy to get as far away as he can.

So he went to a practice range on a public course.

Imagine the surprise of the paying customer at Miami Municipal Golf Course a few weeks ago who looked over to his left and saw McIlroy, still at No. 1 in the world and a two-time major champion, plop down a carry bag with a Manchester United logo.

"Why was that such a big deal?" McIlroy asked with a mixture of amazement and bemusement.

This was Wednesday at the Houston Open, where morning frost had caused a two-hour delay in the proam. Instead of retreating to the clubhouse dining room at Redstone Golf Club to order from the omelet station, McIlroy found a spare booth in the caddie trailer, where the fare ranged from scrambled eggs to peanut butter on toast.

Just one of the lads.

He made the cut on the number last week — his first cut against a full field this year — and was making a run up the leaderboard in the third round when he three-putted for bogey from 5 feet on the par-5 13th hole. McIlroy dropped two more shots and returned toward the bottom of the pack.

After lunch, it was back to work. He could have sought privacy at the far end of the range. Instead, he set up shop in front of a grandstand where 30 people took a seat to watch. Tom Gillis, a runner-up to McIlroy a year ago at the Honda Classic, came over and gave Boy Wonder a playful push.

There were more smiles than drops of sweat in this practice session.

McIlroy was hitting driver toward the end, picking out a barren tree on the horizon as a target for his draw. He was getting dialed in when caddie J.P. Fitzgerald said, "End it with a good one." The shape looked to be perfect, and the caddie said, "Beautiful."

"One more," McIlroy said with a smile, and then he hit that one even better.

He walked over to the railing where a dozen kids had gathered, took out a pen and began signing. One of them was a photo of McIlroy posing with the U.S. Open trophy from Congressional, brown curls spilling out from under his cap.

"I can't believe I looked like this," he said. His hair is much shorter now. He's more grown up. He turns 24 next month.

This is the state of McIlroy.

He tied for 45th in the Houston Open, and while that would normally be considered a pedestrian week, he considers it progress. He signed up for the Texas Open this week, wanting more competition before going to the Masters. Perhaps more telling was how much happier he looked than in recent weeks.

That wasn't the case at the start of the year.

McIlroy is no stranger to attention, and he brought that on himself. Winning the U.S. Open with a record score. Winning the PGA Championship by a record eight shots. Climbing to No. 1 in the world, and then winning three more tournaments against the strongest fields, made it look as if the kid would stay on top for years to come.

And yes, the Nike deal.

With blaring music and a laser show in Abu Dhabi, he was introduced as the latest global star to market the swoosh and made a commercial with Tiger Woods. Then, he plunged into a slump. That's not unusual for McIlroy, except the expectations have never been this great, the number of eyeballs on him never this many.

A year ago, there was one stretch in the late spring when he missed the cut in four of five tournaments, the last as defending champion at the U.S. Open. This year, he missed the cut in Abu Dhabi, lost in the first round of Match Play and quit out of frustration after 27 holes of the Honda Classic.

In Houston, his shoulders never sagged even as he was on the verge of another weekend off.

"I learned from the last few weeks that I've got to keep my spirits up. There's no point in getting down on yourself," McIlroy said. "I felt like I was doing that a bit too much at the Match Play and Honda, and you saw what happened there."

If there was a moment that showed the state of his game, it was early in the second round at Houston. McIlroy was some 20 yards behind Dustin Johnson and Keegan Bradley off the tee as he played tentatively and tried to avoid bogeys. After back-to-back birdies, he swung more freely and blasted a tee shot some 15 yards beyond Johnson.

He's not that far off.

Asked what will be written about him at the end of the year, a smiling McIlroy said:

"Hopefully, the same things that were written about me at the end of last year."

There's a phrase back home in Northern Ireland that goes, "Catch yourself on," which loosely translated means wise up or don't get a big head. McIlroy concedes that has been put to the test this year.

"I've learned when you get into this position, you have to remember what got you to this point in the first place, which is practice and playing," he said. "Sometimes, you have to do the right things for yourself."

He also is guided by wise words from his father, Gerry, who tells him it doesn't cost anything to be nice to people. That remains his hallmark.

McIlroy was in a starter's tent next to the 10th tee Saturday, looking into a trash container where his caddie had dropped a piece of the shaker used to mix a protein drink. A volunteer interrupted by trying to speak a phrase in Gaelic.

McIlroy looked at him blankly and said, "I don't speak Irish."

There was awkward silence as the volunteer, sensing this conversation was going nowhere and probably shouldn't have been started, looked for a graceful exit. "Play well," he said as he backed out of the tent.

McIlroy smiled and looked the volunteer right in the eye.

"Now that," he said, "I understand."

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		G	S	R	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
BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Middle (N)	Suburgatory (N)	Modern Family (N)	Parents "Pilot" (N)	Nashville "I Saw the Light" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Caramoan - Fans vs. Favorites		Criminal Minds "Restoration" (N)		CSI: Crime Scene "Sheltered" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman The Flaming Lips		(:35) Late Late
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Sein. "The Statue"	Rules of. Engage.	Arrow "Unfinished Business" (N)		Supernatural "Taxi Driver" (N)		Cops	Sein. "The Pothole"	Rules of Engage.	That '70s Show	King of Queens	'Til Death
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	American Idol The remaining finalists perform live. (N)				The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
	KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Mani Erfan	Jean-Claude	Update News	Rabbi Rantz	Light of the Southwest				Dr. Rik Wadge	R' Itzhak Shapira	Dr. Alewine	Dr. William
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	Dateline NBC		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Funny Valentine"		Chicago Fire "Ambition" (N)		News-West 9	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno		(:35) LateNight
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature "What Plants Talk About"		Nova "Ancient Computer"		Eat, Fast and Live		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Corona de lagrimas		Porque el Amor Manda		Amores Verdaderos		Amor Bravio		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Al Diablo con los Guapos	
	KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Office	30 Rock	Numb3r "Nine Wives"		Numb3r "Killer Chat"		My News	Baggage	30 Rock	Sunny	Scrubs	Access H.
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	65			165	(5:25) ★ The Shooter		★★ Dark Blue ('02, Act) Kurt Russell.				★★ Captain Ron Kurt Russell.		(:45) ★ Fall Eric Schaeffer.			
	HBO	300	68	14	14		Movie	(:45) ★★★★ We Bought a Zoo Matt Damon.					Game of Thrones		Bill Maher		★★★★ Red Tails	
	HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:00) ★ The Desce...		Fall to Grace		★ One Day ('11, Dra) Anne Hathaway.				★★ The Matrix Revolutions			
	HBO5	304	70	16	102		Movie	(:45) Making	The Sopranos		★★ Battleship ('12, Sci-Fi) Taylor Kitsch.				(:15) ★★★ Something Borrowed			
	MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:15) ★ The Birdcage		(:15) ★★★ This Means War				★★ From Dusk Till Dawn			JumpOff	(:20) Lingerie	
	MAX2	382	72	18	122		★★ The Long Kiss Goodnight				★ A Very Harold & Kumar C...		Science	Science	★★ The Grudge			
	PLEX			96			Movie	(:40) ★ Santa vs. Claus ('08, Ani)			★★ Borrowed Hearts				(:35) ★★★ Coal Miner's Daughter			Movie
	SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:15) ★ Source Code		Shameless		60 Minutes Sports		Califor.	Lies	60 Minutes Sports		Jim Rome	
	TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:10) ★ The Job		★ Liberal Arts Josh Radnor.				(:40) ★ Peace, Love & Misund...		(:15) ★ All Good Things Ryan Gosling.			
CABLE	A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dy (N)	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
	AMC	40	21	23	42	51	CSI "All Fall Down"		★★★★ The Transporter Jason Statham.				★★★ True Lies ('94, Act) Jamie Lee Curtis.					
	BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park (N)		Game	Together	Husbands	★★ 35 and Ticking ('11, Com) Tamala Jones.					Wendy Williams	
	BRAVO	65	63		41		Beverly Hills		Real Housewives		Rachel Zoe Proj. (N)		Brad (N)	Dukes (N)	Watch (N)	Beverly Hills		Rachel
	CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		The Car Chasers		Celebrity Apprentice		Treasure Detectives		Mad Money		Celebrity Apprentice	
	CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan Live	
	DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Amish Mafia		Weed Country		Weed "Reloads" (N)		Pot Cops (N)		Weed "Reloads"		Pot Cops	
	DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	A.N.T.	A.N.T.	A.N.T.	★ Let It Shine Tyler James Williams.				Austin	GoodLuck	A.N.T.	Wizards	Wizards
	ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NBA Basketball New York Knicks vs. Atlanta Hawks (L)				H.S. Basketball All-American Game (L)				SportsCenter			
	ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox vs. New York Yankees (L)						MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants vs. Los Angeles Dodgers (L)					
	FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) ★ Alice in Wonderland				★★ The Sorcerer's Apprentice Nicolas Cage.				The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
	FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
	FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Rest. "University Grill"		Rest. "Dodge City"		Rest. "Valley Inn"		Restaurant Stakeout		Restaurant		Rest. "Valley Inn"	
	FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Big 12 Showcase	Ultimate Insider	Lone Star Conf	Own Words	Stars Insider	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars vs. Anaheim Ducks Site: Honda Center -- Anaheim, Calif. (L)					Stars Live (L)
	FX	31	31	59	64	69	2½Men		★★★ The Green Hornet ('11, Act) Seth Rogen.				The Americans (N)		The Americans		Justified	"Ghosts"
	HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	BradyB.	BradyB.	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Buying and Selling		Cousins	Cousins	Property Brothers		HouseH	House	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
	HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	The Bible "Passion"				Vikings "Raid"		Pwn Star	Pwn Star
	LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	★★★★ Seventeen and Missing ('07, Dra) Matthew Harrison, Tegan Moss, Dedee Pfeiffer.				★★★★ Selena The life story of Mexican-American singer Selena, whose dreams were cut short at age 23.				Prank My Mom		★ To Be Announced	
	MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN	38	39				NHLLive	NHL Hockey	Pittsburgh Penguins vs. New York Rangers (L)				NHL Live!	Crossover	FB Talk	Overtime	Red Bull Signature	
	NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Drake	Victorious	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(4:30) ★★ Fighting		★★★ Walking Tall				★★ Fighting ('09, Act) Channing Tatum.					Police
	SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Haunted Collector		Haunted Collector		Haunt.Collector (N)		Stranded (SF) (N)		Haunted Collector		Stranded	
	TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Implant"	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		Men at Work	Conan
	TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(4:30) ★ Guys & Dolls		★★★★ Henry V ('45, Hist) Laurence Olivier.						★★★★ Hamlet ('48, Dra) Laurence Olivier.			
	TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Pasion Prohibida		La patrona		El Rostro de la		Al rojo	Victorinos		Decision
	TLC	51	33	32	38	52	My Crazy	My Crazy Obsession	Hoarding "One is Good. Two is Better"		Hoarding "She's Going to Jail" (N)		My Crazy (N)	My Crazy (N)	Hoarding "She's Going to Jail"		My Crazy	My Crazy
	TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(5:30) ★★★ Sherlock Holmes ('09, Adv) Jude Law, Rachel McAdams, Robert Downey Jr..				Boston's Finest (N)		Southland (N)		Boston's Finest		Southland	
	TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Forever Young		Forever Young		Queens	Queens
	USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Singled Out"		NCIS "Worst Nightmare"		NCIS "Life Before His Eyes"		Psych "Cirque du Soul" (N)		NCIS "Short Fuse"		NCIS "Royals and Loyals"	
	WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Rules "Jeff Day"	Rules "Zygote"	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	WGN News at Nine		America's Funniest Home Videos		Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

