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Jury says Tavarez will get probation

Drunken driver killed 2 adults; assistant DA 'horribly disappointed'

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

A 24-year-old drunken driver will serve probation after killing two adults and critically injuring their two children.

It took a Midland County jury two-and-à-half hours Monday evening to return a sentence of 10 years suspended for probation for each of the four counts against Joel Galindo Tavarez Jr., of Odessa.

Tavarez was found guilty Friday on two second-degree felonies of intoxication manslaughter and two third-degree felonies of intoxication assault in the deaths of Perry Jeffery, his girlfriend Jenna Vela and the injuries inflicted to their daughters, then ages 1 and 2, in the Oct. 5, 2010, wreck on Highway 191.

Tavarez could have faced up to 60 years in prison if the sentences were stacked and the maximum time given.

Assistant District Attorney Tim Flathers said he was "horribly disappointed" at the outcome and that he believed prison was the only appropriate punishment.

"This sends the message that even if you commit the worse possible crime while driving while intoxicated, there's a possibility you will not get serious punishment for it," he said after court Monday.

Tavarez will return to court March 19 at 1:30 p.m. when the judge will set the terms of his probation. The maximum amount of time he can serve probation is 10 years.

A $10,000 fine also was added to each of the four charges, but it is suspended unless his probation is revoked.

If Tavarez violates any of his probation terms, officials said the judge could order that his sentences be stacked and he could face up to 40 years in prison.

Flathers said probation terms are still to be decided but that he intends to ask the judge that Tavarez be ordered to make restitution to the victims' families.

Defense attorney Brian Carney said this was a very tragic case but that he

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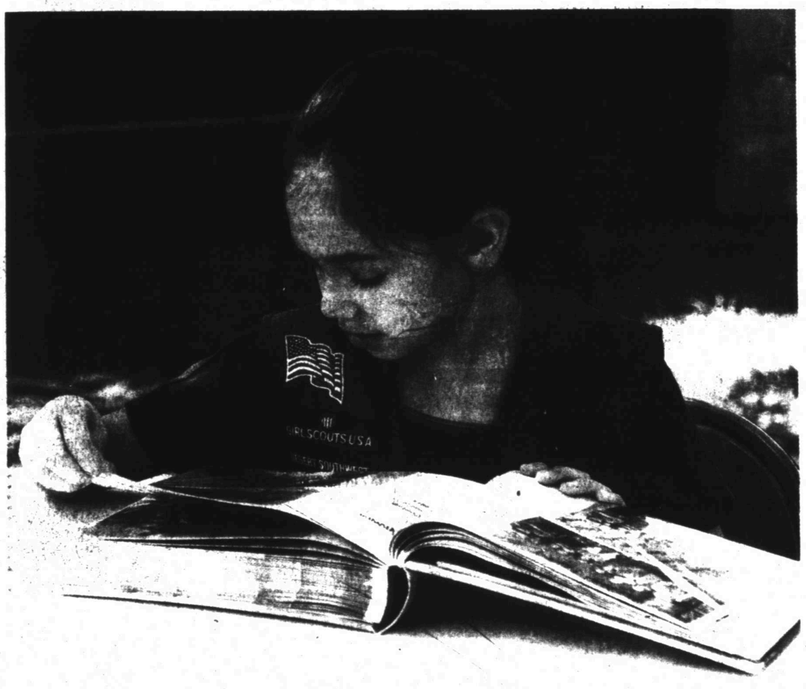
Joel Galindo - Tavarez, Jr.: Faced 60 years for intoxication manslaughter.

A PEEK INTO THE PAST



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Keerstyn Payne, with Girl Scout Troop 232, looks over a photo album Monday during the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts. The Girl Scouts unearthed a time capsule that was buried in 1987.

Girl Scouts open capsule to celebrate 100 years

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Girl Scout uniforms, badge books, handbooks, crafts, cookie tins and flags from the 1980s were unearthed Monday afternoon as Scouts of all ages celebrated the organization's 100th birthday by opening a time capsule.

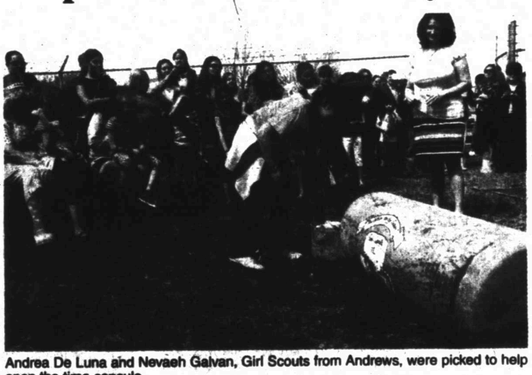
Coming up

For more coverage of the Girl Scouts' 100th birthday, read Sunday's West Texas Living.

For more than 20 minutes, troop leaders and girls extracted items from the capsule, planted in 1987 on the organization's 75th anniversary. Dozens of manila envelopes — including those with offerings from each troop — were also included in the capsule.

Mary Galindo Payen remembers burying the capsule as a fourth grader and was thrilled to find the envelope containing letters and photos from her troop. Now, Payen co-leads a Brownie troop of first- and second-graders from Henderson Elementary.

"I'm still friends with some of these girls!" Payen said as she looked through Polaroid photos of her troop. "I'm going to have to find these girls on Facebook and share all this with them."



Andrea De Luna and Nevaeh Galvan, Girl Scouts from Andrews, were picked to help open the time capsule.

Girl Scouts is something Payen said she enjoyed as a child and is enjoying now as a leader.

"I was so excited that we'd be able to do this together," Payen said. "We'll be able to go camping and do lots of girl

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City agrees to change water restrictions

■ All sprinklers now will be permitted; residents given more flexibility on when they can water.

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Residents will be given more leniency than initially anticipated to water their shrubs and lawns this summer.

City officials said Monday that water restrictions will be tweaked before going into effect on April 1. The changes will allow residents to use any type of sprinkler system or hose they want and also will give them more flexibility in choosing when to water, said Tasa Watts, public information officer.

"You can water with whatever system you prefer, from automatic sprinklers to soaker hoses to drip," Watts said. "If somebody chooses to water too much they'll see it in their water bill."

When the city initially rolled out its water restriction plan on Feb. 28, residents were going to be permitted to water between 6 and 8 p.m. on one day per week. Only hand-held hoses were to be allowed.

Now, residents still will have only two hours to water per week. However, Watts said they will be given an opportunity to water for any two hours between 6 p.m. and midnight on their assigned day. The city has been broken into six zones, and days will be assigned based on where residents and businesses are located.

"They broadened the time frame because people's schedules are so different," Watts said.

Instead of restricting watering to just hand-held hoses, any type of device is being permitted, she said.

The rules going into place are meant to ensure the city doesn't surpass its daily water allotment.

Midland is limited to 13.9 million gallons of water per day from the Colorado River Municipal Water District. Those supplies will be supplemented with water from the city's Paul Davis Well Fields.

However, that will leave the city only about 18.5 million gallons per day to sell. During the summer of 2011, the city typically sold between 25 and 30 million gallons of water per day, Utilities Director Stuart Purvis has said.

Staying under that daily usage of 18.5 million gallons is vital, city council members said, which is why they will consider on March 20 enacting a new rate structure that will penalize those who fall within the top two tiers of water users.

"The rate structure will regulate 95 percent of this water conservation effort," said John James, councilman for District 3. "There will still be a code enforcement requirement because you will still see people who believe they're going to do whatever they want with their water

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Coming Wednesday

Joan Huff offers delicious recipes that you can use to wow your guests. Read them and more in West Texas Living Midweek

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Craig James in Midland

The Texans for Craig James campaign has told the Reporter-Telegram that James, a candidate for U.S. Senate, will hold an event to support Rick Santorum for president at 5:30 p.m. today at Wall Street Bar and Grill.

James' campaign also said James will appear at the Midland County Republican Women's event Wednesday.

Meetings schedule

Library Advisory Board
4 p.m. today
Midland County Public Library
301 W. Missouri Ave.

The March Airport Board meeting has been canceled. The next Airport Board meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on April 17.

Community calendar

■ Midland Quilters Guild will meet at 7 p.m. today and 1 p.m. Wednesday at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Members will be demonstrating ways to embroider and embellish quilts.

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday for first- through sixth-graders.

This month's featured book is "Jake Drake, Bully Buster." Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served.

To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

Coming soon

■ Glen Campbell at Wagner Noel, March 16

■ Midland College's Phyllis and Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series: The 5 Browns, March 22

■ Chamber of Commerce's State of Education luncheon, March 22

■ UTPB's Shepperd Distinguished Lecture Series: Mary Matalin and James Carville, moderated by: Evan Smith, March 29

Workplace safety seminar

A workplace safety workshop is planned for 8:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Wednesday at the Grand Texan Hotel, 4300 W. Wall St. The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation will present the Midland Safety Summit.

The cost is $99 per person and includes coffee and snacks.

Topics include preventing workplace violence, keys to safety, preventing transportation incidents and safety training. Employers and employees attending the seminar can choose from various sessions.

Participants can register at the TDI website: www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/2011wpstraining.html, under "Regional Safety Summits."

For more information, call 512-804-4610 or email safetytraining@tdi.state.tx.us.

Forage workshop slated for March 23

The Texas AgriLife Extension Office in Andrews County will host a Warm Season Forage Mini-Workshop on March 23.

This workshop is designed to provide the necessary information needed when making decisions on planting and managing alternative warm season forages. Topics for the workshop include: summer annual forages including sorghum/ sudan and brown mid-rib forages, alfalfa production and management, bermudagrass management and weed and insect control.

The workshop will begin with registration at 8:20 a.m. and program at 8:30 a.m. Workshop location will be at the Andrews County Extension Office located at 851 E. Broadway. Cost of the program is $10 at the door and 3 CEUs will be offered. Please RSVP before March 21. For more information or to RSVP please call 524-1421.

This date in Midland

On March 13, 1990, 58-year-old Clayton Williams, of Midland, overwhelmed Kent Hance, Tom Luce and Jack Rains to win the Republican Party's nomination for governor. Williams collected more than 60 percent of the vote.

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 6-6-4
Pick 3 night: 6-5-2
Daily 4 day: 2-9-3-3
Daily 4 night: 6-9-3-8
Cash Five: 1-12-22-28-34
Texas Two Step: 2-6-15-24 BB: 13

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, March 13, the 73rd day of 2012. There are 293 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On March 13, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed a measure prohibiting Union military officers from returning fugitive slaves to their owners, effectively superseding the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850.

On this date:

In 1639, New College was renamed Harvard College for clergyman John Harvard.

In 1781, the seventh planet of the solar system, Uranus, was discovered by Sir William Herschel.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush sought to soothe strained ties with Mexico by promising to prod Congress to overhaul tough U.S. immigration policies; but his host, Mexican President Felipe Calderon, criticized U.S. plans for a 700-mile border fence.

One year ago: The estimated death toll from Japan's earthquake and tsunami climbed past 10,000 as authorities raced to combat the threat of multiple nuclear reactor meltdowns and hundreds of thousands of people struggled to find food and water.

Today's birthdays: Actor William H. Macy is 62. Rock musician Adam Clayton (U2) is 52. Rapper-actor Common is 40.

Justice Dept. opposes a voter ID law in Texas

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A photo identification requirement for voters in Texas could disenfranchise hundreds of thousands of registered Hispanics, the Justice Department declared Monday.

It's the department's latest move against Republican-led voting changes in many states that have drawn protests from minorities, poor people and students.

The Justice objection means that now a federal court in Washington will decide whether Texas, as well as South Carolina, will be allowed to enforce its new voter photo ID requirements. Justice's move merely blocked a Texas law until the court rules.

Other states have similar laws and more are moving toward them as advocates portray the restrictions as needed to combat voter fraud.

The Justice Department conveyed its objection in a letter to Texas officials that was also filed in the U.S. District Court case in Washington between Texas and the department.

Justice said Hispanic voters in Texas are at least 50 percent more likely and possibly more than twice as likely as non-Hispanic voters to lack a driver's license or a personal state-issued photo ID, which the Texas law requires.

The range was so broad because Texas provided two sets of registered voter data to the Justice Department.

It relied on the two Texas-supplied lists for the estimates of 175,000 and 304,000 registered Hispanic Texas voters who do not have driver's licenses or state-issued IDs.

Voter ID bills were "the hottest topic of legislation in the field of elections in 2011," as legislation was introduced in 34 states, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Since the beginning of the 2011 legislative session, eight states have passed photo ID laws: Alabama, Kansas, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin, Mississippi and Rhode Island.

All but two were enacted by Republican legislatures and Republican governors.

TAVAREZ

From 1A

believed the jury listened to all the evidence and came to a punishment that was appropriate.

"Mr. Tavarez is very grateful," he said.

Monday morning, Vela's mother Joanie Perland, of Colorado Springs, Colo., told the court that her daughter wanted to be a runway model and had even traveled all the way to Hollywood where she had scouts looking at her. Vela was popular in high school, competed in hurdles events and loved to dress up her little sisters.

She told jurors that Oct. 12, 2010, would have been Vela's 22nd birthday. Instead, her family held Vela's funeral and buried her.

"Every day is a struggle. I miss my baby girl, my first born," she said.

Jenna's father, William Vela, told the court that the week before his daughter's death, the last conversation he had with her was when she was telling him about the apartment she and Jeffery had just acquired for their family. He told her he would come out to Midland and visit.

"I never got the chance. It was too late," he said.

The last witness for the state Monday was Jeffery's mother Sylvia Fuller, who told the court about her skateboard-loving son and also that she has custody of the late couple's two daughters now.

When asked by the defense about the medical expenses the girls, now ages 3 and 4, have accrued, she estimated the hospital bills total $41,000.

At 11:30 a.m., the state rested its testimony and the defense brought on Tavarez's friend Chris Marquez, who testified that Joel is not the same person that he once knew and that his remorse has changed him. He also testified that if Tavarez was given probation and ordered to pay full restitution, he believes that he would get several jobs if he had to, to get it done, adding that Tavarez is a hard worker.

Two other family friends testified about Tavarez's character, telling the court that he is devoutly religious, considerate, giving and respectful.

Defense attorneys Carney and Dan Hurley, of Lubbock, also brought on Norma Losoya, a probation officer for Midland County. She told jurors about probation and what it entails, if the jurors opted for probation.

Joel Tavarez's mother, Angie Tavarez, testified that since the crash, her son looks sad most of the time and is not active anymore nor has he been himself. She also said that stress caused him to have Bell's palsy, which paralyzed one side of his face and drooped it down.

During closing arguments, Assistant District Attorney Rebecca Patterson told jurors that the least they could sentence the defendant to was probation. She said probation would be a slap on the wrist.

"It's appropriate in some situations, but not this one," she said.

Carney argued that probation is not a slap on the wrist. He said Tavarez would be closely monitored at all times.

"Are we going to warehouse someone for 30 years? He's not a threat. He's not going to do this again," he said. "If you can find some worth left in him, then he's eligible for probation."

Hurley said if "probation is a slap on the wrist, why do we recommend it all the time?"

Instead, he asked jurors to consider giving Tavarez the chance to work and do everything he can for the surviving children. Tavarez sat at the defense table, nodding his head in agreement.

Still, Flathers reminded the court that the defendant killed two people and scarred the two girls.

"There's no way around the fact that the choice he made was a selfish choice. And unfortunately for them, it was the worst that could happen," he said. "To say that this could have happened to anyone of us and to pretend that this didn't happen is an insult to everybody else.

"'I feel bad' is not enough. 'Sorry' is just not enough in this case."

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SCOUTS

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things together."

She credits Girl Scouts with teaching her new things and self-reliance.

"I find myself doing so many things as an adult that I know I learned in Girl Scouts," Payen said. "I'll fix things at home and do crafts ... that I know I learned in Girl Scouts."

Though the handbooks, uniforms and songs may have changed over the years, Payen said she feels like the organization's core values are the same as they were 25 years ago.

"I wanted my daughter to be in something where you learn from everyone and are exposed to a lot of different things," Payen said.

Girl Scouts of the USA was started by Juliette Gordon Low on March 12, 1912, with 18 girls in Savannah, Ga. Now, more than 10 million girls and adults participate in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 145 countries. More than 50 million American women were Girl Scouts during their childhood, according to GSUSA.

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Want to make your mark?

The Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest will bury a 2012 time capsule next week and asks troops and businesses to contribute items. To contribute, call Janice Hogan at 570-9188 ext. 502 or drop your items off at the Midland Girl Scout Office, 901 West Dengar Ave.

Mysterious flash of light in Phoenix is solved

Associated Press

PHOENIX — A large, fleeting flash of light that appeared in the darkened skies over the northwestern edge of metropolitan Phoenix last week is no longer a mystery.

Arizona Public Service said Monday that a breaker on an electrical line opened, causing a big flash and a brief power outage.

APS officials said an employee came forward last weekend and informed them of the breaker opening that caused no damage to equipment and no power line replacement.

The ball of light that looked like an explosion was captured by a traffic camera on Interstate 17 around 4:45 a.m. last Thursday.

It happened to be broadcast by KSAZ-TV when the station showed footage of the roadway during a report on the morning's commute.

But until now, nobody could identify the flash's source.

WATER

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because they're paying for it."

Under the proposed structure — which was given preliminary approval on Feb. 28 — those who utilize between 10,000 and 25,000 gallons of water per month will be charged $19.55 per thousand gallons rather than the current rate of $3.91.

Those who use more than 25,000 gallons of water will pay $22.50 per thousand gallons, instead of the $4.50 they're charged now.

Customers who already are in the top two tiers of users through indoor use alone, such as Midland Independent School District and Midland Memorial Hospital, will not automatically see their bills increased. Purvis said they will look at the rates meter by meter.

Watts said changes were made to the restriction plan based, in large part, on feedback from citizens and the council.

James said he heard from several who complained drip irrigation systems should be permitted because they're more efficient than hand-held hoses. Others wanted to water later at night so evaporation wasn't an issue, he said.

If the new rates are approved, Watts said the city will send each water customer a letter detailing what their average usage was last year and what it will cost them this year if their usage remains the same.

Those found in violation of the restrictions will be subject to citations and fines of up to $500.

James said while this summer likely will be tough, next year will be easier for residents and their lawns as water from the city's T Bar Ranch should be in Midland for use by May of 2013.

"The good people in Midland understand how serious this is and they understand 2012 is going to be a tough year," he said. "Hopefully in 2013 it won't be as tough."

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Water restrictions starting April 1

■ All water users will be assigned one day where they can water for two hours between 6 p.m. and midnight.

■ Every water meter is being assigned a watering day based on its location in town. There are six zones that each will have one day. To find your zone check: http://www.ci.midland.tx.us/departments/utilities/WaterUseDaysonWeek%20030512.pdf

■ Those who want to report a violation can call 685-7474

■ New pools are allowed only if they are filled with water purchased and trucked in from outside the city.

■ Commercial car washes are permitted.

■ The operation of ornamental fountains or ponds is prohibited unless they are supporting aquatic life or are equipped with a re-circulation system.

■ Washing outdoor surfaces, such as sidewalks, driveways and parking lots will not be allowed.

■ Flushing gutters or permitting water to accumulate or run on the roadway is prohibited.

■ Restaurants can serve water only when it's requested by a customer.

■ Those who fail to repair controllable leaks after having been given notice such repairs are needed could be subject to fines.

Vehicle registrations up by more than 3 percent from 2011

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

If your vehicle registration is due in the next few days, you may have to wait in line to have your renewal processed.

Kathy Reeves, tax assessor/collector, said as the rig count has continued to increase, so have the number of people who need to process vehicle registrations or titles.

Vehicle registrations are up by more than 3 percent from 2011, and title registrations have increased about 13.5 percent, according to data provided by Reeves.

"We're having an onslaught of out-of-state vehicles (and) a lot of commercial vehicles," she said.

To meet the increase in demand, the Midland County Commissioners' Court gave Reeves approval Monday to hire an additional clerk. It will cost the county $18,573.21 to pay the extra clerk for the remainder of the fiscal year, Reeves said.

Since 2008, Reeves said the office has operated with 20 clerks. Adding another clerk will bring the Tax/Assessor Collector's department back to the level it was at in 2008 — the last time Midland went through an upswing in its economy, she said.

Reeves said she had hoped to wait for the new budget year to add a staff member. But because there's no sign the increase in traffic will slow, she said she believes an additional person is necessary to handle public requests.

"I do expect that our economy will be robust for awhile," she said.

Currently, staff spend business hours processing titles and handling vehicle registrations, she said.

Before and after business hours, they then go through and process online or mail-in registrations. Because of the extra hours that requires, Reeves said her staff is accumulating compensatory time. Another person will allow for the work to get done without employees amassing dozens of hours of that extra time.

"We're overwhelmed, we're over-worked, we're burned out," she said.

Reeves said when the economy slumps she has a history of reducing her staff to the level it needs to go and she will do so again if necessary.

Randy Prude, commissioner for Precinct 4, agreed an additional person should be hired quickly and made the motion to approve the request. The vote on the issue was unanimous.

In other business:

■ Crude Fest was given permission to obtain permits for a mass gathering so it can host its concert on May 17-19. Cody Baker, owner of Lonestar Music Productions, said they've purchased 80 acres to host the festival. The site is near County Road 1270, about 2 miles south of the airport.

Baker said they anticipate an attendance of 9,000 to 10,000 people each day. No more than 15,000 tickets will be sold for the whole weekend.

The county doesn't have noise ordinances, but Crude Fest will be subject to the state's law that requires noise not grow louder than 85 decibels, said Sheriff Gary Painter.

Crude Fest will be charged $400 for its permit, $400 for a health inspection and $250 for a permit from the county fire marshall, County Judge Mike Bradford said.

■ Summer Reading will kick off on June 6 at the Midland County Horseshoe Arena. Commissioners agreed Monday to allow the library to use the Horseshoe for its kickoff.

Library Director John Trischitti said the event will include a menagerie display put on by the Abilene Zoo, as well as a bounce house and treats for kids.

■ Commissioners agreed to repair the county's asphalt storage tank. Initially, the county had looked at replacing it but staff said it can be repaired for around $30,000 while a full replacement would have cost more than $100,000.

■ The Midland County Sheriff's Office Mounted Patrol received donations of $100 from each Lanny and Madeline Cole and from Waldrop Construction Co. Inc.

■ Commissioners agreed to purchase shelves for the County Clerk's Office at a cost of $23,000.

■ W.V. Roberts donated $533 to the Midland County Historical Museum.

■ Dale Seago was granted the ability to attend bailiff training in Austin at a cost of $1,501.70. The cost will cover training, mileage, lodging and meals.

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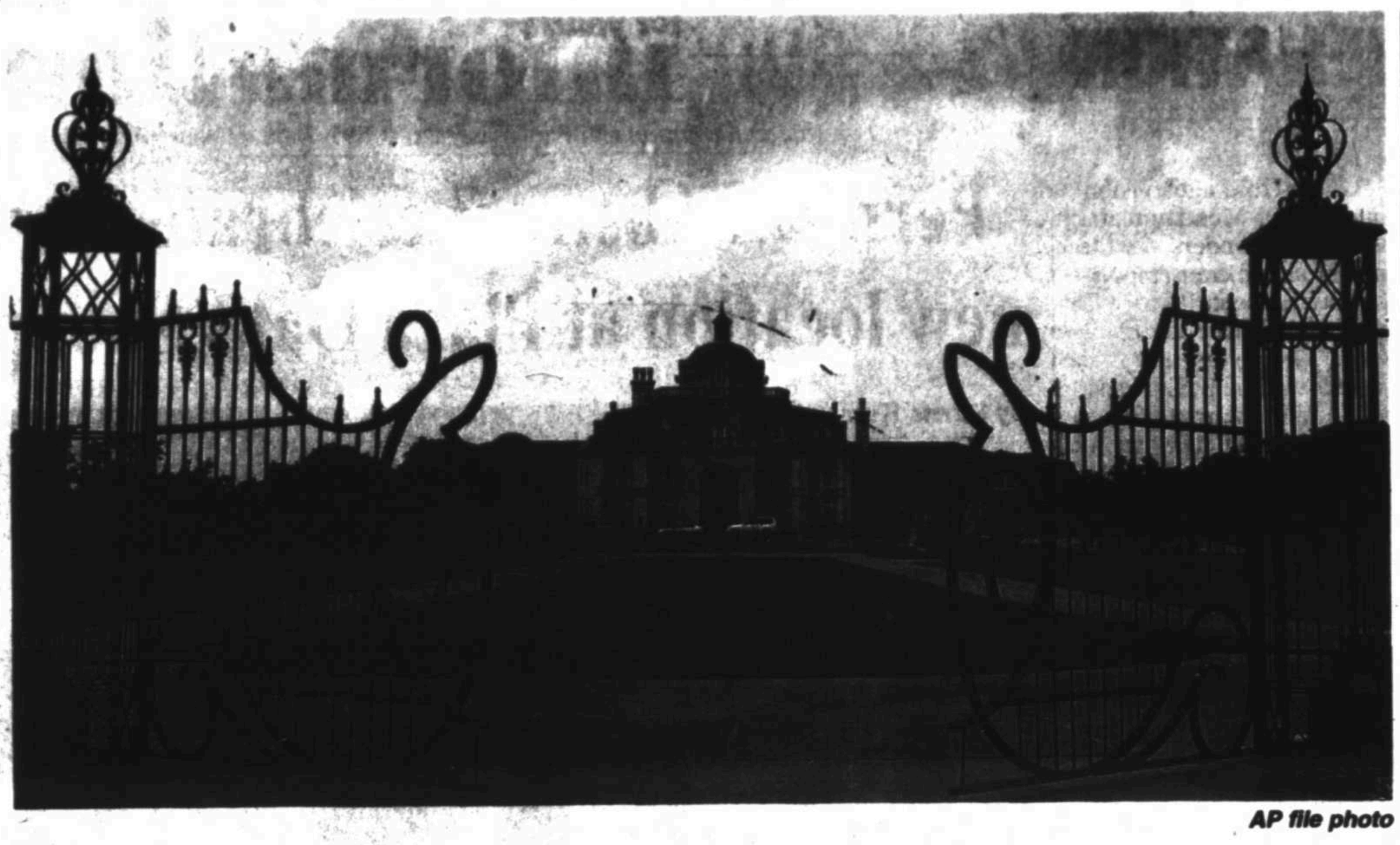

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Texas mansion to hit auction block

A well-known Texas mansion modeled after a French landmark is going on the auction block this month. New York City-based Concierge Auctions announced Monday that it is putting the mansion up for bid on March 30. The estate is located in the small town of Hickory Creek, about 40 miles north of Dallas. It cost $46 million to build and is called Champ d'Or, a name inspired by the Vaux-le-Vicomte outside of Paris. The 48,000-square-foot mansion includes a two-story library, a hair salon and a two-story "her" closet. It also has a grand ballroom, a movie theater and a tea room modeled after New York's Tavern on the Green. The owners are Shirley and Alan Goldfield, the retired founder of cellphone wholesaler CellStar.

Nephew of cartel's ex-boss pleads guilty

Associated Press

BROWNSVILLE — The nephew of the former boss of Mexico's Gulf cartel crossed illegally into Texas to hide from a rival and spent five months running his drug operation from the U.S. before he was caught, a federal prosecutor said Monday.

Rafael Cardenas Vela pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine and marijuana in exchange for the government dropping money laundering and immigration charges.

The 38-year-old mountain of a man with a middle school education and 500 armed men at his beck and call had grabbed control of the cartel's operations in Matamoros, across the Rio Grande from Brownsville, in early 2011 after a steady rise under the tutelage of two powerful uncles. But the Gulf cartel had been in turmoil since Mexican marines killed one of those uncles, Antonio Ezequiel Cardenas Guillen, also known as "Tony Tormenta," in November 2010. Like others who ran afoul of rivals, Cardenas Vela sought refuge in the United States.

Last summer, U.S. authorities began hearing that Cardenas Vela was in the U.S. Through daily emails with subordinates he continued to manage the drug transportation and distribution cells that moved cocaine and marijuana across the border, north to Houston and on to cities deeper in the interior, Assistant U.S. attorney Jody Young said. He made more than $5 million in drug proceeds, the flow of which he also oversaw, ensuring some money went into the pockets of Mexican law enforcement officers as bribes.

On Monday, U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen explained that the refuge Cardenas Vela sought would cost him at least 10 years and as much as life in prison. With his plea, prosecutors agreed to recommend that his punishment come at the lower end of the scale. His uncle Osiel Cardenas Guillen, long-time head of the Gulf cartel, made his own deal after his extradition to the U.S. and was sentenced to 25 years in prison in 2010. Part of Cardenas Guillen's legal team flanked a shackled Cardenas Vela on Monday.

His attorneys declined to comment following the hearing.

Federal authorities had already been watching a ranch near the South Texas town of Rio Hondo when Port Isabel police officers pulled over a silver Ford F-150 pickup with temporary Texas tags for speeding just after 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 20.

Cardenas Vela, who was in the front passenger seat, presented a Mexican passport and visa in a false name. Once confronted with his true identity, he admitted to being involved in bringing marijuana and cocaine into the U.S. for several years, according to court records.

