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END OF THE LINE

A&M's season is over. Despite a historic comeback Sunday night, the Aggies weren't able to make lightning strike twice in the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament.

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As oil prices fell, Texas campaign donations followed

By Abby Livingston and Jim Malewitz
Texas Tribune

As a political newcomer, Ron Hale struggled to stand out this year in a crowded race to join the Texas Railroad Commission, which regulates oil and gas. Perhaps a billboard, radio spot or other expensive advertising may have helped.

But in the lead up to the Republican primary, Hale, who runs a private security firm, did the unthinkable: He says he fold a handful of folks who run mom-and-pop petroleum companies to keep the small donations they offered his campaign.

The reason? Plunging oil prices that have brought Texas drilling fields to a near standstill.

"From my perspective, it was easier to tell them no," said Hale, who raised fewer than $3,000 and spent thousands of his own dollars before a third place finish on Super Tuesday. "I know how bad they were hurting down there."

Hale's was hardly the only Texas campaign touched by the dramatic downturn in the oil and gas sector.

Campaign contributions from petroleum interests help fuel the state's power and relevance in Republican national politics. But operatives are seeing early signs that the collapsing oil market has also

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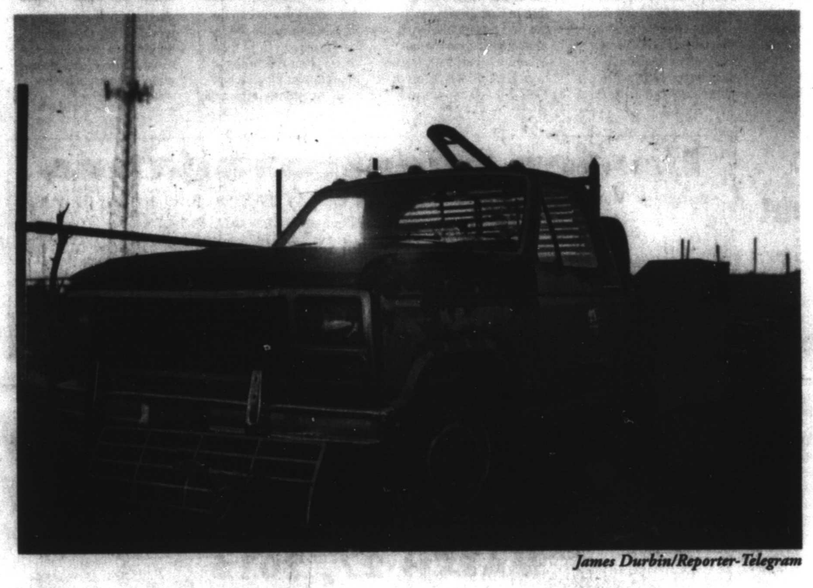

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A Ford F-350 oilfield service truck that was used to work on pipelines in the Permian Basin during the boom and bust of the 1980s recently was seen sitting in its final resting place at a pipe yard belonging to C&R Pipe Inspection on E. Taylor Ave.

Rockefeller descendants dump Exxon holdings

By Joe Carroll
Bloomberg

Descendants of John D. Rockefeller sold their Exxon Mobil Corp. stock and plan to dump all other fossil-fuel investments in the latest move against the industry that made their fortune.

The Rockefeller Family Fund concluded there's "no sane rationale" for companies to explore for oil as governments contemplate cracking down on carbon emissions, according to a statement on the website of the New York-based philanthropic foundation Wednesday.

The fund singled out Exxon, the world's biggest oil explorer by market value, for what it called "morally reprehensible conduct," a reference to a series of articles last year by InsideClimate News that alleged the oil titan knew about global warming as far back as the 1970s and sought to hide what it knew from investors, policymakers and the public. The Rockefeller Family Fund and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund both are listed as financial backers of InsideClimate News on its website.

"It's not surprising that they're divesting from the company since they're already funding a conspiracy against us," Alan Jeffers, a spokesman for Irving-based Exxon, said in an emailed statement on Wednesday.

Exxon, which traces its roots to the 1880s and John D. Rockefeller's integration of refineries and Pennsylvania oilfields, has dismissed the InsideClimate News allegations as products of "anti-oil and gas activists who cherry-picked documents" to distort the company's role in climate research.

Fossil-fuel investments represent about 6 percent of the Rockefeller Family Fund's $130 million in holdings, Lee Wasserman, director of the foundation, said in a telephone interview Wednesday.

Warming trend for record books continues

From staff reports

A warming trend for the record books continues in Midland.

Temperatures this month are on pace to be one of the warmest months of March on record, according to the National Weather Service, and that means continued warm weather that the community has experienced since the fall.

So far, the average temperature for March is nearly 5 degrees above normal. Based on the NWS' forecast for the rest of the month, March 2016 will finish as the fourth to sixth warmest March on record.

The month of February finished as the 10th warmest, nearly 4 degrees above the normal average temperature. January wasn't among the warmest on record but was warmer than average.

Rick Hluchan, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service, said the warmer-than-average weather trend was "significant". He said the El Nino weather phenomenon continues but thunderstorms farther south in the Pacific Ocean has impacted weather patterns in the United States. Storms, he said, are developing farther to the east of Midland.

"We get the wind, and the rest of Texas gets the rain," Hluchan said.

The trend goes back to last year. The fall of 2015 — September through November — was the fifth warmest on record. The winter of 2015-16 — December through February — finished as the eighth warmest.

The Climate Prediction Center is calling for average temperatures in April and lower-than-average temperatures for our region during the three-month period from April through June. The CPC had called for lower temperatures for most of the last six months, but the actual trends were different than expectations.

Warm temperatures

March: 60.5-degree average (typical average for the month 55.6, tied for fifth warmest March on record)
February: 52.6 (48.6, 10th warmest)
January: 45.8 (43.9)
Winter (December through February): 48.7 (45.7, eighth warmest)
Fall (September through November): 67.5 (64.1, fifth warmest)

Source: National Weather Service

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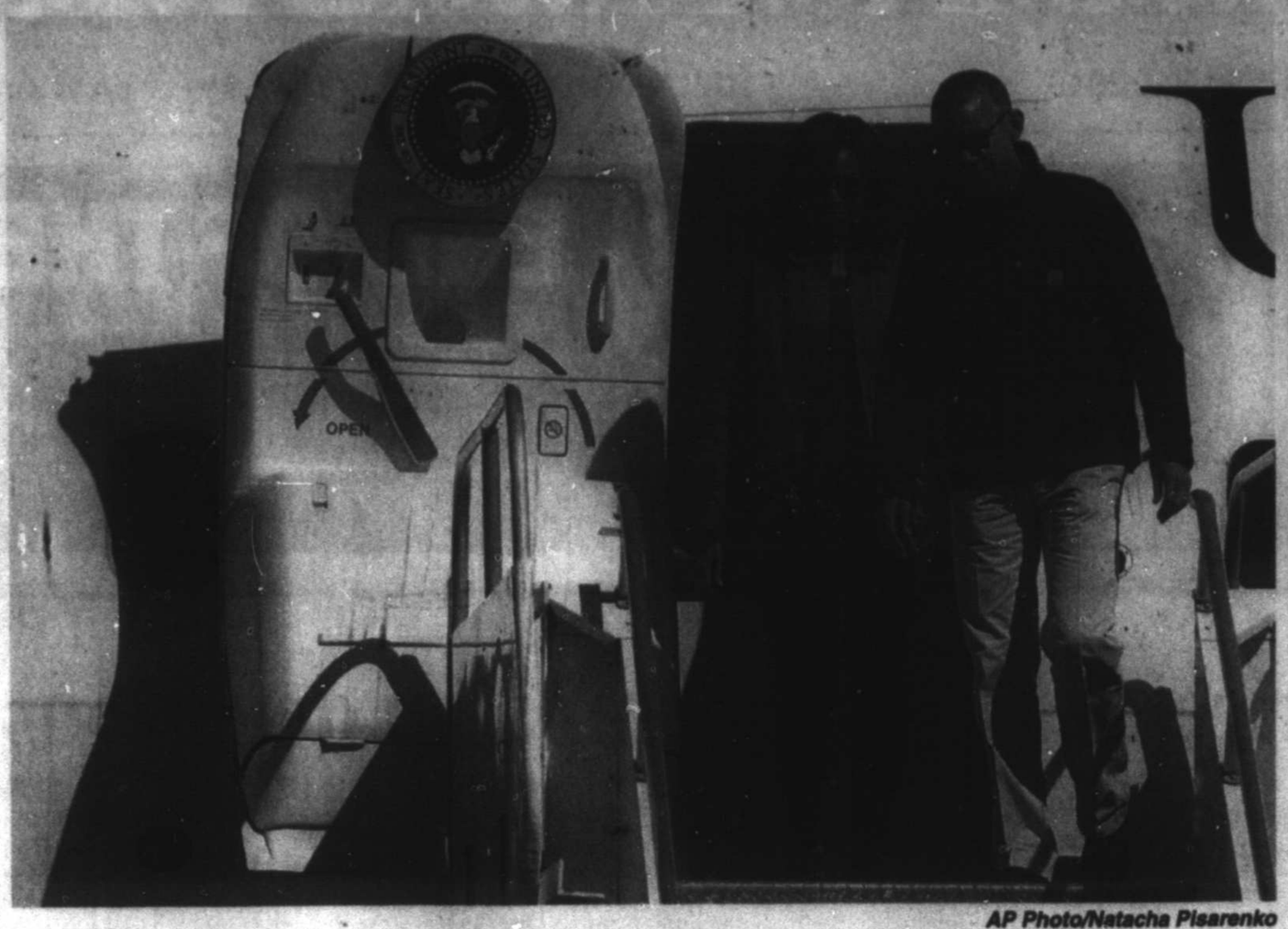
Obama dances tango in Argentina, comes under criticism

By Josh Lederman
Associated Press



AP Photo/Natacha Pisarenko

U.S. President Barack Obama accompanied by first lady Michelle get off the plane in Bariloche, Argentina, on Thursday. Obama is closing his two-day visit to Argentina by spending the afternoon with his family in Bariloche, a picturesque city in southern Argentina, before departing for Washington.

BARILOCHE, Argentina — Dancing the tango, relaxing with family in picturesque Patagonia, catching a baseball game with Cuba's Raul Castro — it's been an unusual week for President Barack Obama.

His tour of Latin America left him on the periphery as the world grappled with terrorism and other problems. Republican critics faulted Obama for sticking to his itinerary even after more than 30 people were killed in an Islamic State-linked attack in Brussels. Obama insists he remained fully engaged.

"That was a tremendous mistake," Richard Haass, president of the Council on Foreign Relations, said Thursday on MSNBC. "It's fine to go to Argentina. You want to do the work, but you've got to be careful of these little photo-ops or optics. Baseball games and tangos, that's inconsistent with the seriousness of the day."

To drop everything and rush home every time attackers strike would be playing into extremists' hands, Obama said. It would also upend other critical business on the president's agenda, such as Obama's historic effort to normalize relations with Cuba and to improve U.S. ties to Argentina.

"That is how we are going to defeat these terrorist groups," Obama said in Buenos Aires. "A lot of it is also going to be to say, 'you do not have power over us. We are strong. Our values are right. You offer nothing except death.'"

Obama didn't initiate his brief tango Wednesday evening at a state dinner in his honor. In fact, he declined several invitations by the sashaying female dancer before politely giving in.

And attending the exhibition game in Havana between Cuba's national team and Major League Baseball's Tampa Bay Rays was itself an act of diplomacy. As "The Star-Spangled Banner" rang out, there was a palpable sense that after half a century of estrangement, something new was foot.

Still, Obama faced no shortage of flak. Twitter and other social media sites were abuzz with photo-shopped images of Obama tangoing superimposed over scenes of carnage.

"I think he ought to return home," said Ohio Gov. John Kasich, a GOP presidential candidate.

Though Obama was at the center of global attention in Cuba as he paid the first presidential visit in nearly 90 years, other events competed for attention. As U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry arrived in Moscow for talks on the Syrian war and the IS threat, Iraq's military was launching a long-awaited operation to recapture the northern city of Mosul from IS militants, with U.S. backing.

White House officials said Obama can do anything from the road that he can do from the White House, echoing an argument Obama has made frequently after other incidents interrupted his travel. After IS extremists attacked Paris last year, Obama went forward with a trip to Turkey and Asia, and used his meetings there to coordinate with world leaders on ramping up the fight against the militant group.

Moreover, there was no indication that Obama's response would have been different had he been in Washington or scurried to Brussels.

Obama always travels with top domestic and national security advisers who keep him abreast of developments and coordinate his response. In Havana, he was briefed within hours of the Brussels attacks.

And even as he prepared for some leisure time with his wife and daughters in the Argentine city of Bariloche, where U.S. outlaws Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid once operated a ranch, Obama spoke by secure phone call with his counterterrorism adviser, Lisa Monaco. The White House said he directed his team to provide all needed help to Belgium.

Other presidents have grappled with unwelcome intrusions into their best-laid plans. George W. Bush was roundly slammed in 2002 for responding to bombings in Israel while playing golf, calling for the world to "do everything they can to stop these terrorist killers," and closing with "Thank you. Now watch this drive."

Goldman to Fed: Stop worrying about the stronger dollar

By Rachel Evans
Bloomberg

That's the takeaway from a Goldman Sachs Group Inc. report Wednesday that suggests the U.S. currency poses little threat to the Fed's inflation goals, challenging policy makers' comments to the contrary. That's good news for dollar bulls who are betting on expanded monetary-policy divergence between the U.S., Europe and Japan. The greenback gained Thursday against all 16 of its major counterparts except Brazil's real.

Inflation is at the heart of the Fed's debate about the timing of interest-rate increases as officials look to normalize monetary policy after seven years of near-zero borrowing costs. With a stronger dollar not translating into significantly cheaper import prices, Goldman Sachs suggests the central bank faces fewer headwinds to hiking rates than markets are currently pricing in.

"The majority of the effects of a stronger dollar on import prices have already been realized," New York-based analysts Zach Pandl and Elad Pashtan wrote in a note. "Inflation data to date appears to be more closely tracking a path with less dollar pass-through to core inflation" than implied by the Fed's projections for consumer prices.

Investors agree. The gap between yields on Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities and nominal 10-year notes, known as the break-even rate, climbed to the highest since August earlier this week. The measure indicates inflation will average about 1.59 percent over the next decade, compared with 1.2 percent last month.

The Bloomberg Dollar Spot Index, which tracks the currency versus 10 peers, rose 0.2 percent Thursday, climbing for a fifth day in its longest streak of gains since Jan. 20.

Fed Chair Janet Yellen said after last week's policy meeting that the strength of the U.S. currency may continue to weigh on consumer prices. Officials lowered their forecasts for price gains this year to just to 1.2 percent, from 1.6 percent previously.

MPD: Man pulls gun on another man during road rage incident

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Wednesday for allegedly brandishing a firearm at another man during a road rage incident, according to court documents.

Bryan K. Butler, 25, was being held Thursday on a $937 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

The male complainant stated that on March 7 he was driving his vehicle turning southbound onto Rankin Highway when he nearly had a collision with Butler's Ford F-150, according to the affidavit.

Butler then parked his vehicle in the middle of the Rankin Highway/Longview Avenue intersection where the near-collision occurred and had a brief verbal conflict with the male, according to the affidavit.

The male complainant stated that Butler then pursued him to the Rankin Highway underpass where Butler pulled his vehicle alongside him, racked the slide of a black semi-automatic handgun and pointed it at him, according to the affidavit.

Butler

The male stated he feared for his life and accelerated at a high rate of speed at which point Butler continued to chase him, according to the affidavit.

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

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A firefighter crew douses a line of grass fire about 15 miles southwest of Medicine Lodge, Kan., on Thursday. More than 200 firefighters are battling an active fire line stretching 30 to 40 miles long in Barber County on Thursday.

Wildfire burns about 620 square miles in two states

By Roxana Hegeman
Associated Press

MEDICINE LODGE, Kan. — Crews worked to get a foothold Thursday against wildfires that have scorched hundreds of square miles in Oklahoma and Kansas and led residents of some small communities to flee their homes.

Strong winds were fanning the flames, and firefighters haven't been able to establish effective containment lines yet, the Oklahoma Forestry Services said.

Gusts of 50 mph fed the fires Wednesday, but the winds were expected to die down considerably late Thursday, the National Weather Service reported.

Smoke from the fires, which burned about 620 square miles in Oklahoma and Kansas, was reportedly detected as far away as St. Louis, hundreds of miles to the northeast.

In Kansas, Gov. Sam Brownback said Thursday the fires were largely contained except in Barber County, which has sustained the most damage.

Brownback encouraged people to heed any requests to evacuate.

No serious injuries have been reported.

"We haven't sustained any fatalities yet, but that doesn't mean we can push it," he said.

Crews in Barber County, which is southwest of Wichita along the state's southern border with Oklahoma, were fighting a 30- to 40-mile line of fire. Darcy Golliher, a spokeswoman for the Kansas Incident Management Team, said that blaze was about 15 percent contained late Thursday and is expected to last through Friday.

She said there hopefully would be only a few hot spots to monitor over the weekend.

"It will all depend on the wind," she said.

The fire, which came close to Medicine Lodge on Wednesday, destroyed a home and an outbuilding on the outskirts of the Barber County community of about 2,000 residents.

Oklahoma Forestry Services via AP

This undated photo provided by the Oklahoma Forestry Services shows the Anderson Creek fire in Woods County, Okla., on Wednesday. Hundreds of firefighters were battling a wildfire Thursday that spread from Oklahoma to Kansas and has burned an estimated 625 square miles.

Voluntary evacuation orders issued there earlier were lifted Thursday afternoon.

Voluntary evacuations were also sought for the small towns of Sun City and Lake City.

On Thursday, Sherry and Craig Prothe were packing clothing and keepsakes into two cars at their home south of Medicine Lodge, where they could see smoke from the fire.

"We're not trying for big stuff," Sherry Prothe said. "We're trying for the mementoes."

They said the fire reduced their elderly neighbors' home to just a chimney, but that they felt a bit more confident that their home would survive because it is surrounded by green wheat fields rather than dry land. But they said they hadn't decided whether they'll leave the home yet.

"Our saving grace is the wheat is still green," Sherry Prothe said.

With conditions "not as intense" and more crews arriving, firefighters were able to "get out there and really attack the fire" on Thursday, said Shawna Hartman, the spokesman for the Kansas Forest Service.

In Comanche County, just west of Barber County, the wind blew embers that reignited the fire Thursday morning after it had been brought under control late Wednesday, said John Lehman, Comanche County Emergency Management coordinator.

But the blaze there was largely controlled late Thursday.

"The wind blows things around," he said. "It hits dry grass and away it goes."

In Burrton, which is about 30 miles northwest of Wichita, grass fires burned one home and forced the evacuation of others, and killed several head of livestock, the Harvey County sheriff's office said in a news release. That fire had been controlled later Thursday.

In Oklahoma, the fire was moving toward the city of Alva, population about 5,000, but by early evening, the flames had not advanced enough to prompt evacuations there, according to Oklahoma Forestry Services spokeswoman Michelle Finch-Walker.

Oklahoma authorities said the cause of the fire was under investigation.

In Texas, where strong winds and low humidity created ideal fire conditions, some people were evacuated Wednesday from their homes in Skellytown, about 45 miles northeast of Amarillo, but were allowed to return after a few hours, said Linda Moon, Texas A&M Forest Service spokesman.

The fire also forced the closure of a stretch of U.S. 160 and U.S. 281 in Kansas and briefly a section of Interstate 40 in Texas. Scattered power outages have been reported.

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Sam Brownback, Kansas governor

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Today is Good Friday

Good Friday occurs two days before Easter Sunday in the United States. It is the day when Christians commemorate Jesus Christ's crucifixion, which plays an important part in the Christian faith. It is not a federal holiday in the United States, although it is a state holiday in some states.

Source: www.timeanddate.com

Things to do

■ Bingo Nights at the American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 432-682-5511.

■ Friday Night Magic, 7 p.m., Hastings, 3111 W. Cuthbert Ave.

■ Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m., The Detour.

■ The Digital Age Good Friday concert, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main St. firstmethodist-midland.com.

■ Zero Motive, 8 p.m., Hot Shots, 615 W. Wall St.

■ Comedy Battle Roast pits local comedians trading insults and jokes, 8 p.m., Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5. facebook.com/kamiposi.

■ Gary Nix, 9 p.m., Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway.

■ Dolly Shine, 9 p.m., Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave.

■ Justin Langston, 10 p.m., The Boardroom, 3303 N. Midkiff Road.

■ Dan Johnson and the Salt Cedar Rebels, Callahan Divide, 10 p.m., Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St. $5. thelonestarbar.com.

■ Chrome Molly at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

■ "Harriet the Spy" by the Pickwick Players at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

New movies

■ At Tall City 14: "Batman V. Superman: Dawn of Justice," "My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2."

■ At Cinergy Cinemas: "Batman V. Superman: Dawn of Justice," "My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2."

■ At Big Sky Drive-In: "Batman V. Superman: Dawn of Justice."

Closed today

■ The Midland County Public Library will be closed through Sunday.

■ Midland County offices will be closed.

■ City of Midland offices are closed.

■ Midland ISD will be closed but will be open Monday.

■ Midland College will be closed through Monday.

■ The U.S. Postal Service and mail delivery will keep regular schedules.

Gas rises in Midland

Cheapest gas: $1.77 (H-E-B, SH 191/Loop 250)

Most expensive: $1.99 (Rankim Highway/ECR 135; Texaco, Florida/Marshall)

Most common prices: $1.89 and $1.95

Cheapest prices in West Texas: Lubbock $1.68, San Angelo $1.73, Odessa $1.75, Midland $1.77, Abilene $1.79

	Midland-	Odessa
Thursday	$1.901	$1.871
Last week	$1.824	$1.820
Last month	$1.511	$1.513
Last year	$2.254	$2.222

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Gas prices across Texas up

COPPELL — Retail gasoline prices across Texas are up 4 cents this week to reach an average $1.86 per gallon.

AAA Texas on Thursday reported the national average price at the pump rose a nickel to reach $2.01 per gallon.

Dallas has the most expensive gasoline in Texas this week at an average $1.95 per gallon. The association survey found that drivers in El Paso have the cheapest gasoline statewide at an average $1.77 per gallon.

AAA experts say gas prices have gone up recently largely due to seasonal increases in fuel demand and reduced production as some refineries do maintenance.

Source: Associated Press

Lake Levels

(From CRMWD lakes)

	Contents (acre-feet)	Percent Full
Thomas	141,199	70.39
Spence	47,760	9.23
Ivie	69,209	12.48
Totals	258,168	20.29

Source: Colorado River Municipal Water District

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week.

Even-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

Odd-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays.

Any violation may result in a fine up to $500.

The washing outdoor surfaces ban is still in effect

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 2-2-6
Pick 3 day: 5-1-6
Pick 3 evening: 7-2-8
Pick 3 night: 5-9-6
Daily 4 morning: 5-0-7-0
Daily 4 day: 2-6-7-6
Daily 4 evening: 4-0-5-1
Daily 4 night: 8-2-3-8
Cash Five: 2-3-11-12-37
Texas Two Step: 8-11-12-14 BB: 32
All or Nothing morning: 1-3-4-7-11-12-13-15-16-17-19-22
All or Nothing day: 2-3-6-10-13-14-16-17-19-21-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 3-5-9-10-11-12-15-18-20-22-23-24
All or Nothing night: 4-5-6-8-9-10-12-16-17-19-22-23

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In a Monday photo, Ruth Sanders' house is surrounded by town homes in the State Thomas neighborhood in Dallas. Sanders, who has Alheimer's Disease, appears confused about why she's ensnarled in a lawsuit over her home. A Dallas real estate firm has sued her over a failed deal to build a 7-Eleven in place of her faded, blue-paneled house, one of the last vestiges of Freedman's Town. Already behind on their legal bills, Ruth and her daughter have until Friday to appeal to the Supreme Court of Texas. Among the issues: Whether Ruth had the mental competence to sign documents that led to a four-year saga over a home that's been in her family since the early 1900s.

Elderly Texas woman at center of lawsuit over home's sale

By Avi Selk, Sarah Mervosh and Julieta Chiquillo
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DALLAS — As a legal battle swirls around her, Ruth Mae Sanders drifts between worn rooms in her family home, her memories slipping further into the fog.

The 93-year-old clearly recalls the white-only seats on Dallas trolley cars, which she rode daily to school in a bustling black neighborhood originally settled by freed slaves.

Her Alzheimer's disease makes it harder to remember when developers bought up that neighborhood and turned it into the affluent area now called Uptown.

She can't keep track of the present at all.

Ruth appears confused about why she's ensnarled in a lawsuit over her home. A Dallas real estate firm has sued her over a failed deal to build a 7-Eleven in place of her faded, blue-paneled house, one of the last vestiges of Freedman's Town.

The Dallas Morning News reports that Henry S. Miller Brokerage wants tens of thousands of dollars in commission, money Ruth's daughter says they don't have because the house never sold.

Already behind on their legal bills, Ruth and her daughter have until Friday to appeal to the Supreme Court of Texas.

Among the issues: Whether Ruth had the mental competence to sign documents that led to a four-year saga over a home that's been in her family since the early 1900s.

An attorney for Henry S. Miller said the firm's brokers did their part before the deal fell apart — and legally earned the commission. He called Ruth's Alzheimer's defense "convenient" and accused her of using her skin color to renege on paying.

"Miller's not the bad person here. They did a job," lawyer Randy Ackerman said in an interview. "Ms. Sanders played the race card (that) this is the white man trying to take advantage of a poor old black lady. I don't think there's anything racial about this."

Even so, a black community's history echoes in Ruth's life story.

Changed neighborhood

In Uptown today, the Nodding Donkey bar thumps where a black barbershop once stood.