Flynn eager for new beginning in Oakland

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Going from a playoff contender in Seattle to a rebuilding project in Oakland doesn't seem to bother Matt Flynn much.

If anything, the Raiders' new quarterback is embracing his new surroundings — and his new role.

With Carson Palmer having been traded to Arizona in a deal that was completed Tuesday, Flynn is expected to be Oakland's starter next season after spending his first five seasons in the NFL as a backup.

He'll have to beat out Terrelle Pryor for the job in training camp, and there's been talk the Raiders are considering taking West Virginia quarterback Geno Smith with the third overall pick in the draft later this month.

But all indications are that the 27-year-old Flynn will be Oakland's third different starter in three years when the 2013 season begins.

"I think that should be everybody's expectation, whether you're competing for linebackers, DBs or snapper," Flynn said during a meeting with Bay Area reporters. "You're expecting to win that job. That's the mental approach I'm going to take to it. I'm here to work and I'm here to compete and do what I need to do to make this place better."

Cardinals acquire Carson Palmer

The Arizona Cardinals have acquired quarterback Carson Palmer from the Oakland Raiders.

The Cardinals gave up a conditional 2014 draft pick and swapped one of their sixth-round picks this year for Oakland's seventh-round selection.

Palmer, who agreed to rework his contract with the Cardinals, is expected to move into the starting quarterback role for new Arizona coach Bruce Arians.

The Raiders were at least able to get something for the quarterback rather than just release him. Oakland acquired quarterback Matt Flynn on Monday in a deal that sent two draft picks to the Seahawks.

Earlier, the Cardinals signed free agent quarterback Drew Stanton, the backup to Andrew Luck last season at Indianapolis, where Arians was interim head coach.

Associated Press

The Raiders didn't have to pay much to acquire Flynn from the Seahawks, sending a fifth-round pick in 2014 and a conditional selection in 2015 to the Seahawks in return for a player who's been mostly untested since entering the NFL as a seventh-round pick in 2008.

Flynn has started just two games in the NFL, both while with Green Bay. He put up modest numbers as a backup with the Packers but gained national attention when he threw for 480 yards and six touchdowns in a Week 17 game against Detroit during the 2011 season.

Flynn cashed in on that success and signed a three-year, $26 million deal with Seattle but lost the starting job to rookie Russell Wilson early last season and spent the remainder of his time in the Pacific Northwest on the bench.

Now he's in Oakland, where general manager Reggie McKenzie has orchestrated a massive overhaul of the team's roster and bloated payroll. McKenzie worked in Green Bay's front office when the Packers drafted Flynn five years ago.

"We always got along and I always knew Reggie had a pretty good head on his shoulders," Flynn said Tuesday. "Talking with him leading up to this process, it got me excited because he has a vision for where this thing's going. He's a big-picture guy."

Some fans in Oakland might think otherwise.

Since the 2012 season ended, the Raiders have gutted their roster and rid themselves of the heavily backloaded contracts that have kept McKenzie from being much of a player in free agency.

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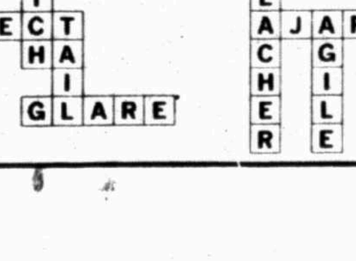
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Louisville's Ware leaves hospital

Associated Press

Louisville's Kevin Ware has taken what he said would be the hardest step in his recovery — the first one.

The sophomore guard was back on the Cardinals' campus Tuesday afternoon after he had been released from an Indianapolis hospital, two days after millions watched him break his right leg on a horrifying play trying to block a shot.

"I couldn't be anymore happier to see my brothers man. Unexplainable!!" Ware tweeted after returning to the Cardinals' practice facility, entering through a back door.

He had said on Facebook that "the first step is always the hardest one to take"

Ware had been at Methodist Hospital since sustaining the horrific injury Sunday during in the first half of Louisville's 85-63 win over Duke in the Midwest Regional. He underwent surgery to repair compound fractures of the tibia in the leg and is expected to be out a year.

The next step for Ware may be a trip to Atlanta for the Final Four.

Louisville coach Rick Pitino has said he would like Ware to travel with the team to the national semifinals. Athletic department spokesman Kenny Klein said Tuesday that doctor's wouldn't likely sign off on Ware traveling until Wednesday.

Ware broke his leg after going up to block a shot and landing awkwardly. The injury devastated Pitino and Ware's Louisville teammates, many of whom were seen crying after seeing the severity of the break.

With encouraging words from Ware, who told the team, "just go win the game," the top-seeded Cardinals regrouped to win and earn their second consecutive Final Four berth.

Pitino and his son, Richard, spent Monday at the hospital with Ware, who was pictured holding the championship trophy in his bed. Ware later posted a comment on Facebook saying, "the first step is always the hardest one to take" along with a photo of him on crutches.

On Monday, university President James Ramsey described the injury as "heartbreaking" and said Ware will get the best medical care and rehabilitation the university can offer.

Social media has exploded with discussion of Ware's injury, resulting in words of support from around the country. Former NFL quarterback Joe Theismann, who also suffered a horrific leg injury on Monday Night Football in 1985 that ended his career, and Miami Heat stars LeBron James and Dwyane Wade were among those tweeting encouraging words.

On campus, a makeshift tribute was taped up to a window in the Student Activities Center, and students filed by and lined up one by one to sign the 3-by-5 foot poster that said, "We Stand Behind You, Kevin! Get Well (hash)5!

Ware appreciated the support and said it boosted his mood. In an interview with the Louisville Courier-Journal, he said, "It really brought my spirits up. ... And it's kind of hard to keep your spirits up in a situation like this."

Ware also told the Courier-Journal that he remembered teammate Luke Hancock comforting him, and being surrounded by other Cardinals immediately after he suffered the injury. During that time Ware said he went into "Kevin mode," telling his team to win the game.

"When they took me off the court," Ware told the paper, "I heard so many cheers, and I'm like 'When I'm out of surgery, there's gonna be some good news.' "

Ware's recollection was not as clear when he woke on Monday morning full of medication, though he said his memory returned upon seeing the championship trophy in his hospital room.