Two others who were in the truck with him also were arrested. They pleaded guilty to giving false statements and were sentenced to time served in February.

Beginning in 2000, Cardenas Vela spent several years as the plaza boss of San Fernando, a small city about an hour south of Matamoros that sits on an important smuggling corridor. In the drug trafficking world a plaza is a territory, usually centered on a city, where traffickers move their own drugs and also charge a "piso," or tax, on anyone else who wants to use the corridor. Two years ago, Cardenas Vela took over as plaza boss of Rio Bravo, a Mexican border city east of Reynosa that was a major staging ground for the cartel's drugs before they crossed the border.

Antonio Ezequiel Cardenas Guillen's death set off an internal power struggle pitting Cardenas Vela and his supporters against Jorge Eduardo Costilla, who had worked for Osiel Cardenas Guillen. In March 2011, Cardenas Vela took control of the Matamoros plaza, but by May he had crossed illegally into the U.S. seeking refuge from Costilla, Young said.

Young said prosecutors were preparing a forfeiture order to seize assets Cardenas Vela purchased with drug proceeds. A house on a quiet Brownsville cul-de-sac was allegedly one such property, though prosecutors did not say whether Cardenas Vela ever lived there.

Hanen scheduled Cardenas Vela's sentencing for June 18.

NEW MEXICO ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SANTA FE

Ex-investment officer suing agency for damages

Former State Investment Officer Gary Bland is fighting back against allegations of corruption and is suing his accusers for more than $1 million in damages.

Bland is seeking damages against his former employer, the State Investment Council, as well as council chairwoman Gov. Susana Martinez, Attorney General Gary King and a former educational pension fund manager because he says the allegations against him have ruined his reputation in the investment community and drained him financially.

"They've taken on somebody with nothing left to lose," Bland told the Associated Press.

The Investment Council, with the support of the attorney general, filed a lawsuit last year contending Bland and others improperly steered New Mexico investments to political supporters of former Democratic Gov. Bill Richardson.

Whistleblower lawsuits by former pension fund investment officer Frank Foy have made similar allegations.

SUNLAND PARK

2 arrested in town plagued by blackmail plot

Two officials of a New Mexico border town wracked by allegations of extortion and voting fraud were arrested Monday.

Former Sunland Park city councilor Angelica Marquez and the city's public information officer, Armando Alba, were charged with extortion and conspiracy to commit extortion, according to KVIA-TV in El Paso. The details of the allegations were not immediately available.

SILVER CITY

Help sought in identifying remains found in Gila

Authorities say they still are trying to identify the human remains found in the Gila National Forest earlier this year.

The Silver City Sun-News repored that Grant County Sheriff's Department is seeking the public's help and is releasing photos of some jewelry found with the remains in the Gomez Peak area.

Authorities said a hiker found what appeared to be a lower jawbone on a trail on Gomez Peak in January.

A week later, a U.S. Forest Service employee found another bone near the same area. Members of the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Border Patrol later conducted a search of the area and discovered additional human remains.

A Hawaii Titanium ring with wood and a green stone beads necklace were found with the bones.

ALBUQUERQUE

Man accused of firing gun from home

Albuquerque police say a man in his early 20s was booked into jail after he fired a gun from his home.

Police were called to the area near Troy Hartman's home early Monday morning to respond to a call of shots being fired.

STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

GALVESTON

USS Fort Worth to be commissioned in Galveston

A 378-foot military ship named for a North Texas city will be commissioned this fall.

A ceremony is planned Sept. 22 in Galveston to commission the USS Fort Worth.

The Galveston County Daily News reported a delegation from Fort Worth visited the island Friday to work on details. The ceremony is planned at Pier 21.

Officials said the littoral combat ship is being built by Marinette Marine Corporation of Marinette, Wis., and is expected to be accepted by the Navy in May. The ship should arrive in Galveston by Sept. 14.

Littoral combat ships are designed to support combat operations in coastal waters.

Marinette is on Lake Michigan and is located about 60 miles north of Green Bay, Wis.

MINEOLA

Hazmat crews at petroleum firm after fire

Officials say nobody has been hurt in an explosion and fire at an East Texas petroleum company that destroyed much of the business.

Hazardous materials crews were at the scene Monday at Pearce Petroleum Products in Mineola, about 75 miles east of Dallas.

Investigators are trying to determine what sparked Sunday night's fire and led to some petroleum products spilling. Fire crews extinguished the blaze after about an hour.

Fire department spokesman Steve Finley said the business owners were on the property when the fire broke out and they called 911.

The company did not immediately respond to a message Monday from the Associated Press.

AUSTIN

Texas DPS ups anti-DWI efforts during spring break

The Texas Department of Public Safety has increased anti-DWI efforts during spring break.

DPS troopers have added patrols through Sunday to crack down on drunken driving. The extra patrols are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

DPS during 2011 spring break made nearly 1,300 DWI arrests.

The legal drinking age in Texas is 21.

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission on Monday reminded students of the so-called 911 Lifeline Law, which took effect last September. The law provides limited immunity for an underage person who calls for assistance because someone might have alcohol poisoning and who stays at the scene until help arrives.

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ACROSSTHENATION

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LOS ANGELES

Sentence struck down in millennium bomb plot

A terrorist who plotted to blow up Los Angeles International Airport on the eve of the millennium, now halfway through his 22-year sentence, will have to serve longer after an appeals court ruled Monday that the original punishment did not fit a crime that a judge said could have rivaled Sept. 11.

In a 7-4 decision, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the government's appeal and sent the case back to a federal judge in Seattle for resentencing for a third time.

The court, which contains some of the nation's most liberal judges, said Ressam's plot to blow up the airport on New Year's Eve 1999, was "horrific" and intended to intimidate the nation and the world.

"Had Ressam succeeded, 'LAX' may well have entered our vocabulary as a term analogous to 'the Oklahoma City bombing' or '9/11,'" Judge Richard R. Clifton wrote for the majority. "His clear intent was to intimidate this nation and the world, and he sought to influence world events and the conduct of the United States government through that intimidation."

Ressam, an Algerian national who had attended training camps for Islamic terrorists, was arrested Dec. 14, 1999, in Port Angeles, Wash.

WASHINGTON

Reid moves to end GOP filibuster on judges

Raising the partisan temperature in the Senate, Majority Leader Harry Reid on Monday used a parliamentary tactic designed to end a Republican filibuster against 17 of President Barack Obama's judicial nominees.

Reid, whose move infuriated Republicans, has been complaining for months about the slow pace of confirmations of the president's picks for the federal bench.

Republicans have argued the pace is consistent with Democratic approvals of former President George W. Bush's court nominees. They also have said Obama has been slow to nominate people to fill judicial vacancies.

Reid filed a petition for cloture, which would limit debate and force a vote on the nominees. However, he would need a supermajority of 60 votes in the 100-member Senate, and Democrats only have 51, plus two independents who caucus with the party. The procedural vote is likely on Wednesday.

WASHINGTON

Shootings further dent Americans support for war

The weekend massacre of Afghan civilians, allegedly carried out by a U.S. soldier, newly undermines the rationale for a war that a majority of Americans already thought wasn't worth fighting. But the Obama administration and its allies insisted Monday the horrific episode would not speed up plans to pull out foreign forces.

President Barack Obama called the episode "tragic," and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton called it "inexplicable."

Obama told a television interviewer Monday that the killings underscore the need to hand over responsibility for security to Afghans. But he said it won't lead to an early withdrawal of U.S. troops.

"I think it's important for us to make sure that we get out in a responsible way so that we don't end up having to go back in," Obama told Pittsburgh station KDKA. "It makes me more determined to make sure that we're getting our troops home. It's time."

Clinton told reporters at the United Nations in New York, "This terrible incident does not change our steadfast dedication to protecting the Afghan people and to doing everything we can to build a strong and stable Afghanistan."

Administration officials were reacting to the weekend killing of 16 Afghan civilians, including nine children asleep in their beds. A U.S. Army staff sergeant is accused of slipping away from his base in the Taliban heartland of Kandahar and shooting nearby villagers in their homes.

LOS ANGELES

Lawuit: NASA specialist axed over intelligent design

A computer specialist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory is going to court over allegations that he was wrongfully terminated because of his belief in intelligent design.

David Coppedge sued JPL after he was demoted and then let go. Openings statements in the lawsuit by David Coppedge were expected to start Tuesday morning in Los Angeles Superior Court after lawyers spent Monday arguing several pretrial motions.

Coppedge claims he was discriminated against because he handed out DVDs about intelligent design to co-workers.

He lost his "team lead" title in 2009 and was let go last year.

JPL denies any discrimination and says Coppedge had conflicts with others and poor reviews.

Intelligent design supporters believe a higher power had a hand in creation because life is too complex to have developed through evolution alone.

Coppedge worked on the Cassini mission exploring Saturn and its moons.

LAS VEGAS

'Suge' Knight lawyer gets new date in Vegas case

A lawyer for rap music mogul Marion "Suge" Knight is working on a plea deal with a Las Vegas city prosecutor on unpaid tickets that led to Knight's arrest last month on traffic warrants.

The 46-year-old former Death Row Records executive didn't appear Monday in Las Vegas Municipal Court while attorney Richard Schonfeld got a new court date March 19.

Knight was arrested Feb. 8 in Las Vegas on warrants issued after police say he failed to appear on tickets issued in November 2008.

Knight also was accused of possessing less than one ounce of a controlled substance on a report that marijuana was found in the car.

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By Harris Kerr

Permian Abstract owner Harris Kerr invites everyone to see the company's spacious and inviting new location in the Plaza Oaks Center.

At Permian Abstract Company we've just finished the first six months in our new location, in the Plaza Oaks Shopping Center. That was big move for us! We had always been downtown, in dedicated office buildings. Leaving downtown and moving to a retail center was a real leap of faith for Permian Abstract Company.

We think the new location is wonderful! Our offices are brighter, and we were able to provide better closing offices for Joy Chatham and Jan Oberle. For the first time ever we have a room for our Midland and Ward County title plants, specifically designed to make it easy for landmen to utilize our title books. And, based on the smiles we see and the comments we hear from our customers, they all approve of our new location, too!

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During winter's cold weather your fur coat probably felt really good. But it's starting to warm up now, and summer's heat is on its way, and your furs just weren't made to survive hot weather.

Now is the time to take your furs to Fashion Cleaners for storage, because their summer season begins April first. Fashion has two six-month storage seasons: April through September, and October through March. Billing is done by the season, with each season's amount due in advance. The cost is just $32 per season—that's just over $5 per month, or pennies per day.

Because April first, the start of the summer season, is just a few days away, Fashion owner Philip McCain recommends that you take your fur to Fashion right away. Most years, the vault fills up, so taking it in soon can guarantee you a place for your fur during this summer's heat.

Fashion has an on-site storage vault with temperature and humidity control, plus a security alarm system. Controlled storage offers you many advantages over stuffing your fur into the back of your closet for the summer.

First, storage protects you fur from heat and dryness. Heat dries the pelt and robs it of the natural oils it needs to stay supple. The International Fabricare Institute, of which Fashion is a longtime member in good standing, says the cool temperatures also maintain the glaze put on the fur during cleaning.

Second, cold storage protects your fur from insect damage. While storage alone will not kill moth larvae, the cold temperatures do prevent the insects from doing any more damage while your fur is in storage.

Humidity is another important factor in storage. Too much humidity will contribute to a musty or moldy odor and, under some conditions, will cause the growth of mildew. Low humidity is also harmful, since dry air can draw moisture and natural oils out of the pelt, resulting in deterioration.

Third, while in cold storage, your furs are adequately spaced to allow airflow around the garments. Without circulating the air, furs dry out and the tips become crushed and they eventually break off.

Fashion recommends having your fur cleaned and glazed every other year that you have them stored. Cleaning removes dirt and other foreign materials, then restores the natural oils required to keep the pelt supple. Glazing restores the fur's sheen.

If your fur is a treasured heirloom—handed down from mother or grandmother—Philip suggests you inspect it thoroughly before having it cleaned. Furs that are decades old often have become brittle and cannot be repaired, nor can they stand cleaning. Storage can still be good for it, slowing the garment's decline, but cleaning may not be indicated at that age.

More recent garments, in good condition, can be repaired before the cleaning for a nominal fee.

Fashion Cleaners has two convenient locations: 801 W. Wall and in the Imperial Shopping Center at Midkiff and Wadley. They do all kinds of cleaning and laundry, as well as alterations, keepsaking of bridal gowns and reweaving. Pickup and delivery are available.

Philip McCain says Fashion Cleaners' cold storage vault will protect your fur from heat, dryness and insect damage over the summer.

American Home Improvement's fiberglass windows sport thin elegance and wood grain

Vinyl windows have dominated the replacement window category for the last 20 years, for good reason. They look fine and they keep the heat and dust out.

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This is the right time to talk about replacement windows, says Rodney Martin, American Home Improvement owner. "The dusty season is about to swoop down on us," Rodney reminds, "and that means dust gain and heat loss if your windows aren't up to the task."

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"Someone with a home in Old Midland or a newer home with a classic look will want Infinity windows because they complement that look so well," Rodney explains.

Infinity windows are perfect for incorporating the classic grid look. Vinyl windows must put the grid on the inside of the glass—in the space between the double panes of glass. But because fiberglass is eight time stronger, those grids can be placed on the outside of the glass in a more realistic arrangement.

Like other current options, Infinity fiberglass windows offer great energy efficiency, with several glazing options to keep out the sun's UV rays and heat. They are very durable, with a lifetime warranty on the frames and a 20-year warranty on the glass.

Infinity from Marvin windows are a premium product, designed for efficiency and durability—and especially for their ability to add beauty and value to your home for years and years to come.

"I have always wanted to offer my customers the best windows possible," Rodney states, "and Infinity is right at the top of that list."

Are you building a new home this year, or planning to replace old wood or aluminum windows before those springtime dust storms hit? Talk to Rodney or a member of his friendly staff at American Home Improvement today and learn about all the exciting possibilities!

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Opinion

Limbaugh unnecessarily shifts America's debate

■ Yeah, Democrats are hypocrites to speak out against the radio giant, but his words not only were wrong but served no purpose politically.

JONATHAN GURWITZ
San Antonio Express-News

Where in the world would Rush Limbaugh have gotten the offensive idea that he could go on the radio and call a woman with whom he had a political disagreement a slut?

Perhaps he got it from MSNBC's Ed Schultz, who on his syndicated radio show last year used the same epithet twice to describe conservative talk show host Laura Ingraham.

Schultz apologized, took a powder for a week, then went right on yapping on MSNBC. Ingraham, unlike Georgetown University law student Sandra Fluke, did not receive a comforting phone call from President Obama.

Or Limbaugh might have drawn his inspiration from HBO's "Real Time" host Bill Maher. Last year on his cable show, Maher referred to Sarah Palin as a "dumb ..." — well, actually, I can't print what Maher said. Suffice it to say that it's a four-letter word that refers to a part of the female anatomy.

In a live show a week later, the Dallas Voice reported that Maher had called Palin an even more vulgar four-letter word that refers to the same part of the female anatomy. "There's just no other word for her," Maher quipped.

Now, if you "liked" one of those Facebook campaigns to boycott Rush Limbaugh or his sponsors then turned on your television to catch Maher's latest "Real Time" offering, raise your hand. If, like Obama, your super PAC just accepted a $1 million donation from Maher, raise two hands. There — you just identified yourself as a sanctimonious hypocrite.

At this point you can hear the creaking of progressive minds laboring under the weight of inconvenient truths and the stammering of liberal lips as they protest, "But, but, Sarah Palin really IS a stupid" four-letter epithet. Which only underscores the fact that while Limbaugh's comments were vile, the contrived nature of the Fluke controversy has very little to do with fighting misogyny — and everything to do with politics.

Limbaugh's comments about Fluke were repugnant and wrong, for which he — like Schultz, but unlike Maher — has apologized. From a political standpoint, they were also incredibly stupid.

To have a chance at winning in November, conservatives must make the 2012 election a referendum on the unprecedented expansion of government power and spending under Obama and how — freed from the constraints of re-election — he would accelerate this disastrous transformation of limited government. The newly issued contraception mandate for Obamacare is an ominous example of what would come from four more years of the current administration.

Given the facts about accessibility to contraception, independent voters understand that the power of the state to force Catholic institutions to completely pay for contraceptive devices and even abortifacients is an unbridled coercive power that can be used to compel anyone to do anything against his or her conscience. That's what the public debate should be about.

But Limbaugh, who is supposedly media savvy, got down in the gutter with his liberal counterparts. In so doing, he played right into the political and cultural double standard that he regularly rails against. With an assist from Rick Santorum, he managed to shift the public debate from Obama's disastrous record to an alleged conservative plot to turn back the clock on contraception and a Republican war on women. Nice going, guys.

Liberals may not care that referring to a woman as "a mashed-up bag of meat with lipstick on it," to quote Keith Olbermann, is acceptable among their leading media figures. Conservatives should — mostly for the sake of decency, but also for the purpose of self-preservation.

OUR VIEW

City budgets have little room for green initiatives

There is a lot of desire in this nation to turn our cities to a greener use of energy, and we agree we must start exploring ways to move in that direction. However, that desire right now is more like a strong wish list. In reality, the move to green is proving to be much tougher than we ever expected.

Of course, giving way to green at the expense of the oil and gas industry has been a priority of the Obama administration. He continues to push for green at the expense of oil at every turn, but the president is having trouble making it work.

It was interesting to see a story in the Houston Chronicle this past week detailing how College Station has had to back off some of its green agenda for the city because of hard economic realities. The city has decided to move in a direction that is "fiscally responsible" and will no longer strive to be a leader in "energy efficiency and the reduction of emissions from carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases," according to the Chronicle story.

Evidently, College Station isn't alone. Dozens of cities across the country have given up or are considering giving up green initiatives because of the bottom line. Going green is proving to be cost prohibitive at a time when all local governments are trying to find ways to cut budgets instead of expanding them.

The Obama administration may be its own worst enemy in this regard since federal grants are harder to come by for cities wanting to be greener. That means funding is shrinking at the same time the green call from government is at its loudest pitch ever.

The bottom line is current energy costs are still cheaper than any alternative energy source. So it makes no sense to limit one energy outlet over another. We should be using a gradual move to alternative energy on a project-by-project basis. It would cost less money in the long run while still promoting alternative energy resources.

The either-or approach to energy is baseless in concept and unworkable in the real world. We need a better energy plan that is willing to place all our energy assets into play at the same time.

If we are smart, America once again can be energy independent while moving toward a future with a market-based energy policy that will allow for the growth of all energy related opportunities. The marketplace is the best place to see which energy tools are viable for the generations to come.

We balk at the idea that oil is the fuel of the past. It still remains as our gateway to the future.

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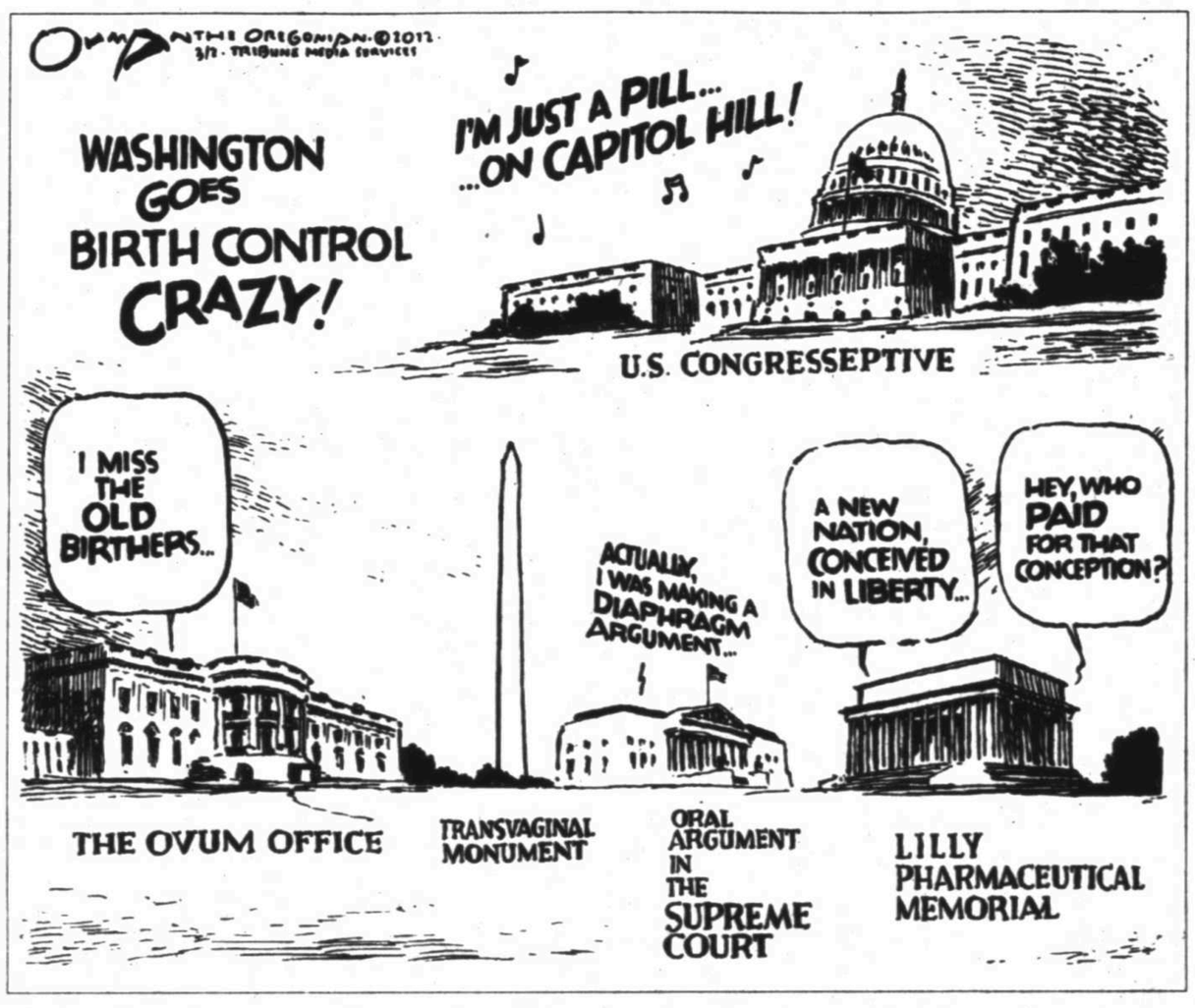

GOP needs hope of its own

■ At some point, Republicans must outmaneuver Democrats with telling the stories of a different America.

CAL THOMAS
Tribune Media Services

You've got to hand it to Democrats and the Obama re-election campaign. Like a quarterback who looks left to draw the defense away from his intended target on the right, Democrats have managed to divert our attention. Instead of debating President Obama's dreadful record on just about everything, Democrats have managed to get Republicans talking about sex and morality. Rather than figuring out what to do about Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons, Democrats have put Republicans on the defensive over the use of vulgar words applied to liberal women. For their use of equally offensive or similar words applied to conservative women, they mostly get a pass, because this isn't about the words; it's about politics.

The strategy seems to be working. After a week of debating, discussing and deploring what Rush Limbaugh said about Sandra Fluke, the Democrat-friendly Washington Post ran a front-page story last Saturday announcing "GOP gains dwindling among women." They must be toasting each other at President Obama's 2012 national headquarters in Chicago.

How did Republicans allow themselves to be outmaneuvered like this? Why do they think that talking about sex, much less trying to regulate it (some might start with regulating themselves) is going to gain votes for the party in a hedonistic age where worship of the Dow Jones Industrial Average and pleasure trumps a Higher Authority? The public has little faith in the ability of politicians to run the country. The approval rating for Congress just hit an all-time low of 9 percent, according to a recent New York Times/CBS News poll. That's lower than the approval rating for pornography, polygamy and human cloning, as cited in Gallup's 2011 Values and Beliefs poll.

Republicans are missing an opportunity to outmaneuver Democrats. Instead of playing the Democrats' game, Republicans should embrace a positive and optimistic vision. It worked for Ronald Reagan — the president whom Republicans so revere and wish was still around. Does anyone believe if Reagan were alive today he would be happy with the way the party is destroying itself?

I have made this argument before in different ways and with different analogies and I will continue to make it until someone takes it seriously. Stop arguing about philosophy and morality and instead feature people who have embraced Republican principles and whose lives are better as a result. These would include a single mother who is now independent of government assistance and either has a job or operates her own small business, thanks, perhaps, to a microloan.

Show me people who were brought up on "the wrong side of the tracks" with an alcoholic father, or absent mother, but because someone took an interest in them (a teacher, a mentor), managed to make something of themselves.

How about an example of a man who was mired in debt but decided to stop spending money he didn't have, paid his bills and is now debt free with a good credit rating? He could provide an example for what government should do.

America has always been a storytelling nation. We love stories of people overcoming through hard work and personal integrity. The late radio broadcaster Paul Harvey made a career of telling inspirational stories. Why aren't Republicans telling positive stories, instead of so often labeling and condemning people? The smallest light can pierce the darkest room. Hope dispels despair. Confidence builds strength. "You can do it" beats "you'll never amount to anything."

Republicans should find people in small towns and big cities who would tell their stories. That's what voters want to hear and see. It's called leadership. It inspires people to believe in themselves and, ultimately, in America. It's what Reagan did. Go to YouTube and watch that 1984 campaign commercial "It's Morning in America."

For too many Republicans, the sun is setting on America. The return of Daylight Saving Time isn't going to help.

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From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Obama has not closed the deal for November

■ While Republican candidates give Democrats a reason to be optimistic in November, there's no room for overconfidence.

RICHARD S. DUNHAM
Houston Chronicle

The vultures of Republican gloom and doom already are picking at the not-so-dead political carcasses of Mitt Romney and the rest of the GOP presidential field.

We've heard it all: The primary campaign has come to resemble a circular firing squad. The negative ratings of the contenders have gone through the roof. The candidates' avid courtship the party's conservative core has alienated independent-minded swing voters. Even the venerable right-thinking columnist, George Will, suggested last week that Republicans give up on the White House contest and concentrate all of their energy on the battle for Congress.

"The Republican primary process has primarily served to reveal its candidates as deeply flawed individuals with very high negative ratings," said Democratic pollster Celinda Lake.

Granted, it looks like a pretty stormy morning in America for the GOP today. But before Democrats buy their plane tickets to Barack Obama's second inaugural celebration, consider this: Despite the GOP woes, Obama is barely leading his Republican foes in general election match-ups. And most Americans still not are ready to say that the Democratic incumbent deserves a second term.

As Lake cautions, "Democrats would be unwise to grow overconfident."

Republicans can count on a massive bloc of voters who strongly oppose Obama's policies, from energy to health care, and say they'll vote for any GOP candidate on the ballot. But the biggest obstacle to Obama's re-election, nonpartisan analysts agree, is the nation's slow and unsteady recovery from the biggest economic downturn since the Great Depression.

"We still have unemployment over 8 percent, the economy is a mess, and gas prices are going up," says Harry Wilson, director of the Institute for Policy and Opinion Research at Roanoke College. "That he's even close to these guys suggests that he's over-performing, not under-performing."

History offers a sobering warning to Obama. Only one U.S. president — Franklin D. Roosevelt — has won re-election when unemployment topped 8 percent. And although the jobless rate has dipped and the economy is expanding, voters are not yet optimistic about the future.

Just 34 percent of Americans think the country is headed in the right direction, according to a RealClearPolitics.com average of recent polling, while 60 percent say it's on the wrong track. By 49 percent to 45 percent, voters say a Republican would better handle the economy, according to the bipartisan Battleground Poll.

"If you look at the big picture, it's not a pretty picture for the president," said Republican pollster Whit Ayres. "Even at Romney's lowest point, Obama has a 5 (percentage) point margin. I think it's very likely to be a very close race in the fall."

Indeed, the public seems evenly divided on Obama. Forty-eight percent of Americans approve of his job performance, according to an average of national polls taken in the last three weeks, and 47 percent disapprove. Among recent presidents, only George W. Bush won re-election with a job approval rating below 50 percent.

"President Obama is the 2012 version of President Carter, seeking re-election in a country facing high unemployment and a lack of citizen confidence in the future of the economy or his leadership on those issues that matter most to them," Wayne F. Lesperance Jr., a political science professor at New England College. "The difference between Presidents Obama and Carter is there is no Ronald Reagan running for president" in 2012.

Obama's most vexing political challenge, analysts say, is soaring gasoline prices — about twice what Americans were paying when the Democrat was inaugurated in 2009. The political damage is compounded by the president's resistance to the Keystone XL pipeline, which is favored by the vast majority of voters. And while the president notes that domestic energy production is at an all-time high, Republicans contend that the administration has been slow to grant permits for domestic energy production.

Gas price spikes historically have been damaging to the president in office at the time, from Carter to George W. Bush.

"When people fill up at the pumps and get a sticker shock from the price, they will look for someone to blame," said Tim Vercellotti, associate professor of political science and director of the Western New England University. "And this might fall on the president regardless of whether he deserves it."

Democrats say voters understand that Obama can't control crude oil prices and has been focused like a laser beam on turning around the economy.

