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Airlines might cut back number of daily flights

January enplanements at Midland International flat; historical trends, winter weather to blame

By Joseph Basco
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While signs are starting to point to a flattening in enplanements, or departing airline passengers, from Midland International Air and Space Port, the only impact for the next year could be fewer flights offered by the airlines, according to the interim director of airports.

The airport had only 310, or 0.8 percent, more enplanements in January compared to the same time last year, according to data provided by the airport. When comparing January 2014 to January 2013, enplanements grew by 2,399 passengers, or 6.9 percent.

And fiscal year 2014, which was from October 2013 to September 2014, set a high standard: Enplanements exceeded 500,000 for the first time since 1996.

"Last year was an awesome year for us, and to be flat with last year is certainly not a real kick in the teeth," said Justine Ruff, interim director of airports.

She also noted how January and September are always historically slow months for enplanements. The peak months are the summer months. Fiscal year 2015 is likely to follow the seven-year average trend.

"But will we dip below (fiscal year 2014)?" Ruff asked. "Perhaps."

If and when the number of flights may be decreased depends on the airline and how far out it plans for flights, Ruff said. Some plan months in advance, and some are reactive to what is going on in a much closer, week-by-week timeframe, she said. As of Monday, Ruff said there is no indication that any flights are on the chopping block.

"Southwest Airlines just put out their schedule for the summer, and they didn't drop any flights," Ruff said.

Meanwhile, private-aircraft flights out of Midland decreased 9 percent in January, according to a Feb. 24 Bloomberg Business article, which cited data from FlightAware. The article said that on one day in February, only one corporate jet sat on the tarmac at the airport, which was an indication of the health of the energy industry.

The airport does not track the private flight numbers nor handle the operations of corporate jets; fixed-based operator Landmark Aviation does.

Ruff rebutted a few of the points made in the article. She said all of the corporate hangars at the airport are full and pointed outside her office window to the tarmac.

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WINTRY WEATHER REPRIEVE?



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A Union Pacific train travels parallel to West Industrial Avenue near downtown Midland on Saturday.

February weather report

By the numbers

Average temperature: 46.8 degrees
Typical average for February: 48.6 degrees
Warmest: 82 degrees on Feb. 10
Coldest: 19 degrees on Feb. 27
Snow in February: 1.1 inches
Precipitation in February: 0.26 of an inch

Source: National Weather Service

It was freezing for a while

The National Weather Service reported that Midland went more than three days without the temperature going above freezing, or 32 degrees.

The streak cold blast went from the 10:53 a.m. report on Thursday to the 11:53 a.m. report on Sunday. That is 73 hours.

Here comes the sun

Today is supposed to be a major change for Midland as the National Weather Service is calling for mostly cloudy and a high of 68 degrees, a change of more than 30 degrees compared to the high (36) on Monday.

But winter's not done

On Wednesday, there is a 40 percent chance of snow, winds coming from the northeast at 20 to 25 mph and gusts maybe approaching 35 mph, according to the NWS. Wednesday night should be the first of consecutive nights with lows dropping into the lower 20s.

March weather prediction

The Climate Prediction Center is calling for a 33 percent chance of colder-than-normal temperatures and average rainfall.

Three-month forecast

The CPC is calling for a 33 percent chance of above-average temperatures and a 40 percent chance of above-average rainfall through May.

From staff reports

Drug and alcohol use rates might correlate to violent crime

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With an increase of population comes an increase of drug and alcohol use, and as drug and alcohol use increases in the community, so goes violent crime, Palmer Drug Abuse Program's Michele Savage told the Reporter-Telegram a day after a Midland County man was arrested Sunday on charges of attempted capital murder of a peace officer.

Sunday morning's standoff that resulted in the shooting and arrest of 36-year-old Nathan Guy Kelly, who allegedly pointed his weapon at officers while under the influence, illustrates an interconnectedness of intoxicants and violent criminal activity, both of which have seen recent upward trends, Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said.

The standoff in the 1500 block of Farm-to-Market Road 307 ended with two deputies shooting Kelly in the cheek and thigh after he had pointed a pistol at his wife, then a high-caliber AR-15 rifle at deputies, according to a press release. Upon arrival at the scene, deputies were informed by dispatch that Kelly, according to his wife, was intoxicated.

Kelly faces three charges of attempted capital murder of a peace officer, and the case will go before a grand jury.

"Things are becoming more active, becoming more violent. We're seeing more and more disturbances that are turning violent and where weapons are being used," Painter said. "A lot of times drugs and alcohol are involved, and in this particular case, alcohol."

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, a government organization that oversees drug abuse and alcoholism numbers across the nation, the Permian Basin region has some of the highest rates of alcohol and drug use in Texas. From 2010 to 2012, the Permian Basin region ranked second in alcohol and illicit drug dependence and abuse in Texas.

"Nope of it ever really goes away. It just ebbs and flows," said Savage, director of the alcohol and substance abuse support program. According to Savage, the most common substance the program treats against is alcohol dependency, but in recent years methamphetamines and crack-cocaine have shown an ebbing presence.

"When there was an increase of people in the population, there was also an increase of people obtaining (narcotics), getting a hold of it and bringing it into the

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Zone change for sports training facility approved

■ **Planning and Zoning Commission OKs replats for affordable housing**

By Rye Druzin
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The city's Planning and Zoning Commission approved a new sports facility near ClayDesta that will include an indoor football field.

The organization that wants the building, D1 Sports Training and Therapy, would offer physical training, orthopedics and an indoor field for athletes to train on, according to Andrew Mellen of Maverick Engineering, who represented D1 on Monday at the meeting. The company currently operates out of Midland, but Mellen said the firm would like to have its own facility, which would be located southwest of the intersection of Edwards Street and Corporate Drive.

The building would have metal siding; and the commission questioned the durability of the material. Commission member Jane Wolf asked whether the new building would look like a warehouse, and Mellen assured the commission that the renderings "do not do the building justice," saying that it would work well with the landscape.

The commission also approved residential replats in the southeast of town for nonprofit Midland Visions 2000, which is seeking to build multiple multi-family affordable homes on vacant lots. Cary Love, the president of the organization, said the design of the new buildings have not been finalized but would blend into the neighborhood. Midland Visions 2000 owns and operates the Ranchland

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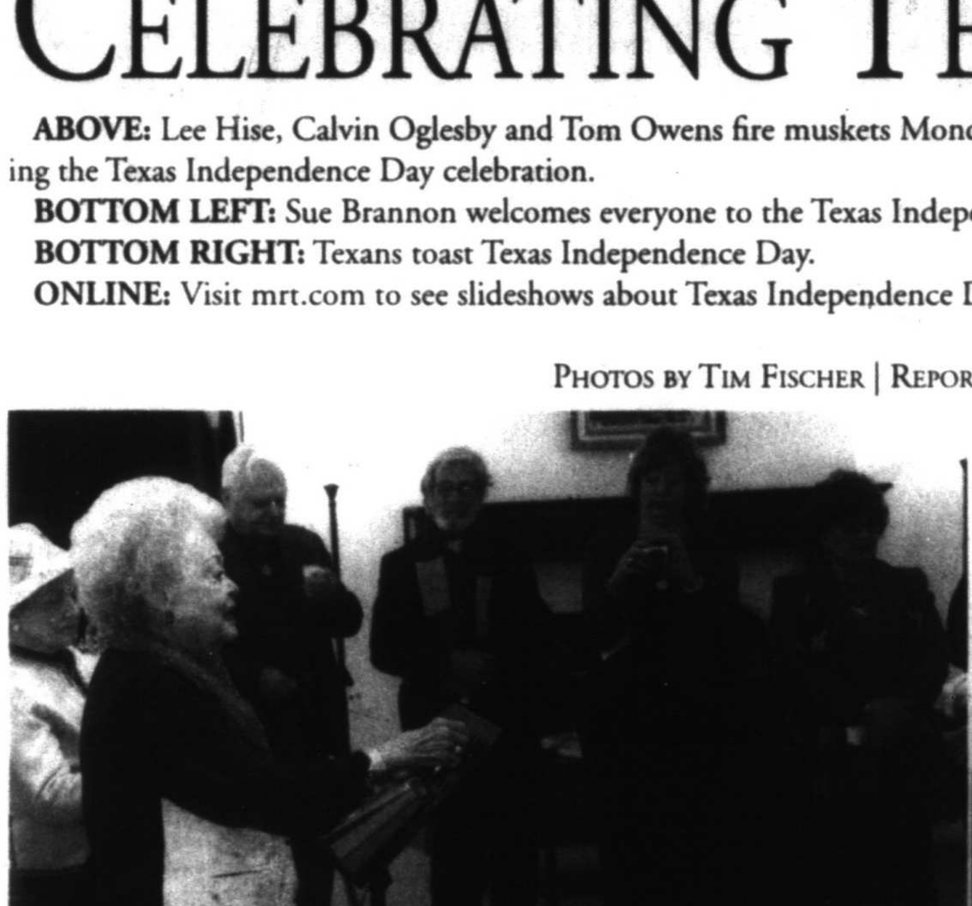
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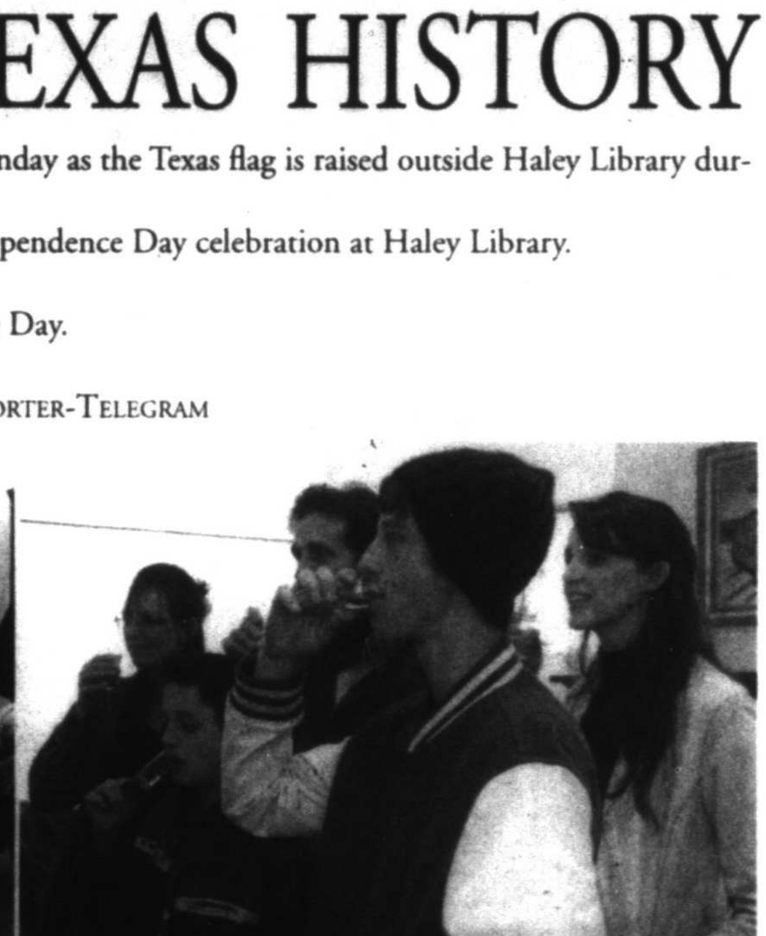


CELEBRATING TEXAS HISTORY

ABOVE: Lee Hise, Calvin Oglesby and Tom Owens fire muskets Monday as the Texas flag is raised outside Haley Library during the Texas Independence Day celebration.
BOTTOM LEFT: Sue Brannon welcomes everyone to the Texas Independence Day celebration at Haley Library.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Texans toast Texas Independence Day.
ONLINE: Visit mrt.com to see slideshows about Texas Independence Day.

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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Rogelio Abila-Valenzuela Jr., 22, of Midland was charged Saturday with driving while intoxicated, third offense.

Bobby Culpepper, 54, place of residence not listed, was charged Thursday with aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

Adonis S. Haven, 21, of Midland was charged Thursday with burglary of a habitation.

Raven H. Herron, 21, of Pontoto was charged Sunday with indecency with a child by sexual contact.

Drew A. Johnston, 26, of Weatherford was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

Nathan G. Kelly, 35, of Midland was charged Sunday with capital murder of a peace officer or fireman.

Ruben Martinez, 34, of Jal, New Mexico, was charged Thursday with driving while intoxicated, third offense.

Ambrosio A. Maya Jr., 21, of Midland was charged Friday with theft greater than $20,000 but less than $100,000.

Kwane M. McKnight, 23, of Midland was charged Thursday with assault of a public servant.

Timmy G. Narlock, 33, of Midland was charged Saturday with abandoning or endangering a child with imminent danger or bodily injury.

Starla K. Nickels, 32, of Midland was charged Thursday with violation of parole.

Jose A. Nunez, 19, of Midland was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

Vincent A. Nunez, 28, of Midland was charged Friday with violation of probation, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance greater than 200 grams but less than 400 grams and failure to appear.

Doswell K. Pennywell, 42, of Midland was charged Friday with assault causing bodily injury to a family or house member.

Jose L. Ruiz, 33, of Midland was charged Thursday with violation of probation.

Omar G. Tapia-Baltierrez, 23, of Midland was charged Thursday with manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance greater than four grams but less than 200 grams.

Oscar E. Tena, 36, of Midland was charged Thursday with possession of a controlled substance greater than four grams but less than 200 grams and tampering or fabricating physical evidence.

Christopher A. Tondre, 33, of Midland was charged Saturday with abandoning or endangering a child with criminal negligence.

Keisha D. Watkins, 29, of Odessa was charged Thursday with violation of probation, possession of a controlled substance greater than four grams but less than 200 grams and tampering or fabricating physical evidence.

David L. Warren, 37, of Midland was charged Friday with evading arrest or detention with previous conviction.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Midland man charged with threatening wife, injuring child

From staff reports

A 33-year-old Midland man was arrested Saturday after allegedly making a death threat to a family member and causing injury to a minor child, according to court documents.

Timmy Narlock was held Sunday on a second-degree felony charge of endangering a child to imminent danger of bodily injury. No bond amount had been posted Monday.

A Midland County deputy responded to a call placed by a 10-year-old child, who advised the deputy that his father was making threats to kill his mother and had caused him bodily injury. When the deputy arrived on scene, the child was outside in 19-degree weather. At that time, Narlock exited a residence with visible injuries to his neck from an altercation with his wife, the child's mother. The deputy then placed Narlock in his patrol car in order to interview his wife, according to the arrest affidavit.

She advised the deputy that Narlock had made threats to kill her within her children's earshot. Shortly after, the argument escalated into a physical altercation whereby the wife ordered the child to call 911, according to the arrest affidavit. Narlock then grabbed the phone from the child and pushed him into an armoire before deputies arrived on scene.

If convicted of the second-degree felony, Narlock could face up to 20 years in prison.

Nurse who survived Ebola sues hospital system

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas hospital that treated the first patient to be diagnosed in the U.S. with Ebola lied to Congress when it said its staff was trained to handle the deadly virus, a nurse who contracted the disease contends in a lawsuit filed Monday.

Nina Pham, who was an intensive care unit nurse at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas, said that after being told last fall that she would be treating a patient suspected of having Ebola, "the sum total" of information she was given to protect herself was "what her manager 'Googled' and printed out from the Internet."

She says in her lawsuit that the day after getting that information, the patient, Thomas Eric Duncan, tested positive for the disease. Duncan, who contracted Ebola in his native Liberia but started showing symptoms during a trip to the U.S., died at the hospital. Pham, 26, and another nurse who treated Duncan, Amber Vinson, contracted the disease but recovered.

In a statement released through her lawyers, Pham said she felt she had no choice but to sue the hospital's parent company, Texas Health Resources. "I was hoping that THR would be more open and honest about everything that happened at the hospital, and the things they didn't do that led to me getting infected with Ebola," she said.

Wendell Watson, a company spokesman, said Texas Health Resources is optimistic that the matter can be resolved. He would not address allegations in the lawsuit about statements a hospital official made to Congress.

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Concern looms over big-ticket spending as Senate takes up tax cuts

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Billions of dollars in promised tax cuts getting fast-tracked by Republican leaders drew bipartisan concern Monday over whether enough money will remain to build new roads, ramp up border security and plug a benefits shortfall for retired teachers.

New woes over crumbling state buildings and prison guards bringing home just $1,500 a month are now running into tax cut fever among GOP senators, who have already earmarked $4.6 billion in tax relief in the first legislative session under new Republican Gov. Greg Abbott.

Before the Legislature commits to what are poised to be the biggest tax cuts in Texas in a decade, some lawmakers want other spending nailed down first.

"My concern from the beginning has been the order we're doing this. I can't support tax cuts until I know the numbers," said Republican state Sen. Ken Eltife, a member of the powerful Senate Finance Committee. "I can't vote for a tax cut without knowing how we're going to fix everything else."

A look at where tax cut proposals stand:

How high will the number get?

Abbott has vowed not sign a budget without what he calls significant tax cuts, though he has declined to set a minimum dollar figure. His own budget calls for $2.2 billion in property tax relief for homeowners and $2 billion in tax cuts for businesses. Proposals currently in the Senate would save the average homeowner $240 on their tax bill.

Senate Finance Chairwoman Jane Nelson said Monday that she expects the final number to be closer to $5 billion in total tax cuts by the time the session ends in May.

Who's pushing the cuts?

Major tax cuts have broad Republican support in both the House and Senate. Even many Democrats are behind curbing rising property taxes across fast-growing Texas and raising the cap on homestead exemptions for the first time since 1997.

The Senate Finance Committee is spending the entire week taking up tax cut bills, and some members are already warning colleagues not to get skittish about settling on a big final number.

"Elections have consequences. This was campaigned on to a great degree all across the state," Republican state Sen. Paul Bettencourt said Monday.

What's in the way?

Health care for more than a quarter-million retired teachers in Texas faces an estimated $768 million shortfall, which the top House budget writer says his chamber intends to address. There are also big tabs for roads, pensions for state employees, border security and repairs to state facilities. Nelson said there is enough money to address the priorities and tax cuts, even as oil prices have tumbled and the state comptroller has taken a cautious tone about future revenues.

"We are really blessed to have an economy that is cooking. We can do both," Nelson said.

What's next?

Public testimony on the first slate of Senate bills begins Wednesday. Among those expected to voice opposition are city leaders from Houston, Austin, Dallas and some of the other biggest cities in Texas, which contend that the proposed cuts could hit local budgets hard.



AP/Austin American-Statesman

Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, speaks about legislation that will strengthen and enhance law enforcement resources on the Texas-Mexico border during a news conference at the Capitol on Monday in Austin. Putting retired police officers on duty and tougher penalties for smugglers are part of a sweeping Texas border security bill that would ramp up enforcement under new Republican Gov. Greg Abbott.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

Highlights from around the Capitol on Monday:

Medicaid

All 20 Texas Senate Republicans sent a letter Monday to President Barack Obama demanding more flexibility for their state to administer Medicaid — but also vowing that, without it, expanding the program under the White House's signature health care law remains "not worth discussing."

Sen. Charles Schwertner said the cost of covering the joint federal-state program providing health care for the poor and disabled has grown from 12 percent of Texas' state budget in 1989 to nearly 30 percent today, saying it's increasing two and a half times faster than any other part of state government.

The letter said such a trajectory "is clearly unsustainable."

Speaking at a state Capitol news conference with Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, Schwertner likened federal reimbursements distributed as part of Medicaid "gold-plated handcuffs that stand in the way of common-sense, conservative reforms that could otherwise help contain these exploding costs."

Texas wants to be allowed to collect co-payments and institute work requirements for recipients, as well as expand health saving accounts. Those ideas were panned by advocacy groups, which noted that Medicaid costs have increased because Texas successfully covered more previously uninsured children — and that they also have remained relatively stable since 2012.

"Low-income children, pregnant women, the elderly, and Texans with disabilities don't need more hoops to jump through," a coalition known as "Cover Texas Now" said in a joint statement.

Schwertner himself noted that getting Washington to agree to such overhauls was likely a tall order.

"The federal government has been very unwilling to work with increased flexibility," said the Georgetown Republican, who heads the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

Texas' demands come as the White House says the state would be eligible for up to $10 billion in annual subsidies if it expanded Medicaid to eligible Texans under the federal health care law. The idea, though, has been strongly opposed by the Texas Legislature.

"Until we receive the kind of federal flexibility we're calling for here today, the kind needed to fundamentally reform Texas' existing Medicaid program in a way that preserves it for our most-vulnerable Texans," Schwertner said "any expansion of Medicaid in Texas is simply not worth discussing."

Tea party favorite Patrick went further, saying the letter to the president helped mark Texas Independence Day on Monday because it was time for "independence from over-reaching federal mandates like Obamacare."

Texas, meanwhile, is in the process of renegotiating with the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services an existing five-year, nearly $30 billion Medicaid waiver mostly used to reimburse hospitals for uninsured care and set to expire in September 2016.

Schwertner said Monday's demands wouldn't hinder those negotiations, though, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has long maintained it's willing to work to increase flexibility for individual states.

Border

New highway checkpoints and putting retired police officers on duty are part of a sweeping Texas border security bill that Republicans on Monday said would ramp up enforcement as promised under new Gov. Greg Abbott.

The House proposal is the most comprehensive border security plan so far through two months of the new Legislature and closely tracks with priorities outlined by Abbott. The bill drew a mostly wait-and-see reaction from Democrats who worry about tougher immigration measures coming down the pike.

But for now they signaled unease with language that would make it a felony to "encourage" or "induce" someone to remain in the country with permission. Some wondered whether that could mean advocacy groups helping immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally, or individuals who unknowingly hire an unauthorized nanny.

"We just need to make sure the definitions of the bill are tightened," Democratic state Rep. Rafael Anchia said.

Republican state Rep. Dennis Bonnen said such scenarios were not the point. Repeating the mantra among Texas conservatives for nearly a decade, Bonnen said his lengthy bill was necessary to address the shortage of resources and money from Washington.

"Texas must continue to stand in the gap," Bonnen said.

The bill also calls on the state to examine whether Texas can partner with the federal government to create more checkpoints for Mexico-bound traffic near the border, and leaves the door open for a private company to operate the checkpoint. A new headquarters in the Rio Grande Valley for local law enforcement would also be established.

One big emphasis of the bill is sending state troopers who were temporarily deployed to the Rio Grande Valley from far-flung places such as Amarillo or Lubbock back home. The plan fast-tracks the hiring of new troopers, establishes 50-hour work weeks for some and creates a reserve corps of retired Texas Department of Public Safety officers available for call-up.

Hiring hundreds of additional state troopers is a critical piece of Abbott's border security agenda — mostly because he says the National Guard can't leave the Texas-Mexico border until that happens.

Abbott has said an undisclosed number of National Guard troops will stay in the Rio Grande until the state hires hundreds more state law enforcement officers to replace them. That would take more than a year under current standards for trooper recruiting and training.

A recent DPS report to lawmakers said additional, temporary forces sent to the border under Perry had "limitations" and reduced the agency's ability to patrol and investigate crimes elsewhere in Texas.

Libel law

Texas journalists asked legislators Monday to cement into law guarantees that they will be shielded from libel lawsuits if they accurately report a whistleblower's allegations that turn out to be false.

They say that's been common practice in Texas for years, but that they want to see legislation passed particularly after a 2014 Texas Supreme Court ruling left state libel law unclear.

Republican Sen. Joan Huffman said media groups asked her to push the bill, which she presented Monday to the Senate State Affairs Committee. Opponents say the measure is not necessary and that journalists in the state already have many protections.

The bill would shield journalists from litigation when they report on allegations brought by a whistleblower, if the accusations were made and were accurately reported.

"Whistleblower reporting is the most crucial thing we do," San Antonio Express-News reporter Sig Christenson said during the hearing before the Senate committee. He gave several examples of stories that originated with a third-party source and led to changes in legislation.

Existing libel laws ensure that journalists aren't protected when they knowingly publish lies, Christenson said, adding that he's never been sued for libel during his 33-year reporting career.

Texas Trial Lawyer Association President Bryan O. Blevins Jr. said it's not clear who Huffman's proposal would protect.

Deck

The Senate reconvenes at 11 a.m. today and the House goes into session at 11:30 a.m. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick also is holding a press conference with Senate Education Committee Chairman Larry Taylor.

Quote of the day

"On a day like today, when we're celebrating Texas Independence, it is neither Republican nor Democrat. The only label that matters today is that we are Texans." — Austin Democratic Sen. Kirk Watson, while introducing a resolution on Texas Independence Day.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Former Texas land commissioner Armstrong dead at 82

Leaders from both parties are honoring Bob Armstrong, a former Texas land commissioner who served as assistant U.S. secretary of the interior under President Bill Clinton and who died over the weekend at 82.

An Austin native, Armstrong died Saturday. He was honored on the House and Senate floors Monday.

Armstrong served eight years as a state representative and was land commissioner for 12 years, beginning in 1971.

He ran for governor in 1982 but lost in the Democratic primary to Mark White. White later named him to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

HOUSTON

Supreme Court refuses appeal from Lubbock man on death row

The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to review an appeal from a Lubbock man sent to Texas death row for the 1998 robbery and slaying of a 72-year-old retired preacher and maintenance worker.

The high court Monday without comment rejected the case of 43-year-old Joe Garza Jr. He was convicted of using a sock to strangle Silbiano Rangel, then take his truck and money.

Garza's lawyers contended his trial judge in 2000 failed to consider all the evidence and improperly blocked development of more facts. Garza also contended his trial lawyers improperly blocked him from testifying and failed to challenge evidence he was a prison gang member.

Garza was on parole for a burglary conviction when Rangel was killed in Lubbock.

He does not yet have an execution date.

HOUSTON

Boy, 6, hospitalized after shot by sibling, 5

Authorities say a 6-year-old Houston-area boy has been accidentally shot by his 5-year-old brother while at home with their mother.

The Harris County Sheriff's office said the shooting happened Monday at the family's residence.

Deputy Thomas Gilliland said the victim was conscious when transported to a hospital. Further details on his condition weren't available.

Investigators are trying to determine how the two brothers acquired a gun. Two younger siblings were also home but not hurt.

It's the third time within days that children at Houston-area homes were involved in gunfire.

Sheriff's officials said a 4-year-old boy died Sunday after locating a weapon and accidentally shooting himself.

A 3-year-old boy died Friday when he accidentally shot himself in the head while at home with his mother.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Sibley Youth Garden Work Day: Hummingbird Garden Planting, 1-3 p.m., Sibley Nature Center, sibleynaturecenter.org.

■ Bush Day Dinner with featured speaker Gov. Greg Abbott, 6:30 p.m., Horseshoe Education Building. Tickets: $50, includes dinner, can be purchased at eventbrite.com. For more information: James Beauchamp at 940-9100.

■ The Australian Bee Gees, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, wagnernoel.com.

Support groups and club meetings today

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

■ The Helping Hand Metastatic Cancer Support Group, noon, Texas Tech Physicians of the Permian Basin Clinic, Room 2108. Lunch will be served. To RSVP, call Amber Chavez at 620-1023.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CDBG meeting today

The city will host three public meetings in March to discuss the use of funds for the improvement of low- to moderate-income areas of Midland.

City officials are preparing its new consolidated plan, which sets priority levels for various needs of these areas and will be a guide on the future use of Community Development Block Grant funds.

The city will receive $656,282 CDGB funds for the 2015-16 program year. The meetings to discuss the distribution of these funds are scheduled for:

■ 7 p.m. today at the Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana Ave.

■ 7 p.m. Thursday at Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane; and

■ 1:30 p.m. March 17 at City Hall Council Chamber, 300 N. Loraine St.

An online survey is available at www.midlandtexas.gov/CDBGsurvey.

For more information: call 685-7472 or 685-7408.

Parent meeting

Informational meetings for parents of sixth-graders are planned for 6:30 p.m. today at the four junior high schools: Abell, 3201 Heritage Blvd.; Alamo, 3800 W. Storey Ave.; Goddard, 2500 Haynes Ave.; and San Jacinto, 1400 N. "N" St. The meetings will be at the auditoriums.

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2014	
First	$23,421,236
Second	$27,969,565
Third	$31,854,970
Fourth	$30,261,429
2013	
First	$20,227,294.74
Second	$21,758,197.58
Third	$22,238,314.25
Fourth	$21,017,868
2012	
First	$16,16,933,629
Second	$18,862,769
Third	$20,502,327.25
Fourth	$19,784,930.28
2011	
First	$10,336,750
Second	$12,677,805
Third	$14,248,045
Fourth	$14,728,488
2010	
First	$7,252,122
Second	$8,094,483
Third	$9,237,662
Fourth	$9,585,625
2009	
First	$8,429,430
Second	$8,972,464
Third	$7,916,980
Fourth	$7,147,371
2008	
First	$8,737,614
Second	$10,548,545
Third	$10,883,084
Fourth	$10,245,166.36

Source: Texas Comptroller's Office

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Pick 3 day: 2-1-5
Pick 3 evening: 7-7-9
Pick 3 night: 4-1-5
Daily 4 morning: 4-2-2-1
Daily 4 day: 6-5-2-3
Daily 4 evening: 4-2-7-7
Daily 4 night: 8-9-0-5
Cash Five: 8-20-26-30-36
Texas Two Step: 5-18-19-23 BB: 13
All or Nothing morning: 2-3-4-5-6-9-13-15-17-21-22-24
All or Nothing day: 6-7-10-13-14-16-17-18-19-20-21-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-4-7-8-9-13-14-15-16-22-24
All or Nothing night: 2-3-5-6-7-10-14-16-17-19-20-24



Associated Press

A person takes a picture of the new devices at the Mobile World Congress, the world's largest mobile phone trade show in Barcelona, Spain, on Monday.

Wireless show features new phones, new ways to connect

Associated Press

NEW YORK — High-end smartphones from Samsung and HTC have gotten much of the attention at this week's wireless show in Barcelona, Spain, but cheaper options are coming from Microsoft, Lenovo and others too. Meanwhile, Google and Facebook are working on giving people more ways to use those devices.

Here's a look at what's been unveiled so far at the Mobile World Congress show, which opened Monday and runs through Thursday:

At the high end

Samsung Electronics Co. announced the Galaxy S6 phones, with an improved camera and a more stylish design that ditches plastic for metal and glass. When the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus came out last fall, Apple eliminated a big reason for buying Samsung phones: The new iPhones were bigger and closely matched Samsung's flagship Galaxy phones in size. Now, Samsung is trying to catch up to Apple's camera and design.

Samsung's new premium model, the Galaxy S6 Edge, has curved displays for viewing information from the side. Both S6 phones will have mobile-payment capabilities, as Samsung prepares for a summer launch of its rival to Apple Pay.

HTC Corp. also announced an update to its HTC One phone. Known as M9, the new model will have a better camera, while keeping a metal design and polished finish. Previous HTC One phones took 4 megapixel images, as HTC focused instead on the camera's low-light capabilities. But many shots in normal light ended up looking dull. The phone's main camera will now be 20 megapixels.

Prices for the HTC One and the main S6 phone will likely be in the $600 to $700 range — on par with the iPhone 6 — when they go on sale in the U.S. and other markets this spring. The S6 Edge will cost more, likely by at least $100. Wireless carriers will likely offer steep discounts with two-year service contracts.

In the middle

Lenovo Group's $349 Vibe Shot includes several camera technologies found in higher-priced phones, including a 16-megapixel rear camera and an optical image stabilizer to compensate for shake in low-light conditions.

Sony Corp. has the Xperia M4 Aqua with the company's signature waterproof protection for about 299 euros ($336).

Neither phone will make it to the U.S., though.

Ahead of the show, LG Electronics Inc. announced four mid-range smartphones — Magna, Spirit, Leon and Joy. Prices and U.S. availability weren't revealed.

On a budget

Microsoft Corp. unveiled the Lumia 640 and 640 XL smartphones. The XL is larger and has a sharper camera — at 13 megapixels instead of 8 megapixels. Prices start at 139 euros ($156) before taxes. U.S. prices and dates haven't been announced, though AT&T says it will have the larger model exclusively. Microsoft says the phones will get Windows 10 when that system is released later this year.

Meanwhile, Lenovo's $169 A7000 will include Dolby Atmos audio technology. Instead of just stereo, sound will seem three-dimensional when using headphones. Dolby says Atmos content isn't available on any streaming or download service just yet. The A7000 joins two just-announced Lenovo tablets and last fall's Fire HDX 8.9 tablet from Amazon in having Atmos. It's not destined for U.S. markets, however.

Last week, Lenovo subsidiary Motorola announced an update to its Moto E. Among the improvements: Better focusing in the rear camera, and a new, front-facing camera for selfies. The U.S. price starts at $120.

Beyond the devices

Once you have these devices, what do you do with them?

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said Internet.org, Facebook's effort to create new users in countries with little or low Internet use, has now released apps in six countries — Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Colombia and India — offering health, employment and other information services without incurring data charges. Apps are customized for each country, and Internet.org is working with individual wireless operators to lure new users without hurting the local telecoms' businesses. For that reason, the app doesn't include the competing WhatsApp messaging service, which Facebook owns.

Sundar Pichai, a vice president at Google, disclosed plans to start testing solar-powered drone aircraft as "floating cell towers" that could bring coverage to remote areas or even disaster zones. Google previously announced Project Loon to use high-altitude air balloons to provide coverage for rural areas. Pichai said Project Loon should be ready in about two years.

In the U.S., Pichai said Google will develop its own cellular service as "a project" to improve ways for hardware, software and connectivity to work together. He said Google is also working on Android Pay, a mobile-payment system for all Android devices (not just Samsung's Android phones, as Samsung Pay will be limited to). Google recently bought technology to improve the Google Wallet payment service it already has.

NM House panel tables horse slaughter bill

Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — A panel of House lawmakers on Monday tabled a measure that would prohibit the slaughter of horses and the transportation of horse meat in New Mexico if it's intended for human consumption.

The House Agriculture, Water and Wildlife Committee took up the measure along with a proposal that called for adding horses to the state's animal cruelty law. That proposal was also tabled.

The sponsor, Rep. Gail Chasey, D-Albuquerque, told the committee there are ways other than slaughter to address horse overpopulation. She pointed to limiting breeding, expanding shelters and boosting adoption opportunities.

"I realize we have a very difficult problem in our country, and I am interested in seeking some solutions to the problem," she said.

Animal Protection New Mexico and other animal advocates have been working to stop horse slaughter in the state. They acknowledged that a federal spending ban on inspectors has effectively put the brakes on the possibility of any horse processing plants opening in New Mexico, but they said legislation would solidify the state's position.

Supporters of the bill pointed to a handful of other states that have already banned horse slaughter.

FLIGHTS

From 1A

where there was more than one private jet parked.

"It's not like there's a giant garage sale of airplanes going on, or pilot layoffs," Ruff said. "So far, things are stable."

She said the Bloomberg article could have been correct about one corporate jet if the morning in question was a weekend.

Ruff also agreed with the article in regard to the discretionary nature of private-jet spending for oil companies when a downturn occurs.

"Those cuts do get made," Ruff said. "But I'm not comfortable measuring those cuts, because I don't see them."

Landmark Aviation declined to comment for this article and did not comment for the Bloomberg article.

As for commercial flight operations at the airport, Ruff said it will be business as usual, adding that the main three commercial airlines at the airport — Southwest Airlines, American Airlines and United Airlines — will not be leaving Midland because there will always be demand.

"And it's two hours from here to the next nearest airport," Ruff said.

The assurance comes at a time when enplanements flatten for the first time in fiscal year 2015.

October through December were all double-digit gains, according to the data.

In January, two separate winter weather storms iced Midland, causing flight cancellations and delays. Ruff said the winter weather on Friday and Saturday will have an effect on the February enplanement numbers.

The other indicator the airport uses to track activity, parking revenue, showed a 57.8 percent increase from January 2014 because of the increase in parking rates and the addition of an economy covered parking lot.

CRIME

From 1A

community," Savage said. According to her, drug use in the area is a trend she's perceived to be strong in the last year.

Last month, the city of Midland reported that crimes against persons were up 3.7 percent, with forcible rape up 64 percent from 22 incidents in 2013 to 36 in 2014, and aggravated assault up 15 percent. Murder and manslaughter by negligence rates also increased by 40 percent, and robbery by 3 percent.

But, she said, "I don't know that we can blame it on the population alone."

"If they are someone who's lost their job they are not only threatened, but they're angry," Savage said. "Unfortunately it's usually people in authority that get the brunt of someone's anger, so I think the police are kind of an easy target. ... You're mad at the circumstances, then you add alcohol and drugs, and it's an opportunity for a perfect storm."

CHANGE

From 1A

Apartments south of Hogan Park.

After the meeting, Love told the Reporter-Telegram that the new homes will be for people such as single mothers with kids who have outgrown the apartments as their kids have grown up and need a bigger space that is still affordable. Midland Visions 2000 has bought five homes and properties in recent months, renovating existing homes and beginning to plan to build new homes on vacant lots.

Both items must still come before the Midland City Council at a future meeting.

GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed Feb. 16-20 by district Judges George D. Gilles, Robin Malone Darr, Elizabeth B. Leonard and Rodney W. Satterwhite:

Arturo Ruiz Arciga, 49, possession of a controlled substance, revoke supervision, two years TDCJ.

Clavin Lee Ashlock, 38, terroristic threat, 30 days jail.

Darren Dwight Brown, 43, possession of a controlled substance as a lesser offense of possession of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone, 180 days state jail.

John David Butts, 38, possession of a controlled substance, 10 years TDCJ, suspended for five years community supervision, $2,000 fine and pay restitution.

Juan Miguel Carrasco, 23, possession of a controlled substance penalty group I, 180 days state jail.

Matthew Taylor Clark, 27, driving while intoxicated with a child passenger, four years TDCJ; two counts of abandoning or endangering a child., four years TDCJ for each count.

Miguel Angel Cuevas, 33, driving while intoxicated for third or more time, six years TDCJ, $60 years restitution.

Joshua DeMoss, 23, assault as a lesser offense of injury of an elderly individual, 45 days county jail.

Rojelio Gutierrez II, 23, burglary, revoke supervision two years TDCJ.

Gary Glenn Jones Jr., 33, felony driving while intoxicated, revoke supervision three years TDCJ.

Kristie Reena Jones, 29, assault family violence, pleaded to a lesser included offense of assault family violence, a misdemanor.

Shane Ray Jones Jr., 20, assault family violence by strangulation, two years deferred, $2,000 fine, court cost, 200 hours community service.

Gianni Pablo Macias, 32, theft of property more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, revoke supervision nine months state jail.

Harlee Brook Manus, 20, possession of a controlled substance, deferred adjudication, three years community supervision, $1,000 fine, 200 hours community service, TAIP.

Margie Ann Martinez, 36, theft of property more than $1,500 and less than $20,000, 10 months state jail.

Anthony Michael McNeese, 41, credit card or debit card abuse, 10 years TDCJ suspended for 10 years probation, court cost.

Sergio Espino-Martinez, 28, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, five years deferred, $2,000 fine, court cost, 250 hours community service; possession of a controlled substance, five years deferred, $250 fine, court cost; possession of a controlled substance, five years deferred, $250 fine, court cost.

Domingo Sosa Munoz Jr., 48, felony driving while intoxicated, 10 years TDCJ suspended for 10 years probation, $3,000 fine, court cost, 30 days jail, 200 hours community service, TAIP.

Miguel Angel Munoz, 21, tampering with physical evidence, five years TDCJ; deadly conduct, five years TDCJ; evading arrest, five years TDCJ; felony driving while intoxicated, five years TDCJ.

Jesus Angel Navarette, 21, terroristic threat, 30 days jail.

Miguel Augustine Nunez, 34, possession of a controlled substance, revoke supervision, six months state jail; tampering with or fabricating physical evidence, revoke supervision, two years TDCJ.

Brandon Eugene Owens, 23, possession of a controlled substance, five years deferred, court cost, drug and alcohol counseling, 200 hours community service; possession of a controlled substance, five years deferred, court cost, $140 restitution.

Tyler Seth Rackley, 24, forgery of a financial instrument count I, two years state jail suspended for five years probation, $1,500 fine, $225 restitution, 250 hours community service; forgery of a financial instrument count II, two years state jail suspended for five years probation; forgery of a financial instrument count III, two years state jail suspended for five years probation.

Cameron Cole Riley, 28, possession of a controlled substance, two years deferred, $2,000 fine, court cost, 60 hours community service.

Deborah Nikole Robertson, 27, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, deferred adjudication, five years community supervision, 300 hours community service, pay restitution.

Vicente Luna Serbantez, 37, driving while intoxicated for third or more time, revoke supervision two years TDCJ.

Coy Von Simpson, 42, possession of a controlled substance, two years deferred, $1,000 fine, court cost, 150 hours community service.

Whitley Dajanea Smith, 25, theft of property less than $1,500 with two or more previous convictions, 18 months state jail; theft of property less than $1,500 with two or more previous convictions, adjudicate and revoke, 18 months state jail; theft of property less than $1,500 with two or more previous convictions, revoke supervision, 18 months state jail.

Mirna Nieto Soto, 31, assault with a deadly weapon, seven years TDCJ suspended for seven years probation, $1,000 fine, court cost, 150 hours community service, Project Adam.

Benton Elmer Thomas, 48, sex offender duty to register, two years, six months TDCJ.

Michelle Denise Thomas, 34, theft by repetition, revoke, 18 months state jail; theft by repetition, revoke, two years TDCJ.

Gregory Eugene Webster, 22, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, deferred adjudication, 10 years community supervision, 30 days jail, 300 hours community service, $3,000 fine, TAIP.