Associated Press

In this photo released by the University of Louisville, basketball player Kevin Ware walks on crutches Monday in Indianapolis. Ware broke his leg in the first half of Sunday's Midwest Regional final when he landed awkwardly after trying to contest a 3-point shot, breaking his leg in two places.

Jackson's double-double gets Baylor to NIT final

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pierre Jackson had 24 points and 10 assists to lift Baylor back into the National Invitation Tournament title game for the second time in five years with a 76-70 win over BYU on Tuesday night.

Baylor's Cory Jefferson scored 21 points and Isaiah Austin had 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Bears.

Tyler Haws scored 25 points for the Cougars, who couldn't buy a shot from 3-point range for much of the game.

Baylor (22-14) pulled away in the final eight minutes or so, and then withstood a late furious rally by BYU, led by Matt Carlino on 5-for-15 3-point shooting. The rest of the Cougars (24-12) went 0 for 6.

Baylor will play Iowa, which beat Maryland 71-60 on Tuesday night.

WOMEN'SBASKETBALL

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NOTRE DAME 87
DUKE 76

NORFOLK, Va. — Skylar Diggins shook off early foul trouble to score 24 points and Notre Dame rallied to beat Duke 87-76 on Tuesday night to earn its third consecutive trip to the Final Four.

Kayla McBride added 17 points while Jewell Loyd and Natalie Achonwa had 17 each as the Fighting Irish (35-1) won their school-record 30th consecutive game, earning a fourth meeting with Connecticut. Notre Dame has won the first three this season and beaten UConn in the past two Final Fours.

Tricia Liston led Duke (33-3) with 19 points, but the Blue Devils had no answer when Notre Dame used a 15-2 run early in the second half to take a 50-42 lead. The Blue Devils lost in the regional finals for the fourth straight year, failing once again to return to the Final Four for the first time since 2006.

Haley Peters added 15 points for Duke.

LOUISVILLE 86
TENNESSEE 78

OKLAHOMA CITY — Shoni Schimmel scored 24 points and giant-slaying Louisville claimed another big upset Tuesday night, beating second-seeded Tennessee 86-78 and earning the school's second trip to the Final Four.

Two nights after taking down Brittney Griner and defending national champion Baylor, the fifth-seeded Cardinals (28-8) built a 20-point lead and then withstood a second-half comeback by the powerhouse Lady Vols (27-8) before celebrating another big victory.

When it was over, the Cardinals huddled at center court and celebrated. Tennessee headed home with a third straight loss in the regional finals, failing to make the Final Four for a fifth straight year.

Taber Spani led the Lady Vols with 20 points, and Meighan Simmons and Kamiko Williams chipped in 12 apiece.

TOURNEYSCHEDULES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

FINAL FOUR
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
National Semifinals
Saturday, April 6

Louisville (33-5) vs. Wichita State (30-8), 5:09 p.m.

Michigan (30-7) vs. Syracuse (30-9), 7:49 p.m.

National Championship
Monday, April 8

Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

Women

FINAL FOUR
At New Orleans Arena
New Orleans
National Semifinals
Sunday, April 7

Louisville (28-8) vs. California (32-3), 4:30 or 8 p.m.

Notre Dame (35-1) vs. Connecticut (33-4), 5:30 or 8 p.m.

National Championship
Tuesday, April 9

Semifinal winners, 6:30 p.m.

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

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For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

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For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438.

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Basketball

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When: May
Cost: 1 hr session $55 per person (private lesson); 1 hr session $40 per person (2 persons); 1 hr session $30 per person (3-5 persons)
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant, venzanteddie@yahoo.com or 432-254-6894.

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714.

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551.

Lunch break Pick-up Basketball
When: Noon-1 p.m., Monday-Friday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut Lane
For more info: Call 413-0521.

Spring Basketball League
When: May 4-25
For: boys grades 6th-High School
Cost: $60 per player
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant, venzanteddie@yahoo.com or 432-254-6894.

West Texas Varsity Team Camp
When: June 21-23
Where: San Angelo
For: Boys and girls varsity and junior varsity players
Deadline: June 14
Cost: $240
For more info: Contact Chris Cardenas, cardenas_chris@yahoo.com.

7th Annual WT High School Summer Shootout
When: July 6-7
Where: San Angelo
For: Boys and girls varsity and junior varsity players
Cost: $225; 3-game guarantee
Deadline: July 1
For more info: Contact Chris Cardenas, cardenas_chris@yahoo.com.

West Texas Officials Basketball Referee Instructional Camp
When: May 4-5
Where: Water Valley HS
Cost: $30 per official
For more info: Contact Chris Cardenas, cardenas_chris@yahoo.com.

San Angelo Chaparrals team tryouts
When: 7 p.m., April 17
Cost: $25 per player
For more info: Contact Chris Cardenas, cardenas_chris@yahoo.com or 325-374-2910.

Mount Rose Full Gospel All-Star Weekend
When: April 6
For: Grades 3-12 boys and girls. Open Men's Division
Where: PAC Center, 211 N. Tyler
Cost: $65 per team
For more info: Call Earl Davis 349-8052 or Jermaine Packer 210-2909.

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177.

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725.

Camps/Clinics

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For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
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COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
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Beginner tennis clinics
Where: Midland High School tennis courts
When: Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For: Kindergarten-12th grade; community-based organizations, parents and adults.
Deadline: Two weeks before week wanting to attend.
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-6245, Brandi at 687-7059 or Elizabeth at 699-6058.

YMCA Basketball Skills Clinic
When: Every Saturday
Times: 1 p.m.-3:45 p.m. for grades 3 through 12
Cost: YMCA Family member, free; YMCA Youth member, $5 and program participant, $10 per visit
For more info: Call Midland YMCA at 682-2551.

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Atmos Energy's Fischer Community Room, 2304 Loop 40, Midland International Airport
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com.

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633.

Fitness

Beach Body
When: 7-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
Note: Instructor is Tommy Hindman
For more info: Call 685-7355.

P-90X/Beach Body Fitness Club
When: 12-1 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355.

Yoga
When: 5:30-6:30 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355.

Cardio/Core
When: 11 a.m., Tuesdays & Thursday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355.

Flag Football
YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551.

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided.
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orren at 631-2395.

Golf

Texas Tech Golf Camps
When: June 6-9
Where: The Rawls Course, Lubbock
Cost: $650 for overnight campers; $500 for day campers.
For more info: Go to texastechsportscamps.com/golf/index.php.

J.D. Armstrong Memorial Golf Tournament
When: April 20-21
Where: Big Lake Golf Course
Cost: $300 per team
For more info: Call 325-884-2633 or 325-650-5000.

Benefit Golf Tournament for Jess "Coon" Moreno
When: April 14
Where: Comanche Trail Golf Course, Big Spring
For more info: Contact Ricky Moreno at 230-9834 or Chris Gonzales at 806-544-6599.

Ice Hockey

Jackalopes Amateur Hockey Association
Where: Odessa
When: October-April
Teams: Youth and adult (non check)
For more info: Contact jaxyouthhockey@hotmail.com or call 661-3453 or 553-1019.

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m., Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido.
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155.

Cardio Kickboxing Class
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do and Fitness Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
Cost: $35 a month
For more info: Call 689-8139.

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Friday, 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554.

Private Tae Kwon-Do lessons
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554.

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472.

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444.

Taekwondo
When: 6-7 p.m. Tuesday nights; Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355.

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030.

Etiquette
When: 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays
Note: Instructors is Natalie Cargile.
For more info: Call 685-7355.

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Wednesday through Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 7 p.m. Tuesday and Saturday, The Detour. Players must be signed in by 6:45 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net.

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 8-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, TBD Sunday.
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055.

Rugby

Midland Mad Dog Rugby Club
What: Recruiting for 2012-13 season; no experience necessary.
For: Participants 16 years and older; need shorts, t-shirt or jersey, cleats or running shoes; watch.
When: Practice is 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.
For more info: Go to www.maddogrugby.com.

Midland Rugby (Bloodhounds) Club
For more info: Call Joshua 661-7147.

HHD Dads & Lads Rugby
When: 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Cowden Park
For more info: 212-6088.

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com.

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988.

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland.
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month; first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays.
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com.

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season.
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell.
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games.
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee.
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425.

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100.

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball.
For more info: Call 413-3173 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch.

2013 MUGS Spring Sign-Ups
Where: 5-7 p.m. Ulmer Park
When: Through mid-April
For: 18-and-under, and 18-and-over
For more info: Go to www.midlandfastpitch.com.

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke.
For more info: 684-7755.

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755.

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available.
For more info: 684-7755.

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels.
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday.
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755.

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited.
For more info: 684-7755.

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets.
Ages: 4 and up.
For more info: 684-7755.

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets.
For more info: 684-7755.

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel.
For more info: 684-7755.

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment.
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets.
For more info: 684-7755.