And though Obama's approval ratings are not impressive, the Republican presidential candidates have lower favorable ratings among independent voters than any GOP nominee in modern U.S. political history.

"President Obama is lucky to have the opposition he does," said Lesperance. "Republicans have missed numerous opportunities to take advantage of a presidency that can be defined by high unemployment, slow growth and an inability to lead in Washington."

The future of transportation may rely on the humble bus

■ A new generation of urban transportation vehicles may provide the answer during times of austerity.

LLEWELYN KING
Hearst Newspapers

Even railroad fanatics like myself have to admit the future of passenger transportation by rail, particularly urban commuter rail, is pretty well frozen where it is.

New rail — even light rail, an idealistic indulgence — is doomed by high costs, lack of appropriate track and political squabbling.

New subways, the elegant way to get around a city by going under it, are an almost impossible dream. The costs are too great in times of austerity and the cost of maintenance, as Washington D.C. has discovered, can be prohibitive as the system ages, particularly as local jurisdictions have a habit of postponing maintenance.

Increasingly, the future appears to be the once humble bus. They have a low capital cost, they are flexible, and they can be adjusted to demand and population changes in a way that trains cannot.

Spare the groaning, the buses are coming. Today's bus need not be yesterday's bus — noisy, smelly and unreliable.

London, which has possibly the best transportation infrastructure in the world with a huge rail network, the largest subway system of any city and some light rail, is nonetheless betting on buses.

Currently London is deploying a brand new bus, designed for the times and preserving some of the features that have made its buses, along with its taxis, emblematic of the city, like the jump-on jump-off rear platform and two decks. And, yes, they are red.

The new London buses are a tale of the meeting between nostalgia and high tech and environmental sensibility.

London was busy phasing out its traditional and much loved double-deck buses in favor of articulated buses, which bend in the middle (popularly called bendy buses in London) and run in cities worldwide, when a controversial and eccentric Conservative journalist turned politician, Boris Johnson, declared that if he were elected mayor of London, he would save the old buses, called Routemasters, or at least the concept of double-deck buses. Johnson won the election and ideas were sought from the public, fashion designers and bus makers.

The result is what the tabloids call "the Boris Bus." It is a high-tech beauty that meets many demands. It has two doors and two staircases; but it is so low that wheelchairs are easily accommodated without the "kneeling" feature of American single-deckers. It has great glass sweeping panels in the front and rear.

The buses are designed to have conductors during rush hours, when all the doors are open, and to be operated by the driver only at off-peak hours. The rear platform — so loved by agile Britons — can be closed off for safety at night.

The new London buses use modern composite materials from the airline industry and are hybrids, with diesel engines and regenerative breaking.

It is this technology that has made way for the lowering of the bottom deck, increasing stability while reducing weight.

The initial reception of this high-tech scion of the old and loved London bus has been so enthusiastic that Johnson is talked about as a future Conservative prime minister — riding the bus to the highest office in the land.

Back to our buses. They, too, are getting better, but less dramatically so. Between Washington and New York there is now thriving bus service with half a dozen competing firms offering Wi-Fi, toilets and many points of departure and arrival. The ticket price, at about $20 each way, is a fraction of the ticket prices on Amtrak and airlines.

These intercity buses are diesel-powered, but many cities are using natural gas-powered buses. That might yet seal the deal for buses as the first line of future urban transportation, reducing the use of cars. The United States is awash in natural gas and it is not subject to the world oil price. It also has less environmental impact and the engines are not noisy.

Buses are at their best when, as my wife pointed out in London once, they run like conveyors. Frequently, that means dedicated bus lanes and enough of them.

The Obama administration would be well advised to launch a bus initiative with emphasis on better vehicles, a la London, and dedicated bus lanes.

The solution to urban congestion may be in a high-speed, Wi-Fi-equipped, natural gas-powered omnibus, as they were once called.

Romney's 'Southern' accents are hit-and-miss

Associated Press

MOBILE, Ala. — Wealthy New Englander Mitt Romney is trying to woo Southern voters with a mix of regional references that sometimes show self-deprecating humor, and sometimes are just plain awkward.

Romney admits that campaigning in Alabama, Mississippi and other Southern states is "a bit of an away game" for him. He's campaigning hard in those states, hoping essentially to tie or even steal a victory from more conservative rivals Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich.

Romney seems torn between trying to be a full-bore Southerner and acknowledging his outsider status. In rainy Mobile on Monday, he talked of eating catfish and hunting as he campaigned alongside comedian Jeff Foxworthy, known for his "you might be a redneck" jokes.

As is often the case, Romney showed an engaging side and stiffness. When the rain-soaked crowd sang "Happy Birthday," Romney exclaimed: "That's a fine Alabama good morning," as if such greetings are somehow different in other states.

Moments later, he showed good-natured self-awareness, saying he hoped to go hunting with an Alabama friend who "can actually show me which end of the rifle to point." The audience, crammed under an awning for protection from the storm, laughed with appreciation.

Santorum says convention would give him nomination

Associated Press

BILOXI, Miss. — Rick Santorum said Monday his path to the Republican Party's presidential nomination counts on continued chaos in the field and a fractured GOP arriving at its nominating convention in late summer.

Though former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney has a commanding lead in the crucial race for delegates to the national convention, Santorum told reporters a day before Alabama and Mississippi's presidential primaries that his standing in the race will improve if conservatives coalesce behind him — and if Newt Gingrich exits the race soon.

"People of Mississippi and Alabama want a conservative. ... If they want a conservative nominee for sure, they can do that by lining up behind us and making this race clearly a two-person race outside of the South," he said.

Romney is on pace to reach the 1,144 delegates needed to clinch the nomination in June. He has 454 delegates to Santorum's 217, according to an Associated Press count.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich has 107 delegates and Rep. Ron Paul has 47.

"We sure as heck aren't going to go to a convention all the way to the end of August to select a nominee," Romney said.

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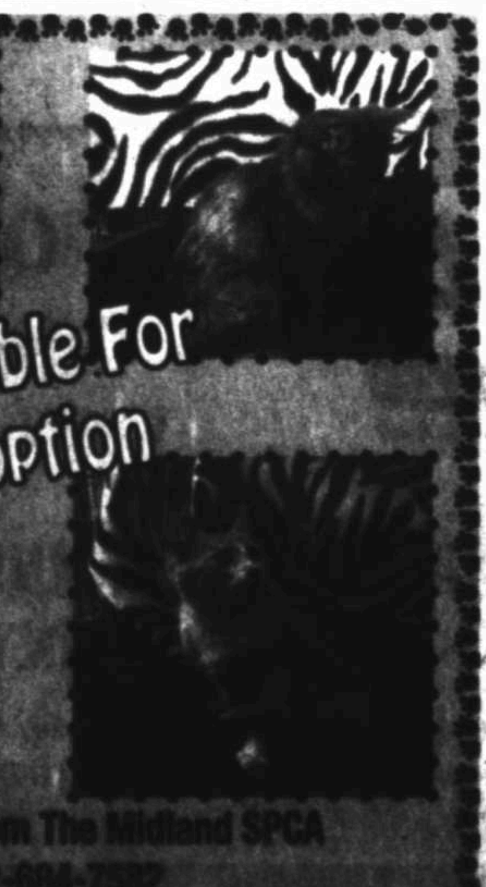
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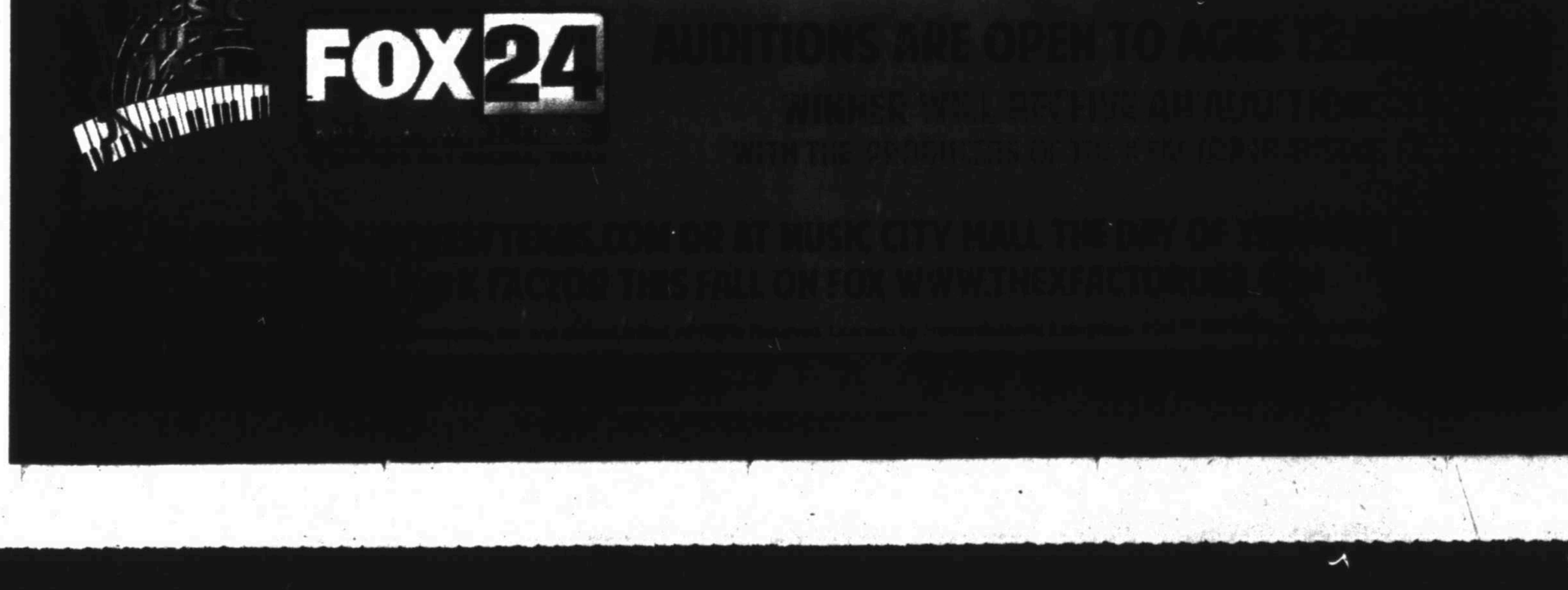

Education

Midland College making improvements

Student services hours expansion, raises for employees included in plans

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

At Midland College, administrators, board members and staff said they're always working to make the college experience more positive for students and help them achieve their goals.

To accommodate students with busy schedules, student services hours were extended one evening a week starting in January. Through August, students have access to the testing center, admissions, registrar, student advising and financial aid until 8 p.m. Tuesdays in the Scharbauer Student Center.

The flexible hours were initiated by Michael Chavez, dean of Enrollment Management, who'd heard from students that it is difficult to complete business during normal office hours.

"I think we need to provide the access for students and make it possible for those who work until 5 p.m. to still get their business done," Chavez said. "We need to do whatever we can to help them."

Students also had the option to take classes in a condensed, 12-week semester that started Feb. 13.

The shorter semester was created after more than 400 students were denied admission because they did not have the state-mandated bacterial meningitis vaccine before the start of the spring semester, Chavez said.

Courses offered during the 12-week semester included English, math, government, history, sociology, education, art appreciation and music ensemble, Chavez said.

In an attempt to make course selection easier, the board of trustees approved a $36,684 system that will put all course information online in a user-friendly academic catalog.

This system will be easier to navigate than the current paper catalog PDF that is online, said Rebecca Bell, dean of community relations and special events.

With this new system, students will be able to sort courses and get up-to-date information without having to look through the 100-plus page magazine, Bell said.

Additionally, it will allow the college future flexibility for linking the course catalog to the online enrollment system, Bell said.

In regard to campus safety, MC launched a campus-wide emergency notification system in the fall that

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BOLD VENTURE PAYS DIVIDENDS

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Shelby Day, left, makes her way around collecting goodies as she and other Students in Philanthropy Club members with the Early College High School at Midland College, make goody bags to be included in Meals on Wheels deliveries.

Early College High School at Midland College remains a priority

■ Despite the school funding problems, the opportunity ECHS provides is worthy of the community investment.

By Steve Thomas
Midland College President

In the fall of 2009, Midland College joined forces with the Midland Independent School District in a bold venture based on the principle that academic rigor, combined with the opportunity to save time and money, is a powerful motivator for students to work hard and meet serious intellectual challenges. The result was the formation of Early College High School at Midland College. Students in the program attend high school and college classes on the MC campus. The rigorous program compresses the time it takes to complete a high school diploma and the first two years of college.

The school started in August, 2009 with an entering freshman class of 125 students. Since then, ECHS at Midland College has grown to include high school freshmen, sophomores and juniors with a total enrollment of 255 students, and we will add another cohort next year. ECHS at Midland College was implemented to recruit first-generation college students who might not graduate from high school — much less attend college — and provide them with an academic environment in a culture of high expectations for their success.

The curriculum is designed so students take primarily high school classes in the first two years and college courses in the junior and senior years. When students complete all four years, they will graduate with a high school diploma and an associate degree or two years of college credit toward a bachelor's degree. Since extra-curricular activities are limited, students are able to focus on learning, and the results have been impressive. For the past two years ECHS at Midland College has been rated as an exemplary campus by the Texas Education Agency, and the students consistently score higher than their peers at other high schools on the state-mandated Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills ttest.

ECHS at Midland College is a unique collaboration among Midland College, MISD and the community because students attend at no cost. MISD and MC share expenses for maintenance and operation of the school. Midland College provides classrooms, office space, utilities and security; MISD provides high school faculty, administrative staff, transportation, food service and textbooks. When students reach their junior year, they are integrated into college courses taught by MC faculty, and there is no charge for college tuition.

The program's accomplishments have prompted several individuals and organizations to help with tuition costs. The ECHS at Midland College Scholarship Fund has been established with generous support from Abell-Hanger Foundation, Concho Resources, Wells Fargo Bank, Fasken Foundation, The Rea Charitable Trust, Scharbauer Foundation, Inc., and the Wayne & Jo Ann Moore Charitable Foundation. This strong community support is vital to the program's future success.

When we initiated ECHS at Midland College, our vision was to create the best early college high school in Texas, and we knew that there would be significant start-up and maintenance costs. We also knew that because of Texas' economic recession, state support would be reduced, and we would have to manage ECHS at Midland College on strained budgets. Even with the Draconian cuts to public schools and severe cuts to Midland College after the 82nd Legislative session, we chose to make ECHS at Midland College a priority because we are convinced that ECHS at Midland College is a pathway to success and a better life for students who never dreamed that college was within their reach.

Petroleum engineering program helps area

By Iris Foster
MRT Correspondent

ODESSA — The advent of a petroleum engineering degree greatly enlarged the footprint for the University of Texas of the Permian Basin at both its CEED campus, between Midland and Odessa, and at its main campus in Odessa. Classes at the freshman and sophomore level convened last fall, and enrollment has doubled as students transferred and in some cases, changed their majors. This new degree comes just two years after a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering began at UTPB. Both of these were necessary, according to President David Watts, to propel the institution along its path of educating the area workforce in careers important to West Texas.

Course work for the bachelor in petroleum engineering covers 126 credit hours and is the same as that offered by larger engineering schools. However, the benefits of earning this degree at UTPB include small classes (50 maximum), state-of-the-art computer equipment and soon-to-be-completed drilling fluids and reservoir laboratories. The first graduates expect to be looking for work in December 2013.

UTPB's petroleum engineering faculty have industry and academic experience in drilling, reservoir engineering, natural gas reservoir engineering, well design and production engineering.

Dacun Li, assistant professor of petroleum technology for the past two years, is the coordinator of the new degree program. Li spent years working and lecturing in the petroleum industry here and in the United Arab Emirates after earning a Ph.D. in petroleum engineering from New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. Abdallah Harouaka also has been recruited for the program. With academic degrees in petroleum and natural gas engineering from Pennsylvania State University, as well as a petroleum engineering degree from the University of Southern California, Harouaka has broad experience. He also has taught at Penn State and worked 20 years as a research engineer in the Research Institute with the Center for Petroleum and Minerals (affiliated with King Fahd University in Saudi Arabia).

Li has seen the number of students taking his petroleum fundamentals course increase by 69 percent from fall 2011 to spring 2012. Part of the reason is the high demand in this

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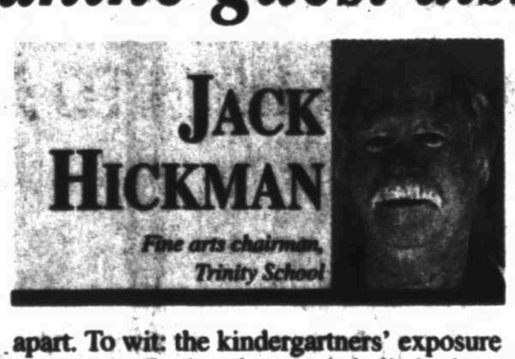
Uninvited canine guest disrupts musical performance



To bring outside resources to your students almost always is a coup for everyone.

There was the Auschwitz survivor whose stories inspired courage and a strong crying out to the passionate side of humankind. The balloon-tying clown's creations commanded laughter and awe from the most young and even created space for the eldest individual present to float away in fantasy.

The South African chapel speaker's personal stories and insights brought tears and compassion to the perceptions of even the most stoic of Midland-based certitudes and constructed ideas of the "way life is." The paper-folding octogenarian had origami skills that prompted a lower school class to augment the power of a selected reading by folding 1,000 cranes.

But sometimes, the best-laid plans fall apart. To wit: the kindergartners' exposure to a women's church group's bell-ringing performance.

Back in the day when I was first hired as an elementary teacher at Trinity, there were dogs on campus. Dippy, a constant companion to our headmaster, was a fine Dalmatian of noble but somewhat cowed presence. The headmaster's secretary, Ann, was accompanied by Wart, an aptly named creature whose protruding growth in the vicinity of his third eye gave substance to his name. When I arrived, it seemed only natural to me that Straggles, my hormone-pumped male "Lady and the Tramp"-type mutt, would fit right in. And so was the case for years. Dog friendships were created, territories acknowledged and students' affections for their favorites were discovered.

The bell ringers' arrival on campus was heralded by Vina — our spiritual, social and educational guru for decades — as a momentous event. To better see and to hear the melodies of instruments handled most daintily by this cadre of women — wearing white gloves and navy-colored suits and whose very appearance inspired religious-like reverence and overtones of massive care-giving abilities — the children carried their little chairs to the front of the chapel and lined up their seats in front of the musicians. Straggles and I, along with Mr. R, our most revered custodian, and Mr. L, our 6-foot-4 music teacher, assisted with the gangly parade of excited chair-toting kids as they clanked, banged and dropped their way toward the ringers.

The energy of anticipation swelled. When all was in place, the kindergartners stood up to receive Vina's declaration of appreciation to and introduction of our guests. History will record that the moment was not opportune for a large stray dog to wander through the gate.

My first sensation of an event on the brink was Straggles' sudden stiffening to alert and the flaring of his nostrils sucking in air attempting to determine the location and gender of the intruder. At precisely

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Obituaries

Death Notices

Imogene Craft

Imogene Craft, 87, died on Wednesday, March 7, in Midland.

Services will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, at Belvedere Cemetery in San Angelo, Texas. Services are directed by McNett Funeral Home of Andrews. Visitation will be Monday and Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. At McNett Funeral Home.

Survived by nieces and nephews, Linda Profant (Rick), Jim Stuart (Penny), Betty Doren (Mike), Bill Stuart, Anita Fry (Clay) and several grand-nieces and nephews.

Ira Lee Brannan

Ira Lee Brannan, 85, of Andrews died on, Sunday March 11, in Odessa.

Services will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at First Baptist Church in Andrews. Burial will be in Andrews West Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home. Visitation will be Wednesday from 6-8 PM at McNett Funeral Home in Andrews.

Survived by sons, Stephen Brannan (Denise), Phillip Brannan, David Brannan; six grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

Mary Hughes

Mary Margaret Hughes, 87, of Odessa, died on Sunday, March 11, in Odessa.

Services are scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Survived by husband, John Woehl; children, Brandy Bridges, Tracy Hughes, Connie Hughes, Regina Huckabee, Luke Hughes; daughter-in-law, Jeanne Thompson and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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allows students and staff members to receive text message alerts in the event of an emergency.

As students registered for spring classes, they were prompted to register for the system and receive notifications for inclement weather, traffic accidents impeding campus access, violence that may cause danger to others and structural damage to campus buildings.

Bell said the college has wanted to implement the emergency notification system for about two years. Researching systems other colleges use helped MC decide on its system.

The implementation of the emergency notification system was not only a preventative measure but one to comply with a code passed by the Legislature requiring colleges and universities to make a system available to their students and staff by Sept. 1.

Though staff members were not given a raise in August when the fiscal year began, the board approved a $100 per month salary increase for more than 400 full-time employees beginning in February.

The raises cost the college about $307,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year, which was available because state appropriations were larger than expected, tuition generated unexpected revenue and county appraisal values were up, President Steve Thomas said.

While Midland College salaries were frozen for the beginning of the 2011-12 school year, full-time faculty and staff received a raise of 2.5 percent in 2010-11, 2 percent in 2009-10, 5 percent in 2008-09 and 4 percent in 2007-08.

The raise will be more than 5 percent for the college's lowest-compensated employees and less than 1 percent for the highest paid, said Rick Bender, vice president of administrative services.

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MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren reads "I Love School" by Hans Wilhelm in September 2011 to first-grade students at Bowie Elementary as part of the Wells Fargo, Midland Need to Read and Reporter-Telegram book giveaway to all area first-grade students.

MISD hopes for history-making initiative to change education

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

A $158 million "improvement initiative" hailed as a historic way to change the way Midland educates its children is on the horizon for Midland ISD.

Though a May election was anticipated, the board of trustees decided to hold off on calling election during this month's regular meeting, making November the earliest a bond could go to voters.

The $158 million proposal is phase one of a two-phase bond project. It calls for improvements for each elementary campus, the opening of three 800-student elementary campuses and $7 million for district-level technology upgrades to support the proposed changes.

Phase one focuses on alleviating the overcrowding of elementary level classes caused by unexpected growth and would add 174 new classrooms to the district through additions at 10 campuses and three new schools.

This number would be enough to return to the Texas Education Agency mandate of 22 students to 1 teacher in kindergarten through fourth-grade, move classes housed in 77 portable buildings inside a school and account for continued growth predicted by the current population patterns.

Two of the new campuses would be built in west and northwest Midland — one west of Grande Communications Stadium at the Scharbauer Sports Complex and another northwest of the Green Tree development. Land has not been purchased, but those are the areas the district has identified for new schools.

Bunche, which was built in 1959, will be transformed into an 800-student elementary school at a cost of $20 million. Most recently, the facility served as an early childhood education center.

West Early Childhood Education Center will be transformed into the Midland Alternative Program for students with disciplinary problems, Warren said. MAP currently is housed in the district's Mashburn Building but does not have room to accommodate all the students who need to attend, Warren said.

Phase two of the initiative will address the same space, technology, maintenance and academic excellence issues for the district's junior highs and high schools.

Warren said phase two will be "philosophical" in that the campaign will show the need "to change the way we instruct kids, the way we organize ourselves and how curriculum is taught in the school district."

Although it will be a large project, phase two discussions and planning will not begin until phase one is passed, Warren said.

Warren said the two-phase improvement initiative should last the district 15 to 20 years before having to ask for additional increases.

"We're trying to get a plan in place that would prevent us from having to ask for another one for awhile," Warren said of the two-phase project.

A $158 million bond would be the largest passed in Midland's history. Voters have passed one bond of more than $100 million. In 2009, voters approved a $115 million bond for the Midland Hospital District.

Those with a home valued at $100,000 will see taxes increase $54.84 annually, should phase 1 pass; homeowners with a $200,000 home will see an increase of $119.40. Homeowners older than 65 won't see a tax increase because of the homestead exemption, which puts a tax ceiling on school taxes. A resident older than 65 who continues to own and live in their home and doesn't make any major improvements, will pay the rate they paid the year they qualified for the exemption.

Midland voters have been reluctant to pass MISD bond propositions. Since 1996, only four of 10 have passed — the largest referendum passed was a $67.1 million proposition in 2003. The trend is a reversal from 1947 to 1991, when Midland voters rejected only one proposition in 28 attempts.

David Garcia, MISD's chief financial officer, said the school district owes $181 million in total debt payments.

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Growing UTPB contributing more to Midland, Permian Basin

By David Watts
UTPB President

Good things continue to happen at UT Permian Basin.

The Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center is open and operating. Many of you know that since the facility has had 20 performances, and many of them have been sold out. The Rea Greathouse Hall, available to the public for all sorts of events from weddings to recitals, continues to attract users. The music program at UT Permian Basin, led by Dan Keast, now has a proper home with quality classrooms, rehearsal hall and practice rooms.

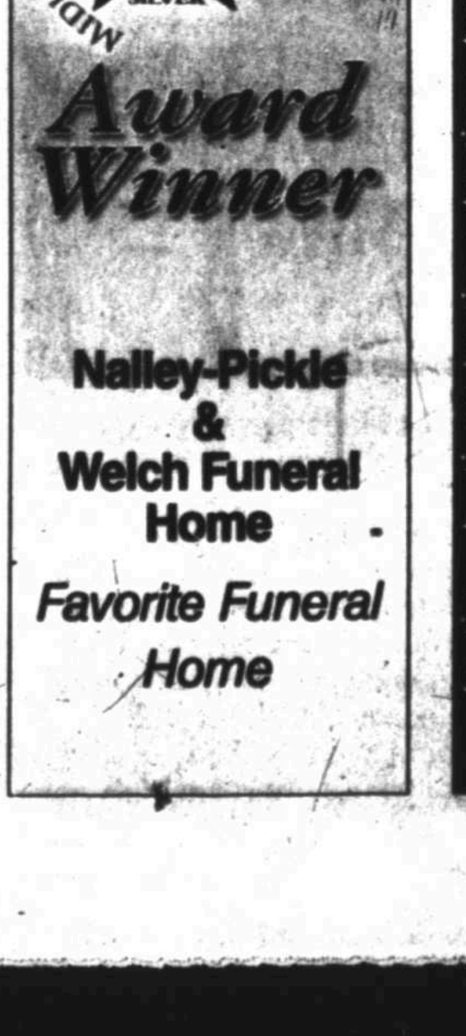
Also located on the CEED campus, now a part of the city of Midland, are UT Permian Basin's two new engineering programs. Mechanical engineering opened three years ago. The program graduated six students in 2011 and expects to graduate 12 and 24 respectively in 2012 and 2013. Graduates are working in Midland, including at Nicholas Consulting Group and Hy-Bon Engineering. Forrest Flocker, coordinator of mechanical engineering at UT Permian Basin, said the demand for engineers in Midland far exceeds the supply. Companies looking for engineering interns and graduates are urged to contact Flocker at 552-2218 or at flocker_f@utpb.edu.

Petroleum engineering started fall 2011. Already there are more than 50 students enrolled in petroleum engineering courses. Construction of the petroleum engineering laboratories is under way, and they will be ready to go for fall 2012. The program expects its first graduates in December 2013. UT Permian Basin is grateful to state Reps. Tom Craddick and Tryon Lewis and state Sen. Kel Seliger for their support of start-up funding for the petroleum engineering at UT Permian Basin. Faculty have been and are being hired, coming from industry and Pennsylvania State University. Now students from the Permian Basin can stay in the Permian Basin to learn and practice petroleum engineering. Companies looking for engineering interns may contact Dacun Li, the program coordinator, at 552-2217 or at li_d@utpb.edu.

Thanks to support from the Buddy Davidson Foundation of Midland, UT Permian Basin's child care center has state-of-the-art playground equipment. Serving the children of students, faculty and staff of UT Permian Basin, the fully licensed daycare, provides drop in and routine day care for children ages 18 months to 6 years.

Men's and women's tennis started this year. The season is in full swing with the men and women demonstrating their ability to take down teams like Dallas Baptist and McMurry and compete against teams like UT Austin, UTEP and New Mexico State University. Tennis makes the 13th intercollegiate sport at UT Permian Basin, joining soccer, volleyball, basketball, swimming, cross country, baseball and softball. Athletics teaches self-discipline, commitment and teamwork. Every one of our student-athletes is a student first. Athletes have a higher grade point average than other students at UT Permian Basin. We are proud to have them.

UT Permian Basin and its students contribute much to Midland and the surrounding area. Whether through teacher education (yes, the BEST Scholarship is still available), engineering music or the other graduate and undergraduate programs, UT Permian Basin is delivering value to the Permian Basin, West Texas and Texas.



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that same moment, the uninvited guest spied Straggles and in obvious violation of most initial canine sniffing rites, growled, bared his teeth and made a more than menacing advance at Straggles. Straggles responded with the conviction of a defender under attack and the two dogs met in a mutual airborne leap of vicious snarling and gnashing of teeth. Hair was flying. Droplets of blood began appearing on the sidewalk. The tinkling of overturned bells echoed under the overhang. The screams of the ringers, kids and teachers filled the chapel's entranceway. The ringers grabbed their bells in haste and sped toward the sanctuary of the unlocked chapel doors.