Luxury apartments loom where wooden boardinghouses lined the streets years ago.

Labradors and Goldendoodles romp in Griggs Park, where Ernie Banks perfected his game before finding fame as the Chicago Cubs' first black player.

But the century-old home on the corner of Thomas Avenue and Allen Street stubbornly remains.

"There's lots of reconstruction going on now. You see these things going up in the air. Over on McKinney Avenue, what's that new store called? It takes up several blocks," Ruth says, referring to a Whole Foods Market.

Ruth's skin crinkles like tissue paper when she laughs — a polite chuckle that bubbles up when her memory fades. Her mother-in-law once told fortunes in this house, and in 1985 Ruth moved in, after her husband died.

By 2012, the year Ruth turned 90, friends say, a parade of strangers had shown up with baked goods and real estate paperwork.

Ruth had flirted with selling for years, as property taxes in the State-Thomas area kept rising, even enlisting brokers before. But Marian Sims, a neighbor and Ruth's home health care worker, noticed the offers multiplying around the same time Ruth began to repeat herself and lose track of the days.

Sims suspected dementia, a diagnosis a doctor confirmed in 2014, court documents show.

She called Ruth's only child in New York. "I said, 'Leena, you need to get down here. She's not in a state where she can make decisions. She thinks people are her friends, and they may not be.'"

Leena Sanders, a jazz singer and schoolteacher, flew to Dallas. She noticed one company's brokers seemed especially close to her mother. They worked for Henry S. Miller, a major real estate firm with roles in upscale developments, including Dallas' West Village.

Leena said she acquiesced and told her mom, "Well, this is what you want — or what I thought she wanted."

Leena returned to Manhattan with a copy of a contract the firm wanted her mother to sign, to put her house on the market. She asked a lawyer friend to look it over, a point Henry S. Miller later emphasized.

She called her mother in June 2012 to urge caution.

"I said, 'Let's wait. Don't sign anything because we don't know these people.'" Leena said. "She said, 'I went ahead and signed it.'"

A broker for Henry S. Miller had already come to the house. Leena and a lawyer she hired years later said the broker snapped a photo of Ruth that day, smiling with the paperwork that would be at the center of a legal battle for years to come.

Back in the day

They once called her "Readin', 'Ritin' Ruth."

Ruth Sanders grew up in Oak Cliff and took the bus to the city's only black high school, Booker T. Washington, in the old Freedman's Town. Lined with dirt and cobblestone roads, the capital of black Dallas stretched from the high school up to Lemmon Avenue, where "Keep This Neighborhood White" yard signs began.

In the 1970s, Ruth got a degree from Southern Methodist University and campaigned for the Dallas school board with the "readin', 'ritin'" slogan. In the early '80s, as a member of the City Plan Commission, she help fight against encroachment on the worn-down remains of Freedman's Town.

As downtown towers pushed closer to that community, investors began to scoop up black properties and flip them for huge profits. Brokers fanned out and rang doorbells on shotgun shacks and rooming houses, chauffeuring longtime residents to neighborhoods with tempting brick homes.

Those who stayed saw their tax bills rise, or worse. Many remember the day in 1984 when the First Pentecostal Church of God in Christ, across the street from Griggs Park, went up in flames. Investigators never solved the arson, but the pastor said the congregation had refused to sell.

It was during the black exodus that Ruth moved in. When she took over her late husband's family home, neat rows of pecan and oak trees marked the places where other houses had stood.

Ruth worked mostly secretarial jobs, but in her spare time helped organize meetings to protect black homeowners from pushy developers.

"We wanted to make sure that some of the older people weren't being pressured," Ruth said in 1985, when she told The Dallas Morning News that only 30 neighborhood homes remained occupied by black heirs.

That number had shrunk to about a half dozen when Ruth signed with Henry S. Miller to put her property on the market in 2012.

A daughter returns

Leena Sanders returned to Dallas later that year and moved in with her ailing mom.

In the midst of the move, Ruth signed a second contract with Henry S. Miller, lowering the listing price for her property. Then, Leena said, she found a letter from one of the firm's brokers, urging a price lower still.

In January 2013, a broker came by with a 28-page contract. An investor working with 7-Eleven wanted the property, along with an old house next door that Ruth rented out. But she had to move fast — and sell for much less than the $1.2 million she first agreed to.

Leena had doubts about her mother's decision but didn't protest when Ruth signed the contract to sell her home and the rental house for just under $900,000.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Pilot accused of running brothels in city area

Authorities are accusing a United Airlines pilot of running brothels in the Houston area.

Prosecutors say Bruce Wayne Wallis ran more than six brothels, each with eight to 10 prostitutes. Authorities allege Wallis got $400 per week from each of the women. Some of the brothels were in office buildings.

Wallis made his initial court appearance Thursday after his arrest following an eight-month investigation by the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Houston Police Department's human trafficking division.

The 51-year-old is charged with engaging in organized criminal activity and aggravated promotion of prostitution. He's free on bonds totaling $15,000.

Court records didn't list an attorney for Wallis, and attempts to reach him weren't immediately successful.

AUSTIN

Texas Planned Parenthood chapter joins lawsuit over videos

A Texas Planned Parenthood chapter has joined a previously filed federal lawsuit, alleging criminal misconduct by anti-abortion activists who made undercover videos accusing the organization of illegally selling fetal tissue.

Houston-based Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast announced Thursday that it would become part of a civil suit filed in January in San Francisco by Planned Parenthood's national arm.

At issue is the Center for Medical Progress, which last summer began releasing secret videos, one of which allegedly came from a Houston clinic.

Planned Parenthood has denied wrongdoing and accused the Center for Medical Progress of a host of crimes, including illegal secret recording and trespassing.

The center's founder and another activist were indicted in January by a Harris County grand jury, which also found that Planned Parenthood had committed no wrongdoing.

FARMERS BRANCH

Off-duty Texas officer accused in teen's death resigns

A suburban Dallas police officer who is charged in the shooting death of a teenage burglary suspect and the wounding of another boy while off duty has resigned from his department.

Farmers Branch Police Chief Sid Fuller said that Officer Ken Johnson submitted his resignation on Thursday. Fuller accepted the resignation, which took effect immediately.

DONATIONS

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depressed the sector's political contributions.

Evolving campaign finance laws and fundraising practices make it difficult to make cycle-to-cycle to comparisons. But what is clear from nearly two dozen interviews with state and national Republican operatives, candidates and oil industry insiders is that donors are increasingly telling campaigns "no."

"The sense I get is, it has had some adverse impact on political contributions," said U.S. Rep. Bill Flores, R-Bryan and a former drilling company executive. "My expectation is that it will continue to get more pronounced the longer oil prices stay down."

Oil and gas companies mostly donate to Republicans, and there is no widespread panic within GOP circles that the party or its candidates are lagging in fundraising. Even still, operatives say they have not seen anything like this in years.

Consider the Republican race for railroad commissioner.

Ahead of the 2014 primary, with West Texas crude prices trading at around $100 per barrel and shale fields rumbling with activity, donors poured more than $1.5 million into the accounts of four candidates, roughly half from the petroleum sector.

Two years later, another seat is open, but the landscape looks vastly different.

Now, prices are hovering around $36. They even dipped below $30 earlier this year. That free fall has stacked hundreds of rigs, triggered tens of thousands of layoffs and left many oilfield companies wading in a flood of red ink. And as operators choke back production, some are also pinching pennies with political campaigns.

Ahead of Super Tuesday, Hale wasn't the only candidate dealing with that reality. John Greytok, a longtime Austin attorney and lobbyist, took in about $187,000 to lead the pack in fundraising. But only $4,000 of that haul came from oil and gas connections. Former state Rep. Wayne Christian followed with $43,000. That sum included nearly $32,000 from three industry officials — the most by far in a seven-way race that was whittled down to a runoff between Christian and real estate magnate Gary Gates, who has self-funded his campaign.

Those closely following the contest say several factors played a role in the spending slowdown: The crowded field meant a runoff was all but guaranteed, prompting some donors to adopt a wait-and-see approach. And Commissioner David Porter's sudden exit from the race prompted several candidates to launch campaigns at the last minute, limiting time to fundraise. But the impact of the industry's financial turmoil cannot be ignored, observers say.

State and national fundraisers say perennial donors outright turned down donations or reduced their giving. The most oft-cited reasons were they needed to make payroll, or to avoid the unseemliness of making political donations while laying off employees in the fields.

But like Hale, some campaign staffers are not even making the money asks anymore of those with ties to the oil industry, citing discomfort with asking for or giving political donations during economic distress.

The same goes for some West Texas bundlers, who one Texas fundraiser said are increasingly reluctant to put their friends on the spot financially. The fundraiser pointed to Midland, the West Texas city largely built on oil booms, as an increasingly difficult place to raise money.

Flores pointed to another city across the state.

"Primarily, Houston at this point," he said. "Texas in general, but Houston in particular."

Several Republican operatives rolled their eyes over how often the sluggish economy comes up during fundraising. The pain in the oil patch has clearly contributed but it's also provided another excuse not to give.

Biden: 'There is no Biden rule' on Supreme Court nominations

By Kathleen Hennessey
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President Joe Biden on Thursday tried to clear his name and tout his record on Supreme Court nominations, calling Republican branding of his past remarks on the subject "ridiculous" and casting himself as a longtime advocate of bipartisan compromise in filling seats on the high court.

In a speech at Georgetown Law School, Biden issued a broad warning that Republicans' election-year blockade of President Barack Obama's nominee "can lead to a genuine Constitutional crisis" and he sought to distance himself from the strategy. He argued Republicans have distorted a 1992 speech in which he seemed to endorse the notion of blocking any Supreme Court nominee put forward in the throes of the election season.

Republicans have labeled their strategy the "Biden rule."

Biden, a former Senate Judiciary Committee chairman, said his broader point in the lengthy Senate floor speech was to call for more consultation with the Senate in choosing a nominee, a practice he said would lead to nominees with less extreme views. Obama "followed the path of moderation" in picking Appeals Court Judge Merrick Garland, Biden said.

"There is no Biden rule. It doesn't exist," Biden told the group of professors and students. "There is only one rule I ever followed in the Judiciary Committee. That was the Constitution's clear rule of advice and consent."

Biden's defense focuses on a later section on the speech, in which he called on then-President George H.W. Bush and future presidents to work more closely with the Senate to name moderate nominees. Earlier in the speech, Biden warned that if Bush were to name a nominee immediately, weeks before the summer political conventions, "the Senate Judiciary Committee should seriously consider not scheduling confirmation hearings on the nomination until after the political campaign season is over."

The remarks have proven problematic for Biden, a veteran of decades of Supreme Court battles. After more than 15 years on the Judiciary Committee, eight as chairman, few in Washington can match Biden's experience with judicial nominations. Facing perhaps the last big political fight of his career, the vice president has appeared eager to dive into a familiar debate that has recurred throughout his career.

Biden, who has acted as a stealthy liaison to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell in past negotiations, has begun some of that work. He has reached out to some Republican senators. And he's pressed the issue as he's campaigned for Democrats in Seattle and Ohio. His role is likely to increase as the process moves forward.

Republicans won't make it easy. Immediately after Biden's remarks Thursday, Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus issued a statement accusing Biden of hypocrisy.

"The vice president's weak attempt to walk back his own standard on opposing election-year Supreme Court nominees just can't be taken seriously," Priebus said.

For Republicans, Biden's speech is part of an attempt to cast their no-hearing, no-vote campaign as part of a Senate tradition — their defense to Democrats' charges that they're shirking their Constitutional duty.

There is some division within the ranks on that front. This week, Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., said he thinks Garland should get a vote. Moran said he would likely vote against an Obama nominee, but "I would rather have you (constituents) complaining to me that I voted wrong on nominating somebody than saying I'm not doing my job," Moran said, according to the Garden City Telegram.

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Obama takes ideological holiday in Havana

■ When it comes to the attacks in Belgium, Barack Obama is again unmoved

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The split-screen told the story: on one side, images of the terror bombing in Brussels; on the other, Barack Obama doing the wave with Raul Castro at a baseball game in Havana.

On one side, the real world of rising global terrorism. On the other, the Obama fantasy world in which romancing a geopolitically insignificant Cuba — without an ounce of democracy or human rights yielded in return — is considered a seminal achievement of American diplomacy.

Cuba wasn't so much a legacy trip as a vanity trip, vindicating the dorm-room enthusiasms of one's student days when the Sandinistas were cool, revolution was king and every other friend had a dog named Che.

When Brussels intervened, some argued that Obama should have cut short his trip and come back home. I disagree. You don't let three suicide bombers control the itinerary of the American president. Moreover, Obama's next stop, Argentina, is actually important and had just elected a friendly government that broke from its long and corrupt Peronist past.

Nonetheless, Obama could have done without the baseball. What kind of message does it send to be yukking it up with Raul even as Belgian authorities are picking body parts off the floor of the Brussels airport?

Obama came into office believing that we had vastly exaggerated the threat of terrorism and allowed it to pervert both our values and our foreign policy. He declared a unilateral end to the global war on terror and downplayed the threat ever since. He frequently reminds aides, reports Jeffrey Goldberg of The Atlantic, that more Americans die annually of bathtub accidents.

It's now been seven years. The real world has stubbornly refused to accommodate Obama's pacific dreams. The Islamic State has grown from JV team to worldwide threat, operating from Libya to Afghanistan, Sinai to Belgium. It is well into the infiltration phase of its European campaign, with 500 trained and hardened cadres in place among the estimated 5,000 jihadists returned from the Middle East. The increasing tempo and sophistication of its operations suggest that it may be poised for a continent-wide guerrilla campaign.

In the face of this, Obama remains inert, unmoved, displaying a neglect and insouciance that borders on denial. His nonreaction to the Belgian massacre -- his 34-minute speech in Havana devoted 51 seconds to Brussels -- left the world as stunned as it was after the Paris massacre, when Obama did nothing. Worse, at his now notorious November news conference in Turkey, his only show of passion regarding Paris was to berate Islamophobes.

David Axelrod called Obama's response "tone deaf." But that misses the point. This is more than a mere mistake of presentation. Remember his reaction to the beheading of the American journalist James Foley? Obama made a statement expressing his sympathies — and then jumped onto his golf cart for a round of 18.

He later told NBC News' Chuck Todd that this was a mistake. "Part of this job is also the theater of it," he explained, "it's not something that always comes naturally to me." As if postponing a bucolic recreation was a required piece of political playacting rather than a president's natural reaction — a mixture of shock and sorrow — to the terrible death of a citizen he could not save.

It's not as if Obama is so super cool that he never shows emotion. Just a few months ago, he teared up when speaking about the Sandy Hook school shooting. That was the work of a psychotic. But when speaking about the work of Islamist terrorists, he offers flat perfunctory words.

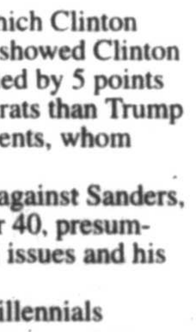
I cannot fathom why. Perhaps having long seen himself uniquely qualified by background and history to make peace between Islam and the West, to now recognize how badly things have gone on his watch is to admit both failure and the impossible grandiosity of his original pretensions.

Whatever the reason, he seems genuinely unmoved by a menace the rest of the world views, correctly, with horror and increasing apprehension. He's been in office seven years, yet seems utterly fixed on his campaign promises and pre-presidential obsessions: shutting down Gitmo, rapprochement with Iran, engagement with tyrants (hence Havana), making the oceans recede (hence the Paris climate trip). Next we'll see yet another useless Washington "summit" on yet another Obama *idee fixe*: eliminating nuclear materials.

With the world on fire, the American president goes on ideological holiday. As was said of the Bourbons: "They have learned nothing and have forgotten nothing."

OPINION EXTRA

Could Donald Trump really be elected? Yes or probably not



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Dallas Morning News

Hardly a week goes by when an old friend doesn't contact me with the same question: Could Donald Trump really get elected president?

My standard reply is that, at this point, there are two answers: "Yes," and "Probably not." Never say never.

By all logic, the blustery billionaire has antagonized enough voters that, even if he attracts disaffected white Democrats, he'll have a difficult time winning a general election. A substantial proportion of Republicans says they won't support him, even if he wins the GOP nomination.

Though Trump's latest primary victories increased the likelihood he'll be the nominee, many top Republicans are unconvinced. Some GOP candidates for other offices are already reportedly planning to separate their campaigns from his, afraid he could drag them down to defeat.

On the other hand, much of the electorate clearly feels things are not going well and wants a change. No one represents change more than Trump. As one of two major party nominees, of course he'd have a chance to be elected, especially against a flawed rival who has had difficulty winning primary support from key Democratic groups, especially younger voters.

Even in winning last week's Ohio primary, for example, Hillary Clinton lost nearly 2-to-1 among voters under 45, and by 15 points among white males, according to exit polls. Once again, the total Democratic turnout was down.

The question is how much this will matter in the fall. General elections are very different from primaries. They attract far more voters, especially among minorities and younger voters, one reason Democrats fare better in presidential than in congressional elections. Trump is winning less than half of the country's smaller party.

From the start, polls have shown he is weaker against both Clinton and Bernie Sanders than other Republicans. The demographics of recent surveys illustrate his problem against Clinton, the likely Democratic nominee.

A recent Washington Post-ABC News poll, in which Clinton led Trump by nine points among registered voters, showed Clinton leading by 21 points among women, while Trump led by 5 points among men. She got a bigger proportion of Democrats than Trump did among Republicans, and she led with independents, whom Republicans need to carry.

Despite Clinton's problems with younger voters against Sanders, she led Trump by nearly 2-to-1 among voters under 40, presumably reflecting their more liberal attitudes on social issues and his racial divisiveness.

Similarly, a USA Today/Rock the Vote poll of millennials showed that, although Sanders led Clinton 54-37 among voters under 35, she led Trump by 52-19.

This suggests Clinton can reassemble the coalition that elected President Barack Obama in 2008 and 2012, including support from minorities, a growing proportion of the electorate. Trump's strength comes from white males, a declining proportion of voters. Though polls show doubts about Clinton, Trump fares even worse, suggesting trouble broadening his fairly narrow base.

Still, three factors could bolster Trump. First, by a substantial margin, Americans think things are going in the wrong direction. That's hardly a climate for Democrats to win a third consecutive White House term by stressing continuity.

Second is the legal cloud hanging over Clinton because of the Justice Department investigation of whether she mishandled classified information with her private email server. Some conservative news outlets predict an indictment, but columnist Ruth Marcus, who has a Harvard law degree (and was once a student of mine), wrote a persuasive column on why charges against Clinton are unlikely.

Third, Trump is the wildest wild card in recent American political history.

None of us saw his emergence as a political force, and he has demonstrated political skill against an array of experienced Republicans. His simplistic vow to "Make American Great Again" has substantial appeal, though undercut by his rantings against Mexican and Muslims and his negative portrayal of the country. His unpredictability and lack of restraint could make him a far tougher debate foe than Sanders.

In the end, a Trump-Clinton race might depend on whether enough voters are so upset with current conditions they would take a flyer on the inexperienced, mercurial Trump or whether normal voting patterns and respect for Clinton's experience and stability carry the day.

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Apparently, Ted Cruz is a fan

■ Fundraising pitches get personal

KEN HERMAN

Austin American-Statesman

I'm a fan of political fundraising pitches. The cleverer, the betterer. (Please remember I'm licensed to make up words. You're free to try it, but be careful.) I've yet to come across a fundraising pitch enticing enough to get me to give a penny to a politician, but I enjoy being asked.

So it was when my inbox recently included an email from ted@tedcruz.org. The subject line was "There is a catch."

It seems I have a pivotal role in the selection of the next president of the United States/Leader of the Free World.

"Ken," Ted told me (apparently we're on a first-name basis), "This election is in your hands."

All at once, I fully understood the pressure felt by the justices of the U.S. Supreme Court, circa 2000. More from Ted's email: "It's in your power to help me unite the Republican Party, beat Donald Trump for the nomination and defeat Hillary Clinton in November."

Flattering, right? Especially for a guy who sometimes feels like the only thing in my power is getting the recycling to the curb (when I can remember if it's our week).

The fate of Teddy's campaign — I now feel we're close enough that I can call him Teddy, though I have no evidence that anybody else on Earth does — is in my hands and my power.

Turns out I have more than a vote: I also have money.

Some of you also might have money. Ted wants some of it. His emailed fundraising pitch told me the exciting news that some folks — apparently some folks who want to remain anonymous at this point — are ready to match my donation to his campaign. (Tax-season question for CPAs: If I legally change my name to "Anonymous," can I claim all charitable contributions attributed to "Anonymous?")

More from Ted: "A group of very generous new supporters who are determined to unite the party have agreed to match every online donation made to my campaign through the links below — dollar for dollar."

And then there was this ominous, bold-face warning: "But there's a catch."

Oh yes, this must be the catch mentioned in the subject line. There's always a catch. Which one will this be? Void where prohibited by law? Past performance does not guarantee future results? Potential side effects could include an uncontrollable urge to gamble naked? Some of your favorite parts might not work or will work so well that you'll be hearing from Ripley's Believe It Or Not?

Or maybe it's this one I recently saw on an ad for a particular insurance product offered by the apparently misnamed Allstate: "Not available in all states."

None of the above. It was this: "I must prove that you and I can unite the party by securing at least 10,000 donations or the offer is off the table. So if you don't contribute — they won't match."

That last sentence was underlined.

"Because you have been one of my most loyal supporters, I'm reaching out to you. This could be a huge boost for my campaign — even the difference between winning and losing."

If I'm among Cruz's most loyal supporters, he's facing an even steeper uphill climb than I thought. (FYI, I wrapped this up Tuesday before we knew the results from the Utah and Arizona contests.)

In the email, Cruz, apparently unaware of my ability to perform more basic arithmetic calculations, explained how the matching contribution deal works. For example, a $10 contribution, when matched by the "very generous new supporters" (translation: people who think the phrase "GOP presidential nominee President Donald J. Trump" is even scarier than the phrase "GOP presidential nominee Ted Cruz") becomes a $20 contribution.

"I can't win these primaries without your support," Cruz told me. "Our victories from Maine to Alaska will be wasted if we can't capitalize on our momentum as we compete one on one with Donald Trump for the heart of the conservative movement.

"Ken, with your support, we can win this. For liberty, Ted Cruz."

He really could've just signed it "Ted."

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From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

GOP ads give Democrats anti-Trump playbook

By Julie Bykowicz and Chad Day
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — "Bimbo. Dog. Fat pig," disgusted women say, looking straight into the camera. Another explains, "Real quotes from Donald Trump, about women."

Flip the channel. "I know words. I have the best words," Trump says. That commercial proceeds with a 30-second, bleeped-out tour of his coarsest comments.

Both ads — and dozens more that portray Trump as a selfish, deceptive buffoon — are sponsored by fellow Republicans trying to derail the political outsider from capturing their party's presidential nomination.

But these ads are also providing Democrats with attacks that could be recycled verbatim for the general election and slapped with the tagline, "Hillary Clinton approves this message."

An Associated Press review of political ads tracked by Kantar Media's Campaign Media Analysis Group found 68 different anti-Trump commercials have been shown some 40,000 times across the country on broadcast television.

About one of every 10 presidential ads shown over the past year has taken a shot at Trump, a rate that has picked up this month as polls suggest the billionaire's already low favorability ratings with the general public are deflating. And Democrats say they're closely monitoring the Republican hit-pieces.

"It's interesting to watch Republican super PACs as a kind of test run for the kinds of things we would do," said David Brock, who steers several outside efforts to help Clinton.

Justin Barasky, spokesman for Priorities USA, the best-financed of the pro-Clinton groups, said Republicans are "saving us money by beating him up. It's certainly not unhelpful." Priorities is reserving $70 million in commercial time for the general election starting late summer, and Barasky said the group anticipates it will begin spending against Trump even sooner.

For his part, Trump has said the attack ads aren't working, pointing to his decisive victory in Florida in the face of a multimillion-dollar effort there to tear him down. Responding to the ad featuring his comments on women, Trump told CNN this week that "half of that was show business."

Trump's Republican attackers argue their efforts are worth it — even if they ultimately weaken the GOP nominee.

"I don't see the ads as the risk; he is the risk," said Tim Miller, a spokesman for Our Principles, a Republican group that has spent more than $16 million this year on TV, radio and digital ads, including the spot featuring women reading Trump comments. "That's the point we're trying to make. Don't nominate someone this vulnerable to attacks from the Democratic Party."

Our Principles embraces its role as potential spoiler: One online advertisement begins by warning viewers that what they are about to see would be repeated by Democrats if Trump is the GOP nominee.

A similar scenario played out four years ago with Mitt Romney.

At the start of the 2012 GOP primaries, more voters had a favorable than unfavorable view of Romney. During the primaries, though, the super PAC backing Newt Gingrich portrayed him as an unfeeling businessman.

By the time Romney earned the nomination in April, his numbers had flipped, with more voters viewing him negatively than positively. Over the summer, Priorities USA built on the Gingrich group's volleys to attack Romney in the general election.

Events could unfold similarly for Trump.

Ratings of Trump among the general public have been consistently negative, but recent surveys have suggested those views have grown stronger since the contentious primaries began.

An NBC News-Wall Street Journal poll conducted in March found a slight increase in negative ratings of Trump among registered voters since their previous survey in February, from 59 percent to 64 percent, with "very negative" ratings going from 49 percent to 54 percent.

Trump is also facing a heavier onslaught of attacks from his own party than Clinton, the Democratic front-runner. The AP found just one in 33 ads dings Clinton, most coming from Republican groups. Her primary opponent, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, never mentions her by name, but his ads take oblique jabs at her for accepting Wall Street money.

March has also seen a proliferation of anti-Trump advertising, according to AP's analysis of more than 250 political advertisements on broadcast TV and national cable over the past year. Ads were classified as opposing Trump or Clinton based on whether they attacked either candidate by name or by displaying his or her photo.