Mickey Lamar Wright Jr., 25, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, eight years deferred adjudication, $1,000 fine, parenting classes, ISP, Project Adam.

Melanie Yvonne Zellner, 41, burglary of a habitation, six years deferred adjudication, $2,500 fine, 300 hours community service, complete Springboard outpatient program.

Note: TDCJ = Texas Department of Criminal Justice; TAIP = treatment alternative to incarceration program; CRTC = court residential treatment center; ISP = intensive supervision parole

Official: Man on terror most-wanted list detained in Somalia

Associated Press

McLEAN, Va. — A former taxi driver from Northern Virginia who was recently placed on the FBI's list of most-wanted terrorists has been captured in Somalia, a U.S. law enforcement official said Monday.

The official told The Associated Press that Liban Mohamed, 29, is currently in Somali custody. The official would not describe what efforts would be made to bring Mohamed to the United States for trial. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to discuss an ongoing investigation.

Joshua Stueve, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney in Alexandria, where Mohamed would be prosecuted, did not return a telephone call and email seeking comment Monday.

Mohamed's capture was first reported Monday by The Washington Post. Mohamed is charged with providing material support to al-Qaida and the Somali-based group al-Shabab, and is one of about 30 people on the FBI's most-wanted list for terrorists. He was placed on the list about a month ago. Details of the charges against him remain under seal, but the FBI said it considered Mohamed's arrest a priority because of his knowledge of the nation's capital and its landmarks.

The FBI believes Mohamed left the U.S. in 2012. He worked as a taxi driver in the Alexandria section of Fairfax County.

Gadeir Abbas, a lawyer who has represented Mohamed's family on separate matters, had no comment Monday evening.

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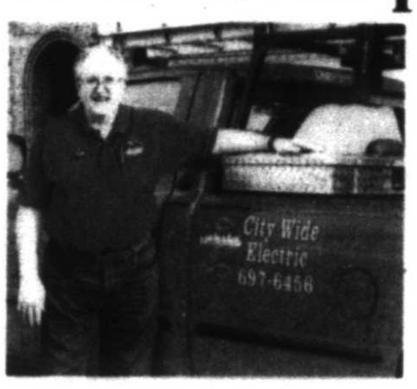
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New York Times News Service

With Jeb Bush committed and Hillary Clinton all but crowned, the easiest story to tell about 2016 is a tale of two dynasties, a Bush-Clinton grudge match, a fated collision between the first families of American politics.

But only one party is actively cooperating with that narrative. Clinton's inevitability may inspire as much resignation as enthusiasm, but she's currently so far ahead of her "rivals" that she looks like she could win the Democratic nomination with a William McKinley-esque front porch campaign — if her Georgetown mansion had one, that is.

On the Republican side, though, Bush's alleged front-runner status doesn't show up in any polls. He's locking up money and talent, but his actual numbers are bobbing along in the teens, and his approval ratings are not the kind you associate with a man of destiny. He may win the nomination, but it will be a near-run thing, and nothing like the looming Democratic coronation.

Given the stereotypes about our parties, this is a notable reversal. The Republicans are supposed to be the party of primogeniture, the Democrats of fratricide. The now-ancient Will Rogers joke — "I belong to no organized political party; I'm a Democrat" — has been recycled for decades for a reason.

But since Barack Obama outlasted Hillary in 2008, the Republican Party has fractured and squabbled and cannibalized itself, while the Democrats have become the lock-step party, their internal feuds sedate and their policy divisions mostly buried. Clinton's unassailable position is specific to the former first lady, but it's also part of a pattern where Democrats pick their candidates early — the winnowing of challengers to Kamala Harris in the California Senate primary is a case in point — and mostly avoid insurgencies in their primary campaigns.

To some extent this is normal: The stereotypes aside, both parties are more unified when they hold the White House and more fractious when they don't. But the level of Democratic unity really is unusual by historical standards (Obama has faced much less intraparty opposition than did Bill Clinton or Jimmy Carter), and it's particularly unusual given how poorly Democrats have fared outside of Obama's presidential runs — losing the House in 2010 and the Senate last fall, and getting hammered in state politics.

At some point you would expect those defeats to have a fracturing effect, to inspire grass-roots uprisings or ideological splits. But notwithstanding the occasional surprise showing from a Zephyr Teachout or a Jesus Garcia, and notwithstanding the pining of the Warrenistas, the Democrats are poised to enter the lists in 2016 with the same "hang together" strategy they've taken throughout the Obama years.

One way to look at this strategy is that the party's power brokers are effectively choosing the preservation of their impressive but ramshackle presidential-level majority, whose e pluribus unum qualities they don't want to test with any kind of civil war over the kind of debates and experiments that might make the Democrats more competitive in reddish states and off-year elections.

The unvoiced assumption is that the coalition of 2008 and 2012 exists in a very precise equilibrium (more populism might alienate the liberal rich and upper-class professionals, a bigger tent on social issues might alienate the activists and depress turnout, etc.), and since it's worked twice, it's worth sticking with again, even if it isn't likely to take back Congress anytime soon.

At the national level, that choice makes a certain sense. The presidency increasingly bestrides our political system, liberals already have most of the welfare state they want and, as Obama's imperial second term is demonstrating, a creative Caesar can use the bureaucracy to play offense on policy without having either the House or Senate on his side.

But the choice also has downsides, both in terms of what it concedes to Republicans (the entire South, to begin with) and in terms of the possibilities foreclosed, the escape hatches sealed off, when primaries and presidential nominations are predetermined.

I've written before that Hillary is the candidate most likely to hold a version of the Obama coalition together. But that doesn't mean it will be pretty to watch. As we've been reminded by the revelations about all the foreign powers that donated to what is now known as the Bill, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton Foundation during Hillary's tenure as secretary of state, she's a celebrity on the surface and the very model of a postmodern machine politician underneath, with the ooze of corruption clinging to all the levers that she'll need to pull to win.

For the sake of their existing presidential majority, the Democrats are lucky to have her. Where their integrity and ideals are concerned, maybe not so much.

And there may come a time, during the inevitable sleaze of a Clinton restoration if not sooner, when they may find themselves wishing they could just blow the whole thing up.

OUR VIEW

Nonprofits in Midland, let us know how your newspaper can improve

At a recent meeting of nonprofit officials, a person stood up and said the Reporter-Telegram isn't doing its job of telling the stories of nonprofits in our community, their challenges and what Midlanders can do to help.

We couldn't disagree more.

But it really doesn't matter what we believe — or that, in this case, we were the only media member at the nonprofit association meeting — if we haven't done our job in explaining to all who will listen what it is we offer as an information provider.

In this world where one person's perception can become many people's reality, we have no choice but to make sure our readers realize what it is we offer nonprofits and those involved in philanthropy in our community.

The Reporter-Telegram, as our first editor T. Paul Barron stated in 1929, will "serve the entire citizenship to the best of its ability." Barron also wrote, "The Reporter-Telegram will give close cooperation with churches, civic organizations, schools and institutions of the community, assisting each one impartially. Such organizations are invited to make use of the columns of The Reporter-Telegram." Barron's words ring as true today as they did in the first edition of the Reporter-Telegram nearly 86 years ago.

So we want to make sure your organization knows it is invited to use the columns of the Reporter-Telegram. Has your group called Editor Stewart Doreen to know what options are out there to call attention to a cause, person, fundraising effort or program? Has your organization made sure an event is on our calendar? Does your organization have pictures or information from an event that can be published in our paper?

Challenge us. See what we can do for you.

We have heard nonprofit leaders such as Vicki Jay of Shared Spaces boast about the number of nonprofits in Midland. There could be as many as 800. Per capita, we doubt there is a community that rivals Midland. We feel pretty confident Midland has no rival when it comes to philanthropy.

Our newspaper has recognized this, and even changed a section in our paper — Faith and Philanthropy — to highlight news of local nonprofits.

The Reporter-Telegram dedicates space in the Names & Faces section to nonprofit news and pictures from events and programs across the city.

We also have provided columns in our paper to representatives of nonprofit organizations for Speaking Out columns to address issues and causes happening in Midland.

Again, if your organization has any questions about what we provide, call our editor at 687-8856.

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If there are people who believe otherwise, then yes, we can do better. We must do better.

Give us a call, and let's do better together.

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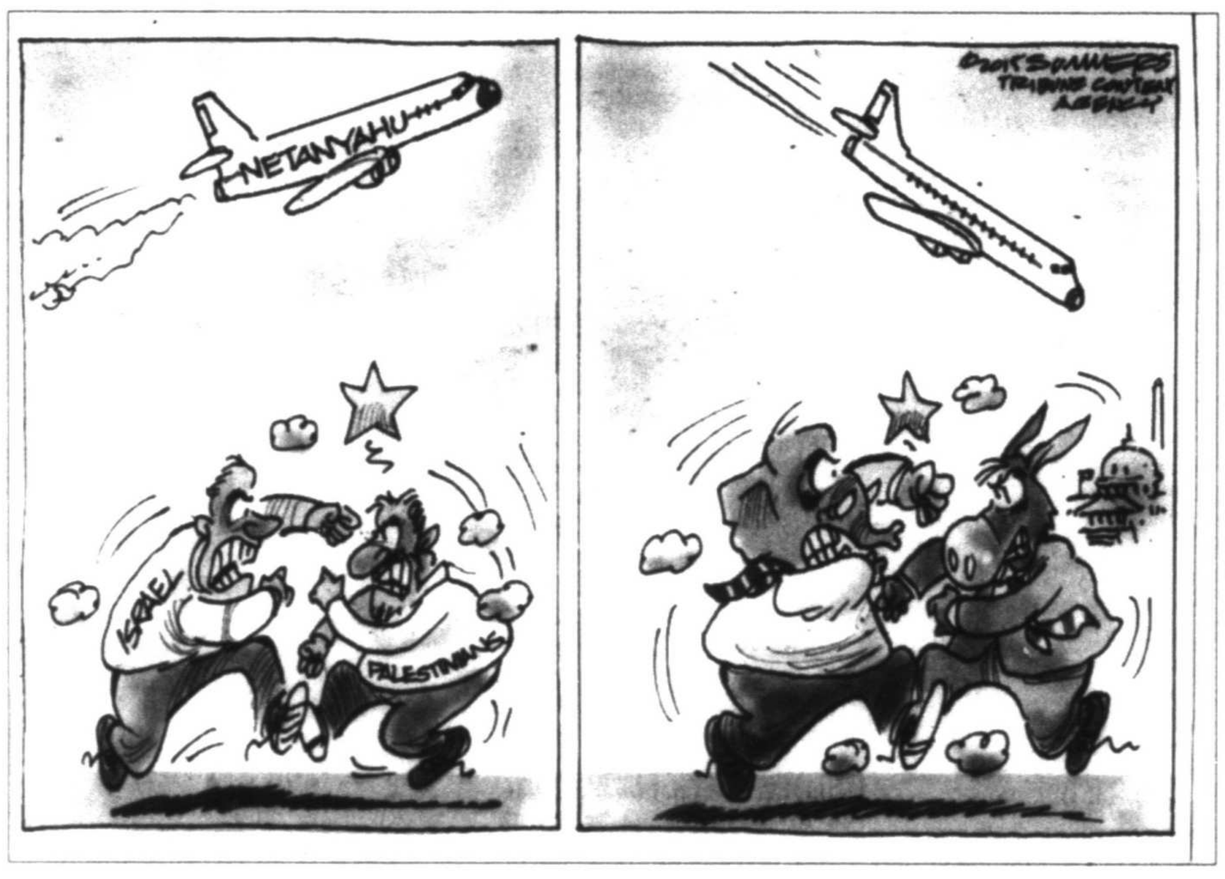
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What's good for you? It changes

■ There's much to learn about living right, including using common sense



ESTHER CEPEDA
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Now that the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee has dropped high-cholesterol foods like eggs and shrimp off its naughty list, it's time to completely revise our way of eating.

And in addition to giving the green light to these foods, the panel of experts who revised the eating guidelines took dead aim at sugar.

For the first time, the panel said that Americans should limit their added sugar — sweeteners that are added to foods or beverages when they are processed or prepared — to no more than 10 percent of daily calories.

But this will fall on deaf ears.

Research tells us that the majority of Americans do not consistently track their calorie consumption on a daily basis and that those who do try often totally underestimate the amount of calories, sugar or fat in the foods they eat.

On top of that, most adults don't know how many calories they need daily for optimal health. As with all dietary information for most foods, the information is out there on the Internet. But who wants to scour Baskin-Robbins' website every time we want to treat our kids to an ice cream cone?

Well, I don't want to, but I do it anyway because of the high incidence of Type 2 diabetes in my family. My sons consider me the queen of food nags and a general downer regarding my concern for their nutritional well-being, but I'm a major outlier. Most people don't start paying attention until they're faced with the diagnosis of a chronic disease.

So what of this 10 percent limit on calories from added sugar?

Well, that's another dilemma. The panel suggests — and media outlets will reprint — that this comes out to roughly 12 teaspoons a day for many adults, or about 190 calories of added sugar a day.

It is unbearably difficult to keep your added-sugar intake that low. After the advisory committee's 1980 guidelines suggesting a low-fat diet, food manufacturers started pouring sugar into nearly everything to replace the taste that went out with the fats.

Today, even essentially healthy products, like yogurt, are bursting with added sugar. And then there are the 22 to 30 teaspoons of added sugar that adults are estimated to eat daily, half of which come from junky soda, juices and other sweetened drinks.

The fact that sugar is our new devil is no surprise; it has been in the spotlight of our obesity epidemic for five years now, with small challenges for "King of the Bad Foods" coming from salt, white flour, food additives and more, over the years.

But should we embrace these new guidelines by turning our attention from high cholesterol food and waging all-out war on this new nutritional bogeyman?

No.

If the reversal of the 1980s guidelines has anything to teach us, it's that we can't rail against any one nutrient and expect to be guaranteed good health.

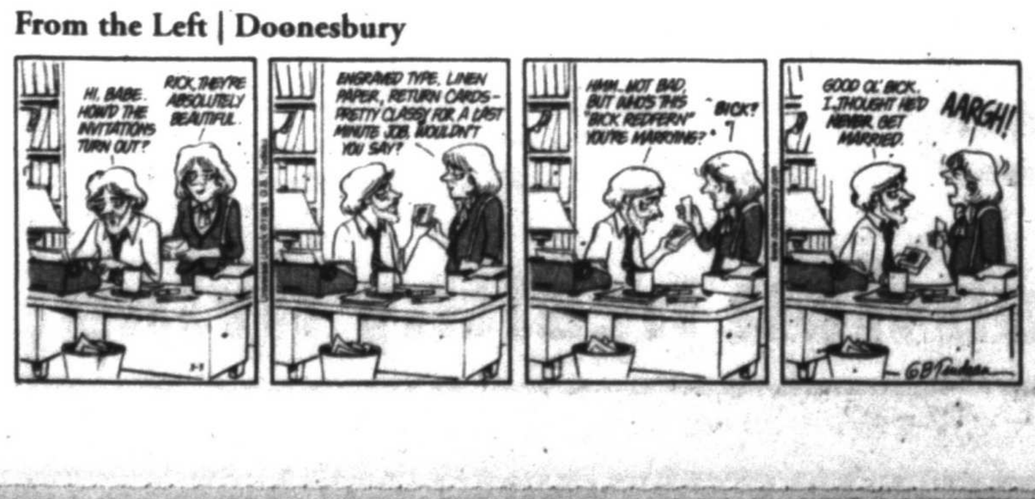
The bigger lesson is that despite our wonderful abundance of medical research, we just don't fully understand the mysteries of the human body.

For years we've been worrying about the rise in peanut allergies, and last week scientists reported that maybe we should give our babies peanut butter to prevent their onset.

Sanitation has been the primary focus in infection control for years. Now some researchers are saying that children whose families rely on a dishwasher may not be developing as high a tolerance for allergens as those who eat off hand-washed dishes and may be exposed to more bacteria.

If there's anything to learn from constant, oftentimes contradictory, medical research, it is that we must rely on common sense: Eat in moderation and get some exercise.

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WASHINGTON

Boehner leaves open possible vote on Dem-backed DHS bill

Speaker John Boehner left open the possibility Monday that the House might pass long-term funding for the Homeland Security Department without immigration provisions attached, as Republican options dwindled for avoiding a capitulation to the White House and Democrats.

Boehner declined to say over the weekend if he would permit a vote on the Senate-passed measure, and his spokesman similarly sidestepped the question Monday. Officials in both parties predict it would pass, and end the recurring threat of a partial agency shutdown.

Democrats said they believe the House eventually will vote on the stand-alone spending measure, which conservatives oppose and President Barack Obama is eager to sign. "It is long overdue for House Republicans to stop the obstruction of full funding for the Department of Homeland Security," said Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, the Democratic leader.

The White House also urged a vote on the bill, which would provide funding for the department through the Sept. 30 end of the budget year. It has been stripped of provisions to roll back administration directives shielding millions of immigrants from the threat of deportation.

Democrats got an assist from an unlikely source. The American Action Network, a political organization with links to the House GOP leadership, said it would spend more than $400,000 this week in advertising pressuring conservatives not to stand in the way of "critical security funding."

WASHINGTON

House backs bill to force VA execs to give back bonuses

The House on Monday approved a bill allowing the Veterans Affairs secretary to force senior executives to repay bonuses if the employees engaged in misconduct.

The bill, approved on a voice vote, is one of several measures proposed by GOP lawmakers to crack down on misconduct and poor performance at the VA following a nationwide scandal over long wait times for veterans seeking medical care and falsified records covering up the delays.

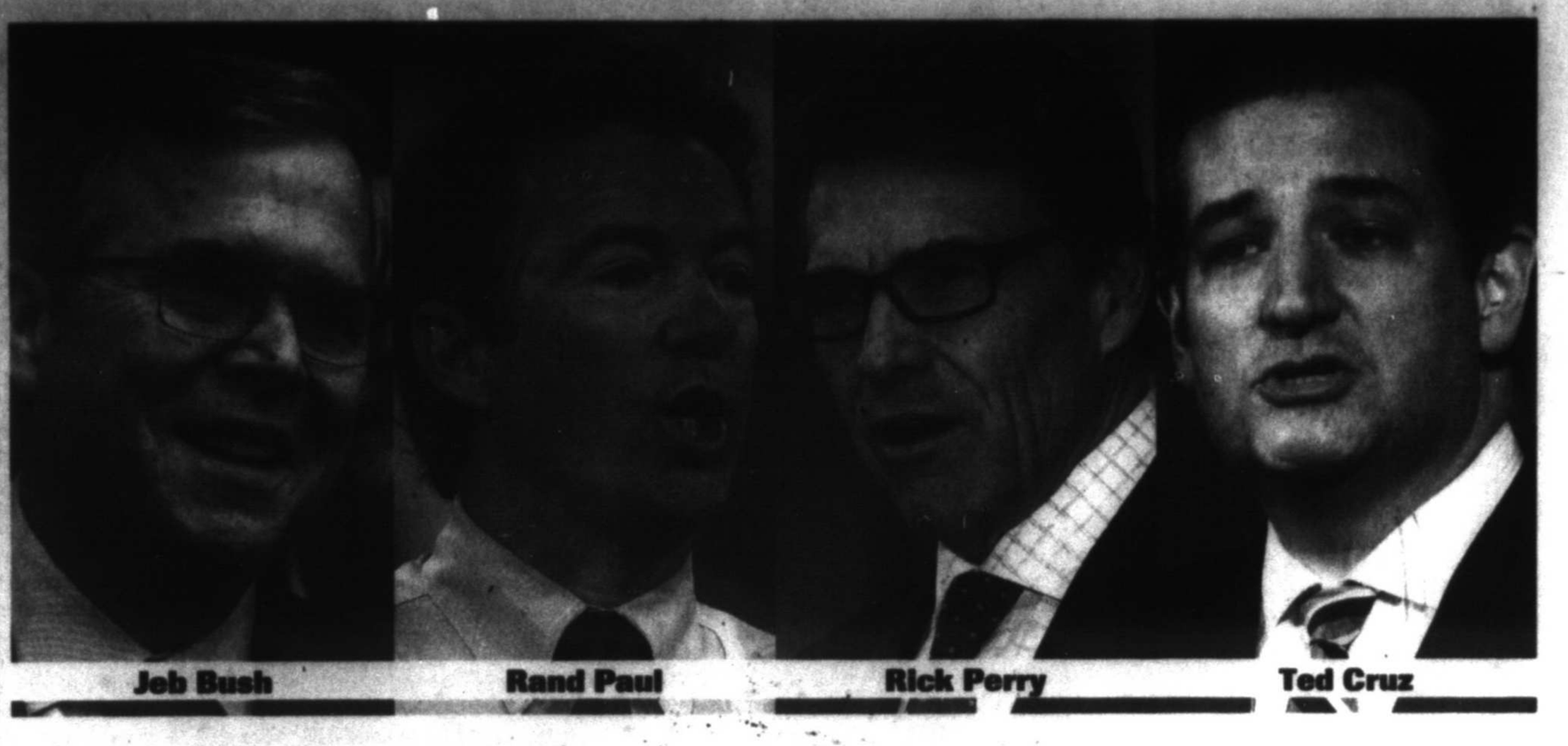
House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Jeff Miller of Florida said the bill would bring "much-needed accountability" to an agency that paid performance bonuses to nearly two-thirds of senior executives in 2013, despite widespread treatment delays and preventable deaths at some VA hospitals and clinics.

"As we learned last Congress, behind nearly every VA scandal, there's a bonus," Miller said.

Congress approved a sweeping law last year to overhaul the VA, following reports that dozens of veterans died while waiting for appointments at a VA hospital in Phoenix, and that appointment records were manipulated to hide the delays. A series of government reports said workers throughout the country falsified wait lists while supervisors looked the other way, resulting in chronic delays for veterans seeking care and bonuses for managers who falsely appeared to meet on-time goals.

The new law makes it easier for veterans to get VA-paid private health care and sharply curtails appeals time for VA employees fired because of alleged wrongdoing.

Even with the new law, more needs to be done to ensure accountability at the VA, Miller and other lawmakers said. Besides the bonus recovery bill, Miller also has proposed a bill allowing a maximum of 30 percent of VA's senior executives to receive top performance ratings and qualify for bonuses.



Jeb Bush | Rand Paul | Rick Perry | Ted Cruz

Path to White House might take a Texas turn

By Kevin Diaz
Houston Chronicle

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Republican Ted Cruz, mulling a White House bid, touched down at ground zero of presidential politics last weekend wearing his trademark black cowboy boots and the steely, take-no-prisoners gaze of a conservative fighter.

A throng of $120-ticket-holding Duval County Republicans, pressing for photos and handshakes, slowed his entrance as he tried to make his way to a hotel ballroom stage. "It's a barn-burner," sighed Cruz body-man Bruce Redden, a former Oklahoma State football player assigned to keep the senator on time.

Cruz, recalling Ronald Reagan, paced the stage and set the theme of his incipient campaign: "We will win in 2016," he said, "by painting in bold colors and not in pale pastels."

That was also his answer to a question about former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, the top gun in a pack of Texas gunslingers itching to pull the trigger on a presidential campaign.

A year out from the March 1, 2016, Texas primary, the early electoral map is dotted with a bumper crop of GOP contenders with Texas pedigrees that also includes former Gov. Rick Perry and U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, who won a conservative GOP straw poll Saturday.

"It's clearly a reflection of the power of Texas as a launch pad for Republicans in national politics," said Matt Mackowiak, a veteran GOP strategist who cut his teeth in the 2004 re-election campaign of George W. Bush, the most recent Texan to occupy the White House.

Raising cash and courting potential backers, the four Texans have followed starkly different paths to 2016: Cruz, rocketing out of nowhere with a long-shot U.S. Senate win in 2012; Perry, seeking redemption after a disastrous first try; Paul, following in the unconventional footsteps of his father, former Texas Congressman Ron Paul; and Bush, the scion of one of America's most prominent political families.

In a wide-open Republican field, each has a claim on a slice of the fractured GOP coalition.

"You cannot discount any of these people potentially being the Republican nominee," said Texas GOP Chairman Steve Munisteri, who is stepping down this month to join Paul's campaign-in-waiting.

'800-pound gorilla'

In a nominating contest that will test the loyalties of Texas Republicans, analysts say the four Texans fall into different brackets. The ex-governors, Bush and Perry, already are vying for many of the same top-dollar donors, particularly in Texas, a deep trough of national campaign cash.

While Bush can tap a family network that includes his father and brother — the 41st and 43rd presidents, respectively — Perry laid down a marker last month with an 80-member "advisory board" of heavy-hitting GOP moneymen such as San Antonio business mogul Red McCombs.

Not that anybody expects to match the Bush fundraising juggernaut.

"We are going to raise a significant amount of money, but we are not going to raise as much as Jeb Bush," said Perry adviser Jeffrey Miller. "He will be the 800-pound gorilla when it comes to financing. Only one person has 41 as their dad."

Yet when it comes to the hearts and minds of Texas Republicans, many behind-the-scenes strategists say the two Texans with the most skin in the game are Cruz and Perry, both "native sons" who have made the Lone Star State their political base.

Texas, sliding earlier into the primary schedule than in recent elections, is poised along with Florida to be the first big Super Tuesday state to weigh in after early contests in Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Nevada.

That could be an immense benefit to any candidate with roots in the state. Normally, by the time it gets to Texas, the race is all but over.

"Texas will be the Big Enchilada that day," said Dave Carney, a New Hampshire consultant who has worked with Perry and Gov. Greg Abbott. "The greatest thing about the new calendar is it gives Texas activists a say."

Cruz tops straw poll

If both Cruz and Perry make it that far, strategists say neither can afford to lose Texas, especially because they share an overlapping fan base of evangelicals and social conservatives who dominate the state's activist base.

"It's going to be hard for an ex-governor or a sitting senator to make a case nationally if they can't carry their own state," Munisteri said.

That could bode well for Cruz, who easily won the Texas Republican Party straw poll last June with 43 percent of the delegate vote. Paul was a distant second, essentially tied at around 12 percent with black conservative Ben Carson. Perry came in a close third at just under 12 percent. Bush trailed the Texas pack at just over 3 percent.

A straw poll of party activists, however, is a very different thing than a big state primary election that can easily cost upward of $1 million a week to remain competitive.

That's where all eyes turn back to Bush. Seen as the early national front-runner, Bush's moves to raise money and lock up political talent have garnered the most media attention and national top-tier status, along with Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker.

Conservative credentials

Bush advisers know that his family name is a double-edged sword. It confers instant credibility but is also an old-guard image and an unwelcome front-runner target on his back.

"Having lots of money qualifies you to be president?" said Eric West, a tea party activist who showed up to see Cruz in Jacksonville. He wore a button with the name "Jeb" crossed out.

But among Republican voters who don't necessarily show up at political rallies, Bush is still a revered figure in Florida, a state that proved crucial to his younger brother's fortunes in 2000.

"If there's a golden boy of Florida Republican politics, it's Jeb Bush," said Chris Ingram, a GOP consultant in Tampa. "He's the man down here."

The locals say the key to winning Florida is vote-rich and Republican Duval County, where Cruz was making inroads at last week's Duval County GOP Lincoln Day Dinner.

"You don't win the presidency without winning Florida, and you don't win Florida without winning Duval County," said Donna Barrow, executive director of the Duval County GOP.

Despite its location in northeast Florida, Jacksonville is often called the "southernmost" city in Florida. It feels like the South, a region where Cruz and his socially conservative brethren feel at home. But it's still Florida.

"One advantage Bush will have is he actually has a ground game in Florida," said Jacksonville City Councilman Robin Lumb, chairman of the Duval County GOP.

Still, there are no guarantees in politics. In Florida, Bush also has to check the rear-view mirror for his political protégé, U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio.

"There's the same divide here among Republicans as there is everywhere," said Henry Scanlon, an entrepreneur and writer who heard Cruz speak in Jacksonville. "There are the more traditional Jeb Bush Republicans on one side, and then what you might call the more true conservative Republicans like Ted Cruz, and to some extent Marco Rubio."

Sensing the danger, Bush advisers are working hard to push back against the rap that he is not a conservative, a perception fueled by his views on immigration and educational reform.

The grass roots, however, remain wary.

"Jeb Bush will never be president of the United States," said conservative activist Steve Deace, an influential syndicated talk show host in Iowa, the first-in-the-nation caucus state. "He's the profile of every Republican that loses."

Deace compares Bush to the GOP's last two presidential nominees — John McCain and Mitt Romney, whose exit from the race is a major boost for Bush. "He can't rally the evangelicals, and he can't win middle class voters," he said. "Imagine all the weakness of Romney, and then slap on the name Bush."

'Like a NASCAR race'

Bush has been out of office since 2007, affording him an opportunity to update his brand. But he still has to convince the party that he's his own man. That's not a problem for his three Texas rivals. For better or worse, they all have their logos firmly painted on their sides.

"For the Texans, this is like a NASCAR race," said Perry strategist Katon Dawson, former South Carolina GOP chairman. "Your car better have an engine by the time you get to Texas, and you better have some money to put some gas in it."

Perry, recovering from his infamous "oops" moment in a 2011 presidential debate, is now standing tall on Texas' robust economy. Paul, with his minority outreach and well-known skepticism of foreign military adventures, commands a unique Republican crossover appeal, especially with young voters. Cruz, a conservative firebrand in the Senate, may not have many friends in Washington, but he remains one of the most recognizable tea party figures on the national stage.

But despite Cruz's rock star status in Texas, the junior senator is still developing the political machinery needed to find the pole position in a crowded conservative field. Unlike the other Texans, he has no turn-key network for money and organizational talent.

Cruz, in an interview, said his trump card will be the same grass-roots network that propelled him to the Senate with little institutional backing in Texas.

"Inevitably, candidates without significant grassroots support point to a cadre of well-heeled donors as a source of strength," he said. "I think that gets politics exactly backwards. Politics should be about the grass roots."

In Jacksonville, Cruz showed off the populist chops that excite the activists — and that, in fact, send some of them over the top.

Echoing a popular refrain on conservative talk radio, he slammed President Barack Obama for his reluctance to label Islamic terrorists as Muslims.

"That's because he's one of them!" shouted a man from one of the back tables.

But if a grass-roots strategy implies a strong ground game, even some of his allies say they still haven't seen it. Traversing the early voting states and giving speeches at Lincoln Day dinners, some activists say, is not enough.

"I'm hearing more and more angst from conservatives who say, 'Hey, I love this guy, but he's got to get on the ground,'" Deace said. "The Iowa caucuses are actually won at coffee houses in Decorah and Pizza Ranches in Lamoni."

That is not to say Texas' first Hispanic senator has no retail skills on the road. In Jacksonville, his aides were delighted to see Cruz and his wife, Heidi, mobbed by members of the chorus and the Duval County Republican Women's Club in their bright red jackets.

"I wanted to hug him and take him home," said retired seamstress Maria Brouillette, who shed tears of joy after her encounter. "I love him. He's wonderful."

Dave Danford, a Texas transplant who greeted Cruz in a vintage brown Stetson, summed it up: "I think there's room for Ted Cruz here."

Texas track record

When it comes to retail politics, some believe that the edgy, passionate, intellectual Cruz might not be a match for the relaxed, easy manner of Perry, a master of the art.

"Rick Perry will be the best retail candidate in the 2016 field," said Michael Dennehy, Perry's point man in New Hampshire. "He's a people person."

Perry's greatest challenge is living down his 2011 debate flub, which he has tried to correct by going to school on national policy with a cadre of conservative experts and policy gurus.

Whether voters will give Perry a second chance remains to be seen. But his strategists say the best case for his candidacy is not style or debate points, but rather a Texas economy that has grown under his 14-year stewardship.

"Nobody comes close to matching Rick Perry's track record as governor on the economy and job creation," Miller said. "What the Texas track record will do is give him credibility for where he says we need to take the country."

Strategy hurdles

Strategically, one of Perry's biggest problems is that he may not have a lane to drive in while he swaps NASCAR paint with Cruz. On the right, he's outflanked by Cruz and a cadre of other outsider candidates, and the establishment lane is taken up by Bush and other governor contenders like Walker.

Paul, arguably the most unorthodox of the field, might also claim a lane to himself. Outside of Texas, where he grew up, some believe Paul's best libertarian niche may be Nevada or New Hampshire, where he has inherited a strong network from his father.

"He's not the guy to beat, but he's running the best campaign so far," said Carney, the Granite State consultant. "He's got good people on the ground, and there's that 'liberty' feeling in New Hampshire that values a 'live free or die' attitude."

But while the GOP's libertarian wing has passion and organization, some question its breadth. "The GOP base is still majority socially conservative or evangelical," said Deace, noting that Paul's father garnered about half as many votes in the 2012 Iowa caucuses as the combined total of a trio of social conservatives.

"Just because those people are loud," Deace said of the Paul coalition, "doesn't mean they're plentiful."

Paul partisans argue that his appeal is not confined to "liberty" voters. "Remember, before Ted Cruz was on the scene, Rand Paul was considered the tea party candidate," said Munisteri.

Ultimately, one advantage all four Texans have is nationwide name recognition, a quality some say is nurtured by their Texas roots. Safe at home in a big red state, Texas Republicans are freer to paint in bold colors, not pastels.

"You're much more likely to have a track record that appeals to people in your party nationally," said Scott Atlas, a longtime Democratic fundraiser in Texas. "It's a great platform."

Cruz, finishing up in Bush Country, made his way out of the hotel ballroom past the silent auction tables for the Duval County GOP. There, next to the pictures of Reagan and Lincoln, was a vintage photo of Babe Ruth and George H.W. Bush in 1948, when the future president was captain of the Yale baseball team.

The photo had fetched a bid of $325 — a testament, perhaps, to the name of a leading Texas family that may still have some history to write.

Foreign talks to Congress often a yawn, but not Netanyahu's

By Connie Cass
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Given anywhere else, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's speech Tuesday wouldn't cause such a fuss.

But a foreign leader denouncing U.S. policy from within the grand hall of American democracy upends nearly two centuries of tradition.

A joint meeting of Congress, gathering senators and representatives together in the House chamber, is a ceremony typically bestowed on one or two friendly foreign leaders per year. It looks a lot like a presidential State of the Union address. The speaker embodies his or her nation; the audience of lawmakers represents all Americans.

Unity and shared purpose are the standard themes. Standing ovations are a given.

"It establishes there is a strong bond between the two nations," said Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director of the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg Public Policy Center. "In that context, a speech that provokes controversy at home or abroad is problematic."

So leaders speaking against the backdrop of the chamber's 8-foot-tall American flag tend to gloss over national differences and steer clear of internal politics.

Some of these speeches are powerful — think Winston Churchill rallying Americans for a long, hard war or Nelson Mandela calling them to lead all humanity toward democracy and peace.

Others, frankly, are so bland they're dull. It's not unusual for staffers and student pages to be sent in to fill the seats of lawmakers who didn't bother showing up.

Netanyahu's appearance, in contrast, is so contentious that several Democrats are skipping it in protest. Demand for seats in the visitors' gallery is high.

In a preview of his speech to Congress, Netanyahu told a pro-Israel conference in Washington Monday that he has a moral duty to warn that President Barack Obama's nuclear negotiations with Iran may imperil Israel.

Republican House Speaker John Boehner, who broke protocol by inviting Netanyahu without consulting the Democratic White House, said Americans need to hear their trusted ally's fears. The Obama administration says the invitation has injected destructive partisanship into U.S.-Israel relations.

History offers scant precedent for Netanyahu's speech. But joint meetings have produced some dramatic scenes.

The tradition of inviting foreign dignitaries dates to the Marquis de Lafayette, the French hero of the American Revolution, who gave separate speeches to the House and Senate in 1824.



AP file photo

On Dec. 26, 1941, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill addresses a joint session of the on Capitol Hill in Washington. Behind Churchill on the Senate rostrum sit Rep. William P. Cole, Jr., speaker pro tempore, left, and Vice President Henry A. Wallace, right.

It took another 50 years for the two bodies to come together to hear a foreigner — King Kalakaua, of what was then the Kingdom of Hawaii.

Since World War II, these joint meetings — similar to the "joint sessions" that hear U.S. presidents — have become the favored venue for foreign leaders and dignitaries. Usually their appearances get more notice back home than among Americans, an element that makes Netanyahu's address just two weeks before he's up for re-election in Israel even more controversial.

Israel is one of a few allies that dominate the rostrum. With Netanyahu's return, it will tie Britain and France at eight speeches apiece. In all, 110 foreigners and a handful of Americans — mostly early-Space Age astronauts — have addressed joint meetings.

As Australian prime minister in 2011, Julia Gillard nailed the mutual-admiration genre. Her voice breaking, Gillard recalled being a small girl amazed that Americans had landed on the moon.

"On that great day I believed Americans could do anything," she said. "I believe that still."

The closest comparison to Netanyahu's latest speech to Congress may be Netanyahu's last speech to Congress.

The Israeli prime minister's 2011 visit went through diplomatic channels and included a stop at the White House. But Netanyahu's appearance with Obama turned frosty. He sternly rejected Obama's suggestion that peace negotiations with the Palestinians should start from Israel's boundaries before it seized territory in 1967.

In his speech to Congress, Netanyahu repeated his rejection of "indefensible boundaries," prompting scathing reactions from Palestinian leaders.

Inside the House chamber, however, Netanyahu was embraced enthusiastically by Republicans and Democrats alike.

The speaker who famously denounced a president's war policy was an American.

In 1951, President Harry S. Truman stunned the world by firing Gen. Douglas MacArthur as commander of U.S.-led forces in the Korean War. MacArthur had publicly challenged Truman's decision to limit the conflict and avoid all-out war with bordering China.

Acclaimed for his World War II exploits in the Pacific, MacArthur was welcomed home as a hero. Congressional Republicans invited him to speak and the Democrats controlling Congress agreed. Truman didn't object, calling it a fitting honor.

MacArthur was unbowed.

"In war there can be no substitute for victory," he declared, accusing Truman of faltering against the communist Chinese. The public soon rejected MacArthur's ideas.

But the words he used to close a 52-year military career live on.

He quoted a ballad from his days at West Point:

"Old soldiers never die," MacArthur said. "They just fade away."

A foreigner invited to brace up the president still can stir controversy in Washington and at home.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair spoke in defense of the Iraq War in July 2003, months after the invasion, when the failure to find weapons of mass destruction and the realization that fighting would not end quickly was souring public opinion in the U.S. and further inflaming war opposition in Britain.

Congressional Democrats were starting to question President George W. Bush's rationale for going to war. Still, members from both parties cheered Blair, who assured them, "We will be with you in this fight for liberty."

Nearly two decades earlier, another British leader, Margaret Thatcher, gave a rousing endorsement of President Ronald Reagan's Cold War strategy. She called her speech to Congress "one of the most moving occasions of my life."

Netanyahu will become only the second leader to address a joint meeting three times.

The other — British Prime Minister Churchill — gave one of the Capitol's most dramatic speeches in 1941.

Churchill rushed across the Atlantic to make war plans with President Franklin Roosevelt when the United States entered World War II.

Speaking under the newsreel cameras' bright lights, his voice carried live to anxious Americans by radio, Churchill voiced outrage at Japan's sneak attack on Pearl Harbor but openly rejoiced that the United States "has drawn the sword of freedom," bringing hope to its battered European allies.

A few speakers bring Congress a transcendent vision. Mandela did it twice.

In 1990, newly freed from 27 years in prison, the anti-apartheid leader rallied Americans to help black South Africans end segregation and achieve democracy.

"Let us keep our arms locked together so that we form a solid phalanx against racism," he implored.

In 1994, Mandela returned as South Africa's first black president.

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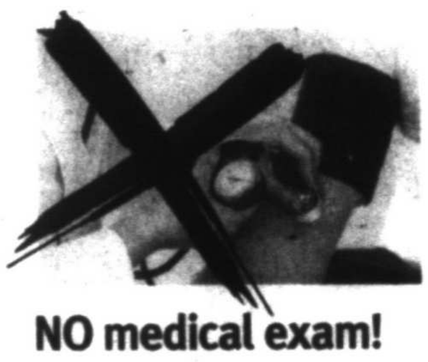
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Alamo Junior High seventh-grader Emily Fernandez trains with her jiujitsu instructor Bruno Bastos on Feb. 23 at Bastos BJJ studio. Fernandez is ranked No. 1 in the world in her weight and belt.

Local jiujitsu champ balances sports, school

By Jill Malcolm
MRT correspondent

Emily Hernandez will show off her medals from her jiujitsu tournaments if you want to see them, but she would much rather show off her moves on the mat at Bruno Bastos Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Studio.

Hernandez is Midland's first home-grown international jiujitsu champion. She won her division in the International Pan Kids Games in fall 2014, defeating competitors from all over the world. She has earned nine medals in gold, silver and bronze and two championship swords. At age 13, this Alamo Junior High School student takes her achievements in stride.

"I have got the best coaching in all of Texas," said Hernandez. "I want to thank all my coaches and the kids at Bastos BJJ who helped me get where I am." Though jiujitsu is an individual sport, Hernandez believes the team effort of her coaches, parents and support of her teammates make all the difference in her success.

Jiujitsu is a martial art that was founded in Asia and developed in Brazil, where some of the best competitors in the sport today originate. Bruno Bastos, owner of Bastos BJJ, a fourth-degree black belt and a former world champion, moved to Midland three years ago. After teaching for a few years in Dallas, he saw the opportunity for growth in the sport in West Texas.

"Midland had no history of martial arts," said Bastos. "And now we have her (Hernandez) ÷ a national BJJ

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Fernandez and Bastos pose on Feb. 23 at Bastos BJJ studio.