As the fight intensified, chairs overturned, small children scrambled on their knees away from the fracas, and teachers spun around in confusion. Vina, always the unflappable, sped into action. She dashed about gathering up children from the whirlwind of chaos and plopped them, standing upright like the Nutcracker, on the safety of unturned chairs.

The dogs sparred on in fury. Feeling a huge sense of duty and acting in total stupidity, I grabbed Straggles' hind legs and Mr. L, by leveraging his size 14 boots on both animals, grabbed the stray by his hind legs. The dogs were locked together jaw to jaw. We lifted them above ground and pulled. Thinking that such a simple gesture as suspending the two pugilists like a hammock and violently shaking them would result in a quick if not snarling release, the theory was proved wrong. With that established, Mr. R began whacking the cojoined dogs repeatedly with a folding chair. More screams from the assembled as our swinging and whacking crashed the animals into the headmaster's plate glass window. A profusion of blood resulted, the dogs fell apart, and the stray whimpered mournfully as he scatted away with a missing ear.

Later after PE, Andy D. was tardy in returning to class. Ten minutes passed before he appeared at the door. His cupped hands concealed some object. Running excitedly to my desk, he slowly unfolded his prize exclaiming, "Look what I found in the ivy, Mr. Hickman!"

Even though Andy's father was a doctor, the hopes of sewing on that retrieved ear never were fulfilled.

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particular career field. Both Li and Forrest Flocker, interim chair of undergraduate engineering, attribute this to a low census of petroleum engineers in the 35-55 age range and the expected retirement of many age 55 and older. As a result, the average starting salary for petroleum engineers with bachelor degrees is about $90,000, they said.

UTPB's engineering and technology program is a part of the internationally accredited School of Business, and this newest program will seek recognition from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) as soon as it confers its first degrees. The mechanical engineering program graduated its first students in May 2011 and has hosted ABET officials for a site visit.

Science and technical education at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin was enhanced further last fall with the opening of the $54 million Science and Technology Building which features the Cooper Lecture Hall for cutting edge presentations. Faculty research in the pure and applied sciences like computer science, with hands-on student involvement, is housed now in a state-of-the-art location. The move freed up space in UTPB's Mesa Building for redesigned classrooms and laboratories for a future bachelor's degree in nursing.

Other new buildings at UTPB completed during 2011 to give students and the general public enhanced opportunities included the $12 million Student Activities Center. Last January, SAC opened with a multi-station dining facility that also serves the public during school days. It also houses a child care center, lounges, a Starbucks and student organization meeting rooms, in addition to fitness and recreational spaces. Last November, with the opening of the long-anticipated Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center next to the CEED Building, UTPB's music program gained a permanent home. After a gala performance by rocker Rod Stewart, the $81 million performing arts center has staged ballets, concerts, plays and soon will debut "Broadway in the Basin."

The only four-year institution for 100 miles in the Permian Basin has grown significantly in its footprint and program offerings to area citizens. And yet, during its nearly 40 years of existence, the focus of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin remains on individual students and enabling each to reach educational goals.

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A SAILOR'S STORY

Purple Heart recipient and Navy veteran Dave Roever shares his motivational life story of service and hope recently at Lee Freshman High School. Roever, who was a Navy river boat gunner in the Vietnam War, was burned beyond recognition when a grenade he began to throw exploded in his hand.

Roever shares his motivational life story of service and hope.

Sabrina Barocio, 15, gives Roever a hug and thanks him for sharing his motivational life story of service and hope with her classmates at the event.

PHOTOS BY CINDEKA NEALY

MAKING THE GRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

DENTON — Midlander **Kristina Anne Shelburne** graduated in December from Texas Woman's University.

She received a Bachelor's of Art in dance and graduated magna cum laude.

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Howard

Lee High School senior **Tim Howard** was honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. He is the son of Les and April Howard.

He is a president of orchestra and National Honor Society, member of Interact Club, decathlon team and StrictLee Strings. He is a Texas Scholar, Texas Music Scholar and academic letterman.

He attends Stonegate Fellowship and is involved with the music ministry and volunteers with the SPCA and Opportunity Camp.

Howard plans to attend Texas Tech University or the University of Oklahoma and major in business marketing and minor in psychology.

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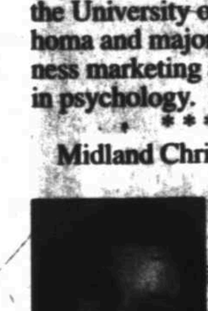

Neale

Midland Christian School senior **Morgan Neale** has been honored by the Midland Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Susie and Tim Neale.

She is a member of the Spanish Club, National Honor Society and Science Club and is a Texas Scholar.

She is involved in her church's youth group and multimedia ministry.

Neale plans to attend Baylor University and major in neuroscience and minor in Spanish.

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Dahya

Lee High School senior **Krupa Dahya** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Bharat Patel and Ila Patel.

She is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, AVID, PALS, Interact Club, Business Professionals of America and Senior Girls.

She volunteers with Midland Teen Court.

Dahya plans to attend Baylor University.

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GREAT FALLS, Mont. — Midlander **Kody Morris** was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at University of Great Falls.

To be eligible, students must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA.

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KERRVILLE — Midlander **Ashley Simon** has been named to the President's List for the fall semester at Schreiner University.

To qualify, students must earn at least a 3.7 GPA.

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	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Devil's Triangle"		NCIS: Los Angeles "Deadline"		Unforgettable "Lost Things"		CBS 7 News	(:35) Late Show	(:35) Amanda Peet, Nick Offerman	(:35) Late. (N)
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Sein. "The Opposite"	Seinfeld	90210 "Blood Is Thicker Than Mad" (N)		Ringer (N)		Cops	'Til Death	King of Queens	South Park	South Park	Roseanne
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	KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Alan Lee	Cardoza Moore	Update News	Rico Cortes	Light of the Southwest				Jean-Claude	Newsbeginning	Ministerios Nueva Vida	
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	The Biggest Loser Someone wins a shopping spree. (N)		Fashion Star "Pilot" (P) (N)				News-West 9	(:35) Jay Leno	Shooter Jennings, Jonah Hill	(:35) LateNight
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	HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Top Gear (N)		Top Shot (N)		Full Metal Jousting		Pwn Star	Pwn Star
	LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Dance Moms "The Runaway Mom"		Dance Moms "Topless Showgirls"		Dance Moms "Miami Heat Wave"		Dance Moms "Miami Heat Wave"		Runway "Let's Get Down to Business"		Dance Moms "Topless Showgirls"	
	MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
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	USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Manic"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Ritual"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Home"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Mean"		CSI: Crime Scene "Bully for You"		CSI: Crime Scene "Scuba Doobie-Doo"	
	WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock "Greenzo"	Scrubs	Scrubs	'Til Death

SCHOOL CALENDAR

FROM STAFF REPORTS

March 22
Midland Chamber of Commerce's State of Education luncheon at Midland Center.

Cowan Performing Arts Series presents The 5 Browns —"classical music's First Family of Piano Virtuosos" — 7 p.m., Chaparral Center

March 23-24
UIL Academic District Meet

March 29
UTPB Shepperd Distinguished Lecture Series: Mary Matalin and James Carville Moderated by: Evan Smith, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center

March 31
Prom: Early College High School

April 6
Holiday: Midland ISD, Greenwood ISD

April 6 and 9
Holiday: Midland Christian School, Trinity School, Midland Classical Academy

April 12
Midland High School Catoico

April 14
Prom: Midland High School

April 16
Texas Scholars banquet

April 21
Prom: Lee High School, Greenwood High School

April 22
Lee High School RebeLee Court

April 24
Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series presents Fareed Zakaria, foreign policy adviser, columnist and television host, 7 p.m., Chaparral Center

May 1
Trinity Science Night and Physics Circus, 5:30-8:30 p.m., science demonstrations and projects

May 3
Prom: Trinity School

May 28
Memorial Day Holiday: Midland ISD

Graduations
- Midland High School and Lee High School, June 2
- Greenwood High School, May 25
- Trinity School, May 25
- Midland Christian School, May 25
- Midland Classical Academy, May 5
- Midland College, May 11
- University of Texas of the Permian Basin, May 12

Meetings schedule
MISD's board of trustees typically meet at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. Meetings take place in the first floor board room at 615 W. Missouri Ave.

Midland College's board of trustees typically meet at 4 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. Meetings take place in the Gibson Board room in the Administration Building.

Greenwood ISD's board of trustees typically meet at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Meetings take place in the Distance Learning Center at Greenwood High School.

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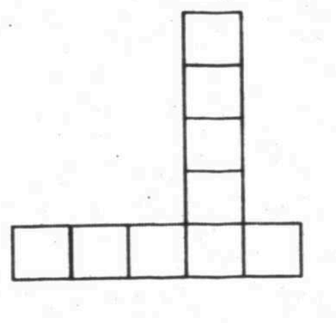

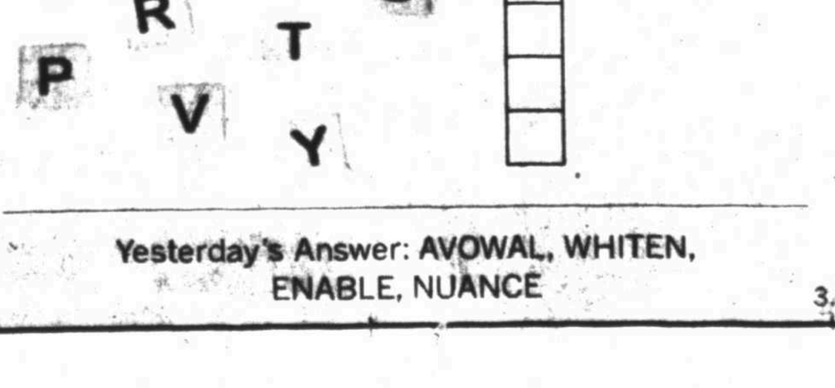

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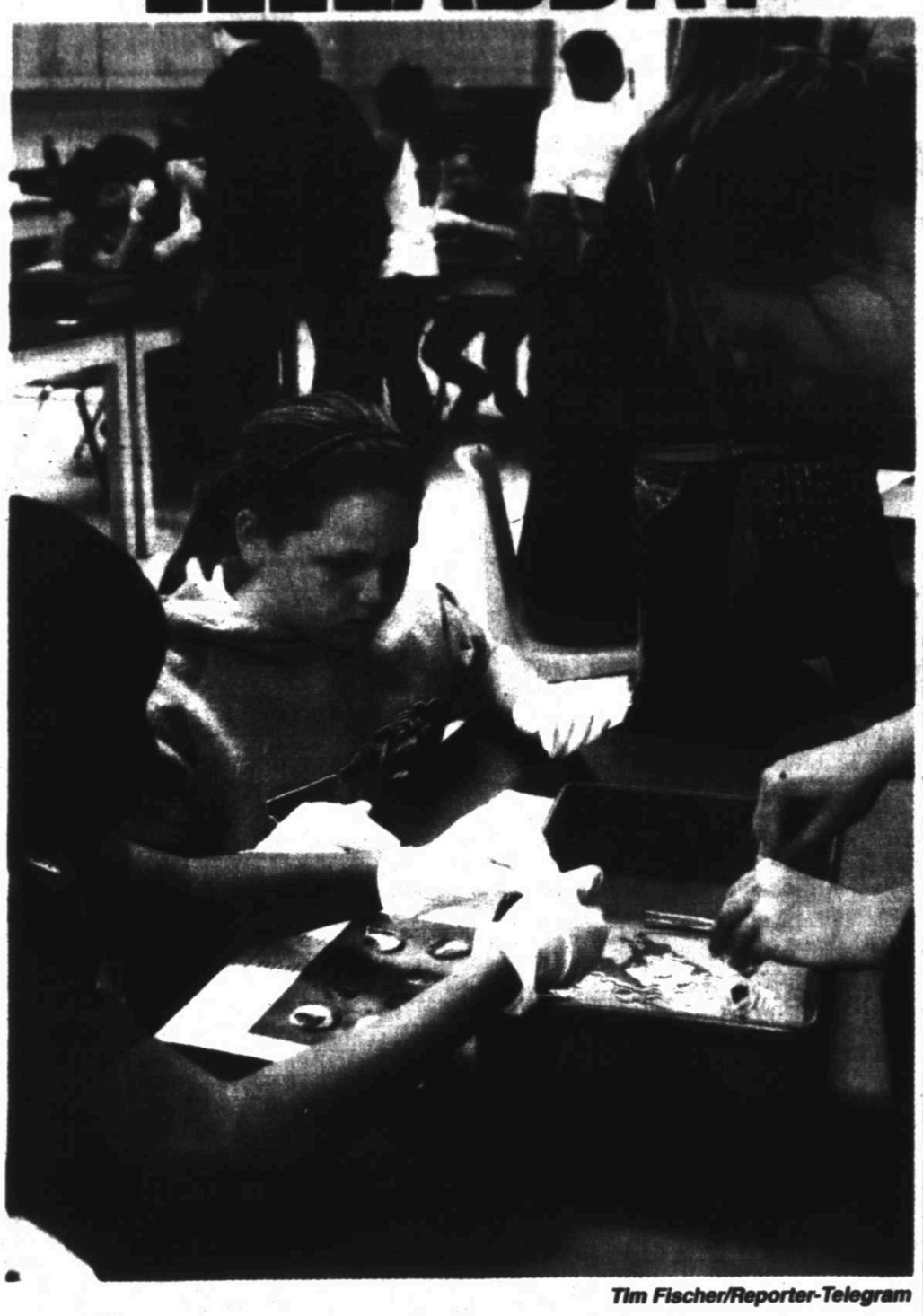

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Erin Cumbest, right, LHS junior, helps Darius Mackey and Alex James, from Bowie Elementary, dissect a sheep eye during Lee Lab Days Thursday morning at LHS.

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Quinn Herman, from Bush Elementary, mixes his concoction to make a Silly Putty-type compound during Lee Lab Day.

Arlington Park school district helps homeless students

By Matthew Haag
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Fifth-grader Nick Lara sleeps at night in a twin-size bed he shares with the 7-year-old daughter of his dad's girlfriend. Above the children, his honor roll report cards are proudly displayed, tacked to the walls of the motel they live in.

The family lives in a 150-square-foot room along Interstate 35E in northwest Dallas in one of several extended-stay motels with families who send their children to Arlington Park Community Learning Center.

A third of the school's students are considered homeless, children who live in motels, shelters or cars or who sleep on a borrowed couch.

With only nine children considered above the poverty mark, Arlington Park demonstrates the extra lengths schools must go to in meeting the needs of children whose families struggle to survive. It is also a startling reminder of homeless students, whom educators say they are seeing in greater numbers.

Though thorough and recent figures are not available, it is estimated that 4,000 students in Dallas ISD do not have a permanent home.

"Their conversation at home is about survival," said Nikia Smith, principal at Arlington Park. "Their reality hits at 3 o'clock every school day."

Smith and the teachers at Arlington Park have created a nurturing environment that aims to help families with the basics. They pass out food for students to take home on weekends. They pick them up for Saturday classes if the students don't have a ride. They buy them shirts and tennis shoes when theirs fall apart.

But in the end, Smith worries it's not enough.

Nick Lara and Skylar French, a shy, skinny third-grader, live in Room No. 223.

Their backyard is the motel's parking lot. Robberies and car break-ins can be common at night. As the sun set on a recent school day, Skylar and some friends rummaged through the motel's trash bin for tossed-out toys and games.

"I don't want to be here," said Skylar's mom, Suezzette Mann, as she watched her daughter play. "I just want them to be kids and not worry about the bills."

Mann landed in the motel two years ago after she lost her job working on the loading dock at Texas Instruments. She said she's received a few hundred dollars every week since then in unemployment benefits — enough to cover bills while she takes online courses to become a court reporter.

Nick's dad, David Lara, said he's had trouble securing a steady job after serving three years in state prison for a drug conviction. When he can find jobs in construction or driving 18-wheelers, he makes $8 an hour.

"This is what you call the ghetto," Lara said. "I used to apologize to them all the time for being here."

Nick has kept a near-perfect attendance at Arlington Park and has a B-average. Skylar has started to slip in school.

Since first grade, Skylar has transferred to six schools, including one in Missouri for two months earlier this school year. Last school year, Arlington Park teachers told her mother that she was behind in reading comprehension and math.

Mann disputes the assessment of her daughter, but she does want to bring stability to the girl's life. The couple has been trying to save money to escape the motel.

"One of these days," said Mann, 40.

When Arlington Park students enter the school, a one-story building tucked behind UT Southwestern near a beer distribution plant, they find their second parents.

"The kids here don't know that we have to label them homeless," said Smith, the school's principal. "Nobody here makes them feel any different. You cannot tell them apart."

The nature of their situations means homeless students face tremendous hurdles to advance from kindergarten to high school graduates. They tend to transfer schools multiple times a year, each time falling further behind, and they occasionally miss weeks or months of class at a time.

At Arlington Park, the students receive extra tutoring during the day, and before and after school. When students are sick or hospitalized, teachers deliver their homework to them. They give them DART passes for their families to get around on weekends.

"I know their home situations," Smith said. "There are so many other distractions."

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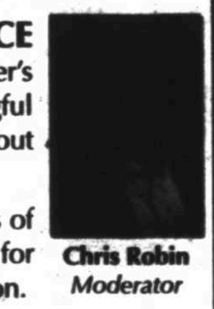
Our panel has been selected to provide a look at several facets of education in Midland - both private and public school options for elementary and secondary education as well as higher education.

The discussion will be moderated by the Chamber's Board Chairman, Chris Robin. As a local business owner, Mr. Robin will focus the discussion on the interdependence of business and education.



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NM community college wins $148,000 grant

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A foundation for Central New Mexico Community College has won a nearly $148,000 grant that will be used to teach students about financial stability.

The Albuquerque Journal reported that the grant from the United Way and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Investor Education Foundation will be used to help the school teach 500 students healthy finances while providing services such as free tax preparation.

The grant will be used for students enrolled in a basic financial education course at the school through a relatively new school program that helps students navigate its services.

Court: Residents can't block land sale used for schools

Associated Press

BOSTON — A Massachusetts appeals court has ruled Ipswich residents can't stop the sale of land that has raised millions for the town's public schools.

In 1660, William Payne's gift of 35 seaside acres created the nation's oldest charitable trust. Rent from cottages on the land has helped fund the schools.

Last year, trustees agreed to sell the units to tenants to settle a 2006 rent increase lawsuit. A probate judge and school officials approved, but some residents said it shortchanged the schools.

One plaintiff said Monday the group is disappointed and will study the ruling.

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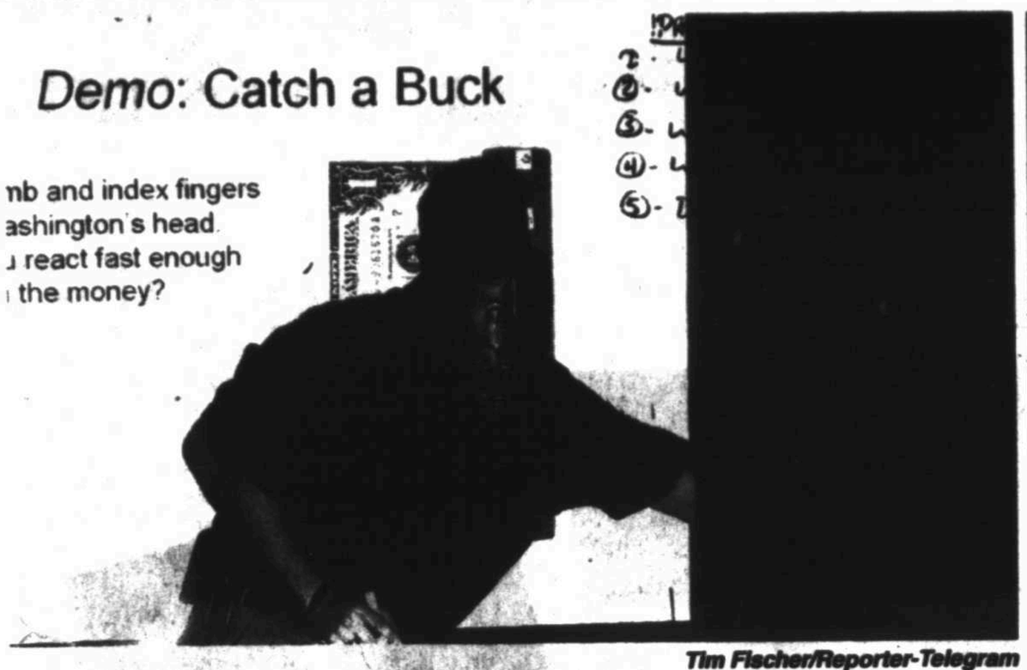

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Cory Callaway, physics teacher at Midland High School, goes over equations to determine time in class in this August 2010 file photo. Callaway was named teacher of the year at MHS.

Chamber names teachers of the year

From staff reports

The elementary and secondary winners in the teacher of the year and unsung hero competition will be announced March 22 at the Chamber of Commerce's State of Education luncheon at Midland Center.

The honorees from each campus also will be recognized.

Bonham Elementary
Teacher: Danielle Rene (Bergen) Hosier
Unsung Hero: Diane Bles

Bowie Fine Arts Academy
Teacher: April Paris
Unsung Hero: Gloria Almanza

Burnet Elementary
Teacher: Yvonne Rodriguez Gamboa
Unsung Hero: Susan Frost

Bush Elementary
Teacher: Patricia Morales
Unsung Hero: Emma Lusk

Carver Center
Teacher: Sara Burleson
Unsung Hero: Sara Moore

Crockett Elementary
Teacher: Gabriel Yafet Salgado Moya
Unsung Hero: Stephanie Fuentes-Cook

DeZavala Elementary
Teacher: Lizette A. Rey
Unsung Hero: Jesse Ramirez

Emerson Elementary
Techer: Elizabeth Tate
Unsung Hero: Cyndi Aycock

Fannin Elementary
Teacher: Rebecca Montgomery
Unsung Hero: Sherry Carr Stanley

Greathouse Elementary
Teacher: Kim Weaver
Unsung Hero: Erica Sotelo

Henderson Elementary
Teacher: Cynthia Manquero
Unsung Hero: Nisha Brannon

Houston Elementary
Teacher: Valerie Hall
Unsung Hero: (None)

Jones Elementary
Teacher: April R. Smith
Unsung Hero: (None)

Lamar Elementary
Teacher: Stacey Renfro
Unsung Hero: Amy Davenport

Long Elementary
Teacher: Crista Nickell
Unsung Hero: Sandra Salazar

Midland Academy Charter
Teacher: Beverly Rekdahl (elementary)
Teacher: Sarah Duran (junior high)
Unsung Hero: Alfredo Morales

Midland Christian School
Teacher: Karen E. Bell (elementary)
Teacher: Pam Keel (high school)
Unsung Hero: Susan McDuffey

Milam Elementary
Teacher: Melissa Anne Schwartz
Unsung Hero: Rayna Kennedy

Parker Elementary
Teacher: Karen Bryant
Unsung Hero: D.J. Rambo

Pease Communication & Technology Academy
Teacher: Dennis Burns
Unsung Hero: Socorro Corrales

Rusk Elementary
Teacher: Beth Gilland
Unsung Hero: Susan Harmon

Santa Rita Elementary
Teacher: Elizabeth Clevenger
Unsung Hero: Oscar C. Reyes

Scharbauer Elementary
Teacher: Marjorie Chambers
Unsung Hero: Cheryl Spotts

South Elementary
Teacher: Maria I. Martinez
Unsung Hero: Monica Moreno

Travis Elementary
Teacher: Tracy Rice
Unsung Hero: Lori Sanchez

Washington Math and Science Institute
Teacher: Kim Betcher
Unsung Hero: Erica Brown

Abell Juior High
Teacher: Suzanne Palmer
Unsung Hero: Norma Contreras

Alamo Junior High
Teacher: Meghann Zenteno
Unsung Hero: Darek Jackson Sr.

Brooks Middle School
Teacher: Suzanne M. Dye
Unsung Hero: Frances O'Neal

Goddard Junior High
Teacher: Betty Craig Underwood
Unsung Hero: Vicki Washington

San Jacinto Junior High
Teacher: Calvin Jackson
Unsung Hero: Kristen Brady

Lee Freshman School
Teacher: Chris Enriquez
Unsung Hero: Lisa Kay R. Garces

Midland Freshman School
Teacher: Mike Rushton
Unsung Hero: Jami Hatfield

Coleman High School
Teacher: Ginger Schantz
Unsung Hero: Melissa Bryant

Early College High School at Midland College
Teacher: Daphne Rhoads
Unsung Hero: Terri Coleman

Greenwood High School
Teacher: Michael Anthony Cicchelli
Unsung Hero: Terry Tucker

Lee High School
Teacher: Megan Watts Chapman
Unsung Hero: Terre Arnett

Midland Alternative Program
Teacher: Gary Brewster
Unsung Hero: D.J. Rambo

Midland High School
Teacher: Cory Callaway
Unsung Hero: James M. Green

MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MHS DECA student to compete at international competition

Midland High senior Erin Bamford will attend the International DECA Competition in Salt Lake City April 28-May 1 after qualifying at the state competition March 3 in Corpus Christi.

Bamford, who won in business services marketing, said she is looking forward to representing Midland at the competition.

It is the first time since 2004 that a Midland High student advanced to the international competition.

The five other students who competed at the state competition were Elizabeth Williamson and Harley Embrey for hospitality services team decision-making, Cody Burdett and James Barela for marketing communication team decision-making, and Jack Bell in sports and entertainment marketing.

"These students showed leadership, teamwork and professionalism at the state level," said Justin Walker, MHS DECA sponsor and marketing teacher. "I am thrilled to be a part of this amazing group and very proud to be an advisor with such great individuals."

Four Destination Imagination teams advance to state

Four of Midland ISD's Destination Imagination teams will advance to the state tournament April 13-15 in Corpus Christi. The teams competed in the regional Northwest Plains tournament Feb. 25 in Lubbock.

From Carver Center, "Nike and Ikes," a sixth-grade team, placed first and "Midland's Best," a fifth-grade team, placed second in the "Assembly Required" challenge. "Dawgs in Motion" a team from Midland Freshman High School placed first in the "Project Outreach" challenge and the "Illuminated Dawgs" from Midland Freshman placed second in "The Solar Stage" challenge. All four teams advanced to the state competition.

"Trailer Dawgs" team from Midland Freshman placed second in "Coming Attractions."

"Uniform Chaos," a sixth-grade team from Carver placed third in the "Coming Attractions" challenge.

ECHS teacher selected as KMB award winner

Melissa Wright, Pre-AP world geography teacher at Early College High School at Midland College, was selected by Keep Midland Beautiful to receive the volunteer achievement award in the Youth Education category.

She will be honored at KMB's annual appreciation luncheon March 22 at the Hilton Midland Plaza.

Doreen Womack, executive director of KMB, commended Wright for her and the ECHS@MC students' participation in annual cleanups, recycling campaigns, environmental education and Texas Recycles Day.

Womack said Wright's involvement is critical to educating youth about a clean community and the teacher set a great example to the youth of Midland through her community pride and service.

Abell SIP to donate to Pet Solutions

The Students In Philanthropy group at Abell Junior High School is learning the value of giving to worthy causes. After receiving a $500 grant from The Meadows Foundation, the 72 students researched areas of need in the community. They voted to assist Pet Solution Inc.

"We've done a lot of classroom discussion, and the children have researched animal shelters," SIP teacher Janet Phillips said.

The students will present a check for $500 to Debbie Ellinger with Pet Solutions later this month.

This is the first year a Midland ISD junior high school campus had SIP.

Teachers attend workshop on history curriculum

Several Midland ISD teachers participated in a one-day teacher workshop sponsored by Humanities Texas. The workshop, held at the Region 18 Service Center, focused U.S. history curriculum.

Local teachers who attended were: Judi Barbier, Thurman Brown, Fabian Flores and Sherry McCrary, Abell Junior High School; Michael Cruse, Leslie Truax, Crystal Urias and Charmaine Williams, Alamo Junior High School; Amanda Lambert, Brooks Middle School (Greenwood); Darlene Thomas, Goddard Junior High School; Amy Biodrowski, Midland Academy Charter School; and Diana Brister and Ember Rodriguez, San Jacinto Junior High School.

The workshop offered teachers the opportunity to work with scholars studying major aspects of 19th century U.S. history. The faculty leading the workshop were Michael Les Benedict, Ohio State University; Don Frazier, McMurry University; Jennifer Weber, University of Kansas; and Carey H. Latimore, Trinity University.

Lee music programs receive grant

The Lee High School band, orchestra and choir were recognized Thursday by the Grammy Foundation and Best Buy Mobile as exemplary music programs. The music programs at Lee will receive a donation of $2,000.

Literacy bill sparks debate on flunking kids

Associated Press

DENVER — A Colorado bill aimed at early childhood literacy is sparking a debate over flunking young schoolchildren who fall behind on reading.

A House committee planned to begin work Monday on a bill overhauling literacy requirements from kindergarten through third grade.

The measure would set up a statewide standard on whether pupils should flunk their grade if they are too far behind on reading skills. Currently, grade-retention decisions are local.