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours.
For more info: 684-7755.

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755.

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755.

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551.

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551.

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551.

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up.
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551.

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-563-1333 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information.

Bush Tennis Center Youth Clinics
What: Tennis clinics for beginners to advanced players ranging from preschoolers to high school seniors.
Where: Lee High School tennis courts.
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com and click on "Programs & Events" or call, 620-8180.

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com.

WTTA/USTA Junior Team Tennis League
For: Players 10-and under through 18-and under.
When: Sundays through April 14, 2-5 p.m.
Deadline to register: Feb. 11
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Lance or Kathy at 694-6321.

WTTA/USPTA Junior Circuit
For: Boys and girls singles players, ages 10-18.
When: April 20, June 22, July 20, Sept. 18, Oct. 10.
Register: By the Thursday before each event.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Contact Lance or Kathy at 694-6321.

MIDLAND TENNIS CLUB (MTC)
What: MTC is a non-profit public tennis club for all ages, all levels. Tournaments are free for members. Non-members may play by paying a tournament fee.
When: May 25-26; June 15-16, July 13-14, Aug. 17-18; Sept. 14-15; Sept. 21-22; Nov. 16-17
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual dues: $65 Adults, $30 Youths, $140 Families
Call: 687-4046 or 563-1333 to join

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 to 1:50 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Midland College 685-4500 or Lance Armstrong 687-4046.

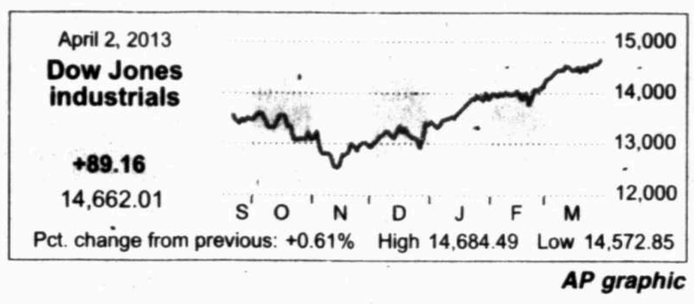
Youth Clinics
When: For children 4-8 years of age (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m.) and 9-15 years of age (Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: 687-4046.

Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league
For more info: 689-4340.

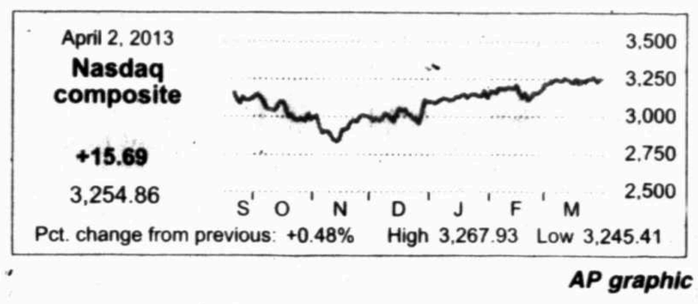
Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: Fun Walks, 10K, 3rd Saturday morning of the month; Monthly meeting 3rd Sunday at 5 p.m.
Where: Fun Walks, vary; meetings in Room 227, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Rose 687-2588 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.org.

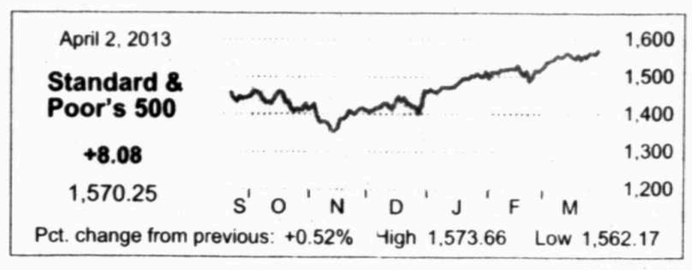
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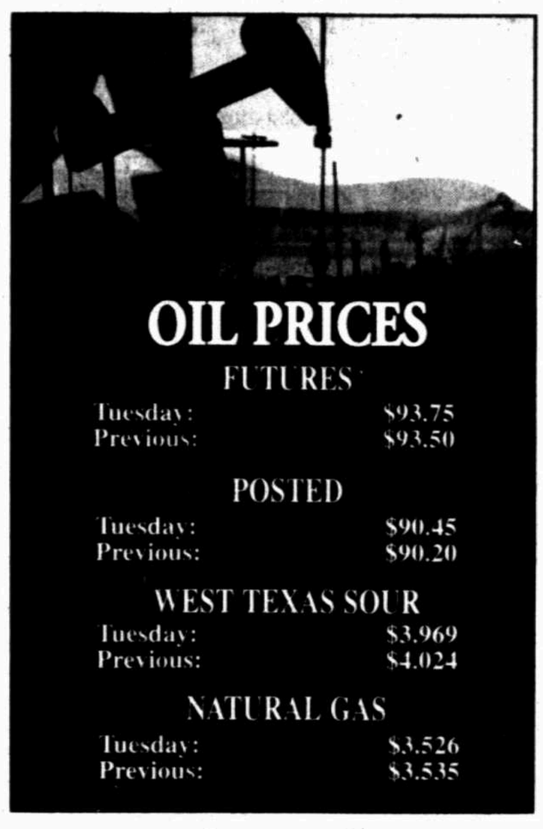
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NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	997067	12.15	...
S&P500ETF	916635	156.82	+.77
iShJapn	715458	10.51	+.13
HewlettP	464255	22.10	-1.21
iShR2K	432344	92.58	-.58

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSVLgBrnt	52.00	+7.56	+17.0
DirDGldBr	59.66	+6.73	+12.7
PwSBMetS	22.15	+2.44	+12.4
CSVS3xInSlv	35.12	+2.80	+8.7
UpwAmr	9.40	+.72	+8.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BP GCrb	5.04	-.71	-13.8
DrGldBll rs	23.79	-3.26	-12.1
NordicAm	9.84	-1.18	-10.7
SilvrcpM g	3.50	-.38	-9.8
EldorGld g	8.50	-.88	-9.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,463
Declined	1,563
Unchanged	129
Total issues	3,155
New Highs	291
New Lows	24
Volume	3,221,128,819

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CheniereEn	48701	27.09	-.85
NA Pall g	35668	1.60	-.12
AlldNevG	28088	14.43	-1.84
NwGold g	25024	8.56	-.47
Rentech	21904	2.24	-.05

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Lannett	10.16	+.68	+7.2
Crexendo	2.70	+.18	+7.1
Servotr	8.12	+.52	+6.9
CKX Lands	15.25	+.92	+6.4
Alteva	9.18	+.35	+4.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AlldNevG	14.43	-1.84	-11.3
SaratogaRs	2.29	-.29	-11.2
Rubicon g	2.19	-.24	-9.9
GldFld	3.41	-.36	-9.5
MAG Slv g	8.38	-.80	-8.7

DIARY

Advanced	161
Declined	264
Unchanged	29
Total issues	454
New Highs	8
New Lows	10
Volume	84,545,149

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Vodafone	431892	29.41	+1.07
MicronT	356279	9.30	-.08
Facebook n	343733	25.42	-.11
Cisco	333942	21.22	+.39
SiriusXM	310587	3.08	-.04

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BGC Ptrs	5.72	+1.87	+48.6
BOS Ltd rs	4.73	+1.53	+47.8
OptimerPh	13.91	+2.24	+19.2
TechComm	5.29	+.84	+18.9
CrnstkHldg	2.38	+.37	+18.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
iGo Inc rs	2.50	-1.38	-35.6
S&W wtA	2.30	-.53	-18.7
Spherix rs	7.29	-1.11	-13.2
NasdOMX	27.91	-4.10	-12.8
Cleantech	3.18	-.39	-10.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,082
Declined	1,362
Unchanged	123
Total issues	2,567
New Highs	133
New Lows	29
Volume	1,544,259,018

Speaker: Public has obligation to educate selves about ramifications of cheap energy

By Mella McEwen
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Last week's rupture of an Exxon Mobil pipeline in Arkansas has added to discussion about the impact of hydrocarbons on the environment, especially as the U.S. State Department and President Barack Obama consider the proposed Keystone XL pipeline to bring Canadian oil sands to the Gulf Coast.

Another disaster prompting national discussion was the explosion on the Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico that killed 11 and sent crude spilling into the Gulf's waters. Geoscientist W.C. "Rusty" Riese, Distinguished Ethics Lecturer for the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, worked for BP, owner of the well that was being drilled in the Gulf, during the spill.

In Midland this week to deliver lectures on "Oil Spills, Ethics and Society," Riese told members of the West Texas Geological Society on Tuesday that the spill ranked 39th among the world's worst spills.

When such accidents occur, he noted, blame is quickly assigned, particularly to the corporation or individuals.

While he acknowledged that the spill was a result of human error and poor management, he also cited legislators who fail in their obligation to "investigate when appropriate, listen to testimony, minimize sensationalism and formulate laws "thoughtfully" he said.