Conservative Solutions PAC, which backed Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, painted Trump as clownish and condescending. One ad from the group plays a clip of Trump saying, "I love the poorly educated."

Our Principles also uses Trump's words against him. One new commercial spins through news clips of violence at his rallies, and it plays a clip of the front-runner saying to a protester, "I'd like to punch him in the face."

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Becky is an alumni of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Her and her husband, Mike have lived here for 18 years. They have four children Mandy, Jessica, Jared, and Jase, and one granddaughter, Addison.

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Mr. Wood grew up in El Paso before going to Texas Tech University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. He has taught a long list of subjects including Texas History, World History, Physical Science, Technology People & Environment, Biology, Sociology and Physical Education. He taught for two years in the Lubbock area before moving to Midland. In Midland he taught and coached, in the Midland High system, for sixteen years prior to going into administration. Administratively Mr. Wood was an assistant principal at Midland Freshman High School and Midland High School and most recently retired from Midland ISD after serving as Principal at Goddard Junior High School for eleven years.

After two years working in the private sector, Mr. Wood came home to his first love, kids and education. Mr. Wood is married to Kara and they have two sons, Hayden and Holt. He looks forward to developing lifelong relationships with the families and staff at TLCA, his door is always open.

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Shadowy hacking industry may be helping FBI crack an iPhone

By Bree Fowler and Brandon Bailey
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Turns out there's a shadowy global industry devoted to breaking into smartphones and extracting their information. But you've probably never heard of it unless you're a worried parent, a betrayed spouse — or a federal law enforcement agency.

Now one of those hacking businesses may well be helping the FBI try to break into the iPhone of one of the San Bernardino killers.

Late Monday, the FBI abruptly put its legal fight with Apple on hold, announcing that an "outside party" had come forward with a possible way to unlock the phone. In an update for reporters Thursday, FBI Director James Comey said the method "may work." If so, it could render Apple's forced cooperation unnecessary.

The announcement has thrown a spotlight on a group of digital forensics companies, contractors and freelance consultants that make a living cracking security protections on phones and computers. Comey said the publicity around the Apple case encouraged such people to come forward with new ideas.

Most such companies keep a very low profile. Since the bulk of their business is with governments and law enforcement, there's no reason to for them to advertise their services. In addition, it's in their interest to keep exactly what they do under wraps, said Christopher Soghoian, principal technology expert for the ACLU.

"The companies won't share their secrets. It's their special sauce," Soghoian said. "And they certainly won't tell Apple how they're doing what they're doing."

For the moment, no one outside the Justice Department appears to know who the FBI's white knight is.

A great deal of speculation centers on Cellebrite — an Israel-based forensics firm that says it does business with thousands of law enforcement and intelligence agencies, militaries and governments in more than 90 countries — though it remains one of several possible candidates. A company spokesman declined to comment.

Cellebrite, founded in 1999, has contracts with the FBI dating back to at least 2013.

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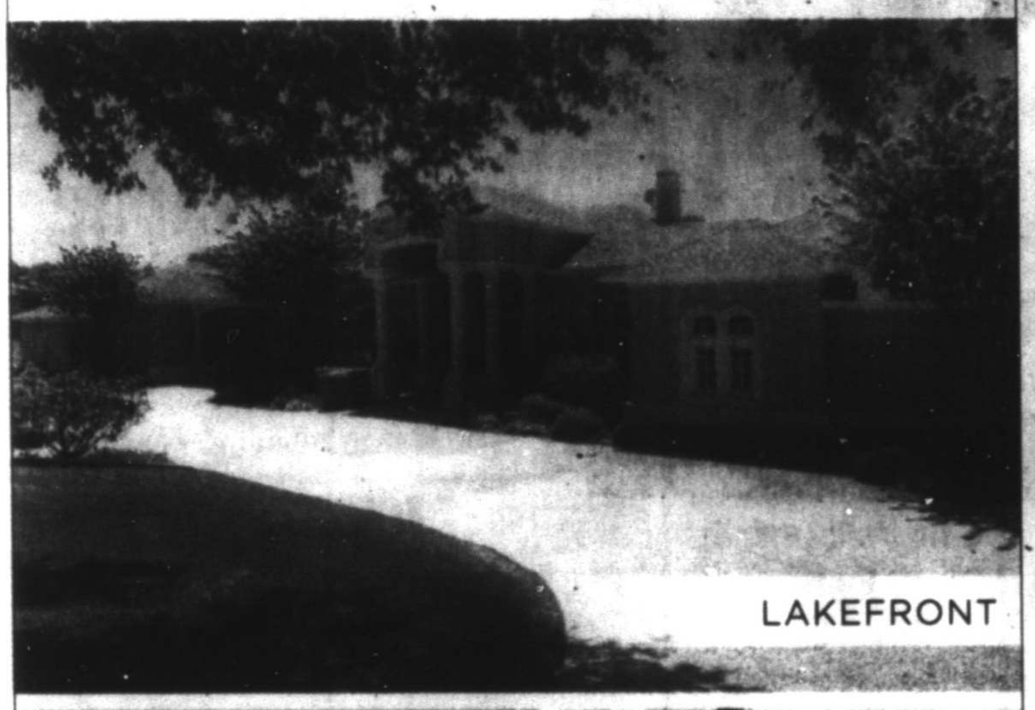

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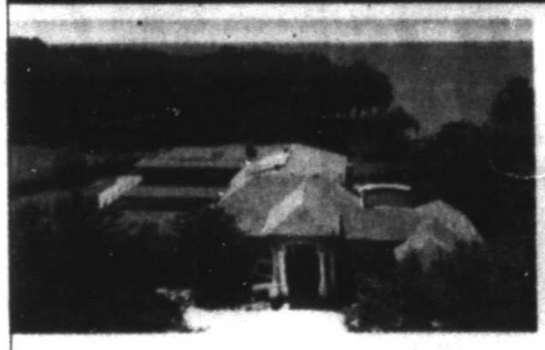

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THIS WEEK

SATURDAY

IN CONCERT Lubbock singer Geoffrey Andrews comes back to the area from his Nashville home. He will headline a free concert at the Golf Course Road Church of Christ, 7 p.m.

WELLNESS The Universalist Unitarian Church offers free yoga classes weekly at 9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

COFFEE TALK For students of Midland Need to Read, the agency hosts ESL Cafe to practice conversation skills over coffee and refreshments from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Contact MN2R to register for classes or for more information. midlandneedtoread.org.

See more calendar items on page 6B.

SPARE CHANGE

Managing Editor Mary Dearen is participating in the 2016 Autism SHARE Walk, set for April 23 at Grande Communications Stadium. Her donation will include change she finds during her daily neighborhood walks.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the cause may contact Dearen at mdearen@mrt.com or 432-687-8852. You also may make a contribution at her walk fundraising page. Google "2016 Autism SHARE Walk" and type in Mary Dearen under participant.

IN NEED

FOSTER GRANDPARENTS needed. Low-income seniors can earn a modest stipend while mentoring at-risk children. Visit seniorlinkmidland.org or call 432-689-6693.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Midland Voluhteer Connections offers an online list of volunteer opportunities in Midland. Visit midlandvolunteerconnections.com for current needs by area nonprofits.

MEALS ON WHEELS Volunteers are needed this summer for the Meals on Wheels program. Call 432-689-6693.

From left, Jack Parker, Mark Waldrop, Mike Dodson and Jeremy Bush of The Digital Age pose for a photo. *Courtesy photo*

Digital Age headlines Good Friday concert

By Trent Johnson
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Members of The Digital Age are definitely aware of the expectations caused by their band's namesake. In between shows and releases, the band pumps out a healthy dose of YouTube videos, tweets and posts on a variety of other social media accounts.

Front and center on stage is lead singer Mark Waldrop. An East Texas native, growing up outside of Tyler, the 29-year old nearly took his educational path to medical school in 2007 but opted instead for playing guitars and belting out his pop-rock sounds. With nearly a decade under his belt, he clearly made the right choice. He and fellow members of The Digital Age were formerly with the David Crowder Band until Crowder opted for a solo career. Thus, in 2012, The Digital Age was born.

Before he and the rest of the worship band take the stage tonight at First United Methodist Church, the Midland Reporter-Telegram talked with Waldrop about the band's creative process, its own "rockumentaries" and a new album.

MRT: The Digital Age kicked off with the 2013 debut "Evening: Morning." What are the plans for a follow-up?

Waldrop: We're actually in the final stages of a new record right now called "Galaxies." There are one or two songs left that we're working on. It's phase two as far as where we are. We haven't let off the accelerator since the first album. We released an EP about a year ago, and it was more us doing cover songs and hymns live in the studio. We wanted to do those to pass the time until this record. We have our own studio in Waco, so it allows us to be perfectionists, and we hope everyone will be happy with the result.

Please see **BAND**/4B

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Holy Week and Easter schedule

From staff reports

Below is a list of services and events for the remainder of Holy Week and for Easter Sunday. Visit mrt.com for an updated list through Sunday.

Good Friday

- Service at 6:30 p.m. at Fannin Terrace Baptist Church, 2800 Mogford St. fanninbaptist.org.
- Service at 6:30 p.m. March 25 at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. fpcmid.org.
- Stations of the Cross, noon. Liturgy 7 p.m. March 25. St. Ann's, 1906 W. Texas Ave. st-anns.us.
- Service and choir presentation of "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Joseph Haydn at 7 p.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3011 W Kansas Ave. stlukesumcmidland.org.
- The Digital Age Good Friday concert, 7 p.m. March 25 at First Methodist Midland, 300 N. Main St. firstmethodistmidland.com.

Holy Saturday

- Easter Egg Hunt with games and door prizes. 10 a.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive. ahbcmidland.com.
- Easter Eggstravaganza with egg hunts, food, jumpers, activities for the whole family. The event is hosted by First Christian Church. 1 p.m. March 26 at Hill Park, 1301 W. Cuthbert Ave. fccmidland.org.

Please see **EVENTS**/4B

Teen Challenge benefits from Olive Garden donation

- Olive Garden Harvest given more than 34 million pounds of food

By Trent Johnson
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We mostly know Olive Garden for all-you-can-eat breadsticks, solid Italian dishes and a plethora of wine options. But a lesser-known feature of the restaurant chain is its Olive Garden Harvest program, which calls for all participating restaurants to donate surplus foods that go unserved.

Mainly the foods donated are frozen soups, uncooked pasta and the occasional protein. According to a press release, the brand has given more than 34 million pounds of food. The local Olive Garden, is no different, and specifically awards its unused product to Teen Challenge of the Permian Basin.

"I really can't speak for other restaurants, but I guess to some people it's easier to throw food away, but why?"

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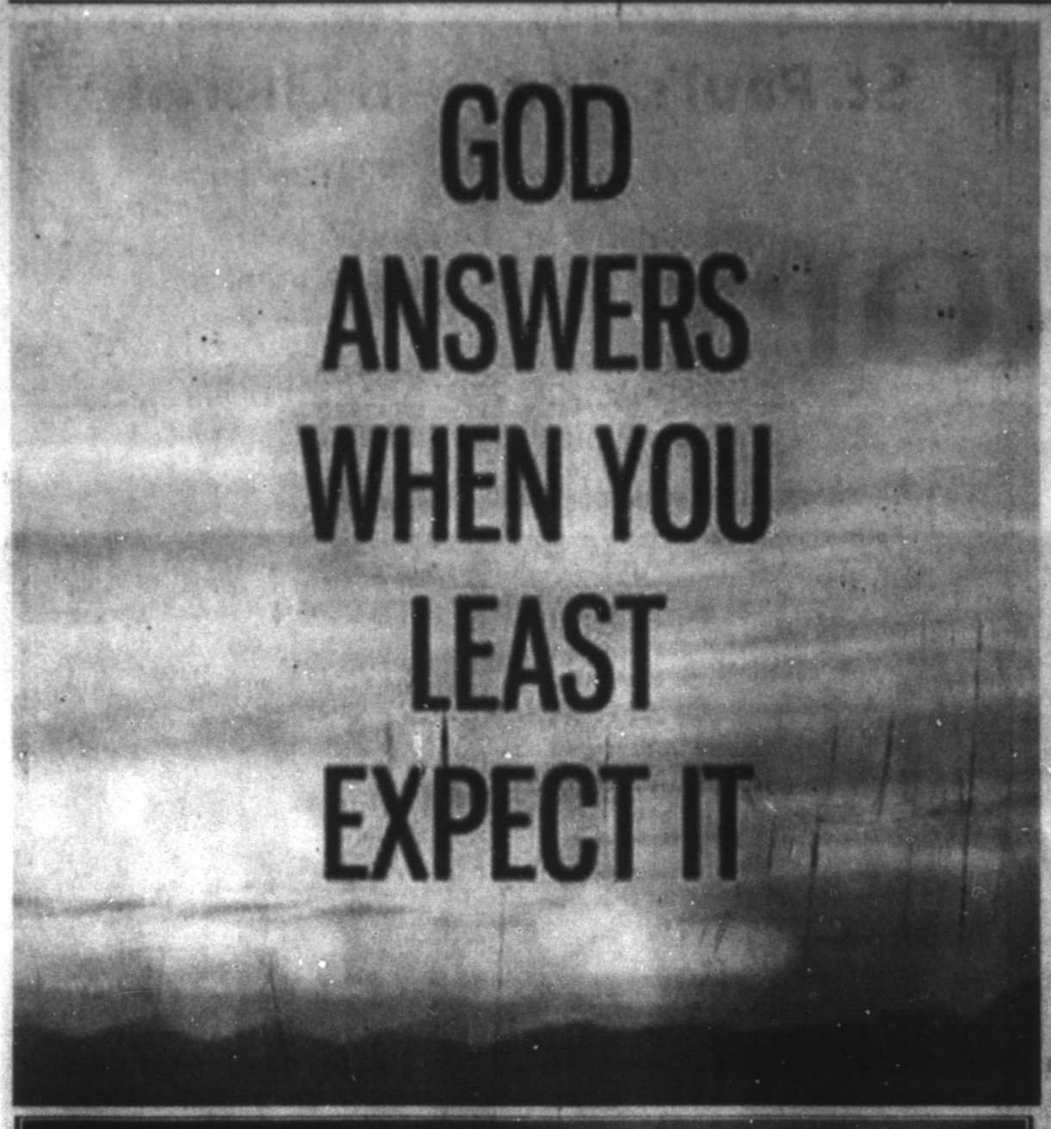

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432-694-4971

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432-697-3221

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
5110 N. Garfield
432-570-8149

Hope Lutheran Church (ECLA)
2003 N. A St.
432-683-1936

Lutheran Church of the Risen Lord
1603 N. Grandview, Odessa, TX
432-362-2549

Midland Lutheran Church
2705 W. Michigan
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Our Savior Lutheran Church
3309 Neely
432-694-4517

Messianic

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432-264-8976

Methodist United

Resurrection United Methodist Church
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432-385-1212

St. Mark's United Methodist
1701 N. Main
432-683-3339

First United Methodist Church
Main & Ohio St.
432-682-3701

First United Methodist Church
600 N. Goldsmith St., Goldsmith, TX
432-385-1212

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
3011 W. Kansas
432-694-2571

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
4501 Thomason Drive
432-694-2544

Visionary Hollowell Community UMC
400 S. Marshall St.
432-682-1574

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Muslim Association of West
1200 S. Midland Dr.
432-262-6226

Islamic Center of the Permian Basin
5010 W. Loop 250 N. Apt 10E
432-520-3751

Nazarene

The Gathering @ Midland (A Church of the Nazarene)
3303 W. Illinois, Space #2
432-889-9178

Non-Denominational

The Potters' House
4411 W Illinois, #B5
432-279-0198

Renew Life Church
Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
432-689-7284

Abiding in Christ Ministries
1208 A County Road 138 West
Midland
432-699-4513

Christian Faith Ministry
2215 N. Midland Dr., #5A
432-218-6412

Church of God 7th Day
609 N. Dallas
432-218-8595

Church of New Beginnings
4309 W. Illinois, Suite A
432-553-1400

Cornerstone Christian Fellowship
901 N. Midland Dr.
432-689-8898

CrossRoads Fellowship
6901 East State Hwy. 191, Odessa, TX
432-368-2500

Family Faith Christian Center
7909 Hwy. 307
432-686-9468

The HUB Outreach Ministry & Church
4201 W. Illinois, Midland, TX
432-269-6988

Inner City Tabernacle of Life Ministries
3607 N. Dixie, Odessa, TX
432-272-2544

LifeHouse Fellowship
3300 Thomas Avenue
432-262-LIFE

Manna For Life Ministries
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432-221-4072

Mid-Cities Community Church
8700 W. Hwy. 191
432-522-1330

Mount Moriah Disciples of Christ
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432-687-0630

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The Cowboy Church of the Permian Basin
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Apostolic Assembly in the Faith Christ Jesus
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432-686-8526

Beacon Light Outreach Ministries
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432-599-0793

Christian Motorcyclists Association
4632 Conley Ave., Odessa, TX
432-978-1986

Christian Tabernacle Church
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432-262-5072

Church in the Wind
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432-556-2062

Crossway Church Adult
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432-556-6638

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432-520-5371

Faith Country Church
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432-458-3580

Footprints Redemption Church
6005 E Hwy 80 (Bus I-20)
432-664-6113

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Midland Center Room 3
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Harvest Time Church
8300 State Hwy. 191
432-563-5683

Heart of Worship Baptist Fellowship
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432-337-9372

Iglesia de Dios 70 Dias
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432- 684-8541

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432-272-2544

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4200 W. Illinois, Suite 280
432-694-4233

New Harvest Fellowship
4010 NCR 1130
432-699-5821, 432-853-9830

Rock Fellowship Church
410 S. Pecos
432-685-3858

Salvation Army Church
3500 Park Lane
432-683-3614

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4601 W. Interstate 20 (South Service Road Between Midkiff and Loop 250)
432-664-4279

St. Paul C.M.C. Church
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432-682-0010

Teen Challenge Services
6901 S. CR 1200
432-687-0348

Teen Flow Service
711 S. Main
432- 686-2525

Templo Jerusalem
1205 S. Belmont
432-683-4806

The World Wide Church of God Bible
1207 W. 10th St., Odessa, TX
432-381-8352

True Life Christian Fellowship Church
3001 N. A St.
432-687-3077

Wings of Mighty Prophecy Church
5005 ECR 73, Midland
432-559-5018

Orthodox

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Currently meeting at St. Stephen's Catholic Church (Parish Hall, Rooms 1&2), 4601 Neely, Midland, Texas For more information please call (432) 741-1040

Pentecostal Assemblies of the World

Jesus Name United Pentecostal Church
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432-694-8702

Lighthouse Pentecostal Church
200 N. Lincoln
432-682-7186

Templo Gloriosa Mañana
511 S. Stonewall
432-664-0803

The Pentecostals
5110 W. Illinois Ave.
432-697-4007

This Generation UPC (United Pentecostal Church)
409 W. Pine
432-685-3919

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church
800 W. Texas
432-684-7821

Grace Presbyterian Church
2801 N. Garfield
432-684-6542

Providence Presbyterian Church (PCA)
2900 Princeton
432-520-5255

Seventh Day Adventist

Seventh Day Adventist Church
3114 Travis
432-694-2746

Midland Spanish Seventh Day Adventist Church
110 W Pennsylvania
432-620-0882

Southern Baptist

Iglesia Bautista El Buen Pastor
4712 Shadylane
432-684-5490

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Obituaries

Edna Mae Hayworth

Edna Mae Hayworth, 104, passed away on Wednesday, March 23, 2016.

The family will receive friends on Friday, March 25, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring, Texas.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 26, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring, Texas at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Edna was born October 23, 1911 in Cottonwood, Texas to John T. Griffin and Stella Borden Griffin. They were a true pioneer family.

She married Ben Hartley in 1928 and they moved to Big Spring Texas in 1942. She lived there until October 10, 2014, when she moved to Midland to live with her son, Leonard Hartley.

Edna married Marvin Hayworth in 1971 and gained a wonderful stepson and stepdaughter. Growing up on a farm, Edna enjoyed being outside, growing flowers and gardens. She mowed her own lawn until the age of 100!

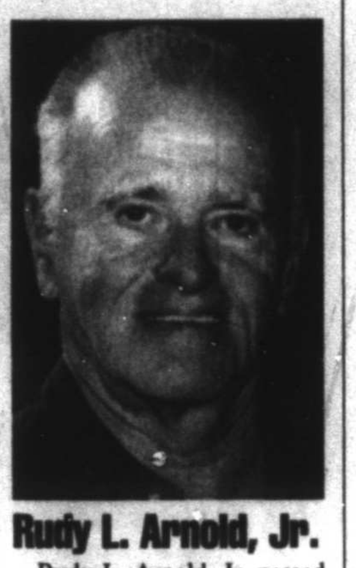
Edna loved being with family and watching all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow up.

Edna is survived by her son, Leonard J. Hartley of Midland; stepson, Jimmy Hayworth and wife Harriett of Carrollton; grandchildren, Ty Hartley and wife Shelley of Greenwood, Debra Davis and her husband Leslie of Carrollton, Randy Hayworth and wife Jennifer of Tulsa Oklahoma, and Christy Hayworth of Dallas; great-grandchildren, Brandon McFarland and wife Bethany, Nathan Hartley, Brenna Hartley, Kierstin Davis, Madison, Regan, and Tatum and Gracie Hayworth; several wonderful nieces and nephews around the country; and wonderful friends in Big Spring Texas.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father; seven sisters; five brothers; her first husband, Ben Hartley; her second husband, Marvin Hayworth; daughter-in-law, Claudette Hartley; and granddaughter, Judy McFarland.

The family would like to express their gratitude toward Hospice of Midland for all their help and support.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring, Texas. Online condolences can be made at *www.npwelch.com*.



Rudy L. Arnold, Jr.

Rudy L. Arnold, Jr. passed away March 16, 2016 in his home at the Baron Ranch.

Rudy was born in 1935 in Brooklyn, New York but grew up in a small town on Long Island graduating from Glen Cove High School. He served in the United States Air Force before marrying and starting a family. He continued working for the U.S. government FAA as an air traffic controller for his entire career.

Soon after retirement he left New York and in 2000 made the big move to Stanton, Texas to start the Baron Ranch, a longtime dream. He always loved the peacefulness of a small town and countryside away from the bustling city life.

Rudy's longtime love of baseball, the United States Air Force and its planes, Harley motorcycles, classic cars, sailing ships and yachts, and a fascination with the cowboy lifestyle led him on life's journey. He played in the senior softball league, flew replica remote controlled airplanes, and was a member of the local Motorcycle Club and American Legion and a colonel in the Commerative Air Force.

He was very social, spending dinner with friends and dancing the night away in Midland and later on regular lunches with his buddies at the Senior Citizens Center in Stanton. He loved to hang out with the guys, telling war stories, tall tales, and joking around. Rudy was fun loving and always eager to learn and try new things like playing steel string guitar.

He is predeceased by his son, Jeffrey Arnold; sister, Dagmar L Arnold; brother, Kenneth Arnold; and parents, Rudolph Leo Arnold, Sr. and Dagmar E Arnold.

He is survived by his daughter, Leslie Straub.

Mourning his passing with her is his brother, Clifford Arnold and wife Carol; sister, Carolyn Nelson; and ex-wife, Gail Nelson.

A short funeral service will be held March 25, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the Veteran's Section at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland, Texas. A gathering of family and friends to celebrate his life will be held from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Cattle Baron Restaurant, 418 Wadley Ave., Midland, Texas 79705.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Florida Wildlife Care at *www.floridawildlifecare.org*, a non-profit founded and run by his daughter - Florida Wildlife Care, 3400 SE 15 St., Gainesville, FL 32641.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*.

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Death Notices

Eugena Wilson

Eugena Wilson, 92 of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, March 23, 2016.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date in Tucson, Arizona.

Just keep on living through the challenges of life

ERICA RICHARDSON
Resident teacher, Bodhichitta Kadampa Buddhist Center

As modern people, we face challenges in our personal lives and on a global scale that can seem daunting and make us feel overwhelmed. We face challenges that test our emotional strength. Many of us may have had to face things like unemployment, illness, grief and every new venture with an unknown future. It would be wonderful to have to only have to meet these challenges once but the longer we live, we will have to face them multiple times.

Why do we have to deal with them at all? Why is it so easy for life to be difficult but hard to secure happiness? Is it possible to feel happy and secure even in modern times?

As Americans, we have a lot of positive things going for us but we struggle to maintain peace of mind. Buddha's teaching are more than 2,500 years but are as relevant today as they were then. Buddha explains that the quality of our happiness, personal and globally, does not depend on the external but depends on the inner development of our mind.

In the book "Modern Buddhism, The Path of Compassion and Wisdom" Geshe Kelsang states " In recent years our knowledge of modern technology has increased considerably, and as a result we have witnessed remarkable material progress, but there has not been a corresponding increase in human happiness. There is no less suffering in the world today, and there are no fewer problems. It could even be said that there are now more problems and greater danger than ever before. This shows that cause of happiness and the solution to our problems do not lie in knowledge of material things."

Using the Buddhist wisdom Dharma, we can learn to understand the nature of life problems and be empowered and confident in the face of them. In our upcoming day course, we will explore the major themes of Buddhist thought and way of life. Is it just Buddhist who want to be happy and free of problems? No,of course not. Every living being does and Buddha taught we all can be. All we need to do is increase our peace of mind through improving our wisdom and good nature. This is something we can all do.

To explore these ideas in greater depth, Universalist Unitarian Church of Midland will host a half day course from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on April 2 at 3301 Neely Road. The class is $25. People of all religions and philosophical persuasions are warmly welcomed.

For more about the Bodhichitta Kadampa Buddhist Center in Lubbock, visit meditationinlubbock.org.