"It's been highly controversial because there's so much anxiety around the idea of retention," said Republican Rep. Tom Massey, the bill's sponsor.

The bill would set up a new statewide standard called "minimum reading competency skill level" for the early grades. Starting in the 2013-14 school year, schools would have to assess student literacy each of those years.

Parents would have to be notified if a student has a reading deficiency. Teachers would have to "explain the likely consequences to the student if he or she does not achieve reading competency."

If the deficiency is rated "significant," the state would recommend that the student not advance to the next grade. Students who flunk would have to get enhanced reading instruction.

By third grade, students with significant reading deficiencies could not advance to fourth grade without permission from a superintendent. Some education reform groups backed mandatory retention for those students, but Massey said that went too far for some lawmakers.

The retention standards would not apply to students learning English or to students who have already been retained for a year.

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A West Rusk School student runs Feb. 9 past a memorial commemorating those killed in the London School explosion in New London. Since the victims of the explosion were buried in different places, Cenotaph, a Greek word meaning empty tomb, is used for the memorial at the explosion site. The memorial depicts twelve figures representing children coming to school, bringing gifts and handing in homework to two teachers. On March 18, 1937, roughly 300 students and teachers at the school perished when a shop teacher inadvertently detonated a pocket of natural gas that had collected under the school. 75 years later, the explosion remains the deadliest school disaster in history.

Oil town tragedy of 1937

Event to mark 75 years since school blast

By Allan Turner
Houston Chronicle

NEW LONDON — Billy Thompson's puppy love had risen on springtime's tide, and as he bustled into his last class of the day, the smitten fifth-grader suavely traded seats with a classmate to be near his sweetheart.

While his English teacher droned through the long afternoon of March 18, 1937, Thompson flirted and counted the minutes until the final bell.

Then came the blast, followed by tumbling concrete and steel. Buried in debris after an electric spark detonated natural gas that had collected in a crawl space beneath the building, Thompson thought Hitler had bombed the London School.

Snatched from the wreckage, the dazed and bleeding boy stumbled from the scene of the worst school disaster in American history. The thunderous explosion killed 293 students and teachers, including Ethel Dorsey, the girl with whom Thompson switched chairs. Of the approximately 500 fifth- through 11th-graders in the building at the time of the blast, only 130 escaped serious injury. Younger students attending class in a separate building — most were already on their bus — were not injured.

The farm hamlet-turned-oil-boom-town's tragedy shocked the world. Within weeks state lawmakers acted to prevent such carnage from ever happening again, mandating that normally odorless natural gas be scented with a pungent sulfur compound.

Thompson, racked by survivor's guilt, acceded to the town's unspoken decision to put the tragedy behind them, to speak of it rarely or not at all.

"Most everybody that survived carried a kind of hidden guilt," he said. "We didn't talk about it to others." Thompson bore his burden silently until 1977, when, in a dramatic turnaround, townsfolk decided to host a reunion for survivors and their families. That led him to phone the dead girl's brother, a call that brought long-sought peace of mind.

"He told me not to feel guilty about Ethel's death," Thompson said. "That her family felt what would be would be, and that it had been Ethel's time to go."

Next weekend, Thompson, now 87, will join hundreds of others at the town's rebuilt school to mark the calamity's 75th anniversary. A fading generation with vivid memories, they will study victims' names on Main Street's granite cenotaph, peruse explosion exhibits in the town museum, pray, eat barbecue and — most of all - give vent to long-buried feelings.

"Most of the people in this community are enormously kind," said Judith Susia, an oil field worker's daughter who attended the New London school in the 1950s. "After the explosion, they came together and protected one another from the curious. They didn't make a nuisance of themselves over pain, weeping and drooping. The idea was that talking about it keeps it fresh. If you left it alone, it would scab over and heal."

Today, New London, population 998, is little more than a wide spot on Texas 42, a has-been oil town 12 miles south of Kilgore. Seventy-five years ago, it was far more lively. Starting with wildcatter Columbus "Dad" Joiner's 1930 gusher, the Daisy Bradford No. 3, New London oil production steadily grew through the Depression years. In 1937, it topped 170 million barrels.

"There still were a lot of active drilling rigs everywhere," said Marvin Dees, 96, who was among roughly 2,000 rescue workers who rushed to the devastated school. "There was one well for every five acres. From the school you could see steel derricks for miles around. The drilling rigs, the steam engines and pumps made a lot of noise. There were roads to every lease and crews going up and down. It was like a bee hive."

New London likely was the richest rural school district in the nation, said Miles Toler, director of the town museum, and the two-story, steel-framed E-shaped brick school was a proud $1 million emblem of the region's wealth.

"The school offered everything, and when you finished 11 grades you could come back for still more classes," Toler said. "In 1934, the school got the state's first lighted football stadium. . Basically, there was a feeling that there weren't any poor people. Just about everybody's dad worked for an oil company and had a good job."

New London may have been wealthy, but frugality still mattered. Thus, in January 1937, district officials elected to disconnect school gas pipes from a commercial provider, which cost $300 a month, and take up an oil company's offer of free "green" gas. Many homes in the area used the same fuel.

Later investigations revealed faulty plumbing had allowed the gas to fill a 56-by-253-foot crawl space under the school. At 3:17 p.m. on March 18, shop teacher Lemmie Butler turned on an electric sander, triggering the blast. The explosion lifted the school into the air, then dropped it with a crash. A two-ton chunk of concrete was propelled 200 feet.

In the aftermath, telegrams of condolence from around the world — including one from Adolf Hitler — flooded into the town. Locally, dozens of lawsuits were filed against the school district by grieving parents, but most were dismissed for lack of evidence. Within a short time of the blast, the site was cleared and construction started anew. A new school opened in 1939.

On the fatal morning, students at London School eagerly were anticipating the next day's "county meet" in Henderson, the county seat, where local students competed with their peers at other schools in assorted athletic events.

"We were kind of disappointed because we were supposed to have gotten out of school an hour early," Thompson said. "Just before the next-to-the-last period ended, they announced that we would go into the last class for the day."

Bobbie Cox, a second-grader, and her brother, Perry, who was in fifth grade, planned to skip school. The youngsters soon were intercepted by their father, who, after harsh words, delivered them to campus in his car.

Perry carried in his satchel that morning a poem he had written for English class. "Springtime is a very happy time," it began, "green grass and flowers appear." The homework never reached his teacher.

"I was between the cafeteria and the high school when the school blew up," Bobbie Cox Myers recalled. "I saw smoke. It looked like something you see on the news. Everything was flying through the air — chalkboards, chairs. It didn't take long for total chaos."

A family friend who had been on campus for a parents' meeting spotted the girl and took her home. When word of Perry failed to materialize, the family launched a fruitless search of improvised morgues. That night, a neighbor told them that a boy carrying a pocketknife with a pearl handle, painted red, had been taken to the home of a nearby physician.

Such a knife, painted with his mother's nail polish, was among Perry's prized possessions. His parents found him near death. "He was nearly unconscious, but he could still call for my mother," Myers said. The doctor warned that Perry would soon die, and he did.

Homer White, 85, was grappling with a confounding fifth-grade math problem when the blast rocked the school.

"All the debris in the room was coming in," he recalled. "When it ended, it was dark. I was covered up somehow. I heard some moaning, groaning. Then it was real quiet, and still dark. In the next couple of minutes I heard an adult lady screaming, a high-pitched scream. Lo and behold, she stepped on me, and fell in the hole with me."

White, one of his classroom's few survivors, was taken to the home of a Turnertown physician, who "stitched up my head like a football." Then a good Samaritan offered to drive him home. On the way, they encountered White's parents headed in the opposite direction.

The two cars stopped on the side of the road, "and my mother grabs me and shouts 'Hallelujah! Praise God!'" White said. "And my dad, my dad had been looking at the dead ones for me. He stood there crying. I looked over from my mother and my dad had tears running down his face."

Back at home, White's mother washed his trousers and checkered shirt and carefully put them away. Today, along with Perry Cox's pocketknife and the personal effects of dozens of other victims, White's tattered little boy's clothing is displayed in the town museum.

Many years after the explosion, White's father shared with him details of that afternoon. Moving from corpse to corpse on the school grounds, the elder White had searched, knowing only that his son had been wearing a pair of old and mended boots.

"I found this body," the older man told his son, "and it had on high-topped boots. And I looked at those boots, and I looked at that body, and it didn't have a head. It was squished flat." Heart racing, White's father scrutinized the boy's boots.

They were new.

John Davidson, 71, never felt survivor's guilt. The explosion occurred four years before he was born, but it still left him with a lifelong feeling of discomfiture.

Davidson's 14-year-old sister, Ardyth, an eighth- grader, died in the blast.

"She was an only child, and Mother and Daddy weren't going to have any more kids," he said. "In reality, if this hadn't happened, I wouldn't have been born. She was an only child, and I was an only child."

Davidson's parents rarely spoke of his sister and kept few photos of her in the family home.

"The information was very limited," he said. "I didn't learn about my sister in depth until I was grown. I came to know her experiences by talking with people who knew her at the time."

Davidson was told that Ardyth had been multi-talented. She was in the school band, played softball and tap-danced.

The boy's parents compulsively worried about his welfare. On anniversaries of the explosion, Davidson's father pensively stared from his butcher shop window at the rebuilt school.

When Davidson was about 12, he happened upon a wooden box in a back storeroom. Prying off the lid, he found neatly folded inside the coat Ardyth had worn the day of her death. With it was the girl's diary.

"I closed it," he said, "and never looked at it again."

The box and its contents later were destroyed in a fire.

Sports

MHS plays Lee to continue marathon of games

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

Vines

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Midland High vs. Lee
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Softball teams are used to playing multiple games in a short span of time. It's not uncommon for a team to head to a tournament and play three or even four game sin a single day.

However, once district play is started, teams a typically limited to playing two games a week. Thanks to the inclement weather that swept across the state this past weekend, Midland High doesn't get the pleasure of that schedule. Instead, the Lady Bulldogs will play four District 3-5A games in a 12-day span.

And, crammed right in the middle of that schedule for the Lady Dawgs is a matchup against crosstown rival Lee at 4:30 p.m. today at Audrey Gill Sports Complex.

"I think it's pretty interesting that we're pretty much playing our first half of district within a week," Midland High coach Shawnda Vines said. "That's not the way you would want it ideally. We'll just have to manage it and take it a day at a time. It's probably a good thing we're off (school because of spring break)."

Midland High is coming off an 18-2 victory against San Angelo Central on Monday, and were fortunate to get the win in five innings, giving the Lady Dawgs a short outing as they prepare to play their second game in as many days today.

Please see MARATHON/4C

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Gaby Muniz, right, steps on third before San Angelo Central's Mykaela Lara, left, applies the tag Monday at Audrey Gill Sports Complex.

Lady Dawgs pound Central

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

It was the type of offensive output coach Shawnda Vines has been wanting to see from the Midland High softball team. And, once it started, it felt like it was never going to stop.

Every player in the Lady Bulldogs' lineup scored Monday as they routed San Angelo Central, 18-2, in a five-inning, run-rule District 3-5A game at Audrey Gill Sports Complex.

"We were real excited to see our offense break through right there," Vines said. "We've been really struggling the last few games with our offense and haven't scored many runs. It was nice to see our kids hitting the ball really hard today."

Lady Dawgs	**.....18**
Lady Bobcats	2

While the Lady Dawgs (13-7, 2-0 in District 3-5A) scored at least two runs in each inning, it was a 10-run third inning that made the difference. Midland High managed to load the bases with one out in the inning, despite not recording a hit in the process.

However, senior Gaby Muniz — a left-handed slap hitter — connected on a 2-0 pitched that got past Central center fielder Crystal Moreno, who was playing shallow, and rolled to the fence. The hit cleared the bases and allowed Muniz to cross home plate standing up for an inside-the-park grand slam and a 9-2 Midland High lead.

"I just went up to bat and felt like I needed to get a hit and it just kind of happened," said Muniz, who didn't realize the ball had rolled to the fence. "I just put my head down and kept running. Then I saw coach telling me to keep going, so I just kept running."

The Lady Dawgs didn't stop once Muniz had cleared the bases, though. Sophomore catcher Courtney Warren followed with a sharp single to left center, moved up to second on a walk drawn by senior shortstop Naomi Posada and came around to score when Central shortstop Shelly Picasso sent an errant throw into right field.

With Posada on third and Sisneros on second, senior designated player Marissa Urias reloaded the bases with a bunt single. Junior second baseman Taylor Vines, who had led off the third inning, drove in Posada and Sisneros with a single to centerfield for

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Long ball long gone?

Home runs decreasing with new bats introduced this season

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

Brosig

Whittenberg

As the high school baseball season heats up with the start of District 3-5A play today, it appears the game may be changing right before spectators' eyes.

This season, fans are seeing less balls go over the wall — or reach the wall for that matter — even in West Texas, where powerful wind gusts have been known to carry balls out of the park with regularity.

"It's kind of like a parachute effect now," said Midland High coach Barry Russell, whose team opens at Odessa Permian at noon today. "The ball takes off, then it just kind of dies whereas before if it took off it just kept going."

The reason seems to be the introduction of a new standard bat designed to reduce the "trampoline effect" of previous bats and, presumably, make the game safer for pitchers and infielders.

And while players such as Lee's Michael Brosig are downplaying the difference in hitting with the new bat, even Brosig, whose team hosts Odessa High at 4:30 p.m., admits there's a difference.

"It's kind of a smaller sweet spot," Brosig said.

Added Russell: "Before the sweet spot was basically the whole bat, now it's about a three-to-four inch spot."

Before to this season, players played with the BESR standard bat — short for Ball Exit Speed Ratio standard.

Yet last summer, the UIL followed the lead of the NCAA and

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Top photo by Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram
Above photo by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

TOP: Lee's Luke Stice bunts during a March 1 baseball game against Wolfforth Frenship at Ernie Johnson Field. **ABOVE:** Midland High's Austen Wade swings at a pitch in a recent game. A change in bats have led to a decrease in home runs.

Texans release Lee grad Winston

From staff and wire reports

HOUSTON — Lee grad Eric Winston is now a former Houston Texan.

Winston said on his Twitter feed on Monday the Texans had released him after spending six seasons with the team and starting 87 consecutive games for the Texans, which made their first playoff appearance in 2011 and won a first-round playoff game.

"I'm surprised," Winston said from Houston on Monday. "I can't say I'm super shocked because I try to stay ready for anything, so I'm not blindsided by anything. But it's just surprising. I thought I'd be here for a couple more years. But that's the way this business goes."

Winston

Winston had two years remaining on his current contract which was extended before the 2008 season, and various sources reported Winston was expected to make upwards of $6.5 million this season. He will become an unrestricted free agent as NFL teams can begin signing free agents today.

Winston told the Houston Chronicle on Monday that the Texans said they were "up against it" in regards to the salary cap, and "didn't want to insult me by asking me to take a pay cut."

Please see WINSTON/4C

Baylor No. 1 overall seed in women's tournament

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — Brittney Griner and undefeated Baylor finally get to play the games that matter most of all — the ones that could take them to another national championship and a 40-0 season.

The Big 12 champion Lady Bears (34-0) will be far from home for the NCAA women's tournament despite being the undisputed No. 1 overall seed. They go to Ohio first, and if all goes as planned, then to Des Moines, Iowa, and ultimately Denver for the Final Four.

"This is what we've talked about all year, these six basketball games," coach Kim Mulkey said. "Everybody's healthy today and you're headed in with a focus like none other than I've seen in a while. It's reflected in how we're playing right now, and we just want to continue it."

Baylor, which would become the NCAA's first 40-win team with a second national title, opens against Big West Conference tournament champion UC-Santa Barbara (17-15). The first-round game is Sunday in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Mulkey put together a challenging schedule to prepare the Lady Bears for where they are now. They have responded with a Big

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Jeff Tuttle/AP

Baylor center Brittney Griner (42) hugs her father on Saturday after the Lady Bears won the Big 12 Conference championship in Kansas City, Mo. The Lady Bears picked up a No. 1 seed in the women's NCAA Tournament.

HSBASEBALLTODAY

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MIDLAND HIGH AT ODESSA PERMIAN

Where/when: Noon today, McCanlies Field

Records: Midland High 10-7; Permian 2-13

Last game: Midland High 4, Highland Park 3; Canyon High 10, Permian 3

Notes & Quotes: Midland High enters district play on a high note as it hits the road to take on Permian, which finished non-district with the least wins of any 3-5A team. But the Bulldogs aren't taking the Panthers for granted. "Permian always plays us hard," MHS coach Barry Russell said. ... Russell expects juniors Clay Adams and Jack Wilkins to factor for Permian, as they have in past meetings, and said his team can't afford to let Permian establish momentum. "They're a very emotional team," Russell said. "When they get fired up, you better be able to quash the rally." ... After a slow start, Russell said he's been impressed with his team, which went 2-1 in the Scotland Yard Classic this past weekend. "I think they're playing harder," Russell said. "I think they're understanding what level we're at and that they've got to pick it up." ... Russell did say his team needs to improve its base-running and consistency in putting together quality efforts. That, and coming up with the timely hit, elusive at times this season, will be the focus against Permian. "We've got to play hard, keep our mistakes to a minimum, throw strikes pitching-wise and hit the ball," Russell said. "Right now, we're in worry about ourselves mode — we've got to learn how to play consistent."

Next: San Angelo Central at Midland High, noon Friday, Zachery Field; Permian at Abilene Cooper, 4:30 p.m. Friday, Cougar Field

3-5A Baseball

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

Today's Games

Odessa Permian at Midland High, noon; Odessa High at Lee, 4:30 p.m.; Abilene High at San Angelo Central, 4:30 p.m

ODESSA HIGH AT LEE

Where/when: 4:30 p.m. today, Ernie Johnson Field

Records: Odessa High 6-12; Lee 12-3

Last game: Lubbock Monterey 8, Odessa High 6; Lee 12, Plainview 2

Notes/quotes: Lee boasts the best record in 3-5A at the start of district play, which it will open at home against Odessa High. And while the Rebels are happy to have gotten off to a fast start, they're putting it on the back burner now that it's time for district play. "It's 0-0," Lee coach Hector Limon said. "We've done what we need to do up to this point, and now it's a brand new ball game again." ... Limon said as recently as the Tournament of Champions that his team still had work to do leading up to the start of league play but said Monday that he's comfortable with where his team is now. "What I always compare it to is where everybody else is at," Limon said. "We're probably up to par with everyone else going into district — we've gotten in just as much work as everybody else." ... Despite having a losing record, Limon said the Bronchos are playing well and was impressed with their pitching and team-speed. Johnny Campos and EJ Alvarez are solid hitters at the top of the Odessa High lineup, and have turned in solid performances on the mound this season as well. ... Limon was happy with his own pitching this past weekend, as the top four pitchers in Lee's rotation, Mick Limon, Michael Brosig, Coleman Watts and Colton Lathram each pitched, with Limon being the only one to lose and that coming in brutal weather conditions. Hector Limon said Lee doesn't have a single focus entering this game, just the same ones as always. "You just kind of go with our old slogan," Limon said. "We've got to be great on the mound, we've got to play spectacular defense and have timely hitting."

Next: Abilene High at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m. Friday, Pressly Field; Lubbock Coronado at Lee, 1 p.m. Saturday, Ernie Johnson Field

ABILENE HIGH AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

Where/when: 4:30 p.m. today, Nathan Donsky Field

Records: Abilene High 7-6; Central 9-8-1

Last game: Abilene High 7, Joshua 4; Central 4, Lubbock Coronado 4

Next: Abilene High at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m. Friday, Pressly Field; Central at Midland High, noon Friday, Zachery Field

Compiled by Jordan Mason

BATS

From 1C

switched to the BBCOR standard bat — short for Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution standard — to protect players. The effects have already been tangible.

Both Russell and Lee coach Hector Limon said they can see that home runs are down, and Russell said he's seen an increase in triples and fielding errors from balls that simply aren't traveling as far as they used to.

Limon said new bats haven't altered his strategy at the plate, but it has for Russell, whose team sprayed balls all over West Texas fields last season on the way to hitting over .400 as a team.

The Bulldogs (10-7) still boast a potent offense but are having to find different ways to do it, as Russell said he's utilizing bunts and the hit-and-run more often than he has in the past. Of course, Russell's team may have been as prepared as any, since his teams practice with wood bats.

"I always wanted us to hit with a wood bat to make sure they understand that when you got fisted, it hurt — they didn't hit that one right. If they hit it off the end of the bat, it hurt — they didn't hit that one right," Russell said.

Lee (12-3) hasn't seen its in-game strategy affected nearly as much, if at all, but practice is an area where the new bats have taken a toll. Limon prefers his team to practice with the same bats it uses in games, which has made the transition to the new bats a rocky one.

"We have to practice with our game bats this year because we don't have enough of a stock to be able to practice with practice bats," Limon said. "I think we've bought about 15 bats, and we've probably spent about $5,000 on bats this year because we started from scratch — nobody had bats."

Yet, despite all the change, the guys doing the hitting don't seem to mind.

"You can say this is better for the game because you get to work on what the game originally was," Midland High junior Ryan Whittenberg said.

Whittenberg actually feels he's a better hitter than he was last year, when he said he was often nervous at the plate as a first-year varsity player.

Brosig, meanwhile, hasn't noticed any differences, even launching a memorable solo shot to left in a win against Canyon Randall at Citibank Ballpark. Of course, Brosig's 6-foot-4, 205-pound frame helps.

"If you square up the ball, you're going to hit it," Brosig said.

But Brosig and Whittenberg said the new bats are a plus on defense where Brosig, a pitcher, said bloopers are turning into outs and Whittenberg, a third baseman, said he's seen an increase in action, but "the balls are not coming off as hard."

Russell and Limon were indifferent to the change overall, but both said they were for anything that put safety first.

"If you lose a child that's devastating," Limon said of the possible injuries, "so probably one death is enough to do that, and I can understand."

Yet at the end of the day, the prevailing sentiment was that teams were simply going to have to adjust, no matter how big of an adjustment that may be.

Fortunately for Lee and Midland High, the players don't seem to see the transition as a difficult one.

"I don't really see that big of a difference," Brosig said. "It's just baseball."

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HSROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Softball

SOFTBALL MCS BEATS LEVELLAND

LEVELLAND — Midland Christian overcame a furious Levelland rally to defeat the Lady Lobos, 13-9, on the road Monday.

Levelland outhit Midland Christian, which jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the top of the second, only to see Levelland erase the lead and tie it in the bottom of the inning.

Yet with the game tied at six entering the fourth, the Lady Mustangs scored six runs in the next two innings, including four in the fifth to overcome a brief 9-8 deficit after four innings.

The Lady Mustangs (7-11-1) got a home run from catcher Maranda Galindo and a fine pitching effort from Britton Rea, who held Levelland scoreless over the last three innings.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 13, LEVELLAND 9

MC	330 240	1—13	12	6
Lev	060 300	0—9	14	7

Kadee Vines, Britton Rea (3) and Maranda Galindo. S. Mendoza, B. Alvarez (4) and Barackeus. W — Rea. L — Alvarez. 2B — MC: Madie LeRoy (2), Vines, Hannah Thomas; Levelland: Alvarez, D. Vasquez. HR — MC: Galindo.

Record: Midland Christian 7-11-1

Next: Midland Christian at Fort Stockton, 5 p.m.

MCS TENNIS TEAMS COMPETE IN CARLSBAD

CARLSBAD, N.M. — The Midland Christian boys tennis team finished second in the team standings and the girls were fourth at the Carlsbad Claire Higgins Invitational this past weekend.

On the boys side, Austin Rowher and Marcus Cower each won their flight in boys singles, and Zane Nelson and Kolton Cook were second in their respective flights. Garrett Nelson and Matthew Figel each won consolation titles in their flights.

On the girls side, Kalinda Wight finished second in her flight, and Madysen Helm was sixth that flight. McKenzie Stubbs, Caitlin Bell, Katie Vaughan and Bailey Warpula all won consolation in their flights.

The Mustangs will return to action on March 23-24 at the Fort Stockton Tournament.

Chaps drop final 2 games of series

From staff reports

CLARENDON — The Midland College baseball team dropped the final two games of its Western Junior College Athletic Conference series with Clarendon College on Monday.

The Bulldogs used some more late-inning heroics to win the first game, 6-5, and then beat the Chaps, 11-1, in a seven-inning, run-rule win in the second game.

In the first game on Monday, the Chaps held a 4-2 lead entering the final inning, but Clarendon scored four runs in the bottom half of the inning to take the victory. Midland College pitching coach Hector Rodriguez said starting pitcher Keanu Ramos pitched a solid game as he went 6 1/3 innings.

In the second game, Clarendon scored early and MC could not keep up as the Bulldogs ended the game in the seventh inning of the scheduled nine-inning contest.

Midland College is 14-10 and 3-7 in WJCAC after this week's games.

The Chaps will return to action on March 21 with a single game against Vernon College at 1 p.m. at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Chaps start out 5th in Dennis

From staff reports

DENNIS — The Midland College golf team was fifth after the first round of the District 5 Preview at Sugar Tree Golf Club on Monday.

The Chaps shot 300 as a team, which was 21 strokes behind first-place Odessa College, which shot a 279.

Western Texas College was second at 293, with McLennan Community College third at 296 and New Mexico Junior College fourth at 297.

Simpson

Paul Simpson led Midland College on Monday as he shot a 71.

Odessa College's Tad Darland and True Graves were tied for medalist honors as each shot a pair of 68s.

The tournament will conclude today.

District 5 Preview
Sugar Tree Golf Club
Monday's results

Team standings — 1. Odessa College 279; 2. Western College 293; 3. McLennan Community College 296; 4. NMJC 297; 5. Midland College 300; 6. Paris JC 302; 7. Odessa College II 304; 8. Ranger College 305; 9. Dodge City CC 305; 10. Tyler JC 313; 11. New Mexico Military 318

Midland College Scores

Paul Simpson 71, Richie Farmer 76, Luke Richardson 76, Blake Broman 78, Tyson Tumbow 79

Individual medalists — Tyler Brown 74, David Ryan 74, Sean Lawrie 78

HSSOCCERSTANDINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

3-5A Soccer standings

Boys

Team	District W	L	SOW	SOL	Pts.	Overall W	L	T
xy-Odessa Permian	11	0	0	0	33	16	5	1
x-Abilene Cooper	6	3	1	0	20	11	9	0
x-Lee	5	3	0	2	17	6	10	2
San Angelo Central	4	5	0	1	13	6	11	0
Midland High	3	6	1	1	12	9	11	2
Odessa High	2	6	2	0	10	9	8	4
Abilene High	1	9	0	0	3	5	10	2

Note: Three points are awarded for a win, 2 points for a Shootout win (SOW) and 1 point for a Shootout loss (SOL)
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched district title

Saturday's Scores

Lee 2, Abilene Cooper 1; Abilene High 2, Midland High 1; Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central, ppd.; Odessa High was idle.

Monday's Score

Odessa Permian 1, San Angelo Central 0

Monday, March 19

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

Tuesday, March 20

Abilene High at Odessa Permian; Odessa High at Abilene Cooper; Midland High is idle. All games at 5:30 p.m.

Girls

Team	District W	L	SOW	SOL	Pts.	Overall W	L	T
xy-Midland High	7	0	3	1	28	16	6	1
San Angelo Central	5	3	1	1	18	14	7	0
Abilene High	5	4	1	0	18	14	7	0
Odessa High	5	4	0	1	16	14	8	0
Odessa Permian	5	6	0	0	15	10	10	1
Lee	4	5	0	1	13	11	8	0
Abilene Cooper	0	10	0	0	0	3	16	0

Note: Three points are awarded for a win, 2 points for a Shootout win (SOW) and 1 point for a Shootout loss (SOL)
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched district title

Saturday's Scores

Lee 1, Abilene Cooper 0; Midland High 2, Abilene High 1, SO (3-0); Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central, ppd.; Odessa High was idle.

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Ford retires from NBA after latest spinal scare

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Spurs point guard T.J. Ford abruptly retired Monday following the latest scare to his surgically repaired spine, which once sidelined him for an entire NBA season and hampered the dazzling promise that made him a college star.

Ford told reporters that lying motionless March 7 on the court against the New York Knicks wasn't the first time it had happened, and he decided to walk away while he still had a chance. He was playing just his 14th game in an injury-prone season when Knicks guard Baron Davis elbowed him in the back, knocking him to the ground.

The 28-year-old Ford didn't move for several minutes and wobbled while being helped off the court.

"If it's anybody else, it's just a regular play," Ford said at a Spurs practice before Monday's game against Washington. "But because of me and my condition, a simple elbow in the back has a different outcome than hitting someone else in the back."

Drafted eighth overall by Milwaukee in 2003, Ford also played for the Raptors and Pacers but never quite reached the potential that made him the Naismith and Wooden player of the year at Texas. He led the Longhorns to the Final Four as a sophomore, helping turn football-obsessed Texas into a rising basketball power that gave the program the profile to recruit stars like Kevin Durant and LaMarcus Aldridge.