Poets celebrate authentic lives of cowboys

By John MacCormack
San Antonio Express-News

ALPINE — With clever poems about rotted, dead jack rabbits, rural married life and a would-be Rooster Cogburn, Elizabeth Ebert lit up a packed auditorium at Sul Ross State University. One of the grand dames of the Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering, Ebert, 90, performed in a walker Friday night and made fun of her age just before her last poem.

"I'm using all my time. I'll probably never get back here. I think they probably should have written an obituary instead of a biography," she said of the event program.

Afterward, seated backstage, she summed up her improbable transformation from ranch wife in Thunder Hawk, South Dakota, to celebrity poet. "I never did a thing until I was 65. I'd always written poems but kept them hidden. My friends thought poetry was strange," she said. And as they do before each spring, those who love the now-vanishing cowboy life, as well as the simply curious, come from afar to the Big Bend to celebrate it in verse and song.

Now in its 29th year, the gathering here is the second-oldest in the country, yielding only to the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada, for seniority.

It draws an estimated 1,000 visitors to Alpine to hear roughly 60 invited performers from across the American West and Canada, plus walk-ons who appear in "open mike" sessions.

The program this past weekend included whimsically titled sessions such as "Livestock Woes," "Ranch Romance" and "Even Cowboys Get the Blues Sometimes."

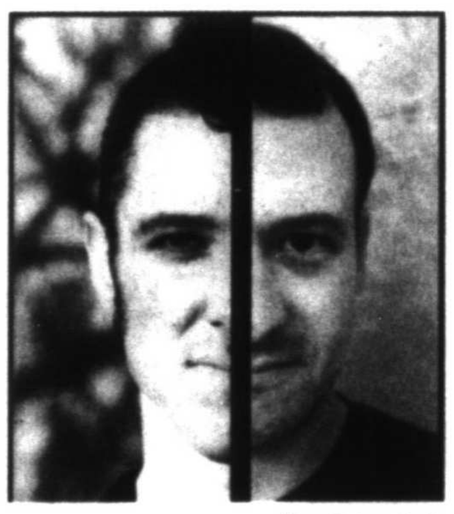
From the beginning, the gathering has been held at Sul Ross, and at the opening Friday, college students with urban roots attended some of the auditorium performances under their teacher's watchful eye.

On this short winter weekend, the hats were big in Alpine and the mustaches bigger. The coyotes howled and the tumbleweed rolled. The mescal was bad and the saddle tramps were mostly troubled.

On this occasion, the cowgirl yodelers sang love songs to Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, and heartfelt eulogies were given for faithful old cutting horses, and broken-down old cowboys.

Over two days, improbable rhymes and fantastic metaphors were offered up fearlessly by middle-aged men in

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Courtesy photo

Timba Harris, left, and Gyan Riley make up Probosci, performing Wednesday at Kamiposi.

Chamber music duo to headline Kamiposi

By Rich Lopez
jrlopez@mrt.com

When a French violinist and a New York guitarist come together, the effect is an avant-garde blending of music. Mixing both composed pieces with improv, Timba Harris and Gyan Riley form the chamber duo Probosci.

The band's winter tour stops in Midland this week. They will headline Kamiposi on Wednesday in support of their first release "Time To Feed."

Infusing elements of American and European styles into an eclectic blend, their music is both challenging and complex. Riley trained at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, while Harris' classical background is rooted in Romanian and Arabic music.

Also on the bill is local musican Dennis Harris and Quantum Parker.

Kamiposi is located at 510 S. Big Spring St. The concert begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday and tickets are$10. All ages. facebook.com/kamiposi.

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champion, an international champion."

Hernandez trains five days a week, spending two hours every day after school at Bruno's studio-learning moves like flying arm bars, bridging and shrimping and sweeps. Her focus is on anticipating what her competitor will do next, always keeping her training in mind.

"When I am out on the mat, the crowd is really loud. You hear everything coming from everywhere," said Hernandez. "But what I hear most of all is my coach's voice." She says he keeps her focused and intent on what she needs to do on the mat.

Each match is four intense minutes of one-on-one grappling to earn points and gain the eventual submission of your competitor.

Hernandez started jiujitsu just over two years ago as a way to burn off excess energy. Diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in the second grade, her doctor said she had to stop taking her prescribed medication because of a pre-existing heart condition. Martial arts was suggested to her parents to help manage her health. Hernandez started with Judo then transitioned to jiujitsu .

"Emily is a thinker," said Bastos. "Jiujitsu is not just brute force. She has the discipline and maturity to be a leader and a champion in the sport."

Bastos added that Hernandez is very competitive. "She understands that there is just one first place. If she doesn't get a gold medal, she gets very frustrated. But no matter whether she earns gold, silver or bronze at a tournament, she is always back on Monday to train."

Weekends for Hernandez mean traveling with her dad to tournaments, training and catching up on her school studies. Hernandez is in the Midland ISD Gifted and Talented program at Alamo and also runs cross country and track for her school.

Jiujitsu is a family affair for the Hernandez's. Emily's mom, Liz, supports her training by getting her to the studio every evening and managing her schedule. Her father, Israel, has recently taken up the sport, as well. Both parents incredibly proud of their daughter and say she is proof that kids can be good students and successful athletes.

So what's next for Hernandez? She recently moved up a division and will be competing with older and tougher competition. Hernandez is working toward her orange belt and Bastos expects she will earn it within a year. Bastos also wants to take Hernandez to Brazil to compete.

Hernandez said she hopes to one day teach jiujitsu, and have her own studio. She said she plans to be strict with her students, while passing on her love of the sport.

"Jiujitsu, it's a lot of fun, and you should try it," said Hernandez. "It's addicting."

For more information on jiujitsu , check out Bruno Bastos BJJ Studio, 3001 W Loop 250. Programs include Jiu-Jitsu for adults and kids, Judo, and Mixed Martial Arts (MMA). bastosbjjmidland.com. 296-0860

Belt colors

Emily Hernandez holds a yellow belt in jiujitsu. Unlike other martial arts, belts for ages 4-15 differ from those for adults. Belts for children 15 and younger include white, yellow, orange and green. Adult belt colors are white, blue, purple, brown, black and red.

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sweat-stained hats and worn Wranglers, as were compositions of power and grace.

"I like it. It reminds you of some stuff you normally don't think about. It's a window into another world," said Morgan Stout, a retired college instructor from Austin.

A good portion of the attendees, some of whom book their hotel rooms a year in advance, were winter Texans, retirees and others with no personal familiarity with ranch life.

"I'm always amazed to watch people here for the first time. Their mouths almost drop open. They don't know what to expect. One lady said she didn't know if it would be like 'Hee Haw,'" said Don Cadden, an Alpine poet and an organizers.

"They are flabbergasted by what they hear. When you are in that room, the performer is talking to you and it's magical. These are people who haven't listened to a poem since high school, and they become infatuated with it," he added.

Joel Nelson, one of the most accomplished poets and an event founder, said he privately gave it only three or four years after its inaugural run in 1986.

"I thought it was a fad, that everyone would lose interest. I expressed that. To my surprise and inspiration, it held on," he said. "It's the folklore and the folk art of the people who have lived the life that have kept this thing so strong."

Nelson, 69, who still works on a ranch near Alpine, said authenticity is valued over flash and polish, and almost anyone who feels the urge to recite is welcome.

"You've got to respect people who have such a feeling for it and can't refrain from it, but at the same time you realize they are not literary giants," he said.

One improbable regular attendee, a Harvard lawyer who had a career on Wall Street and later worked a Texas roundup when the cowboy bug bit him, tried to explain the attraction.

"You read this stuff and you understand. These guys are dreamers. They imagine. They work with their hands. It's a culture I admire," said Randy Bevis, 74, who was raised in Boston.

"And if you read their poetry, it's melancholic, always talking about a day that is bound to end. About how 'we're the last.' And I mourn with them for a life that's bound to end. How can you be a cowboy on an ATV?" he asked.

With cowboy poetry events now scattered around the West, performers and attendees learn to pick and choose.

Yvonne Hollenbeck, a South Dakota poet who has worked the circuit for the past 25 years, said, "Alpine is probably the best. They are very particular about getting people who live the lifestyle.

"You just can't teach cowboy poetry. You have to know about it. It deals with a lifestyle and there is an audience that knows what you are talking about," said Hollenbeck, a headliner.

An oddity, even an oxymoron perhaps, to urbanites and sophisticates, cowboy poetry stems from the oral traditions of the trade, when tales were told around the fire, and the easiest way to remember something was to put it to rhyme.

For almost a century, the poetry languished in obscurity, but that has changed dramatically in the last several decades, in part because of the seminal gathering in Elko in 1984.

"We look at poets from the early days, the cattle-driving days, and they used to write poems about their lifestyle. The women on the prairie would do the same," said Hollenbeck.

"I write about my life in poetry form. For instance, maybe we're sorting cattle and I can't figure out my husband's hand signals, so I write a poem about it," she said.

"There's one poem where I compliment him on how observant he is: He can tell if a windmill is working or if a cow needs a calf pulled, but he can't see he's getting mud on my floor."

Bill Brooks, an organizer since the beginning, said Alpine's proven formula for delivering cowboy poetry will not be changing.

"It's a family event and we don't deviate from that. It's not about drinking songs and easy women. It's to celebrate the culture and preserve the traditions of the American West," Brooks said.

"The concept is unchanged. We are proud of the fact that we are authentic. The people we invite have their roots in ranch life," he added

Obituaries



David Claude Pope

David Claude Pope, 65, passed away on February 28, 2015 in Midland, Texas.

David was born in Amarillo, Texas on March 16, 1949. He worked in maintenance for Wal-Mart for over five years.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Lenora Pope; and his first wife, Barbara Pope.

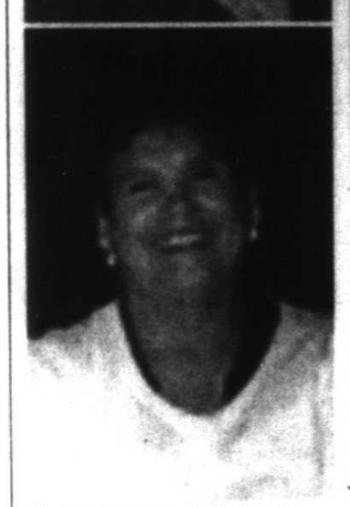
He is survived by his second wife of four years, Anna Pope; stepchildren, Trisha Vaughn, Wesley Bagwell, Sandra Barker, Angie Compton, Sabrina Hill, Tamara Brewster, Candace Stroud, and Wesley Evitt; 20 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one great great-granddaughter; six sisters, Billie Nokes, Claudine Pope, Destny Love Joy, Emma DeRamins, B.J. Bailey, and Violet Chaves; brother-in-law, Lonnie McBride; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at Jesus Name United Pentecostal Church, 3110 W County Rd 116, Midland, TX 79706. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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Eduviges "Vicky" Navarrete

Eduviges "Vicky" Navarrete was born on November 9, 1948, in San Carlos, Chihuahua to Petronilo Galindo and Victoria Benavides. In 1968, with her two young children, she then moved to Midland living the majority of her life. She made a living as an entrepreneur in sales. Besides enjoying family, Vicky devoted her time to Templo Jerusalem, where she was a member for over 30 years. She was loving and playful, but most of all, loved sharing the word of God.

Vicky was preceded in death by her parents, Petronilo and Victoria; and sibling, Guadalupe.

She is survived by her children, Efren Guevara, Jaime Guevara, Donna Braxton, Melissa Aguilar, Elisa Navarrete, Bonifacio Navarrete, Jr., and Nancy Fuentes; siblings, Ruben Galindo, Efrain Galindo, Armando Galindo, Martha Garcia, and Rosa Carrasco; 25 grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and 16 nieces and nephews.

She was cared for by Brookhaven Rehabilitation Center. In her final days here on earth, she was lovingly cared for by hospice nurses and the care givers of Vitas at Baylor Medical Center in Carrollton, Texas. Her family is grateful for the high level of care she received.

Visitation with Vicky's family will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland, Texas on March 3, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Her service will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel, immediately followed by burial at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

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



Jeanne Alberts Box

Jeanne Alberts Box, 47 of Stanton, died Friday, February 27, 2015 in a Midland hospital. The family will receive friends Tuesday, March 3, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Gilbreath Funeral Home. Graveside services will immediately follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

She was born June 5, 1967 in Houston, Texas and married Paul Thomas Box January 31, 2014 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Thomas Box; one son, Edward Alberts and wife, Laura; three daughters, Amber Alberts, Kaitlyn Evans, and Amy Evans; one brother, Truman Alberts, all of Stanton; six grandchildren; and a large extended family.

She was preceded in death by her father, Eddie Alberts.

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Joe Michael Weaver

Joe Michael Weaver, 63, of Midland, passed peacefully in his sleep at his home in Midland, Texas on Saturday, February 28, 2015. A celebration of Mike's life will be held March 3, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel with Skip Hedgpeth officiating.

Joe Michael Weaver was born in Hobbs, New Mexico on September 12, 1951 to Joe T. Weaver and Doris Mason Weaver.

Mike graduated from Andrews High School and attended Texas Tech University on a football scholarship; he graduated from the University of Houston. He had a love for all sports and was an avid fisherman. Mike was happiest when he was with his family, especially if that included a fishing trip. Mike never missed an opportunity to go fishing. Some of his most favorite moments were fishing with his brother Phil and son Joe in Canada, camping trips to Colorado and family gatherings in Rockport.

Mike had a successful career in the oilfield and a spirit of entrepreneurship; most recently with his wife Becky and their partnership in Becky's Flowers. Whatever Mike worked at, he met it head on and with all his heart. He had a really big heart! Anyone that knew Mike would tell you that he had a sense of humor and wit that was sparkling.

Mike was the oldest of four; he was adored by his mother and father, and idolized by his siblings. He never met a stranger and his vivacious love of life influenced so many. Although he was known as Mike Weaver to most, a few had the privilege of calling him Sweetie, Dad, Granddad Mike, Uncle Mike, and Big Mike. He loved them all!

He is survived by his loving wife, Becky Weaver. He is also survived by his father, Joe T. Weaver; sons, Joe R. Weaver (Christy), and Jason Weaver of Lubbock, Texas; his daughter, Erin Renfro (Monty) of Anna, Texas; his stepson, Todd Glasgow (Carla) of San Diego, California; and stepdaughter Elizabeth Hale of Midland, Texas; his brothers, Phil Weaver (Kasey), of Midland, and Chris Weaver (Ruth) of Houston; and his sister, Jana Lewallen (Joe), of Irving, Texas. He cherished his 13 grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Doris, and daughter, Julie.

No doubt, Mike left big shoes to be filled. His family and friends find comfort in knowing he will be spending eternity in heaven.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to Hughen Center, *www.hughencenter.org* .

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L. Lynn Stokes, Jr.

L. Lynn Stokes, Jr., of Big Lake, 60, passed away February 28, 2015 at University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas. He was born October 12, 1954 in San Angelo, Texas to L. L. "Boone" and Joyce N. Stokes of Big Lake, Texas.

He is survived by his parents; sister, Lynda Johnson and husband Duane; brother, Tom Stokes; sister-in-law, Donna Stokes; and nieces, Shelby Bynum and husband, Cole, and Kelsey Stokes.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, John F. Nunn, Elizabeth Nunn Chriesman and Earl H. Chriesman, formerly of Big Lake, and Altus T. and Corinne Wood Stokes, formerly of Ballinger, Texas.

Lynn attended the New Mexico State School for the Visually Handicapped in Alamogordo, New Mexico, Paul Henry Elementary School in Las Vegas, New Mexico, John Ireland Elementary School in Odessa Texas, and Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center in Austin, Texas. He was a resident of Lubbock State Supported Living Center. Recently, he was proud to receive an award for 40 years of outstanding service in the center's Vocational Program.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 5, 2015, at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel in San Angelo, with Reverend John Sanders and Reverend John Sparks officiating. Following the service, interment will be at Old Runnels Cemetery, north of Ballinger. The family would love to greet friends and relatives from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home prior to the service.

Serving as pallbearers will be Cole Bynum, W. E. "Snub" Liles, Mike McQueen, L. L. "Bud" Farr, IV, Bill Clark, Jimmy Matthews, and Casey Baize.

Because Lynn attended several sessions at Texas Lions Camp and had fond memories of his experiences there, the family suggests, in lieu of flowers, memorials be sent to Texas Lion's Camp, P. O. Box 290247, Kerrville, TX 78029-0247, or to charity of your choice.

Family and friends may express condolences and sign the online guest book for Lynn at *www.johnsons-funeralhome.com.*



Mae Dell Eggemeyer Slaughter

Mae Dell Eggemeyer Slaughter of Midkiff left this earthly life for her heavenly home February 28, 2015. She was born May 10, 1925 to Felix and Ida Braden of Olfen, Texas. On February 18, 1947 she married the love of her life, Forrest Eggemeyer, who preceded her in death in 1974. She is survived by their three children, Sheryl Wilson and husband, Sandy, Billy Eggemeyer and wife, Diane and Jim Eggemeyer and wife, Donna. Also left to cherish are her 9 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren with two on the way. She has one living sister, Mary Ann Pelzel and husband, Calvin. She was preceded in death by her 2nd husband, Jess Slaughter, Jr. in 2006. She was also preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Raymond, Walter, Harvey, Boots, David and Ernest; sisters, Rosalee and Christine; her grandson, Jared Eggemeyer; and a great-grandson, Sam Wilson.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons, Cody Wilson, Shane Wilson, Curtis Eggemeyer, Russ Eggemeyer, Bo Eggemeyer and Riley Eggemeyer. Honorary pallbearers will be her granddaughters, Lori Mettille, Lisa Winter and Tracy Merrill.

Rosary will be recited at 7:00 PM Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Lawrence. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 AM Wednesday, March 4, 2015 also at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Interment will follow at St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery.

As a family, we express heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Dr. P. K. Patel and the staff at Midland Memorial.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to "St. Lawrence Orphanage" in India, in care of Father Raj, 2400 FM 2401, Garden City, Texas 79739 or to a hospice organization of your choice.

All arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle& Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

"Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works praise her at the city gates." Proverbs 31:31

Death Notices

James Leonard Sloan

James Leonard Sloan, of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, February 25, 2015.

A Celebration of his life will be held at Lewallen - Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home on Friday March 6, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

James is survived by his daughters, Sharron Rebenstorf and Sylvia Shoemaker.

Pete Jenkins

Pete Jenkins, 89, of Big Spring, died Sunday, March 1, 2015. Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at Mount Olive Memorial Park Chapel.

He is survived by two sons, Terry Jenkins and Brad Jenkins; a daughter, Becky Jenkins; a stepson, Glynn Andrews; and a stepdaughter, Joyce Hall.

Donald "Harvey" Cross

Donald "Harvey" Cross, 72, of Midland, passed away Saturday, February 28, 2015. A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m., Friday, March 6, 2015 at Stonegate Fellowship in Midland.

Survivors include, mother, Donaldean Schwartz; daughter, Adria Cross; sons, Joshua Cross, Ronnie Rittenberry, and Michael Rittenberry; two brothers; and one sister.

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KMID	ABC	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Fresh Off the Boat (N)	Repeat After (N)	Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. "Afterlife" (N)		Forever "Social Engineering" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline	
KOSA	CBS	7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "The Sandbox"		NCIS: New Orleans "Love Hurts"		Person of Interest "Panopticon"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) Late Show	
KWWT	CW	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Hogan's Heroes	Twilight Zone	Taxi	Taxi	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Bigamous Spouse"		Banacek
KPEJ	FOX	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Kitchen "18 Chefs Compete" (SP) (N)		New Girl (N)	Mindy Project (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	Joe McGee	HaYesod	Update News	Mission: M25	Light of the Southwest				Exploring With the Scholars		Ministerios Nueva Vida	
KWES	NBC	News West 9 at 6 p.m.		The Voice "The Blind Auditions, Part 4" (N)				Chicago Fire "Red Rag the Bull" (N)		News West 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show	(:35) Seth Meyers	
KPBT	PBS	PBS NewsHour		West. Perspec.	West. Perspec.	West. Perspec.	West. Perspec.	The Queen of Swing		Charlie Rose (N)		Tavis Smiley (N)	Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	La sombra del pasado		Mi corazón es Tuyo		Hasta el fin del mundo		Que te perdone Dios... Yo no		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA	MNT	Fam.Feud	Million..	Law & Order: C.I.		Law & Order: C.I.		My News	Million..	Anger M.	M&M	Office	Access H.
FLIX		(6:30) American ...		Manhunter William L. Petersen.				(:05) Lord of War Nicolas Cage.				(:10) Derailed	
HBO		(5:00) Grudge Mat...		Together		Endless Love ('14, Rom) Alex Pettyfer, ...		Girls		Looking	Citizenfour Edward Snowden.		
HBO2		The Secret Life of Walter Mitty			Looking	Last Week	Bill Maher			Blade ('98, Act) Wesley Snipes.			
HBOS		The Jinx "Chapter 4"		Prisoners ('13, Thril) Hugh Jackman.					Second	Silicon	Silicon	Girls	Movie
MAX		Movie		Armageddon ('98, Adv) Liv Tyler, Bruce Willis.				Runner Runner				(:35) Lingerie "Model Perfection"	
MAX2				2 Guns Denzel Washington.				The Break Up Vince Vaughn.		(:55) SinCity	(:35)	Idiocracy	
PLEX		(5:10) Racing Wit...				Les Misérables Liam Neeson.				(:20) Tea With Mussolini Cher.		(:20) Graffiti Brid...	
SHOW		Movie		Kobe Bryant's Muse		Shameless		Lies	Episodes		Kill Bill Vol. 2 Uma Thurman.		
TMC		(5:30) StreetDance...		Yours, Mine and Ours				The Kings of Summer		(:05) Prozac Nation		Movie	
A&E		Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Shipping Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC		The Legend ...		Gladiator (2000, Epic) Joaquin Phoenix, Connie Nielsen, Russell Crowe.						Air Force One			
BET		Madea's Family Reunion ('06, Com) Tyler Perry.						KeyshiaC	Being Mary Jane (N)	Being Mary Jane		Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		Beverly "Surprise!"		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills (N)		Newlyweds: Where Now (N)		Watch (N)		Beverly Hills	
CNBC		Restaurant Startup		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Restaurant Start (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN		OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report	
DISC		Amish Mafia		Amish Mafia (N)		Amish Mafia (N)		Amish Mafia (N)		Amish Mafia		Amish Mafia	
DISNEY		Austin	Girl	Frenemies Bella Thorne.		(:40) Jessie	DogBlog	Liv/Mad		Austin	I Didn't	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN		NCAA Basketball Iowa vs. Indiana (L)				NCAA Basketball Kentucky vs. Georgia (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2		NBA Coast to Coast (L)				NCAA Basketball West Virginia vs. Kansas (L)				Basketb.	NBA	NFL Live	
FAMILY		Liar "Bloody Hell"		Pretty Little Liars (N)		Switched at Birth (N)		Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club		Boy MW	Boy MW
FNC		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD		Chopped "Charge!"		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
FSSW		LHSAA Hall (N)	Stars Insider (N)	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey New York Islanders at Dallas Stars Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Stars Live (L)	Rodeo Wrap (L)	WPT Poker Legends of Poker	
FX				Transformers: Dark of the Moon Shia LaBeouf.						Justified "The Hunt" (N)		Justified "The Hunt"	Justified "Alive Day"
HALLMARK		Waltons "The Bicycle"		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY		To Be Announced		Counting Cars		Counting Cars (N)		(:05) Gangland U. (N)		(:05) Vikings		Counting Cars	
LIFETIME		Dance Moms "Wild Wild West Coast"		Dance Moms (N)		Dance Moms "The Great Divide" (N)		Born in the Wild (N)		Born in the Wild		Dance Moms	
MSNBC		Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		NHL Live	NHL Hockey	Buffalo Sabres at Tampa Bay Eightning (L)				Overtime	Rivals	NHLTop10	EPL Soccer		
NICK		WitchWay	Max	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray
SPIKE		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Framework		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY		Face Off "Troll Bridge"		Face Off		Face Off (N)		Close Up Kings (N)		Face Off		Close Up Kings	
TBS		Sein. "The Raincoats"	Seinf. "The Raincoats"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Cougar Town (N)	Conan Norman Reedus, Brandi Carlile		Cougar Town	Conan
TCM		(5:15) Georgy Girl		The Artist ('11, Com) Jean Dujardin.				The King's Speech ('10, Dra) Colin Firth.					Movie
TELE		Caso cerrado		Los miserables		Tierra de reyes		Dueños del paraiso		Al rojo	(:35) Titular	Tierra de reyes	
TLC		19 Kids and Counting "Jill's Secret"		Recount (N)	Recount (N)	19 Kids & Count (N)	19 Kids & Count (N)	Our Little Family (N)	Our Little Family (N)	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	Our Little Family	Our Little Family
TNT		Castle "The Final Nail"		Rizzoli & Isles "Foot Loose"		Rizzoli & Isles "Gumshoe" (N)		Perception "Mirror" (N)		Rizzoli & Isles "Gumshoe"		Perception "Mirror"	
TVLAND		Walker, Texas Ranger		Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends
USA		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Sirens (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Sirens	Sirens
WGN		Raising Hope		Tears of the Sun Bruce Willis. A career soldier is forced to choose between following orders and saving lives.						Outlaw Co "Growing Problem" (N)		Outlaw Country "Growing Problem"	

Employees get first-hand knowledge of Blue Bell Creameries



TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Big Spring storyteller

Joe Robertson has been with Blue Bell Creameries in Brenham for 29 years. He started out as a driver-salesman in Dallas. "I drove a Blue Bell truck for seven years and just moved on up," he said. Joe now manages the company's advertising and public relations. He knows Blue Bell.

"We have between 50 and 60 flavors out at any given time and every year we put out five to six new flavors. We get those ideas from all kinds of places. Our consumers, of course, have ideas for us and they send those to us. They catch our drivers in the stores and say, 'I've got an idea for you.' Employees of course have ideas. Then you have a research and development department. So we'll get 200 or 300 ideas and give them to R&D. They work through it and get about 15 to 20 samples that we pass out internally, decide on five or six and those are the ones that will be out next year."

I asked Joe if there are any volunteer testers. He said most of them are employees. "But everyone who visits asks for an application to be a tester."

Joe's assistant, Jenny Van Dorf, likes the Blue Bell flavors that came out last year for the holidays. "We actually have five of them," she said. "Returning from years past are Peppermint, Christmas Cookies, Spiced Pumpkin Pecan and Fudge Divinity. The new one is Peppermint Bark. Our Peppermint has peppermint candies in it and has more of the candy mint taste. The Peppermint Bark has dark and white chocolate chunks with crushed peppermint in it. I really like it. I can't stop eating that one."

They have a saying around Blue Bell: "We eat all we can and sell the rest." The lunchroom has a freezer box filled with ice cream. "We're welcome to eat out of that from the time we arrive until the time we leave."

Of all Blue Bell's 60 flavors, the best seller is Homemade Vanilla. "That was created in 1969," said Jenny. "We wanted to capture that homemade, hand-cranked taste."

Blue Bell gets nearly a quarter of a million visitors every year from all over the world. "A lot of people will be in Houston wanting to know what to see, where to go and they'll send them to Brenham," said Joe. "They can see how we make the ice cream and enjoy some in our parlor where we keep more than 30 flavors on hand for visitors." The parlor is next to the gift shop.

Blue Bell is the third largest ice cream maker in the U.S. and uses milk from 60,000 cows every day. Blue Bell holds a 60 percent share of ice cream sales in Texas supermarkets. The Brenham Creamery Company opened in 1907 to make butter. The first ice cream was produced in 1911. The name was changed to Blue Bell Creameries in 1930. Blue Bell is a native Texas wildflower that grows around Brenham. The Kruse family has managed the business since 1919.

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More women joining Austin Fire Department

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Austin Fire Department is reporting an increase in female employees from six years ago.

The Austin American-Statesman reported about 50 women were working at the department when the city's first female fire chief was hired in February 2009.

Now six years later, department data shows nearly 70 women are employed. The number of female lieutenants has tripled from three to nine.

Although only about 6.6 percent of the department's nearly 1,020 sworn employees are female, it's an improvement from 5 percent at the end of 2008. It's also better than the national average.

According to a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics report in December, only 3.5 percent of firefighters nationwide were female in 2013.

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There is one letter, not counting S, that when added to all of the five-letter words below can be used to form new six-letter words. Find the letter that works, add it to each word, and then rearrange each set of letters to form a new word.

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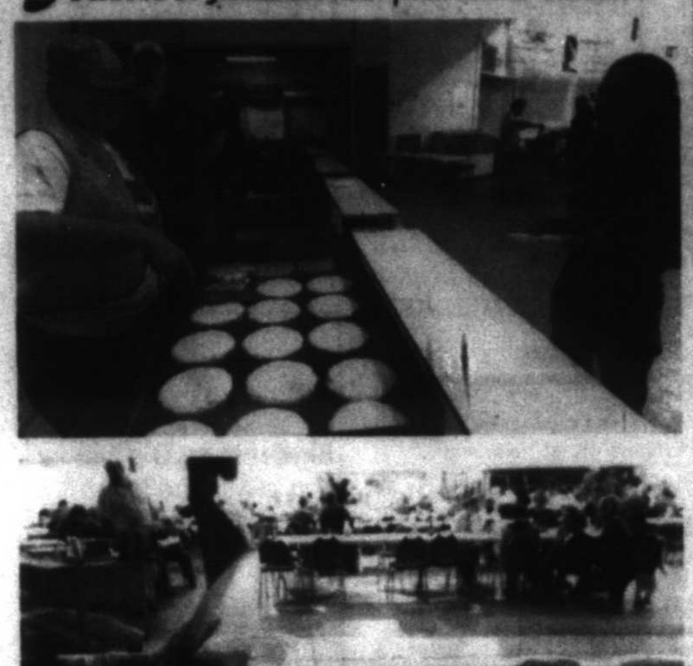
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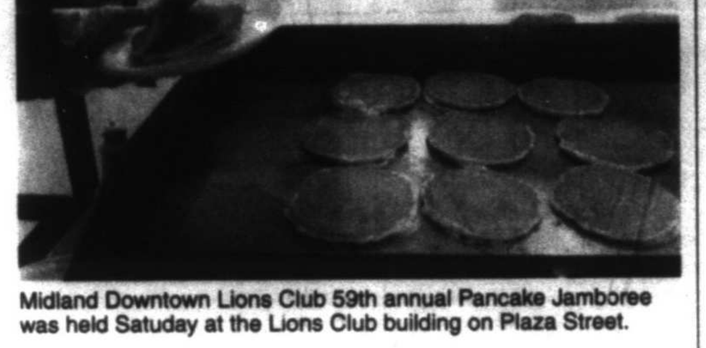
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PANCAKE JAMBOREE

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Midland Downtown Lions Club 59th annual Pancake Jamboree was held Satuday at the Lions Club building on Plaza Street.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

Selecting flowering plants that are well adapted, beautiful and functional can make or break your gardening experience. Understanding plant life cycle can help with planning your garden color.

Flowering annuals live for one growing season. Annuals can be further lumped into cool- or warm-season categories. Cool-season annuals grow and thrive during the fall, winter and spring, while warm-season plants grow in the spring, summer and fall months. Flowering annuals generally have a long blooming period. They are very effective when used as or in a focal area such as next to your front door, in an accent corner or in strategically staged containers.

Cool-season annuals can be planted from seed in September or early October and warm-season can be planted in March and April. If your flowering annuals come from the garden center in pots, you have a much wider time frame in which they can be planted. Cool-season annuals include California poppy, bread poppy, shirley poppy, larkspur, nigella and cornflower. Warm-season annuals include gomphrena, zinnia, marigold, sunflower, scarlet sage, cosmos, purple hyacinth bean vine, cypress vine and cardinal vine.

Flowering biennials live for two growing seasons. They grow vegetatively for one year and then flower the next. Some hollyhocks, rose champion, sweet William dianthus and mullein are a few examples of plants that grow like this. It is a much smaller category when it comes to number of choices.

Flowering perennials are plants that live for three or more years. Most perennials don't bloom for as many weeks as annuals, but they return to bloom year after year. They tend to get larger and better each year and many can be dug and divided for larger sweeps of color and repeated sweeps of color.

Perennials are easily overlooked in the garden center, because they are not in full bloom. They often are purposely sought out by knowledgeable gardeners. With the proper site and care, they will become a great asset in the garden with their beauty that will return year after year.

A few great perennials include black foot daisy (Melampodium luecanthemum), Turk's cap (Malvaviscus arboreus), calylophus (Calylophus speciee), guara (Guara lindheimeri), Texas gold columbine (Aquilegia chrysantha var. Hinckleyana), autumn joy sedum (Sedum sp.) and walker's low catmint.

Despite the cold, ice and snow we've had, we are on the verge of great planting weather. It's time to get your beds ready and do your research. Find re-leaf with the best flowering plants for your garden.

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Coutesy photo

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NEIL SPERRY



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Spraying hummingbird food on flowers would attract more flies than birds

Dear Neil: Would spraying hummingbird food on flowers that are not very fragrant help attract the birds so they could help pollinate the blooms?

Answer: Probably not, plus it would make a terrible mess. You probably would succeed in attracting flies. Nature has been pretty successful in providing flowers that need to be pollinated by hummingbirds or insects with some means of attracting the pollinators to the blossoms. I think I'd just leave well enough alone.

Dear Neil: Where can I buy expanded shale to improve my clay garden soil?

Answer: You're most likely to find it at local independent retail garden centers or at firms that provide landscape contractors with all types of soil mixes for their bed preparations. Call around. You'll be able to find it now that spring has arrived.

Dear Neil: Why would my Persian limes be falling off the tree? The plant appears healthy, and it is still producing blooms, but I'm losing the fruit. This is not happening to my Meyer lemon or my Satsuma. I put all three of them into a storage shed and covered them during the cold spell. What went wrong?

Answer: Texas has been cold enough this winter that Persian limes would have been hurt and fruit would have been aborted in the process. Meyer lemons and Satsumas are more tolerant of cold. All three trees, however, would really benefit from being kept in a warm, bright location over the winter. You might look into a small greenhouse kit. They aren't terribly expensive.

Dear Neil: When is the best time to put out weed-and-feed on my St. Augustine lawn?

Answer: I am absolutely not an advocate for weed-and-feed products. Weedkiller time, whether for broadleafed weeds that are growing actively or for pre-emergent weedkillers to prevent germination of crabgrass and grassburs is four to six weeks earlier than fertilizing time. Plus, you put trees and shrubs at great risk when you apply weedkillers over an entire lawn. I believe in using both categories of products, just not at the same time. Pre-emergent weedkillers need to be applied immediately to prevent germination of crabgrass and grassburs. Post-emergent broadleafed weedkiller sprays can be applied now, as well. Fertilizers should be applied a couple of weeks after the average date of the last killing freeze for your area.

Dear Neil: I find more than a dozen types of mulches in garden centers. Which type do you prefer? Does cedar mulch keep insects away? If so, for how long? Will mulch retard a plant from coming up from its roots? Will mulches keep seeds from sprouting?

Answer: My own choice for all of my beds is finely ground pine bark mulch. I prefer how it pours and lays flat. I like its look and smell. I buy 40 or 50 bags at a time. I even use it as a soil amendment and for lesser-used garden paths. Some say cedar mulch slows insect development, but I'm not so sure that's going to happen with flying insects that may never go down to the ground. Mulches will not keep perennials from sprouting up, but they certainly do prevent or reduce the germination of seeds of both good and bad types of plants.

Dear Neil: I kept live oak acorns in a plastic bag of moist potting soil. Before I could do anything else with them, many had developed inch-long roots. What should I do with them now to improve their odds of surviving?

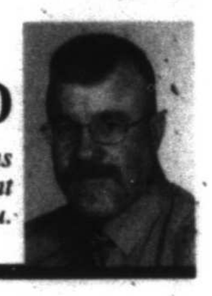
Answer: Plant them into 1-gallon nursery pots filled with a loose, highly organic potting soil. Let them grow for one full season, perhaps repotting to 2-gallon nursery pots when they reach 18 inches later this summer. By the time they're 24 inches tall, you'll be able to set them into your landscape, but stake them to protect them from breaking.

Dear Neil: Why would my mother's dwarf yaupon hollies in San Antonio be turning yellow and dying? Can she treat them to stop this? Should she replace the two that have died?

Answer: This looks like a combination of drought and iron deficiency. I have several that look about like yours after the past couple of brutal summers. I apply an iron additive to their beds this time of year and again in early summer. I apply an all-nitrogen fertilizer to promote good new growth, and I'm careful to put the drip irrigation hose around them.

Healthy lawns provide best prevention of grassburs

JEFF FLOYD



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One of my lovely bride's felines provided a few days of laughter last year as it worked tirelessly to remove the seed pod of a grassbur from between its shoulder blades. My guess is his thick orange fur snagged the bur while he was taking a dirt bath somewhere in the neighborhood. Although I can't be sure where the critter picked it up, Garfield eventually dislodged his annoying sticker.

The pesky little bur that drove my wife's cat mad is the seed capsule of a summer grassy weed that lives only for a single season. The weed is known by a host of common names including field sandbur, sticker bur, bur grass and an unrepeatable nickname I once heard used by a fellow who discovered a few of the barbed husks in his shoe laces.

The sticker is not the seed of the weed but instead is a capsule that contains as many as three seeds. The capsule protects the seeds from drying out, which gives it an edge during a drought when other plants are dying off. The seed pod also helps to spread the weedy grass from one location to another as it attaches itself to shoes, pants and pets.

Grassburs can become a major nuisance in pastures and along roadsides. The weed is not usually a big problem in lawns where the turf is healthy. Healthy stands of bermuda grass and St. Augustine grass usually crowd out grassburs by denying them any room to develop and grow. Grassbur seeds overwinter in the thorny pods and begin to germinate in late spring when soil temperatures reach about 52 degrees.

Few products are labeled for control of grassbur in the home lawn. Most effective grassbur control programs focus on pre-emergent applications of herbicides containing the active ingredients oryzalin, pendimethalin or benefin applied just before germination. Pre-emergents stop the weed before it develops. The first week of March is just about the latest you can wait in West Texas to apply a pre-emergent for control of grassbur.

Control of grassbur in pastures is usually achieved with a combination of low mowing practices used in conjunction with pre-emergent and post-emergent applications. Post-emergent applications kill weeds after they have developed. Several products are listed for post-emergent control of grassbur in pastures. The active ingredients imazapic, nicosulfuron and metsulfuron are active ingredients commonly found in products used for post-emergent control of grassbur in pastures.

Post-emeregent control of grassbur in the home lawn is more difficult to achieve than control in pastures because few home use products list the weed on the label. Those products that do offer control of grassbur in the home lawn have limited effectiveness but can be included in the overall arsenal of practices used to eliminate the weed.

Imazaquin is one active ingredient that can give a little selective post-emergent control of grassbur in the home lawn. Of course glyphosate (RoundUp is one product that contains glyphosate) can kill almost any weed, but it is this lack of selectivity that makes it useless on living turfgrass in home lawns. Glyphosate will kill any living plant tissue it contacts.

Before 2013, monosodium methane arsenate (MSMA) was the most effective way to selectively control grassy weeds in home lawns but its use is now restricted to the control of weeds in the agricultural production of cotton only. New products are being tested every year but in the final analysis, a healthy stand of turfgrass is the most effective method of controlling any weed in the home lawn.

Although I had a wonderful time at Garfield's expense as he struggled to rid himself of his sticky passenger, he got the last laugh. My bare foot found what must have been his contribution to the carpet directly in front of my bathroom sink.



TODAY: Mostly cloudy	WEDNESDAY: Mostly cloudy	THURSDAY: Mostly sunny	FRIDAY: Sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny
High: 68 Low: 43	High: 46 Low: 21	High: 38 Low: 22	High: 48 Low: 30	High: 66 Low: 39	High: 66 Low: 39

Local forecast

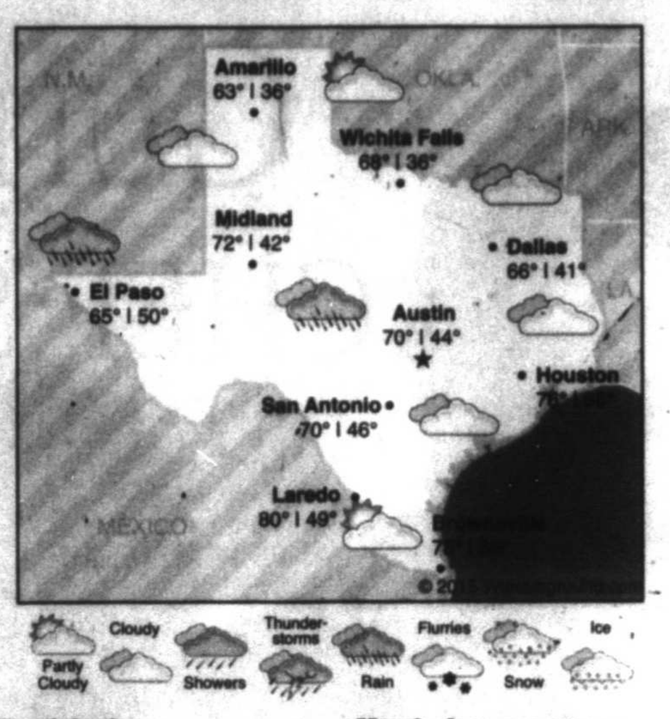
Rain returns to the forecast with a 30 percent chance of showers tonight, a 40 percent chance of a wintry mix Wednesday and a 20 percent chance of snow and sleet Wednesday night.

The high on Monday was 36, while the low was 32. The record high for March 2 is 86 set in 1986. The record low is 9 set in 1980.