Donation

From 1B

general manager Ryan Pace said. "Sure, it's more steps for us to do this, but part of our culture is be a big part of our community. When we started 13-years ago, and to see where the program is now, it's amazing. We wanted to impact people every day. It takes time and energy, but it's for such a great cause."

Teen Challenge is a non-profit that helps those with life problems by applying biblical principles and houses about 65 people. The food is a favorite amongst the visitors, and executive director David Day is appreciative of the company's willingness to give.

"We're very thankful of it," Day said. "We take and eat whatever is donated to us and definitely make good use of it. Everyone here loves it, and we're blessed by it."

Olive Garden and Teen Challenge coordinate for weekly pickups, which involves an average of 100 pounds of food per week. The program has been active since 2003, and the restaurant has donated a total of 44,000 pounds, or about two full school busses, Pace said.

"It's a great thing, because when you go there, you can see the appreciation," Pace said. "It's really cool for us as employees. One reason we like working at Olive Garden is because we are able to take a lot of pride in these sort of things. When we do things for the community, we want it to be successful. We always want to give back and stay focused on these things."

Providing more than 200 meals a day is a tough task, no matter how much help you recieve from the outside, Day added. Teen Challenge will even donate their excess food items as well to various kitchens in the area to avoid waste.

Food waste continues to be a problem in America. According to a 2012 study by the Natural Resources Defense Council, people throw away nearly half of their food, which costs $165 billion. Day experienced this on a recent cruise, as multiple uneaten meals were thrown overboard.

"Every time you turn around, we had different food," Day said. "I asked what they did with the leftovers, and they threw it overboard. I guess that's better than tossing it into a junk pile, but it's still bad. There are people all over the world starving. We're just happy to have people think of us."

Other major businesses have announced similar initatives or donations.

The United Family, which includes Albertsons Market and Market Street stores in Midland and Odessa, announced a donation of 38,120 pounds of food to the West Texas Food Bank. The stores participated in the national Souper Bowl of Caring campaign, which ran in January and February. The donation was valued at more then $24,000 and included items such as cereal, oatmeal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, tuna, canned corn and macaroni and cheese. The donation was presented on Wednesday.

Earlier this week, coffee giant Starbucks announced FoodShare, a company-wide program that will donate ready-to-eat meals to food banks. On its website, Starbucks speculates the program will provide close to 5 million meals to those in need. The company has been researching ways to safely donate food that has reached an designated expiration date.

"Like many of our social impact initiatives, the innovation and inspiration comes from our partners who are volunteering in and contributing to their communities," John Kelly said in a press release. "They saw the need for us to do more, and find a way to use our scale to bring more nourishing and ready-to-eat meals to those in need."

Kelly is the senior vice president of Starbucks Global Responsibility, Community and Public Policy.

Starbucks will team with Food Donation Connection and Feeding America for its endeavors.

Band

From 1B

MRT: A name like "Galaxies" goes perfect with the band's moniker. Is there an overt relationship between the two?

Waldrop: That is an amazing question that is very appropriate. Our band name came from a gospel where they ask what is the greatest commandment, which is to love God and love our neighbor. In this digital age, the world is connected in a way it never has been before. Your neighbor used to be the person you saw everyday, but now, it's everyone. We want to unite everyone and interact with people to enact change in a cool new way. The album title "Galaxies," comes from this personal place because we've had a lot of opportunity to do youth camps with kids who sometimes feel insignificant. We like to say that if you look up in the sky, you see these little specks and little stars, but if you look through the telescope that insignificant star is actually an entire galaxy. We want to highlight that people can be big, even if they feel small. You can empower people. You're not a dim star, you're a galaxy. You're bigger than you even know.

MRT: How powerful do you think music can be for people who feel that way?

Waldrop: Well, it's amazing specifically to do Christian music and see lives changed. Music does something powerful to people. I believe God gave us music to empower people and lead people to life and redemption and joy. We don't take ourselves too seriously, but we do want people to leave us excited and joyful. If we can do anything to change someone's life for the better at a show, then it's worth it. When people hear music, it does something to the soul that sometimes words can't.

MRT: You guys have developed a silly personality online through YouTube and social media. How do you guys come up with ideas for that medium?

Waldrop: I like to call myself the bad pun guy in the band. If you follow us on Twitter, I really like bad jokes. We all just don't take ourselves too seriously. The "Rockumentaries" are us in the studio, and we haven't posted new ones lately because we've been so busy working on the music, but we do have a few others were going to post. People always ask us at the merch tables if we have anymore, and we always tell them: "They're coming." We feel empowered to be silly and goofy, and it's something we value when you're trying to connect with people. We want to bring our real selves to the audiences. We definitely bring some silly stuff to the stage.

MRT: So, you have a robot in the band?

Waldrop: We actually perform with a robot, Steve-3PO, but he can't fit on the planes right now, and TSA doesn't like him to fly. Our drummer, Jeremy Bush, is an interesting guy, and we did a record with a bunch of layered drum beats, and he said he was going to build a robot to help him perform live. Sure enough, he built a robot, and it lasted a few years, before it tuckered out. Last summer, we debuted the second edition, and he's powered by an air compressor. It's bigger and better. He's an official member of the band. Again, it's fun to have him on stage, and when people find out he's actually playing, they go crazy. We even give him a drum solo. We're not sure how he figured out how to build a robot, but he did.

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>
> **Mark Waldrop,** lead singer for The Digital Age

MRT: What's your personal history with music?

Waldrop: Both my parents were musicians, not professionally, but they played on the side. So I just kind of was raised around music. When I was in middle school, my parents got me an electric guitar, and I really fell in love with it. My guitar teacher told me to never turn down playing, and all the way through high school and college, I played at a bunch of different places. When I was going to school at Baylor, I got an offer to be in a band instead of attending medical school. After talking to my parents, I decided to join the band. It's a decision that I'll never regret, I wouldn't change it for anything. It's baked into me, I guess, and we're constantly recording and working. Everydsy's an adventure, and I couldn't imagine doing anything differently.

MRT: For people that have never seen you perform, what's it like?

Waldrop: We try to get a bunch of people in a room to sing together. Our goal is to get people to lose their voices and to leave their burdens at the door. We try to have a good time. That's our goal when we get a bunch of people together. We were just in Brazil and played in a soccer stadium with a crowd of 70,000 people in it, sowe definitely are blessed to do what we do.

Want to go?

The Digital Age, 7 p.m. today at First United Methodist Church, 300 N Main St. The event is free. firstmethodistmidland.com.

Events

From 1B

■ Services at 5 and 6:30 p.m. at Mid Cities Church, 8700 TX-191. midcities.org.

Easter Sunday

■ Services at 8:15, 10 (with butterfly release), and 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. fpcmid.org.

■ Worship services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Easter celebration for children during Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3011 W Kansas Ave. stlukesumcmidland.org.

■ Masses at 8:30, 10:45 a.m., 1 (Spanish) and 5 p.m. St. Ann's, 1906 W. Texas Ave. st-anns.us.

■ Service at 8:30 a.m. (traditional) and 11 a.m. (contemporary) at Fannin Terrace Baptist Church, 2800 Mogford St. fanninbaptist.org.

■ Services at 9 and 11 a.m. March 27 at First Christian Church, 1301 W. Louisiana Ave. fccmidland.org.

■ Services at 9, 10:20 and 11:55 a.m. Spanish services at 10:20 and 11:55 a.m. at Mid-Cities Church, 8700 TX-191. midcities.org.

■ Elevate Church will host a special Easter Service celebration with an inspirational message, music, children's activities and drawings for prizes. 10 a.m. at the Horseshoe Arena at 2514 Arena Trail. elevatemidland.com.

■ Service at 10:45 a.m. followed by an Easter luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Main meat courses provided but side dishes are requested. Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive. ahbcmidland.com.

■ Intergenerational Service and annual Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt with the Lone Star Brass ensemble at 11 a.m. March 27 at Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland, 3301 Neely Ave. uumidland.org.

■ Service at 11 a.m.with attention to the blooming of the cross at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. fpcmid.org.

■ Easter Outreach is a hot dog and hamburger social with games and bounce houses for children. Open to the public. Noon-3 p.m. Cuthbert Avenue Baptist Church, 3308 Cuthbert Ave.

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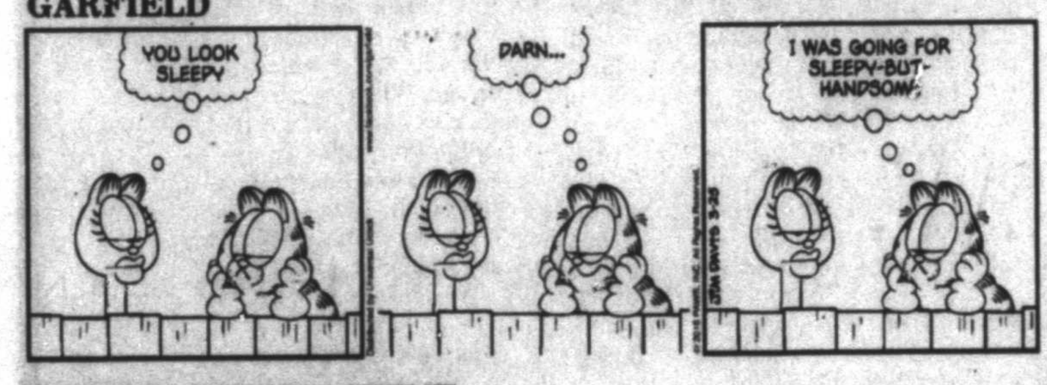

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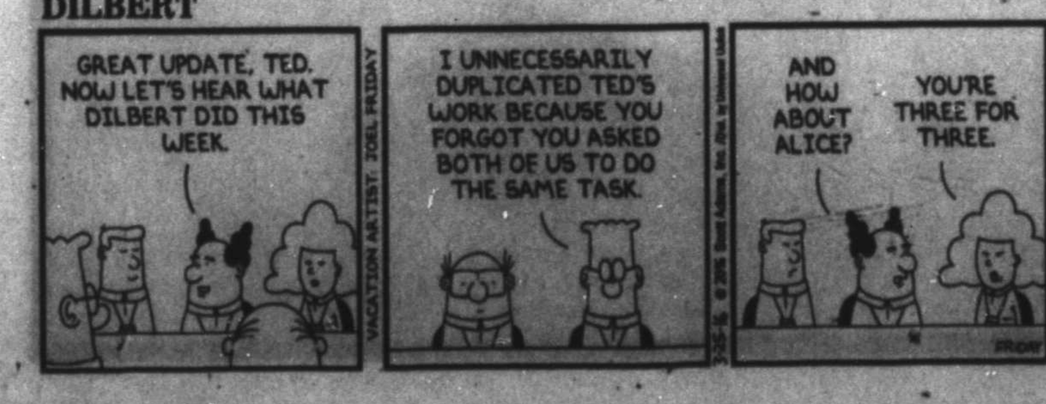

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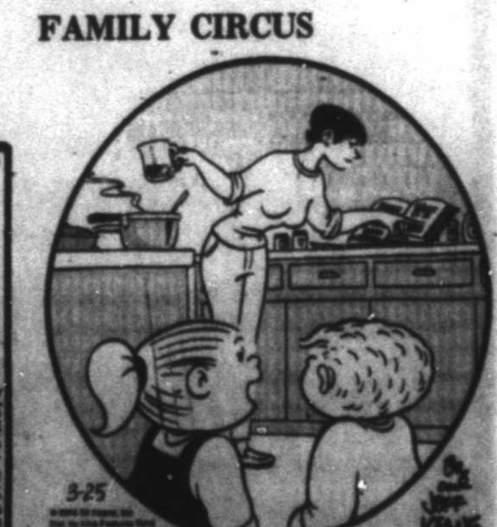

"Mmmm! ... Mommy sure can make a kitchen smell good."

CALENDAR

Today

The Digital Age Good Friday concert, 7 p.m. March 25 at First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main St. firstmethodist-midland.com.e.

Saturday

Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. March 26 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W Missouri Ave. midlanddowntown-farmersmarket.com.

Easter Eggstravaganza with egg hunts, food, jumpers, activities for the whole family. The event is hosted by First Christian Church. 1 p.m. March 26 at Hill Park, 1301 W. Cuthbert Ave. fccmidland.org.

Geoffrey Andrews, 7 p.m. Saturday at Golf Course Road Church of Christ. gcrcc.org.

WELLNESS Yoga classes are offered weekly. 9 a.m. Universalist Unitarian Church, 3301 Neely Ave. Free. uumidland.org.

"The Carpenter's Son" is the first show of Ragtown Gospel Theater's new season about the early years of Jesus Christ. 3 p.m. Saturdays through May 7. Ragtown Gospel Theater, 870 Ragtown Road, Post. $24. 877-724-8696. ragtowngospeltheater.com.

Sunday

Intergenerational Service and annual Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt with the Lone Star Brass ensemble at 11 a.m. March 27 at Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland, 3301 Neely Ave. uumidland.org.

Easter Outreach is a hot dog and hamburger social with games and bounce houses for children. Open to the public. Noon-3 p.m. Cuthbert Avenue Baptist Church, 3308 Cuthbert Ave.

Monday

CLASSES ESL Cafe for enrolled students to practice conversation skills over coffee and refreshments with an instructor present. 8:30-10:30 a.m. Midland Need to Read, 1709 W. Wall St. midlandneedtoread.org

GIVING BACK The Blue Door hosts Give Back Monday with 50 percent of the night's revenue going toward a select organization from 4-10 p.m. March's nonprofit is the American Red Cross.

SUPPORT GROUP Grief Support six-week session, 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays at Hospice Midland. hospiceofmidland.org.

WELLNESS Belly Dancing Class, 8 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. uumidland.org.

Grief 101, noon-1 p.m. at Hospice Midland. hospiceofmidland.org.

Community Bible Study hosts Women's and Men's Evening Classes from 7-8:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. Nursery available for 3 months through 3 years. 432-889-5960. midlandwomenseve.cbsclass.org.

College Bible Study, 7-8:30 p.m. at various locations. firstmethodistmidland.com. 800 W. Texas Avenue.

Wednesday

CLASSES ESL Cafe for enrolled students to practice conversation skills over coffee and refreshments with an instructor present. 8:30-10:30 a.m. Midland Need to Read, 1709 W. Wall St. midlandneedtoread.org.

SUPPORT Caregiver Support group, noon-1 p.m. at Hospice Midland. hospiceofmidland.org.

Weekly Men's Breakfast, 7 a.m. Wednesdays at Living 360, 3211 W. Wadley Ave. stnicksmt.org.

Come to the Quiet, 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Chapel. Coffee and conversation in commons to follow. fpcmid.org.

Thursday

Volunteer Coordinator Training, 7 p.m. at Family Promise of Midland, 3500 N. A St. familypromiseofmidland.com.

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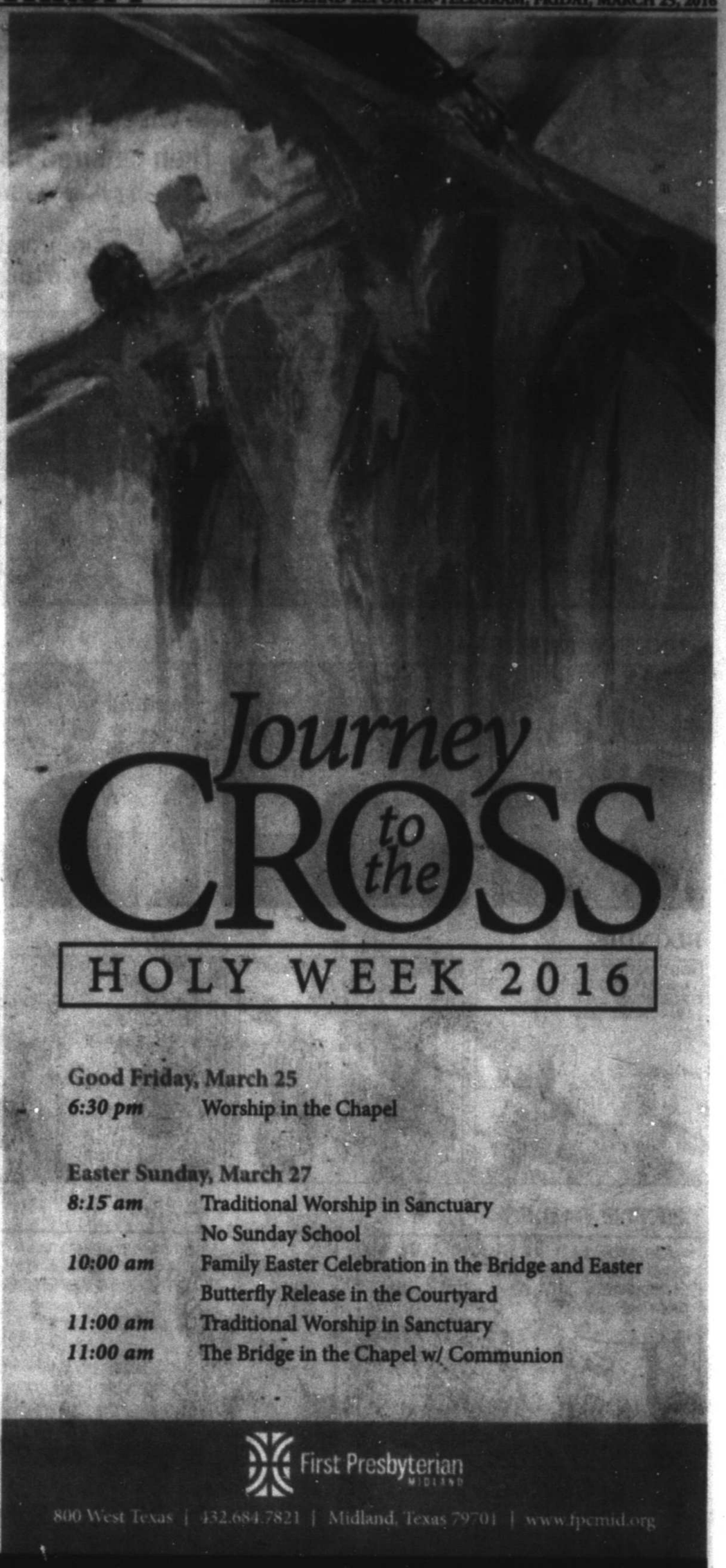

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Good Friday, March 25
6:30 pm Worship in the Chapel

Easter Sunday, March 27
8:15 am Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
No Sunday School
10:00 am Family Easter Celebration in the Bridge and Easter Butterfly Release in the Courtyard
11:00 am Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
11:00 am The Bridge in the Chapel w/ Communion

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March 27, 2016

Traditional Worship
Dr. Tim Walker,
Senior Pastor
"Breaking News"
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Contemporary Worship
Rev. Kurt Borden,
Associate Pastor
"Stained"
10:45 a.m.

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SPORTS

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VonHolle leads cohesive MHS bunch into playoffs

By Will Korn
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Midland High senior midfielder Alex VonHolle knows quite a bit about the importance of team chemistry and effective leadership on the soccer field.

Along with plenty of talent on the MHS roster, an impressive and unwavering team chemistry helped lift the Bulldogs to their second consecutive District 3-6A title this season and has them back in the playoffs for the fourth time in VonHolle's varsity career.

MHS (16-6-0) is now set to take on Arlington Lamar (11-10-1) — the No. 4 seed out of District 4-6A — in the bi-district round of the playoffs at 5 p.m. today at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

More soccer

Be sure to read a feature on MHS midfielder Adrienne Almodova.

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VonHolle, the captain of this year's MHS team, said the fluid nature of the Bulldogs' play this season has stemmed from a close bond between his teammates off the field.

"The chemistry is just because we are good friends," VonHolle said. "We play soccer together, as a family. Being such good friends has helped us."

From the sideline, MHS head coach Warren Cottle has seen that chemistry in action time after time on the field this season. It has typically played a major role in the team's game result as both a catalyst for goals and for special defensive plays.

Cottle said his club's cohesiveness has really improved since a disappointing 3-1 loss against El Paso Eastwood in last year's area round and even since the start of this season. VonHolle's midfield presence has been a central component of that development.

"I think the team chemistry across the board is a lot better, and the way they've been working together is a lot better," Cottle said. "It's really that whole thing, '11 is one', where all those guys are fighting together, playing together, but on the same page. I

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Midland High's Alex VonHolle (7) moves the ball down the field against Permian on March 1 at Grande Communications Stadium.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

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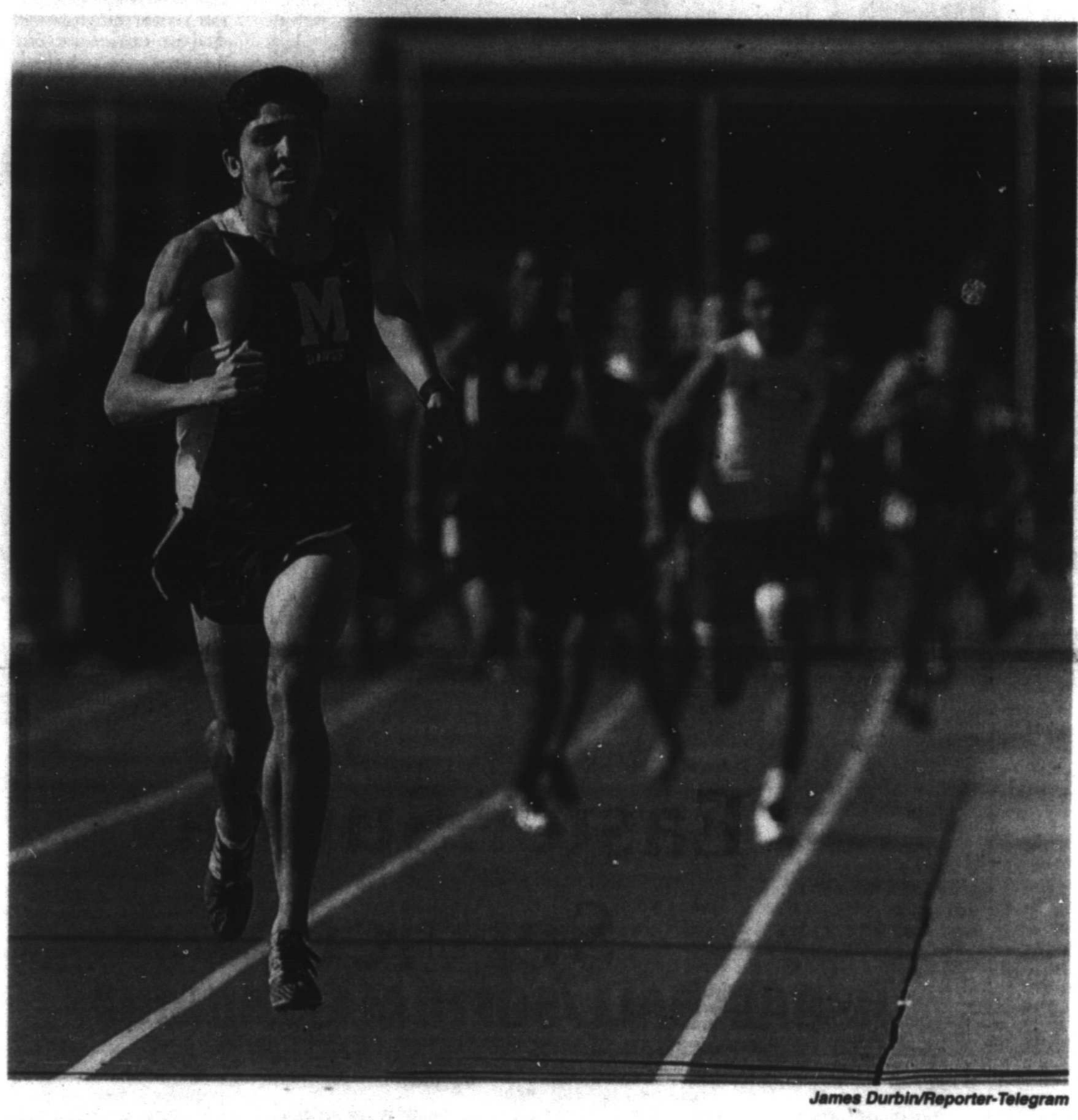

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Bryce Hoppel leads the back during the 800 meter event of the Tall City Relays track and field meet Thursday at Memorial Stadium.

Hoppel wins 800 convincingly, but left wanting more

By Christopher Hadorn
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There was high anticipation and a buzz surrounding the Division I boys 800-meter race at Memorial Stadium on Thursday.

Midland High senior Bryce Hoppel entered the Tall City Invitational Track Meet race with the season's fastest prep time (1 minute, 51.67 seconds) in the nation according to athletic.net.

Hoppel wound up performing well, finishing first with roughly the same time (1:53.79) that he posted during a runner-up finish (1:53.24) at the UIL Class 6A state meet in 2015. Down the backstretch, Hoppel left his competition in the dust over the final 100 meters.

Despite the fine outing, Hoppel wasn't pleased with his time, wanting to put on a show-stopping performance for the bigger-than-usual crowd who attended the meet. Hoppel said his goal is to break the 1:50 barrier this season.

"I definitely feel that I have an expectation to run those times and run as fast as I can," Hoppel said. "When I don't perform as well as I want to, I feel like kind of disappointed and let some of the fans down. I feel a lot of expectations are on me and that I just need to run those times every meet. When I don't, I'm a little disappointed.

"I was definitely hoping. Especially since this is my home meet, and this is my home track. I train on this track every day. Not putting out one of my best times for some of my hometown people, it was really disappointing."

MHS track coach Hil Ochoa said it was evident from the first lap of the 800 that it wasn't Hoppel's day for a personal best time as he completed the first 400 meters in 58 seconds.