But Ford was just 55 games into his rookie season when a collision with Timberwolves forward Mark Madsen changed his career. He landed hard on his tailbone after releasing a short jumper and instantly felt numb upon slamming to the ground. Trainers immobilized Ford's neck and carted him off on a stretcher.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SPURS 112, WIZARDS 97

SAN ANTONIO— Tony Parker scored 31 points in his return from a one-game absence to lead San Antonio past Washington.

Parker, who missed Friday's loss to the Los Angeles Clippers with a strained right quadriceps, hit 13 of 18 shots and had seven assists. Tiago Splitter scored 17 points, Tim Duncan added 14, and DeJuan Blair had 11 points and 12 rebounds.

BULLS 104, KNICKS 99

CHICAGO — Derrick Rose scored 32 points and the Chicago Bulls beat New York 104-99 on Monday night, handing the Knicks their sixth straight loss.

JAZZ 105, PISTONS 90

SALT LAKE CITY — Al Jefferson scored 33 points just 24 hours after his grandmother's death, leading Utah past Detroit.

BOBCATS 73, HORNETS 71

NEW ORLEANS — Gerald Henderson scored 15 points, rookie Bismack Biyombo blocked Trevor Ariza's driving dunk attempt in the final seconds, and Charlotte held on to beat New Orleans.

BUCKS 105, NETS 99

NEWARK, N.J. — Brandon Jennings has 34 points, seven assists and seven rebounds and Milwaukee won its third straight overall and beat New Jersey for the 10th consecutive time.

COLLEGEBASEBALL

FROM STAFF REPORTS

TCU BEATS TEXAS TECH

FORT WORTH — TCU stretched its winning streak to five straight games with a 7-4 come-from-behind victory over Texas Tech on Monday afternoon. The Frogs scored five unearned runs in the sixth inning to erase an early 3-0 lead.

Preston Morrison (3-0) earned the win in relief of Brandon Finnegan. Morrison tossed five innings, allowing a run on four hits with two strikeouts. Finnegan was touched for three runs on five hits with two walks and three strikeouts in three innings of work. Kaleb Merck earned his fourth save of the season, striking out two of the three batters he faced in the ninth.

Texas Tech (10-5) ends its six-game road trip — that includes five games against ranked opponents — and TCU improves to 7-6 on the season.

Red Raider reliever Trey Masek (1-1) suffered the loss while not allowing an earned run going 2.2 innings with two strikeouts and one walk while TCU scored five runs on five hits.

TCU reliever Preston Morrison (3-0) picked up the win pitching five innings in relief while allowing one run on four hits with two strikeouts without allowing a walk. Horned Frogs closer Kaleb Merck grabbed his second save in the two-game series — fourth of the season — pitching a scoreless ninth inning.

Tech junior catcher Bo Altobelli led the Red Raiders going 3-for-4 and freshman second baseman and Midland Christian grad Bryant Burleson went 2-for-3 with a double and a run scored.

ARKANSAS-FORT SMITH TOPS UTPB

FORT SMITH, Ark. — Arkansas-Fort Smith banged out 19 hits including five for extra bases to propel it to a 12-5 victory over The University of Texas of the Permian Basin baseball team on Monday. The Lions used two big innings to keep the Falcons at bay, scoring four runs in the third and five more in the seventh.

UTPB picked up eight hits in the contest, including doubles by Fabian Rivera and Stephen Hrebicek. Mike Briseno and Arturo Carrera each hit singles to extend their hitting streaks.

The Falcons will be back in action this weekend when they travel to Goodwell, Okla. to face Oklahoma Panhandle State for a three-game Heartland Conference series.

TEXASMLB

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ASTROS 4, YANKEES 3

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Kyle Weiland threw four hitless innings to lead Houston to the victory.

With new Astros owner Jim Crane in attendance at his first spring training game, Weiland recorded nine ground-ball outs and worked out of a two-on, two-out jam in the third by coaxing Curtis Granderson into a grounder.

New York starter Hiroki Kuroda allowed two hits in three scoreless innings. Nick Swisher had an RBI triple.

MARINERS 6, RANGERS 4

PEORIA, Ariz. — Miguel Olivo hit a three-run homer and Jesus Montero had a two-run double to lead Seattle over Texas.

The Mariners' big hits came after Seattle starter Blake Beavan, a former Rangers prospect, lasted five innings in his longest start of the spring. He allowed two runs and three hits, including Nelson Cruz's home run.

Olivo homered against Rangers closer Joe Nathan.

Spring Training

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
Detroit	6	1	.857
Toronto	8	2	.800
Boston	6	2	.750
Oakland	8	3	.727
Seattle	8	3	.727
Los Angeles	5	4	.556
Minnesota	6	5	.545
Baltimore	4	4	.500
Kansas City	5	5	.500
New York	5	6	.455
Texas	3	6	.333
Cleveland	3	7	.300
Tampa Bay	3	7	.300
Chicago	2	7	.222

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	6	1	.857
San Francisco	8	3	.727
Miami	5	3	.625
Washington	5	3	.625
Chicago	5	4	.556
Houston	5	4	.556
Cincinnati	5	5	.500
Milwaukee	4	4	.500
Philadelphia	5	5	.500
St. Louis	3	4	.429
New York	3	5	.375
Arizona	3	6	.333
Colorado	3	6	.333
Pittsburgh	3	7	.300
San Diego	3	7	.300
Atlanta	1	10	.091

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

Monday's Scores

St. Louis (ss) 5, Atlanta 4
Toronto 4, Baltimore 1
Detroit 7, N.Y. Mets 7, tie, 10 innings
Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 1
Minnesota 2, Tampa Bay 1, 10 innings
Washington 8, St. Louis (ss) 4
Boston 5, Miami 3, 10 innings
San Francisco 2, Kansas City 1
Chicago Cubs 8, Cincinnati 6
Oakland 9, Chicago White Sox 4
Cleveland 3, Arizona 2
L.A. Dodgers 9, L.A. Angels 1
Seattle 6, Texas 4
Colorado 11, San Diego 2
Houston 4, N.Y. Yankees 3

Today's Games

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

MONDAY'S TEXAS LINESCORES

MARINERS 6, RANGERS 4
At Peoria, Ariz.

Texas	010	100 101	—	4	8	2
Seattle	001	003 20x	—	6	8	0

M.Harrison, Tateyama (4), M.Lowe (5), Nathan (6), Hamburger (7) and Torrealba, C.Robinson; Beavan, Kuo (6), Camp (7), Sherrill (8), Ruffin (9) and Olivo, J.Sucre. W—Kuo. L—Nathan. Sv—Ruffin. HRs—Texas, N.Cruz (1), Dav.Murphy (1). Seattle, Olivo (1), V.Catricala (2).

ASTROS 4, YANKEES 3
At Tampa, Fla.

Houston	000	101 002	—	4	12	0
New York (A)	000	011 001	—	3	5	0

Weiland, B.Myers (5), Lyon (6), A.Leon (7), Fe.Rodriguez (8), J.De Leon (9) and J.Castro, R.Garcia; Kuroda, R.Soriano (4), J.Cedeno (4), C.Cabral (6), Betances (7), O'Connor (9) and Cervelli, J.Gil. W—Fe.Rodriguez. L—O'Connor. Sv—J.De Leon.

Coll. Baseball

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL POLL

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The Collegiate Baseball poll with records through March 11, points and previous rank. Voting is done by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors:

Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Florida	15-1	498	1
2. South Carolina	13-1	496	2
3. Stanford	13-2	492	3
4. North Carolina	13-2	488	6
5. Arkansas	14-2	485	7
6. Florida St.	14-1	483	8
7. Rice	13-4	482	4
8. Cal St. Fullerton	10-5	480	12
9. Texas A&M	13-3	478	5
10. Louisiana St.	13-3	474	11
11. Miami, Fla.	12-3	471	14
12. Oregon	12-3	469	9
13. Arizona	13-2	465	18
14. Stetson	12-3	463	19
15. Mississippi	13-2	460	22
16. Kentucky	16-0	456	23
17. UCLA	12-3	455	27
18. Arizona St.	10-4	454	13
19. N.C. State	11-3	452	-
20. Georgia Tech	11-5	450	10
21. Oklahoma	11-5	449	17
22. Louisville	10-5	446	16
23. Georgia	11-5	444	15
24. Wake Forest	14-4	441	-
25. California	11-3	439	25
26. Purdue	11-1	437	29
27. Texas Tech	10-4	434	26
28. Oregon St.	11-5	432	28
29. Central Florida	13-4	427	30
30. Texas St.	11-4	425	-

Pro Rodeo

LEADERS
Pro Rodeo Leaders
Through March 11

All-Around
1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $41,875
2. Bobby Mote, Culver, Ore., $17,030
3. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla., $16,284
4. Cimarron Boardman, Stephenville, $15,760
5. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah, $15,160
6. Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M., $14,876
7. Landon McClaugherty, Tilden, $14,844

Bareback Riding
1. Wes Stevenson, Lubbock, $49,533
2. Will Lowe, Canyon, $32,250
3. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb., $29,169
4. Kaycee Feild, Payson, Utah, $21,807
5. Winn Ratliff, Leesville, La., $20,075

Steer Wrestling
1. Ethen Thouvenell, Napa, Calif., $30,239
2. Billy Bugenig, Ferndale, Calif., $20,456
3. Beau Clark, Belgrade, Mont., $16,454
4. Ben Shofner, Jasper, $15,919
5. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta, $14,834
6. Olin Hannum, Malad, Idaho, $14,647

Team Roping (header)
1. Nick Sartain, Dover, Okla., $26,290
2. Colby Lovell, Madisonville, $25,664
3. Keven Daniel, Franklin, Tenn., $23,572
4. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga., $21,065
5. Garrett Tonozzi, Fruita, Colo., $18,416

Team Roping (heeler)
1. Kollin VonAhn, Durant, Okla. $26,290
2. Kinney Harrell, Marshall, $23,705
3. Chase Tryan, Helena, Mont., $23,572
4. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore., $18,788
5. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla., $18,275

Saddle Bronc Riding
1. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah, $28,245
2. Cody Taton, Mud Butte, S.D., $24,737
3. Chet Johnson, Sheridan, Wyo., $21,129
4. Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La., $20,460
5. Jacobs Crawley, College Station, $20,150

Tie-down Roping
1. Justin Maass, Giddings, $35,241
2. Houston Hutto, Tomball, $22,440
3. Cory Solomon, Prairie View, $21,415
4. Riley Pruitt, Gering, Neb., $18,052
5. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, $17,991

Steer Roping
1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $22,944
2. Kim Ziegelgruber, Edmond, Okla., $20,814
3. Cody Lee, Gatesville, $19,109
4. Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D., $13,551
5. Dan Fisher, Andrews, $13,269

Bull Riding
1. Cody Teel, Kountze, $50,211
2. Cody Samora, Cortez, Colo., $40,979
3. Kanin Asay, Powell, Wyo., $38,258
4. J.W. Harris, Mullin, $32,062
5. Trey Benton III, Rock Island, $24,068

Barrel Racing
1. Brittany Pozzi, Victoria, $62,941
2. Benette Barrington-Little, Ardmore, Okla., $52,065
3. Carlee Pierce, Stephenville, $44,254
4. Nikki Steffes, Vale, S.D., $24,970
5. Sammi Bessert, Loma, Colo., $22,376

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

THE TOP TWENTY FIVE

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 11, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Team	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Kentucky (61)	32-2	1,621	1
2. Syracuse (1)	31-2	1,545	2
3. Missouri (2)	30-4	1,459	5
4. North Carolina (1)	29-5	1,403	4
5. Michigan St.	27-7	1,386	8
6. Kansas	27-6	1,330	3
7. Ohio St.	27-7	1,229	7
8. Duke	27-6	1,158	6
9. Baylor	27-7	1,064	12
10. Florida St.	24-9	972	17
11. Marquette	25-7	912	9
12. Murray St.	30-1	871	11
13. Michigan	24-9	808	10
14. Wisconsin	24-9	766	14
15. Georgetown	23-8	726	13
16. Indiana	25-8	576	15
17. Louisville	26-9	558	—
18. Wichita St.	27-5	517	16
19. Creighton	28-5	373	19
20. Vanderbilt	24-10	334	—
21. New Mexico	27-6	318	—
22. San Diego St.	26-7	223	18
23. UNLV	26-8	201	20
24. Saint Mary's (Cal)	27-5	187	—
25. Florida	23-10	146	22

Others receiving votes: Temple 103, Cincinnati 89, Notre Dame 85, Memphis 59, Gonzaga 47, Iowa St. 13, VCU, Drexel 11, Virginia 9, Long Beach St. 5, Harvard 4, Kansas St. 3, St. Bonaventure 1.

National Invitation Tournament
First Round
Today

UMass (21-10) at Mississippi State (21-11), 6 p.m.
Stony Brook (22-9) at Seton Hall (20-12), 6:15 p.m.
Dayton (20-12) at Iowa (17-16), 6:30 p.m.
Savannah State (21-11) at Tennessee (18-14), 7 p.m.
Akron (22-11) at Northwestern (18-13), 8 p.m.
Marshall (21-13) at Middle Tennessee (25-6), 8:15 p.m.
LSU (18-14) at Oregon (22-9), 8:30 p.m.
Texas-Arlington (24-8) at Washington (21-10), 9 p.m.
Cleveland State (22-10) at Stanford (21-11), 10 p.m.

Wednesday

Minnesota (19-14) at La Salle (21-12), 6 p.m.
UCF (22-10) at Drexel (27-6), 6:15 p.m.
Northern Iowa (19-13) at Saint Joseph's (20-13), 6:15 p.m.
Valparaiso (22-11) at Miami (19-12), 6:30 p.m.
Bucknell (24-9) at Arizona (23-11), 8 p.m.
Nevada (26-6) at Oral Roberts (27-6), 8:15 p.m.
Illinois State (20-13) at Mississippi (20-13), 8:30 p.m.

College Basketball Invitational Glance
First Round
Today

Milwaukee (20-13) at TCU (17-14), 7 p.m.
Princeton (19-11) at Evansville (16-15), 7 p.m.
Washington State (15-16) at San Francisco (20-13), 9 p.m.

Wednesday

Wofford (19-13) at Pittsburgh (17-16), 6 p.m.
Delaware (18-13) at Butler (20-14), 7 p.m.
Quinnipiac (18-13) at Penn (19-12), 6:30 p.m.
North Dakota State (17-13) at Wyoming (20-11), 8 p.m.
Western Illinois (18-14) at Oregon State (19-14), 9 p.m.

2012 CollegeInsider.com Tournament Glance
First Round
Today

Robert Morris (24-10) at Indiana State (18-14), 6 p.m.
Tennessee State (20-12) at Mercer (22-11), 6 p.m.
Coastal Carolina (19-11) at Old Dominion (20-13), 6 p.m.
Tennessee Tech (19-13) at Georgia State (21-11), 6 p.m.
McNeese State (17-15) at Toledo (18-16), 6 p.m.
Utah Valley State (20-12) at Weber State (24-6), 8 p.m.

Wednesday

Manhattan (20-12) at Albany (NY) (19-14), 6 p.m.
Yale (19-9) at Fairfield (19-14), 6 p.m.
Bowling Green (16-15) at Oakland (17-15), 6 p.m.
Buffalo (19-10) at American (20-11), 6:30
North Dakota (17-14) at Drake (17-15), 7 p.m.
Rice (17-15) at La.-Lafayette (16-15), 7 p.m.
UC Santa Barbara (20-10) at Idaho (18-13), 8 p.m.
CS Bakersfield (16-14) at Utah State (17-15), 9 p.m.
Cal State Fullerton (21-9) at Loyola Marymount (19-12), 9 p.m.

Thursday

Kent State (21-11) at SC-Upstate (20-12), 6 p.m.

NCAA Division III Tournament
Friday
At Salem, Va.
Semifinals

Cabrini vs. Illinois Wesleyan, 5 p.m.
MIT vs. Wisconsin-Whitewater, 7 p.m.

Saturday
At Salem, Va.
Championship

Cabrini-Illinois Wesleyan winner vs. MIT-Wisconsin-Whitewater winner, 6 p.m.

Women

THE WOMEN'S TOP TWENTY FIVE

The top 25 teams in the The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 11, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Team	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Baylor (39)	34-0	975	1
2. Stanford	31-1	927	2
3. UConn	29-4	880	4
4. Notre Dame	30-3	873	3
5. Maryland	28-4	821	5
6. Duke	24-5	743	6
7. Delaware	30-1	723	7
8. Miami	25-5	678	8
9. Tennessee	24-8	664	9
10. Green Bay	30-1	618	10
11. Penn St.	24-6	581	11
12. Kentucky	25-6	554	12
13. Purdue	23-8	481	14
14. St. John's	22-9	458	13
15. Georgia Tech	24-8	427	15
16. Ohio St.	25-6	360	17
17. Georgetown	22-8	263	18
17. Nebraska	24-8	263	20
19. Louisville	22-9	260	19
20. Georgia	22-8	225	21
21. St. Bonaventure	29-3	216	16
22. Texas A&M	22-10	205	22
23. Rutgers	22-9	110	24
24. Princeton	24-4	96	—
25. South Carolina	23-9	78	—

Others receiving votes: West Virginia 67, Gonzaga 44, LSU 27, Florida Gulf Coast 13, California 11, Dayton 10, Arkansas 5, BYU 5, DePaul 5, Middle Tennessee 3, San Diego St. 3, Vanderbilt 2, **UTEP 1.**

USA TODAY/ESPN WOMEN'S TOP 25 POLL

The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN Women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 11, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last weeks ranking:

Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Baylor (31)	34-0	775	1
2. Stanford	31-1	740	2
3. UConn	29-4	706	4
4. Notre Dame	30-3	687	3
5. Maryland	28-4	654	5
6. Duke	24-5	604	6
7. Tennessee	24-8	586	7
8. Delaware	30-1	549	8
9. Miami	25-5	540	9
10. Green Bay	30-1	483	10
11. Kentucky	25-6	471	11
12. Penn State	24-6	409	12
13. Georgia Tech	24-8	370	13
14. Texas A&M	22-10	346	14
15. Purdue	24-8	305	15
16. Georgetown	22-8	282	15
17. Georgia	22-8	269	18
18. Ohio State	25-6	255	17
19. Louisville	22-9	235	19
20. Rutgers	22-9	185	20
21. St. John's	22-9	171	21
22. Nebraska	24-8	129	22
23. DePaul	22-10	84	23
24. Gonzaga	26-5	59	24
25. St. Bonaventure	29-3	43	25

Others receiving votes: LSU 26, Florida Gulf Coast 23, California 17, Middle Tennessee 17, Princeton 14, West Virginia 12, Vanderbilt 11, South Carolina 7, Arkansas 3, Fresno State 3, Wake Forest 3, **UTEP 2.**

Women's National Invitation Tournament
First Round
Wednesday

Cal Poly (17-14) at Washington (17-13), TBA
Northern Colorado (20-11) at Colorado (18-13), TBA
Drexel (18-13) at Fairfield (24-8), TBA

Thursday

UC Davis (17-12) at Oregon State (18-12), TBA
UNLV (22-9) at Saint Mary's (Cal.) (21-10), TBA
Utah State (21-9) at Utah (15-15), TBA
Eastern Illinois (22-8) at Texas Tech (19-13), TBA
MVSU (18-13) at Tulane (22-10), TBA
Central Michigan (20-15) at Illinois State (18-12), TBA
American U. (23-7) at Villanova (17-14), TBA
Drake (18-15) at South Dakota (22-7), TBA
UMKC (22-11) at Missouri State (22-8), TBA
Chattanooga (22-9) at Memphis (24-7), TBA
Quinnipiac (22-9) at Temple (21-9), TBA
Harvard (17-11) at Hofstra (19-11), TBA
VCU (17-14) at Bowling Green (24-6), TBA
Boston U. (23-8) at Saint Josephs (21-10), TBA
High Point (20-12) at NC State (18-15), TBA
Appalachian State (25-6) at UNC Wilmington (20-12), TBA
Miami (Ohio) (21-9) at Richmond (22-8), TBA
Howard (24-8) at Virginia (22-10), TBA
Davidson (22-9) at James Madison (24-7), TBA
Wake Forest (19-13) at Charlotte (16-13), TBA
Stetson (23-10) at Florida International (22-10), TBA
Florida Atlantic (17-12) at South Florida (17-15), TBA

Friday

Arizona State (20-11) at Pacific (17-13), TBA
CS Northridge (17-13) at San Diego (22-8), TBA
Oral Roberts (20-10) at Wichita State (19-12), TBA
Central Arkansas (24-6) at Oklahoma State (16-12), TBA
Syracuse (18-14) at Hartford (19-12), TBA
Detroit (20-13) at Toledo (21-9), TBA
Duquesne (20-11) at Cincinnati (15-15), TBA

Women's Basketball Invitational
First Round
Wednesday

Robert Morris (18-13) at Manhattan (16-15), 6 p.m.
Rice (16-15) at Sam Houston State (17-11), 6:30 p.m.
Tennessee Tech (17-16) at Bradley (17-15), 7 p.m.

Thursday

New Hampshire (16-13) at Holy Cross (18-14), 6 p.m.
Wright State (20-12) at SIU Edwardsville (18-11), 7 p.m.
Northern Iowa (16-14) at Stephen F. Austin (23-9), 7 p.m.
North Dakota (21-10) at Seattle (18-11), 9 p.m.

Friday

Charleston Southern (17-14) at Minnesota (15-17), 7 p.m.

NCAA Division II Tournament
Regional Finals
Monday, March 12

Central Region
At Wayne, Neb.
Wayne (Neb.) 50, Metro State 36

East Region
At Waltham, Mass.
Bentley 84, Holy Family 73

West Region
At San Diego
San Diego vs. Alaska Anchorage, late

Midwest Region
At Ashland, Ohio
Ashland 78, Wisconsin-Parkside 65

South Region
At Winter Park, Fla.
Rollins 56, Valdosta State 54

Southeast Region
At Aiken, S.C.
Lander 72, Wingate 67, 2OT

Atlantic Region
At Edinboro, Pa.
Shaw 70, Edinboro 53

South Central Region
At Topeka, Kan.
Pittsburg State 79, Emporia State 69

At San Antonio
Quarterfinals
Tuesday, March 20

Wayne (Neb.) vs. Bentley, 11 a.m.
West vs. Ashland, 1:30 p.m.
Shaw vs. Pittsburg State, 5 p.m.
Rollins vs. Lander, 6:30 p.m.

Semifinals
Wednesday, March 21

Wayne (Neb.)-Bentley winner vs. West-Ashland winner, 5 p.m.
Shaw-Pittsburg State winner vs. Rollins-Lander winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 23
Championship

TBD, 6 p.m.

NCAA Division III Tournament
At Holland, Mich.
Friday
Semifinals

Amherst vs. George Fox, 4 p.m.
Illinois Wesleyan vs. St. Thomas (Minn.), 6 p.m.

Saturday
Third Place

Amherst-George Fox loser vs. Illinois Wesleyan-St. Thomas (Minn.) loser, 3 p.m.

Championship

Amherst-George Fox winner vs. Illinois Wesleyan-St. Thomas (Minn.) winner, 6 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	25	17	.595	—
Boston	21	19	.525	3
New York	18	24	.429	7
New Jersey	14	29	.326	11 1/2
Toronto	13	28	.317	11 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	31	9	.775	—
Orlando	27	15	.643	5
Atlanta	24	17	.585	7 1/2
Washington	9	31	.225	22
Charlotte	6	34	.150	25

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	35	9	.795	—
Indiana	23	16	.590	9 1/2
Milwaukee	18	24	.429	16
Cleveland	16	23	.410	16 1/2
Detroit	15	27	.357	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	27	13	.675	—
Memphis	24	16	.600	3
Dallas	23	20	.535	5 1/2
Houston	22	20	.524	6
New Orleans	10	32	.238	18

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	32	9	.780	—
Denver	23	19	.548	9 1/2
Minnesota	21	21	.500	11 1/2
Utah	20	21	.488	12
Portland	20	21	.488	12

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	25	16	.610	—
L.A. Clippers	23	16	.590	1
Phoenix	19	21	.475	5 1/2
Golden State	17	21	.447	6 1/2
Sacramento	14	27	.341	11

Monday's Scores

Milwaukee 105, New Jersey 99
Chicago 104, New York 99
Charlotte 73, New Orleans 71
San Antonio 112, Washington 97
Utah 105, Detroit 90
Minnesota at Phoenix, late
Boston at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games

Toronto at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Portland at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Miami at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Houston at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Denver, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOXES

SPURS 112, WIZARDS 97

WASHINGTON (97): Singleton 1-1 0-0 3, Booker 5-13 1-2 11, McGee 9-13 3-4 21, Wall 5-14 2-2 12, Crawford 7-18 2-2 19, Blatche 3-10 3-4 9, Young 7-10 0-0 18, Vesely 0-0 0-0 0, Mack 1-3 0-0 2, Mason 1-5 0-0 2, Seraphin 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-87 11-14 97.

SAN ANTONIO (112): Jefferson 2-8 0-1 5, Duncan 7-13 0-0 14, Blair 5-10 1-5 11, Parker 13-18 4-4 31, Ginobili 4-7 0-0 8, Bonner 3-7 0-0 9, Neal 1-5 1-2 4, Splitter 7-9 3-5 17, Leonard 3-6 0-0 7, Green 2-4 1-2 6, Joseph 0-0 0-0 0, Anderson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 47-87 10-19 112.

Washington	24	25	25	23	—	97
San Antonio	32	31	25	24	—	112

3-Point Goals—Washington 8-17 (Young 4-5, Crawford 3-6, Singleton 1-1, Mack 0-2, Mason 0-3), San Antonio 8-22 (Bonner 3-7, Green 1-1, Parker 1-2, Neal 1-2, Leonard 1-4, Jefferson 1-5, Ginobili 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 47 (McGee 15), San Antonio 53 (Blair 12). Assists—Washington 21 (Crawford, Wall 5), San Antonio 30 (Parker, Ginobili 7). Total Fouls—Washington 15, San Antonio 13. A—18,581 (18,797).

BULLS 104, KNICKS 99

NEW YORK (99): Anthony 8-21 4-4 21, Stoudemire 7-12 6-7 20, Chandler 5-7 3-8 13, Lin 4-11 6-6 15, Fields 5-11 2-4 12, Shumpert 3-5 0-0 6, Harrelson 0-1 0-0 0, Novak 2-5 0-0 5, Davis 3-6 1-2 7, Smith 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 37-80 22-31 99.

CHICAGO (104): Korver 2-7 3-4 9, Boozer 6-14 3-4 15, Noah 5-11 2-2 12, Rose 12-29 6-9 32, Brewer 5-8 0-0 11, Gibson 6-12 3-6 15, Asik 0-1 0-0 0, Butler 3-7 2-3 8, Lucas 1-3 0-0 2, Scalabrine 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 40-93 19-28 104.

New York	25	25	28	21	—	99
Chicago	23	25	31	25	—	104

3-Point Goals—New York 3-11 (Lin 1-1, Anthony 1-3, Novak 1-4, Fields 0-1, Davis 0-2), Chicago 5-14 (Korver 2-4, Rose 2-6, Brewer 1-1, Lucas 0-1, Butler 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 49 (Chandler 10), Chicago 65 (Gibson 13). Assists—New York 21 (Lin 8), Chicago 25 (Brewer, Rose 7). Total Fouls—New York 21, Chicago 21. Technicals—New York Coach D'Antoni, Chicago Coach Thibodeau, Chicago defensive three second. A—22,863 (20,917).

BOBCATS 73, HORNETS 71

CHARLOTTE (73): Maggette 1-4 0-0 2, T.Thomas 2-8 0-0 4, Biyombo 6-7 0-0 12, Augustin 2-6 0-0 4, Henderson 6-11 3-5 15, White 2-4 0-0 4, Williams 3-13 0-0 6, Walker 6-10 2-2 14, Mullens 3-7 0-0 6, Brown 2-5 0-0 4, Diaw 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 34-79 5-7 73.

NEW ORLEANS (71): Ariza 5-11 3-4 14, Ayon 1-6 0-0 2, Kaman 6-19 0-0 12, Jack 7-12 0-0 15, Belinelli 4-15 1-1 12, L.Thomas 1-2 0-0 2, Henry 1-3 0-0 2, Vasquez 2-3 0-0 4, Aminu 3-6 2-2 8, Foote 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 30-78 6-7 71.

Charlotte	14	21	26	12	—	73
New Orleans	20	17	18	16	—	71

3-Point Goals—Charlotte 0-12 (Diaw 0-1, Augustin 0-1, Walker 0-3, Williams 0-7), New Orleans 5-12 (Belinelli 3-8, Ariza 1-1, Jack 1-2, Vasquez 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 53 (T.Thomas, Biyombo 7), New Orleans 43 (Kaman 16). Assists—Charlotte 16 (Augustin 5), New Orleans 23 (Jack 9). Total Fouls—Charlotte 10, New Orleans 11. A—15,254 (17,188).

BUCKS 105, NETS 99

MILWAUKEE (105): Harris 1-5 2-2 4, Ilyasova 2-6 0-0 4, Gooden 11-19 0-0 23, Jennings 12-23 4-5 34, Delfino 1-8 0-0 2, Sanders 0-0 0-0 0, Leuer 3-5 0-0 6, Dunleavy 6-13 2-2 15, Udrih 6-11 1-2 15, Brockman 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 43-92 9-11 105.