Weather why

Q: Sleet is in the forecast. Is there any difference between sleet and freezing rain?

A: The major difference is how they are formed in the atmosphere, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. Freezing rain is rain that freezes when it comes into contact with other surfaces, such as pavement or cars. "Freezing rain forms when warm, moist air moves over cold air near the surface," McRoberts said. "Freezing rain is very dangerous because it tends to coat roadway surfaces. When surface temperatures are at or below 32 degrees, rain will quickly freeze on contact, and if the ice accumulates, it can shut down an entire city very quickly. Sleet is often confused with freezing rain, but sleet hits the ground already frozen, often forming in advance of a warm front."



Precipitation

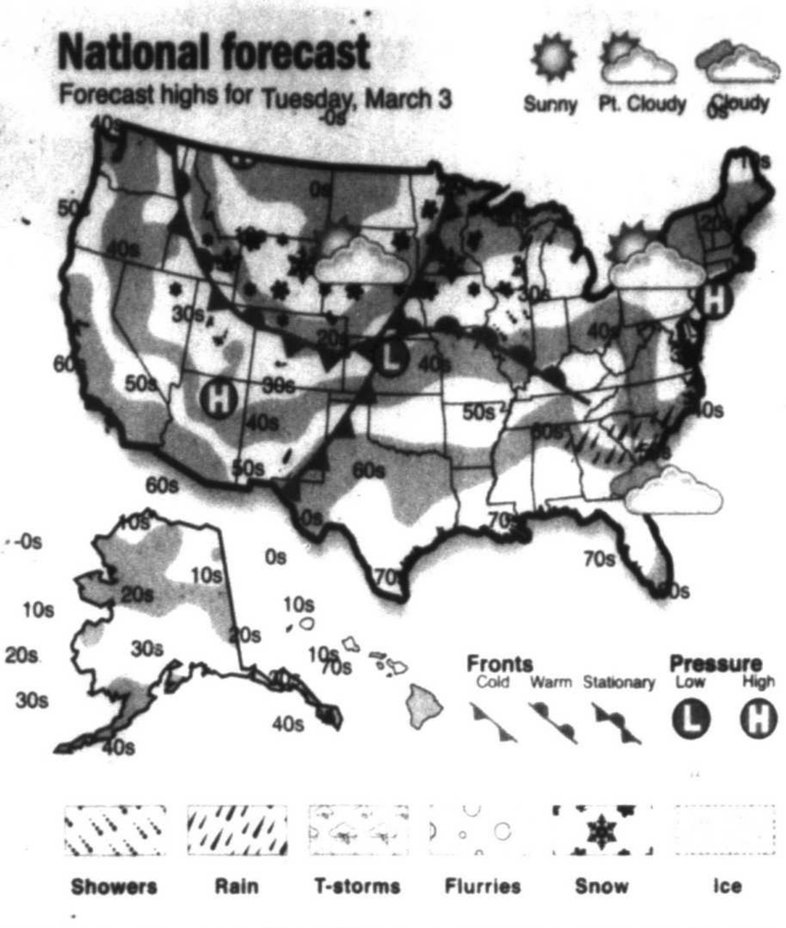
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	2.69 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.31 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	36
Low	32
Normal high	66
Normal low	38
Sunrise	7:14 a.m.
Sunset	6:48 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, March 3



Invitations don't need to include everyone at work

DEAR ABBY



Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I teach at a fairly small school. My grade-level teaching team consists of five teachers who work closely together.

During the last school year, one of my team members got engaged. This year, we've had a change of staff and now have a new member on our team. My colleague has not, and does not, plan to invite this new member to her wedding, although the rest of us are invited. The save-the-dates and shower invitations have all been hand-delivered at school, making it awkward for the person who has not been invited.

I feel it wasn't appropriate to include all but one of the team simply because she is new to the group. Am I correct in feeling that my colleague did not handle this appropriately? — FRUSTRATED IN THE FIRST GRADE

DEAR FRUSTRATED: A wedding is not a children's birthday party to which all the children must be invited if the invitations are handed out at school. While it would have been more diplomatic if the bride had mailed or emailed the invitations to her teammates, she was in no way obligated to invite someone with whom she hadn't worked.

DEAR ABBY: How do you handle providing truthful advice to someone with sensitive feelings? My sister "Ella" is actively dating and doesn't seem to handle the rejection well. This leads her to ask a number of questions she wants me to be truthful about, yet when I answer honestly, she gets mad and sometimes starts to cry.

Now when Ella asks my opinion, I either tell her half-truths or avoid the situation altogether. I'm not mean when I say what I think, but I think she only wants to hear what she wants. How do I answer her questions without hurting her feelings yet be truthful? — TONGUE-TIED IN OHIO

DEAR TONGUE-TIED: You don't. Instead, you suggest that Ella seek information from someone "more qualified" — a psychologist. Because she has had one failed relationship after another, it would benefit her to talk to a therapist so she won't keep repeating the same mistakes she's making. Your sister may be attracted to the wrong kind of men, or so needy she chases men away. She may be more receptive to hearing what she needs to from a therapist than from you.

DEAR ABBY: I have a man living with me as a boarder, paying weekly rent. He's a friend, as well, but not a close one.

I'm at a loss as to how to tell him he can't use my bath towels, washcloth, bar soap, toothpaste or hairbrush. I'm tempted to tape a list on the bathroom mirror saying, "Please do not use the following," then list the items I feel are too personal to share. I can't imagine how someone would think it's OK to use someone else's personal things. — GROSSED-OUT GUY IN THE SOUTH

DEAR GROSSED OUT: The thing about silence is that it implies consent. Obviously, your boarder knows or cares nothing about boundaries. If you don't have the courage to tell him face-to-face that certain things are off-limits and what they are, then by all means tape a large sign to the bathroom mirror.

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 Tuesday, March 3, 2015:

This year you often question what you hear. Don't always assume you are getting the whole truth. Sometimes your feelings are in direct opposition to your thinking. Know that both might be right, and take some time to decide which one you should listen to. If you are single, expect to be in high demand all year long. After mid-August, an opportunity to meet someone special could arise. The two of you are likely be a good fit. If you are attached, you and your sweetie will tend to agree to disagree, and as a result, you will learn even more about each other. Work through your issues together. LEO always comes up with good solutions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Use your spontaneity more positively. You could put a smile on a friend's face. You'll have the right touch to loosen up a relationship that has been stiff and somewhat touchy. You will see others become more responsive. Tonight: Let your hair down.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Action surrounds your home. Worry less about what could happen, and remain positive. A friend is likely to come through for you, though you might feel a bit out of sync. Focus on what you want, and don't be distracted. Your endurance counts. Tonight: Head home and relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Explain what you need as well as what you want. You will be heard no matter what happens. Maintain a low profile. Someone you care about could take the lead in an important discussion. Listen well, and you will learn a lot. Tonight: Hang out with your pals.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might see a money matter arise that could cause you to be somewhat off-kilter. Know what you must do, but try not to upset the apple cart. Understand that the unexpected is likely to occur, no matter how focused you are. Tonight: Stick to your bottom line.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ News from afar could surprise you. You'll wonder what would be the best way to approach a change within a relationship. You might not know where the other party stands. The innate tension between you could throw you off. Tonight: Follow a partner's lead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You'll feel unusually sure of yourself, but wait one more day before expressing your thoughts. You still might hear an important fact or two that could change your thinking. Do your best to respond appropriately to someone's request. Tonight: Be near good music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You'll want to push harder to achieve what you want. Your sense of humor likely won't be in line with someone else's. This person might not even get that you are just joking. Remember this for the future. Tonight: Wherever your friends are, you can be found.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You'll need to remember what to do in order to forge ahead with an unpredictable cohort. There is undeniable tension that exists between you. Use your instincts, and you will land on your feet. Logic does not necessarily work with this person. Tonight: Let the party go on and on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ A child or new friend could surprise you with what he or she says or does. This distraction could affect your concentration. Attempt to detach a bit if you have to handle an important matter. Still, try to enjoy the spontaneity of the moment. Tonight: Movie night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ One-on-one relating will help you bypass having to return a lot of calls and messages from the same group. Your sense of humor comes out in a discussion. Although there could be an awkward moment, you will be able to get past the problem at hand. Tonight: Be a duo.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You could be surprised by what a loved one or dear friend shares. You might want to buy a token of affection for this person. Remember your budget; you won't want to go overboard. Be realistic about your expectations. Tonight: Go along with a request.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You could be upset by a misunderstanding between you and a loved one. Clearly, you don't see eye to eye with this person. Accept your differences and use them positively. Both of you have a unique perspective, and both will be applicable. Tonight: Relax at home.

BORN TODAY

Inventor Alexander Graham Bell (1847), actress Jean Harlow (1911), industrialist George Pullman (1831)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Routine play

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ A Q 6 2
♥ A 8 5
♦ A 8 6
♣ 6 5 2

WEST
♠ 10 8
♥ Q 6
♦ K Q J 10 9
♣ J 8 7 3

EAST
♠ K 9 7 5 3
♥ K 4 3
♦ 5 4 3
♣ 10 4

SOUTH
♠ J 4
♥ J 10 9 7 2
♦ 7 2
♣ A K Q 9

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3	Pass	4	All pass

Opening lead: King of ♦

South ducked the opening lead, then won the diamond continuation with dummy's ace. He led a club to his hand and ran the jack of hearts, losing to East's king, who reverted to diamonds. Declarer ruffed and led the 10 of hearts, which was covered by the queen and won in dummy with the ace.

A trump back to his hand drew the last trump before running the jack of spades. Though this lost to East's king, the queen of spades in dummy provided a parking spot for the losing club and South had 10 rather easy tricks.

This seems like a simple hand for declarer and for the defense, but both sides could have done better. It was not necessary to duck the opening lead. This was unlikely to cut communications between defenders or prevent a diamond continuation, should the defense elect to go that way. In fact, the hold-up play gave the defense a chance to shift.

Also, West's diamond continuation at trick two was poorly judged. Even if South had a third diamond, West was not likely to have an entry to cash another trick in that suit. Had West shifted to a spade, the contract would have been defeated. Declarer could not prevent West from scoring a spade ruff with the queen of trumps to go with their other three tricks.

A play that seems routine isn't always so routine. It never hurts to give it a little thought before making the "obvious" play.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 With 69-Across, subject of this puzzle
7 Portrayer of 1-/69-Across in "Sherlock Holmes" (2009)
14 Not straying from the subject
16 Satan
17 "The Diary of Anne Frank" police
18 Muscle-to-bone connectors
19 Audio jack label
20 Took charge of
21 Wise folk
22 Rewrite for the screen
24 Set a price of
26 Northern California town that once had a palindromic bakery
29 Mentally sound
30 Live, in the studio
32 Kool-Aid instruction
33 Ostrich kin
35 "I __ Fine": Beatles hit
37 Antlered beast
38 Portrayer of 1-/69-Across in the BBC's "Sherlock"
42 World games org.
43 A bit open
44 "C'est la __"
45 Cry for seconds
47 Battery end
49 Rise dramatically
53 Sticking point
55 Game won by discarding all your cards
56 Iditarod jacket
57 Wood finish
59 DKNY rival
61 Press __
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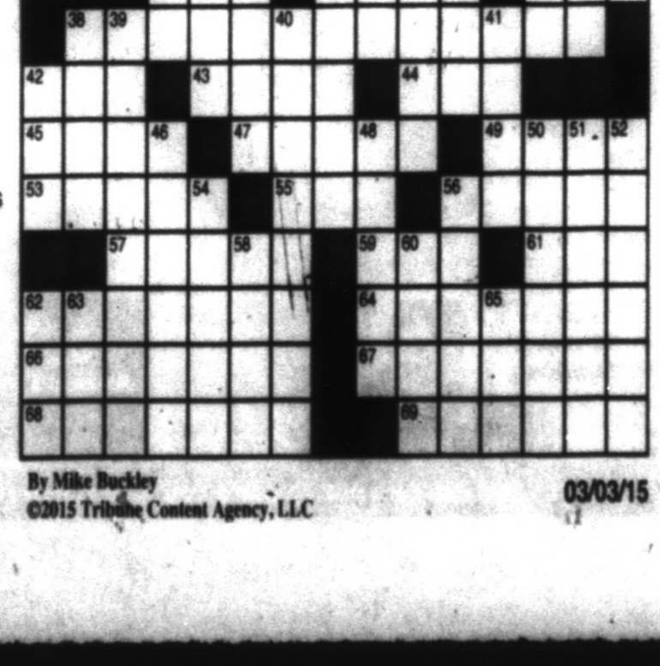
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2 Tableware company named for a New York town
3 ER diagnostic tool
4 Day care attendee
5 Eyeball-bending gallery display
6 TV host Kelly
7 Watercraft rider
8 Eye layer containing the iris
9 Dull-colored
10 Senior officials
11 It's brewed in infusers
12 Political writer Coulter
13 Director Anderson
15 With 48-Down, 1-/69-Across creator Arthur
23 Jury member
25 Paella spice
27 Ceramics oven
28 Noah's flood insurance
30 Message-spelling board
31 Superman player Christopher
34 Former Boston commuter org.
36 "Welcome to Hawaii" gift
38 Secure in a harbor
39 Quotation puzzle
40 Mork's sign-off
41 Southwestern tableland
42 Tough kid to handle
46 Thing
48 See 15-Down
50 Mork's people
51 Quite like
52 Gives away to the cops
54 "Solid!" punctuator
56 Spanish silver
58 Four, on some sundials
60 "Major Barbara" playwright
62 Hole-making tool
63 French wine word
65 "Grab a chair"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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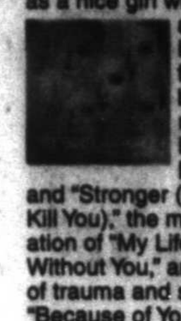


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SOUNDBITES

Reviews of recent releases

KELLY CLARKSON
"Piece by Piece"



Kelly Clarkson has thrived as a nice girl with a big voice and a grudge. Her career-defining hits have been good-riddance songs like "Since U Been Gone" and "Stronger (What Doesn't Kill You)," the messy reconciliation of "My Life Would Suck Without You," and confessions of trauma and struggle like "Because of You." The versatile voice that made Clarkson the first winner of "American Idol," can sail through just about any arrangement: rock, ballad, arena-country and, most often at the moment, anthems pumped with dance beats. She and her producers generally make each tune a buildup that climbs to pop peaks as its righteous anger rises.

But now that Clarkson, 32, is married with an 8-month-old daughter, she has to look past current romance for something to get riled about, and the effort shows on her new album, "Piece by Piece."

The music is huge and glossy, a technical tour de force. It's a product of the current pop-industrial complex; the album's main producer, Greg Kurstin, also works with Pink and Katy Perry, and Clarkson draws material from widely recorded songwriters like Sia Furler and Matthew Koma. While the credits list some physical instruments, and orchestras are on call, they are shielded within electronic fortresses of reverb, synthetic tones, whooshing effects and programmed drums. Clarkson also deploys armies of voices, most of them her own, in songs like "Invincible," a Furler collaboration that proclaims "I am invincible/No I ain't a scared little girl no more." Every song aims for the monumental, a strategy that's competitive for radio play but wearying over the course of a whole album.

Clarkson is still combative. In the single "Heartbeat Song," which moves from new-wave verses to a shimmering, blasting electronic chorus, Clarkson sings about finding happiness, but grudgingly: "You're a different, different kind of fun/I'm so used to feeling numb." In Koma's "Someone," which pulsates like a trance track, she makes a non-apology apology for saying "things I wish I didn't really mean/Sorry I'm not sorry." A gospely chorus appears in "I Had a Dream" — one of the three songs on the album she wrote with Kurstin — amid cranky, backhanded advice. "It's too bad you can't see what you're worth/Spreading your legs 'stead of using your words."

The album's most accusatory song, also written by Clarkson and Kurstin, is its title track, a U2-style anthem that contrasts the unselfish love of her husband with bitter thoughts about her father. "Piece by piece he restored my faith/That a man can be kind and a father could stay." There's vulnerability there — no wonder Clarkson's publishing company is named Songs for My Shrink — but the music rises quickly to bombast, triumphal and glamorous but remote.

Jon Pareles/N.Y. Times



GUITARIST, CHEF STALKER

Jazz and food are a match for musician John Pizzarelli

By Rich Lopez
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Hark back to the 1980s when John Pizzarelli remembers his first West Texas Jazz Party. With all the musicians and legends, that lone party made an impression on him.

"This was the first jazz fest I ever did, and I just remember I never saw anything like it," he said via phone from his home in New York. "Some of the greatest jazz musicians at the time were there all in one place. It's just amazing to think of that still."

He returns to the party this time as a headliner.

Pizzarelli is the featured performer at WTJS' Big Ranch, Big City: A New York Cabaret Evening on Thursday at the Odessa Country Club. The event will also feature a three-course meal by popular West Texas chef Louis Lambert, owner of Lambert's in Fort Worth and author of "Big Ranch, Big City" cookbook.

Music and food — Pizzarelli said there could never be a better pairing.

"Oh, yeah, that's big for me," he said. "What's ironic is that I have no improv skills as a cook, but it's very fun and relaxing for me. I love all the chopping and dicing or making pasta. It's fulfilling."

Pizzarelli would almost rather talk about food than music. He admits to even stalking his chef friends to better learn his way around the kitchen.

"Food and cooking are quite fun for me," he said.

But if Pizzarelli has a challenge with food and music, it's a playlist.

With such an extensive background in music — he just released his 24th album, a collection of Johnny Mercer songs — and his own experience in food, Pizzarelli admits it's a tough decision of selecting the right music to play for a meal.

"You don't want something too challenging against the meal, but then you don't want something too innocuous, either," he explained.

So why not his own on music?

"It depends. Sometimes I do, but there are actually a couple of good albums by Paul Weston and Jo Stafford that add a sort of old-timey elegance," he said.

With more than 20 records under his belt, could new material or album concepts start to wane thin? For Pizzarelli, hardly. His current album came while strolling through an airport.

"You would think that but it's not as finite as it seems. We had played that Johnny Mercer set, and it occurred to me while I was at a Dallas airport that it should become an album," he said. "And there are still so many composers I want to tackle."

But until then, he's focused on Johnny Mercer, who wrote such landmark tunes like "Skylark," "When Fools Rush In" and "P.S. I Love You," many of which he'll perform Thursday with his band.

"I'll definitely be playing some Mercer and some Duke Ellington and Nat King Cole," he said. "I feel I can understand the audience, and those who are fans know what to expect, and those who see me for the first time, I think will be surprised and happy. For me, it's just as important to be entertainting as it is to play great jazz."

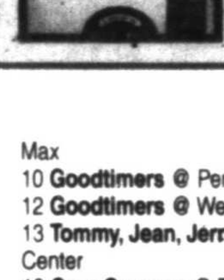
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Big Ranch, Big City: A New York Cabaret Evening at Odessa Country Club, 1 Fairway Drive. 6:30 p.m. Thursday. wtjs.org.

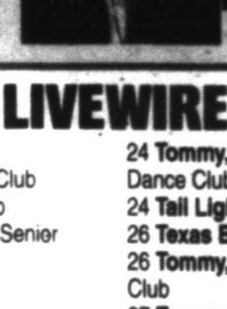
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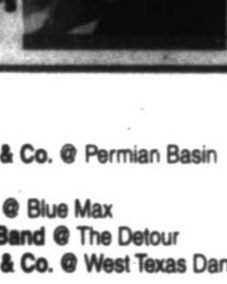
Kelly Clarkson 'Piece by Piece'



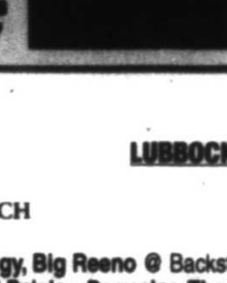
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LIVEWIRE

MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

MARCH

3 **Johnny & Susie Band** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
3 **T. Ton, Lil T. Ton** @ Cabana Sports Bar
5 **Johnny & Susie Band** @ West Texas Dance Club
5 **Matt Woods, Jeff Shepherd, Matt Mathis** @ Blue Max
5 **John Pizzarelli** @ Odessa Country Club
5 **Dan Johnson and the Salt Cedar Rebels** @ Lone Star Bar
5 **Jeremy Steding** @ Rockin Rodeo
5 **Dylan Scott, Craig Campbell** @ Graham Central Station
6 **Shane Rogers Band** @ The Detour
6 **Gary Nix & WestTexas** @ Barn Door
6-7 **Dirty Glass** @ Hot Shots
6-7 **The Texas Hill Country Outlaws** @ Rilwy's
6-7 **Electric Cowboys** @ The Bar
6-7 **Bobby Champion and the New Revolution Band** @ Your Place
7 **Honky, Kanye East, Kilter** @ Blue Max
7 **Noel Olivas** @ La Hacienda
7 **Eddie Ray Bareis** @ Midland Lions Club
8 **All Falls Down, Sweetest Misbehavior, Dead Romeos, Adipocere** @ Club Patron
9 **Brief Lives featuring Valient Himself** @ Blue Max
10 **Goodtimers** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
12 **Goodtimers** @ West Texas Dance Club
13 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
13 **Gary Gorence** @ The Wine Rack
13 **Gary Nix & West Texas** @ Barn Door
13 **Thawind Mills** @ 10 Sports Bar
13-14 **Blackwater Draw** @ Your Place
13-14 **Freeride** @ The Bar
14 **Suzy Bogguss, Leroy Van Dyke, T.G. Shepherd, Jimmy Fortune** @ Wagner Noël
14 **Duane Mark** @ Blue Max
14 **Dustin Lynch** @ La Hacienda
14 **JB And The Moonshine Band** @ Graham Central Station
14 **Ernesto Calderon** @ The Wine Rack
15 **Here Lies the Hero** @ Blue Max
16 **Live From Nashville** @ Wagner Noel
16 **Goodtimers** @ Andrews Senior Center
17 **Showdown** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
19 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ West Texas Dance Club
19 **Aaron Lewis** @ La Hacienda
19 **Sam Riggs, Mike Ryan** @ Rockin Rodeo
19 **Sleeze, Thunderosa** @ Blue Max
20 **The Uneweet T's** @ The Detour
20-21 **Who'z Drivin'** @ Your Place
21 **Bastard Suns, Bumpin Uglies** @ Blue Max
22 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Music City Mall
24 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
24 **Tail Light Rebellion** @ Blue Max
26 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ The Detour
26 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ West Texas Dance Club
27 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
27 **Doug C & The Blacklisted, Walker and the Texas Dangers, Armadillo Creek** @ Blue Max
27-28 **Santa Fe Band featuring Wilvis** @ Your Place
27 **Dwight Yoakum** @ La Hacienda
28 **Dead Earth Politics, Snake Skin Prison, Speedozer, Cadillac to Mexico** @ Blue Max
29 **The Diamonds** @ Wagner Noel
30 **James Hunnicutt and the Hangdog Hearts** @ Blue Max
31 **Black Gold** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
31 **Merle Haggard** @ Wagner Noel

APRIL

2 **Rosco Bandana** @ Basin Burger House
7 **Bob Wayne abd the Outlaw Carnies** @ Blue Max
10 **Gary Nix & West Texas** @ Your Place
12 **Artillery, Striker, VX36, PotentialThreat, Daihmers Realm** @ Blue Max
16 **Crobot, Convoy** @ Blue Max
17-18 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Your Place

LUBBOCK

MARCH

6 **Chingy, Big Reeno** @ Backstage Lubbock
7 **Brad Paisley, Parmalee, The Swon Brothers** @ United Supermarkets Arena
10 **One-Eyed Doll** @ Jake's
11 **American Aquarium** @ Blue Light Lubbock
19 **A Skylit Drive, The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus, Wolves At The Gate, For The Win, Breaking Through** @ Jake's

NEW MEXICO

MARCH

28 **Buckcherry** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

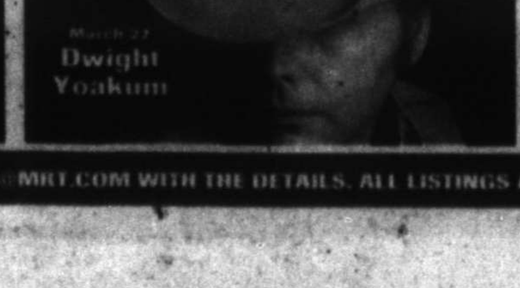
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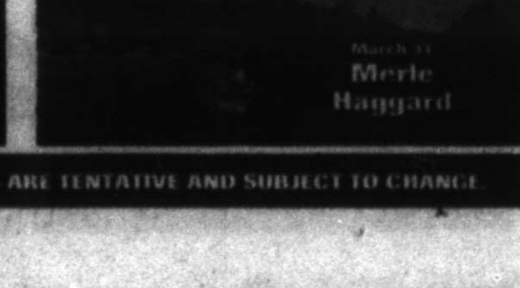
MARCH

4 **Fleetwood Mac** @ American Airlines Center
5 **Helmet** @ Gas Monkey Live!
6 **Alan Jackson, Jon Pardi, Ashley Monroe** @ Verizon Theatre
7 **John Mellencamp, Carlene Carter** @ McFarlin Memorial Auditorium
8 **Mavis Staples, James Hall** @ Kessler Theater









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Texas keeps NCAA hopes alive, beats No. 14 Baylor

By Mark Rosner
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Isaiah Taylor didn't play a lot for Texas on Monday night. He was on the court when it mattered most.

The sophomore guard made a tear-drop shot in the lane with 4.8 seconds remaining in overtime to give Texas a 61-59 victory over No. 14 Baylor, snapping the Bears' four-game winning streak and the Longhorns' four-game losing streak.

Texas (18-12) improved to 7-10 in the Big 12 with one game remaining, keeping its hopes for an NCAA tournament bid alive. Last season, Oklahoma State became the first Big 12 team to get an at-large bid with a losing conference record (8-10).

Longhorns	61
No. 14 Bears	59 (OT)

Baylor (22-8, 10-7) had a chance to tie, but Kenny Chery's shot was blocked by Myles Turner with 1 second left.

"Coach (Rick Barnes) said this gives us another breath," Texas guard Javan Felix said.

Taylor, the Longhorns' point guard, played only 6 minutes in the first half because of foul trouble. He was on the bench for all but 5 minutes in the second half and that was Barnes' choice.

"He wasn't doing what we needed him to do defensively," said Barnes, who won his 400th game at Texas.

But Taylor was back for overtime, making another tear-drop shot early in the extra period before the game-winner.

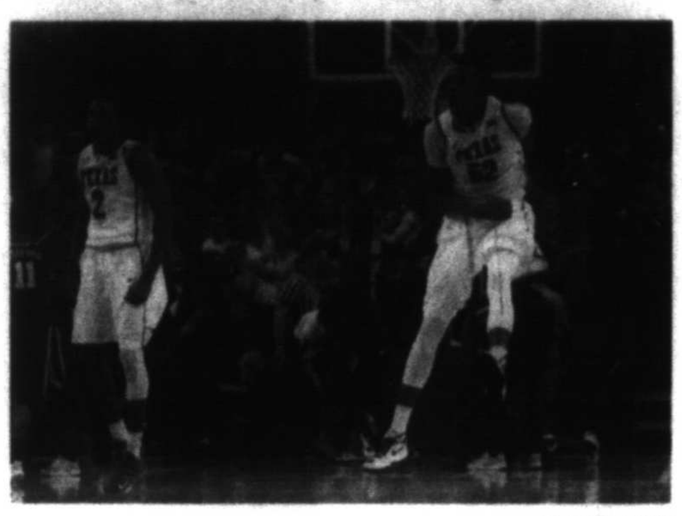
Seven players from both teams were ejected in the overtime for leaving the bench during a brief skirmish between Taylor and Baylor's Royce O'Neale. Taylor said he was hit in the mouth by O'Neale's elbow.

Demarcus Holland led Texas with 12 points. Kendal Yancy scored 11, one more than Felix, who began the overtime with a 3-pointer.

Taurean Prince led Baylor with 17 points. Rico Gathers had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

After an exchange of turnovers in the overtime, Taylor and O'Neale fell to the court, prompting the brief skirmish. Four Longhorns, including starters Yancy and Cam Ridley, were ejected along with key reserves

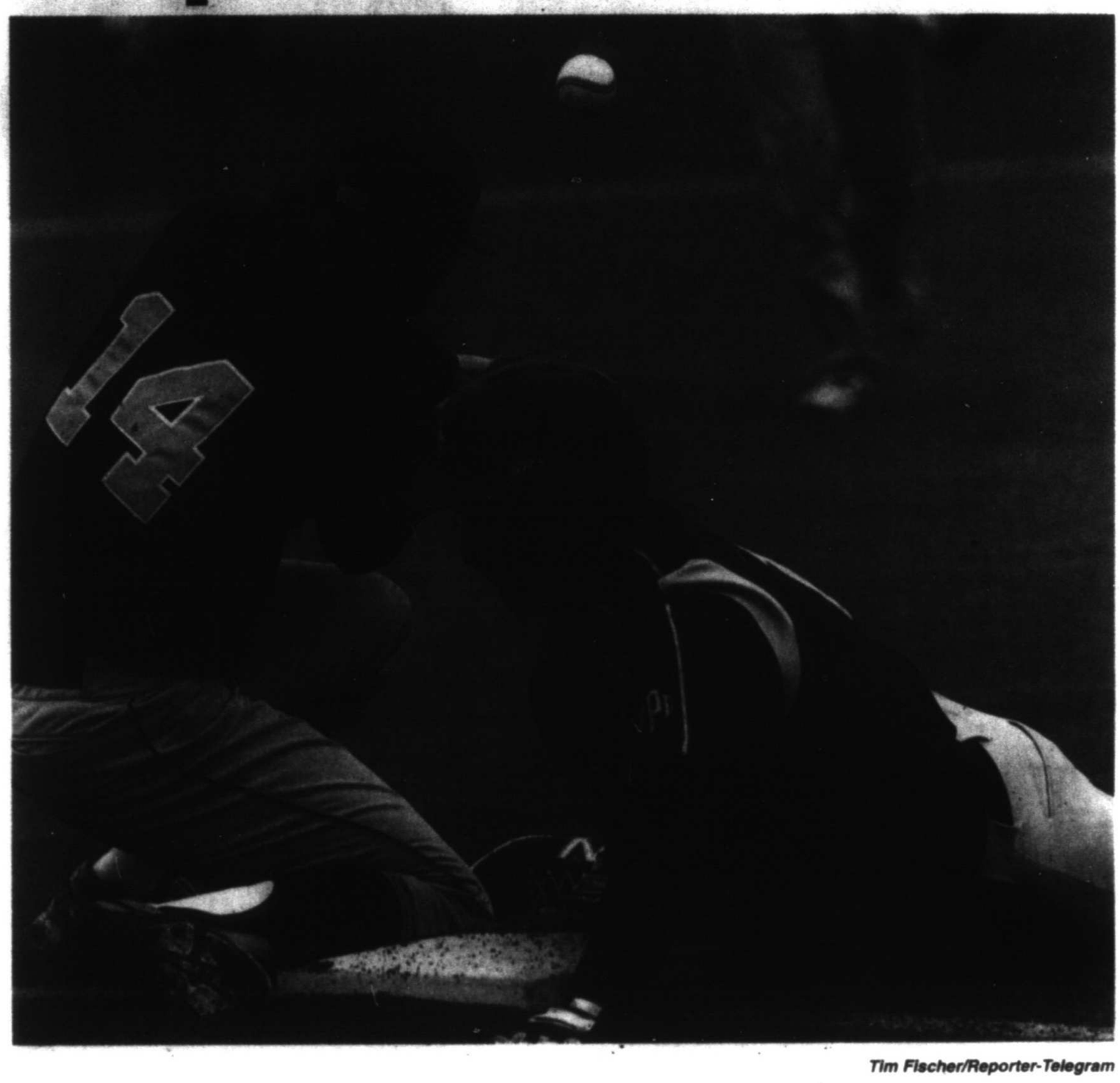
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Eric Gay/AP

Texas' Myles Turner, right, celebrates with teammates after he blocked a shot in the final seconds of overtime in Monday's game against Baylor in Austin, Texas.

Chaps win 3 of 4 in series



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College pitcher Shane Browning, left, covers third base but as Frank Phillips' Casey Vincent safely slides back into the bag Monday at Christensen Stadium. The Chaparrals split Monday's doubleheader.

Browning pitches MC to Game 1 win in DH

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On a day in which the weather made it hard for the Midland College baseball team to find its offensive groove at times, Shane Browning helped the Chaparrals salvage a split against Frank Phillips College on Monday afternoon.

The freshman right-hander pitched six solid innings, and Christian Whigham drew a bases-loaded walk for the go-ahead run in the bottom of the sixth for a 3-2 victory in the first game at Christensen Stadium. In the second game, the Plainsmen had no trouble getting their offense going as they had 16 hits to pull away for a 13-5 win.

Despite the split, the Chaparrals (8-7) still took three out of four games in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference opening series.

"If you can do that every weekend, you've got a chance to go on a championship run," MC coach David Coleman said. "I like where we're at. I like the energy that we had, I liked the enthusiasm we had. I thought we played comfortable for the first conference series. For the first weekend, I'm pleased where we're at."

Chaparrals	3-5
Plainsmen	2-13

Browning helped secure the conference series win by allowing just two runs (one earned) on three hits, with one walk and six strikeouts.

"I felt pretty good," Browning said. "I had a little trouble with command early but my off-speed, curve ball was working pretty well and my defense was playing pretty well behind me."

The Chaps' offense backed up Browning up in the bottom of the sixth when it not only got the hits it needed but the breaks as well, trailing 2-1 at the time.

The rally started when Justin Clarkson reached on a dropped fly ball with one out, making it all the way to second base. After advancing to third on a single by Yahir Gurrola (2-for-3), Clarkson scored on a single to left by Bryndan Arredondo to tie the game. Gilbert Sanchez later drew a two-out walk and Whigham drew a full-count walk to score Gurrola with the go-ahead run.

"Our offense is real clutch," Browning said. "They always find a way to string hits together and just somehow finding a way to pull it out in the end."

Sebastian Palacios closed out the win as he struck out the side to earn his second save in as many days.

"I thought Browning competed really well and Palacios came in, closed the door and was affective two days in a row," Coleman said. "That's encouraging to see him go back-to-back days and get a couple of saves on the weekend."

The Plainsmen (3-11, 1-3) jumped out

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Astros' Altuve searching for more in 2015

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Florida — Jose Altuve hit .341, became the first Houston player to win a batting title and set a team record with 225 hits in 2014.

What do the Astros like best about all that? The second baseman is intent on being even better this year.

"I want to improve my hitting, my defense, improve my baserunning — everything," Altuve said. "If you improve as a player, you're going to help your team and I think that's very important."

New manager A.J. Hinch is thrilled to have Altuve on his team and a broad smile spread across his face when told of his comments about improving.



Altuve

"I love the fact that Altuve's not satisfied," Hinch said. "I think he's a great example for our young players. He's always searching for that little edge that will make him a better player. I expect him to put in the effort and he will to become an even better player than we saw last year."

Altuve has been a bright spot for the Astros as they went through the arduous and painful task of rebuilding the past few seasons. Now that they're done working toward the future and focusing on winning now, they're looking to Altuve to lead the way.

"He's the spark of the team," owner Jim Crane said. "He's got an infectious smile and he's a great guy and I think you'll see him step up and lead a lot more this year."

He's embraced that role early in spring training, taking 2012 No. 1 overall pick Carlos Correa under his wing, showing him the ropes and making sure he's doing things the right way.

At just 24, Altuve emerged last season as the league's most consistent hitter, leading the majors in batting average and hits. Houston's previous record for hits in a season was 210, set in 1998 by Craig Biggio, who was elected to the Hall of Fame this year.

Altuve was third in the majors with 47 doubles, had 59 RBI and tied for second in the league with 56 stolen bases.

He's the leadoff hitter and loves the power in the lineup behind him. The Astros added in Evan Gattis and Colby Rasmus this offseason to a lineup that already featured Chris Carter, who tied for second in the majors with 37 home runs. Houston was fourth in the majors with 163 homers last season.

"It's going to be pretty interesting," Altuve said. "I think that's going to be the key for this year with Carter, Gattis, Rasmus, Jason (Castro). That could change the whole team."

Low-key and humble, Altuve seems uncomfortable talking about his

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Jefferson keys 3rd-quarter spurt, Mavs beat Pelicans

Associated Press

DALLAS — Richard Jefferson tied his season high with 16 points, seven during a 16-0 Dallas run early in the third quarter, and the Mavericks raced past the New Orleans Pelicans 102-93 on Monday night.

The 34-year-old Jefferson made his fifth consecutive start in place of small forward Chandler Parsons, sidelined with a sprained left ankle, and hit five of six field goal attempts.

The Mavericks were led by Monta Ellis with 20 points. Rajon Rondo added 19 points, 15 in the first half.

Mavericks	102
Pelicans	93

The Pelicans, who entered on a five-game winning streak that equaled their longest in the last four years, were paced by Norris Cole with 19 points off the bench. Eric Gordon added 18 and Tyreke Evans 17.

After Dante Cunningham's jumper 20 seconds into the third quarter increased the Pelicans' lead to 60-55, New Orleans missed its next 12 shots as the Mavericks moved ahead 71-60 lead.

The Pelicans played without center Anthony Davis (shoulder), point guard Jrue Holiday (stress reaction lower right leg) and reserve forward Ryan Anderson (sprained right MCL).

Dallas outscored New Orleans 25-13 in the third period, limiting the Pelicans to 26.3 percent shooting from the floor.

The Mavericks also outscored the Pelicans 50-24 in the paint and tied a season low with seven turnovers.

Dallas played its third consecutive game without center Tyson Chandler (bruised left hip).

The Pelicans hit nine of 17 shots from 3-point range in the first half while grabbing a 58-55 lead. They got 28 points off the bench, led by Cole (13) and Alexis Ajinca (10).

Dirk Nowitzki, Dallas' second-leading scorer at 17.7 points per game, took only two shots in the half and had

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Sharon Ellman/AP

Dallas' Amare Stoudemire, left, and Richard Jefferson, right, defend New Orleans Pelicans center Alexis Ajinca on Monday in Dallas.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY

WHAT'S ON TV

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Rice at TCU, 6:30 p.m., FSSWP

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Spring Training: Pittsburgh vs. Toronto, Noon, MLB

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Iowa at Indiana, 6 p.m., ESPN

North Carolina at Georgia Tech, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Georgetown at Butler, 6 p.m., FS1

Rhode Island at Dayton, 6 p.m., CBSSN

Maryland at Rutgers, 6 p.m., BTN

Ole Miss at Alabama, 6 p.m., SEC

Omaha at North Dakota, 7 p.m., FCSP

Kentucky at Georgia, 8 p.m., ESPN

West Virginia at Kansas, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Texas A&M at Florida, 8 p.m., ESPNU

Villanova at Creighton, 8 p.m., FS1

Auburn at Missouri, 8 p.m., SEC

Michigan at Northwestern, 8 p.m., BTN

MEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

UC Irvine at USC, 8 p.m., P12

Cal State Northridge at UCLA, 10 p.m., P12

MEN'S SOCCER

English Premier: Aston Villa vs. West Bromwich Albion, 1:45 p.m., NBCSN/NBCU

English Premier: Southampton vs. Crystal Palace, 1:45 p.m., NBCET

English Premier: Hull City vs. Sunderland, 1:45 p.m., NBCET

French Cup: US Boulogne CO vs. AS Saint-Etienne, 1:55 p.m., beIN

Copa Libertadores: Barcelona vs. Libertad, 4:30 p.m., FOXDEP

CONCACAF U-17: Mexico vs. Saint Lucia, 5 p.m., FS2/UniDep

Copa MX: CF Merida vs. Atlante, 6:55 p.m., ESPNDEP

CONCACAF Champions: Montreal Impact vs. CF Pachuca, 7 p.m., FS2/GALA

Copa Libertadores: Cruzeiro vs. Huracan, 7 p.m., FOXDEP

Copa MX: CD Guadalajara vs. Irapuato, 7 p.m., UniDep

Copa MX: Santos Laguna vs. Queretaro, 8:55 p.m., ESPNDEP

Copa MX: Monterrey vs. Tiburones de Veracruz, 9 p.m., UniDep

NBA

Houston at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m., NBAtv

NHL

Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

NY Islanders at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

TCU at Texas, 7 p.m., LHN

West Virginia at Kansas State, 7 p.m., FCSA

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Class A Regional Quarterfinal, Grady vs. Borden County, 6:30 p.m., Lamesa

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

San Angelo Central at Lee, 7:30 p.m.

Midland High at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER

Midland High at Odessa Permian, 5:30 p.m.

San Angelo Central at Lee, 5:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Greenwood at Trinity, 4 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Lubbock Coronado at Lee, 4 p.m.

Odessa Permian at Greenwood, 5 p.m.

Pecos at Midland Christian, 6 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Andrews at Midland Christian, 6 p.m.

Midland Classical at Crane, 6 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with RHPs Mauricio Cabrera, Brandon Cunniff, Mike Foltynewicz, Juan Jaime, Tyrell Jenkins, Shelby Miller, Williams Perez, Shae Simmons, Arodys Vizcaino and Dan Winkler. LHPs Luis Avilan, Manny Banuelos, Sean Carlos, Gil Lan Thomas and Alex Wood. INFs Phil Gosselin, Jose Peraza, Jace Peterson and Elmer Reyes. OFs Todd Cunningham, Eury Perez and Joey Terdoslavich and C Christian Bethancourt on one-year contracts.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with OF Tony Gwynn Jr. on a minor league contract.

American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed C Travis Higgs and RHP Josh Wright.

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Traded RHP James Paris to Sugar Land for cash. Traded INF Henry Wrigley to Lancaster for cash and a player to be named.