As of April 2012, he said the law firm Baker & Botts reported there had been 146 Congressional hearings on the Deepwater Horizon disaster with no resulting legislation.

Riese also cited the media, pointing out what he described as sensational headlines.

But he also pointed his finger squarely at the public, starting with a survey that found only 25 percent of Americans are considered scientifically literate. How many, he asked the audience, know how long it takes the earth to revolve around the sun?

"The public has a responsibility to become educated, to become informed and to question," he said.

Disasters such as the Deepwater Horizon or the pipeline rupture in Arkansas are the result of a mix of competing demands and expectations in a society that pursues inexpensive energy and developing countries that see energy as a way economic growth versus those who worry about the impact of fossil fuels on the climate and the planet's ecosystem, he said.

"When I was a kid, there were 3 billion people on the planet," Riese said. "There were 7 billion as of last Halloween, and another billion will be added in 14 years. We can't conserve enough energy to take care of the people here now. All 7 billion want the opportunity to live the way you and I do. They want electricity, they want heat for their homes when it's cold and air conditioning when it's hot. Half the planet's population don't have electricity, almost half don't have access to clean water. They believe that is a human right."

Attempts to provide energy while protecting the environment are complex, he said, citing a proposal to replace 1,400 coal-fired electric power plants with natural gas-powered plants. That, he said, would require construction of one Trans-Alaska-size pipeline a year for the next 50 years or 50 large liquefied natural gas tankers a day. Doubling current nuclear power capacity would require 700 more nuclear power plants or, as he put it, "completing one every three-and-a-half-weeks" until 2054.

Riese said he has made this presentation before teachers and before industry personnel and he said reaction has run the spectrum from praise to harsh criticism.

"Consumers have the obligation to educate themselves on the ramifications of their demand for cheap energy," he said. "I want you to do that and then I want you to talk to other people and educate them. If you don't, society will do dumb things."

Will Green, an independent geologist and past president of the AAPG, agreed that it is important for the public to get involved and make their voices heard, especially to their elected representatives.

David Crass, president of the WTGS, said it's important that the public be able to make informed decisions.

Health insurers lead stocks higher on Wall Street

Associated Press

The Dow Jones industrial average closed at a record high Tuesday after reports on auto sales and factory orders provided the latest evidence that the U.S. economy is strengthening. Traders plowed money back into European stocks as the financial situation in Cyprus appeared to stabilize.

Health insurers powered the gains a day after the government released revised reimbursement rates for Medicare Advantage plans. The new numbers suggest that funding cuts will be less severe than analysts and companies had feared.

The Dow closed up 89.16 points, or 0.6 percent, at 14,662.01. It had risen as high as 14,684 in the late morning.

The Dow broke through an all-time record on March 5. It has risen steadily since then, routinely setting new trading highs.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 8.08 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,570.25. It rose to within two points of its trading high of 1,576 reached on Oct. 11, 2007.

European markets closed sharply higher on the first trading day after a tense, four-day holiday weekend. Paris' CAC-40 rose 2 percent, London's FTSE 100 1.2 percent and Frankfurt's DAX 1.9 percent.

The gains in Europe markets boosted confidence among U.S. investors.

Oil posts slight gain

The price of oil rose slightly Tuesday as traders waited for the latest data on U.S. supplies.

Benchmark oil for May delivery gained 12 cents to finish at $97.19 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Oil dropped below $96 in the morning but recovered as U.S. stock markets rose, buoyed by strong reports on U.S. auto sales and factory orders.

The market will watch for the latest reports on supplies of oil and petroleum products. The American Petroleum Institute, a trade group, released its latest weekly figures late Tuesday. The Energy Department issues its latest inventory report today.

Analysts expect oil supplies rose by 2.5 million barrels last week, according to Platts. Supplies are already more than 9 percent above year-ago levels.

At the gas pump, the average price for a gallon of gasoline edged up to $3.64 a gallon. That's 29 cents more than a year ago.

Brent crude, used to price many kinds of oil imported by U.S. refineries, was up 67 cents to end at $110.69 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

Precious metals decline

Precious metals prices are falling as demand for alternative investments decreases.

May silver fell 69.60 cents, or 2.5 percent, to $27.248 an ounce.

Gold for June fell $24.90, or 1.6 percent, to $1,575.90. Platinum for July fell $24.60, or 1.5 percent, to $1,571.80. Palladium for June fell $14.55, or 1.9 percent, to $769.40.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $42.65 Down 0.68