NEW JERSEY (99): Stevenson 0-3 0-0 0, Humphries 11-15 9-12 31, She.Williams 2-2 2-2 6, Farmar 7-18 1-2 17, Brooks 4-10 2-4 10, Morrow 8-11 0-1 17, Green 4-11 3-4 11, Petro 0-2 2-2 2, Gaines 1-4 2-2 5. Totals 37-76 21-29 99.

Milwaukee	27	20	26	32	—	105
New Jersey	32	22	19	26	—	99

3-Point Goals_Milwaukee 10-25 (Jennings 6-11, Udrih 2-2, Gooden 1-2, Dunleavy 1-5, Harris 0-1, Delfino 0-4), New Jersey 4-17 (Farmar 2-6, Gaines 1-2, Morrow 1-2, Brooks 0-1, Green 0-3, Stevenson 0-3). Fouled Out_None. Rebounds_Milwaukee 46 (Gooden 8), New Jersey 52 (Humphries 18). Assists_Milwaukee 32 (Gooden, Udrih, Jennings 7), New Jersey 14 (Farmar 7). Total Fouls_Milwaukee 19, New Jersey 17. Technicals_Dunleavy, New Jersey defensive three second. A_12,930 (18,711).

JAZZ 105, PISTONS 90

DETROIT (90): Prince 4-6 1-2 9, Maxiell 3-7 2-2 8, Monroe 5-12 4-8 14, Knight 4-12 1-3 11, Stuckey 10-17 9-11 29, Gordon 5-10 2-2 12, Jerebko 2-6 0-0 4, Wilkins 1-1 0-0 3, Wallace 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-71 19-28 90.

UTAH (105): Howard 4-8 0-0 9, Millsap 4-11 4-6 12, Jefferson 14-18 4-4 33, Harris 4-10 9-10 19, Bell 0-2 1-2 1, Favors 3-4 0-2 6, Watson 0-2 0-0 0, Hayward 4-8 0-0 8, Kanter 1-2 0-0 2, Miles 5-7 2-2 15. Totals 39-72 20-26 105.

Detroit	19	29	29	13	—	90
Utah	22	30	23	30	—	105

3-Point Goals—Detroit 3-12 (Knight 2-5, Wilkins 1-1, Stuckey 0-1, Jerebko 0-1, Gordon 0-4), Utah 7-11 (Miles 3-4, Harris 2-3, Howard 1-1, Jefferson 1-1, Bell 0-1, Watson 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 36 (Wallace, Monroe 5), Utah 49 (Jefferson 12). Assists—Detroit 18 (Stuckey 7), Utah 24 (Harris 8). Total Fouls—Detroit 19, Utah 23. A—19,393 (19,911).

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	LOT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	68	43	18 7	93	188	148
Pittsburgh	68	42	21 5	89	219	173
Philadelphia	68	39	22 7	85	220	197
New Jersey	69	40	24 5	85	195	179
N.Y. Islanders	69	28	31 10	66	160	206

Northeast Division

	GP	W	LOT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	68	40	25 3	83	222	164
Ottawa	70	36	25 9	81	216	206
Buffalo	70	33	29 8	74	174	196
Toronto	69	30	31 8	68	200	212
Montreal	70	27	32 11	65	185	196

Southeast Division

	GP	W	LOT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	68	32	23 13	77	166	191
Washington	69	35	28 6	76	184	193
Winnipeg	69	32	29 8	72	181	195
Tampa Bay	68	31	30 7	69	191	233
Carolina	69	26	28 15	67	181	207

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	LOT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	70	45	18 7	97	183	135
Detroit	69	44	22 3	91	217	162
Nashville	68	40	21 7	87	195	175
Chicago	70	37	25 8	82	209	206
Columbus	69	22	40 7	51	161	223

Northwest Division

	GP	W	LOT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	69	42	19 8	92	215	172
Colorado	71	37	30 4	78	186	189
Calgary	69	32	25 12	76	173	191
Minnesota	69	29	30 10	68	150	193
Edmonton	69	26	36 7	59	182	209

Pacific Division

	GP	W	LOT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	69	38	26 5	81	185	183
Phoenix	69	34	25 10	78	178	173
San Jose	68	34	25 9	77	187	175
Los Angeles	69	32	25 12	76	154	152
Anaheim	70	29	30 11	69	173	196

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

Monday's Scores

Buffalo 3, Montreal 2, OT
Colorado 3, Anaheim 2, OT
San Jose 3, Edmonton 2
Nashville at Phoenix, late

Today's Games

Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Carolina at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Calgary, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S SUMMARIES

SABRES 3, CANADIENS 2

Montreal	1	0	1	0	—	2
Buffalo	0	1	1	1	—	3

First Period—1, Montreal, Cole 26 (Desharnais), 4:32.
Second Period—2, Buffalo, Ennis 9 (D.Stafford, Foligno), 11:08.
Third Period—3, Buffalo, Ennis 10 (D.Stafford, Sulzer), 1:50. 4, Montreal, Desharnais 15 (Cole, Pacioretty), 19:55.
Overtime—5, Buffalo, Myers 8 (Roy, Pominville), 2:01.
Shots on Goal—Montreal 6-7-12-3—28. Buffalo 14-9-12-1—36. Goalies—Montreal, Budaj. Buffalo, Miller. A—18,690 (18,690). T—2:26.

AVALANCHE 3, DUCKS 2, OT

Anaheim	0	1	1	0	—	2
Colorado	1	0	1	1	—	3

First Period—1, Colorado, McGinn 17 (O'Byrne, Jones), 10:48.
Second Period—2, Anaheim, Beauchemin 7 (Ryan, Fowler), 19:58.
Third Period—3, Colorado, Porter 4 (Hejda, McLeod), 13:13. 4, Anaheim, Selanne 22 (Beleskey, Ryan), 16:08 (pp).
Overtime—5, Colorado, Landeskog 19 (Hunwick, Downie), 1:52.
Shots on Goal—Anaheim 12-15-13-0—40. Colorado 11-11-9-2—33.
Goalies—Anaheim, Hiller. Colorado, Varlamov. A—15,045 (18,007). T—2:25.

SHARKS 3, OILERS 2

San Jose	1	1	1	—	3	
Edmonton	1	1	0	—	2	

First Period—1, San Jose, Mitchell 8 (Wingels, Vlasic), 1:07. 2, Edmonton, Whitney 3 (Schultz, Belanger), 19:10.
Second Period—3, San Jose, Thornton 15 (Marleau, Pavelski), 11:36 (pp). 4, Edmonton, Hall 26, 14:54.
Third Period—5, San Jose, Couture 28 (Boyle, Thornton), :38 (pp).
Shots on Goal—San Jose 10-13-10—33. Edmonton 9-7-6—22.
Goalies—San Jose, Niemi. Edmonton, Dubnyk. A—16,839 (16,839). T—2:20.

GOLF

World Rankings

Through March 11

1. Rory McIlroy	NIR	9.78
2. Luke Donald	ENG	9.09
3. Lee Westwood	ENG	8.12
4. Martin Kaymer	GER	5.88
5. Steve Stricker	USA	5.76
6. Charl Schwartzel	SAF	5.32
7. Justin Rose	ENG	5.14
8. Webb Simpson	USA	5.06
9. Jason Day	AUS	5.05
10. Hunter Mahan	USA	4.96
11. Adam Scott	AUS	4.93
12. Dustin Johnson	USA	4.89
13. Phil Mickelson	USA	4.81
14. Bill Haas	USA	4.62
15. Matt Kuchar	USA	4.59
16. Bubba Watson	USA	4.47
17. Graeme McDowell	NIR	4.45
18. Tiger Woods	USA	4.33
19. Nick Watney	USA	4.31
20. Keegan Bradley	USA	4.20
21. Brandt Snedeker	USA	4.06
22. Sergio Garcia	ESP	4.04
23. K.J. Choi	KOR	4.00
24. Peter Hanson	SWE	3.70
25. Mark Wilson	USA	3.52
26. Bo Van Pelt	USA	3.41
27. Paul Casey	ENG	3.34
28. John Senden	AUS	3.33
29. Thomas Bjorn	DEN	3.31
30. Ian Poulter	ENG	3.28

Money Leaders

PGA TOUR FEDEXCUP STANDINGS
Through March 11

Rank Name	Points	Bonus Money	Money
1. Rory McIlroy	1,015		$2,392,000
2. Kyle Stanley	954		$1,985,390
3. Johnson Wagner	920		$1,761,293
4. Mark Wilson	864		$1,864,970
5. Phil Mickelson	835		$1,845,431
6. Bill Haas	791		$1,729,159
7. Hunter Mahan	787		$1,836,840
8. Justin Rose	768		$1,814,450
9. Brandt Snedeker	740		$1,529,879
10. Steve Stricker	679		$1,447,000
11. Keegan Bradley	644		$1,316,642
12. Bubba Watson	625		$1,474,567
13. Ben Crane	532		$1,107,103
14. Martin Laird	510		$1,116,539
15. John Huh	490		$1,073,400
16. Spencer Levin	418		$741,248
17. Aaron Baddeley	390		$764,866
18. Charles Howell III	386		$609,112
19. George McNeill	377		$761,068
20. Charlie Wi	372		$754,426
21. Harrison Frazar	352		$667,986
22. Dustin Johnson	348		$735,410
23. Tiger Woods	346		$699,000
24. John Rollins	340		$727,668
25. John Senden	334		$662,688
26. Sean O'Hair	327		$539,364
27. Kevin Na	325		$685,116
28. Webb Simpson	325		$667,300
29. Lee Westwood	315		$831,100
30. Carl Pettersson	311		$471,253
31. D.A. Points	310		$616,468
32. Matt Kuchar	307		$572,486
33. Jonathan Byrd	298		$665,900
34. Robert Garrigus	296		$524,697
35. Charl Schwartzel	279		$674,100
36. Bo Van Pelt	273		$584,688
37. Ricky Barnes	272		$516,581
38. Tom Gillis	272		$523,450
39. Jimmy Walker	267		$599,534
40. Robert Allenby	265		$515,018
41. Zach Johnson	259		$433,399
42. Sang-Moon Bae	257		$492,879
43. John Mallinger	254		$461,571
44. Nick Watney	251		$428,797
45. Bryce Molder	248		$485,906
46. Pat Perez	242		$374,309
47. Chris Stroud	240		$509,129
48. Rickie Fowler	237		$434,794
49. Kevin Stadler	233		$426,823
50. K.J. Choi	233		$422,440
51. Cameron Tringale	231		$373,871
52. Brendon de Jonge	224		$348,675
53. Jason Dufner	220		$421,977
54. Greg Chalmers	214		$343,368
55. Harris English	213		$305,095
56. Jeff Maggert	208		$364,477
57. Jarrod Lyle	199		$363,685
58. Brendon Todd	195		$361,957
59. David Toms	187		$355,600
60. Michael Thompson	184		$302,009
61. Matt Every	181		$401,147
62. Scott Piercy	178		$288,955
63. Rory Sabbatini	175		$305,040
64. Brian Gay	171		$276,873
65. Martin Flores	169		$280,114
66. Bud Cauley	166		$191,470
67. Ken Duke	165		$290,677
68. Vijay Singh	163		$241,105
69. D.J. Trahan	162		$314,650
70. Dicky Pride	161		$354,563
71. Graeme McDowell	158		$299,900
72. Chris Kirk	156		$255,103
73. Gary Woodland	153		$250,170
74. Rod Pampling	152		$299,972
75. Brian Harman	152		$239,664

NATIONWIDE TOUR MONEY LEADERS
Through March 11

Player	Trn	Money
1. Skip Kendall	3	$112,111
2. Paul Haley II	3	$111,480
3. Edward Loar	1	$99,000
4. Joseph Bramlett	3	$66,423
5. Andrew Svoboda	3	$57,425
6. Andres Gonzales	3	$54,510
7. Brian Smock	3	$54,390
8. Paul Claxton	3	$52,887
9. Luke List	3	$42,698
10. Cameron Percy	3	$39,990
11. Ryan Armour	3	$36,300
12. Peter Lonard	2	$28,023
13. Alex Aragon	3	$27,921
14. James Hahn	3	$26,400
14. Kirk Triplett	1	$26,400
16. Michael Connell	3	$26,325
17. Kevin Johnson	3	$25,860
18. David Lingmerth	3	$25,305
18. Tim Wilkinson	3	$25,305
20. Steve Alker	3	$24,800
20. Rob Oppenheim	3	$24,800
22. Brian Stuard	2	$23,610
23. Charles Warren	3	$22,065
24. Tom Hoge	3	$21,498
25. Darron Stiles	3	$20,454
26. Justin Bolli	2	$19,800
27. Brad Fritsch	3	$19,733
28. Shawn Stefani	3	$19,670
29. Bronson La'Cassie	3	$19,425
30. Brad Elder	1	$19,350
31. Camilo Benedetti	3	$18,840
32. Troy Merritt	3	$18,523
33. Benjamin Alvarado	3	$18,195
34. Brice Garnett	2	$17,955
35. Steve LeBrun	2	$17,841
36. Oscar Serna	3	$16,201
37. Will Wilcox	3	$16,020
38. Mike Lavery	3	$15,968
39. Derek Fathauer	3	$15,810
40. B.J. Staten	3	$15,240
41. Glen Day	3	$14,555
42. Tyrone Van Aswegen	3	$13,632
43. Alex Prugh	3	$13,455
44. Lee Williams	3	$13,401
45. Aaron Goldberg	3	$13,110
46. Michael Sim	2	$12,365
47. Jason Allred	3	$12,087
48. Mark Tullo	1	$11,780
49. Justin Hicks	3	$11,550
50. Ryan Hietala	3	$10,286
50. Billy Horschel	2	$10,286

CHAMPIONS TOUR CHARLES SCHWAB CUP LEADERS
Through Feb. 19

Player	Points	Money
1. Dan Forsman	307	$330,893
2. Corey Pavin	270	$299,387
3. Bernhard Langer	259	$291,150
4. Kenny Perry	240	$266,420
5. Michael Allen	239	$263,382
6. Jay Haas	203	$202,750
7. John Cook	200	$217,910
8. Jay Don Blake	186	$231,132
9. Peter Senior	158	$171,360
10. Gary Hallberg	144	$147,737
11. Jeff Sluman	128	$149,200
12. Mark Calcavecchia	118	$149,200
13. Brad Bryant	100	$101,720
14. Tom Lehman	95	$146,220
14. Bill Glasson	95	$124,267
14. Mike Goodes	95	$117,067
17. Russ Cochran	82	$113,560
18. Tom Watson	60	$60,000
19. Nick Price	58	$108,200
19. Larry Mize	58	$98,900
21. David Frost	51	$94,000
22. Rod Spittle	42	$64,200
23. Olin Browne	40	$96,453
23. John Huston	40	$68,660
23. Fred Funk	40	$41,016

LPGA TOUR MONEY LEADERS
Through Feb. 26

Player	Trn	Money
1. Yani Tseng	3	$312,186
2. Angela Stanford	3	$237,141
3. Ai Miyazato	2	$186,365
4. Jenny Shin	3	$167,043
5. Jessica Korda	1	$165,000
6. Shanshan Feng	2	$151,861
7. Jiyai Shin	3	$149,022
8. Stacy Lewis	3	$129,457
9. Na Yeon Choi	2	$116,737
10. Amy Yang	2	$95,327
11. So Yeon Ryu	2	$90,489
12. Brittany Lincicome	3	$88,238
13. Julieta Granada	3	$84,627
14. Hee Kyung Seo	3	$76,570
15. Jimin Kang	3	$63,466
16. Katie Futcher	3	$63,401
17. Amanda Blumenherst	3	$62,539
18. Hee Young Park	3	$61,914
19. I.K. Kim	2	$52,359
20. Anna Nordqvist	3	$51,526

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA Division I tournament, first round, MVSU vs. W. Kentucky, 5:30 p.m., TruTV
NIT, first round, UMass at Mississippi St., 6 p.m., ESPN2
NIT, first round, Dayton at Iowa, 6:30 p.m., ESPN
NIT, first round, Akron at Northwestern, 8 p.m., ESPN2
NCAA Division I tournament, first round, BYU vs. Iona, 8 p.m., TruTV
NIT, first round, LSU at Oregon, 8:30 p.m., ESPN
NIT, first round, Cleveland St. at Stanford, 10 p.m., ESPN2

NBA

Washington at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

NHL

Carolina at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network
Dallas at Minnesota, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus

SOCCER

UEFA Champions League, Basel at Bayern Munich, 2:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest
Premier League, Everton at Liverpool, 2:55 p.m., ESPN2

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Midland High at Odessa Permian, Noon
Odessa High at Lee, 4:30 p.m.
Midland Christian at Lubbock Christian, 5 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Lee at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.
Midland Christian at Fort Stockton, 5 p.m.

JUNIOR COLLEGE GOLF

District 5 Preview, Sugar Tree Golf Club, Dennis

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

MLB—Suspended Oakland minor league OF Jason Pridie (Sacramento-PCL) 50 games after a second violation for a drug of abuse under the minor league drug prevention and treatment program.

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Reassigned RHP Austin Adams, C Chun Chen and RHP Tyler Sturdevant to their minor league camp. Agreed to a two-year player development contract extension with Mahoning Valley (NY-Penn) through 2014.

DETROIT TIGERS—Released RHP David Pauley. Placed DH Victor Martinez on the 60-day DL. Reassigned C Rob Brantly, C Curt Casali, C Patrick Leyland, C James McCann, INF Nick Castellanos, INF-OF Justin Henry to their minor league camp. Will option the contracts of INF Hernan Perez to Lakeland (FSL) and OF Avisail Garcia to Erie (EL), effective March 15.

National League

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Reassigned C Ali Solis, C Eddy Rodriguez, INF Cory Spangenberg, RHP Cory Burns and RHP Jorge Reyes to their minor league camp.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Optioned LHP Matt Purke and INF Anthony Rendon to Potomac (Carolina) and INF Carlos Rivero to Syracuse (IL). Reassigned RHP Austin Bibens-Dirkx, RHP Rafael Martin, C Sandy Leon, INF Jarrett Hoffpauir, OF Corey Brown and OF Xavier Paul to their minor league camp.

American Association

AMARILLO SOX—Signed RHP Shaun Ellis.

GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS—Traded RHP Jon Hunton to Laredo for RHP Josh Strawn.

Can-Am League

NEWARK BEARS—Signed INF Alex Bardeguez.

Frontier League

WASHINGTON WILD THINGS—Signed RHP Jhonny Montoya to a contract extension. Signed RHP Corey Goudeau.

WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS—Sold the contract of LHP John Mincone to New York (NL). Signed 1B Brandon Decker.

United League

SAN ANGELO COLTS—Named Murlin Whitten assistant general manager.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Announced the retirement of G T.J. Ford.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS—Tendered contract offers to OL Chad Rinehart and OL Kraig Urbik.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Re-signed FB Chris Pressley, DT Nick Hayden, HB Cedric Peerman and LB Vincent Rey.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Re-signed DL Amon Gordon.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed OT William Robinson.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Agreed to terms with QB Chase Daniel on a one-year contract.

NEW YORK JETS—Agreed to terms with NT Sione Pouha on a three-year contract.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Tendered contract offers to WR Mike Wallace, CB Keenan Lewis, S Ryan Mundy, TE David Johnson and offensive linemen Doug Legursky and Ramon Foster.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Released S Oshiomogho Atogwe and FB Mike Sellers.

Canadian Football League

EDMONTON ESKIMOS—Signed DB Ricardo Colclough and OT Xavier Fulton.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Announced the retirement of OL Kelly Butler.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

BOSTON BRUINS—Recalled F Trent Whitfield from Providence (AHL).

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled D Bobby Sanguinetti from Charlotte (AHL).

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Agreed to terms with F Daniel Carcillo on a two-year contract extension.

DETROIT RED WINGS—Recalled LW Gustav Nyquist from Grand Rapids (AHL).

NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Sent F Micheal Haley and G Anders Nilsson to Bridgeport (AHL).

American Hockey League

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS—Released F Rylan Galiardi and G Riley Gill.

NORFOLK ADMIRALS—Released F Bryan Brutlag and F Casey Haines.

ECHL

ECHL—Suspended Chicago's Devin DiDiomete seven games as a result of his actions in a March 9 game at Kalamazoo. Suspended Florida's Sebastien Piche two games and fined him an undisclosed amount for being assessed a major penalty and game misconduct for boarding in a March 11 game at Trenton. Suspended Greenville's Jyri Niemi one game and and fined him an undisclosed amount for being assessed a major penalty and game misconduct for boarding in March 11 game at Gwinnett.

Central Hockey League

RIO GRANDE VALLEY KILLER BEES—Activated F Jason Beeman from team suspension and waived him.

COLLEGE

NCAA—Placed North Carolina's football program on three years probation with a one-year postseason ban and a reduction of 15 scholarships, following an investigation into improper benefits and academic misconduct.

DOANE—Announced the resignation of men's basketball coach Ian Brown. Named Jeff Coigt men's and women's soccer coach.

FORDHAM—Named Vincent White assistant head coach/wide receivers coach, David Blackwell defensive coordinator/linebackers coach, Andrew Breiner quarterbacks coach/pass game coordinator, Joel Rodriguez offensive line coach/run game coordinator, Tim Cary defensive backs coach/recruiting coordinator, Shane Fogarty tight ends coach/special teams coordinator, Peter McCarty defensive line coach, Tim Zetts running back coach, Nate Slutzky cornerbacks coach and Andrew Warsaw director of football operations.

GEORGIA—Agreed to terms with football coach Mark Richt on a five-year contract through the 2016 season.

INDIANA—Fired women's basketball coach Felisha Legette-Jack.

N.C. CENTRAL—Announced the contract of women's basketball coach Joli Robinson will not be renewed.

SMU—Named Bob Palcic offensive line coach.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR

SPRINT CUP POINTS
Through March 11

1. Greg Biffle	125
2. Kevin Harvick	115
3. Denny Hamlin	113
4. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	107
5. Matt Kenseth	102
6. Carl Edwards	102
7. Tony Stewart	100
8. Martin Truex Jr.	98
9. Joey Logano	98
10. Mark Martin	97
11. Paul Menard	89
12. Kyle Busch	87
13. Ryan Newman	86
14. Clint Bowyer	86
15. Jeff Burton	82
16. Bobby Labonte	76
17. Jeff Gordon	75
18. Marcos Ambrose	74
19. Regan Smith	74
20. Dave Blaney	66
21. Brad Keselowski	65
22. Aric Almirola	63
23. Jimmie Johnson	61
24. Juan Pablo Montoya	60
25. Jamie McMurray	57
26. Kasey Kahne	50
27. David Gilliland	48
28. David Ragan	45
29. Kurt Busch	44
30. A J Allmendinger	44
31. Casey Mears	41
32. Landon Cassill	39
33. David Reutimann	39
34. David Stremme	38
35. Travis Kvapil	30
36. Terry Labonte	27

NATIONWIDE POINTS LEADERS
Through March 10

1. Elliott Sadler	131
2. Austin Dillon	116
3. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	114
4. Trevor Bayne	112
5. Cole Whitt	109
6. Sam Hornish Jr.	98
7. Tayler Malsam	90
8. Michael Annett	82
9. Justin Allgaier	76
10. Blake Koch	66
11. Joe Nemechek	66
12. Jeremy Clements	64
13. Benny Gordon	63
14. Mike Bliss	63
15. Danica Patrick	62
16. Eric McClure	57
17. Kenny Wallace	56
18. Mike Wallace	56
19. Brian Scott	48
20. Johanna Long	48

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK POINTS LEADERS
Through Feb. 24

1. John King	47
2. Timothy Peters	42
3. Justin Lofton	41
4. Jason White	40
5. Todd Bodine	38
6. Chris Fontaine	37
7. Ward Burton	36
8. Ty Dillon	35
9. Clay Greenfield	34
10. Parker Kligerman	33

NHRA

Gatornationals Results
Monday
At Auto-Plus Raceway
Gainesville, Fla.
Final Results

Top Fuel — Morgan Lucas, 3.743 seconds, 326.87 mph def. Tony Schumacher, 5.289 seconds, 139.63 mph.

Funny Car — Robert Hight, Ford Mustang, 4.866, 236.05 def. Johnny Gray, Dodge Charger, 6.074, 116.09.

Pro Stock — Mike Edwards, Pontiac GXP, 6.566, 211.30 def. Greg Anderson, GXP, 6.538, 211.69.

Pro Stock Motorcycle — Eddie Krawiec, Harley-Davidson, 6.822, 194.94 def. Andrew Hines, Harley-Davidson, 6.861, 194.55.

Top Alcohol Dragster — Chris Demke, 5.306, 271.19 def. Bill Reichert, 5.318, 265.22.

Top Alcohol Funny Car — Mickey Ferro, Chevy Monte Carlo, 5.550, 258.42 def. Paul Gill, Ford Mustang, 5.601, 250.04.

Competition Eliminator — Al Ackerman, ProStart, broke def. Ray Vierheller, McKinney, broke.

Super Stock — David Rampy, Camaro, 10.250, 120.17 def. Joe Teuton Jr., Barracuda, 8.499, 156.35.

Stock Eliminator — Charlie Fitzsimmons, Challenger, 9.928, 122.89 def. Chris Stephenson, Apollo, 12.098, 104.52.

Super Comp — Todd Ewing, Dragster, 8.933, 169.21 def. Frank Altilio, Dragster, 8.915, 185.33.

Super Gas — Jim Perry, S-10, 9.879, 154.42 def. Rich Price, Beretta, 9.814, 151.27.

POINTS LEADERS
Through March 12

Top Fuel

1. Tony Schumacher, 283. 2, Morgan Lucas, 269. 3, Antron Brown, 265. 4, Spencer Massey, 229. 5, Shawn Langdon, 223. 6, Clay Millican, 168. 7, Doug Kalitta, 156. 8, Bob Vandergriff, 141. 9, Steve Torrence, 125. 10, Brandon Bernstein, 120.

Funny Car

1, Mike Neff, 280. 2, Robert Hight, 273. 3, Jack Beckman, 217. 4, Johnny Gray, 192. 5, John Force, 185. 6, Ron Capps, 180. 7, Courtney Force, 156. 8, Jeff Arend, 115. 9, Todd Lesenko, 112. 10 (tie), Matt Hagan and Bob Tasca III, 108.

Pro Stock

1, Greg Anderson, 308. 2, Mike Edwards, 264. 3, Jason Line, 254. 4, Rodger Brogdon, 157. 5, Ronnie Humphrey, 155. 6, Vincent Nobile, 145. 7, Allen Johnson, 137. 8, Larry Morgan, 135. 9, Greg Stanfield, 134. 10, Jeg Coughlin, 132.

Pro Stock Motorcycle

1, Eddie Krawiec, 150. 2, Andrew Hines, 101. 3, Hector Arana Jr, 80. 4, Matt Smith, 74. 5 (tie), Hector Arana and LE Tonglet, 56. 7, Karen Stoffer, 53. 8, Scotty Pollacheck, 52. 9, Steve Johnson, 34. 10, (tie), Shawn Gann, Joey Gladstone, Jerry Savoie and John Hall, 32.

TENNIS

BNP Paribas Open Results
Monday
At The Indian Wells Tennis Garden
Indian Wells, Calif.
Purse: Men: $5.55 million (Masters 1000); $5.44 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Third Round

Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Kevin Anderson (29), South Africa, 6-2, 6-3.
Pablo Andujar, Spain, def. Albert Ramos, Spain, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Nicolas Almagro (12), Spain, def. Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (2).
Gilles Simon (13), France, def. Stanislas Wawrinka (23), Switzerland, 6-4, 6-4.
John Isner (11), United States, def. Juan Monaco (22), Argentina, 7-5, 7-5.
Matthew Ebden, Australia, def. Mardy Fish (8), United States, 6-3, 6-4.
Tomas Berdych (7), Czech Republic, def. Andy Roddick (30), United States, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

Women
Third Round

Marion Bartoli (7), France, def. Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, 6-2, 6-0.
Lucie Safarova (23), Czech Republic, def. Francesca Schiavone (10), Italy, 6-2, 0-0, retired.
Nadia Petrova (30), Russia, def. Samantha Stosur (6), Australia, 6-1, 6-7 (6), 7-6 (5).
Maria Kirilenko (20), Russia, def. Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.
Roberta Vinci (21), Italy, def. Dominika Cibulkova (16), Slovakia, 6-7 (5), 6-0, 6-4.
Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Simona Halep, Romania, 6-3, 6-4.
Ana Ivanovic (15), Serbia, def. Ksenia Pervak, Kazakhstan, 6-7 (8), 6-3, 6-2.

PSU says Paterno's firing over 'failure of leadership'

By Genaro C. Armas and Randy Pennell
Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Penn State trustees, faced with continued alumni and student criticism for firing football coach Joe Paterno, released a statement Monday intended to underscore their rationale for his ouster: "failure of leadership" for his actions following a reported sex assault involving former assistant Jerry Sandusky.