NORTON SAILDOGS — Signed LHP Kevin Mcgowan.

Atlantic League

LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signing RHP Bobby Bramhall. Announced RHP Kevin Vance was signed by Arizona. NL. Announced the retirement of RHP Brian Lynch.

Can-Am League

NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Released RHP Kurt Bacsik.

OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Signed RHP Jack Anglonet.

QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed RHP Derrick Mahrmeister and LHP Sheldon McDonald.

Carolina League

EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed 1B Drew Ankrom to a contract extension.

FRONTIER GREYS — Signed RHP Richard Ibanez.

WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Signed INF Ramon Alvarado. RHP Michael Rivera and INF Jacob Tams.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA — Suspended Houston Guard James Harden one game for kicking Cleveland F LeBron James in the groin during a March 1 game. Named Christine Pontius senior vice president-mobile strategy.

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Waived C Jarvis Varnado.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Waived QB Victor Hampton.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Designated WR Dez Bryant as the franchise player.

DENVER BRONCOS — Designated WR Demaryius Thomas as the franchise player.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Designated LB Justin Houston as the franchise player.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Released CB Cortland Finnegan. Designated TE Charles Clay as the franchise player.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Designated K Stephen Gostkowski as the franchise player.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Designated DE Jason Pierre-Paul as the franchise player. Released T. D. Walton.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Signed LB Brad Jones to a two-year contract.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Released WR Lance Moore. Canadian Football League

B.C. LIONS — Released RB Stefan Logan and DL Eric Black. Signed DL Marcus Dixon and DL Zach Minter. Released RB Bradley Randle and DE Chris Dixon from the practice roster.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Acquired D Korbinian Holzer from Toronto for D Eric Brewer and a 2016 fifth-round selection.

ARIZONA COYOTES — Claimed F Tye McGinn off waivers from San Jose and F Craig Cunningham off waivers from Boston. Assigned F Lucas Lessio to Portland (AHL).

BOSTON BRUINS — Acquired F Brett Connolly from Tampa Bay for 2015 and 2016 second-round draft picks.

BUFFALO SABRES — Traded F Chris Stewart to Minnesota for a 2017 second-round draft pick. Traded C Torrey Mitchell to Montreal for F Jack Nevins and a 2016 seventh-round draft pick

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Recalled D Rasmus Rissanen from Charlotte (AHL).

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Traded F Ben Smith and a conditional 2017 seventh-round draft pick to San Jose for C Andrew Desjardins.

COLORADO AVALANCHE — Traded F Maxime Talbot and C Paul Carey to Boston for F Jordan Caron and a 2016 sixth-round draft pick. Acquired D Mat Clark from Anaheim for F Michael Sgarbossa.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Traded D Jordan Leopold to Minnesota for D Justin Falk and 2015 fifth-round draft pick. Signed F Cam Atkinson to a three-year contract. Traded D James Wisniewski and a 2015 third-round draft pick to Anaheim for LW Rene Bourque. C William Karlsson and a 2015 second-round draft pick.

DALLAS STARS — Recalled D Patrik Nemeth from Texas (AHL).

MINNESOTA WILD — Acquired C Jared Knight from Boston for C Zack Phillips.

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Acquired D Jeff Petry from Edmonton a 2015 second-round draft pick and a conditional 2015 fifth-round draft pick. Acquired C Brian Flynn from Buffalo for a 2016 fifth-round draft pick. Reassigned D Dalton Thrower from Hamilton (AHL) to Brampton (ECHL). Assigned D Greg Pateryn and F Michael Bournival to Hamilton.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Reassigned G Maxime Clermont and LW Ben Johnson from Albany (AHL) to Brampton (ECHL). Traded D Marek Zidlicky to Detroit for a conditional 2016 third-round draft pick.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Acquired G Michal Neuvirth from Buffalo for G Chad Johnson and a conditional 2016 third-round draft pick. Acquired D Mark Louis from Arizona for G David Leggio.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Traded D Brayden Coburn to Tampa Bay for D Radko Gudas and 2015 third- and fourth-round picks.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS — Acquired D Ian Cole from St. Louis for D Robert Bortuzzo and a 2015 seventh-round draft pick. Acquired D Ben Lovejoy from Anaheim for D Simon Despres.

SAN JOSE SHARKS — Acquired D Karl Stollery from Colorado for F Freddie Hamilton. Traded F Tyler Kennedy to the New York Islanders for a 2015 seventh-round draft pick.

ST. LOUIS BLUES — Acquired G Zbynek Michalek and a conditional 2016 third-round draft pick from Arizona for F Maxim Lefueuvre.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Reassigned D Lee Wideman to Syracuse (AHL). Reassigned D Matt Corrente to San Antonio (AHL).

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Traded C Olli Jokinen to St. Louis for F Joakim Lindstrom and a conditional 2016 sixth-round draft pick.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Acquired F Sven Baertschi from Calgary for a 2015 second-round draft pick. Acquired F Corey Tropp from the New York Islanders for F Dustin Jeffrey. Assigned Baertschi and Gonacher to Utica (AHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Reassigned G Andre Burakovsky to Hershey. (AHL).

American Hockey League

SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Announced C Ryan Marchedae was reassigned to the Syracuse (ECHL).

ECHL

READING ROYALS — Announced G Martin Ouellette was loaned to the team by Lehigh Valley (AHL). Activated F Ryan Cruthers from the ECHL reserve. Placed F Ian Watters and G Kenny Reiter on the ECHL reserve.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

COLUMBUS CREW — Signed D Sergio Campbell. F Saqi Lin Ari and D Kalen Ryder.

MLS ATLANTA — Named Carlos Bocanegra technical director.

NEW YORK RED BULLS — Named John Wolyniec coach and Ibrahim Sekagya and Vadim Kraklov assistant coaches for New York Red Bulls II (USL).

SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Signed D Marcel de Jong.

United Soccer League

USL — Announced the resignation of president Tim Holt. Named Jake Edwards president.

VOLLEYBALL

USA Volleyball

USAV — Named John Ruger senior director beach operations.

COLLEGE

NOTRE DAME — Named Mikel Sanford offensive line coach. Autry Denson running backs coach. Todd Lyght defensive backs coach. Keith Gilmore defensive line coach and Ron Powlus director of player development.

UTSA — Named Summer Batiste women s assistant golf coach.

WEST ALABAMA — Named Kirby Speaks assistant track and cross country coach.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Friday

At Echo Arena, Liverpool, England: Zolani Tete vs. Paul Butler, 12, for Tete's IBF super flyweight title; Richar Abril vs. Denny Matthews, 12, for Abril's WBA lightweight title; Kevin Satchell vs. Luke Wilton, 12, for Satchell's European and Commonwealth flyweight title; Jazza Dickens vs. Josh Wale, 12, for the vacant British junior featherweight title.

At MGM Grand, Las Vegas (ESPN2), Tony Harrison vs. Arfleene Smith, 10, junior welterweights; Ievgen Khytrov vs. Jorge Melendez, 10, middleweights; Rau'Shee Warren vs. Javier Gallo, 10, bantamweights.

At Belasco Theater, Los Angeles (FS1), Joseph Diaz vs. Justin Luis Hernandez, 10, junior featherweights.

Saturday

At Macau (HBO2), Amnat Ruenroeng vs. Zou Shiming, 12, for Ruenroeng's IBF flyweight title; Gilan Tejie vs. Daniel Dawson, 10, junior middleweights for Tejie's WBO NABO super welterweight title; Ik Yang vs. Petromuk Pathompothong, 12, for Yang's IBF Pan Pacific super lightweight title; Pee Tiap vs. Michael Enriquez, 10, junior bantamweights; Aston Patrick vs. Ismael Garnica, 10, junior bantamweights.

At MGM Grand, Las Vegas (NBC), Keith Thurman vs. Robert Guerrero, 12, for Thurman's WBA welterweight title; Adrien Broner vs. John Molina, 10, junior welterweights.

March 12

At the Freeman Coliseum, San Antonio, Francisco Vargas vs. Will Tomlinson, 10, junior lightweights; Vyacheslav Shabranskyy vs. Fabiano Pena, 10, light heavyweights.

March 23

At the Space at Westbury (N.Y.) (SHO), Antoine Douglas vs. Thomas LaMarina, 10, middleweights; Ismael Barroso vs. Yasoul Kinda, 10, lightweights.

At Citizens Business Bank Arena, Ontario, Calif. (Spike TV), Andre Berto vs. Josesito Lopez, 12, welterweights; Shawn Porter vs. Roberto Garcia, 12, welterweights.

March 14

At the Bell Centre, Montreal (HBO), Sergey Kovalev vs. Jean Pascal, 12, for Kovalev's WBO-IBF-WBA Super World light heavyweight titles; Steve Cunningham vs. Vyacheslav Glazkov, 12, for USBA heavyweight title; Isaac Chilemba vs. Vasiliy Lepikhin, 12, light heavyweights; Danny Jean vs. Carlos Manuel Reyes, lightweights; Najib Mohammedi vs. Lee Junior Campbell, 10, light heavyweights; Dmitry Mikhaylenko vs. Felipe De La Paz, 10, welterweights.

Bell takes District 4-4A MVP honor

From staff reports

Greenwood senior Amanda Bell and Seminole senior McKaylee Weishuhn were named Co-MVP's of District 4-4A for the 2014-15 season as the 2015 All-District 4-4A girls basketball team awards were released.

Bell helped the Rangerettes win a share of the district title this season with Seminole. Greenwood advanced to the regional quarterfinals of the Class 4A state playoffs, but fell, 72-62, to Levelland.



Bell

Seminole senior Karli McCord was named the district's Offensive MVP, while Greenwood sophomore Cylie Mebane earned Defensive MVP honors. Andrews' Rebekah Hall was named the District 4-4A Newcomer of the Year.

Junior Callie Gilbert, and freshmen Natalee Karcher and Caity Payne earned first team All-District 3-6A selections for the Rangerettes. Juniors Mikayla Alvidrez and Taylor Bailey made the first team from Andrews.

2015 ALL-DISTRICT 4-4A GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

MVP: Amanda Bell, Jr., Greenwood
Offensive MVP: Kari McCord, Sr., Seminole
Defensive MVP: Cylie Mebane, Soph., Greenwood
Newcomer of the Year: Rebekah Hall, Sr., Andrews

First team

Mikayla Alvidrez, Jr., Andrews; Taylor Bailey, Jr., Andrews; Andi Brooding, Sr., Monahans; Callie Gilbert, Jr., Greenwood; Natalee Karcher, Fr., Greenwood; Tatum McGehee, Jr., Seminole; Caity Payne, Fr., Greenwood; Kelsie Post, Jr., Seminole; Kyndy Rossiter, Soph., Seminole; Brittany Sellards, Jr., Pecos; Abby Urias, Sr., Fort Stockton

Second Team

Victoria Arriaga, Soph., Fort Stockton; Layne Banks, Jr., Greenwood; Jaylin Burleson, Fr., Pecos; Karisa Contreras, Sr., Pecos; Rylee Diaz, Soph., Andrews; Shelby Holly, Jr., Monahans; McKylie Irons, Sr., Monahans; Baylee Lopez, Sr., Seminole; Cassi Mebane, Fr., Greenwood; Raquel Singh, Sr., Fort Stockton

Stanton's Peterson wins 5-3A Offensive MVP

From staff reports

Stanton sophomore Alyssa Peterson was named the Offensive MVP of District 5-3A as the All-District 5-3A girls basketball team was released. Peterson helped lead the Lady Buffaloes to a District 5-3A title this season.

Sonora senior Gracie Dozier won the district's overall MVP award, while junior Tyler Hampton, also of Sonora, took home the district's Defensive MVP honors.

Colorado City freshman Kaitlyn Kimball earned District 5-3A's Newcomer of the Year award. Sonora head coach Rich Dozier won the district's Coach of the Year award.

Seniors Shelby Holland and Hannah Franklin, as well as junior Miranda Myrick got first team All-District 5-3A selections for Stanton. Coahoma juniors Julia Castilaw and Lauren Simer were also named to the district's first team.

2015 ALL-DISTRICT 5-3A GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

MVP: Gracie Dozier, Sr., Sonora

Offensive MVP: Alyssa Peterson, Soph., Stanton

Defensive MVP: Tyler Hampton, Jr., Sonora

Newcomer of the Year: Kaitlyn Kimball, Fr., Colorado City

Coach of the Year: Rich Dozier, Sonora

First Team

Shelby Holland, Sr., Stanton; Miranda Myrick, Jr., Stanton; Hannah Franklin, Sr., Stanton; Julia Castilaw, Jr., Coahoma; Lauren Simer, Jr., Coahoma; Josie Vasquez, Jr., Sonora; Tori Guerrero, Sr., Sonora; Cassie Sutton, Sr., Colorado City; Baylie Lindsey, Soph., Colorado City

Second Team

Laci Long, Jr., Stanton; Carlee Spurgin, Jr., Reagan County; Kasli Yager, Sr., Coahoma; Cip Tobias, Jr., Sonora; Riley Umphress, Soph., Sonora; Sky Jennings, Soph., Sonora; Sassy Munoz, Jr., Colorado City; Taylor Epperson, Fr., Colorado City

HSBASKETBALL

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Playoff Roundup

GIRLS
NO. 7 MCA 71
NO. 15 KENNEDALE
FELLOWSHIP 44

CISCO — MCA used a balanced scoring effort to cruise past Kennedale Fellowship in the area round of the TAPPS 3A state playoffs on Monday.

Kristen Johnson led all scorers with 23 points for MCS (21-7). Delanie Griffin added 15 points for the Lady Knights, while Alissa Beattie and Makenna Beattie pitched in 14 and 13, respectively, in the win.

MCA jumped out to a 24-10 lead after the first quarter and then went on a 39-25 run over the second and third quarters to put the game away.

MCA 71, KENNEDALE FELLOWSHIP 44

MCA (21-7) — Alissa Beattie 14, Kristen Johnson 23, Delanie Griffin 15, Ellen Haisel 4, Morgen Jones 2, Makenna Beattie 13

Kennedale Fellowship — McCleod 19, Clemons 6, Wood 2, Klahm 4, McDonald 2, Green 2, Davis 9

MCA	24	19	20	8—71
Ken. Fellowship	10	13	12	9—44

Free throws — MCA 6-10, Kennedale Fellowship 4-11 3-point goals — MCA 5 (Alissa Beattie 3, Griffin, Makenna Beattie), Kennedale Fellowship 7 (McCleod 5, Clemons 2). Total fouls — MCA 10, Kennedale Fellowship 13 Fouled out — none.

Next game: MCA vs. McKinney Christian 1:30 p.m. today, Cisco

NO. 24 MCS 55,
TYLER GRACE
COMMUNITY 32

FORT WORTH — MCS overcame a slow start to roll to a TAPPS 4A playoff win against Tyler Grace Community on Monday in the area round of the TAPPS 4A state playoffs.

Megan Ashton scored a game-high 18 points, while Lindsey Mills added 11 points for MCS (29-11) in the win.

Kandice West tallied a team-high 12 points for Tyler Grace Community, with Addie Daughtry contributing 10 points.

MCS led just 5-4 after the first quarter but outscored the Lady Cougars, 24-11, in the third quarter to grab control of the game.

MCS 55, TYLER GRACE COMMUNITY 32

MCS (29-11) — Megan Ashton 18, Blaire Nethertheh 7, Lindsey Mills 11, Bailey Wright 10, Caroline Hammond 9

TGC — Addie Daughtry 10, Kandice West 12, Leah Edwards 3, Taylor Kingsley 6, Emily Edwards 1

MCS	5	13	24	13—55
TGC	4	9	11	10—32

Free throws — MCS 12-20, TGC 5-9 3-point goals — MCS 5 (Mills 3, Wright 2), TGC 1 (Leah Edwards). Total fouls — MCS 16, TGC 18. Fouled out — Kimmey, Stinson (TGC)

Next game: MCS vs. Carrollton Prince of Peace Christian in the quarterfinals, 4 p.m. today, Brewer HS, Fort Worth

BOYS
NO. 1 CEDAR HILL
TRINITY 75,
NO. 20 MCA 37

ABILENE — MCA wasn't able to find much offense, as it was overwhelmed by Cedar Hill Trinity Christian, the No. 1 team in the state, on Monday at McMurry University.

With the loss, MCA has been eliminated from the TAPPS 3A state playoffs. The Knights finished their season with a record of 21-9.

Heath Gladson and Marshall McCray both had 11 points to lead the Knights. Garrett Sparks added eight for MCS.

The Knights fell into an early hole and trailed, 19-7, after the first eight minutes of play. They were never able to recover, as they were outscored, 40-20, over the next two quarters.

CEDAR HILL TRINITY CHRISTIAN 75, MCA 37

Trinity Christian (33-1) — Broadnax 4, Cole 15, McElroy 9, Allen 12, Sims 17, Carter 4, Collett 4, White 8, Stone 2

MCA (21-9) — Garrett Sparks 8, Heath Gladson 11, Blake Gladson 5, Marshall McCray 11, Kevin Giffin 2

Trinity Christian	19	20	19	17—75
MCA	7	10	10	10—37

Free throws — Trinity Christian 4-7, MCA 7-12, 3-point goals — Trinity Christian 7 (McElroy, Allen 3, Sims, White), MCA 2 (Heath Gladson, Blake Gladson). Total fouls — Trinity Christian 12, MCA 8. Fouled out — none.

Next: MCA has been eliminated from the TAPPS 3A state playoffs

NO. 4 TYLER ALL SAINTS 93
MCS 79

FORT WORTH — Daniel Venzant scored a game-high 28 points for MCS, but the Mustangs fell short against Tyler All Saints Episcopal on Monday in the area round of the TAPPS 4A state playoffs.

With the loss, MCS ended its season with a 21-14 record.

The Mustangs hung tough with the Trojans and led, 42-35, at halftime. But All Saints used a parade to the free-throw line to gain control of the game, as they sunk 31 of their 40 free-throw attempts on the night. The Trojans went a game-changing 55-38 run in the second half.

Grant Little and Bryce Waters each scored 16 points for MCS in the loss.

TYLER ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL93, MCS 79

All Saints (35-2) — Francis 26, Pulliam 1, Brunson 3, Smith 3, Dail 24, Phillips 9, Maddox 8, Lee 19

MCS (21-14) — Daniel Venzant 28, Sam Gilbert 6, Bryce Waters 16, Grant Little 16, Brett Thomason 6, Luke Watsen 3, Luke McComic 4

All Saints	17	18	34	21—93
MCS	14	28	20	18—79

Free throws — All Saints 31-40, MCS 18-20 3-point goals — All Saints 4 (Francis 2, Smith, Phillips), MCS 10 (Gilbert 2, Waters 4, Little 3, Watson) Total fouls — All Saints 22, MCS 26. Fouled out — Venzant

Next game: MCS has been eliminated from the TAPPS 4A state playoffs

BRECKENRIDGE 48,
STANTON 44

MERKEL — K.J. Glaspie scored a game-high 15 points for Stanton, but the Buffaloes fell just short against Breckenridge in the area round of the Class 3A state playoffs on Monday.

Tristan Graves also chipped in 11 points for Stanton, which was down, 33-21, at halftime. The Buffaloes put together a 14-8 run in the third to get within striking distance in the fourth quarter, but they couldn't take control. Stanton went 6-for-10 as a team from the free-throw line on the night.

Stanton finished its season with a 21-10 mark.

BRECKENRIDGE 48, STANTON 44

Breckenridge (22-8) — Plumes 12, A Ramirez 11, Bailey 2, Franco 4, M Ramirez 12, Johnson 6, Alvarado 1

Stanton (21-10) — Tristan Graves 11, Justin Reffe 2, Esteven Chavez 4, Austin Fryar 2, KJ Glaspie 15, David Ramsey 10

Breckenridge	17	16	8	11—48
Stanton	14	7	14	9—44

Free throws — Breckenridge 6-9, Stanton 6-10, 3-point goals — Breckenridge 4 (Plumes 2, M. Ramirez 2), Stanton 5 (Graves, Ramsey 2, Glaspie 3). Total fouls — Breckenridge 17, Stanton 11. Fouled out — none.

Next: Stanton has been eliminated from the Class 3A state tournament

Today's game

BOYS
CLASS A REGION II QUARTERFINALS GRADY VS. BORDEN COUNTY

When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, Lamesa Middle School, Lamesa

Records: Grady 27-4, Borden County 22-8

Last game: Grady 89, Wink 65 (Feb. 26); Borden County 76, Marfa 35 (Feb. 26)

Notes and quotes: Grady head coach Thomas Clay is familiar with Borden County, the second-place team out of District 12-A, and that the Coyotes are athletic and well coached. ... The Wildcats are coming off an 89-65 blowout win over Wink in the Class A Region II area round last Thursday. But Clay says his team needs to look forward and direct its attention to the next opponent. "We played well and we're happy to get the win (against Wink). But we are on to the next round," he said. "We are focused on the next game because it's the only game that matters." Added Clay: "We are an experienced team and know that each game could be the end of the season. That brings focus." ... The Wildcats got a balanced offensive showing from its star players against Wink. Five Grady players scored in double figures, led by Beau Lucas' 24 points. Kyle Garza scored 14, Braeden Jones scored 17, EJ Rodriguez added 12 and Cole Avery poured in 16. Grady hit 16 3-pointers in that game.

Next: Grady plays the winner of Eula-Jayton in the regional semifinals

Pairings

BOYS
Region I
Class 6A
Area

N. Crowley (27-6, 7/4) 83, Tascosa (22-6, 7/2) 77

El Paso Eastwood (21-11, 7/1) 65, Arlington Martin 62

Keller (22-9, R5) 51, DeSoto (29-4, W8) 44

Allen (23-9, R6) 60, Richland (23-8, W7) 49

Amarillo High (29-3), 75, Midland High (18-12) 69

Arlington Bowie (24-9, R4, 7/1) Wolfforth Frenship (22-11, F2) 56

Plano West (28-2, W6) 69, Coppell 60

Cedar Hill (27-3, R6) 79, Denton Guyer (25-10, W5) 52

Regional quarterfinals

North Crowley (28-4) vs. El Paso Eastwood (22-11)

Allen (24-9) vs. Keller (23-9)

Amarillo High (30-3) vs. Arlington Bowie (25-9), 8 p.m. today, Burkbennett

Plano West (29-2) vs. Cedar Hill (28-3) Wednesday

Class 4A

Area

Levelland (21-10) 75, Seminole (23-10) 57

Lamesa (20-10, R2) 75, Andrews (13-14) 64

Bridgeport (27-4, W8) vs. Iowa Park (18-16, R5) 46

Kennedale (27-6, W7) 70, Mineral Wells (21-11, R6), 7 p.m. Monday, Brock

Lubbock Estacado (27-7, W2) 53, San Elizario 43

Big Spring (20-11, F2) 62, Clint 43

Abilene Wylie (22-7, W6) 55, Godley (R7) 23

Wichita Falls Hirschi (12-16, W5) 51, Decatur (20-9, R8) 48

Regional quarterfinals

Levelland (22-10) vs. Lamesa (21-10), 6 p.m today, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock

Bridgeport (28-4) vs. Kennedale (28-6), 7 p.m. today, Chisholm Trail HS, Saginaw

Lubbock Estacado (26-7), Big Spring (21-11), 6 p.m. today, Andrews

Wichita Falls Hirschi (13-16) vs. Abilene Wylie (23-7), TBA

Class 3A

Area

Kermit (28-4, W4) 81, Muleshoe (T2) 51

Brownfield (25-4, W3) 69, Dimmitt 35

Reagan County (22-8, R5) 64, Eastland (W8) 58

Wall (R6) 44, Coleman (W7) 36

Shallowater (16-5) 61, Denver City 59

Childress (25-4, W1) 69, Idalou 39

Brady (R7) 52, Tuscola Jim Ned (W6) 47

Breckenridge (21-8, R8) 48, Stanton (22-9, W5) 44

Regional quarterfinals

Kermit (29-4) vs. Brownfield (26-4), today at 8 p.m., Andrews

Wall vs. Reagan County (23-9), 7 p.m. today, Junet Center, San Angelo

Shallowater (17-5) vs. Childress (26-4), 7:30 p.m., Canyon HS

Brady vs. Breckenridge (22-8), TBA

Class A

Area

ira (W12) 61, vs. Buena Vista 47

Sands (R11) 67, Rankin 56

Menard (W16) 83, Lueders-Avoca (R13) 50

Water Valley (W14) 54, May (R15) 41

Grady (W11) 88, Wink 65

Borden County (R12) 76, Marfa 36

Eula (W15) 65, Trent (T13) 48

Jayton (W13) 61, Baird (T15) 34

Regional quarterfinals

Ira (W12) vs. Sands (R11), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Post

Menard vs. Water Valley, 7 p.m. Winters

Grady (W11) vs. Borden County (R12), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Lamesa

Eula vs. Jayton, 6 p.m. Wednesday, McMurry University, Abilene

GIRLS

2015 UIL Girls Basketball State Tournament

March 5-7

Alamodome, San Antonio

Thursday

Class A Semifinals

8:30 a.m. Lipan (32-3) vs. Garden City (30-4)

10:00 a.m. Nazareth (32-2) vs. D'Hanis (27-6)

Class 3A Semifinals

1:30 p.m. Shallowater (31-1) vs. Jarrell (34-3)

3:00 p.m. Sunnyvale (35-2) vs. Rockdale (30-3)

Conference 5A Semifinals

1:00 p.m. Canyon (32-3) vs. Bryan Rudder (36-4)

4:30 p.m. Cedar Park Vista Ridge (36-2) vs. Dallas Adams (27-4)

Friday

Class 2A Semifinals

8:30 a.m. La Rue La Poynor (34-2) vs. Martin's Mill (29-7)

10:00 a.m. Weimar (34-4) vs. Gruver (30-5)

Class 4A Semifinals

1:30 p.m. Waco La Vega (34-2) vs. Argyle (30-5)

3:00 p.m. Liberty Hill (37-2) vs. Abilene Wylie (31-5)

Class 6A Semifinals

7:00 p.m. Dallas Skyline (30-6) vs. Lewisville Flower Mound (28-7)

8:30 p.m. Houston Cypress Woods (33-1) vs. San Antonio Wagner (26-10)

Saturday

8:30 a.m. Class A Final

10:00 a.m. Class 3A Final

1:30 p.m. Class 2A Final

3:00 p.m. Class 5A Final

7:00 p.m. Class 4A Final

8:30 p.m. Class 6A Final

HSSOCCERROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

ODESSA PERMIAN 1
LEE 0

The Lee girls soccer team stayed winless in District 3-6A play with a 1-0 loss to Odessa Permian on Monday night at Ratliff Stadium.

The teams battled to a scoreless first half before Permian (14-5-1, 3-2-1, 14 points) got a goal from Katie Stice early in the second half.

Lee (6-8-0, 0-0-1-5, 1 point) will next host San Angelo Central at 5:30 p.m. today at Grande Communications Stadium.

MHS WINS ON
PENALTY KICKS

ABILENE — The Midland High girls soccer team won its third match on penalty kicks when it bested Abilene High, 0-0 (2-1), Monday at Shotwell Stadium.

The match was a makeup of Saturday's contest that was postponed because of the weather.

MHS (13-3-1, 3-3-0-0, 15 points) got penalty kick goals by Sarah Krisa and Adrienne Almodova, while Caitlyn Terebessy picked up another win in goal.

MHS, which stayed one point ahead of San Angelo Central and Odessa Permian in the standings, next plays Odessa Permian at 5:30 today at Ratliff Stadium.

Boys

ODESSA PERMIAN 2
LEE 1

The Lee boys soccer team suffered another close loss as Odessa Permian came away with a 2-1 victory Monday night at a foggy Grande Communications Stadium.

Permian took a 1-0 lead at the half before Lee (6-8-1, 1-1-1-3, 6 points) tied the contest with a goal from Carlos Aranda off an assist by Tre Sanchez in the 49th minute.

However, Permian answered about two minutes after the Rebel goal and then held on for the victory.

Lee next hosts San Angelo Central at 7:30 p.m. today at Grande.

MIDLAND HIGH 4
ABILENE HIGH 0

ABILENE — The Midland High boys soccer team posted another shutout with a 4-0 victory over Abilene High Monday night at Shotwell Stadium.

The Bulldogs (13-3-2, 6-0-0-0, 18 points) have yet to be scored upon in District 3-6A play.

"I think the most important thing is just continuing to play, continuing to get better and continuing to fight," MHS coach Warren Cottle said. "It wasn't a 4-0 game. There were chances in the game and in the first part of the second half, Abilene High was giving us everything they could give us. For the boys to keep pressing and keep composed in that kind of pressure, I was very proud of them. Then, to get two goals in the second half in the run of play says a lot for my boys."

MHS took a 2-0 lead at the half as Homero Vazquez scored in the 21st minutes with an assist by Alex Von-Holle.

Isaac Venegas scored seven minutes later with an assist by Allan Aguilar.

Then in the second half Vazquez made it 3-0 in the 64th minute with an assist by Aguilar. Then VonHolle capped off the scoring in the 72nd minute with an assist by Hugo Torres Lopez.

The Bulldogs next go to Odessa's Ratliff Stadium to play Odessa Permian at 7:30 p.m. today.

District Standings

Overall record in parenthesis

BOYS

Team	W	PW	L	PL	PTS
Midland High (13-3-2)	6	0	0	0	18
Abilene (9-6-2)	2	1	6	2	8
Permian (8-6-4)	3	0	1	2	10
Odessa High (7-8-1)	1	1	1	3	6
Lee (6-8-1)	1	1	1	3	6
Central (7-11-0)	1	1	1	3	6

Note: 3 points for a win, 2 points for a penalty kick win, 1 point for a penalty kick loss

Monday's Scores

Midland High 4, Abilene High 0
Odessa Permian 2, Lee 1
San Angelo Central 3, Odessa High 1

Today's Games

San Angelo Central at Lee, 7:30 p.m.
Midland High at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m.
Odessa High at Abilene High, 7:30 p.m.

Overall record in parenthesis

GIRLS

Team	W	PW	L	PL	PTS
Midland High (13-5-1)	3	3	0	0	15
Central (14-4-0)	4	0	2	0	14
Permian (14-5-1)	3	2	1	0	14
Odessa High (12-6-0)	2	0	2	0	6
Abilene High (7-10-2)	1	0	4	1	4
Lee (6-8-0)	0	0	3	0	5

Note: 3 points for a win, 2 points for a penalty kick win, 1 point for a penalty kick loss

Monday's Scores

Midland High 0, Abilene High 0 (MHS wins 2-1 on penalty kicks)
Odessa Permian 1, Lee 0
San Angelo Central at Odessa High 1

Today's Games

Midland High at Odessa Permian, 5:30 p.m.
San Angelo Central at Lee, 5:30 p.m



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Justin Clarkson connects with the ball in Monday's game against Frank Phillips College at Christensen Stadium.

CHAPS

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to a 4-0 lead on MC in the second game before MC responded with a four-run bottom of the fourth. Cade Davis had a two-run double and Josh Narvaiz added a two-run home run to left to tie it up.

But the tie was short-lived as the Plainsmen answered with three runs to take the lead for good. It was a tough game for the MC pitching staff, which used pitchers, none of whom could find any consistency.

"That happens from time to time, especially on a day like this," Coleman said. "When you have guys that have been sitting in the dugout for two days in 30-degree weather, you don't know what's going to happen. With the conditions we had today, it's not something to be alarmed about, for me."

The Chaps had nine hits in the game, led by Chris Thibideau with two.

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FIRST GAME

MIDLAND COLLEGE 3, FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE 2

Frank Phillips	001	010	0	—2	4	1
Midland College	001	002	x	—3	5	3

Raul Baduel, Dillon Norris (6), Victor Gomez (6) and Wilamier Betancourt; Shane Browning, Sebastian Palacios (7) and Bryndan Arredondo. W — Browning. L — Norris. Sv — Palacios. RBI — FPC: Austin Givens 2, MC: Chris Thibideau, Arredando, Christian Whigham.

SECOND GAME
FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE 13, MIDLAND COLLEGE 5

Frank Phillip	102	131	202	—13	16	1
Midland College	000	400	001	—5	9	2

Jason Lott, James Valenzuela (5), Clayton Baker (8) and John Basada; Ramon Salazar, Dustin Angier (4), Aaron Rumfield (4), Jason Conway (6), Bryce Kidwell (7), Tucker Davidson (9) and Arredondo. W — Valenzuela. L — Angier. 2B — FPC: Chad Brown, Basada, MC: Justin Clarkson. Cade Davis, Gilbert Sanchez. 3B — FPC: Basada. HR — FPC: Lorenzo Fabbri. MC: Josh Narvaiz. RBI — FPC: Joe Nostrand 3, Chad Brown 2, Joe Nostrand 3, Basada 2, Fabbri 2, Givens, Luis Amaro, MC: Davis 2, Narvaiz 2, Gurrola.

Records: Midland College 8-7, 3-1 in WJCAC; Frank Phillips 3-11, 1-3.

Next: Western Texas College at Midland College, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Countdown on as baseball readies for pace of play rules

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — During his playing career, Mike Hargrove's unique routine at the plate went something like this: step into the batter's box, adjust gloves, brush lip, tap cleats with bat to remove dirt, check helmet, tug at jersey sleeve, hitch up pants, check right thumb protector. Repeat.

Every pitch.

It earned him a classic nickname, "The Human Rain Delay."

These days, Hargrove's ritual — he claims it only lasted 19 seconds — would not only be frowned upon, but possibly get him fined under Major League Baseball's new pace of play initiatives designed to speed up a game many purists believe doesn't need more tinkering.

"Grover would be playing for free," joked Indians skipper Terry Francona.

On Tuesday, the new pace of play rules will be introduced on the field in five exhibition games in Arizona and Florida.

To this point, players have adopted a let's-see-what-happens stance about hitters being required to keep one foot in the batter's box, pitchers needing to complete their warmup tosses within a certain time period, managers staying in the dugout for instant replay challenges and generally everyone keeping the game moving along.

For the first time, baseball, the summer game romanticized by generations for its timelessness, will be on the clock. And those newly installed clocks will be in full view for fans.

Once there are three outs, inning breaks will be counted down from 2 minutes, 25 seconds for locally televised games and 2:45 for nationally televised games. Pitchers must throw their last warmup pitches before 30 seconds remaining and the batter must be in the box from 20 to 5 seconds left.

MLB, with the blessing of the players' union, is hoping to shorten the length of games — the average was just over 3 hours in 2014 — and eliminate delays to make it more appealing to TV audiences and those in the stands. During spring games and through regular-season games in April, players will not face any discipline should they not adhere to the clock or an umpire's suggestion to stay in the box.

That changes on May 1, when players can be fined. But on the eve of baseball's spring timing experiment, everyone wondered what might be ahead.

"I hope it's not a distraction," Kansas City center fielder Lorenzo Cain said as the Royals dodged the rain Monday in Surprise, Arizona. "I definitely don't want to get fined, I need all my money. I definitely don't want to get fined. I'm going to do the best I can. If it's the rule, we have to try to abide by the rules and just go from there."

Boston slugger David Ortiz has been one of the most outspoken critics of the changes. Big Papi argues that any interruption of his at-bat routine makes it easier for pitchers to get him out. Ortiz, though, has softened his stance and is adjusting.

As he prepared to take batting practice last week in Fort Myers, Florida, Ortiz yelled to himself, "Stay in the box!" before stepping up to the plate.

Hargrove, now a special adviser to the Indians, said some hitters step out gain their composure and get an edge on a pitcher. Others are simply posturing.

"A lot of the guys, they look like a peacock," Hargrove said. "'Here I am, watch me.' If a guy has a purpose that's part of the game, you shouldn't legislate that out of the game."

It's a game of adjustments, after all, and Francona believes hitters will be the ones who might need more time to adapt to having to stay in the box.

"For some of the veterans it may be a test because if you're used to doing something for years and years and years, your first thought after an umpire calls a borderline pitch is to go out and regroup," he said. "It will be interesting to see how that's handled."

During his tour of training camps over the past week, Tony Clark, head of the players' union, has heard feedback from players concerned their careers could be impacted by the changes. A former All-Star first baseman, Clark said his biggest concern is making sure the game's integrity is not compromised.

"These guidelines that we've put in place are not put in place to create havoc," Clark said. "They're not put in place to reinvent the wheel. They're put in place in such a way to see if the game can continue to move and if there are things around the edges where adjustments can be made that don't affect the way that you're going to perform.

"As much as we hope that it doesn't adversely affect the play, we don't know what's going to happen until the lights come on and guys get into it."

At Goodyear Ballpark, two clocks — one on the outfield wall, the other behind home plate — have been installed to keep the game ticking. Similar digital clocks will be visible throughout spring training.

The Indians and the Cincinnati Reds share the Goodyear complex, and they play each other Tuesday.

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performance last year and the accolades it garnered. He still has the hunger born from a past where he was told repeatedly that at just 5-foot-6 he was too small to play in the majors.

"I believe in myself and what I can do and I'm going to go out and show people that I can play well for my team and we can win a lot of games," he said.

Another reason for his continued focus is that he doesn't want to simply be a player who was great once and didn't build on it.

"I want to be a consistent player, not only a good year player that was really good and then didn't do it the next year," Altuve said. "I just try to be consistent, stay healthy and do my little things through the end of the year and just play baseball."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

FROM WIRE REPORTS

TEXAS/BIG 12 ROUNDUP

Women

NO. 6 BAYLOR 75 TEXAS TECH 65

WACO — Nina Davis scored 22 points and Niya Johnson broke the Big 12 single-season record for assists as league champion No. 6 Baylor rebounded from consecutive losses, beating Texas Tech 75-65 in the regular-season finale Monday night.

Kristy Wallace added 14 points for the Lady Bears (27-3, 16-2 Big 12), who were coming off losses at Oklahoma and Iowa State since clinching their fifth consecutive Big 12 title in their last home game Feb. 21. Alexis Prince and Imani Wright each had 12 points.

Johnson, who came in the national leader with 8.7 assists per game, had 12 to push her season total to 255. The junior guard broke her school record of 244 set last year, and soon after halftime surpassed the league record 250 that Angel Goodrich set at Kansas three years ago.

Amber Battle had 23 points for Texas Tech (15-15, 5-13).

OKLAHOMA 66 OKLAHOMA ST 56

STILLWATER, Okla. — Kaylon Williams scored 18 of her 20 points in the second half to help Oklahoma defeat Oklahoma State 66-56 on Monday night.

Williams, a junior forward, made 8 of 12 shots and grabbed five rebounds for the Sooners (19-10, 13-5 Big 12), who bounced back from a surprising loss to last-place Kansas last Saturday. Peyton Little added 16 points for Oklahoma, which swept the regular-season series. The Sooners already were locked into the No. 2 seed in the conference tournament.

Senior Liz Donohoe scored a season-high 23 points and grabbed seven rebounds before fouling out in her final home game, and Roshunda Johnson added 14 points for Oklahoma State (19-10, 9-9) Brittney Martin, the team's scoring leader with 14 points per game, finished with 2 points on 0-of-11 shooting. The Cowgirls had won six of seven, and five of six since point guard Roddricka Patton moved into the starting lineup.

Men

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 83 INCARNATE WORD 62.

NACOGDOCHES — Thomas Walkup had 23 points, a career-high 13 rebounds and seven assists on Monday night to help Stephen F. Austin beat Incarnate Word 83-62 and maintain a one-game lead on Sam Houston State in the Southland Conference standings with two games to play.

Walkup made 12 of 12 free throws, both career highs, and had two blocked shots and two steals.

Stephen F. Austin (25-4, 15-1 Southland Conference), which closes its conference schedule at home against SHSU on Saturday, used an 11-0 run which bridged halftime to open up a 42-25 lead and Incarnate Word trailed by double figures the rest of the way.

Jacob Parker scored 14 — all after halftime — for the Lumberjacks, who made 17 of 30 (56.7 percent) second-half field goals.

Denzel Livingston scored 20 for Incarnate Word (17-9, 9-7), which is ineligible for the Southland tournament as it continues its transition to Division I.

MCNEESE STATE 70 LAMAR 69

LAKE CHARLES, La. — Kevin Hardy made the game-winning layup with six seconds left to give McNeese State a 70-69 victory over Interstate-10 rival Lamar on Monday night.

Anthony Holliday gave Lamar a 69-66 lead on a layup with 32 seconds remaining. Desharick Guidry answered with two free throws nine seconds later to pull McNeese State within 69-68. Lamar turned the ball over on its next possession and, after Hardy's go-ahead basket, Donovan Ross missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Hardy finished with 19 points for McNeese State (13-15, 7-10 Southland). Desharick Guidry had 23 points and 13 rebounds, and Keelan Garrett added 17 points.

Holliday hit five 3-pointers and finished with 26 points for Lamar (15-14, 9-8). Tyran de Lattibeaudiere had 14 points 11 rebounds and five assists and Donpvan Ross scored 13.

McNeese State hosts Central Arkansas (2-25, 2-14) on Sunday to close out the regular season and Lamar plays Sam Houston State (23-6, 14-2).

TEXAS SOUTHERN 77 ALABAMA A&M 75

NORMAL, Ala. — Deverell Biggs scored 21 points, Madarious Gibbs added 20 and Texas Southern edged Alabama A&M 77-75 on Monday.

Alabama A&M closed the first half with a 14-6 run, including 3-pointers by Justin Colvin and Baryn Houston, to lead 32-30 at the break.

Texas Southern (17-12, 14-2 Southwestern) led by 10 with 3:59 to go, but Alabama A&M scored on four-straight possessions, including a 3-pointer and layup by Ladarius Tabb. Arthur Wade's layup tied it at 73 with 1:44 left.