Ochoa believed Hoppel still had dead legs from running Saturday at Dallas Jesuit High School where he set a personal record in the 1,600 with a 4:16.3, the

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Payton helps Rebels stay unbeaten in 3-6A

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By Will Korn
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Lee senior left-handed pitcher Chapman Payton was cool, calm and collected on the mound Thursday.

But when he did need some help, a potent Lee offense was more than willing to lend a hand. The Rebels' bats came alive with four hits in the third inning and helped lift Payton and Lee to a 6-2 District 3-6A victory against visiting San Angelo Central at Ernie Johnson Field.

Payton

Combined with Midland High's 5-0 road loss against Abilene High on Thursday, No. 22-ranked Lee (12-4, 5-0 in District 3-6A) opened up a two-game lead for first place in the district.

Central (7-11-1, 2-3) has now dropped two of its last three games and has fallen into sole possession of fourth place.

Payton tossed 5 2/3 innings, during which he allowed two Bobcat runs on eight hits. He struck out seven and walked one en route to earning the win.

It was a rocky start though for Payton, as the first two Central batters of the game reached base on a single and a throwing error by Payton. Central grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the second on an RBI infield single by Bryce Turner, but after that, Payton settled down and rolled through the next three innings.

"Traditionally, he's been a little bit of a slow starter," said Lee head coach Brian Roper. "And once he gets into the third, fourth, fifth, he kind of cruises. He started getting a few swings and misses on the cutter and his change, and that's when I know he's good."

Added Payton: "I definitely started feeling better toward the end of the game. That one run at the beginning of the game, I could have thrown faster to first but the guy (Turner) was really fast. I got a feel for my pitches and I started throwing the pitches that I like. It was pretty good."

Payton's offensive support arrived in the third inning in the form of a two-RBI double by Ty Coleman that scored Blake Blessie and Tristan Martinez to give Lee a 2-1 lead. Coleman later scored on a wild pitch to extend the Rebels' lead to 3-1.

Coleman said it's always a nice feeling to get the bats going behind his team's pitcher.

"It gives us confidence as a group,

Please see REBELS/2C

Woodard, Hield lead Oklahoma's Sweet 16 romp over Aggies

By Bernie Wilson
Associated Press

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ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Oklahoma Sooners proved they can thrive quite nicely in the NCAA Tournament even if Buddy Hield isn't going off.

Because of that, the Sooners are one win away from returning to the Final Four for the first time in 14 seasons.

Jordan Woodard scored 22 points and Hield had 17 points and 10 rebounds to lead the second-seeded Sooners to a 77-63 romp over third-seeded and cold-shooting Texas A&M in the NCAA West Regional on Thursday.

It was a nice display of teamwork by the Sooners (28-7), who had five players in double figures as they advanced to the Elite Eight for the first time since 2009. They'll play Saturday against the Duke-Oregon winner.

"That's even better," Hield said. "I'm able to have fun around there and watch my teammates make shots and make plays."

Hield had scored 27 and 36 points in the Sooners' first- and second-round victories.

"We shared the ball really well," he said. "I'm real proud of the guys for stepping up and making shots. We were just taking advantage of opportunities. We tried to drive-and-kick and when they doubled somebody I tried to make the right pass."

Oklahoma lost to North Carolina in the South Regional final in 2009. Oklahoma is trying to reach the Final Four for the first time since 2002, when it lost to Indiana in the national semifinals.

Tyler Davis scored 17 for A&M (28-9), which reached the Sweet 16 with a thrilling double-overtime victory against Northern Iowa after rallying from 12 points down in the final 44 seconds of regulation.

The Sooners made sure it would require a big comeback in this one. They blew open a close game by going on a 19-4 run during the last

Please see AGGIES/3C

Associated Press

Texas A&M center Tonny Trocha-Morelos walks off the court after their loss against Oklahoma during a game in the regional semifinals of the NCAA Tournament on Thursday in Anaheim, Calif.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Sydney vs. Collingwood, 3 a.m., FS2

COLLEGE BASEBALL
Rutgers at Michigan State, 2 p.m., BTN
TCU at Texas, 6 p.m., LHN
Oklahoma State at Kansas State, 6:30 p.m., FCSC
Loyola Marymount at BYU, 7 p.m., BYUtv
LSU at Texas A&M, 8 p.m., SEC

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Vanderbilt Spring Game, 6 p.m., SEC

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Ole Miss at Oklahoma State, Gm 1, 4 p.m., FSSW, FCSP
Texas at Baylor, 6:30 p.m., FSSW
Ole Miss at Oklahoma State, Gm 2, 6:30 p.m., FSSW+, FCSP

GOLF
PGA: Puerto Rico Open at Cococ Beach, 2nd Round, 9:30 a.m., GOLF
WGC-Dell Match Play, Day 3, 1 p.m., GOLF
LPGA: Kia Classic, 2nd Round, 7 p.m., GOLF

MLB
St. Louis vs. NY Mets, Noon, ESPN
LA Angels vs. Oakland, 3 p.m., MLB

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
NCAA: Virginia vs. Iowa State, 6 p.m., CBS
NCAA: Wisconsin vs. Notre Dame, 6:20 p.m., TBS
NCAA: Gonzaga vs. Syracuse, 8:30 p.m., CBS
NCAA: Indiana vs. North Carolina, 8:50 p.m., TBS

MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY
Northeastern vs. North Dakota, 1 p.m., ESPNU
Notre Dame vs. Michigan, 4:30 p.m., ESPNU
Harvard vs. Boston College, 7 p.m., ESPNU

MEN'S SOCCER
World Cup Qualifying: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines vs. Trinidad & Tobago, 2:20 p.m., beIN
Friendly: Slovakia vs. Latvia, 2:30 p.m., ESPNDEP
Friendly: Holland vs. France, 2:40 p.m., beIN2
Olympic Qualifying: Colombia vs. USA, 4 p.m., FS1, UDN
World Cup Qualifying: Haiti vs. Panama, 5:50 p.m., beIN
World Cup Qualifying: Brazil vs. Uruguay, 7:30 p.m., beIN2
World Cup Qualifying: El Salvador vs. Honduras, 8 p.m., TELE
World Cup Qualifying: Canada vs. Mexico, 8:30 p.m., UniMas, UDN
World Cup Qualifying: Guatemala vs. USA, 9 p.m., beIN, NBCU
World Cup Qualifying: Jamaica vs. Costa Rica, 11 p.m., NBCU

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS
Legacy Fighting Championship 52, 9 p.m., AXS

NBA
Charlotte at Detroit, 6:30 p.m., NBAtv
Memphis at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., FSSWSA
Dallas at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., FSSW

NHL
NY Islanders at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m., NHL

RUGBY
Super League: Hull KR vs. Hull FC, 7:30 a.m., FSP
Super League: St. Helen's vs. Wigan, 10 a.m., FSP
NRL: Manly-Warringah at Sydney, 3:30-a.m., FSP

TENNIS
ATP/WTA: Miami Open, 10 a.m., TENNIS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
NCAA: Syracuse vs. South Carolina, 6 p.m., ESPN
NCAA: Washington vs. Kentucky, 6 p.m., ESPN2
NCAA: Stanford vs. Notre Dame, 8 p.m., ESPN
NCAA: Tennessee vs. Ohio State, 8 p.m., ESPN2

ON RADIO

NBA
Dallas at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring)

NAHL HOCKEY
Odessa at Corpus Christi, 7 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

BASEBALL
Midland Christian at Fort Worth Christian, TBA

BOYS SOCCER
Class 6A bi-district, Midland High vs. Arlington Lamar, 5 p.m., Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

GIRLS SOCCER
Class 6A bi-district, Midland High vs. Arlington Lamar, 2:30 p.m., Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Junior college

BASEBALL
Midland College at Luna CC, noon

SOFTBALL POSTPONED

MC SOFTBALL POSTPONED

Because of the expected high winds today, the softball doubleheader between Midland College and Western Texas College at the Midland College softball field will be postponed until Monday at 1 p.m.

The Lady Chaparrals and WTC will still begin their four-game series with a doubleheader in Snyder beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Optioned RHP Heath Hembree and LHPs Brian Johnson and Henry Owens to Pawtucket (IL). Reassigned OF Ryan LaMarre, RHP Roman Mendez and 1B Sam Travis to their minor league camp.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Reassigned INF Tim Anderson, RHP Matt Lollis and LHP Matt Purke to minor-league camp.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned C Gary Sanchez to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL) and reassigned him to their minor league camp.
National League
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Reassigned RHPs Wilfredo Boscan and Yeiner Castillo to their minor league camp.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Granted RHP Casey Janssen his release.
American Association
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed RHP Dixon Lickens.
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Traded OF Jonathan D Jones to New Britain for future considerations.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Sold the contract of LHP Alex Sogard to the Baltimore (AL) Can Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed INF Mitch Morales
SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed LHP Francisco Rodriguez

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ALANTA FALCONS — Re-signed LB Philip Wheeler to a one-year contract.
CHICAGO BEARS — Agreed to terms with WR Deonte Thompson on a one-year contract.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed QB Robert Griffin III
DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed DE Benson Mayowa
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed WR Nate Washington.
NEW YORK JETS — Re-signed LB Erin Henderson to a two-year contract.
Arena Football League
ORLANDO PREDATORS — Added QB Chase Cartwright to the roster.
PORTLAND STEEL — Named Brian Dancel director of communications.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL — Suspended Columbus F Jared Boll four games for a blind-side hit against Philadelphia F Pierre-Edouard Bellemare during a March 22 game.
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Recalled F Brody Sutter from Charlotte (AHL).
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Recalled D Viktor Svedberg from Rockford (AHL).
American Hockey League
ALBANY DEVILS — Signed F Justin Crandall to a professional tryout agreement.
BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Signed D Luke Juha and F Matt Wotherspoon to amateur tryout contracts. Released D Graeme McCormack from his ATO.
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Recalled D Will Weber from Fort Wayne (ECHL). Reassigned D Mason Geertsen to Fort Wayne.
ECHL
SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS — Announced F Caleb Herbert has reassigned to the team from Hershey (AHL). Signed G Jimmy Kruger to an amateur tryout agreement.

MOTORSPORTS
NASCAR — Fined driver Danica Patrick $20,000 by NASCAR for walking near the race track after a crash and placed her on probation for four races. Fined driver Kyle Busch $10,000 for failing to meet media obligations at California and placed him on probation through April 27.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC — Signed F Herculez Gomez.

COLLEGE
ARIZONA STATE — Announced senior F Savon Goodman is leaving the men's basketball program and will be eligible immediately as a graduate transfer.
DAYTON — Named Erik Frazier, Jr. wide receivers coach and Tee Overman linebackers coach.
IOWA — Announced the resignation of director of player development Chic Ejiasi to become director of player engagement for Tennessee (NFL).

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	74	41	24	9	91	211	182
Tampa Bay	73	42	26	5	89	202	173
Boston	75	39	28	8	86	219	206
Detroit	74	37	26	11	85	190	199
Ottawa	75	34	33	8	76	214	230
Montreal	75	34	35	6	74	189	216
Buffalo	74	30	34	10	70	176	200
Toronto	73	27	35	11	65	180	214

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
z-Washington	72	52	15	5	109	231	170
N.Y. Rangers	74	42	24	8	92	212	184
Pittsburgh	73	40	25	8	88	202	182
N.Y. Islanders	72	38	24	9	87	200	182
Philadelphia	72	35	24	13	83	188	193
New Jersey	74	36	31	7	79	189	189
Carolina	74	32	28	14	78	180	200
Columbus	74	30	36	8	68	165	226

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
p-Dallas	74	44	21	9	97	242	213
St. Louis	74	43	22	9	95	195	185
Chicago	74	42	25	7	91	205	185
Nashville	74	38	23	13	89	205	189
Minnesota	75	36	28	11	83	202	199
Colorado	73	38	31	4	80	198	204
Winnipeg	74	31	37	6	68	190	217

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Los Angeles	74	44	25	5	93	200	171
x-Anaheim	73	40	23	10	90	190	174
San Jose	73	41	26	6	88	214	186
Arizona	73	32	34	7	71	192	219
Calgary	74	31	37	6	68	204	234
Vancouver	73	27	33	13	67	189	210
Edmonton	76	29	40	7	65	183	223

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
x-clinched playoff spot
z-clinched conference

Scores and schedule

Thursday's Scores
Nashville 3, Vancouver 2, SO
Florida 4, Boston 1
New Jersey 3, Pittsburgh 0
Carolina 3, Columbus 2
Toronto 6, Anaheim 5, OT
Detroit 4, Montreal 3
Minnesota 6, Calgary 2
Winnipeg 4, Los Angeles 1
Philadelphia at Colorado, late
Dallas at Arizona, late
Edmonton at San Jose, late

Today's Games
Washington at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Winnipeg at Buffalo, Noon
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 2 p.m.
Dallas at San Jose, 3 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Anaheim at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
Florida at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at Washington, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Columbus at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Arizona, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

Baker, Abilene High shut out Bulldogs

From staff reports

ABILENE — Tyler Baker pitched a five-hit, complete-game shutout to lead Abilene High to a 5-0 District 3-6A home win against MHS on Thursday.

AHS (7-10, 1-4 in District 3-6A) scored four runs on four hits in the decisive second inning and added another run in the fourth.

Jaxon Hallmark got the start for the Bulldogs (15-6, 3-2) and allowed four runs on six hits over three innings before being relieved by Brady Bolger to start the fourth.

MHS head coach Barry Russell was especially displeased with his team's play and intensity on Thursday.

"One team wanted to be here today and one team didn't," Russell said. "It was pretty obvious. Everything went their way and we didn't do much of anything. They kicked our tails. That's pretty much the bottom line."

MHS will next take on Odessa Permian at 4:30 p.m. Friday at McCanlies Field in Odessa.

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Jaxon Hallmark, Brady Bolger (4) and Logan Hatfield, Tyler Baker and Tarrell Franklin. W — Bolger. L — Hallmark (3-1). 2B — AHS: Brock Bourland. 3B — AHS: Hill Holloway.
Records: MHS 15-6, 3-2 in District 3-6A; AHS 7-10, 1-4 in District 3-6A
Next: MHS at Odessa Permian, 4:30 p.m. Friday; AHS at San Angelo Central, 4:30 p.m. Friday

Allen goes the distance, carries MHS past Lee

By Oscar LeRoy
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Deandra Allen knew that her Midland High softball team needed her to go the distance against rival Lee on Thursday afternoon.

Allen

Marin

Not only did the junior pitcher go the distance, she struck out 10 to help MHS defeat the Lady Rebels, 2-1, in a District 3-6A game at the Audrey Gill Sports Complex.

"I thought she did a good job," said MHS coach Shawnda Vines about Allen's outing. "She had a quick turnaround. She pitched against Permian on Tuesday and then threw again today, and she did a fantastic job. And then to be able to finish the game in the last inning without any drama, that's what we've been working on."

2016 District 3-6A Softball standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Odessa Permian	4	0	20	4	0
Odessa High	3	1	18	5	1
Midland High	3	1	16	7	1
Abilene High	2	2	12	8	2
Lee	0	4	9	14	1
San Angelo Central	0	4	6	13	0

Thursday's Scores
Midland High 2, Lee 1; Odessa Permian 14, San Angelo Central 1; 5 innings; Odessa High 12, Abilene High 1; 6 innings

April 2
San Angelo Central at Lee, 2 p.m.; Midland High at Abilene High, 2 p.m.; Odessa High at Odessa Permian, 2 p.m.

Allen said the key for her on her best day in the circle was moving the ball around and having the right mindset.

"My goal in this game was to pitch all seven innings and that was in my mind since Tuesday," said Allen, who suffered a tough-luck loss in a 4-3 come-from-behind win against Permian on Tuesday. "I just knew I could pitch again today after Tuesday."

With the win, the Lady Bulldogs improved to 16-7-1 overall and 3-1 in 3-6A, while Lee fell to 9-14-1 overall and 0-4 in district.

This was a game that featured two outstanding pitching performances as Lee's Melanie Marin also had a good day in the circle as she allowed the two runs on just six hits and added three strikeouts.

Lee struck first in the opening frame as Shleby Olivas was hit by a pitch and then later scored on a single by Molly Abalos.

But MHS was quick to respond in the bottom of the first as Brooke Ryan drew a walk and then scored on a single to shallow left by Natalie Gamboa to tie the game at 1.

"We've been talking to our kids about bouncing back," said Vines, whose team suffered a late-game loss to Permian on Tuesday. "If something happens on the field, make sure we can bounce back from it and don't dwell on it. And the next thing we want to do, the next time we touch the ball, it needs to be something good to what just happened."

After that opening frame, it was tough for the Lady Rebels to get much offense going against Allen, as she buckled down and got key outs when she needed them.

"The run (in the first inning) was a run, it happens," Allen said. "The key is to bounce back from it and keep on going."

MHS got the eventual game-winning run in the fourth inning when Racey Haile reached on an error and later scored when Alyssa Flores connected for one of her two hits in the game with a single to right.

Lee's biggest opportunity came in the fifth when it got two hits to start off the inning. But the Lady Rebels came away empty and Allen was able to get a force out at third base and then two strikeouts to end the threat.

Allen ended the game by retiring eight straight.

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MIDLAND HIGH 2, LEE 1

Lee	100	000	0	–1	3 1
MHS	100	100	x	–2	6 0

Melanie Marin and Kirkland Newsom. Deandra Allen and Natalie Gamboa. W — Allen. L — Marin. FBI — Lee: Molly Abalos; MHS: Gamboa, Alyssa Flores.
Records: Lee 9-14-1, 0-4 in 3-6A; MHS 16-7-1, 3-1
Next: San Central at Lee, 1 p.m. April 2; Midland High at Abilene High, 2 p.m. April 2

REBELS

From 1C

knowing that we can have a clutch hit in that situation and come back with something," said Coleman, who finished the game 1-for-3 with two RBI and a run scored.

Payton said he was able to maintain his composure even after surrendering the early lead because of the confidence he has in the Rebels' offense behind him. He believed all along that his hitters would pick him up.

"It's great because even if I start off the game giving up a run, I know that they're going to at least score three or four," Payton said. "I don't think we've had a game where they didn't put runs on the board."

2016 District 3-6A Baseball standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Lee	3	0	12	4	0
Midland High	3	0	15	6	0
Odessa High	3	0	13	9	0
San Angelo Central	2	3	7	11	1
Odessa Permian	1	4	6	8	3
Abilene High	1	4	7	10	0

Thursday's Scores
Abilene High 5, MHS 0; Lee 6, San Angelo Central 2; Odessa High 3, Odessa Permian 0

April 1
MHS at Odessa Permian; Lee at Odessa High; Abilene High at San Angelo Central. All games at 4:30 p.m.

Lee added insurance in the fourth inning when Blessie alertly scored on a costly error at shortstop by Central to make it 4-1. Then in the fifth, Tailan Boza knocked an RBI single and John Wuthrich, who would relieve Payton with two outs in the top of the sixth, came home on another wild pitch.

Jarrett Madrid got the start for Central and pitched a six-inning complete game, though he took the loss. Five of his six runs were earned on eight Lee hits and he struck out one and walked two.

Central head coach Patrick Penry said his pitching staff sorely needed such an outing from Madrid after having to burn several arms in a long, 13-12 nine-inning loss at MHS on Tuesday.

"Jarrett is a competitor," Penry said. "He's one of the few seniors we have on the team and he's been with us for a long time. Whenever we've needed him, he's risen to the occasion and that's what he did."

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NO. 22 LEE 6, SAN ANGELO CENTRAL 2

Central	010	001	0	–2	9 2
Lee	003	120	x	–6	8 1

Jarrett Madrid and Nixon Brannan. Chapman Payton, John Wuthrich (6) and Hunter Coleman. W — Payton (2-1). L — Madrid. 2B — Central: Brandon Pfingsten; Lee: Blake Blessie, Ty Coleman. 3B — Lee: John Wuthrich.
Records: Central 7-11-1, 2-3 in District 3-6A; Lee 12-4, 5-0 in District 3-6A
Next: Abilene High at San Angelo Central, 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 1; Lee at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 1

HSBASEBALL/SOFTBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Baseball

DOMINANT LITTLE LIFTS MUSTANGS

FORT WORTH — Grant Little threw an 11-strikeout no-hitter and also homered to help Midland Christian to a 6-0 TAPPS 1-4A win against Fort Worth Christian on Thursday.

Little needed just 94 pitches to complete the game and walked one FWC batter. He threw 67 of his 94 pitches for strikes on the night. At the plate, the Texas Tech signee finished 1-for-3 with the home run and two runs scored.

Dillon Renz also went 1-for-1 with an RBI, a walk, a pair of scored runs and a stolen base for the Mustangs (14-8-1, 3-0).

MCS will wrap up the season series against FWC at 2 p.m. today.

MCS 6, FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN 0

MCS	000	240	0	–6	5 1
FWC	000	000	0	–0	0 1

Grant Little and Zac Tilton. Clayton Cooper, Jacob Hasty (7) and Austin. W — Little. L — Cooper. 2B — MCS: Nolen Hester, Dillon Renz HR — MCS: Grant Little.
Record: MCS 14-8-1, 3-0 in TAPPS 1-4A
Next: MCS at Fort Worth Christian, 2 p.m. today

Softball

SIMS, DOVE POWER GREENWOOD TO WIN

CRANE — Kyndall Dove tossed a complete game and was supported by a 10-hit offensive barrage as Greenwood topped Crane, 8-2 in a non-district game on Thursday.

Paysiee Sims and Jaylene Valenzuela hit back-to-back home runs in the fourth inning to help the Rangerettes (6-17, 0-3 in District 4-4A) overcome an early 2-0 deficit.

Greenwood then added five runs in the top of the seventh inning to pull away with the win, despite committing five errors.

The Rangerettes will next take on Pecos at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in Pecos.

GREENWOOD 8, CRANE 2

Greenwood	000	300	5	–8	10 5
Crane	000	000	0	–2	2 2

Kyndall Dove and Paysiee Sims. Skylar Ortiz and Karmella Navarrete. W — Dove. L — Ortiz. 2B — Greenwood: Kyndall Dove. 3B — Greenwood: Dana Fletcher. HR — Paysiee Sims, Jaylene Valenzuela
Record: Greenwood 6-17, 0-3 in District 4-4A
Next: Greenwood at Pecos, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday

COLLEGE BASEBALL SCORES

Thursday's College Baseball Scores

SOUTHWEST
Texas Tech 5, Oklahoma 0
Texas 4, TCU 3
Oklahoma State 2, Kansas State 1
Baylor 8, Dallas Baptist 3
Texas A&M 6, LSU 1
Texas A&M International 6-0, Oklahoma Christian 2-9
Lamar 10, New Orleans 7
McNeese State 10, Abilene Christian 6
Central Arkansas 11, Houston Baptist 0
Southeastern 3, A&M-Corpus Christi 1
Sam Houston State 4, Nicholls 2
Northwestern State 10, Stephen F. Austin 3
UT-Arlington 10, Incarnate Word 2

SOUTH
South Carolina 5, Ole Miss 1
Mississippi State 9, Georgia 2

EAST
Boston College 6, Pittsburgh 4
Campbell 5, Charleston 4
Georgia Tech 3, North Carolina 2
High Point 7, Winthrop 2
Notre Dame 16, Virginia Tech 4

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Almodova leads MHS into playoffs

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Midland High senior midfielder Adrienne Almodova knows that in the playoffs, there is very little room for error.

You can bet that when the Lady Bulldogs (10-11) take the pitch at 2:30 p.m. today at Abilene's Shotwell Stadium against Arlington Lamar (17-5-3) in a Class 6A bi-district round playoff match, Almodova won't have much of a problem getting motivated. MHS coach Meagan Lasley said getting Almodova motivated has never been a challenge.

The diminutive midfielder with a cannon for a right leg wants to be the best and wants to do anything in her power to help her team win.

"She is the most highly, self-motivated player on the team," Lasley said. "She's highly competitive and she always wants to win. She hardly ever has an off day. If she has an off day, she works hard to make sure she's doing her job."

That passion to succeed is the reason why Almodova has been one of the best players to ever wear a Lady Bulldogs' uniform. She's been a standout player all four years on the varsity and was the 2015 District 3-6A Midfielder of the Year.

This year, Almodova once again leads the team in scoring with nine goals and six assists, according to Lasley.