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $94.02 Down 3.33

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $29.99 Up 0.12

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $27.04 Down 0.36

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $27.84 Up 0.08

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.15 Down 0.26

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $19.00 Up 0.12

Ring Energy (RNGE)
Closing Price $6.80 Up 0.04

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80f	30	37.57	+.32	+11.5
Abraxas	...	...	2.20	-.07	+.5
AdamsEx	.67e	...	11.74	-.01	+10.9
Alcoa	.12	46	8.30	-.09	-4.4
AlonUSA	.16	14	17.61	-1.16	-2.7
AlphaNRs	...	...	7.44	-.39	-23.6
AmIntlGrp	...	26	39.00	+.77	+10.5
Amgen	1.88	19	106.40	+4.09	+23.4
Anadarko	.36	18	85.64	-.72	+15.2
Apache	.80f	16	76.16	-.55	-3.0
Apple Inc	10.60	10	429.79	+.88	-19.2
ApldMatl	.40f	...	13.24	-.12	+15.7
ArchCoal	.12	...	4.96	-.18	-32.2
ATMOS	1.40	17	42.28	...	+20.4
AutoData	1.74	23	65.28	+.60	+14.7
BGC Ptrs	.48	18	5.72	+1.87	+65.3
BP PLC	2.16f	6	42.14	+.13	+1.2
BabsCCInv	1.20a	...	16.30	+.14	+6.7
BakrHu	.60	15	45.32	-.41	+10.9
BkofAm	.04	47	12.15	-.01	+4.7
BarrPVix rs	...	...	19.69	-.63	-38.1
BasicEnSv	...	17	12.15	-.40	+6.5
BerkHa A	...	1	815755	0.00+2296.53	+17.5
BerryPet	.32	14	46.36	-.21	+38.2
BlkHillsCp	1.52f	18	43.75	-.14	+20.4
BostonSci	...	...	7.89	+.09	+37.7
BrMySq	1.40	36	41.68	+.54	+29.3
BrownFA s	1.02a	29	74.26	+.58	+20.7
BrownFB s	1.02a	27	71.86	+.81	+13.6
CVS Care	.90	18	55.24	+.71	+14.3
Cameron	...	21	64.82	+1.12	+14.8
Caterpillar	2.08	10	84.88	-.76	-5.3
Celestic g	...	14	8.02	+.10	-1.6
CntryLink	2.16m	28	35.18	+.32	-10.1
ChesEng	.35	...	19.96	-.39	+20.1
Chevron	3.60	9	119.00	-.61	+10.0
Chicos	.22f	16	16.87	+.27	-8.6
Cimarex	.56f	17	71.53	-2.03	+23.9
Cisco	.68f	12	21.22	+.39	+8.0
Citigroup	.04	14	44.11	+.32	+11.5
ClayEng	...	15	42.65	-.68	+6.6
CliffsNRs	.60m	...	18.18	-.77	-52.9
CocaCola s	1.12f	21	40.72	+.27	+12.3
ColgPal	2.72f	23	118.90	+1.19	+13.7
Comcast	.78f	18	42.30	+.92	+13.2
ConAgra	1.00	23	35.54	-.08	+20.5
ConchoRes	...	23	94.02	-3.33	+16.7
ConocPhil s	2.64	10	60.04	-.44	+3.5
CrackerB	2.00	17	80.84	+.51	+25.8
CSVelIVSt	...	...	23.98	+.76	+44.5
CrosTim	2.12e	11	27.62	-.61	+2.6
DCP Mid	2.76f	45	47.03	+.29	+12.6
DTE	2.48	19	68.53	+.14	+14.1
Dataram rs	...	...	2.33	+.15	+17.7
Dawson	...	22	29.99	+.12	+13.7
Dell Inc	.32	11	14.26	-.05	+40.6
DeltaAir	...	13	14.94	-1.31	+25.9
DevonE	.88f	...	54.95	-.57	+5.6
Disney	.75f	18	57.46	+.77	+15.4
DowChm	1.28	44	30.95	-.42	-4.3
eBay	...	28	56.16	+.45	+10.1
EMC Cp	...	19	23.84	+.27	-5.8
EOG Res	.75f	61	129.05	+.54	+6.8
EmpDist	1.00	17	22.28	+.02	+9.3
Energen	.58f	16	51.22	-.08	+13.6
EngyTsfr	3.58	11	50.59	-.13	+17.8
EnPro	...	22	49.40	-.61	+20.8
EntPrPt	2.64f	24	61.25	+.56	+22.3
Ericsson	.43e	...	12.29	-.21	+21.7
ExterranH	...	...	25.55	-.25	+16.6
ExxonMbl	2.28	9	90.58	-.19	+4.7
Facebook n	...	...	25.42	-.11	-4.5
FordM	.40f	10	13.01	+.11	+.5
ForestOil	...	12	4.92	-.07	-26.5
FMCG	1.25	10	31.92	-.46	-6.7
FrozenFd h	...	...	1.33	+.01	+49.4
GATX	1.24f	21	51.26	-.11	+18.4
GabMultT	.80	...	8.89	-.01	+13.2
GAInv	2.00e	...	31.32	+.09	+12.6
GenElec	.76	18	23.34	+.26	+11.2
GenMotors	...	10	27.93	+.13	-3.1
GileadSci s	...	30	48.20	+.22	+31.2
GtPlainEn	.87	17	23.09	+.08	+13.7
Groupon	...	...	5.62	-.34	+15.6
HalconRes	...	...	7.53	-.12	+8.8
Hallibrtn	.50f	14	39.89	-.04	+15.0
Heinz	2.06	24	72.29	-.02	+25.3
Hertz	...	43	23.41	+1.50	+43.9
HewlettP	.58f	...	22.10	-1.21	+55.1
iShJapn	.19e	...	10.51	+.13	+7.7
iShEMkts	.74e	...	42.33	+.01	-4.6
iS Eafe	1.76e	...	58.81	+.64	+3.4
iShR2K	1.70e	...	92.58	-.58	+9.8
IntegrysE	2.72	16	58.33	+.16	+11.7
Intel	.90	10	21.46	+.03	+4.0
InterDig	.40a	7	45.59	-.60	+11.0
JPMorgCh	1.20	9	48.28	+.45	+10.6
JohnJn	2.44	21	82.69	+.76	+18.0
KimbClk	3.24f	23	99.79	+1.86	+18.2
KindME	5.16f	...	90.00	+.25	+12.8
KindMM	5.16t	...	87.67	+.06	+16.2
LegacyRes	2.28f	19	27.84	+.08	+17.0
Lubys	...	30	6.85	-.34	+2.4
MBIA	...	2	10.18	+.04	+29.7
MGIC	...	...	5.00	-.01	+88.0
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NokiaCp	...	...	3.26	...	-17.5
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NvMAd	.80a	...	14.76	-.11	-3.0
NvPMI	.88	...	14.75	-.07	-1.1
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NSTFI3	.63a	...	14.64	+.02	+.1
NTXQI	.70	...	15.85	+.16	+.1
OccilPet	2.56f	14	80.68	+1.73	+5.3
Oracle	.24	15	32.74	+.34	-1.7
ParTech	...	...	4.81	-.04	-1.8
ParkDrl	...	13	4.16	-.12	-9.6
PattUTI	.20	12	22.99	+.05	+23.4
PennaRE	.72f	...	18.76	-.19	+6.3
Prmian	.88e	11	12.54	+.04	+2.3
Pfizer	.96f	15	29.23	+.39	+16.6
PioNtrl	.08	82	123.48	+.57	+15.8
PlainsAA s	2.25f	24	56.58	-.37	+25.1
PwShs QQQ	.86e	...	69.04	+.54	+6.0
Praxair	2.40f	20	111.00	-.08	+1.4
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PrUVxST rs	...	...	7.25	-.48	-65.3
ProctGam	2.25	20	78.96	+1.25	+16.3
RangeRs	.16	...	79.10	-1.24	+25.9
RegionsFn	.04	11	8.04	+.02	+12.8
RschMotn	...	16	15.14	+.03	+27.5
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Rowan	...	25	33.85	-.84	+8.3
RoyDShllA	3.44	8	64.99	-.01	-5.7
SpdrDJIA	3.42e	...	146.27	+.92	+12.0
S&P500ETF	3.18e	...	156.82	+.77	+10.1
SabnR	3.59e	13	47.12	+.55	+18.4
SanderFm	.68	23	55.39	+.95	+16.
SandRdge	...	...	5.04	-.16	-20.6
Sapient	...	26	11.99	-.01	+13.5
Schlmbrg	1.25f	18	74.81	+.79	+8.0
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Synovus	.04	...	2.62	-.08	+6.9
TelefEsp	...	...	13.51	+.16	+.1
Tesoro	.80f	10	55.02	-1.83	+24.9
3M Co	2.54f	17	106.52	+.87	+14.7
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TriContl	.69e	...	17.59	+.05	+9.6
TylerTech	...	60	60.38	+.22	+24.6
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UBWV	1.24	17	26.50	+.05	+8.9
USSteel	.20	...	17.65	-1.07	-26.0
UtdhlthGp	.85	12	61.74	+2.77	+13.8
Vale SA	.78e	...	16.57	-.28	-20.9
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Vodafone	1.53e	...	29.41	+1.07	+16.7
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Walgrn	1.10	21	47.32	+.35	+27.9
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WstnRefin	.48f	8	32.49	-2.50	+15.3
WhitingPet	...	14	49.07	-1.24	+13.1
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6,291.65	4,795.28	Dow Jones Transportation	6,087.04	-75.26	-1.22	+14.70	+14.96
508.79	435.57	Dow Jones Utilities	509.16	+1.57	+.31	+12.38	+10.38
9,128.89	7,222.88	NYSE Composite	9,092.89	-14.87	-.16	+7.69	+10.67
2,509.57	2,184.87	Amex Index	2,403.45	+2.72	+.11	+2.03	-1.19
3,270.30	2,726.68	Nasdaq Composite	3,254.86	+15.69	+.48	+7.79	+4.54
1,570.57	1,266.74	S&P 500	1,570.25	+8.08	+.52	+10.10	+11.10
16,609.60	13,248.92	Wilshire 5000	16,560.12	+53.05	+.32	+10.44	+11.40
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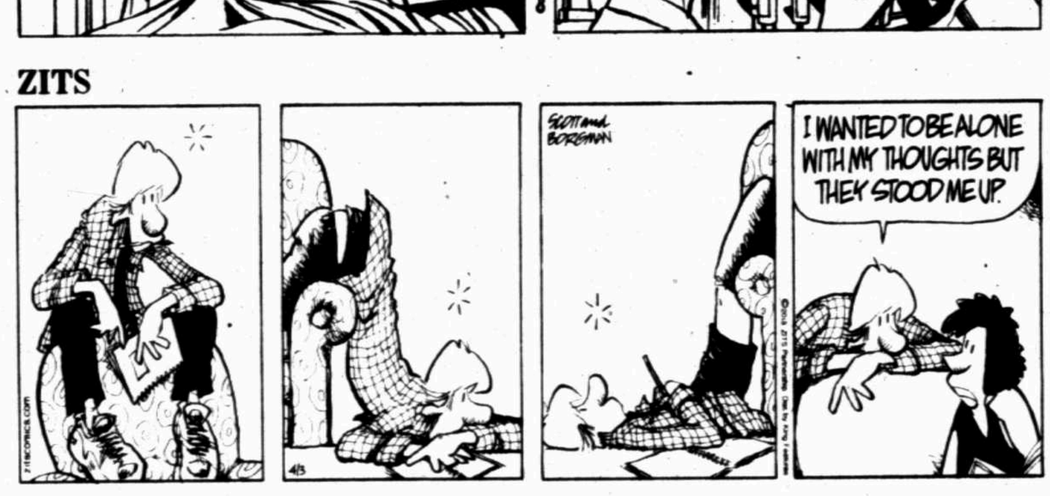
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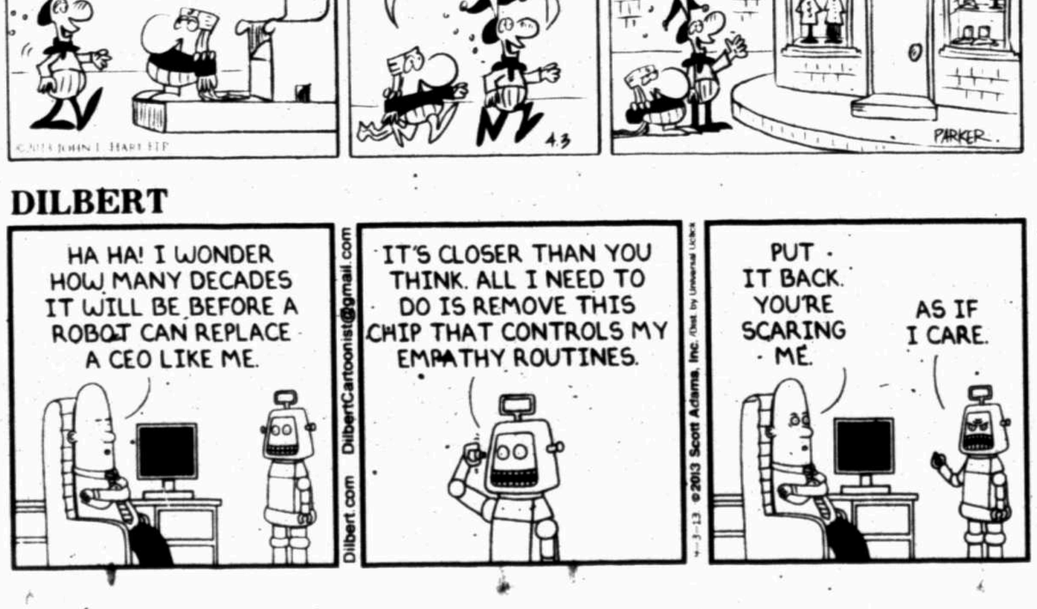
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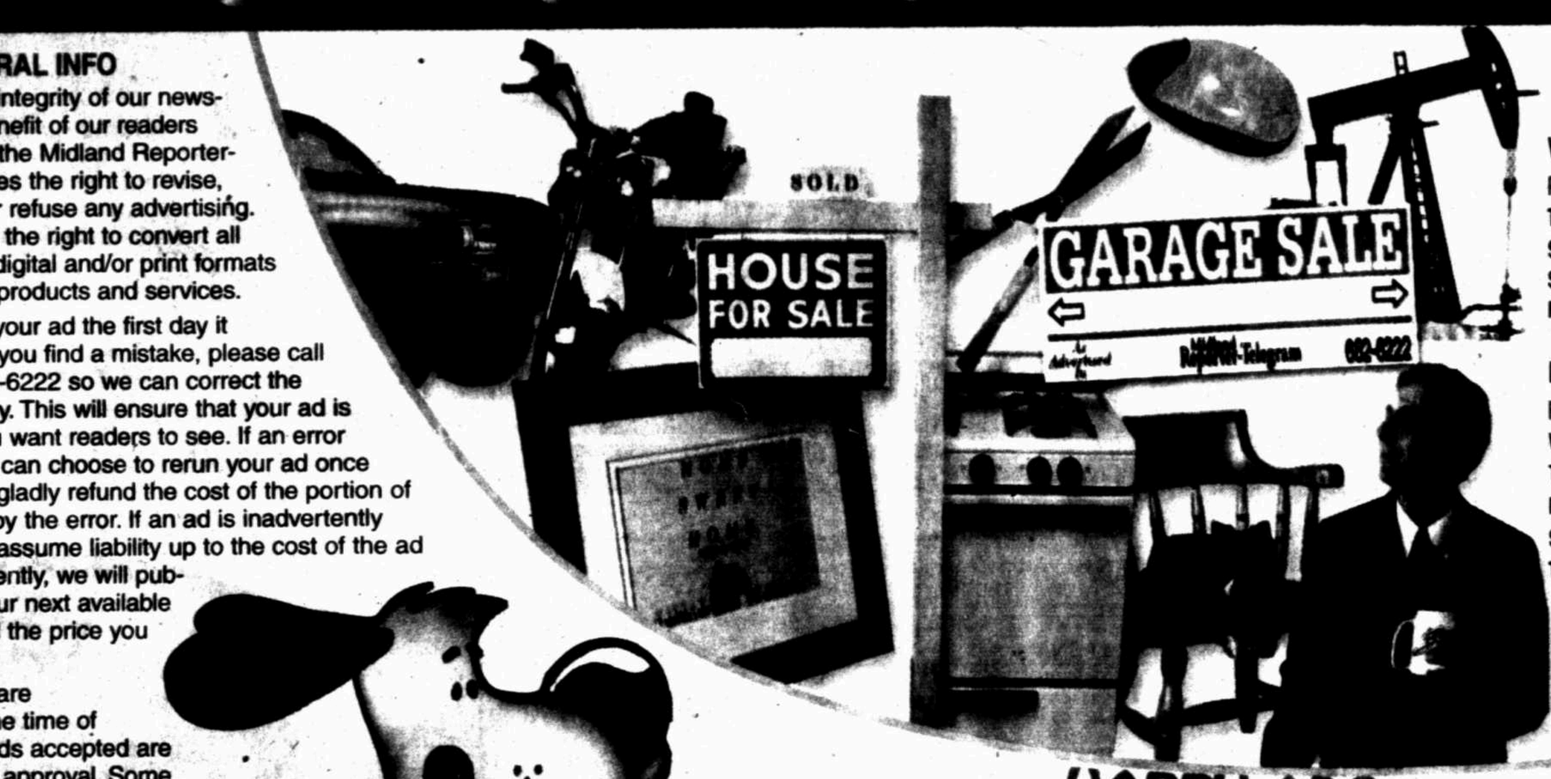
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Bid No. 6349-13
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Robert Fletcher Stiles	Virginia Ann Stiles Westbrook	David Thomas Stiles
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Dallas, TX 75225	Katy, TX 77450	Canon Falls, MN 55009