Malcolm Riley made 1 of 2 free throws and Chris Thomas followed with a layup to put Texas Southern back up by three with 19 seconds remaining. Rakiya Battle made two from the line to bring the Bulldogs back to within one.

Gibbs made it a two-point game with a free throw, but Tabb missed a 3-pointer with four seconds to go.

Nicholas West led Alabama A&M (8-18, 7-9 Southwestern) with 16 points.

TEXAS

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Prince Ibeh and Connor Lammert. Three Baylor players, starter Johnathan Motley and subs Ish mail Wainright and John Heard, were tossed.

Barnes and Baylor coach Scott Drew said they expected that none of the players would be suspended by the Big 12.

Texas' Jon Holmes hit a long 3-pointer with 1:04 left in regulation to tie the game at 54 and erase a deficit that was 10 points with a little more than 6 minutes left. Ibeh blocked a driving shot by Chery, giving the Longhorns a chance to win. Texas made 11 blocks in the game, six by Turner.

"I thought I had a clear lane," Chery said. "They're a good defensive team. They are going to contest every shot."

After calling a timeout, the Longhorns could not find a good shot, and regulation ended with a forced 3-point attempt by Holmes. Then came Felix with his 3, and Taylor with his tear-drops, and the Longhorns are still breathing.

"We got a chance," Barnes said.

TIP-INS

Texas: The Longhorns, who have five players between 6-foot-8 and 6-11, lead the nation in blocked shots with nearly eight a game. They set a school record with 14 during a loss at Kansas on Saturday. But they have not used their length and athleticism to induce turnovers by opponents. They rank last in the Big 12 with nine a game. Barnes says his guards are not aggressive enough in that area.

Baylor: The Bears have been fast starters this season, getting outscored in the first half only three times. In those games, they beat Memphis in Las Vegas but lost at Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. Baylor has outscored opponents in the first half in its last 10 games.

TEXAS FARES BETER THAN MOST

The Longhorns hit 8 of 23 3-point attempts against Baylor (34.8 percent). This season the Bears have supplied evidence refuting an old college basketball axiom that teams which use zone defense are vulnerable to 3-point shooting. Baylor, using mostly zone, has limited opponents to less than 29 percent accuracy, lowest in the Big 12 and ninth nationally.

MONDAY'S SCORES, TODAY'S GAMES AND POLLS

Men

MONDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Ark.-Pine Bluff 64, Jackson St. 62
Sam Houston St. 76, Cent. Arkansas 44
Stephen F. Austin 83, Incarnate Word 62
Texas 61, Baylor 59, OT
SOUTH
Boston College 66, Virginia Tech 59
Delaware St. 85, Hampton 75
Howard 61, Norfolk St. 59, OT
MVSU 66, Grambling St. 62
McNeese St. 70, Lamar 69
NC A&T 67, Bethune-Cookman 50
NC Central 62, Savannah St. 49
Nicholls St. 89, New Orleans 79, OT
Northwestern St. 92, SE Louisiana 79
Prairie View 67, Alabama St. 65
Texas Southern 77, Alabama A&M 75
MIDWEST
Iowa St. 77, Oklahoma 70
EAST
Virginia 59, Syracuse 47

TODAY'S GAMES
SOUTHWEST
Houston Baptist at Abilene Christian, 7 p.m.
SOUTH
Mississippi at Alabama, 6 p.m.
North Carolina at Georgia Tech, 6 p.m.
NC State at Clemson, 6 p.m.
Texas A&M at Florida, 8 p.m.
Kentucky at Georgia, 8 p.m.
MIDWEST
E. Michigan at Ball St., 6 p.m.
Kent St. at Bowling Green, 6 p.m.
Georgetown at Butler, 6 p.m.
Toledo at Cent. Michigan, 6 p.m.
Rhode Island at Dayton, 6 p.m.
Iowa at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Akron at Miami (Ohio), 6 p.m.
W. Michigan at N. Illinois, 7 p.m.
Nebraska-Omaha at North Dakota, 7 p.m.
West Virginia at Kansas, 8 p.m.
Auburn at Missouri, 8 p.m.
Michigan at Northwestern, 8 p.m.
Villanova at Creighton, 8:15 p.m.
EAST
Ohio at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Maryland at Rutgers, 6 p.m.
TOURNAMENTS
Atlantic Sun Conference
First Round
Stetson at North Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Lipscomb at N. Kentucky, 6 p.m.
Kennesaw St. at S.C.-Upstate, 6 p.m.
Jacksonville at Florida Gulf Coast, 6 p.m.
Horizon League
First Round
Ill.-Chicago at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Wright St. at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Patriot League
First Round
Loyola (Md.) at Holy Cross, 6 p.m.
Army at Navy, 6 p.m.

POLLS
AP TOP 25

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Kentucky (65)	29-0	1,625	1
2. Virginia	27-1	1,547	2
3. Duke	26-3	1,501	4
4. Villanova	27-2	1,417	6
5. Arizona	26-3	1,339	7
6. Wisconsin	26-3	1,318	5
7. Gonzaga	29-2	1,244	3
8. Wichita St.	27-1	1,104	11
9. **Kansas**	23-6	1,087	8
10. Maryland	24-5	935	9
11. Iowa	23-6	908	12
12. Notre Dame	24-5	879	14
13. Utah	22-7	821	10
14. **Baylor**	22-7	801	19
15. Oklahoma	23-6	764	15
16. Louisville	23-6	726	13
17. Iowa St.	22-7	706	16
18. Arkansas	23-6	654	17
19. North Carolina	20-9	435	18
20. West Virginia	22-7	389	25
21. Butler	23-6	354	20
22. **SMU**	23-6	210	21
23. Ohio St.	21-8	173	
24. Providence	20-9	97	
25. Murray St.	26-4	76	

Others receiving votes: Dayton 47, Boise St. 33, Oregon 33, St. John's 27, BYU 14.

Texas A&M 20, Davidson 14, Georgetown 13, Colorado St. 7, San Diego St. 7, Tulsa 1, LSU 1, Rhode Island 1, VCU 1. **Stephen F. Austin 2**, Valparaiso 2.

USA TODAY TOP 25

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Kentucky (32)	29-0	800	1
2. Virginia	27-1	764	3
3. Duke	26-3	732	4
4. Villanova	27-2	686	6
5. Wisconsin	26-3	664	5
6. Arizona	26-3	654	7
7. Gonzaga	29-2	618	2
8. Wichita State	27-3	557	11
9. Maryland	24-5	505	14
10. Kansas	23-6	480	9
11. Notre Dame	24-5	469	8
12. Northern Iowa	27-3	420	15
13. Utah	22-6	399	12
14. Louisville	23-6	384	16
15. Oklahoma	20-8	359	17
16. **Baylor**	22-7	353	20
17. Iowa State	20-8	275	13
18. Arkansas	23-6	264	18
19. North Carolina	20-9	215	19
20. West Virginia	22-7	203	25
21. Butler	21-8	165	23
22. **SMU**	23-6	74	21
23. Providence	20-9	65	
24. Murray State	26-4	50	
25. Ohio State	21-8	42	

Others receiving votes: Georgetown 35, Dayton 25, San Diego State 22, Boise State 18, Oregon 14, Michigan State 13, St. John's 12, **Texas A&M 11**, Davidson 9, Purdue 9, Rhode Island 7, **Stephen F. Austin 7**, BYU 5, LSU 5, VCU 5, Valparaiso 4, Colorado State 3, Kansas State 2, Mississippi 1, **Texas 1**.

Women

MONDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Baylor 75, Texas Tech 65
Jackson St. 78, Ark.-Pine Bluff 74
Oklahoma 66, Oklahoma St. 56
Temple 56, Houston 45
SOUTH
Alabama St. 60, Prairie View 42
East Carolina 87, UCF 57
Hampton 78, Delaware St. 63
MVSU 61, Grambling St. 58
NC A&T 58, Bethune-Cookman 55
Norfolk St. 63, Howard 60
SMU 87, Memphis 51
Savannah St. 85, NC Central 54
Texas Southern 81, Alabama A&M 76
Wake Forest 88, South Florida 67
MIDWEST
Kansas 56, Iowa St. 54
Texas Tech 65, Cincinnati 56
Wayne (Neb.) St. (Mich.) 71, Northwood (Mich.) 62
EAST
Bryant 56, CCSU 53
Fairleigh Dickinson 84, Saint Peter's 70
Mercy 80, New Rochelle 44
St. Francis (NY) 73, LIU Brooklyn 49
St. Francis (Pa.) 90, Mount St. Mary's 54
Wagner 66, Robert Morris 56
TOURNAMENT
American Midwest Conference
First Round
Columbia (Mo.) 94, Stephens 14
WHAC Conference Tournament
Championship
Davenport 82, Siena Heights 71

TODAY'S GAMES
SOUTHWEST
Texas at Texas, 7 p.m.
MIDWEST
West Virginia at Kansas St., 7 p.m.
FAR WEST
Fresno St. at Air Force, 8 p.m.
San Jose St. at Boise St., 8 p.m.
Nevada at Colorado St., 8 p.m.
UNLV at San Diego St., 8 p.m.
Wyoming at Utah St., 8 p.m.
EAST
NJIT at UMass-Lowell, 6 p.m.
TOURNAMENTS
Big South Conference
At Conway, S.C.
First Round
Gardner-Webb vs. Longwood, 11 a.m.
Presbyterian vs. Charleston Southern, 1:30 p.m.
UNC Asheville vs. Coastal Carolina, 5 p.m.

POLL
AP TOP 25

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. UConn (35)	28-1	875	1
2. Notre Dame	28-2	832	4
3. South Carolina	27-2	796	2
4. Maryland	27-2	774	5
5. Tennessee	25-4	722	6
6. **Baylor**	26-3	687	3
7. Florida St	27-3	673	9
8. Oregon St	26-3	622	7
9. Arizona St	26-4	577	10
10. Louisville	24-5	540	8
11. Mississippi St	26-5	508	11
12. Kentucky	21-8	500	13
13. Princeton	27-0	458	14
14. Iowa	23-6	381	17
15. North Carolina	23-7	358	15
16. Duke	20-9	351	16
17. Chattanooga	26-3	290	18
18. Texas A&M	22-8	281	12
19. Stanford	21-9	218	19
20. Florida Gulf Coast	27-2	177	21
21. George Washington	26-3	145	22
22. Syracuse	21-8	115	23
23. Rutgers	21-8	107	20
24. Northwestern	22-7	99	25
25. Seton Hall	20-6	69	—

Others receiving votes: California 64, South Florida 43, Ohio St. 24, Green Bay 19, DePaul 17, James Madison 17, Dayton 13, W. Kentucky 10, Oklahoma 9, Iowa St. 8, LSU 4, Nebraska 4, Wichita St. 4, Quinnipiac 2, **Texas 1**, Washington 1.

Harden suspended 1 game for kicking James in the groin

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NBA has suspended Houston star James Harden one game without pay for kicking LeBron James in the groin.

The All-Stars and Olympic teammates became tangled in the third quarter of Houston's 105-103 victory over Cleveland on Sunday and Harden fell back to the court, then kicked his foot up into James.

Harden was given a flagrant foul 1 for the play, which the league upgraded Monday to a flagrant 2, which would have been an automatic ejection if called at the time.

An angry James said after the game that Harden's kick was "not a basketball play" and that the league would probably look at it.

Harden, the NBA's leading scorer and a top MVP candidate, won't play when the Rockets visit the Atlanta Hawks on Tuesday.

MAVERICKS

From 1C

three points.

The Pelicans used a 10-2 run to build a 47-42 lead with 5:59 remaining in the half. Dallas responded with a 10-point run, including three field goals by Ellis, to move ahead 52-47 with 3:17 left before the break.

The victory kept the Mavericks a half-game behind the fifth-place Los Angeles Clippers in the Western Conference.

New Orleans, seeking its first playoff berth since 2011, dropped a game behind eighth-place Oklahoma City in the West.

TIP-INS

Pelicans: Cole has scored in double figures in five of six games since being acquired from Miami.

Mavericks: Bernard James, on the ninth day of his second 10-day contract, made his second start at center.



Sharon Ellman/AP

Dallas' Monta Ellis dunks during Monday's game in Dallas.

Canadiens swing 3 deals on busy NHL trading deadline day

By John Wawrow
Associated Press

General manager Marc Bergevin added to the Montreal Canadiens without altering his Eastern Conference-leading lineup.

In Detroit, GM Ken Holland thought it was important to provide his young Red Wings a nudge by adding two experienced veterans. As for the Toronto Maple Leafs, their long-expected purge of high-priced talent failed to materialize before the NHL's annual trading deadline struck on Monday.

"We did as much as we could. We just hoped for more," Maple Leafs general manager David Nonis said after being limited to making just two moves, none of which included forwards Joffrey Lupul and Tyler Bozak, or defenseman Dion Phaneuf. "Today, there weren't deals that were there for any of our players that made sense for us."

That didn't prevent others from staying busy on a day that featured 24 trades involving 43 players.

The Canadiens plugged several needs by acquiring defenseman Jeff Petry from Edmonton, and making two separate deals with Buffalo to land forwards Torrey Mitchell and Brian Flynn. In exchange, they gave up a combined four draft picks and minor-league prospect Jack Nevins.

"We're getting rewarded for our good play right now," Canadiens forward Max Pacioretty said. "I think (Bergevin) saw a couple of areas he can improve on but not change things too much."

Other East teams weren't going to let Rangers GM Glen Sather steal the thunder a day after the Rangers acquired defenseman Keith Yandle and forward James Sheppard.

The New York Islanders kept pace by making four trades. Aside from adding center Tyler Kennedy from San Jose, the Isles upgraded their backup goalie spot behind Jaroslav Halak by acquiring Sabres starter Michal Neuvirth.

Holland took an aggressive approach in adding to the Red Wings. A day after acquiring veteran forward Erik Cole from Dallas, Holland gave up a conditional draft choice to New Jersey for veteran defenseman Marek Zidlicky.

"The growth of our team and the growth of our younger players, I guess, sent a message to me that we've got a good team," Holland said. "We're right in the thick of things."

The Anaheim Ducks were among several contenders to stock up in the West.

The Pacific Division leaders made four trades. The most significant involved Columbus, in which the Ducks acquired high-scoring defenseman James Wisniewski and a 2015 third-round pick in exchange for forwards Rene Bourque, Williams Karlsson and a 2015 second-round pick.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

RAPTORS 114
76ERS 103

PHILADELPHIA — DeMar DeRozan scored a season-high 35 points, Lou Williams had 21 and the Toronto Raptors snapped a five-game losing streak with a 114-103 win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

Toronto coach Dwane Casey gave slumping All-Star and Philadelphia native Kyle Lowry another night off to rest. Even without their leading scorer in the lineup for the second straight game, the Raptors won for the first time since Feb. 20.

The Raptors had lost of their five games during their streak on the road. They still hold the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference over the Chicago Bulls.

Patrick Patterson scored 15 points for the Raptors and Grevis Vasquez added 12.

Nerlens Noel went 7 for 7 for 17 points for the Sixers.

NETS 110
WARRIORS 108

NEW YORK — Jarrett Jack made a tiebreaking jumper with 1.1 seconds left and the Brooklyn Nets overcame Stephen Curry's fourth-quarter comeback attempt to beat the Golden State Warriors 110-108 on Monday night.

Curry brought the Warriors back from 10 points down with under 4 minutes left to tie it, but couldn't get a final shot off after Jack's jumper.

Curry finished with 26 points, 18 in the final period. Jack, however, calmly ran the clock down and shot over him as the Nets won their first game at home since Feb. 6.

Brook Lopez had 26 points and Deron Williams 22 for the Nets.

Andrew Bogut scored 16 for Golden State, but Klay Thompson shot 3 for 17. He was 1 of 9 on 3-pointers and finished with seven points.

HEAT 115
SUNS 98

MIAMI — Tyler Johnson scored a career-high 26 points, Goran Dragic added 21 against his former team and the Miami Heat beat the Phoenix Suns 115-98 on Monday night in a game that included two third-quarter altercations.

Hassan Whiteside finished with 17 points and 10 rebounds before getting ejected for Miami, which got 16 points and nine assists from Dwyane Wade.

Eric Bledsoe scored 20 for the Suns, who got 18 points and 13 rebounds from P.J. Tucker. Markieff Morris and Brandon Knight scored 13 apiece, and Alex Len had 10 points and 11 rebounds.

The story line was supposed to be Dragic facing the club that traded him to Miami last month, amid hurt feelings on both sides.

Emotions boiled over instead.

CLIPPERS 110
TIMBERWOLVES 105

MINNEAPOLIS — Chris Paul had 26 points and 14 assists, and the Los Angeles Clippers allowed only one field goal in the fourth quarter to outlast the Minnesota Timberwolves for a 110-105 victory Monday night.

J.J. Redick scored 18 points before getting ejected in the fourth and DeAndre Jordan had 12 points and 18 rebounds, his ninth straight game with at least 15 boards. Glen Davis scored 12 points off the bench to help the Clippers get their seventh win in nine games.

Ricky Rubio had 18 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists for the Timberwolves, who were missing starters Nikola Pekovic and Kevin Martin. Minnesota went 1 for 14 in the fourth quarter.

Gary Neal had 19 points and nine rebounds, but missed a forced 3-pointer with 9.3 seconds to go that would have tied the game.

NHLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

RANGERS 4
PREDATORS 1

NEW YORK — Mats Zuccarello and Derick Brassard both had two assists, and the New York Rangers rebounded from a rare regulation loss and sent the NHL-leading Nashville Predators to their season-worst third straight defeat, 4-1 on Monday night.

Marc Staal, Chris Kreider, Dominic Moore and Rick Nash had goals for the Rangers to make it a successful debut for defenseman Keith Yandle, acquired Sunday from Arizona. Cam Talbot stopped 25 shots to improve to 9-2-2 in place of injured No. 1 goalie Henrik Lundqvist, who turned 33 on Monday.

The Rangers, 12-2-2 in their past 16 games, moved into a tie with the Islanders atop the Metropolitan Division.

Zuccarello had a big game shortly after the Rangers announced he agreed to a four-year contract extension.

BLACKHAWKS 5
HURRICANES 2

CHICAGO — Jonathan Toews had two goals and assisted on Marian Hossa's score as the Chicago Blackhawks rolled to a 5-2 win over the Carolina Hurricanes on Monday night.

Brandon Saad scored his 20th to reach that mark for the first time in his career and Marcus Kruger also connected for the Blackhawks, who have won three of their last four. Toews increased his total to 21 goals.

Corey Crawford made 27 saves for Chicago and lost his bid for a second straight shutout when Carolina's John-Michael Liles scored at 4:29 of the third period. Alexander Semin also scored late in the third for the Hurricanes, who snapped a three-game winning streak.

Cam Ward allowed four goals on 18 shots through the first two periods for Carolina, and was replaced by Anton Khudobin to start the third. Khudobin stopped seven of the eight shots he faced.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
Montreal	62	41	16	5	87	171	135
Tampa Bay	64	38	20	6	82	210	171
Detroit	61	35	15	11	81	180	159
Boston	62	31	22	9	71	165	161
Florida	63	28	22	13	69	154	178
Ottawa	60	27	23	10	64	171	163
Toronto	63	25	33	5	55	170	193
Buffalo	63	19	39	5	43	123	212
Metropolitan Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	62	39	17	6	84	196	153
N.Y. Islanders	64	41	21	2	84	205	179
Pittsburgh	62	36	17	9	81	181	155
Washington	64	34	20	10	78	188	159
Philadelphia	63	27	25	11	65	168	183
New Jersey	63	26	27	10	62	141	164
Columbus	62	26	32	4	56	160	196
Carolina	62	24	31	7	55	144	167
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	64	41	16	7	89	192	155
St. Louis	63	40	18	5	85	197	159
Chicago	64	38	21	5	81	188	152
Winnipeg	64	32	20	12	76	178	172
Dallas	62	33	22	7	73	176	161
Colorado	63	27	25	11	65	167	182
Dallas	63	27	26	10	64	196	210
Pacific Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	64	40	17	7	87	189	177
Vancouver	62	36	23	3	75	180	167
Calgary	62	33	25	4	70	175	160
Los Angeles	62	29	21	12	70	166	162
San Jose	63	30	25	8	68	175	181
Arizona	63	20	36	7	47	138	214
Edmonton	63	18	35	10	46	143	208

Monday's Scores
N.Y. Rangers 4, Nashville 1
Chicago 5, Carolina 2
Montreal at San Jose, late

Today's Games
Nashville at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Calgary at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Washington at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Arizona, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

PRORODEOLEADERS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Through March 1

All-around
1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $43,822
2. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb, $20,032
3. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo, $17,001
4. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah $16,451
5. Clayton Hass, Terrell, $12,786
6. Eli Lord, Sturgis, S.D. $12,179
7. JoJo LeMond, Andrews, $11,523
8. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $11,276

Bareback Riding
1. Kaycee Feild, Spanish Fork, Utah $34,432
2. Austin Foss, Terreborne, Ore. $30,728
3. Seth Hardwick, Laramie, Wyo. $29,317
4. Evan Jayne, Marseille, France $26,626
5. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa $25,660
6. Bobby Mote, Stephenville, $23,330
7. Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah $22,980
8. Ryan Gray, Cheney, Wash. $21,708
9. Luke Creasy, Lovington, N.M. $21,607
10. David Peebles, Redmond, Ore. $19,415
11. Tyler Nelson, Victor, Idaho $16,943
12. Tanner Aus, Granite Falls, Minn. $16,514
13. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $13,319
14. Orin Larsen, Ingle, Manitoba $11,478

Steer Wrestling
1. Seth Brockman, Wheatland, Wyo. $27,044
2. Hunter Cure, Holliday, $25,300
3. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont. $23,215
4. Olin Hannum, Malad, Idaho $23,006
5. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. $21,115
6. Beau Clark, Belgrade, Mont. $18,972
7. K.C. Jones, Decatur, $18,797
8. Dirk Tatenner, Rigby, Idaho $18,460
9. Adam Strahan, McKinney, $17,248
10. Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss. $16,533
11. Baylor Roche, Tremonton, Utah $16,174
12. Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis. $15,903
13. Kyle Irwin, Robertsdale, Ala. $14,981
14. Cody Cabral, Hilo, Hawaii $14,873

Team Roping (header)
1. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont, $32,091
2. Derrick Begay, Sebo Dalkai, Ariz. $24,470
3. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $23,504
4. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga. $21,034
5. Tyler Wade, Terrell, $21,013
6. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. $19,852
7. Charly Crawford, Pinnelle, Ore. $18,857
8. Jesse Stipes, Salina, Okla. $16,440
9. Nick Sartain, Dover, Okla. $16,279
10. Jake Barnes, Scottsdale, Ariz. $14,465
11. Bubba Buckaloo, Caddo, Okla. $14,323
12. Jake Cooper, Monument, N.M. $14,130
13. Riley Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $14,128
14. Troy Heskins, Chualar, Calif. $13,637

Team Roping (heeler)
1. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. $26,605
2. Travis Woodard, Stockton, Calif. $26,605
3. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Gardnerville, Nev. $26,550
4. Patrick Smith, Lipan, $23,504
5. Kenney Harrell, Marshall, $22,133
6. Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz. $19,852
7. Shay Carroll, La Junta, Colo. $16,857
8. Rich Skelton, Llano, $16,279
9. Buddy Hawkins II, Columbus, Kan. $15,838
10. Billie Jack Saebens, Nowata, Okla. $15,340
11. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $15,135
12. Junior Nogueira, Scottsdale, Ariz. $14,465
13. Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $14,128
14. Quinn Kesler, Holden, Utah $12,510

Saddle Bronc Riding
1. Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La. $53,267
2. Spencer Wright, Milford, Utah $32,304
3. Rusty Wright, Milford, Utah $30,806
4. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M. $22,890
5. Joe Lufkin, Sallisaw, Okla. $20,998
6. Wade Sundell, Colman, Okla. $20,786
7. Jake Wright, Milford, Utah $18,273
8. Clay Elliott, Nanton, Alberta $11,988
9. Chad Ferley, Oelrichs, S.D. $15,529
10. Bradley Harter, Loranger, La. $13,987
11. Zeke Thurston, Big Valley, Alberta $11,990
12. Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah $11,667
13. Sterling Crawley, Stephenville, $11,666
14. Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D. $10,435

Tie-down Roping
1. Cory Solomon, Prairie View, $39,012
2. Monty Lewis, Hereford, $31,895
3. Timber Moore, Aubrey, $28,850
4. Marty Yates, Stephenville, $23,639
5. Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla. $22,726
6. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, $21,074
7. Chase Williams, Stephenville, $20,731
8. Sterling Smith, Stephenville, $18,084
9. Blair Burk, Hermiston, Ore. $17,599
10. Adam Gray, Seymour, $16,900
11. Bart Brunson, Terry, Miss. $15,539
12. Jordan Ketscher, Squaw Valley, Calif. $13,146
13. Ace Slone, Cuero, $13,018
14. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah $12,871

Steer Roping
1. Neal Wood, Needville, $30,707
2. Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, $23,266
3. Mike Chase, McAlester, Okla. $19,752
4. Cody Lee, Gatesville, $19,357
5. Shay Good, Midland, $16,328
6. Scott Snedecor, Fredericksburg, $13,708
7. Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D. $12,246
8. Jarrett Blessing, Paradise, $10,784
9. Ralph Williams, Sisatook, Okla. $8,684
10. Tom Richardson, Decatur, $7,952
11. Brady Garten, Claremore, Okla. $7,735
12. Jason Evans, Huntsville, $7,301
13. Landon McCaughey, Tilden, $6,805
14. Troy Tillard, Douglas, Wyo. $6,783

Bull Riding
1. Sage Kimzey, Strong City, Okla. $42,735
2. Chandler Bownds, Lubbock, $32,854
3. Wesley Silcox, Santaquin, Utah $28,208
4. Parker Breding, Edgar, Mont. $28,078
5. Brennon Eldred, Sulphur, Okla. $27,923
6. Joe Frost, Randlett, Utah $27,339
7. Tanner Learmont, Cleburne, $23,967
8. Reid Barker, Comfort, $20,640
9. Brett Stall, Detroit Lakes, Minn. $18,745
10. Cody Teel, Kountze, $18,222
11. Eric Lanham, Sweet, Idaho $16,975
12. Steve Woolsey, Payson, Utah $16,225
13. Caleb Sanderson, Kissimmee, Fla. $16,061
14. Nile Lebaron, Weatherford, $14,872

Barrel Racing
1. Sarah Rose McDonald, Brunswick, Ga. $42,074
2. Alexa Lake, Richmond, $38,873
3. Fallon Taylor, Collinsville, $29,306
4. Callie Duperier, Boerne, $27,919
5. Meagan Johnson, Deming, N.M. $26,001
6. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz. $25,992
7. Jana Bean, Fort Hancock, $23,604
8. Layna Kight, Ozark, Fla. $22,493
9. Victoria Williams, Kiln, Miss. $21,808
10. Cassidy Kruse, Gillette, $20,878
11. Kelly Toler, Rockdale, $20,507
12. Shelly Anzick, Livingston, $20,356
13. Kenna Squires, Fredonia, $15,610
14. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D. $15,413

NBA STANDINGS AND BOXES

STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	38	22	.633	-
Brooklyn	25	33	.431	12
Boston	23	34	.404	13 1/2
Philadelphia	13	47	.217	25
New York	12	46	.207	25
Southeast Division				
Atlanta	47	12	.797	-
Washington	34	26	.567	13 1/2
Miami	26	33	.441	21
Charlotte	24	33	.421	22
Orlando	19	42	.311	29
Central Division				
Chicago	37	23	.617	-
Cleveland	37	24	.607	1/2
Milwaukee	32	27	.542	4 1/2
Indiana	25	34	.424	11 1/2
Detroit	23	36	.390	13 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	42	16	.724	-
Houston	41	18	.695	1 1/2
Dallas	40	22	.645	4
San Antonio	36	23	.610	6 1/2
New Orleans	32	28	.533	11
Northwest Division				
Portland	39	19	.672	-
Oklahoma City	33	27	.550	7
Utah	23	35	.397	16
Denver	20	39	.339	19 1/2
Minnesota	13	46	.220	26 1/2
Pacific Division				
Golden State	46	12	.793	-
L.A. Clippers	40	21	.656	7 1/2
Phoenix	31	30	.508	16 1/2
Sacramento	20	37	.351	25 1/2
L.A. Lakers	16	42	.276	30

Monday's Scores
Toronto 114, Philadelphia 103
Miami 115, Phoenix 98
Brooklyn 110, Golden State 108
L.A. Clippers 110, Minnesota 105
Dallas 102, New Orleans 93

Today's Games
L.A. Lakers at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Boston at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at New York, 6 p.m.
Houston at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Utah at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Denver, 8 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOXES
MAVERICKS 102, PELICANS 93
NEW ORLEANS (93): Pondexter 2-5 0-0 6, Cunningham 6-15 0-0 12, Asik 1-3 0-0 2, Evans 6-14 4-4 17, Gordon 4-11 6-6 18, Cole 8-12 1-2 19, Babbitt 1-3 1-2 4, Aminu 6-9 1-2 13, Fredette 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 35-74 13-16 93.
DALLAS (102): Jefferson 5-6 4-4 18, Nowitzki 5-13 1-1 14, James 0-1 0-0 0, Rondo 9-15 0-0 19, Ellis 8-19 4-4 20, Aminu 1-3 0-0 2, Stoudemire 6-9 2-2 14, Barea 1-5 1-2 3, Harris 3-8 0-0 8, Villanueva 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 39-76 20-20 102.

New Orleans	31	27	13	22	— 93
Dallas	32	23	25	22	— 102

3-Point Goals—New Orleans 10-21 (Gordon 4-7, Pondexter 2-3, Cole 2-4, Babbitt 1-1, Evans 1-5, Fredette 0-1), Dallas 8-16 (Nowitzki 3-5, Jefferson 2-2, Rondo 1-1, Villanueva 0-1, Harris 0-1, Barea 0-1, Aminu 0-2, Ellis 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 41 (Aminu 12), Dallas 44 (Nowitzki 8). Assists—New Orleans 19 (Evans 7), Dallas 31 (Harris, Stoudemire, Rondo, Ellis 2). Total Fouls—New Orleans 18, Dallas 14. Technicals—New Orleans defensive three second A—20,367 (19,200).

RAPTORS 114, 76ERS 103
TORONTO (114): Johnson 2-4 8-9 4, A.Johnson 2-3 0-0 4, Valanciunas 1-3 2-4 5, Vasquez 5-8 0-0 12, DeRozan 12-24 10-10 35, Williams 6-15 7-7 21, Patterson 6-10 1-1 15, Ross 4-10 0-0 12, Hansbrough 3-4 0-2 6. Totals 41-80 21-24 114.
PHILADELPHIA (103): Mbah a Moute 4-10 1-2 10, Sims 5-10 0-1 10, Noel 7-7 3-4 17, Carter 5-12 0-0 14, Sampson 2-7 2-2 7, Thompson 1-3 4-5 7, Grant 2-7 0-0 4, Smith 8-13 2-3 19, Robinson 6-8 1-2 13, Alderm'n 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 47-78 13-19 103.

Toronto	26	29	28	31	— 114
Philadelphia	22	27	27	27	— 103

3-Point Goals—Toronto 11-27 (Ross 4-7, Vasquez 2-4, Patterson 2-4, Williams 2-9, DeRozan 1-3), Philadelphia 8-20 (Canaan 4-8, Smith 1-2, Thompson 1-2, Sampson 1-2, Mbah a Moute 1-2, Grant 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 41 (DeRozan 9), Philadelphia 44 (Noel 7). Assists—Toronto 24 (Williams, Vasquez, DeRozan 5), Philadelphia 32 (Smith 9). Total Fouls—Toronto 16, Philadelphia 18. Technicals—Toronto defensive three second. A—10,742 (20,318).

NETS 110, WARRIORS 108
GOLDEN STATE (108): Barnes 2-7 1-2 6, Green 1-5 1-2 3, Bogut 8-10 0-0 16, Curry 8-16 4-4 26, Thompson 3-17 0-0 7, Iguodala 5-8 0-0 12, Livingston 5-8 1-3 11, Speights 3-6 0-0 6, Holiday 1-3 0-0 3, Lee 2-4 0-0 4, Ezeli 4-6 6-7 14. Totals 42-90 13-18 108.
BROOKLYN (110): Anderson 7-10 0-0 18, Johnson 2-7 1-1 5, Plumlee 3-7 1-4 7, Williams 8-19 2-2 22, Brown 1-4 2-2 4, Lopez 11-22 4-5 26, Jack 4-7 0-0 9, Young 5-9 2-2 14, Bogdanovic 3-4 0-0 7. Totals 44-89 12-16 110.

Golden State	23	28	29	28	— 108
Brooklyn	33	34	29	24	— 110

3-Point Goals—Golden State 11-36 (Curry 6-12, Iguodala 2-3, Holiday 1-1, Barnes 1-2, Thompson 1-9, Speights 0-1, Green 0-2), Brooklyn 10-21 (Williams 4-7, Young 2-3, Anderson 2-5, Bogdanovic 1-2, Jack 1-2, Johnson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 57 (Green 11), Brooklyn 65 (Plumlee 7). Assists—Golden State 28 (Curry 7), Brooklyn 20 (Jack 5). Total Fouls—Golden State 20, Brooklyn 12. Technicals—Golden State defensive three second. Flagrant Fouls—Bogut. A—17,732 (17,732).

CLIPPERS 110, TIMBERWOLVES 105
L.A. CLIPPERS (110): Hamilton 4-10 0-0 10, Hawes 3-12 0-0 8, Jordan 4-7 4-9 12, Paul 12-20 0-0 26, Redick 7-15 0-0 18, Crawford 4-9 0-0 9, Davis 5-8 2-4 12, Rivers 5-9 2-4 13, Turiaf 0-2 0-0 0, Wilcox 0-0 0-0 0, Jones 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 44-92 10-19 110.
MINNESOTA (105): Wiggins 5-16 8-10 18, Garnett 6-10 0-0 12, Dieng 4-8 2-2 10, Rubio 5-11 7-8 18, Nash 5-17 5-6 19, Payne 4-8 4-4 12, LaVine 5-9 3-4 14, Budinger 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 36-82 29-35 105.

L.A. Clippers	26	22	26	34	— 110
Minnesota	23	37	27	18	— 105

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 12-33 (Redick 4-9, Paul 2-4, Hamilton 2-6, Rivers 2-7, Crawford 1-3, Rivers 1-3, Jordan 0-1), Minnesota 4-15 (Nash 2-7, LaVine 1-3, Rubio 1-4, Budinger 0-1). Fouled Out—Davis. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 55 (Jordan 18), Minnesota 54 (Rubio 12). Assists—L.A. Clippers 24 (Paul 14), Minnesota 25 (Rubio 11). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 26, Minnesota 22. Technicals—Hawes, Redick 2, Rivers, L.A. Clippers Coach Rivers, Garnett, Minnesota Coach Saunders. Ejected—Redick. A—18,239 (19,356).

HEAT 115, SUNS 98
PHOENIX (98): Tucker 8-13 3-4 20, Mark Morris 6-10 0-0 13, Len 4-9 2-2 10, Bledsoe 6-10 7-11 20, Knight 3-12 5-6 13, Marc Morris 3-12 4-8 11, Green 1-7 0-0 3, Goodwin 0-1 2-2 2, Barron 0-0 0-0 0, Wright 0-0 0-0 0, Thornton 1-2 2-2 4. Warren 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 33-78 25-38 98.
MIAMI (115): Deng 4-11 2-4 12, Haslem 0-0 3-4 3, Whiteside 8-12 1-3 17, G.Dragic 5-9 9-9 21, Wade 7-19 2-4 16, Chalmers 3-8 1-1 7, Walker 8-0 0-0 0, Johnson 10-13 3-3 26, Beasley 6-10 0-0 12, Andersen 0-0 1-2 1, Napier 0-0 0-0 0, Z.Dragic 0-0 0-0 0, Ennis 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 43-82 22-30 115.

Phoenix	24	24	26	24	— 98
Miami	23	39	23	30	— 115

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 7-31 (Knight 2-7, Mark Morris 1-2, Bledsoe 1-3, Tucker 1-6, Green 1-6, Marc Morris 1-7), Miami 7-14 (Johnson 3-3, G.Dragic 2-2, Deng 2-6, Wade 0-1, Chalmers 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 53 (Tucker 14), Miami 52 (Whiteside 10). Assists—Phoenix 17 (Knight 7), Miami 19 (Wade 9). Total Fouls—Phoenix 27, Miami 31. Technicals—Green, Len, Marc Morris, Mark Morris, Walker, Whiteside, Miami defensive three second. Flagrant Fouls—Mark Morris, Walker. Ejected—Len, Mark Morris, Whiteside. A—19,600 (19,600).

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To tag or not to tag is an NFL quandary

BARRY WILNER
Associated Press

NFL games have begun for 2015. Don't bother checking out your Sunday Ticket, though. This is not football the teams are playing, it's tag.

Monday was the deadline for franchises to decide whether to hold onto key players who are pending free agents by giving them the franchise or transition tag. The alternative: letting them hit the open market on March 10.

A lot more goes into tagging than simply wanting to hold on to a standout or a budding star. There's nearly as much game-planning for it as there is for an opponent during the season.

Teams ask themselves:

—What position does he play and how much is the tag for that position?

—Should we use the exclusive franchise tag, when no other team can approach the player? Or go with the non-exclusive, allowing other teams to pursue the player, but with the original team able to match any offer, or decline and gain two first-round draft picks?

■ Should we go with the lower transition tag, in which other teams can set the market for a player and if the contract is not matched, there is no compensation when the player walks?

■ What is our salary cap situation? Does it make sense to commit so much money to one player? Is he that much of a difference maker?

This year, the Lions decided not to tag Ndamukong Suh, an All-Pro defensive tackle and, when on his game, a wrecking ball on the field. Among the reasons could be his penchant for unacceptable on-field behavior — there's always the chance Suh could go off during a game and wind up with a suspension for his actions.

More likely, Detroit looked at the salary cap implications of tagging Suh for nearly a $27 million cap hit because of his previous contract restructuring. The Lions felt adding to the huge price tags on receiver Calvin Johnson and quarterback Matthew Stafford would preclude the team from improvements in several other areas.

No team wants to commit more than 30 percent of its cap spending to three players — unless those players have won championships for the franchise. Most teams prefer to stay under 25 percent for its top three players. Stafford has a salary cap hit of $17.7 million in 2015, and Johnson is at $20.5 million.

Detroit still might sign Suh to a long-term deal, and it could avoid the hefty one-year cap hit with some creativity over a span of a few seasons. That room for creativity doesn't exist with franchise-tagged players.

Kansas City bit hard and put the non-exclusive tag on linebacker Justin Houston. Except Houston might want to be considered a defensive end: the tag at that position is nearly $1.7 million higher.

While the Chiefs negotiate with Houston's agents, they also must find ways to trim salaries. That shouldn't be too difficult; much harder will be dealing with a potentially long holdout by Houston if the sides can't agree on which position the league's leading sack-master plays. And how much he is worth.

The Giants had an easier decision in franchising defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul. When healthy and motivated, he's a force, as his 12 1/2 sacks and 21 quarterback hits for a weak defense showed in 2014. He also had 16 1/2 sacks in 2011, and is only 26.

With Steve Spagnuolo returning as defensive coordinator, New York will build again around the pass rush. Pierre-Paul is the foundation.

Denver also had little choice with tagging receiver Demaryius Thomas at $12.823 million. With Peyton Manning likely to return this season, the Broncos had no option but to keep his top target — particularly with tight end Julius Thomas and wideout Wes Welker unsigned.

It's also more probable the Broncos can get a long-term deal done with Thomas — the deadline is July 15 — and they have some flexibility under the salary cap, with around $150 million available thanks to unspent carryover money from 2014.

Cowboys put franchise tag worth $12.8 million on Dez Bryant

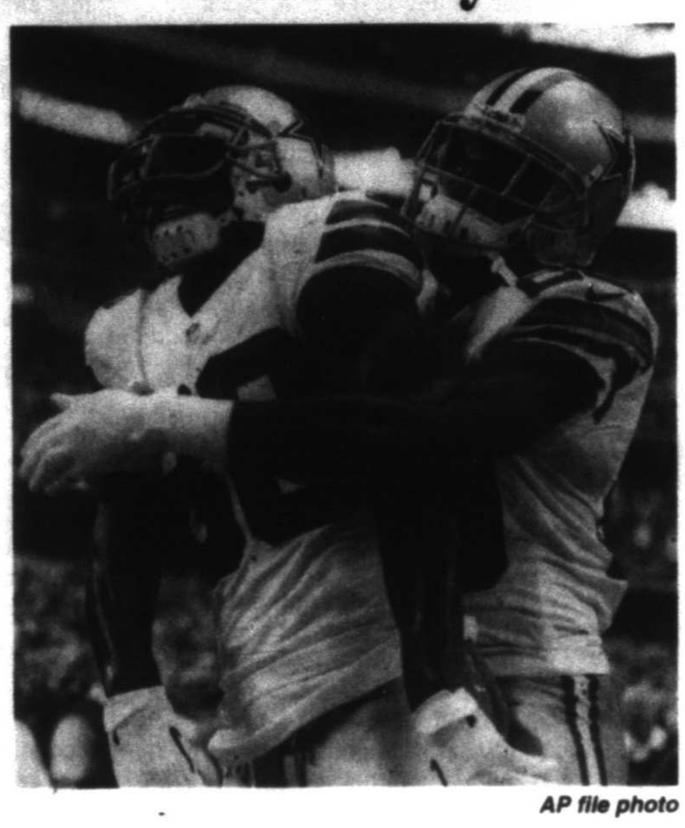
Associated Press

IRVING — Dez Bryant will get four more months to work on a long-term deal with the Cowboys and make $12.8 million next year after the team used its franchise tag on the star wide receiver.