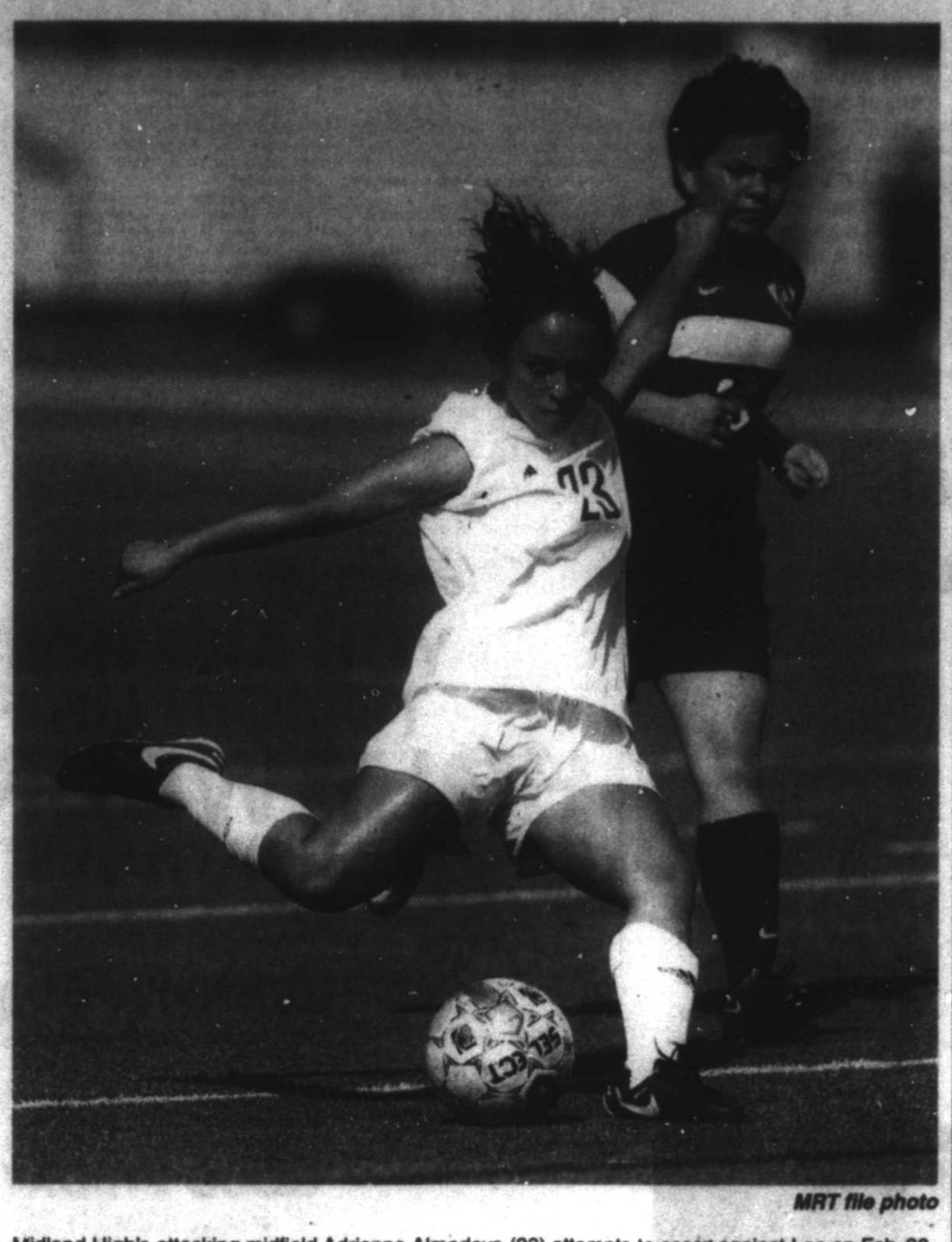
So what motivates Almodova?

Her teammates, of course.

"Soccer is not an individual sport," she said. "The whole team is together and playing out there with these girls and being around the whole team feels really good."

As for her key to success, Almodova had a simple answer: "Hard work pays off."

Almodova added: "Out on the field, I want to play the best and give it my all every game. It doesn't matter who we're playing. I just want to play harder. I want to be the best that I can. If there is a girl on the field who's doing better, I want to do better. It motivates me. Having the desire to win and helping this team helps my motivation. I felt I couldn't have done it without my team, especially the coaches that I've been with."



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Midland High's attacking midfield Adrienne Almodova (23) attempts to score against Lee on Feb. 20 at Grande Communications Stadium.

Lasley said it's been a pleasure to see how Almodova has grown as both a player and as a person.

"It's been awesome to have her a part of this program because of the competition within her," Lasley said. "She's always high energy and she always wants to keep our tempo high. Our practices are always high energy."

Almodova agrees that she's grown a lot in her four years in the program. She said she's not only improved her decision making and all-around game, but she has become a better motivator to her teammates.

When asked about her leadership skills, Almodova was, of course, team first with her answer.

"I feel like all these girls are leaders," she said. "Underclassmen and upperclassmen, we're all leaders out there. I don't think it matters about the whole captain sign on your arm, we're all leaders."

Next year, Almodova will play college soccer at Lubbock Christian University with fellow MHS teammate Hayden Burdsal. Lasley said she's excited for both of them that they will continue to learn and grow as soccer players.

Almodova, who beams when talking about the sport, said she's excited about the next four years in college.

But she also knows there's still work to do before she can say good-bye to her high school career.

"We need to play smart and play fast," she said. "In the playoffs it's either you make it or you break it. You have to give your all through every game."

Almodova will make sure the Lady Bulldogs will be at their best.

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The game

CLASS 6A BI-DISTRICT
MIDLAND HIGH VS. ARLINGTON LAMAR

When/where: 2:30 p.m., Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Records: Midland High 10-11; Arlington Lamar 17-5-3

Notes & quotes: Midland High goes into the playoffs as a No. 3 seed out of District 3-6A, while Lamar is the No. 2 seed out of 4-6A. ... MHS coach Meagan Lasley said Lamar should be great competition, but regardless, she said the key for her team is to play its game and follow the game plan. "When we're on, we're on, and when we've been unsuccessful we haven't played our game and haven't stuck to the game plan," she said. ... MHS is coming off a 2-1 win over Odessa High on Saturday as it closed out the regular season with two straight wins. "Against OHS, I thought we played all right," Lasley said. "We've been working this week on just doing a lot of team-based things. Our practices have been really good, really motivated. The girls are playing with their hearts."

Next: Winner plays El Paso Franklin-Amarillo Tascosa winner in area round

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NETS 104
CAVALIERS 95

NEW YORK — Brook Lopez scored 22 points and the Brooklyn Nets blew by LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers in the fourth quarter for a 104-95 victory Thursday night.

James was scoreless and missed both shots in the fourth quarter after he scored 30 points on 13-for-14 shooting through three. Lopez had the final five points in a 14-0 run down the stretch as the Nets surged past the Eastern Conference leaders.

Shane Larkin added 16 points and seven assists for the Nets in his return to the starting lineup. Bojan Bogdanovic had 12 points.

The Cavaliers finished 10 of 38 on 3-pointers, needing a make by Jordan McRae after the Nets had taken control to extend their franchise-record streak to 10 games with 10 or more makes. But they misfired way too often, with Kyrie Irving finishing 6 for 22 from the field and Kevin Love going 5 for 14.

THUNDER 113
JAZZ 91

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant had 20 points, nine assists and eight rebounds to help Oklahoma City beat Utah for its sixth straight victory.

Russell Westbrook's streak of triple-doubles ended at three. He had 15 points, nine assists and seven rebounds before sitting out the fourth quarter because the game was in hand.

Dion Waiters scored 17 points, Enes Kanter add 16, and the Thunder shot 54 percent from the field. They will take the NBA's longest current winning streak into their home game Saturday against San Antonio.

Trey Burke scored 17 points, and Trey Lyles added 14 for the Jazz.

KNICKS 106
BULLS 94

Carmelo Anthony scored 26 points, Kristaps Porzingis had 19 and New York beat Chicago to sweep the home-and-home series.

Derrick Williams added 13 points, Jose Calderon 12, and Arron Afflalo 11 for New York. The Knicks beat the Bulls 115-107 on Wednesday night in Chicago.

Derrick Rose led Chicago with 30 points. Jimmy Butler had 19, and Taj Gibson 10. The Bulls dropped 1 1/2 games behind Detroit for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

PACERS 92
PELICANS 84

INDIANAPOLIS — Myles Turner scored 24 points and had a career-high 16 rebounds on his 20th birthday, and C.J. Miles added 19 points in the Indiana Pacers' 92-84 victory over the New Orleans Pelicans on Thursday night.

The Pacers have won two straight but lost Paul George in the third quarter with what was initially described as a bruised right leg. The three-time All-Star did not return.

Alexis Ajinca led New Orleans with 22 points, and Tim Frazier had a career-high 18. The Pelicans have lost seven of nine, this one coming with only eight players available.

But the Pelicans still made it tough on Indiana.

They didn't allow the Pacers to take control until late in the first half when Turner scored eight straight points to start a 13-2 spurt. That made it 49-37.

New Orleans couldn't get closer than four the rest of the night.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Toronto	48	22	.686	—
Boston	42	30	.583	7
New York	30	43	.411	19½
Brooklyn	20	51	.282	28½
Philadelphia	9	63	.125	40
Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	42	30	.583	—
Miami	41	30	.577	½
Charlotte	41	30	.577	½
Washington	35	36	.493	6½
Orlando	29	42	.408	12½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Cleveland	51	21	.708	—
Indiana	38	33	.535	12½
Detroit	38	34	.528	13
Chicago	36	35	.507	14½
Milwaukee	30	42	.417	21
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	60	11	.845	—
Memphis	41	31	.569	19½
Dallas	35	36	.493	25
Houston	35	37	.486	25½
New Orleans	26	45	.366	34
Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	50	22	.694	—
Portland	37	35	.514	13
Utah	35	37	.486	15
Denver	30	42	.417	20
Minnesota	23	48	.324	26½
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Golden State	64	7	.901	—
L.A. Clippers	43	27	.614	20½
Sacramento	27	44	.380	37
Phoenix	20	51	.282	44
L.A. Lakers	15	56	.211	49

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Scores and schedules

Thursday's Scores
Indiana 92, New Orleans 84
Brooklyn 104, Cleveland 95
New York 106, Chicago 94
Oklahoma City 113, Utah 91
Portland at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games
Minnesota at Washington, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Houston, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

VonHolle

From 1C

think when they're on the same page, it's almost unstoppable and it's beautiful soccer. It's so quick and fast and it's pretty amazing what they do."

While VonHolle is a key cog in MHS' flowing style of play, he has also assumed and excelled in the primary leadership responsibilities that come with being a captain.

Last season as a junior, he had plenty of time to learn from former co-captains Issac Venegas and Brody Sherman what makes a strong leader on the pitch.

"The two captains last year, they definitely taught me how to be a leader," VonHolle said. "Just the qualities they had on and off the field really helped me see what an actual leader is. Just to help these guys (the current MHS players) I want to be the best leader I can be, do the best that I can each day."

VonHolle's ability as a leader hasn't gone unnoticed by Cottle either. It's a quality that, in part, explains why VonHolle will be playing at the college level next season at NCAA Division II University of Colorado-Colorado Springs.

"It's special," Cottle said of VonHolle's leadership. "It shows on the field. It's reflected in what happens on the field on game day."

And as VonHolle and the Bulldogs' nine other seniors — most of whom will play next year at Mountain View College in Dallas — gear up for their final playoff run in a MHS uniform, they just want to enjoy every moment they have left as high school players.

But with no more than three weeks remaining in their high school careers, VonHolle said he and his teammates won't change their game or try to play outside of it.

It will all still come down to the Bulldogs' old calling cards — chemistry and communication.

"(We) just (need to) play how we play and be the best that we can be each and every day," VonHolle said. "We need to do what he (Cottle) knows we can do."

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TOURNAMENTROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

VILLANOVA 92
MIAMI 69

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Ryan Arcidiacono and Kris Jenkins each scored 21 points, and No. 2 seed Villanova never trailed in routing third-seeded Miami 92-69 Thursday night in the South Region semifinal of the NCAA Tournament.

The Wildcats (32-5) are back in the Elite Eight for the first time since 2009, when they reached the Final Four. It's their third trip to the regional final with coach Jay Wright. They turned in quite the offensive performance with former coach Rollie Massimino, who led Villanova to the 1985 national championship, sitting nearby.

Villanova will play either top-seeded Kansas or No. 5 seed Maryland on Saturday in the regional final.

Daniel Ochefu added 17 points, and Josh Hart had 14 for Villanova, which shot 62.7 percent (32 of 51).

Miami (27-8) now is 0-3 in this round and 0-2 with coach Jim Larranaga.

Sheldon McClellan scored 26 points for Miami, and Angel Rodriguez added 13.

Miami got here by beating a pair of double-digit seeds, Buffalo and Wichita State. Villanova showed the team from the Atlantic Coast Conference why the Wildcats were ranked No. 1 in the nation for the first time in program history earlier this season.

Aggies

From 1C

7:42 of the first half to take a 45-26 lead. The Sooners forced the Aggies into bad shots and turnovers, and Woodard was the catalyst on offense.

Woodard started the decisive first half run with a 3-pointer and had another shot from behind the arc with 3:15 to go. He also fed Khadeem Lattin for a slam dunk and then hit a sweet, off-balance bank shot as the shot clock was close to expiring with about 20 seconds left.

The Aggies went more than seven minutes without a field goal. Tonny Trocha-Morelos made a layup to pull them to 24-20 with 9:32 to go before halftime.

"They just did a great job defensively," Davis said. "They made us pay for our missed shots, they hit 3s, we weren't knocking down our free throws, they never let you get comfortable in the post."

The best the Aggies could do was go on a 7-2 run to open the second half. All that did was pull them to 47-33, and the Sooners responded with a 6-2 burst, with Ryan Spangler making three straight shots.

Oklahoma shot 49.2 percent while holding the Aggies to 34.2 percent. Texas A&M added to its misery by making only six of 28 3-pointers and just 13 of 24 free throws.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

NCAA Schedules

MEN
EAST REGIONAL
At Wells Fargo Center
Philadelphia
Regional Semifinals
Today's Games
Wisconsin (22-12) vs. Notre Dame (23-11), 6:27 p.m.
North Carolina (30-6) vs. Indiana (27-7), 8:57 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
Semifinal winners
SOUTH REGIONAL
At KFC YUM! Center
Louisville, Ky.
Regional Semifinals
Today's Games
Villanova (32-5) vs. Miami (27-8), late
Kansas (32-4) vs. Maryland (27-8), late
Regional Championship
Saturday's Game
Villanova (32-5) vs. Kansas-Maryland winner, TBA
MIDWEST REGIONAL
At The United Center
Chicago
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 25
Virginia (29-7) vs. Iowa State (23-11), 6:10 p.m.
Syracuse (21-13) vs. Dayton (28-7), 8:40 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
Semifinal winners
WEST REGIONAL
At The Honda Center
Anaheim, Calif.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 24
Oklahoma 77, Texas A&M 63
Oregon (30-6) vs. Duke (25-10), late
Regional Championship
Saturday
Oklahoma (28-7) vs. Oregon-Duke winner, TBA

WOMEN
BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Bridgeport, Conn.
Saturday's Games
UConn (34-0) vs. Mississippi State (28-7), 10:30 a.m.
UCLA (26-8) vs. Texas (30-4), 1 p.m.
Regional Championship
Monday, March 28
Semifinal winners, TBA
DALLAS REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 26
At Dallas
Baylor (35-1) vs. Florida State (25-7), 3 p.m.
DePaul (27-6) vs. Oregon State (30-4), 5:30 p.m.
Regional Championship
Monday, March 28
Semifinal winners, TBA
SIOUX FALLS REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 25
At Sioux Falls, S.D.
South Carolina (33-1) vs. Syracuse (27-7), 6 p.m.
Ohio State (26-7) vs. Tennessee (21-13), 8:30 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
Semifinal winners, TBA
LEXINGTON REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 25
At Lexington, Ky.
Kentucky (25-7) vs. Washington (24-10), 6 p.m.
Notre Dame (33-1) vs. Stanford (26-7), 8:30 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
Semifinal winners, TBA

NIT

Wednesday, March 23
George Washington 62, Florida 77
San Diego State 72, Georgia Tech 58
Semifinals
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Tuesday, March 29
Valparaiso (29-6) vs. BYU (26-10), 6 p.m.
George Washington (26-9) vs. San Diego State (28-6), 8:30 p.m.
Championship
Thursday, March 31
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

WNIT

Thursday's Scores
Temple 75, Ohio 61
South Dakota 51, Northern Iowa 50
TCU (18-14) at UTEP (28-4), late
Today's Game
Western Kentucky (26-6) at Saint Louis (26-7), 7 p.m.

NCAA Division II

MEN
Thursday's Scores
Lincoln Memorial 103, West Liberty 102
Augustana (S.D.) vs. Western Oregon, late
Championship
Saturday, March 26
Lincoln Memorial vs. Augustana (S.D.)-Western Oregon winner, 2 p.m.
WOMEN
Semifinals
Wednesday's Scores
Lubbock Christian 67, Bentley 57
Alaska Anchorage 67, Grand Valley State 47
Championship
At Indianapolis
Monday, April 4
Lubbock Christian vs. Alaska Anchorage, 8 p.m.

The game

CLASS 5A BI-DISTRICT
MIDLAND HIGH VS. ARLINGTON LAMAR

When/where: 5 p.m. today, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Records/seed: MHS 16-6, No. 1 seed out of District 3-6A; Arlington Lamar 11-10-1, No. 4 seed out of District 4-6A

Notes: Today is a rematch of last year's bi-district match, in which the Bulldogs won, 4-1 to advance to the area round. ... MHS head coach Warren Cottle said Lamar will be a difficult team to match up against in the bi-district round again. "(They've got a really good central midfield player — No. 11 (Lamar junior Carlos Flores)," Cottle said. "Defensively, they work together as a unit, they play well, they have an unbelievable throwing guy. It's just the little things they do really well. Their restarts are really good, so it should be a good matchup." ... The conditions are expected to be windy in Abilene today and to prepare for that, Cottle held practice on Wednesday at Grande Communications Stadium in a nearly 25 mph wind gust. Cottle said the wind will be a part of today's match, but the Bulldogs' game is well suited to combat it. "The way we play, it works well because we never really lift the ball in the air at all," Cottle said. "The ball doesn't leave the ground with this team. The windier it is, as long as it's (the wind) above five feet, it's going to be fine for us." ... MHS has been eliminated in the bi-district round in two of the last three seasons.

Next: Winner plays winner of Wolfforth Frenship-El Paso Socorro, TBA in area round

Lee in third after 1st round of 3-6A tournament

From staff reports

SAN ANGELO — The Lee boys are positioned in third place with score of 320 — four strokes behind second-place Odessa Permian I — after the first round of the District 3-6A Tournament, Thursday at Bentwood Country Club.

The Rebels' brothers Justin and Jared Valdez each shot a 77 are in a two-way tie for fourth place. Teammate Jared Arras is in sixth place after shooting a 79. Midland High's Brinson Vitello is in seventh in the medalist standings after carding an 81.

San Angelo Central (310) is leading the tournament by six strokes over Permian and Central's Jeff Maciejewski is in the individual lead by five strokes.

The Bulldogs are currently in fifth place as a team, 41 strokes out of position to qualify for the region I-6A tournament.

The tournament will resume with the second round at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 5 at Ratliff Ranch Golf Links in Odessa.

District 3-6A Boys Tournament
Thursday's first-round results from Bentwood Country Club, San Angelo
Second round scheduled for April 5 at Ratliff Ranch Golf Links, Odessa

Team standings

1. San Angelo Central I, 310; 2. Coeaas Permian I, 316; 3. Lee I, 320; 4. Permian II, 350; 5. Midland High I, 357; 6. Abilene High I, 358; T7. Odessa High I, and Abilene High II, 358; 9. Midland Lee II, 363; 10. San Angelo Central II, 370; 11. Odessa High II, 428.

Individual standings — 1. Jeff Maciejewski, Central I, 68; 2. Jansen Smith, Central, 73; T-3. Parker Beaty, Permian I, 76; and Will Adams, Permian I, 76; T-4. Justin Valdez, Midland Lee I, 77; Jared Valdez, Midland Lee I, 77; 6. Jared Arras, Midland Lee I, 79; 7. Brinson Vitello, Midland High I, 81; T-8. Brady Pickett, Abilene High II, 83; and Flynn McNabb, Central, 83; 10. Sergio Soto, Central I, 86.

Team scores

San Angelo Central I (310) — Jeff Maciejewski, 68; Jansen Smith, 73; Flynn McNabb, 83; Nick Wiatrowski, 93; Sergio Soto, 86.

Odessa Permian I (316) — Parker Beaty, 76; Will Adams, 76; Dalton Anderson, 82; Matthew Trotter, 82; Jedejo Chavez, 82.

Lee I (320) — Jared Arras, 79; Ethan Hobbs, 87; Justin Valdez, 77; Jared Valdez, 77; Brayden Workman, 99.

Odessa Permian II (350) — Trevor Wilson, 80; Alek Situantez, 84; Kanon Malinkowsky, 88; Kellahn Poston, 88; Jonathan Alvarez, 100.

Midland High I (357) — Brinson Vitello, 81; Blake Rasmussen, 91; Colton Douglas, 99; Sebastian Cruz, 91; Cory McCurdy, 94.

Abilene High I (358) — Ryan Browning, 87; John Rhodes, 87; Robby Johnson, 91; Ryan King, 93; Kyle Cornutt, 98.

Odessa High I (358) — Anthony Maldonado, 87; Oscar Hernandez, 89; Alex Maldonado, 85; Diego Contreras, 98; Kristian Pillales, 99.

Lee II (363) — Cason Vitello, 93; Lucas Molina, 99; Ross Knittle, 102; Derek Thomas, 68; Nathan Lopez, 99.

San Angelo Central II (370) — Braxton Braden, 83; Parker Sharp, 100; Cooper Caulley, 98; Zack Purnell, 89; Danny Gonzales, 100.

Abilene High II (394) — Noel Sexsmis, 107; Brady Bickett, 83; Beaston Loudermilk, 105; Mason Brawley, 99; Jason Boren, 111.

Odessa High II (428) — Zach Iniguez, 91; Hunter Gray, 113; Bryce McKinney, 129; Abel Alvarez, 118; Dominic Herrera, 104.

Individual medalists — Brayden Weatherford, Permian, 88; Charles Roberts, Permian, 95; Collin Longoria, NS; Hayden Williams, Lee, 82; Gabe Castel-Ada, Lee, 105; Carter Perry, MHS, 87; Matthew Tubbs, MHS, 114; Damian Loya, Odessa High, 112; Jacob Rodriguez, Odessa High, 116.

4-4A GOLF RESULTS

Boys District 4-4A Tournament
Thursday, Reeves County Golf Course, Pecos
First round results
Second round on March 30 in Seminole

Team Standings

1. Monahans A 303, 2. Andrews A 312, 3. Seminole A 313, 4. Monahans B 334, 5. Andrews B 355, 6. Greenwood A 363, 7. Pecos A 390, 8. Fort Stockton A 405, 9. Fort Stockton B 419, 10. Seminole B NS.

Top 10 Individuals

1. (tie) JT Pittman, Monahans A, 71; Gabriel Rangel, Monahans, 71; Aaron Robledo, Seminole A, 71. 4. Joey Kirk, Monahans A, 73; 5. (tie) Landon Mack, Andrews A, 76; Tanner Stokes, Andrews A, 76; Colby Karcher, Greenwood A, 76; 8. Branson Moore, Seminole A, 77. 9. (tie) Michael Smith, Monahans, 79; Blane Heflin, Monahans A, 79; Kade Moore, Andrews B, 79. Hayden Rochell, Andrews A, 79.

Team-by-team results

Monahans A (303): JT Pittman 71; Blane Heflin 79; Joey Kirk 73; Cameron Eddings 86; Dante Griner 80.

Andrews A (312): Landon Mack 76; Hayden Rochell 79; Luke Cooley 81; Tanner Stokes 76; Ausden Vasquez 82.

Seminole A (313): Luke Wimmer 82; Aaron Robledo 71; Branson Moore 77; Justin Rempel 83; Caleb Kildow 96.

Monahans B (334): Logan Smith 86; Trevor Doege 82; Braden Nelms 84; Nick Carnero 85; Brent Bailey 83.

Andrews B (355): Nick Salcido 97; Kade Moore 79; Jacob Youngblood 92; Michael Thatcher 89; Landon Payne 98.

Greenwood (363): Colby Karcher 76; Cade Bracey 93; Garrett Turner 99; Kelley Cooper 95; Sloan Stephens 116.

Pecos (390): Kaleb Valenzuela 88; Magdaleno Mendoza 93; Brandon Armendariz 96; Caleb Hoyt 113; Alex Lobstein 117.

Fort Stockton A (405): Jordan Dominguez 92; Billy Viasana 109; Zach Alvarez 101; Chris Barriga 103; Tyler Perkins 109.

Fort Stockton B (419): Nathan Barragan 105; Andrew Serrano 112; Ivan Pena 104; Jeremiah Hughes 101; Justin Sanchez 109.

Seminole B (NS): Briley Cavazos 100; Dwight Froese 94; Ben Davis 122; Kameron Brown NS

Other Medalists

Pecos: Ryan Herrera 118.

Greenwood: Zach Robbins 129; Brad Austin 145.

Monahans: Ryan Hedges 87; Michael Smith 79; Gabriel Rangel 71.

Andrews: Jay Tom Garcia 116.

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Spieth avoids Match Play drama on 18th

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Jordan Spieth had another stress-free day in the Dell Match Play, avoiding some of the drama the 18th hole provided Thursday.

So did Jason Day, whose back felt strong enough to drive the first green at 381 yards with a helping wind.

Fifteen matches went the distance at Austin Country Club, and there was no shortage of surprises. Daniel Berger never finished against Phil Mickelson when his club hit a rock structure on the way down. Justin Rose and Rickie Fowler escaped with half-points.

It all set the stage for Friday when all but 16 players from the 64-man field leave town.

Spieth again built a big lead and lost only one hole in a 5-and-4 victory over Victor Dubuisson of France. He has played 30 holes in his two victories, and needs only to halve his match Friday against Justin Thomas to reach the round of 16.

"When you're 3 up and you're striking the ball well on a windy day with a difficult golf course, it's difficult to come from behind," Spieth said.

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Act II for RG3: Griffin's shot to reboot career with Browns

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

AP file photo

On Aug. 18, 2015, Washington Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III speaks to reporters after practice in Ashburn, Va.

CLEVELAND — Back before he rocketed into the NFL as a freakish touchdown-maker, before the knee injury and his downfall in Washington, Robert Griffin III was convinced he'd play for the Browns.

During pre-draft workouts in Arizona, Griffin and his agent were set for Cleveland to be his home.

"We were ready then," Griffin said, "and we are more than ready now."

Four long, trying years later, Griffin has a chance to revive a career that once seemed unstoppable.

No longer viewed as one of football's brightest and flashiest players but rather a reclamation project, Griffin signed a two-year, $15.75 million contract Thursday with the Browns, a team on a perpetual mission to find a franchise quarterback.