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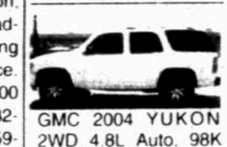
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

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8	2	4	7	1	3	5	6	9
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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Aocounting Clerk

Impact Chemical Technologies FT

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FULL CHARGE BOOKKEEPER

Needs to be proficient with QuickBooks and Excel. 1-3 years experience in Accounting. Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, and Payroll. Able to comply with all federal and state tax and reporting policies, procedures, and regulations. Able to pay attention to detail, multi-task and work independently while being efficient and with speed. Please submit resume to **jamesr@autodril.com** or fax to **432-561-5850.**

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Receptionist needed for busy Land Surveying office. Duties include answering phones, filing, upkeep of storage area, and other duties as assigned. Also, job entails running errands using personal vehicle. Mileage reimbursement based on IRS's standard mileage rate. Salary based on experience is negotiable. Email resumes to jobs@windearthwater.com.

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

Electrician

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Now accepting resume for Electrician @ Natural Gas Processing Plant NW of Stanton, TX. Excellent salary, Paid vacation, Medical Insurance, and 401K. Please send resume to plant supervisor 11703 E. FM 846, Coahoma, TX 79511, or fax to (432) 399-4290, or Email to carcher@wtggas.com

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191 Menger Springs, Boerne, TX 78006
PH: 830-249-3867 - FAX: 830-249-4899
Email: hr@se-texas.com
Submit online application:
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HEALTHCARE

Aid

Confidential

Need someone to assist 16 year old mentally and physically handicapped male. Call for more info, 432-218-6381.

Clinic Nurse LVN- Addiction Treatment Center

Midland/Odessa

Monday-Friday 5:15am-12:15pm weekdays & 6am to 9:30am on Saturdays. Travel required between Midland & Odessa clinics. Assessments, TBs, dispense meds. Paid holidays, CEU days & personal days. Fax: 800-671-8364.

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Clover House, Inc. Odessa LCDC/CI for TC Residential Facility
Call: (432)580-0321 or send Resume:
cloverhr@cableone.net

LPC/LCDC/License Counselor

Midland/Odessa Addiction Treatment Center PT
Monday-Friday 6:00am-10:30am

Treatment planning/Case management. Personal days/CEU days. Paid holidays. Fax resume to 800-671-8364.

LVN's, RN's, CNA's

Desert Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705

Desert Gardens located in Midland, Texas is currently looking for **2-LVN's & RN's** -2p-10p weekend Baylor pay. **4-CNA's**-10p-6a weekend Baylor pay. **Treatment Nurse** - Weekends. $500 Sign On Bonus after 90 days. Apply in person.

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Receptionist

Experienced Receptionist for busy Dr.'s office. Attractive salary & benefits. Fax resume to: 432-522-2950.

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR DAY TIME ASSOCIATE

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Day time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

Pay 10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois - Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: ehiscox@themidlandreporter.com
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HEALTHCARE

Registered Nurse

MARC has immediate opening for a part time on-call nurse. Apply in person at 2701 North A Street, by completing application on website (www.marcinc-tx.org) or emailing resume to Deanna Evans at devans@marcinc-tx.org.

Sitters / CNA's

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. FT

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. seeking experienced Sitters/CNA's to work for private duty clients. All shifts.Call 522-5080 or 1-800-201-5904. EOE

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Hourly Positions

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Manager

Crest Hotels Management, LLC FT

Housekeeping Manager Needed. Salary and benefits Please send your resume to **kelly@crest-mgmt.com** or call 432.934.4818 to set up interview

Multiple Positions

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Now Hiring
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- Laundry & Breakfast Attendant

Flexible Hours; Great Pay!
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INTERNET

WANTED VB.NET/ASP.NET PROGRAMMER

Required skills and experience: 3+ years experience in developing, testing, deploying and documenting windows database applications with VB.NET or ASP.NET. Please send resume to **kwatkins@autodril.com** or contact Kristie at **(432)561-8455.**

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

Store Shift Lead

Walgreens Drug Store FT

Looking for an honest, dependable and flexible Store Shift Lead. Some management experience preferred. If interested, apply online at: Walgreens.com or at any Walgreens location. but the position is at the 3300 N. Midland Dr. If you have any question please call Ms. H at: 432-699-5518.