Bryant led the NFL with a club-record 16 touchdowns in the final year of a rookie contract that paid $11.8 million over five years.

The 26-year-old Bryant was the fastest Dallas player to 300 career receptions and second-fastest to 50 touchdowns behind Bob Hayes.

The Cowboys also have to decide whether to re-sign running back DeMarco Murray after he had a league-leading 1,845 yards rushing in the final year of his contract. He becomes a free agent March 10.



AP file photo

In this Oct. 6, 2013 photo, Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Dez Bryant, left, celebrates his touchdown with teammate DeMarco Murray in Arlington. The Cowboys put the franchise tag on Bryant.

NFL salary cap increases $10 million

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NFL's salary cap is going up $10 million to $143.28 million for the 2015 season.

All 32 teams and the players' union were notified Monday of the increase, the second straight season the cap went up by at least $10 million. Adding in benefits, the league says the projected player costs will be $180.775 million per team.

The NFL's business year starts March 10, when free agency begins.

The salary cap is determined by a series of NFL revenue streams, with the players receiving 46 percent to 48 percent of those revenues, depending on the year.

Several teams are carrying over wads of money they did not spend in 2014, giving them higher adjusted salary cap numbers. The highest such total is Jacksonville at $168.4 million; the Jaguars are carrying over $21.7 million in unspent money and have $3.43 in financial adjustments.

Other teams with substantially more to spend in 2015 include Cleveland ($161.7 million), Philadelphia ($159.8 million); the New York Jets ($156.1 million); and Tennessee ($154.3 million).

According to the 2011 labor agreement, the NFL and individual clubs must guarantee a minimum level of cash spending during two four-year cycles: 2013-16, and 2017-20. The CBA ends after the 2020 season.

The league guarantees that 95 percent of the cumulative salary caps will be spent, and each club guarantees 89 percent of the cumulative salary caps for those four years will be spent.

Since the current CBA was signed, the cap has been $120 million in 2011 and 2012, $123 million in 2013, and $133 million in 2014.

The league and union also released franchise tag values for 2015; teams had until Monday to designate players with either the franchise or transition tag.

Naturally, the highest franchise tag is at quarterback, $18.544 million. Next is defensive end at $14.813 million, followed by cornerback at $13.075 million. Then come linebacker ($13.195), offensive line ($12.943 million), wide receiver ($12.823 million), defensive tackle (11.193 million), running back $10.951 million, safety ($9.618 million), tight end ($8.347 million), and kickers/punters ($4.126 million).

Peterson just 1 of the players left in limbo by ruling

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

BOSTON — There is a defensive end heading for free agency who had 15 sacks in his last full season. The kind of player a team can build a pass rush around, if he were spending more time on the football field and less in the courts fighting domestic abuse charges.

Greg Hardy's current team, the Carolina Panthers, isn't expected to make him an offer.

And then there's the recent NFL MVP, a running back who once topped 2,000 yards, whose team says it wants him back, but he's not so sure. If the Minnesota Vikings wouldn't support him after he was charged with beating his son, Adrian Peterson can probably find a team that will.

As NFL teams turn to free agency on March 10, there is more to consider this year than 40-yard dash times and vertical jumps. A few players who might otherwise attract a bidding war now have to convince teams they are talented enough to justify the baggage they bring along.

And that's making what was already an imperfect science even more difficult.

"It all makes it rough on the football people," said Bill Polian, a 2015 Pro Football Hall of Famer who built the Bills, Panthers and Colts into Super Bowl teams. "(Hardy) would be a marquee free agent if not for these other issues."

Peterson is still under contract with the Vikings. But he has said he is uneasy about returning to the team that distanced itself from him after he was charged with a felony for disciplining his child to the point of injury. He missed 15 games — seven with pay while on the exempt list and the last six while suspended under the enhanced personal conduct policy Commissioner Roger Goodell announced after his initial two-game punishment for Ray Rice angered almost everyone.

But U.S. District Judge David Doty ruled last week that Goodell could not suspend Peterson under a policy that was created after the original crime. (Peterson pleaded no contest to a reduced assault misdemeanor). The case goes back to NFL-appointed arbitrator Harold Henderson, who is likely to tell Goodell to review the case under the old policy that in most cases maxed out at a two-game suspension.

"Like Tinker to Evers to Chance, this is going to go from Doty to Henderson to Goodell," said Daniel Wallach, a sports litigator in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

In the meantime, the NFL has appealed and it is likely to ask for a stay of Doty's ruling until then, said Wallach, of the firm of Becker and Poliakoff.

"That will go a long way toward clarifying Adrian Peterson's status," he said. "If Peterson loses the stay issue, NFL free agency advances without him. And what does that do to his market value? It's going to diminish it tremendously."

Peterson isn't the only one.

Hardy was placed on the exempt list and missed all but one game after he was convicted last summer on two counts of domestic violence. He appealed and had both charges dismissed last month when his accuser couldn't be located to testify; the prosecutor said there was evidence of a financial settlement.

The NFL said Hardy was never officially disciplined and his case is still "under review." He will become an unrestricted free agent next week, but potential suitors will have to consider a potential suspension — in addition to the public relations damage that would come from signing a man who, according to court testimony, threw his girlfriend on a futon covered with rifles, ripped a necklace off her neck and threatened to kill her.

"We start with the premise that you have no idea what his availability will be. You can make some guesses but don't know for sure," Polian said. "You would want protection for all those scenarios ... all of that makes the negotiation very difficult."

Polian said teams consider conduct every year, both in the draft and free agency and even when re-signing their own players. This year, Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston is a potential No. 1 overall pick, but has off-field issues — including rape accusations — that could make Oregon's Marcus Mariota more appealing.

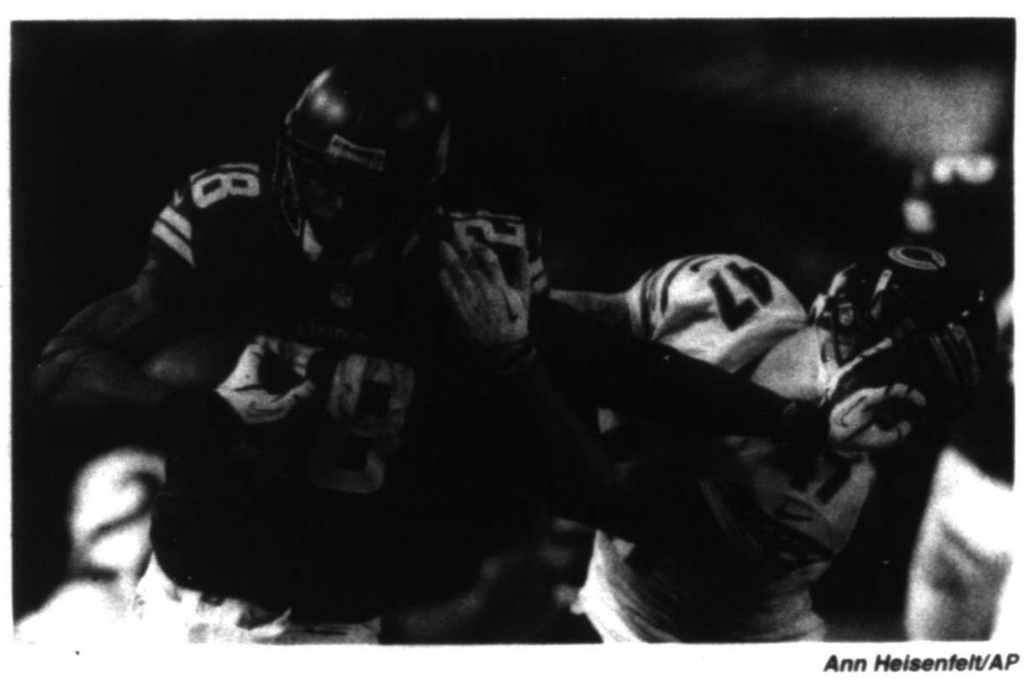
Or, it could make him undraftable.

"The owner will say, 'Our sponsors and season ticket holders and our market won't like it,'" Polian said. "And so there will be owners who are not interested, no matter what the football people think."

And then there is Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice — Patient Zero in Goodell's domestic abuse crackdown — whose production diminished even before he was caught punching his wife in a casino hotel elevator. He will be joined on the free agent market by San Francisco defensive lineman Ray McDonald, who was cut by the 49ers in December for what the team called "a pattern of poor decision making."

McDonald has a limited market because he fits better in a 3-4 defensive alignment that fewer teams use. But he was never charged, Polian said; and he "apparently has no issues with the league."

"I say apparently, because we aren't sure," Polian added. "Clearly he has PR issues, and some owners are going to say 'I think we can live with it,' and others will say 'No, we can't,'" Polian said.



Ann Heisenfelt/AP

In this Dec. 1, 2013, photo, Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson, left, tries to break a tackle from Chicago Bears free safety Chris Conte during a game in Minneapolis. A federal judge has cleared the way for Peterson to be reinstated. U.S. District Judge David Doty issued his order Thursday less than three weeks after hearing oral arguments.

Vikings say they have had 'open dialogue' with Peterson

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Vikings have been trying to take advantage of their opportunity to communicate with Adrian Peterson.

General manager Rick Spielman said Monday the organization has had "open dialogue" with the star running back since the NFL tabled his suspension and returned him to the special exempt list. That's where Peterson spent much of the 2014 season, essentially paid leave, while the child abuse case he was involved in played out in court.

The league made that move Thursday after U.S. District Judge David Doty overruled the arbitrator who denied Peterson's appeal. Under the parameters of his suspension, the Vikings weren't allowed to have any direct contact with Peterson. Now they're able to, for the time being. That's critical with the NFL's transactions period starting March 10. Peterson will turn 30 five days later.

If the Vikings are going to keep him, they need to assess his feelings about staying. If he's not interested, they'd likely try to trade him to receive some compensation for an elite player rather than release him for no return. But any team dealing for Peterson would need to have significant salary cap space.

"We are able to have communication now with Adrian. We'll keep all those communications internal. I don't want to sit here and give you guys a blow by blow every day," Spielman told reporters at the University of Minnesota pro day workout that was attended by more than a dozen people from the organization. "I think it's been very clearly stated that we want Adrian Peterson back. There's no question about the talent. He's a unique talent, and he's under contract with us next year."

Asked repeatedly to elaborate on the organization's current relationship with Peterson, Spielman declined.

"We'll just leave all those discussions between us and Adrian," Spielman said. "I'll just say it's beneficial that we're able to talk to him, just like it's beneficial to talk to any of your players."

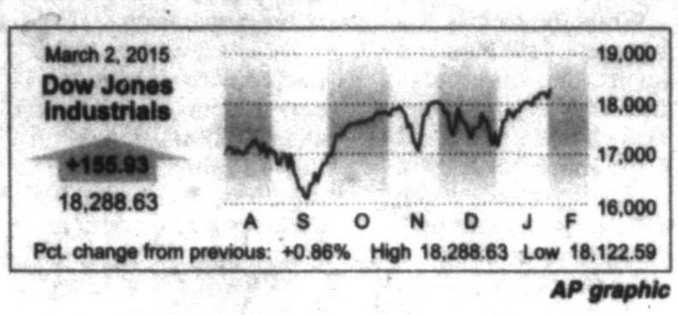
Peterson's contract will count $15.4 million against the salary cap this season, including a $12.75 million non-guaranteed salary. If the Vikings were to cut him next week, they'd owe him no money and take only a $2.4 million hit against the cap.

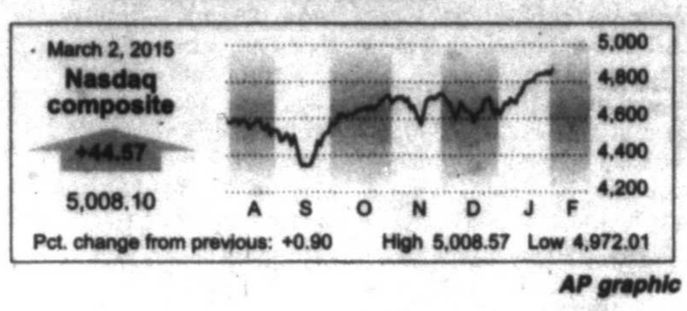
Despite his age and the decreased market value of running backs around the league over the last several seasons, Peterson at his current price wouldn't be such a problem for the Vikings to fit under their cap.

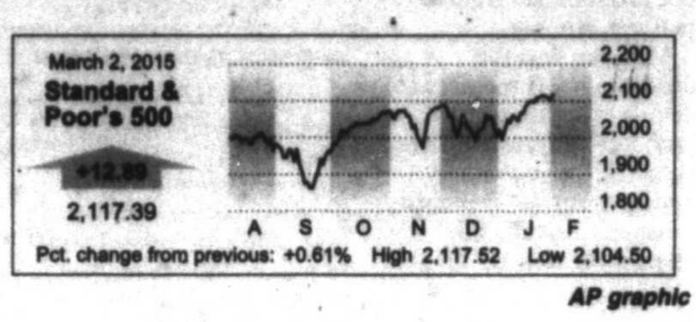
Factoring in their carried-over unused space from last year on top of the NFL's base 2015 cap of $143.28 million per team, according to NFL Players Association data the Vikings have more than $149 million to work with. They're more than $21 million under that already, and pay cuts or releases could be coming for another veteran or two. They let left guard Charlie Johnson go last week.

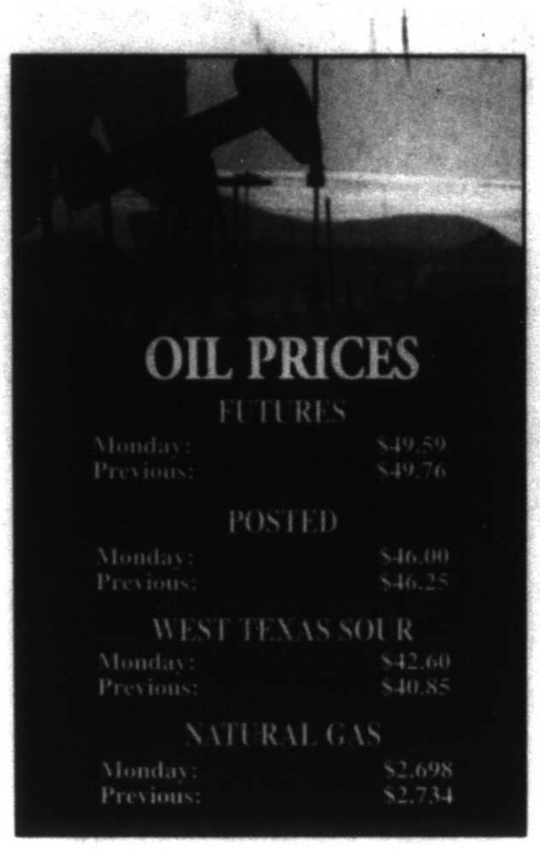
Executive vice president for football operations Rob Brzezinski "is working through some of our current guys now before March 10, and we'll see how that goes," Spielman said.

A DAY ON WALL STREET









Dot-com Déjà vu: Nasdaq tops 5,000, approaches record high

Associated Press

The last time the Nasdaq was this high, Bill Clinton was president, your Internet connection was probably still dial-up and the iPod, iPhone and iPad didn't exist.

Fifteen years later the Nasdaq has again closed above 5,000 and is close to topping its record from the dot-com boom. The index has clawed back, riding a six-year bull market, and is now 40 points from its all-time closing high of 5,048.62 reached March 10, 2000.

But this isn't the Nasdaq of Pets.com and Webvan, when companies were valued on "cash burn rates" and "eyeballs."

"Certainly, the Nasdaq at 5,000 conjures up images of a tech bubble," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank. "But we've had time for business profits to grow into those crazy expectations 15 years ago."

As the tech-mania took hold, investors pushed up the prices of all kinds of internet-related stocks. Some were never profitable and disappeared. Others, like Priceline.com and Amazon, have survived and prospered.

On Monday, the index climbed 44.57 points, or 0.9 percent, to 5,008.10. The index is up 5.7 percent this year, the best performance among major U.S. stock indexes. One caveat: taking the effect of inflation into account, the index would have to rise much further to match its highs from the dot-com era.

The Nasdaq, while still focused on technology companies, is a little more diversified than it was back then. And while the index, which tracks 2,500-plus stocks, has been steadily climbing since 2011, its ascent isn't the crazed surge that preceded its last record close.

Indexes close higher

The S&P 500 closed up 12.89 points, or 0.6 percent, to 2,117.39. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 155.93 points, or 0.9 percent, to 18,288.63. The Nasdaq rose 44.57 points, or 0.9 percent.

The broad gains for all three indexes on Monday, the first day of trading for March, came after the best monthly advance for stocks in more than three years. The S&P 500 climbed 5.5 percent in February, its biggest gain since October 2011.

In deal news, NXP Semiconductors said Sunday that it's planning to acquire Freescale Semiconductor for $11.8 billion. The merger would create the largest supplier of microchips for cars.

NXP's stock jumped $14.67, or 17 percent, to $99.56. Freescale rose $4.25, or 12 percent, to $40.36.

Boards of both companies have already approved the deal. Regulators still need to sign off on it.

Cardinal Health rose $1.53, or 1.7 percent, to $89.52 after offering to buy a unit of Johnson & Johnson that makes heart devices for approximately $1.94 billion.

In the U.S. government report, the dip in consumer spending in January was the second monthly drop in a row. But adjusted for inflation, spending rose. And analysts are expecting the strong income gains will lead to more spending the rest of the year.

Household income after taxes shot up 0.9 percent in January, the biggest gain in two years.

Who will replace Buffett? He won't say

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Billionaire Warren Buffett didn't end the speculation about his eventual successor, but he reiterated Monday that Berkshire Hathaway's board has a plan in place.

Buffett addressed a variety of topics on CNBC after releasing his annual letter to Berkshire shareholders over the weekend.

Berkshire's Vice Chairman Charlie Munger spurred renewed interest in the replacement for the 84-year-old Buffett over the weekend because he singled out two candidates in his own letter to shareholders.

Munger said Berkshire's reinsurance chief Ajit Jain and the head of its utility company, Greg Abel, would both be excellent choices to replace Buffett.

"They are incredible managers, and we are lucky to have them," Buffett said in his CNBC appearance.

Both Jain and Abel would play key roles at the company after Buffett is gone, but he said he doesn't believe they are jockeying to be CEO.

He said Jain and Abel don't know who the successor is, but Berkshire's board discusses the plan at every meeting and knows who it would choose to lead the conglomerate Buffett built over the past 50 years.

In his letter to shareholders, Buffett said the next CEO will have to be calm and decisive while preventing arrogance or bureaucracy from taking hold at Berkshire. He has never named the candidates.

The reports Buffett gets from Berkshire's companies, which include BNSF railroad, See's Candy and the Berkshire Hathaway Home Services real estate brokerage, show the economy is improving steadily.

"It just keeps improving at a moderate pace. We see it in all of our businesses," he said.

Investors shouldn't be disappointed with 2 percent growth each year, Buffett said.

One of the questions Buffett received during the CNBC appearance came from NBA star LeBron James who jokingly asked about what he should be investing in.

Buffett replied with his standard investing advice: most people would do best by regularly buying a stock market index fund over time instead of trying to pick individual stocks. He said most people don't have the time needed to become investing experts.

"Owning a piece of America — a diversified piece bought over time, held for 30 or 40 years — is bound to do well," Buffett said. "The income will go up over the years and there's really nothing to worry about."

Buffett also praised both IBM and ExxonMobil even though the computing business has struggled and Berkshire sold its 41 milflon shares in the oil producer last year.

Buffett said he likes IBM's prospects even though the company has been dealing with declining sales. He increased Berkshire's stake in IBM to nearly 77 million shares in the fourth quarter.

Buffett said ExxonMobil still has good long-term prospects even though its earnings power has been diminished by lower oil prices.

As Buffett discussed specific stocks, he avoided giving direct advice about whether to buy them, and he warned investors not to act based on someone else's opinion.

"You should make your own decisions. If not, you should buy an index fund," Buffett said.

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SUPS50ETF	757917	21.90	+1.33
BkofAm	704012	16.01	+.20
CSVLgCrde	517820	2.96	+.10
iShJapan	405101	12.36	+.03
MktVGold	403357	20.76	-.52

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DiagnNEn	28.10	+5.73	+25.6
GrafTech	4.71	+.81	+20.8
MavenirSy	16.82	+2.25	+15.4
Freescale	40.36	+4.25	+11.8
XinyuanRE	3.34	+.28	+9.2

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LumberLiq	38.83	-13.03	-25.1
iPSEEmM	65.54	-16.07	-19.7
HigherOne	2.88	-.42	-12.7
GoodrPet	3.96	-.52	-11.6
GNIron	7.75	-1.01	-11.5

Diary

Advanced	1,898
Declined	1,252
Unchanged	97
Total issues	3,247
New Highs	193
New Lows	32
Volume	3,315,749,352

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
GtanTrra g	61005	2.53	
NthnO&G	46771	7.70	-.92
BarcGSOil	43909	11.07	+.12
Globalstar	35875	2.53	-.05
iShIndia bt	29458	33.52	+.05

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CorMed wt	2.15	+.43	+24.9
AstenasB n	9.78	+2.06	+27.2
AltisrcAst	193.00	+15.95	+9.0
CorMedix	5.62	+.46	+8.9
eMagin	3.52	+.22	+6.7

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NthnO&G	7.70	-.92	-10.7
Flanign	34.05	-2.95	-8.0
SandstG g	3.40	.22	-6.1
Barnwell	2.31	.14	-5.7
Medgen wt	2.60	.15	-5.5

Diary

Advanced	181
Declined	215
Unchanged	30
Total issues	426
New Highs	9
New Lows	7
Volume	108,015,777

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc s	460803	129.09	+.63
Cisco	351757	30.19	+.68
ArubaNet	300324	24.65	-.16
Microsoft	297286	43.88	+.03
ARltCapP f	296299	9.90	-.09

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TraconPh n	17.42	+3.99	+29.7
Dataram h	3.08	+.70	+29.4
OhrPharm	9.78	+2.09	+27.2
Omeros	25.10	+4.23	+20.3
NXP Semi	99.56	+14.67	+17.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PacrimPhm	92.30	-22.47	-19.6
WestnRMtl	3.30	-.63	-16.0
BioScrip	5.20	-.91	-14.9
ModSys	2.56	-.40	-13.5
MtselNet g	8.91	-1.25	-12.3

Diary

Advanced	1,788
Declined	947
Unchanged	129
Total issues	2,864
New Highs	161
New Lows	35
Volume	1,846,394,396

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $46.66 Down 2.40

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $113.92 Up 5.00

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $5.16 Down 0.08

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $70.98 Down 0.23

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $11.00 Down 0.50

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.39 Down 0.19

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $19.36 Up 0.08

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $27.39 Up 0.23

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $9.55 Up 0.05

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $18.75 Down 0.25

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88f	29	34.64	+.08	+3.1
Abraxas		10	3.03	-.02	+3.1
AdamsEx	1.18e		14.35	+.16	+4.9
AMD			3.21	+.10	+20.2
Alcoa	.12	79	14.95	+.16	5.3
AlonUSA	.40a	57	13.65	-.29	-7.7
AmAirlines	.40	12	48.31	+.41	-9.9
ARltCapP lf			9.90	+.09	+9.4
Amgen	3.16f	24	159.63	+1.91	+.2
Anadarko	1.08		82.02	-2.21	-.6
Apache	1.00		65.79	-.05	+5.0
Apple Inc s	1.88	17	129.09	+.63	+17.0
ApldMatl	.40	27	25.63	+.58	+2.8
ArubaNet			24.65	-.16	+35.6
ATMOS	1.56	17	52.12	-.92	-6.5
AutoData	1.96	30	90.18	+1.34	+8.2
Avon	.24		8.86	+.35	-5.6
BP PLC	2.40f	7	41.30	-.14	+8.3
BabsCCInv	1.20		16.11	-.08	+1.4
BakrHu	.68	15	62.55	+.21	+11.6
BkofAm	.20	46	16.01	+.20	-10.5
B iPVixST			26.70	-.92	-15.3
BarrickG	.20	67	12.76	-.26	+18.7
BasicEnSv			7.32	-.12	+4.4
BerkHa A		17220365	03-814.99		-2.5
Biocept			3.63	+.47	+46.4
BlkHillsCp	1.62f	17	49.51	-1.32	-6.7
BlackBerry			11.05	+.24	+.6
BostonSci		90	17.06	+.16	+28.8
BrMySq	1.48f	52	62.30	+1.38	+5.5
BrownFA	1.26f	30	92.08	-.07	+4.9
BrownFB	1.26f	30	91.88	+.19	+4.6
CVS Health	1.40f	26	104.19	+.32	+8.2
Cameron		12	46.80	-.28	-6.3
Caterpillar	2.80	14	83.00	+.10	-9.3
Celestic g		13	11.95	+.17	+1.8
CntryLink	2.16	28	37.68	-.23	-4.9
ChelfEng	.35	8	16.60	-.06	-15.2
Chevron	4.28	10	106.90	-.78	-5.6
Chicos	.31f		18.23		+12.5
Cimarex	.64	19	109.85	+.17	+3.6
Cisco	.84f	18	30.19	+.68	+9.3
Citigroup	.04	24	53.49	+1.07	-1.1
ClayEng		10	48.66	-2.40	-26.9
CocaCola	1.32f	27	43.20	-.10	+2.3
ColgPalm	1.52f	30	71.01	+.19	+2.6
Comcast	1.00f	19	59.87	+.49	+3.2
ConAgra	1.00		35.10	+.12	-3.3
ConchoRes		24	113.92	+5.00	+14.2
ConocoPhil	2.92	12	64.40	-.80	-6.7
CrackerB	4.00	24	150.43	-.60	+6.9
CSVLgNGs			2.60	-.04	-34.7
CSVLgCrde			2.96	+.10	-39.5
CSVelIVST			33.85	+1.10	+8.7
CSVixSht			1.99	-.09	-27.9
CrosTim	2.65e	8	21.70	+.55	+25.3
Cyclacel h			1.69	+.19	+141.4
DCP Mid	3.12f	14	38.35	-1.45	-15.6
DTE	2.76	15	80.44	-1.59	-6.9
Dataram h			3.08	+.70	+81.2
DevonE	.96	16	60.86	-.73	-.6
DrxGldBull			14.53	-1.14	+30.2
DrxSCBear			10.57	-.24	-11.9
Disney	1.15f	23	105.89	+1.81	+12.4
DowChm	1.68	17	49.35	+.11	+8.2
EMC Cp	.46	22	28.88	-.06	-2.9
EOG Res s	.57	17	89.06	-.86	-3.3
EmpDist	1.04	16	25.00	-.35	-15.9
Energen	.08	27	64.33	-.31	+.9
EngyTsfr	3.98f	36	58.50	-.98	-10.0
EnPro	.80	78	66.82	+.85	+6.2
EntPrdPt s	1.48f	22	32.82	-.52	-9.1
Ericsson	.46e		12.91	-.02	+6.7
ExterranH	.60	23	32.27	-.20	-1.0
ExxonMbl	2.76	12	88.04	-.50	-4.8
Facebook		73	79.75	+.78	+2.2
FordM	.60f	21	16.57	+.23	+6.9
FrptMcM	1.25		21.13	-.50	-9.5
Freescale		32	40.36	+4.25	+60.0
GATX	1.52f	14	62.86	+.70	+9.4
GabelMulT	1.09e		9.89	+.06	-1.2
GAInv	3.50e		35.81	+.14	+2.3
GenElec	.92	17	26.11	+.12	+3.3
GenMotors	1.20	23	37.61	+.30	+7.7
Genworth			7.33	-.42	-19.8
GtPlainEn	.90	17	26.37	-.24	-7.2
HalconRes			1.91	-.01	+7.3
Halliburtn	.72	10	42.99	+.23	+9.3
HewlettP	.64	13	34.92	+.08	-13.0
iShBrazil	1.38e		34.50	-.88	-5.7
iShJapan	.15e		12.38	+.03	+10.1
iShEMkts	.88e		40.68	-.06	+3.5
iS Eafe	2.26e		65.20	+.10	+7.2
iShR2K	1.53e		123.47	+.89	+3.2
iShREst	2.81e		79.43	+.31	+3.4
IntegrysE	2.72	21	73.49	-1.24	-5.6
Intel	.96	15	34.06	+.81	-6.1
InterDig	.80		54.06	+1.19	+2.2
JPMorgCh	1.60	12	61.77	+.49	-.7
JohnJn	2.80	18	103.22	+.71	-1.3
KimbClk	3.52f	27	110.41	+.75	-4.4
LaredoPet		6	11.22	-.71	+8.4
LegacyRes	2.44		11.00	-.50	-3.8
Lubrys			5.49	-.11	+20.7
LumberLiq		17	38.83	-13.03	-41.4
MktVGold	.12e		20.76	-.52	+12.9
MktVRus	.64e		17.37	-.45	+18.7
McDnlds	3.40	21	100.00	+1.10	+6.7
Merck	1.80	14	58.58	+.04	+3.2
MeritMed		37	19.74	+.13	+13.9
MexcoEn			5.39	-.19	-.8
MicronT		10	31.24	+.57	-10.8
Microsoft	1.24	18	43.88	+.03	-5.5
NXP Semi			99.56	+14.67	+30.3
Nabors	.24	10	12.54	-.27	-3.4
Nanosphr h			39	+.06	-1.0
NBGreece			1.47	-.10	-17.9
NatGrid	3.40e		68.04	-.52	-3.7
NOilVarco	1.84	9	55.79	+1.44	-14.9
NvMdAd	.80e		13.76	-.06	+.7
NvPMI	.80e		14.02	-.09	+.4
NuvPI	.82e		13.93	-.02	+.5
NSTPfB	.99e		14.58	-.10	+2.4
NTXGl	.65e		14.39	-.02	-.9
OcciPet	2.88	13	77.74	-.14	-3.6
OnSmcnd		31	13.16	+.49	+29.9
ParTech			4.75	-.16	-22.8
ParkDri		10	3.15	+.06	+2.6
PattUTI	.40	16	18.23	-.46	+9.9
Penney			7.85	-.65	+21.1
PennaRE	.84f		22.77	-.01	-2.9
Prmian	.36e	9	9.63	-.19	+.8
PetrbrsA	.65e		8.50	-.21	-14.2
Petrobras	.46e		6.37	-.26	-12.7
Pfizer	1.12f	24	34.77	+.45	+11.6
PioNtrl	.08	24	154.75	+2.23	+4.0
PlainsAAP	2.70f	22	49.27	-.82	-4.0
PwShs QQQ	1.45e		109.38	+.98	+5.9
Praxair	2.80f	24	130.28	+2.38	+.8
PrmEgy		10	58.70	-.14	-19.3
PUltVixST			16.68	-1.16	-33.7
PrUltCrude			8.19	+.05	-21.0
ProctGam	2.57	26	85.41	+.28	-8.2
RangeRs	.16	20	49.43	-.11	-7.5
Rowan	.40		20.52	-1.09	-12.0
RoyDShllA	3.76	13	64.30	-1.07	-4.0
SpdrDJIA	3.52e		182.68	+1.49	+2.7
S&P500ETF	3.83e		211.99	+1.33	+3.1
SatonR		4	1.82	+.05	-28.6
Schlmbrg	2.00f	20	84.62	+.46	-.9
SeadrillLtd		1	10.99	-.54	-8.0
SigmaAld	.92	33	138.07	+.01	+.8
SiriusXM		44	3.96	+.07	+13.1
Smucker	2.56	20	114.96	-.39	+13.8
SouFun s	1.20e	11	6.45	-.39	-12.7
Sprint			5.09	-.03	+22.7
SP Consum	.94e		76.88	+.91	+6.6
SP Engy	1.85e		78.47	-.55	-.9
SPDR Fncl	.40e		24.53	+.18	-.8
SP Util	1.50e		44.36	-.87	-6.1
Staples	.48	28	17.02	+.25	-6.1
Suncocl s	1.60f	78	43.49	-.73	+4.1
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Torchmrk s	.51	13	53.99	+.74	-.3
Transocn	3.00		16.48	+.35	-10.1
TriContl	.75e		22.15	+.14	+3.5
Twitter			48.15	+.07	+34.2
TylerTech		66	120.75	+1.38	+10.3
UBWV	1.28	20	37.72	+.27	+.7
US OilFd			18.32	+.22	-10.0
Vale SA	.55e		7.21	-.21	-11.9
ValeroE	1.60f	9	58.67	-3.02	+18.5
VulcanM	.40f	52	84.50	+1.50	+28.6
WalgBoots	1.35	39	83.62	+.54	+9.7
WellsFargo	1.40	14	55.55	+.76	+1.3
WstnRefin	1.20	9	45.56	-1.54	+20.6
WhitngPet		8	32.87	-.96	-.4
WmsCos	2.32f	74	49.03	-.01	+9.1
XcelEngy	1.28f	17	34.41	-.87	-4.2
Xerox	.28f	16	13.58	-.07	-2.0

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18,288.38	15,855.12	Dow Jones Industrials	18,288.63	+155.93	+.86	+2.61	+13.12
9,310.22	7,245.87	Dow Jones Transportation	9,102.82	+78.20	+.87	-.41	+24.85
657.17	508.36	Dow Jones Utilities	583.20	-10.97	-1.85	-5.64	+13.42
11,142.56	9,886.08	NYSE Composite	11,102.92	+40.03	+.36	+2.43	+7.48
4,989.25	3,946.03	Nasdaq Composite	5,008.10	+44.57	+.90	+5.74	+17.09
2,119.59	1,814.36	S&P 500	2,117.39	+12.89	+.61	+2.84	+14.72
1,519.87	1,269.45	S&P Midcap	1,517.80	+11.07	+.73	+4.49	+11.08
22,369.06	19,160.13	Wilshire 5000	22,346.25	+133.91	+.60	+3.12	+12.80
1,239.67	1,040.57	Russell 2000	1,242.62	+9.25	+.75	+3.15	+5.63

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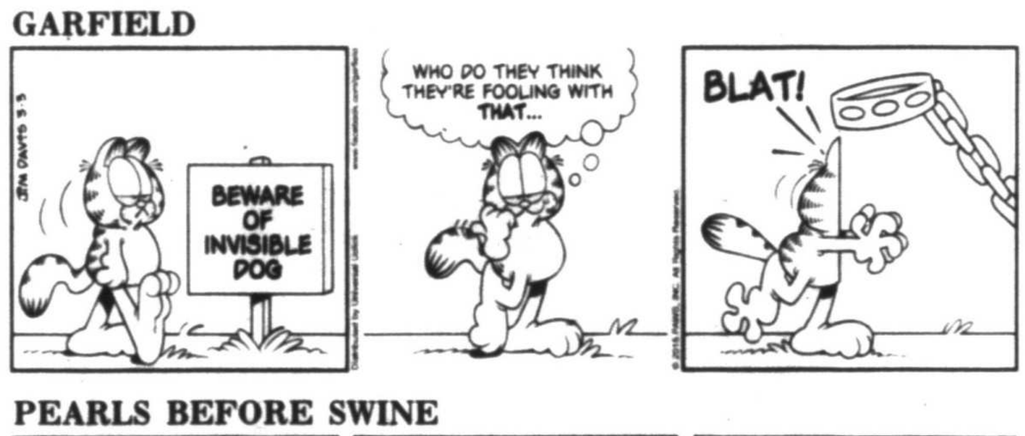
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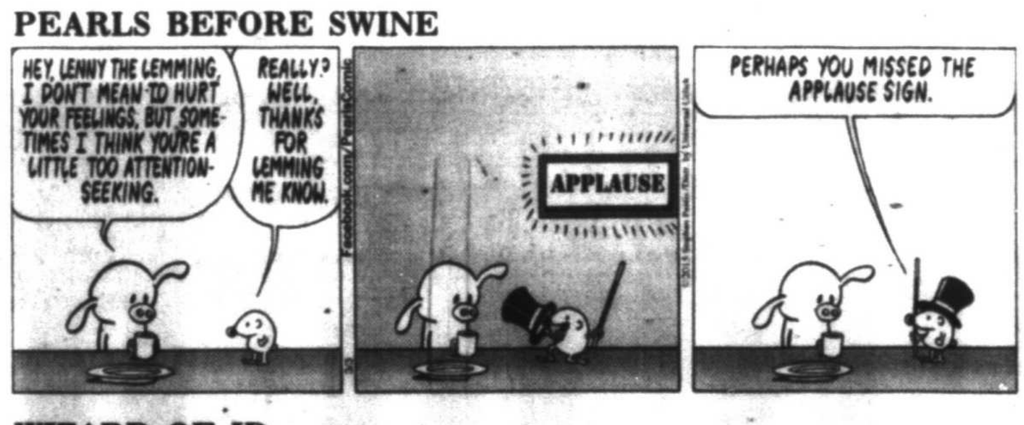
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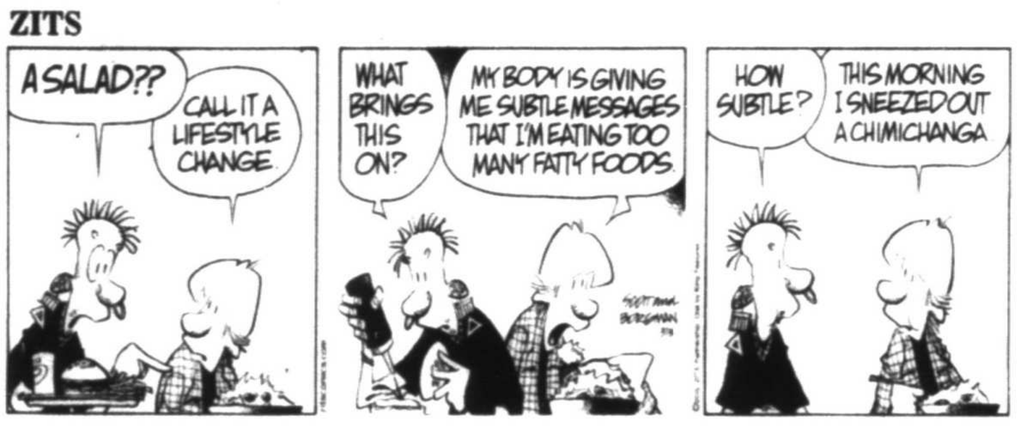
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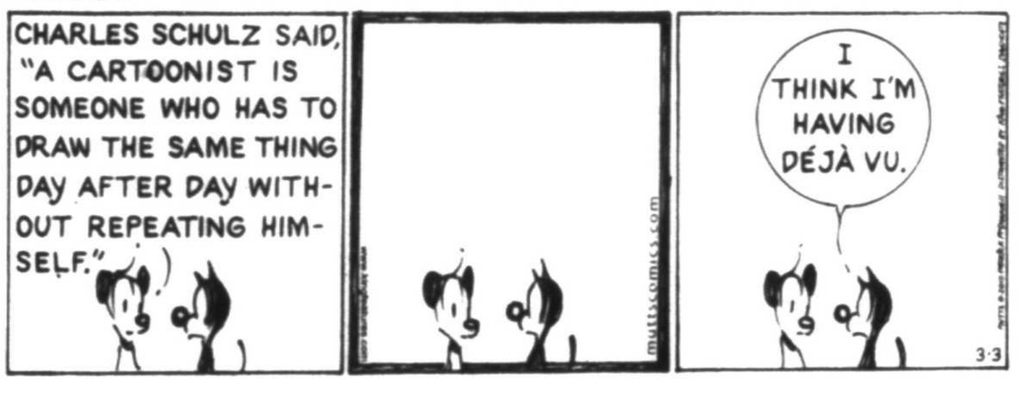
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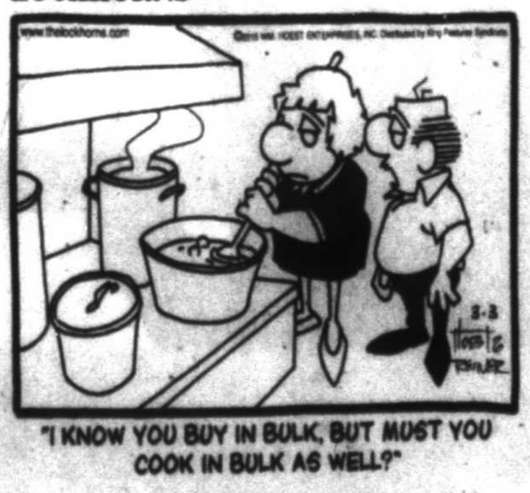
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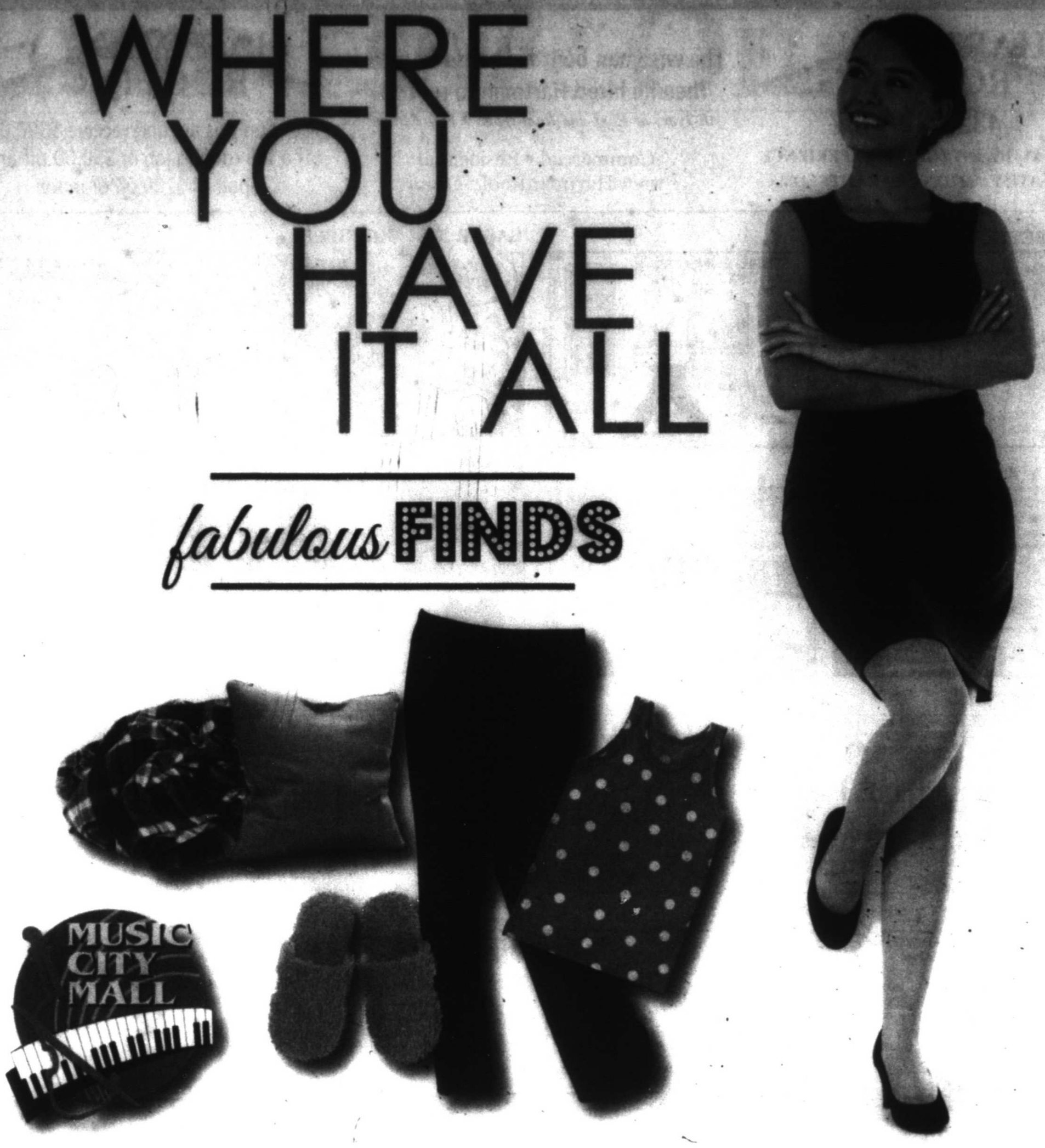
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Natural Gas Service Group is seeking an **Accounts Receivable Specialist** for our Midland office. Duties will include invoicing, customer service, sales reports and back-up receptionist. Experience with electronic billing thru ADP, Oildex, I Supplier, ETC. The qualified candidate will exhibit dependability, professional demeanor, integrity, accuracy and strong problem-solving skills. 3+ years A/R experience with intermediate to advanced skills in Microsoft Excel required. High school diploma/GED with some college preferred. Competitive benefit package offered. E-mail resumes to **employment@ngagi.com.**

AUTOMOTIVE

Mechanic

Petroplex Pipe & Construction, Inc.
2802 WCR 111
Midland, TX 79706-3840
Shop and field mechanic wanted. Need to be able to use scanners and lap top to diagnose and repair vehicles. Need to have valid drivers' license, good driving record and pass alcohol and drug test. Contact Keith Poertner. 432-557-5202

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Manager

America's Storage Center in Midland is Looking to hire a full time manager. Must work weekdays with flexible hours between 8am-6pm & some Saturdays. No phones calls, please stop by or mail resumes to 4011 N. Midland Drive, Midland, TX. 79707 for more information.