RG3 is beginning his second act.

Griffin hasn't been the same since his dazzling rookie season in Washington in 2012, when the former Heisman Trophy winner — possessed with a rocket arm, a tailback's speed and endless swagger — took the league by storm. However, his next three seasons were curtailed by injury and clouded by controversy and the 26-year-old found himself without a team when the Redskins released him March 7.

The Browns, who tried unsuccessfully to trade so they could draft him in 2012, are giving him another shot.

"I'm just excited to come in and compete," Griffin said. "Nothing's ever been given to me in my life, so I just want to go out and compete with the guys and grow with this team. I feel like that's all I'm really focused on. I cherish the opportunity to get another chance to play this beautiful game."

He's been given no promises by the Browns, who have the No. 2 overall pick in this year's draft and are expected to take a quarterback — presumably California's Jared Goff or North Dakota State's Carson Wentz. As the team was completing its deal with Griffin, new coach Hue Jackson attended Wentz's pro day workout in North Dakota along with offensive assistant Pep Hamilton.

Griffin, who didn't play a single snap and was demoted to third-string last season, isn't opposed to the Browns drafting another quarterback.

"I'll take the guy under my wing," he said during a conference call. "I'm real excited about that. I'm considered a vet now after four years in the league, and I've been through a lot more than a lot of guys go through their entire career. ... I can help a young guy. But that's not my focus. I don't pick players."

Jackson has spent much of his coaching career grooming quarterbacks. He met with Griffin last week and was impressed by his candor and humility.

"He brings starting experience to our team and organization," Jackson said. "He's a young, athletic, talented passer and he's really just starting out in this league. Just like every player on our team, Robert will have to earn every opportunity he gets."

Cleveland has started 24 quarterbacks since 1999, but few of them have the resume — or talent — to match Griffin.

The Browns recently released troubled quarterback Johnny Manziel, once considered the team's savior. They also have quarterbacks Josh McCown and Austin Davis under contract. But, as is always the case with that position in Cleveland, nothing stands still.

After leading the Redskins to the NFC East title as a rookie, Griffin, who had become one of America's most celebrated athletes, began a striking fall from grace. He seriously injured to his right knee in the playoffs and needed reconstructive surgery. His next two seasons were filled with squabbles with coaches and little else.

Griffin spent last season watching from the sideline, where he learned more about life than anything he could find in a playbook. He set out to restore his name — and image — with the hope there would be a next chance.

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MIKE SCHMIDT

Associated Press

Emotion OK on field, just don't cross the line

The subject of major league players having the freedom to let it go and express themselves emotionally on the field came up in our coaches' locker room this spring. Understand, nearly all of us are old school, having played in a time when even the slightest out of character display was construed as showing up the opponent.

We all came through an era where respect for the opposition and a high level of decorum was normal. None of us ever knew any different. We emulated those who preceded us, guys like Lou Gehrig, Hank Aaron, Stan Musial, Al Kaline and Mickey Mantle. From my era, it's easy: Johnny Bench, Steve Garvey, Dale Murphy, George Brett, Robin Yount and Cal Ripken.

It's easier to name a few exceptions — Ty Cobb from way back comes to mind. My era had a few. Pascual Perez, who pitched for the Braves, was hated because of his antics on the mound. Al Hrabosky, aka "The Mad Hungarian," had his post-warmup ritual that drew attention. And remember Willie Montanez, he made every play with an added showboat touch.

If you watched the great Roberto Clemente, you'd see a flair for stylish play. The most intimidating and emotionally gifted player ever probably was Pete Rose. No player ever incited the opponent and ignited his team more.

Why do so many players today feel the need to embellish their success with some sort of hand signal to the dugout? What got more attention in last year's postseason than a bat toss by Jose Bautista? Pointing to the sky is child's play compared to that moment in the postseason on national TV. A flagrant disrespect of the opponent like that would have gotten somebody hurt back in the day.

The Expos had a player named Ellis Valentine in the '80s. Great talent, power, speed, maybe the best throwing arm I've ever seen. We were acquaintances from competing over the years, so I considered him someone with whom I could speak. One day early in his career, at Olympic Stadium, he hit a home run and proceeded to trot around the bases as slowly as humanly possible. The trot included a little Reggie Jackson touch, he held nothing back.

Later, in the game, he was on third base and I couldn't resist saying, "I guess you're not planning on hitting many home runs, trots like that are for guys who don't."

As for me, the most emotion I ever displayed on the field was a little running in place out of the box on my 500th home run. My home run trots were over quickly and without fanfare. I hit a lot of them and couldn't afford to draw extra attention. I wasn't stupid, last thing I wanted was to disrespect any pitcher.

That's the problem with these on-field displays, it shows a lack of respect for your opponent and the history of the game. But today there is a faction of players that say damn respect — that guy on the mound gestures to the dugout when he strikes me out, so why can't I flip my bat on a home run? That's a good point, I guess it does go both ways. But who wouldn't agree Bautista crossed the line?

Today more pitchers, like hitters, are letting emotion loose. But where is the line and what or who determines crossing it and the penalty? The players used to settle issues themselves. Cross the line and someone had to pay. Nearly always the players got it right and settled it themselves. Umpires are now the baseball police, which has made the game safer but also softer.

Baseball isn't football or hockey, where every play is about physical contact, basically a fight. You fight the opponent the entire game, so what's the big deal about disrespecting him, he'll do the same to you. Baseball is not a physical sport, especially now with new rules prohibiting contact at home and second base.

Baseball demands a certain level of dignity toward the opponent. It's part of its charm. Sure, you have to be tough and stand up for yourself, but only when the line is crossed. I've been there, I've charged the mound, I've been in several brawls, they aren't fun.

So what are today's players asking? They say why can't baseball be like football, basketball, and hockey, where emotion on the field brings the fans more into it. Why can't they spice up their uniforms with Day-Glo accessories, or wear company logos, or use crazy-colored gloves and bats? Actually, last I looked, they do all of these.

It sells licensed products, but it also is the sign of the times. They are free to display their passion and emotion with certain boundaries, and many do. But let it be noted, there are still those who subscribe to the notion of respect, so be mindful. The game is hard, very hard, and being disliked by the opponent makes it even harder.

Mannix gets first win as a Bulldog

By Christopher Hadorn
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Midland High junior McLane Mannix was the fastest man at Thursday's Tall City Invitational Track Meet at Memorial Stadium.

Mannix ran a 11.13 to win the Division I 100 meters, edging teammate Noah Marquez (11.16) for gold.

"I've been putting in a lot of hard work over the last four weeks," Mannix said. "I have been training with a guy from Odessa. I finally got (my season best time) and that's what I have been hoping for."

It was Mannix's first varsity win as a member of the Midland High track team. Mannix transferred to MHS following the winter break after starring as a track and field athlete and football player for Midland Christian.

"I have a lot of friends here," Mannix said. "I just wanted a change. I have been going to Midland Christian since sixth grade so I just wanted a change and I liked it over here.

"I like (MHS) a lot," Mannix said. "I can't wait to see what we do in district. In football, I can't wait."

On March 13, Mannix was clocked by lasers at 4.49 in the 40-yard dash at the Nike Opening Regionals in Dallas.

The highly sought after football recruit is a busy teenager, as he plans to visit Tulane on April 2 for a junior day.

Lee's Ruiz wins 300 hurdles

Lee senior Kristian Ruiz won the Division I girls 300-meter hurdles with a first-place time of 47.06, a little over a half second faster than runner-up Jacelyn Garrett of Abilene Cooper (47.69).

Rebels head coach Mike Connelly says that Ruiz embodies the hard work ethic of his girls team and that she is a team leader.

Ives wins jumping event

Andrews' Sarah Ives won both the long jump (17-11) and the triple jump (35-5) in the Division II competition.

Ives placed fifth in the long jump during the UIL Class 4A State Track and Field Championships in 2015.

MHS sweeps 3,200 races

Midland High long-distance runners Chad Schmidt and Kandus Box were on the opposite ends of the spectrum heading into their 3,200 meter runs during Thursday's Tall City Invitational Track Meet at Memorial Stadium.

Schmidt, a senior, was racing for his final time in his hometown, while Box, a freshman, was making her Tall City debut. The end result was the same for the two as both won their respective 3,200 meter races.

Schmidt finished strong with a time of 10:07.5 to beat teammate and runner-up Ruben Guerra in the Division I boys 3,200.

It was an impressive win for Schmidt considering he spent the majority of the race stuck in pack behind Guerra and teammate Cade Michael, a fourth-place finisher.

"I've never been able to win at this meet before, just to be able to do it my senior year is something special to be able to come out and be able to compete out in front of the home fans," said Michael, who will compete at St. Edward's in Austin next year.

"I just tried to stay relaxed and kind of let the pace work itself out. It was a really slow pack compared to other races that I've ran in and I know that I have the finishing speed to race well like that. I just stayed relaxed and kept slightly moving up until I knew it was time to go."

Meanwhile, Box won her first-career varsity race in the Division I girls 3,200 with a time of 12:14.3.

"It feels great," Box said. "It's good experience. It's my first time (winning at the varsity level). I've never felt it before."

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second-fastest time in the state according to athletic.net.

"We kind of got spoiled with that — 1:53, every coach would be just loving it," Ochoa said. "Expectations are so high from him. You get used to him running, him just wanting to break it and get down to 1:50."

Since running 1:51.67 at the West Texas Relays in early March, Hoppel said his competitors have been approaching him before his races and are in awe of meeting him because of his gaudy 1:51 mark.

"I try not to get too big headed and be humble about it," Hoppel said.

The University of Kansas signee still has two meets at San Angelo and Carlsbad, New Mexico, to achieve his immediate goal of a sub-1:50 time before the District 3-6A Championships take place, April 14-15 at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

"Times are definitely changing," Hoppel said. "I have set a lot higher goals for myself. I am really shooting for that 1:49, I am not really happy with anything other than that."

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TALL CITY INVITATIONAL RESULTS

Note: Results are incomplete because events were still running at press time. Full results can be seen at mrt.com.

Tall City Invitational Track Meet
At Memorial Stadium
Thursday
Boys
Division I

800 — 1. Bryce Hoppel, MHS, 1:53.79; 2. Gregory Nelson, Permian, 1:58.88; 3. Jr Bejarando, Odessa High, 1:59.02; 4. Sergio Lara, Plainview, 2:01.2; 5. Jacob Brownfield, Lubbock High, 2:03.44; 6. Timothy Wimberly, Odessa High, 2:03.64

3,200 — 1. Chad Schmidt, MHS, 10:07.5; 2. Ruben Guerra, MHS, 10:10.3; 3. Aaron Ramirez, Odessa High, 10:13.0; 4. Cade Michael, MHS, 10:17.3; 5. K.C. Hart, Lubbock Cooper, 10:22.9; 6. Cristian Esquivel, SA Central, 10:31.4

300 hurdles — 1. Aaron Anderson, Abilene Cooper, 38.94; 2. Denim Rogers, Lee, 39.35; 3. Jordan Lacy, Lubbock Monterey, 40.87; 4. Branson Smith, Lubbock Coronado, 41.05; 5. Christopher Meachem, Lubbock High, 41.15; 6. Damian Hernandez, Odessa High, 41.47

800 relay — 1. Odessa Permian 1:29.10; 2. MHS (Robie McCallister, McLane Mannix, Noah Marquez, Julelon Bowers) 1:29.36; 3. Lee (Conner Friel, Denim Rogers, Avery Akbar, Isaiah Terrell) 1:30.17; 4. Lubbock Monterey 1:31.23; 5. Lubbock Coronado 1:31.36; 6. Lubbock Cooper 1:32.40

High jump — 1. Tiyosahi Hopes, Abilene Cooper, 6—4; 2. Denim Rogers, Lee, 6—4; 3. Jordan Lacy, Lubbock Monterey, 6—2; 4. Bryson Deberry, Plainview, 6—2; 5. Andrew Simmacher, Lubbock Cooper, 6—0; 6. Collin McDonald, SA Central, 6—0

Long jump — 1. Dexter Neboh, Permian, 21—8; 2. Denim Rogers, Lee, 20—8.50; 3. Tiyoshi Hopes, Abilene Cooper, 20—6.75; 4. Garrett Jenkins, Lubbock Cooper, 20—6.50; 5. Josh Moore, Lubbock Cooper, 20—5.50; 6. Jaden Coates, SA Central, 19—8

Discus — 1. Jesus Olivarez, Permian, 152—0; 2. Michael Marsh, Lee, 149—7; 3. Chase Reed, Lubbock Coronado, 149—1; 4. Roy Abarono, Plainview, 145—6; 5. Dillon Springer, MHS, 145—3; 6. Tyree Johnson, Lubbock High, 141—11

Shot put — 1. Emoree Giddens, Lubbock Coronado, 49—7.50; 2. Cameron Cross, SA Central, 49—5; 3. Michael Marsh, Lee, 49—2; 4. Jesus Olivares, Permian, 49—1; 5. Alexander Zapata, Lubbock Cooper, 47—0; 6. Paxton Helwig, MHS, 46—3

Division II

3,200 — 1. Alvaro Hernandez, Andrews, 10:16.6; 2. Jackson Pirrone, Trinity, 10:17.1; 3. Cooper Miller, Big Spring, 10:20.0; 4. Eric Stinson, Big Spring, 10:47.1; 5. Toby Kirk, Andrews, 11:04.9; 6. Jon Michael Hernandez, Abilene Wylie, 11:25.8

400 relay — 1. Big Spring (Daniel Luna, Jonathan Gonzalez, Alec Espinosa, Leon Mathews) 43.60; 2. Abilene Wylie 43.61; 3. Lubbock Estacado 43.86; 4. Sweetwater 44.47; 5. Andrews (Adrian Gallegos, Oscar Bueno, Michael Jimenez, Keegan Thompson) 44.96; 6. Snyder 45.28

Discus — 1. Braden Darrow, Abilene Wylie, 141—0; 2. Jake Taylor, Abilene Wylie, 139—5; 3. Esteban Lopez, Andrews, 137—3; 4. Jack Clinton, Abilene Wylie, 131—3; 5. Jacob Miechter, Andrews, 130—1; 6. Gabriel Salazar, Sweetwater, 125—0

Division III

400 relay — 1. Garden City 44.57; 2. Frenship 44.92; 3. Abilene Cooper 45.49; 4. SA Central 45.72; 5. Big Spring 45.78; 6. Odessa High 45.89

3,200 — 1. Cerithor Ellis, Abilene Wylie, 10:56.4; 2. Luis Martinez, SA Central, 10:58.4; 3. Juan Lugo, Big Spring, 11:01.8; 4. Alan Castano, SA Central, 11:15.5; 5. Manuel Marquez, Big Spring, 11:27.5; 6. Chance Williams, Big Spring, 11:33.3

Girls
Division I

400 — 1. Bailey Kinney, SA Central, 1:01.33; 2. Keaton Fricker, MHS, 1:03.34; 3. Lauren Irish, Lubbock Cooper, 1:03.95; 4. Holly Wilson, Lubbock Cooper, 1:04.37; 5. Da'Necia Black, Odessa Permian, 1:04.41; 6. Mackenzie White, Midland High, 1:05.36

3,200 — 1. Kandus Box, MHS, 12:14.3; 2. Mellennie Herrera, Permian, 12:35.6; 3. Rebekah Moseley, Lubbock Cooper, 12:38.0; 4. Rachel Westerman, Frenship, 12:38.9; 5. Tiffany Cox, Abilene Cooper, 12:40.0; 6. Ana Marie Juarez, Permian, 13:11.0

300 hurdles — 1. Kristian Ruiz, Lee, 47.06; 2. Jacelyn Garrett, Abilene Cooper, 47.69; 3. Marissa Mirabal, Frenship, 47.87; 4. Rhianna Jones, Permian, 48.87; 5. Cheyenne Rinehart, Lee, 48.88; 6. Bailey Crouse, MHS, 49.04

400 relay — 1. Frenship 49.27; 2. MHS (Stormi Lee, Bailey Crouse, Jasmine McCalister, Ashlynn Dominguez) 49.94; 3. Permian 50.48; 4. Plainview 50.93; 5. Lubbock Monterey 50.97; 6. Abilene Cooper 51.24

800 relay — 1. Lee (Alexus Bateman, Chelsea Adams, Hillary Johnson, Kristian Ruiz) 1:45.63; 2. Permian 1:46.09; 3. MHS (Keaton Fricker, Stormi Lee, Jasmine McCalister, Ashlynn Dominguez) 1:46.64; 4. Lubbock Cooper 1:47.46; 5. Odessa High 1:49.28; 6. Plainview 1:51.03

High jump — 1. Alior Maywin, Permian, 5—6; 2. Hollie Windham, Lubbock Cooper, 5—4; 3. Cassandra Awati, Frenship, 5—4; 4. (tie) Makenna Martinez, SA Central, 5—2; Kaylee Wilson, Lubbock Cooper, 5—2; 6. Kristian Ruiz, Lee, 5—0

Triple jump — 1. Alior Maywin, Permian, 34—4.25; 2. Cassandra Awati, Frenship, 34—3; 3. Ireland Atwood, Lee, 33—1; 4. Kainaja Walton, Odessa High, 32—3.50; 5. Ashley Rackley, Lee, 32—3.25; 6. Alayisha Green, Lee, 30—8.50

Pole vault — 1. Sarah Gallaher, SA Central, 9—6; 2. Sarah Tacklit, Frenship, 9—0; 3. Tiffany Sanders, Lubbock Cooper, 8—0; 4. Ally Arnold, SA Central, 8—6; 5. Bailey Kretschmar, Frenship, 8—6; 6. Natalia Aguirre, Odessa High, 8—0

Shot put — 1. Megan Hartline, Frenship, 29—4.25; 2. Braylyn Dollar, Monterey, 36—4.50; 3. Caleyha Brown, Permian, 33—3.75; 4. Dakota Langston, Lee, 33—0.75; 5. Hannah Tyson, Frenship, 33—0.50; 6. Hattie Green, Odessa High, 32—6.50

Discus — 1. Braylyn Dollar, Lubbock Monterey, 126—5; 2. Taylor Vuelvas, Permian, 118—11; 3. Caleyha Brown, Permian, 117—10; 4. Mya Davis, Plainview, 111—0; 5. Ty—Tiana Roberts, Lubbock Monterey, 107—0; 6. Azaiyah Rowell, Lubbock Cooper, 97—9

Division II

3,200 — 1. Hanna Sanchez, Abilene Wylie, 11:34.8; 2. Catherine Lopez, Andrews, 12:37; 3. Haiven Rushing, Big Spring, 12:58.2; 4. Hannah Travis, Andrews, 12:58.8; 5. Chloe Bustamante, Big Spring, 13:12.2; 6. Tamara Levens, Abilene Wylie 13:57.3

400 relay — 1. Lubbock Estacado 50.80; 2. Big Spring 51.20; 3. Abilene Wylie 51.60; 4. Snyder 52.22; 5. Andrews 52.31

High jump — 1. Madison Garcia, Abilene Wylie, 5—0; 2. Myranda Bejarano, Andrews, 4—10; 3. Elizabeth Bean, Andrews, 4—10

Triple jump — 1. Sarah Ives, Andrews, 35—5; 2. Kaitlyn Mathews, Big Spring, 33—5.75; 3. Janyjanelle Hendrick, Lubbock Estacado, 33—0.25; 4. Raeanna Johnson, Andrews, 32—8.75; 5. Kur'Jell Childress, Lubbock Estacado, 32—1.25; 6. Madison Latham, Abilene Wylie, 30—8.25

Pole vault — 1. Suzie Orson, Andrews, 8—6; 2. Kylee Kirk, Abilene Wylie, 8—0

Shot put — 1. Faith Ragland, Andrews, 32—3; 2. Melanie Morin, Andrews, 31—2; 3. Keila Yanez, Big Spring, 29—5; 4. Kiana Davis, Lubbock Estacado, 27—8.25; 5. Deandra Lujan, Andrews, 27—8; 6. Danielle Conner, Big Spring, 26—4.50

Division III

3,200 — 1. Shelby Schmidt, MHS, 13:13.7; 2. Kelsey Houghton, Odessa High, 13:28.4; 3. De-Woody Taylor, Trinity, 13:30.3; 4. Ravae Garcia, SA Central, 13:38.4; 5. Rylan Lewis, Lubbock Cooper, 13:36.8; 6. Marisol Reyes, MHS, 13:38.6

400 relay — 1. Lee 52.66; 2. SA Central 52.88; 3. Permian 53.34; 4. Frenship 53.44; 5. Abilene Cooper 53.94; 6. Odessa High 53.95

MCBASEBALLCAPSULE

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MIDLAND COLLEGE AT LUNA CC

When/where: Doubleheaders of seven and nine innings beginning at noon today and Saturday, Las Vegas, N.M.

Records: Midland College 12-11, 6-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Luna Community College 8-18, 3-5

Last WJCAC series: Midland College 2, Howard College 2; Luna Community College 2, Odessa College 2

Notes & quotes: Midland College will go on their first long road trip of the WJCAC season to play a team that can be tough at home. Luna opened some eyes last weekend with its four-game split against Odessa College. "They're fairly talented at key positions and they got some talent on the mound, so we're going to have to be ready to play," MC coach David Coleman said. "We've got another tough weekend on the road in conference, so hopefully we can play tough and win a series." ... The Chaps are coming off a four-game split against Howard College last weekend and also won a 13-12 non-conference game against the Hawks on Wednesday. Coleman said his team has played well at times and not so well in other times. "We're trying to figure out who we are every day," he said. "The ability is not the question because I think we're talented. We've got to be able to have mental focus and preparation to be able to handle a game." ... MC will go with LHP Tucker Davidson and RHP Brady Moxham starting on the mound, respectively, in the first two games today, while RHP Zach Murphy and RHP Brock Barger will start the final two games on Saturday.

Next: Midland College at New Mexico JC, 3 p.m. Wednesday

2016 WJCAC Baseball Standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa College	6	2	15	9
New Mexico JC	6	2	16	10
Midland College	6	2	12	11
Clarendon College	5	3	15	10
Howard College	5	3	14	13
New Mexico Military	5	3	11	17
Luna CC	3	5	8	18
Western Texas	2	6	4	19
Frank Phillips	1	7	6	18
El Paso CC	1	7	4	23

This weekend's series
Howard College at Luna Community College; Odessa College at New Mexico Military Institute; Howard College at Clarendon College; El Paso Community College at Howard College; Frank Phillips College at Western Texas College

MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Toronto	15	4	.789
Houston	14	8	.636
Detroit	14	9	.609
Los Angeles	12	8	.600
Chicago	12	9	.571
Texas	13	10	.565
Minnesota	12	10	.545
Oakland	10	9	.526
Tampa Bay	10	9	.526
Cleveland	11	10	.524
Seattle	11	12	.478
New York	9	11	.450
Boston	10	13	.435
Kansas City	11	15	.423
Baltimore	6	14	.300

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Arizona	19	4	.826
Washington	15	4	.789
Philadelphia	14	7	.667
Colorado	10	9	.526
Milwaukee	11	10	.524
Los Angeles	10	10	.500
St. Louis	8	11	.421
Miami	8	12	.400
Cincinnati	9	14	.391
San Francisco	9	15	.375
Chicago	8	14	.364
New York	7	13	.350
Pittsburgh	7	14	.333
San Diego	7	14	.333
Atlanta	6	16	.273

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Scores and schedule

Thursday's Scores

Boston 4, N.Y. Mets (ss) 1
Washington 8, St. Louis 2
Baltimore 8, Pittsburgh 5
Minnesota 6, Miami 4
Toronto 6, Detroit 4
Houston 8, N.Y. Mets (ss) 5
Texas (ss) 12, Cincinnati 5
Milwaukee 9, Kansas City 2
L.A. Angels 6, Chicago White Sox 5
Seattle 10, Colorado 6
Arizona 9, San Diego 8
Atlanta 0, Philadelphia 0, tie, 3 innings
Tampa Bay 6, N.Y. Yankees 2, 8 innings
Chicago Cubs 16, San Francisco 14
Texas (ss) vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., late
L.A. Dodgers vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., late

Today's Games

Houston vs. Atlanta (ss) at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Atlanta (ss) vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:10 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. San Francisco (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 5:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 5:35 p.m.
Washington vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (ss) vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 8:05 p.m.

Leading drivers unhappy at F1 leadership

By Jerome Pugmire
Associated Press

PARIS — Just one race into the new Formula One season and unhappy drivers are calling the series' decision-making "obsolete and ill-structured" and calling for a "restructuring" of its governance.

A rushed decision to change the rules of qualifying, and then subsequently scrap those changes after the season-opening Australian Grand Prix last weekend, showed how much F1 is riddled with confusion and uncertainty as it tries to regain popularity. That was further underlined in another volte-face on Thursday when F1 boss Bernie Ecclestone said the unpopular new qualifying format will remain in place — temporarily — at the Bahrain GP next week.

This comes after four-time champion Sebastian Vettel — a critic of the new qualifying format which underwhelmed spectators and frustrated drivers in Melbourne — joined former champ Jenson Button in demanding better leadership. Both signed an open letter on behalf of the Grand Prix Drivers' Association (GPDA), along with its chairman Alex Wurz, to express their discontent.

"The drivers have come to the conclusion that the decision-making process in the sport is obsolete and ill-structured and prevents progress being made," the GPDA said. "We feel that some recent rule changes - on both the sporting and technical side, and including some business directions - are disruptive, do not address the bigger issues our sport is facing, and in some cases could jeopardize its future success."

Changes to qualifying proved instantly unpopular.

The three qualifying periods remained in place, but instead of having the slowest drivers eliminated at the end of each session, they were dropped one by one every minute and a half.

The last session, Q3, saw the first of the eight remaining drivers eliminated after five minutes until two cars were left for the final minute and a half.