OTHER JOBS

Custodial Janitorial

Greenwood Baptist Church PT

Cleaning for daycare needed. Mon-Fri, 2-3 hours each evening. 432-682-1147

Golf Course Member Service

Midland's Premier County Club FT/PT

Is looking for Outside Golf Course Member Service Staff. We hire attitude and personality over experience. All positions available Full or Part time. In addition to competitive wages we offer paid medical and 401K. Please apply in person at Midland Country Club 6101 N Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705.

HOUSEKEEPER

Confidential PT

Housekeeper needed 2 days a week. Pay $20 per hour. References required. Send resume to PO Box 53, Midland, TX 79702

Housekeeper

Housekeeper wanted, 5 days per week, 9am-3pm. Must speak English and have transportation. Benefits included. Call 432-520-2614.

LEASING AGENT

Part time Leasing Agent. Mail resume to **M-40 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX, 79701.**

Lot Attendant

The Car Store is looking for a **Lot Attendant** for our Dealership. A strong work ethic, positive attitude and punctuality are a must. Please apply in person at **4030 W. Wall St.**

Positions Available

Desert Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705

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Safety Coordinator

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RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

All Positions

La Bodega Mexican Restaurant FT
2700 N. Big Spring Street **Apply in Person**
Midland, TX **To fill out application.**

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Dining Staff

Midland's Premier Country Club FT/PT

Is looking for dining staff/servers. We offer competitive wages, benefit packages, and 401K. Please apply in person 6101 N. HWY 349, Midland TX 79705.

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Food & Beverage Manager

Midland Country Club FT

Is looking for a Food and Beverage Manager. We hire attitude and personality over experience. Position is full-time. In addition to competitive wages we offer paid medical and 401k. Please apply in person: Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705.

General Manager, Breakfast Cooks & Servers

Lori's Cafe needs qualified • Breakfast Cooks & • Servers. Top pay for experience. • We are also seeking an Experienced Restaurant General Manager who is able to move through all restaurant positions, close registers, generate sales reports, basic accounting and back of house required. Customer service skills and email business minded is essential as we are still locally owned and family oriented. Please email resume to loriscafe@att.net or bring resume or application in between 9-11 or 1-2. Hours of operation are 6AM-2PM.

Kitchen and Waitstaff

Torino's Pizza Bar FT

Now hiring for kitchen and waitstaff. Apply in person @ 3303 N Midkiff Rd #110. Ask for Teresa. 432-218-6943.

OTHER JOBS

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

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.

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Positions Available
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Positions: **Team Members**, **Team Leaders**, **Managers**, **Day** and **Night Shifts** Available. Clean, grease-free environment and fun atmosphere. Apply at **5211 W Wadley** or **1109 Andrews Hwy** today!

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Assistant General Manager
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SALES JOBS

Local Delivery Driver Needed
Must be at least 21 or older with clean driving record. Please come by 10101 W. I-20, Midland, TX. to pick up an application or drop off your resume. Roberts Truck Center, LLC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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The Midland Reporter-Telegram Advertising Department is looking for an Outside Sales Representative. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

The right individual will enjoy an excellent compensation and full benefits package. If you are the one we are looking for, please send current resume to:

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Desirable Qualifications & Skills:
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment
- Excellent customer service and time management skills
- Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills

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Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
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or email to: jhouston@mrt.com

Sales
Wanted Experienced siding and window salesman for the Odessa and Midland area. Call Greg @ 575-631-0599

SKILLED LABOR

HVAC Duct Installers
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Weekly pay with benefits. Experienced individuals only. Please call 432-682-8222.

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Hilliard Companies has an opening for maintenance personnel. Person should be knowledgeable in all areas of general commercial building, residential, automobile and other common maintenance. Minimum of 5 years experience required. Please send resume to: careers@mmbo.com or call 432-683-9100 for more information.

Mechanic/Service Man
Midkiff Tranports, Inc. FT
Apply at Midkiff Tranports Inc. 6601 FM 715, Midland, TX. 432-682-2405.

SCIENCE & RESEARCH

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Equipment Operator

Job duties include:
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- operation and maintenance of well stimulation equipment,
- maintaining proper DOT logging, accurate mileage and fuel reporting,
- pre-trip and post-trip inspections.

Requirements:
- a Class A CDL license, with hazmat and tanker endorsement,
- 1-3 years experience,
- a satisfactory driver record,
- ability to pass a DOT drug test and functional capacity test,
- ability to work well with others in extreme climate and other working conditions.

We offer a competitive wage based on experience and a full benefit package including medical, dental, vision, and matching 401k.
See contact data below.

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Job duties include
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Requirements:
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- 7-10 years experience,
- a satisfactory driver record,
- ability to pass a DOT drug test and functional capacity test.

Please send resumes to **Kathy.Phillips@univpp.com**
For questions, please contact us at:
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Envirocon TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

The Role: Lab Technician
The Location: Midland, TX

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We are currently searching for an outstanding **Laboratory Technician** to join our team and serve as the quality assurance leader with our company. We are looking for someone with a systematic, detailed approach to quality assurance, vast knowledge of performing scientific evaluations, a mindset for continuous improvement, and a polished, professional regard to reflect our commitment to excellence.

What will I be doing?
The **Lab Technician** will be ultimately responsible for the quality assurance of our received raw materials and finished goods: perform all laboratory testing and evaluations: manage all corresponding documentation: quality control audits: and continuous improvements in products produced. You will be responsible for comparative testing and evaluations of all competitive products and aid in the developement and testing of new Envirocon products.

What skills and qualifications do I need?
- You have a BS Degree in Sciences
- You have 1-3 years of laboratory experience
- You have profound knowledge of Microsoft Office applications (Excel, Word and Outlook)
- You are very detail oriented and analytical
- You are a team player and have a commitment to excellence

Why work for us?
We love our company and our product line! We hold tight to our company's core values of Excellence, Love, Sustainability and Responsibility. Our benefits are awesome (100% employee-covered health insurance, life insurance coverage, IRA with match, and vacation and sick leave). The best part of our company is that we are excited to welcome new and innovative thinkers on board!

Salary:
DOE, $40,000+ annually

For more information call Tricia Wilson at 432-687-2582 or email your resume with salary requirements to tricia@envirocontech.com.

Please note: Applicants for employment in the U.S. must possess work authorization that does not require sponsorship for a visa now or in the future. This position also requires a pre-employment drug screen.

SKILLED LABOR

MECHANICS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!
Mid-level mechanics needed for very busy shop with growing company. Candidate should have basic tools and dependable transportation. Candidate should have basic knowledge of tractors, diesel engines, hydraulics, pneumatics, triplex pumps, centrifugal pumps, air brakes, basic electrical and DOT. Welding and fabrication skills are a plus. Pay and benefits are competitive. Email resumes to Chris Dedmon at **chris@acidspecialistsllc.com**, or in person at **4004 N. Co. Rd. 1150** Midland, Tx.

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Class A CDL Truck Drivers
Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: driver $2,000 sign-on bonus, medical, life & dental insurance, paid vacation, & 401k. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call **432-563-1894** for interview or online @ **www.silverlinetx.com**

ROCKWATER ENERGY SOLUTIONS

Rockwater Energy Solutions
is seeking a qualified

DOT Coordinator

Requirements include:
3 – 5 years of experience with regulatory compliance, auditing, and permitting.

Rockwater offers:
Great wages, 401k match & excellent benefit plan. EOE

Please send resumes to:
hr@rockwaterenergy.com
or
Rockwater Energy Solutions
Attn: HR
P O Box 11347, Midland, TX 79702

Please include on resumes: DOT Coordinator

DRIVERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY
Regional Ice Manufacturer, Seeking FULL-TIME Route Delivery Drivers for the Midland, TX. area. Home Every Night. Class A or B CDL Required. Pre-employment Drug Screen and Clean Driving Record a Must. Able to lift minimum of 50 lbs. Pays an excellent hourly wage and commission. Full Benefits Package Available. Please call 1-800-321-5558.

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Experienced Driver FT
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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.

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2324 FM 715
Midland, Texas 79706
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Midland, Texas 79705
Now hiring mechanic helper. Must have driver's license, pass drug test. Good pay with performance/safety bonuses. Benefits include: paid Health insurance, paid vacations, paid holidays and furnished uniforms. Apply in person or call 432-620-0040. Email resumes to: timgreer@socind.net

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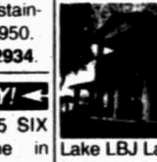
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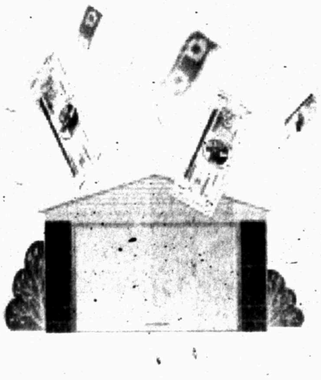
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