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

Starting pay $10.00 per hour/after 60 days pay will be $11.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

Starting pay $10.00 per hour/after 60 days pay will be $11.00 per hour

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CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Receptionist

LPC Crude Oil Marketing LLC has an opening for a receptionist at the downtown Midland office. Responsibilities include greeting visitors, answering the telephone, monitoring supplies, filing and data entry. Excellent benefits including medical, dental, vision and life insurance as well as a 401k retirement plan. Qualified applicants please submit resumes to lparsley@lpccrude.com.

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Construction

SouthGate Constructors, a Kiewit-Austin Joint Venture, is now hiring for all construction trades in Irving, TX. Please apply at www.kiewitcareers.com and search by "Irving" or "Southgate." SouthGate Constructors, a Joint Venture, is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We encourage qualified women, minorities, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and others to apply

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Class A CDL Driver & Warehouse Associates

How Hiring: Class A CDL Driver. Must be Hazmat Cert. & have Medical Card. Deliver & pickup Material. **Warehouse Associates.** Shipping, receiving & pulling orders. Mon.-Fri. 8-5. Some OT. Benefits. 401K, Vacation. Apply in Person between 1-4. **2121 Florida St., Midland, TX. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE!** The company is an equal opportunity employer as well as a government contractor that shall abide by the requirements of 41 CFR 60-741.5 (A), which prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals on the basis of disability

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

Electrician, Mechanic and I&C

Ector County Energy Center (TX) - Invenergy LLC

Invenergy LLC is currently constructing the Ector County Energy Center, a natural gas-fired power generation plant, located in Goldsmith, TX.

O & M Technician candidates must possess a minimum of 3 years directly related experience in either electrical, instruments and controls, or mechanical industrial background. Candidates must be willing and capable of becoming multi-skilled and be part of a work team in a team environment. Each employee will perform both operations and maintenance. Invenergy will train extensively in the operations area to compliment your skills. To apply, please visit www.invenergyllc.com and click on "Career Opportunities."

Invenergy LLC is a developer, owner, and operator of renewable and clean energy generation facilities in North America and Europe. Invenergy is a highly-experienced leader in innovative clean energy solutions.

O&M Manager and Wind Technician

Invenergy LLC Garden City, TX

Primary responsibilities include performing maintenance and technical support for the Rattlesnake Energy Center, a 207.2 MW wind power generation facility. **Qualifications**: 1 year of technical experience (mechanical, electrical, I&C, etc.) and/or education in a related discipline; ability to work outdoors in inclement weather, climb ladders without assistance, work at heights greater than 250 ft. and manipulate up to 100 lbs. For a complete position descriptions please visit the Career Opportunities section of our website at www.invenergyllc.com and click on "Career Opportunities"

OUTSIDE SALES

Oilfield Supply Store now hiring for **Outside Sales**. Experience in Industrial/ Hydraulic Hose sales as well as knowledge of drilling rig supplies. Pre-employment drug screening & background check required. Send resume to **rberg@reliancеindustrial.com.**

Permian Basin Area Sales Manager

UMC Automation & Compression an oilfield industry leader since 1965 in the design of LACT, VRU and compression packages is currently seeking a qualified candidate for PERMIAN BASIN AREA SALES MANAGER. Prior oilfield sales experience is required for this position. Email resume to lacy@umcenergy.com. EOE

Supervisor, Crew Members, Vacuum Truck Driver

Local Oilfield company seeking Supervisors & Crew Members for Pit Cleaning/ Tally & Drift Casing, Vacuum Truck Drivers needed. Please call 337-504-5412

HEALTHCARE

Available Position

Desert Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705

Desert Gardens, located in Midland, Texas, is currently seeking staff to fill the following position:

• Social Worker
Full Benefits
$1,000 SIGN ON BONUS AFTER 6 MONTHS!!!
Apply in person.

Available Positions

Desert Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705

Desert Gardens located in Midland, Texas is currently seeking staff to fill the following Positions:

• Nurse Weekend Doubles • Nurse 2pm-10pm • CNA 2pm-10pm • CNA 6am-2pm • CNA 10pm-6am • CNA Weekend Doubles
Full benefits
$1,000 SIGN ON BONUS
Apply in person.

Dental Front Desk Receptionist

Thomas Campagna, DMD

We are looking for an exceptional, experienced, reliable, **Dental Front Desk Receptionist** experience with Eaglesoft required. Spanish a plus, to join our team at Midland's premier dental practice. Please email info@smilemidland.com, fax **(432) 520-0720** or bring resume to **3722 W. Loop 250 North, Midland, TX**

Registered Dental Hygienist

Thomas Campagna, DMD **PT**

We are looking for an exceptional, experienced, **Registered Dental Hygienist**, full/ part time to join our team, at Midland's premier dental practice. Recent graduates encouraged to apply. Please email info@smilemidland.com, fax **(432) 520-0720** or bring resume to **3722 W. Loop 250 North, Midland, TX**

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

Assistant Manager

Hiring Assistant Manager @ 2 Midland locations World finance & Persons Credit Plan. Valid driver license and auto required. This is a Manager trainee position and a career opportunity that offers excellent salary and a complete fringe benefit package. Promotion to Manager possible within 15 months. No experience necessary. Apply in person at Personal Credit Plan, 3308 W. Illinois or World Finance, 2207 N. Big Spring Street or Fax resumes to 325-691-8810

OTHER JOBS

All Positions

La Bodega Mexican Restaurant now hiring for all positions. Please apply in person at 2700 N. Big Spring Street Mon. - Fri. 2-4pm.

Cleaning Staff

Lucio's Janitorial Services is now hiring for a Floor Man and Cleaning Ladies. $10/hr, M-F, 5pm-9pm. Call Esmeralda Lucio 432-894-9310

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Social Worker (Case Worker)

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services is seeking a Child/Family Specialist in Midland. Visit http://texas.pchas.org/employment/ or apply online at: http://texas.pchas.org/employment/application/

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

All Positions

Schlotzsky's Deli hiring for all positions. Full and part time, day and evening shifts. Fun, grease free environment and opportunity for advancement. Apply at 5211 W. Wadley or 1109 Andrews Hwy.

Host Staff, Cooks and Dishwashers

The Garlic Press is hiring Host Staff, Cooks and Dishwashers. Flexible hours. Great work environment and benefits. Apply in person at The Garlic Press in Oak Ridge Square at Wadley and Garfield. 11am-2pm only.

Now Hiring Hourly & Salary Managment

Genghis Grill, the world's largest stir fry chain, is seeking managers for our area locations. We offer competitive salary, bonus, vacation, weekly pay and insurance for salaried personnel. Apply today in person or send resume to wrodriguez@genghisgrill.com. EOE

SALES JOBS

SALES ASSOCIATES - FULL AND PART TIME

Wood's Boots in Midland is adding to our team. We are looking for talented **full and part time Sales Associates.** Stop in today and pick up an application at 4803 Andrews Hwy, Midland.

SKILLED LABOR

Electrician and Apprentices

TTG Electric Co., is hiring electricians and apprentices at high scale. Send resume to **ttg@hot.rr.com** or call our office at **254-526-7284.**

Field Service Inventory Specialist

Natural Gas Services Group has a great employment opportunity for a Field Service Inventory Specialist. Must have working knowledge of warehouse duties and responsibilities with excellent communication skills. Computer proficient with organizational skills a plus. A good knowledge of gas compression parts will be beneficial but we will train the right person. Must be able to pass background check and drug screen. Great pay and benefits. Please send resume to employment@ngsgi.com or call 432-262-2700.

Heavy Equipment Mechanic

Permian Tractor Sales seeking **Experienced Heavy Equipment Mechanic.** Must furnish own tools. Vacation, Insurance, 401K, Uniforms. Competitive pay. Apply in person **210 E 67th Odessa, TX. 432-367-8628.**

QUALIFIED HVAC TECHNICIANS WANTED

Established commercial HVAC Service Company seeks qualified HVAC technicians for its Midland/Odessa service operations. Five years experience with Texas commercial certification required. Full benefit package. Respond to service@berger-engr.com

Small Engine Mechanic

Experience preferred, but will train the right person. Apply at Lawnmower Sales & Service, 901 N. Whitaker, Odessa or call 432-333-3126

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Drivers & Diesel Mechanic

HIRING CDL Drivers for Vacuum trucks and Belly Dumps with 2 years experience preferred . And a Diesel Mechanic. Could guarantee hours depending on shift availability. Please call at 432-269-4884 or 432-269-5104
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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 o of 50 lbs. Pays $20.00 an hour and commission. Full Benefits Package Available. Call 1-800-321-5558 or apply online at arcticglacier.com

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Contact: Linda 687-8807

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

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TNT

Our Midland, TX Branch is Looking for

Certified Crane Operators & Class A Drivers

Class A CDL Required
NCCCO Required
Email resume to
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Fax Resume (432) 242-4980

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JW Enterprise is looking for **Drivers and Spoolers** with Class A CDL. Must have a good driving record and pass drug screen. Competitive Wages and on the job training for spooling. Contact 432-425-9036 or 432-458-3675 for more information. Serious applicants only.

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CHARLES H. MOORE II, DECEASED:

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of February, 2015, Letters Testamentary were issued to Betty M. Moore as Independent Administratrix in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Charles H. Moore II, Deceased," being No. P-18174 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Betty M. Moore, 1604 McClintic Street, Midland, Texas, within the time prescribed by law.

DATED this 25th day of February, 2015.

Betty M. Moore,
Independent Administratrix of
the Estate of
Charles H. Moore II, Deceased

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27
SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that XTO Energy Inc., Operator 945936, has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission the following P-17 application for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production from oil and gas leases in (Lease ID 240773) Windham, R.S. lease, Wilshire (Consolidated) field; (Lease ID 226024) Windham, R.S. 118 lease, Wilshire (Consolidated) field; (Lease ID 242352) McElroy Ranch Co. lease, Wilshire (Consolidated) field; (Lease ID 250817) McElroy Ranch Co. lease, Wilshire (Consolidated) field; (Lease ID 18402) McElroy Ranch B lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (New Lease ID) Windham, R.S. lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (New Lease ID) Windham, R.S. B lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field in Upton County. This application is for common separation and common storage. Production will be measured by W-10. Any royalty interest owners who have not received written notification please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to Ericka Davis, P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days after the date the application is filed.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT (FORM W-14 NON-COMMERCIAL WELL)

Callon Petroleum Operating Company, P.O. Box 953, Midland, TX 79702 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced formation water/fluid into a formation that is not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of fluids into the Ellenburger (formation), Casselman 8 (lease), Well Number 1D.

The proposed injection well is located 10.5 miles in a NW direction from Midland, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field, in Midland County, TX. Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 12,600 to 13,800 feet.

Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, TX 78711-2967 (Telephone #512-463-6792).

General Announcements

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NEED SMALL economical truck or car. Prefer Honda or Toyota for around $2,500. 432-230-1859

Lost & Found

LOST TAN & Gray male yorkie, wearing a green collar. Reward. Call 432-254-0165

Business Center

Business Opportunity

WELL ESTABLISHED Women's Boutique for sale. Great location. Great price. Owner is relocating. Please call for more information. 432-631-3545

Business Opportunity

WE ARE AGRESSIVELY SEEKING TO PURCHASE OIL PRODUCTION 100-1000 BARRELS PER DAY. IF YOU HAVE OIL PRODUCTION, YOU'RE WILLING TO SELL, PLEASE CONTACT jdconsult80@gmail.com PH# 814-873-0119

Schools & Instruction

Schools & Instruction

Permian Basin CPR offers CPR /AED/First Aid, ACLS and PALS classes for everyone! We come to you! Online and classroom options available. 432-528-7145 or cprinfo@permianbasincpr.com. www.PermianBasinCPR.com

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE:
Notice of public sale of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is at 1:00 pm March 17th, 2015 at 4011 N. Midland Dr., Midland, TX 79707. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Cleanup and removal deposit may be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from the sale. Property includes contents of spaces of following tenants:

1504 - Jonathan Ingram: headboard, mattresses, misc wooden chairs, carseat, bicycle,misc plastic bins, misc household items

316 - Inez Muennink: metal chairs, large boxes w/clothing, misc household items

Legal & Public Notices

SEALED BID(S) will be received until 11:00 A.M., March 18, 2015 to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 9120-15

For: Police Tahoe Equipment

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

Autos For Sale or Lease

Passenger Cars

1997 4 Door Honda Accord. 4 cyl automatic. $2300 OBO

1999 4 Door Toyota Avalon. 6 cyl automatic. $2700 OBO Call 432-238-3165

2012 FORD Mustang Boss 302, 14K miles. $34,000. 432-335-3026

BMW 2011 328i sedan, showroom nice, white with light tan leather, premium package, all service up to date by BMW. 58,000 easy miles. 432-528-0471

BMW 2011 535i Xdrive M-Sport for sale. 56K miles. Call for more details. $32K OBO 432-553-0344

HONDA 2008 CRV. EX, 77,300 miles. sunroof, lots of extras, $14,200. Call 432-631-2281.

Passenger Cars

HONDA 2012 Civic LX 4 door Sedan. Super clean, no problems, 38 mpg, 32K miles, $14,500. 432-967-3110.

MERCEDES BENZ 2015 C300, 4-Matic AMG, 4 months old, still showroom quality. 11K miles. $45K OBO. White, twin Turbo, 4 cylinder, AMG package. Black interior. Panoramic sunroof. Pre-paid maintenance included. Call/text 432-556-0262

PORSCHE 2000, 911 Carrera Cabriolet. Forrest green. 18,300 miles, 6 speed manual, Satelite radio, Navigation, back-up camera, always garaged, excellent condition, well maintained $22,500. 432-894-2335

Pickup Trucks

DODGE 2000 Ram 2500HD Quad Cab Laramie SLT. 5.9L diesel, white, long bed, 2WD, automatic, power running boards, grille guard, low mileage tires, great condition. 52k miles, $15,000 432.210.4435.

DODGE 2006 Ram 2500, Megacab, Laramie Edition. 5.9 diesel, high MPG, 130k miles. Excellent condition. 1 owner. $20,499 OBO 214-240-9039

DODGE 2014 Lone Star pickup, 18,000 miles only asking payoff. $30,685. 432-528-1609

FORD 2009 F150 XLT extended cab pickup. Very clean, new tires, auto, 5.4 V8, 2 wheel drive with locking differential, chrome headache & toolbox, with bug deflector & bed mat & cellular booster. 113k miles. Asking $16,000. Call 432-556-9629

GMC 2008 Sierra SLT. 4 dr. Z71. red w/black leather. 81k miles. Garage kept. $24K. No owner finance. 432-557-7386

TOYOTA 1986 4x4 pickup with camper shell. Single cab, 4 cylinder, with 2 sets of tires. $4,000. 432-559-2280

TOYOTA 2006 Tundra SR5, double-cab, 2WD, 80,000 miles, silver, original owner, well maintained. $13,800. Call 432-553-3017

4WD & SUV

FORD 2010 Flex 57,500 miles. Asking $18,600. 432-934-6198

TAHOE 2005. Z71 122K miles, fully loaded, new tires, great condition. $8900. 432-557-8220 text only.

1/3 OWNERSHIP of 1980 PA32R Piper Saratoga for sale, Hangar @ Airpark, $35K for details email stevejones@cforesource.net

RVs

2015 HERITAGE Glenn by Forest River. 43' 5th wheel. 4 slides. 2 bedroom, 2 bath room, fully loaded. Cost $55,000, must sell $39,500 personal reasons. 3 months old. Call 432-288-8612

NEW TODAY!

MONTE CARLO 2013 5th wheel, 42ft, 2bed, 3 slide outs, sleeps 8, 2 A/Cs, washer, dryer, many extras, like new. $30,700. Locally located 806-429-2399

Utility Trailers

FOR SALE: 2005 55 TON RGN, 3 axle, pony motor, 25' well, boom trough, cover over tires, plumbed for 4th axle. Call 254-967-0108

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Watercraft

(2) 2002 Sea Doo Jet skis, purple/white, 10'1" with trailer. $6,000 OBO as is 432-254-3364

Recreational Vehicles

2002 29.5' Montana 5th wheel. $18,000 OBO 432-557-2257

2014 40' travel trailer 2 slides, 2 bedrooms, 2 air conditions, water & dryer, fully self contained, many extras, too many to list. Must sell. $26,000 OBO. Please call 254-383-1469

$2200 CASH 1989 Motor Home 35 Sprinter Runs, move-in ready, 2 ACs, queen bed. Call 432-254-2317

HARLEY DAVIDSON 2012 Road Glide Ultra. 1500 miles, $18,000 OBO Call or text 432-425-4764

SPORTSMAN 2007 5th wheel, 4 slide outs, kitchen includes island, lots of storage space. $20,000. 325-338-0954

WILDCAT 2007 5th wheel, M28RK, excellent condition, $19,000 OBO. 432-413-3307

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LARGEST SELECTION OF USED TRAILERS IN THE BASIN
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Miscellaneous for Sale

2 CEMETERY lots @ Resthaven Memorial Park, Garden of Love. $2,495 each. 432-686-7504

4 PAIRS of Levi's 517 Boot Cut 30x30 still packaged with tags. $135.00. 55 gallon poly plastic barrels. $15.00. 352-8419

MIZ B's BOOK STORE BLOWOUT SALE ALL BOOKS $1.00 2505 W. OHIO MIDLAND, TX 79701

Musical Instruments

Wurlitzer upright Piano /SolidMaple /Good condition. $800.00 432-661-4299

OAK PECAN mesquite, pinon. 432-209-0416. 325-762-4262

Animals & Pets

Pets

FREE PUPPIES 7 weeks old. Mom Black Lab & German Shepherd. 4 females 2 males. 432-235-5462

Real Estate Rentals & Sales

Residential Rentals

Apartments for Rent Unfurnished

NEW MANAGEMENT Spacious 1 and 2 Bedroom Apartments. Call 432-687-4514.

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SPACIOUS 1600 + - sq ft, Patio apartment. 2 bedroom 2 bath, garage. $1695 monthly. No pets. 432-631-8100 or 432-266-1212

Townhouse/ Condo for Rent Unfurnished

NEWLY REMODELED 3 bedroom, 2 bath, no pets. 2107 Northrup. $2,000 per month. $2,000. deposit. 432-413-8904

QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD, great location. 4601 Lanham. 3/2-1/2/2 car garage. Recent updates. $1,800 per month, no pets. 432-288-3630

Houses for Rent Unfurnished

105 EAST Oak, 3BDR/1BA/1 Car Garage, $1400 month plus deposit. Avail 4/1/15 432-349-6075

Residential Rentals

Houses for Rent Unfurnished

I WANT to Trade my 40', 4-slides, motor home for a house or a rental property. 432-697-5127

NICE 2B D / 1 B A $1200/mo $1200 deposit. 432-694-9853

Rooms for Rent

ROOM FOR rent new house nice location. 432-247-5517

Residential Sales

Condos/ Townhouses

BY OWNER - Wallace Townhouse - 1000 Neely. 3BR 2.5BA 2379sf. $265K Call 432-528-6466 or 432-967-4049

Open house every Sat 1-3pm until sold

Homes for Sale

1104 E. PECAN 4/2 AMAZING KITCHEN. TOTAL REDO! 2470 SQ. FT. $189,500
OPEN SAT. 1PM-3PM UP GROUP 296-1470

1407 W. Golf Course Road. 3BD/2BA Townhome with pool, complete remodel, move-in ready. $365,000 no realtors. 432-687-5952

4105 ST. ANDREWS 4/3/2/2, $299,500. IN-LAW SUITE. OPEN SATURDAY 11AM-1PM. UP GROUP 889-2934

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4622 PRINCETON. 4.62 ACRES IN CITY! 3/3/2/6. OPEN SAT. 11AM-12PM $385,000. UP GROUP 889-2934

4902 FM 1213 house on 1.25 acres with rental house needs repairs. $139,000. Possible financing. 432-631-8100 or 432-266-1212

4 bd/3 ba/ 3 car Custom Troy Hunt Resale. Spacious & open. Large master suite, Island kitchen w/ lots of cabinetry, granite tops throughout & plantation shutters! Call Daniel Hunt 432-889-7832 or dhunt1234@gmail.com

4 BEDROOM, 3 bath, 2 living rooms, 2 kitchens, brick house, new roof, fireplace, cinder block fence with storage building, 2 car carport, 2568 sq ft, large back yard Located at 1003 Mogford needs some TLC As is priced to sell quick at $170,000. Great opportunity for investor. Have current survey & 1 year warranty. 432-559-6769

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NEW TODAY!

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Residential Sales

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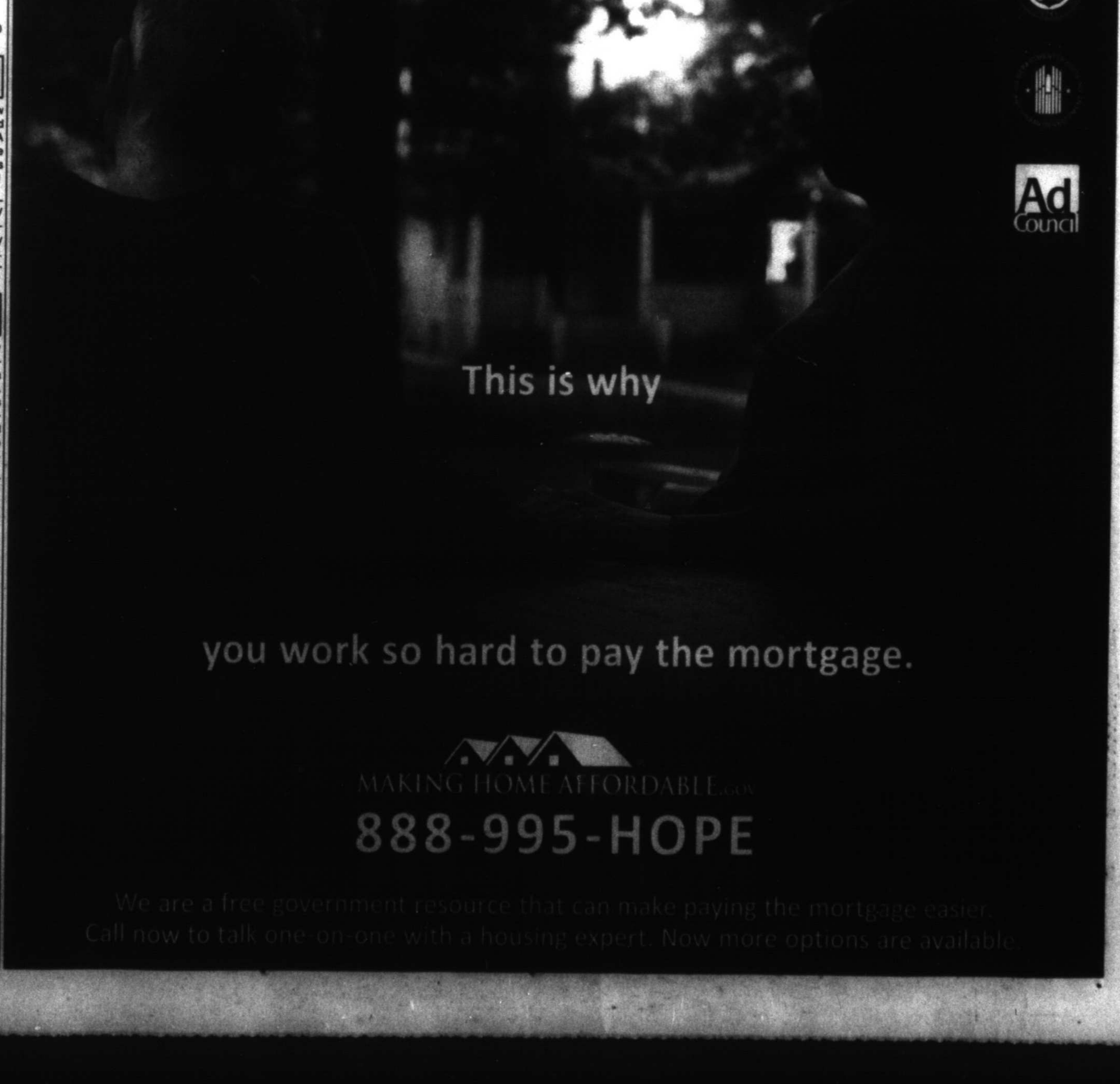
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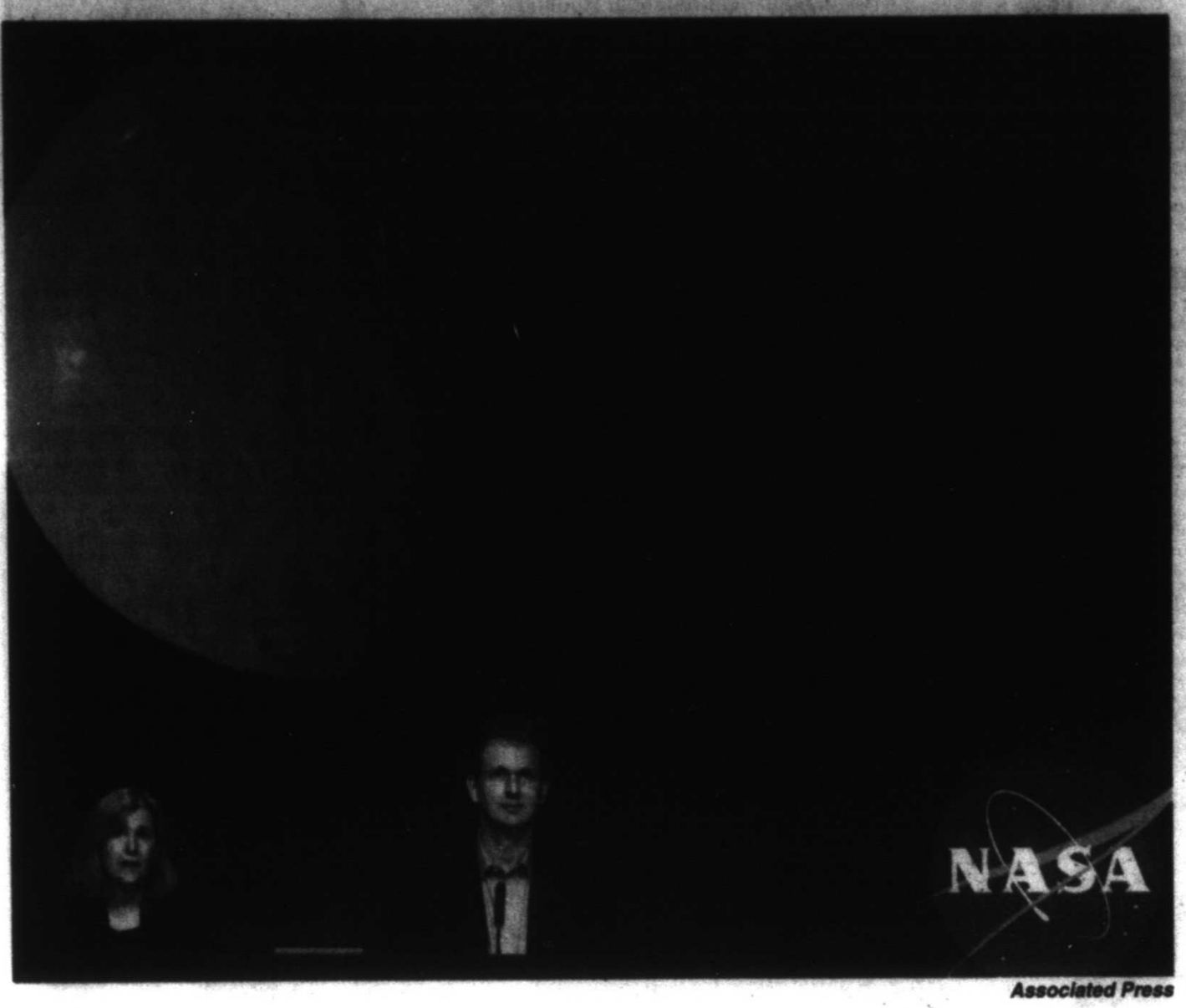
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Robert Mase, right, project manager for the Dawn mission at Nasa's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, speaks at news conference, with Carol Raymond, deputy project scientist at JPL, left, at JPL in Pasadena on Monday. NASA's Dawn spacecraft is scheduled to slip into orbit around the dwarf planet Ceres on Friday, the last stop in a nearly eight-year journey.

NASA spacecraft making the first visit to dwarf planet Ceres

By Alicia Chang
Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — A NASA spacecraft is about to reach the end of a nearly eight-year journey and make the first rendezvous with a dwarf planet.

The Dawn craft will slip into orbit Friday around Ceres, a dwarf planet the size of Texas. Unlike robotic landings or other orbit captures, the arrival won't be a nail-biter. Still, Dawn had to travel about 3 billion miles to reach the largest object in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

"It's been a roller coaster ride. It's been extremely thrilling," project manager Robert Mase of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory said Monday.

Ceres is the first of two dwarf planets to receive visitors this year. NASA's New Horizons spacecraft is barreling toward one-time planet Pluto where it will arrive in July. Dwarf planets are worlds that are spherical in shape. But unlike traditional planets, dwarf planets share the same space with other similar-sized celestial objects.

Launched in 2007, Dawn made the first stop of its journey at the asteroid Vesta. It beamed back more than 30,000 images of the rocky world inside the asteroid belt before heading to its final destination.

Dawn began its approach to Ceres in December, and last month it snapped pictures of the dwarf planet that revealed two mysterious bright spots inside a crater. Scientists will have to wait until the craft spirals closer to the surface in the coming months to get sharper images. It will get as close as 235 miles above Ceres' surface, or roughly the distance of the International Space Station above Earth.

Last year, European researchers not connected with the mission detected water plumes spewing from two regions on Ceres. The source of the plumes remains unclear.

Deputy project scientist Carol Raymond said the shiny patches — possibly exposed ice or salt — were a surprise and could be related to the plumes. Dawn carries an instrument that should be able to detect the plumes if the surface is still active.

"The team is really, really excited about this feature because it is unique in the solar system," Raymond said of the spots. "We will be revealing its true nature as we get closer and closer to the surface. So the mystery will be solved, but it is one that's really got us on the edge of our seats."

The $473 million Dawn mission is the first to target two different celestial objects to better understand how the solar system evolved. It's powered by ion propulsion engines, which provide gentle yet constant acceleration, making it more efficient than conventional rocket fuel. With its massive solar wings unfurled, it measures about 65 feet, the length of a tractor-trailer.

Vesta and Ceres reside in a zone between Mars and Jupiter that's littered with space rocks that never grew to be full-fledged planets.

The two are "literally fossils that we can investigate to really understand the processes that were going on" during the formation of the solar system, Raymond said.

Dawn entered orbit around Vesta in 2011 and spent a year photographing the lumpy surface and taking measurements of the second massive object in the asteroid belt from different altitudes.

Unlike rocky Vesta, Ceres — discovered in 1801 and measuring 600 miles across — is thought to possess a large amount of ice, and some scientists think there may have been an ocean lurking below the surface.

Dawn will study Ceres for 16 months. At the end of the mission, it will stay in the lowest orbit indefinitely, said Mase, adding that it could remain there for hundreds of years.

Scientists will get a glimpse of another icy dwarf planet this summer when New Horizons arrives at Pluto. Once considered the ninth planet, Pluto was demoted to dwarf planet in 2006, seven months after New Horizons was launched.

Termites are soil guardians

By Natalie Angier
New York Times News Service

The giant termite mounds that rise up from the sands of the African savanna are so distinctive it's tempting to give them names, like "Art Deco Skyline" or "Trumpeting Elephant" or "Flagrantly Obvious Fertility Totem."

Whatever the metaphor, the charismatic megaforms dominate their landscape, and not just visually. As scientists are just beginning to appreciate, termites and the often elaborate habitats they construct are crucial to the health and robustness of a broad array of ecosystems: deserts and semideserts; tropical and subtropical rain forests; warm, temperate woodlands; possibly your local park.

Researchers at Princeton University and their colleagues recently reported in the journal Science that termite mounds may serve as oases in the desert, allowing the plants that surround them to persist on a fraction of the annual rainfall otherwise required and to bounce back after a withering drought. The mounds could thus prove potential bulwarks against climate change, preventing fragile dryland from slipping into lifeless wasteland.

"Even when you see desertification start to happen between the mounds, the vegetation on or around the mounds is doing so well it will keep reseeding the environment," said Corina Tarnita, an author on the new report and an assistant professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at Princeton.

And while the public may view termites as pale, blind, half-inch vermin that can genuinely eat you out of house and home, only a handful of the 3,000 or so known termite species are pests to people. Many of the rest, you can thank for the ground beneath your feet, which is where the majority of termites live and tirelessly work. The closer scientists look, the longer grows the list of subterranean tasks that termites take on.

"They're the ultimate soil engineers," said David Bignell, a termite expert and emeritus professor of zoology at Queen Mary University of London.

By poking holes, or macropores, as they dig through the ground, termites allow rain to soak deep into the soil rather than running off or evaporating. Termites artfully mix inorganic particles of sand, stone and clay with organic bits of leaf litter, discarded exoskeletons and the occasional squirrel tail, a blending that helps the soil retain nutrients and resist erosion.

The stickiness of a termite's feces and other bodily excretions lend structure and coherence to the soil, which also prevents erosion. Bacteria in the termite's gut are avid nitrogen fixaters, able to extract the vital element from the air and convert it into a usable sort of fertilizer, benefiting the termite host and the vast underground economy.

"Overall, termites are extremely good for the health of the soil" on which everything else depends, Bignell said.

Termites are also proving worthy as a so-called model system for understanding the origins of social life, the division of labor, and the sort of altruistic, self-abnegating behavior that we humans applaud in others but generally avoid engaging in ourselves.

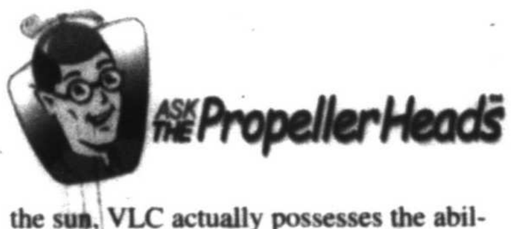
In a new study of "panic escape" behavior among termites as they seek to flee from danger, researchers at Louisiana State University Agricultural Center determined that the one thing the termites do not do when experimentally disturbed is act panicky.

"Ants can be selfish," said Gregg Henderson, an entomologist at the agricultural center and an author of the report, which appeared in the journal Insect Science. "Ants will crowd over each other and get trapped at exits or intersections. But I've seen no evidence of selfishness in termites."

That may be because they have had a lot of practice. Termites, Henderson said, "were the first animals to form societies," starting down the communal path about 200 million years ago, some 50 million years earlier than the ants and their hymenopteran cousins, the bees.

All eusocial insects share the same policy: a strict division of labor, and the assigning of colony breeding privileges to a single large, long-lived, perpetually egg-laying queen. Yet while the overwhelming majority of individuals in an ant nest or beehive are sterile, closely related females, a termite colony is pretty much 50-50 males and females, brothers and sisters.

Recording the screen for IT support requires work



Q: I've turned into the de facto IT support person for my entire family. While I'm happy to help, explaining the steps necessary to correct a problem can sometimes be difficult when I'm guiding them remotely. Is there some way I can record my screen so that they can see what I want them to do?

A: You are happy to do it now, sure. But just wait until they start calling 24/7 and start to get confrontational because their friend Guido disagrees with your recommended course of action. How long will it be before you pull a Comcast (bit.ly/1ET18LH)? Could make for some uncomfortable Thanksgiving dinners in the future. Just saying.

Well, if you take our word for Gospel (and we know you do), chances are you have VLC media player installed on your system (videolan.org/vlc). If you don't, read our previous article (bit.ly/1DUBvqv) on why it's a good replacement for Windows Media Player or QuickTime.

Besides playing every video file under the sun, VLC actually possesses the ability to capture your desktop as well. To do so, open up VLC and select Media, then Open Capture Device. Select the Capture Device tab and change the Capture mode to Desktop. Bump up the frame rate to 10-15 frames per second. Click the Convert button.

In the next window that appears, just select the destination file and click the Start button. VLC will immediately begin capturing your desktop. If you have multiple monitors, it will only capture the principal one. When you are done recording, click on the Stop button. You can now play the MP4 video file VLC created.

The approach has some shortcomings. First, it will record the entire screen, not just a single window, if that is desired. Second, it does not track your mouse or cursor movements so it appears as though things are just happening. Finally, there is no audio, so you cannot dictate any commentary while you are recording your screen.

To add in these features, you will need to turn to a dedicated screen recording program like Open Broadcaster Software (OBS, obsproject.com). OBS is the de facto capture software for twitch.tv, the game-streaming service that lets people watch others play games. Boy, am I in the wrong line of work.

To get started with OBS, right-click on the Sources area and then select what you'd like to record. If recording a specific window, select that option and then select the window you want to record. You can either record the entire window, or just the contents. When done, click the Start Recording button. OBS will generate a FLV file and place it in your Videos folder.

OBS allows one to stream the screen recording directly to Twitch, DailyMotion, YouTube, or several other services, and gives guidance as to how to optimize the settings for each service.

Where OBS gets really fancy, though, is that you can record multiple sources simultaneously. So if you have a web cam, for example, you can not only record an epic battle sequence while playing Evolve, but you can also put your beautiful mug up in the corner with blow by blow facial expressions. Fear, worry, lip-licking determination, confidence, relief … all out there for the world to see.

But you can also record an image or text in order to give your video a watermark or copyright notice.

The best part of both VLC and OBS is that they are freeware, though they would appreciate donations. Sort of like, I guess you wouldn't mind a small donation from your family for all of the free tech support you are giving them.

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