Or at least, that was the plan. But in Melbourne, cars stayed in the garage way before the finish of Q3 and the exciting finale never materialized.

As a consequence, the series rule-makers — F1 stakeholders led by Ecclestone in conjunction with governing body FIA — were embarrassingly forced to make a U-turn.

But following an F1 strategy group meeting on Thursday, the decision was taken to temporarily stay with the new rules.

"They're going to do what I proposed, which is leave things as they are for this race (in Bahrain)," Ecclestone was quoted as saying on motorsport website Autosport. "We will then have a good look and decide whether what was done was the right thing to do, the wrong thing to do, does it need modifying, does it need scrapping? This was an FIA idea in the first place, so I've said to them we'll support whatever they think is the right thing to do."

TODAY: Sunny High: 80 Low:45

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 82 Low: 44

EASTER SUNDAY: Sunny High: 68 Low: 44

MONDAY: Sunny High: 77 Low: 53

TUESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 82 Low: 57

WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 80 Low: 62

Local forecast

The National Weather Service expects windy conditions today, tonight and Saturday night with winds gusting as high as 30 mph. Also, there is no rain in the seven-day forecast.

The record high for March 24 is 91 set in 1988 and 2012. The record low is 24 set in 2006. On March 24 of last year, the high was 84 and the low was 56.

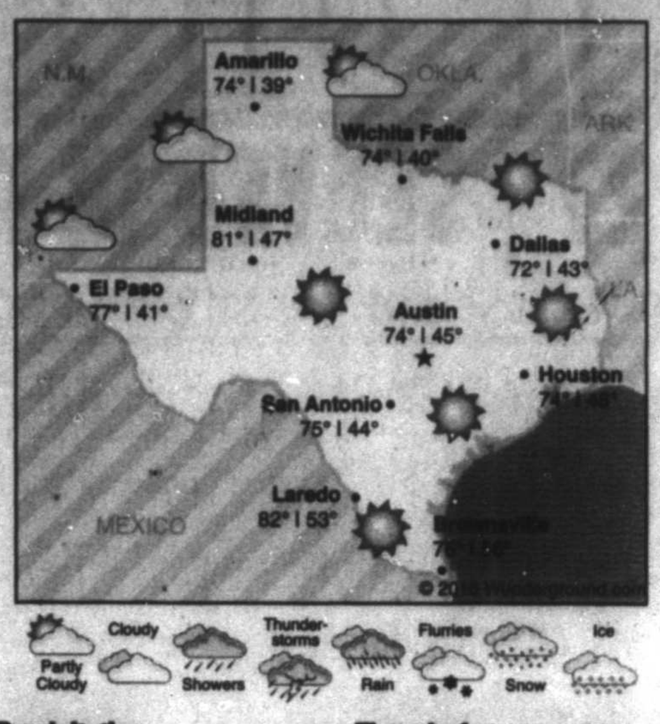
Weather brief

WISCONSIN

Severe weather sweeps through Midwest as Denver digs out

MADISON — Heavy snow, hail and strong winds moved across the Midwest on Thursday as states farther west began digging out of the spring blizzard that shut down the Denver airport, closed hundreds of miles of roads and left cars stranded along highways on the Plains.

The blizzard buried parts of Iowa, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin as it crawled east, leaving up to a foot of snow in some areas and prompting officials to issue travel warnings and cancel school.

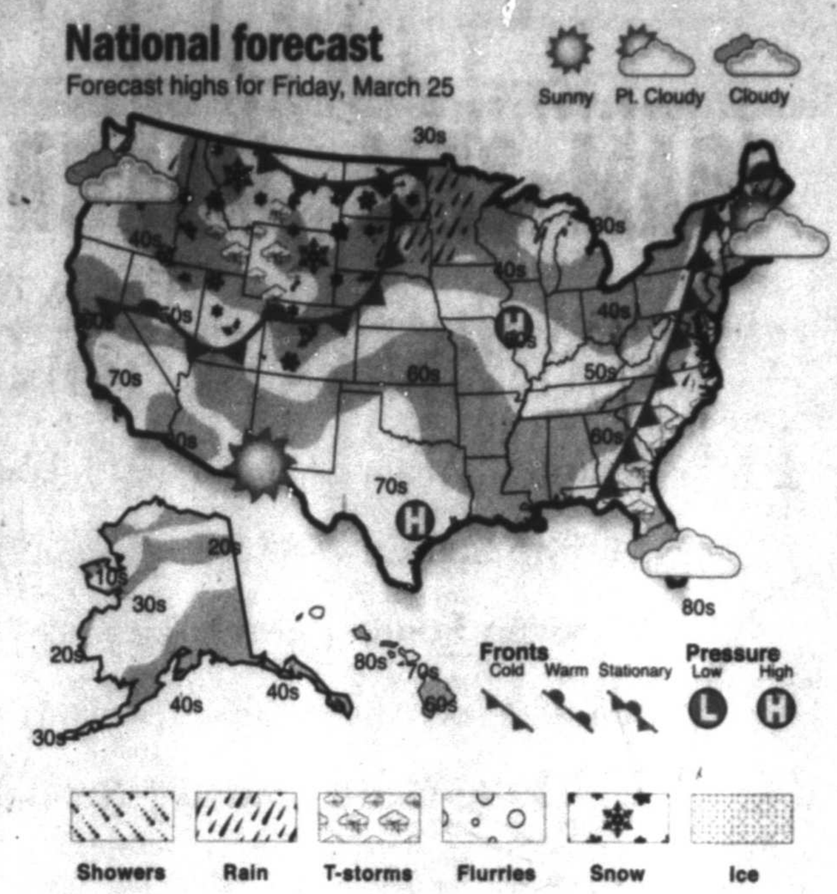


Precipitation	
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Thursday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.34 in.
Year total	0.82 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.73 in.

Thursday's temperatures	
High	65
Low	36
Normal high	73
Normal low	43
Sunrise	7:45 a.m.
Sunset	8:04 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Friday, March 25



Wife's weight loss draws looks from wrong direction

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'm 39 and have been married for nine years. Three years into our marriage I got sick and lost a lot of weight. I now turn heads everywhere I go. All except the head I want to turn — my husband's.

He drives a truck and all he does is talk to and sext larger, unattractive older women. He has gone to counseling and 12-step meetings, and I've told him to get out numerous times. Nothing has helped.

I'm now getting to the point that I feel I can work again. Is it wrong for me to be making an exit plan for when my son from a previous marriage turns 18? — TURNS THE WRONG HEADS

DEAR TURNS: If I told you it was wrong, would you stop doing it and remain in an unhappy marriage? I doubt it. If your husband is attracted to other women and acting on it, you should absolutely prepare yourself for the day you declare your independence.

It's far more sensible than being unprepared.

DEAR ABBY: My brother got married a year ago after dating for less than a year. His wife started calling my parents Mom and Dad from the get-go. I didn't realize how much it would bother me, but it does and, frankly, I resent her for it.

I'm very close to my parents, and I view our bond as sacred. To me, Mom and Dad aren't names you use lightly, to be cute or as a term of endearment. The relationship is earned and unique.

I would never think of calling my husband's parents Mom and Dad, and I don't feel that I'm offending them by not doing so. Is there a proper way to discuss this with my brother and sister-in-law without hurting feelings or creating tension? — ANNOYED SISTER-IN-LAW

DEAR ANNOYED: Calm down and curb the attitude, because if you say anything you will appear to be jealous and petty. What your sister-in-law is doing is very common.

Regardless of what she calls your parents, you are still their daughter, and she is not. If they didn't like her calling them Mom and Dad, I'm sure they would let her know they preferred she choose something else.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with a really great guy for five years. He is wonderful to my son and treats him as his own.

The problem is, I don't think I am capable of truly being in love with anyone. I care deeply about him — as much as I am capable of loving.

My question is, would it be unfair to him if I agree to marry him knowing he loves me more than I love him? — TO MARRY OR NOT TO MARRY

DEAR T.M. OR N.T.M.: I'm not sure many couples love each other equally. More often one loves the other more. If you think you can be a good wife to this man, then marry him.

Obviously, you have a high degree of compatibility, or he wouldn't be considering marriage to you.

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 Friday, March 25, 2016:

This year you have the wisdom and ability to understand both sides of a conflict, even if you agree more with one side of the issue than the other. For the sake of keeping the peace, you are likely to agree with all parties involved. If you are single, after summer, you enter a period where you are likely to meet someone very special. You might be surprised by how well the two of you click. If you are attached, you will learn to minimize hot discussions between you and your sweetie. You will enjoy many cozy moments together if you prioritize your concerns. SCORPIO bottom-lines issues.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Schedule your meetings early on, but know that important one-on-one conversations will be more successful later in the day. You might witness a reversal involving someone at a distance. Don't worry so much about a tendency to go overboard. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Focus on a partner who has been somewhat resistant to being as fun-loving as you might like. Consider what is at the base of this coldness. Let go of it as soon as possible. Treat this person as if today were the first day of the rest of your life. Tonight: Go with a suggestion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ In the morning, settling into hard work might not be easy unless you are involved with some type of activity that involves using your imagination. Later in the afternoon, you'll want to dive into a heavy project. Be less concerned with time constraints. Tonight: Get some fresh air.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Touch base with family, schedule important appointments and don't get hung up on details. By midafternoon, you'll lighten up. A friend will touch base, or perhaps you'll decide on a particular set of fun plans. Tonight: Let someone think that he or she is calling the shots.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Extremes mark the next few days. Someone very close to you might feel less than great. In fact, this person could be somewhat depressed. Your optimism shines through no matter what you do or say. You have a way of warming up this individual. Tonight: Lighten up the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Pressure builds around a family matter. The other people involved might not want to chat or share what is happening with them. If you take the time to open up and listen more, you'll understand where they have been coming from. Tonight: Close to home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Use the morning for important matters. In the afternoon, it might be difficult not to be self-indulgent. Make sure you can afford that path before you decide to head down it. Your instincts are right-on. Tonight: Spend time with someone whom you can confide in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You'll perk up later in the day. Once you recharge your batteries, you'll feel much better. If you can, take the morning off, or make plans where you are not dependent on others. You might be in an off mood, or others might. Prevent a problem before it happens. Tonight: All smiles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You might see a distinct difference in your mood as well as in others'. In the morning, you will be focused on conversations and on making plans. Your sensitivity peaks by midafternoon, and your mood seems to spiral downward from there. Tonight: As you like it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You might be tossed into the limelight in the morning. Others count on your leadership abilities. You could be forced to accept more responsibility. Think before you leap; decide if it is worth it. By midafternoon, you'll greet success! Tonight: Happiest out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Continue taking an overview. You might not like what you see, but you have little choice. Do some needed research in the morning, when it is quieter. You will need more facts by the afternoon, when you'll be tossed into the limelight. Tonight: Like it or not, all eyes turn to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Honor a fast change, and know full well where you are heading. A situation could become difficult if you question an older friend or relative too much. Do not be surprised by the tension that builds between you and a higher-up. Tonight: Get out of town if possible.

BORN TODAY

Singer Aretha Franklin (1942), figure skater Debi Thomas (1967), singer/songwriter Elton John (1947)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Looks easy

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ Q 7 5
♡ 9 4 2
♢ 6 4 2
♣ K Q 7 6

WEST
♠ 9 3
♡ K Q J 3
♢ Q 10 3
♣ 10 8 4 3

EAST
♠ 8 6 2
♡ A 10 8 7 6
♢ J 9
♣ A J 2

SOUTH
♠ A K J 10 4
♡ 5
♢ A K 8 7 5
♣ 9 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♠	All pass		

Opening lead: King of ♢

South's leap to game is the normal aggressive action when you have a good two-suited hand and you find a fit.

Declarer ruffed the second heart lead by West and took some time to plan the play. The contract looked like an easy one at first, but there was hidden danger. Assuming the spades and the diamonds both split 3-2, South couldn't just draw the trumps and concede a diamond. The defense would lead another heart, forcing out his last trump before he had secured a club trick. When he eventually led a club to the king, the defense would win and cash a long heart.

South found a solution to this problem by leading a club to dummy's king at trick three. East won and reverted to hearts. Declarer ruffed the heart and led a low diamond from his hand, losing to East's nine. It didn't matter what East played at this point, but he chose to lead a fourth round of hearts. South discarded from his hand and ruffed on the table with the queen of spades. It was now a simple matter to draw the trumps and cash his high club and the established diamonds.

Hands like this will leave many a declarer scratching his head at the end, asking himself "What happened?" as the opponents cash their fourth defensive trick.

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ACROSS

1 "Dancing With the Stars" network
6 Early sign of spring
11 Big, uncouth guy
14 Flap
15 Now
16 King of ancient Rome
17 Songs without words?
19 Celebrity known for wearing gold jewelry
20 Like
21 Check for a poker player?
22 Corner of a diamond
23 Place name derived from a Koyukon word for "tail"
25 Touch
27 Earthquake consequence?
31 Span. title
34 Pasta sauce flavoring
35 Jane __, only female Chicago mayor
36 Strong flavor
38 Dog or fox
40 One looking ahead
41 Autobahn autos
43 Dreaded mosquito
45 Mercedes roadsters
46 House cat's challenge?
49 Supplements
50 Date night destination
54 Corporate money mgrs.
55 Hustler's genre
59 Dollar alternative
60 Pop __
61 Money-making fiasco?
63 Important time
64 Leader of the pack?
65 Main artery
66 __ Taco
67 Manage
68 Solid that, when divided into three parts, describes this puzzle's theme

DOWN

1 Sportscaster Rashad
2 Capital on its own river
3 "__ Thro' the Rye": Burns
4 Kin, informally
5 Soccer practice transport
6 Sphere opening
7 Lynda Bird's married name
8 Auteur's starting point
9 Stock-tracking device
10 Part of PBS: Abbr.
11 Current-carrying components
12 Staff
13 Substances that add protein to meat
18 Pioneer mainframe
22 Depth indicators, at times
24 Court ploy
26 Texter's "Gimme a sec"
28 Son of Abraham
29 Levi's Stadium player, familiarly
30 Skate
31 Stood
32 In quick succession
33 Like some speech components
37 "Cagney & Lacey" co-star
39 Church VIP
42 Rest
44 Govt. stipend provider
47 "Fat chance"
48 Charm
51 "If __ Would Leave You"
52 Perfume applications
53 State in northeast India
56 How ties may be broken, briefly
57 Re-entry need
58 Word in many place names
61 Stir-fry additive
62 Opening

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

B	A	B	A		S	T	A	D	T		S	O	D	A
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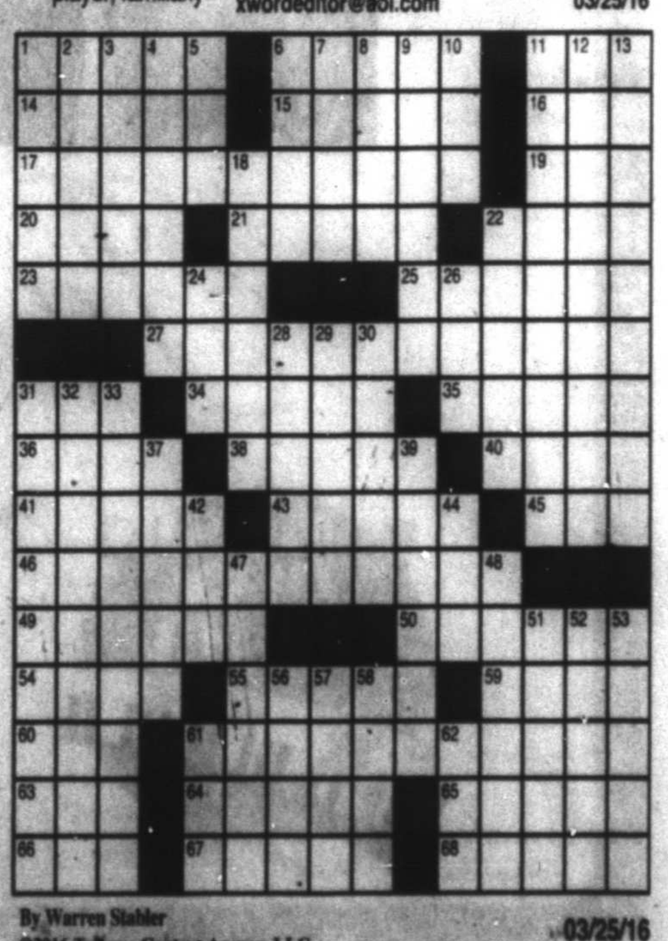

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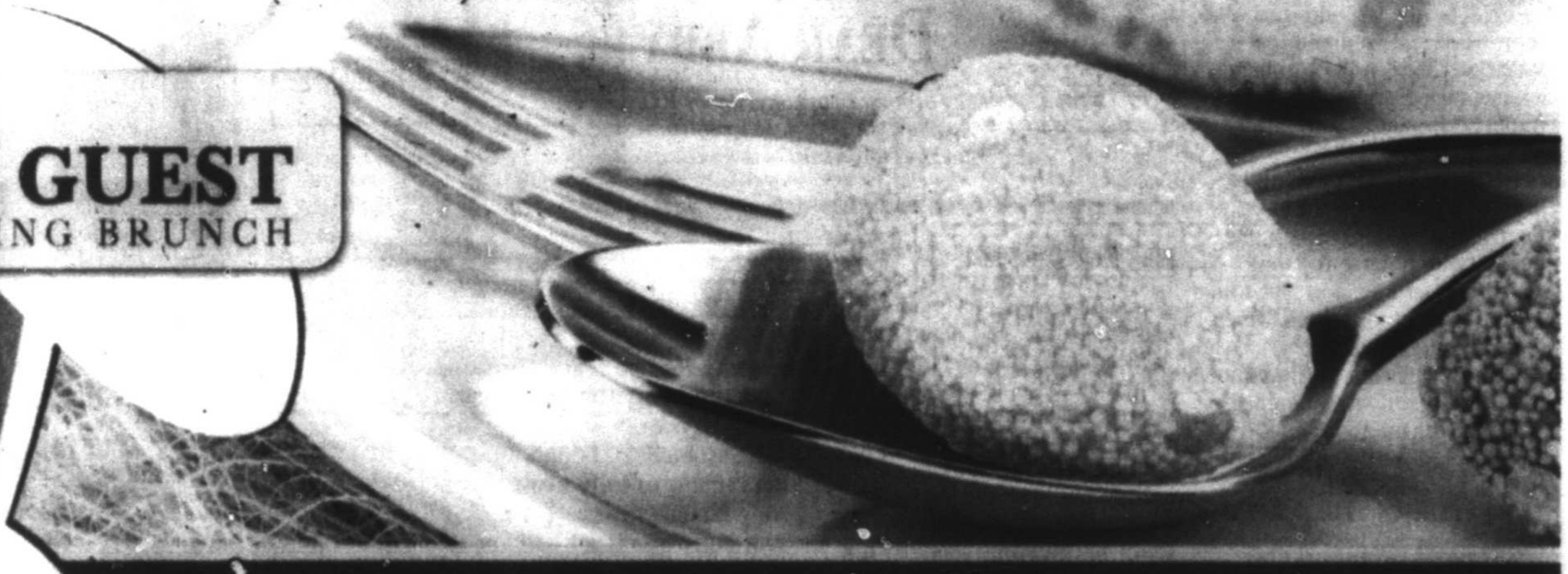

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Basin Engine & Pump
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Lot 1, Block 10, Arbor Park Addition, Section 5, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located southwest of the intersection of Sunshine Parkway and Idlewilde Drive.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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Lot 13A, Block 23, Wydewood Estates, Section 27, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the south side of W. Wadley Avenue, approximately 240-feet east of Sunburst Drive.

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Lot 1A, Block 20, Northgate Addition, Section 25, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the east side of Holiday Hill Road, approximately 240-feet south of Briarwood Avenue. (Council District 1)

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Lot 3 less the east 45.84-feet, Lots 4 through 8, Lot 11, and the west 8.8-feet of Lot 12, all out of Block 6, Barberdale Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas.

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Generally located on the north side of W. Wall Street, approximately 600-feet west of Fasken Drive. (Council District 2)

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Lot 7, Block 17, Skyline Terrace, Unit 7, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the south side of W. Loop 250 North, approximately 220-feet west of N. Midkiff Road.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Request for Bids (RFB 16002713): The City of Midland is seeking sealed bids from interested bidders for the Beal Parkway Paving Project.

To inquire about viewing or purchasing a copy of the project plans and specifications, please contact the City of Midland Purchasing Department by telephone number, 432-685-7234, by email: purchasing@midlandtexas.gov, or by visiting their office at City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland Texas 79702. To attain a copy of the bid set a non-refundable fee of $50.00 dollars is required.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 3:00 P.M. local time on April 6, 2016 in the City Hall basement conference room, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas 79702.

The deadline to submit sealed bids will be at 2:00 P.M. local time on April 13, 2016, in the Office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine (P. O. Box 1152), Midland, Texas 79702.

The City of Midland reserves the right to reject any and all submitted bids if it is deemed in the best interest of the City. In determining the best value of the submitted bids, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code.

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A 4116-square foot portion of Lot 27A, Block 46, Skyline Terrace West, Section 8, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located approximately 250-feet east of N. Midland Drive, approximately 170-feet north of Raleigh Court.

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Legal & Public Notices

Midland Independent School District

Procurement Services Department

Midland, Texas

Notice to Bidders

The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed bid for BID #06-02 Copy Paper - Warehouse through the MISD electronic bid system. Proposals will be publicly opened and read in the office of Rebecca Mull, Director of Procurement Services, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707-C, Midland, Texas at 2:00 PM C.S.T. on April 26, 2016. Bid documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandisd.com/domain/44. For any questions, contact MISD Procurement Services department at (432) 240-1960.

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The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed proposal for RFP #06-005 Professional Turf and Landscape Services through the MISD electronic bid system. Proposals will be publicly opened and read in the office of Rebecca Mull, Director of Procurement Services, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707-C, Midland, Texas at 10:00 AM C.S.T. on April 14, 2016. Request for Proposal documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandisd.com/domain/44. For any questions, contact MISD Procurement Services department at (432) 240-1960.

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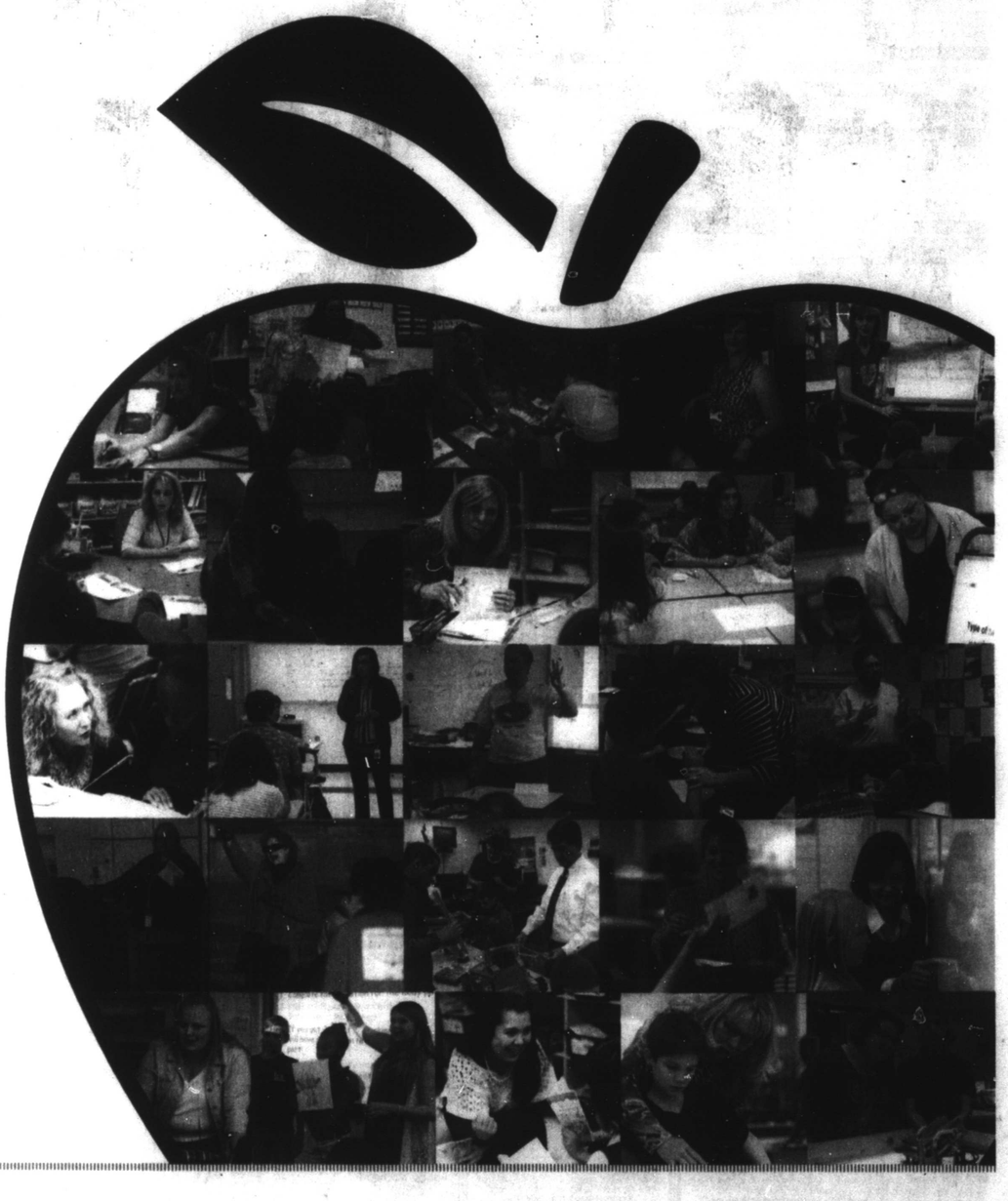

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