The board found that while Paterno fulfilled a legal obligation to tell his superiors that an employee claimed Sandusky abused a young boy in a shower, it said Paterno should have done more.

"We determined that his decision to do his minimum legal duty and not to do more to follow up constituted a failure of leadership by Coach Paterno," the trustees wrote.

The report comes after months of criticism from Penn State alumni over Paterno's firing in November. The Hall of Fame coach died in January after a brief bout with lung cancer.

Other critics, including some faculty, have questioned the board's decisions in general in the frantic weeks after Sandusky was arrested Nov. 5.

Paterno's lawyer, Wick Sollers, said in a statement later Monday that the family was surprised and saddened that the board "believes it is necessary and appropriate to explain — for the fourth or fifth time — why they fired Joe Paterno so suddenly and unjustifiably on Nov. 9, 2011."

The board conducted a series of media interviews in January about its decisions to remove Paterno and President Graham Spanier.

Trustees interviewed by The Associated Press had cited three reasons for Paterno's immediate removal: a failure to meet a moral obligation in not doing more to report the 2002 allegation; concern that statements from Paterno had challenged the board's authority; and worries that Paterno would not be able to properly represent the school if allowed to finish the 2011 season.

In their statement Monday, the trustees said they had been asked by the Penn State community to "state clearly" the reasons for Paterno's dismissal and the removal of the university president.

"Many people have indicated that they did not understand, and this is our last attempt to try to make it as clear as possible," Eckel told The Associated Press. "And people are welcome to agree or disagree with us."

TCU player formally charged in drug investigation

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — One of four TCU football players accused of selling marijuana as part of a six-month drug sting has been charged.

Cornerback Devin Johnson is charged with three cases of delivery of marijuana between one-quarter ounce and five pounds of marijuana. Johnson and three others are accused of selling marijuana to undercover officers, sometimes arranging deals around practices.

Each case carries up to two years in jail and a $10,000 fine.

Johnson allegedly told an officer that 82 people failed a team-wide drug test ordered two weeks before his arrest Feb. 15. Others in the TCU program have disagreed with that claim.

Defensive tackle D.J. Yendrey, offensive tackle Ty Horn and linebacker Tanner Brock were also arrested.

Nine people have been charged so far.

HSSOFTBALLTODAY

FROM STAFF REPORTS

LEE AT MIDLAND HIGH

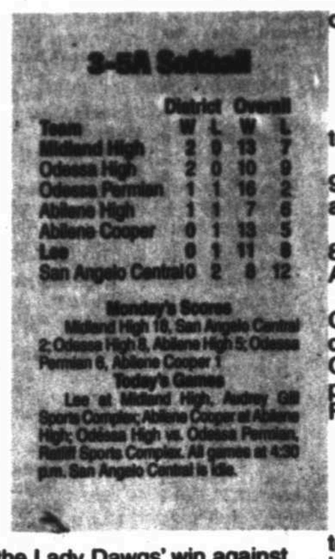
When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Audrey Gill Sports Complex

Records: Lee 11-8, 0-1 in District 3-5A; Midland High 13-7, 2-0

Last game: Odessa High 7, Lee 4; Midland High 18, San Angelo Central 2

Notes & Quotes: Midland High is in the midst of playing four games in a six-day span. The Lady Bulldogs defeated San Angelo Central, 18-2, in five innings on Monday. They scored 10 runs in the third inning alone with every player in the lineup crossing the plate at least once in the frame. ... Lee hasn't played a game since last Tuesday when it lost its District 3-5A opener, 7-4, to Odessa High. The Lady Rebels are trying to avoid falling to 0-2 at the start of the district season for a second straight year. ... Neither Midland High coach Shawnda Vines nor Lee coach Wes Overton led on as to who will start for them in the pitcher's circle today. Vines has used a three-person rotation of sophomores Madison Garcia and Stefani Baeza and senior Britney Segovia. Garcia pitched in the Lady Dawgs' win against Central on Monday, while Baeza got the win against Permian last Tuesday. Overton will send either junior Emily Hardaway or sophomore Kylee Olivas to the circle. Both pitched in the loss to Odessa High with Hardaway getting the start before Olivas relieved her in the fifth inning.

Next: Odessa Permian at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Gene Smith Field; Midland High at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Ratliff Sports Complex.



ODESSA HIGH AT ODESSA PERMIAN

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Ratliff Sports Complex

Records: Odessa High 10-9, 2-0 in District 3-5A; Permian 16-2, 1-1

Last game: Odessa High 8, Abilene High 5; Permian 6, Abilene Cooper 1

Next: Midland High at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Ratliff Sports Complex; Odessa Permian at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Gene Smith Field

ABILENE COOPER AT ABILENE HIGH

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Lady Eagle Field, Abilene

Records: Cooper 13-5, 0-1 in District 3-5A; ABilene High 7-6, 1-1

Last game: Odessa Permian 6, Cooper 1; Odessa High 8, Abilene High 5

Next: Abilene Cooper at San Angelo Central, 4:30 p.m. Thursday; Abilene High at Midland High, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Audrey Gill Sports Complex

Compiled by Jonathan Hull

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Taylor Vines, right, safely steals second as she slides wide out of reach of San Angelo Central's Shely Picasso on Monday at Audrey Gill Sports Complex.

LADY DAWGS

From 1C

an 11-2 MHS advantage.

Senior third baseman Megan O'Valle then singled in Urias, but Moreno missed on scooping O'Valle's hit, allowing the ball to roll to the fence for the second time in the inning. As a result of the error, Vines, who scored three runs and knocked in three more, came all the way around from first to make it 13-2 in Midland High's favor while O'Valle ended up on third.

O'Valle scored the 10th and final MHS run of the third inning on a fielder's choice ball hit to shortstop by freshman left fielder Brittany Badgett. All nine batters in the MHS lineup scored in the third with Vines crossing twice, giving the Lady Dawgs a 15-2 lead heading into the fourth inning.

The 10-run inning was a much-needed response to Central (8-12, 0-2) having scored two runs in the top of the third that temporarily cut Midland High's lead to 5-2.

"We knew once they put runs on the board we needed to respond," Vines said. "I thought our kids did a really good job of coming out and hitting the ball hard and making something happen."

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MIDLAND HIGH 18, SAN ANGELO CENTRAL 2

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Maddie Contreras and Davin Darnell. Madison Garcia and Courtney Warren. W — Garcia. L — Contreras. 2B — SAC: Shelly Picasso. HR — MHS: Gaby Muniz. RBI — Central: Picasso 2; MHS: Muniz 4, Taylor Vines 3, Velori Sisneros 2, Naomi Posada, Megan O'Valle, Marissa Ramirez, Britany Baggett.

Records: Central 8-12, 0-2 in 3-5A; Midland High 13-7, 2-0

Next: Abilene Cooper at San Angelo Central, 4 p.m. Thursday; Lee at Midland High, 4:30 p.m. today, Audrey Gill Sports Complex

MARATHON

From 1C

"That probably benefits us, gets the kids out of the heat a little bit earlier which is good," Vines said. "We've talked about it. Our kids know we have a long week. We just have to work through it day by day."

Lee coach Wes Overton doesn't believe Midland High's busy week puts the Lady Bulldogs at a disadvantage, though. If anything, Overton sees it as a slight detriment for the Lady Rebels, who haven't played a game since opening District 3-5A play with a loss against Odessa High last Tuesday.

"Actually, I think it might be an advantage for them," Overton said. "We haven't played since last Tuesday and they got to play (Monday) and (today). They're going to be more in a routine."

Most importantly for Overton and the Lady Rebels is avoiding an 0-2 record for the start of District 3-5A play for a second straight year.

"That's been a good focal point for us," Overton said. "Throw in the fact that it's Midland High, hopefully we won't have any issues getting up for this game. We're going to have to be very consistent in how we play (today) in all aspects."

Despite sitting at opposite ends of the district standings, Vines sees a volatile foe in Lee.

"Obviously, we know that it's going to be an extremely close game," Vines said. "They're a well-rounded team. They've got good bats, good gloves, good pitching. We know we have to be our best (today) if we're going to walk away with it.

"I think anytime you're playing a team that just lost a ball game it makes them dangerous because it makes them hungrier for that win."

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Djokovic, Sharapova win at Indian Wells

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — Top-ranked Novak Djokovic defeated Kevin Anderson 6-2, 6-3 to reach the fourth round of the BNP Paribas Open on Monday, while American men had mixed results, with No. 8 Mardy Fish and Andy Roddick knocked out and John Isner winning.

Djokovic broke Anderson's serve once in each set playing in the heat of the day at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden, where he won in 2008 and last year when the Serb claimed three Grand Slam titles and went 70-6. Djokovic successfully defended his Australian Open title to open the year.

Anderson, the 29th seed from South Africa who won last week's tournament in Delray Beach, Fla., managed one break in the first set. Five games went to deuce, including five deuces before Djokovic held to lead 3-2 in the first. Djokovic beat Anderson in straight sets for the fourth straight time.

"He's very aggressive on the return games," Djokovic said. "He has a great serve, as you can imagine for his height, so I had to return well, I had to just be patient, and wait for my chances. I haven't served well in the opening set, but then it all came down to his service games. I served well and put a lot of pressure on him and returned really, really good."

In the day's biggest upsets, No. 6 seed Sam Stosur lost to 30th-seeded Nadia Petrova 6-1, 6-7 (6), 7-6 (5) in a rematch of their three-set U.S. Open marathon last year. That was the longest women's match since the tiebreaker was introduced, with Stosur winning on her way to claiming the title.

On the men's side, Fish was beaten 6-3, 6-4 by qualifier Matthew Ebden of Australia, with Fish getting penalized for hindrance. Roddick lost to No. 7 Tomas Berdych 6-3, 4-6, 6-2. Roddick, seeded 30th, fell to 5-5 on the year, having lost 13 of his last 14 matches against top-10 players.

NFL takes cap space from Cowboys

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

The Dallas Cowboys' goal of using free agency to upgrade their roster is in jeopardy after the NFL penalized the club for improperly front-loading deals during the uncapped 2010 season.

The salary cap in 2012 is projected to be $120.6 million, but the league is taking $10 million from the Cowboys, NFL.com reported Monday. The Washington Redskins will be docked $36 million for the same infraction.

The two NFC East rivals can split the cap loss over the 2012 and 2013 seasons. The money the NFL took from Dallas and Washington will be spread in cap space among 28 other teams.

The New Orleans Saints and the Oakland Raiders are excluded because they committed the same irregularity but to a lesser degree.

The 2010 season was uncapped after the collective bargaining agreement expired. Before the expiration, the NFL Competition Committee warned teams they would be punished if they took advantage of the circumstances. But the Cowboys and the Redskins did just that by dumping huge base salaries to players like wide receiver Miles Austin and cornerback DeAngelo Hall into the 2010 season to get the big numbers in those deals off the books while there was no cap, according to NFL.com.

Austin received a base salary of $17 million from Dallas in 2010 after signing a six-year, $54 million extension.

With pressing needs in the secondary, along the interior of the offensive line and a few other spots, the Cowboys were expected to be players in free agency, which starts today.

Dallas currently has only about $5 million in cap space, according to the team's website. But that number could increase dramatically with the restructuring of the contacts of several players, including Dez Bryant, Doug Free, Orlando Scandrick and DeMarcus Ware.

Cap space can also be created by cutting players. For instance, Dallas could save as much as $6 million by releasing cornerback Terence Newman.

Dallas was about $12.5 million under the cap last week, but the number dwindled after the club placed the franchise tag on linebacker Anthony Spencer, a move expected to count $8.8 million against the cap.

Brandon Carr is believed to head the list of cornerbacks the Cowboys are eyeing. Brodney Pool is a strong candidate at safety.

Carr recorded four interceptions and 13 pass breakups for Kansas City in 2011.

Pool, a big hitter who is comfortable playing close to the line of scrimmage, started six games for the New York Jets last season. He can also play special teams and is familiar with Rob Ryan's scheme after playing for him in Cleveland in 2009.

Offensive line is also an area of need after last season's 8-8 finish. Saints guard Carl Nicks would be a huge addition, but Dallas is more likely to target someone more affordable such as Baltimore's Ben Grubbs.

Dallas' own free agents include wide receiver Laurent Robinson, safety Abram Elam, punter Mat McBriar, defensive back Alan Ball, tight end Martellus Bennett, linebacker Keith Brooking and guard Montrae Holland. Of those, Robinson is the only priority after he scored 11 touchdowns last year in a breakout season.

WINSTON

From 1C

Winston made a number of postseason honor teams as a right tackle after the 2011 season, and was part of a Texans offensive line that helped the offense average an NFL-best 159.5 rushing yards a game this season.

Even with his track record with the team, Winston said it's one of the tough parts of the NFL.

"Once that last game is over you are subject to whatever, and that's the kind of situation that unfortunately happened today," Winston said. "You've got to roll with the punches and just go with it."

Winston said Monday he hasn't thought about what his next move will be, but said he was going to talk to agent Drew Rosenhaus and then begin the process of figuring out where he might end up next.

"I don't want to pigeon hole myself, and I'm eager to see what doors are open," Winston said.

Even with the surprising move, Winston said he has loved his time in Houston.

"It's been awesome and a dream come true," Winston said. "Coming here and doing the rebuilding project, I've never been a part of something like that. I learned a lot early on, and grew as a person and grew as a man. I've got to give a lot of credit to the organization. (Owner Bob) McNair and (coach Gary) Kubiak have been great to me and I can't say enough positives about it."

NFLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WR RANDY MOSS AGREES TO DEAL WITH 49ERS

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Randy Moss is getting another chance in the NFL.

Moss is back after reaching a one-year contract with the San Francisco 49ers, who announced the move late Monday. ESPN first reported the deal a day before the start of the free agency period.

Moss will fill a big void for the reigning NFC West champions.

The 35-year-old Moss worked out with the 49ers earlier in the day — and former NFL quarterback and current coach Jim Harbaugh participated.

AP SOURCE: MANNING TO MEET WITH TENNESSEE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A person familiar with the situation says the Tennessee Titans will be visiting with four-time NFL MVP Peyton Manning in his search for a new team.

ESPN.com first reported Titans coach Mike Munchak will meet with Manning after a session with Miami coach Joe Philbin.

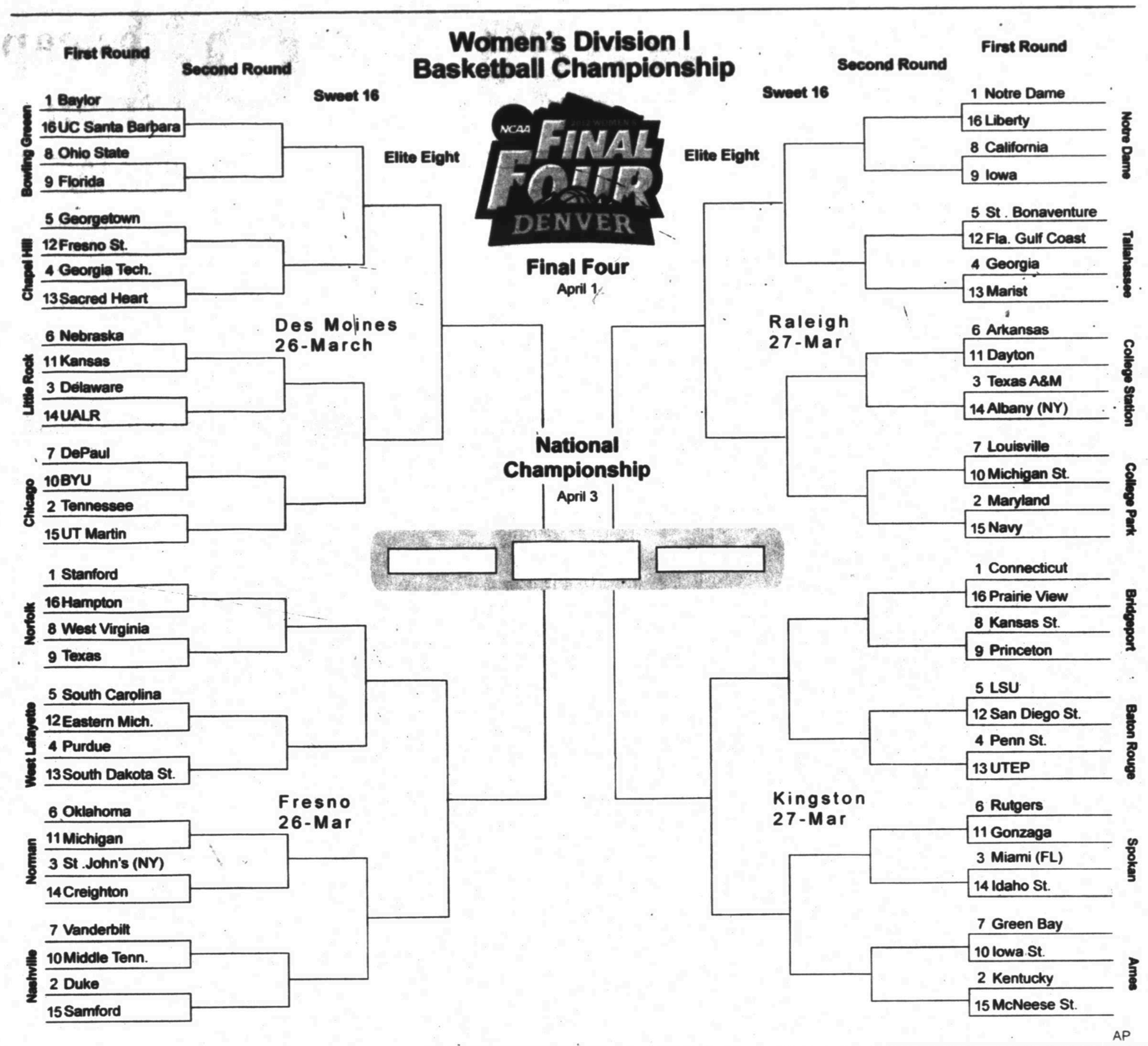
The person spoke to The Associated Press Monday about Manning's meeting with the Titans on the condition of anonymity because the location and time of that meeting remains confidential.

Titans owner Bud Adams made it known Sunday he will do whatever it takes to sign Manning to get back to the playoffs and win his team's first Super Bowl. Adams told The Tennessean he had talked to Manning's agent, Tom Condon, asking for a visit with the quarterback.

RAIDERS TENDER CONTRACTS TO 4 FREE AGENTS

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders have tendered one-year contracts to four potential free agents.

The team announced Monday that it tendered deals to restricted free agent defensive lineman Desmond Bryant and three exclusive rights free agents: fullback Marcel Reece, defensive end Mason Brodine and cornerback Bryan McCann.



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NCAA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

FIRST ROUND
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Today's Games
MVSU (21-12) vs. Western Kentucky (15-18), 5:40 p.m.
BYU (25-8) vs. Iona (25-7), 30 minutes following
Wednesday, March 14
Lamar (23-11) vs. Vermont (23-11), 5:40 p.m.
California (24-9) vs. South Florida (20-13), 30 minutes following

EAST REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 15
At The CONSOL Energy Center
Pittsburgh
Kansas State (21-10) vs. Southern Mississippi (25-8), 11:40 a.m.
Syracuse (31-2) vs. UNC Asheville (24-9), 30 minutes following
Gonzaga (25-6) vs. West Virginia (19-13), 6:20 p.m.
Ohio State (27-7) vs. Loyola (Md.) (24-8), 30 minutes following
At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Wisconsin (24-9) vs. Montana (25-6), 1:10 p.m.
Vanderbilt (24-10) vs. Harvard (26-4), 30 minutes following
Friday, March 16
At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Cincinnati (24-10) vs. Texas (20-13), 11:15 a.m.
Florida State (24-9) vs. St. Bonaventure (20-11), 30 minutes following
Third Round
Saturday, March 17
At The CONSOL Energy Center
Pittsburgh
Syracuse-UNC Asheville winner vs. Kansas State-Southern Mississippi winner
Ohio State-Loyola (Md.) winner vs. Gonzaga-West Virginia winner
At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Wisconsin-Montana winner vs. Vanderbilt-Harvard winner
Sunday, March 18
At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Florida State-St. Bonaventure winner vs. Cincinnati-Texas winner
Regional Semifinals
At TD Garden
Boston
Thursday, March 22
Syracuse-UNC Asheville—Kansas State-Southern Mississippi winner vs. Wisconsin-Montana—Vanderbilt-Harvard winner
Ohio State-Loyola (Md.)—Gonzaga-West Virginia winner vs. Florida State-St. Bonaventure—Cincinnati-Texas winner
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24
Semifinal winners

SOUTH REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 15
At The KFC Yum! Center
Louisville, Ky.
Kentucky (32-2) vs. MVSU-Western Kentucky winner, 5:50 p.m.
Iowa State (22-10) vs. UConn (20-13), 30 minutes following
At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Baylor (27-7) vs. South Dakota State (27-7), 6:27 p.m.
UNLV (28-8) vs. Colorado (23-11), 30 minutes following
At The Rose Garden
Portland, Ore.
Wichita State (27-5) vs. VCU (28-6), 6:15 p.m.
Indiana (25-9) vs. New Mexico State (25-9), 30 minutes following
Friday, March 16
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Duke (27-6) vs. Lehigh (26-7), 6:15 p.m.
Notre Dame (22-11) vs. Xavier (21-12), 30 minutes following
Third Round
Saturday, March 17
At The KFC Yum! Center
Louisville, Ky.
Kentucky—MVSU-Western Kentucky winner vs. Iowa State-UConn winner
At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Baylor-South Dakota State winner vs. UNLV-Colorado winner
At The Rose Garden
Portland, Ore.
Indiana-New Mexico State winner vs. Wichita State-VCU winner
Sunday, March 18
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Duke-Lehigh winner vs. Notre Dame-Xavier winner
Regional Semifinals
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
Friday, March 23
Kentucky-MVSU-Western Kentucky—Iowa State-UConn winner vs. Indiana-New Mexico State—Wichita State-VCU winner
Baylor-South Dakota State—UNLV-Colorado winner vs. Duke-Lehigh—Notre Dame-Xavier winner
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Friday, March 16
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Creighton (28-5) vs. Alabama (21-11), 12:40 p.m.
North Carolina (29-5) vs. Lamar-Vermont winner, 30 minutes following
At Nationwide Arena
Columbus, Ohio
San Diego State (26-7) vs. N.C. State (22-12), 11:40 a.m.
Georgetown (23-8) vs. Belmont (27-7), 30 minutes following
At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Michigan (24-9) vs. Ohio (27-7), 6:20 p.m.
Temple (24-7) vs. California-South Florida winner, 30 minutes following
At CenturyLink Center
Omaha, Neb.
Saint Mary's (Calif.) (27-5) vs. Purdue (21-12), 6:27 p.m.
Kansas (27-6) vs. Detroit (22-13), 30 minutes following
Third Round
Sunday, March 18
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
North Carolina—Lamar-Vermont winner vs. Creighton-Alabama winner
At Nationwide Arena
Columbus, Ohio
Georgetown-Belmont winner vs. San Diego State-N.C. State winner
At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Michigan-Ohio winner vs. Temple—California-South Florida winner
At CenturyLink Center
Omaha, Neb.
Kansas-Detroit winner vs. Saint Mary's (Calif.)-Purdue winner
Regional Semifinals
At Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis
Friday, March 23
North Carolina—Lamar-Vermont—Creighton-Alabama winner vs. Michigan-Ohio—Temple-California-South Florida winner
Georgetown-Belmont—San Diego State-N.C. State winner vs. Kansas-Detroit—Saint Mary's (Calif.)-Purdue winner
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
Semifinal winners

WEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 15
At The KFC Yum! Center
Louisville, Ky.
Murray State (30-1) vs. Colorado State (29-11), 11:15 a.m.
Marquette (25-7) vs. BYU-Iona winner, 30 minutes following
At The Rose Garden
Portland, Ore.
Louisville (26-9) vs. Davidson (25-7), 12:40 p.m.
New Mexico (27-6) vs. Long Beach State (25-8), 30 minutes following
Friday, March 16
At Nationwide Arena
Columbus, Ohio
Memphis (26-8) vs. Saint Louis (25-7), 5:50 p.m.
Michigan State (27-7) vs. LIU (25-8), 30 minutes following
At CenturyLink Center
Omaha, Neb.
Florida (23-10) vs. Virginia (22-9), 2:10 p.m.
Missouri (30-4) vs. Norfolk State (25-9), 30 minutes following
Third Round
Saturday, March 17
At The KFC Yum! Center
Louisville, Ky.
Marquette—BYU-Iona winner vs. Murray State-Colorado State winner
At The Rose Garden
Portland, Ore.
Louisville-Davidson winner vs. New Mexico-Long Beach State winner
Sunday, March 18
At Nationwide Arena
Columbus, Ohio
Michigan State-LIU winner vs. Memphis-Saint Louis winner
At CenturyLink Center
Omaha, Neb.
Missouri-Norfolk State winner vs. Florida-Virginia winner
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 22
At US Airways Center
Phoenix
Michigan State-LIU—Memphis-Saint Louis winner vs. Louisville-Davidson—New Mexico-Long Beach State winner
Marquette-BYU-Iona—Murray State-Colorado State winner vs. Missouri-Norfolk State—Florida-Virginia winner
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24
Semifinal winners

FINAL FOUR
At The Superdome
New Orleans
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 31
East champion vs. Midwest champion
South champion vs. West champion National Championship
Monday, April 2
Semifinal winners

Women

DES MOINES REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 17
At Allstate Arena
Rosemont, Ill.
Tennessee (24-8) vs. UT-Martin (23-8), 4:10 p.m.
DePaul (22-10) vs. BYU (26-8), 30 minutes following
Sunday, March 18
At Stroh Center
Bowling Green, Ohio
Ohio St. (25-6) vs. Florida (19-12), 11:15 a.m.
Baylor (34-0) vs. UC Santa Barbara (17-15), 30 minutes following
At Carmichael Arena
Chapel Hill, N.C.
Georgetown (22-8) vs. Fresno St. (28-5), 11:20 a.m.
Georgia Tech (24-8) vs. Sacred Heart (25-7), 30 minutes following
At Jack Stephens Center
Little Rock, Ark.
Delaware (30-1) vs. UALR (26-12), 4:20 p.m.
Nebraska (24-8) vs. Kansas (19-12), 30 minutes following
Second Round
Monday, March 19
At Allstate Arena
Rosemont, Ill.
DePaul-BYU winner vs. Tennessee-UT-Martin winner, TBA
Tuesday, March 20
At Stroh Center
Bowling Green, Ky.
Baylor-UC Santa Barbara winner vs. Ohio St.-Florida winner, TBA
At Carmichael Arena
Chapell Hill, N.C.
Georgetown-Fresno St. winner vs. Georgia Tech-Sacred Heart, TBA
At Jack Stephens Center
Little Rock, Ark.
Nebraska-Kansas winner vs. Delaware-UALR winner, TBA
Regional Semifinals
At Wells Fargo Arena
Des Moines, Iowa
Saturday, March 24
Baylor-UC Santa Barbara-Ohio St.-Florida winner vs. Georgetown-Fresno St. winner vs. Georgia Tech-Sacred Heart, TBA
Nebraska-Kansas-Delaware-UALR winner vs. DePaul-BYU-Tennessee-UT-Martin winner, TBA
Regional Championship
Monday, March 26
Semifinal winners, TBA

FRESNO REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 17
At Ted Constant Convocation Center
Norfolk, Va.
West Virginia (23-9) vs. Texas (18-13), 10:10 a.m.
Stanford (31-1) vs. Hampton (26-4), 30 minutes following
At Mackey Arena
West Lafayette, Ind.
South Carolina (23-9) vs. Eastern Michigan (23-8), 10:05 a.m.
Purdue (24-8) vs. South Dakota St. (24-8), 30 minutes following
Sunday, March 18
At Lloyd Noble Center
Norman, Okla.
St. John's (NY) (22-9) vs. Creighton (20-12), 4:05 p.m.
Oklahoma (20-12) vs. Michigan (20-11), 30 minutes following
At Memorial Gymnasium
Nashville, Tenn.
Vanderbilt (22-9) vs. Middle Tennessee (26-6), 4:10 p.m.
Duke (24-5) vs. Samford (20-12), 30 minutes following
Second Round
Monday, March 19
At Ted Constant Convocation Center
Norfolk, Va.
West Virginia-Texas winner vs. Stanford-Hampton winner, TBA
At Mackey Arena
West Lafayette, Ind.
South Carolina-Eastern Michigan winner vs. Purdue-South Dakota St. winner, TBA
Tuesday, March 20
At Lloyd Noble Center
Norman, Okla.
St. John's (NY)-Creighton winner vs. Oklahoma-Michigan winner, TBA
At Memorial Gymnasium
Nashville, Tenn.
Vanderbilt-Middle Tennessee winner vs. Duke-Samford winner, TBA
Regional Semifinals
At Save Mart Center
Fresno, Calif.
Saturday, March 24
West Virginia-Texas-Stanford-Hampton winner vs. South Carolina-Eastern Michigan-Purdue-South Dakota St. winner, TBA
St. John's (NY)-Creighton-Oklahoma-Michigan winner vs. Vanderbilt-Middle Tennessee-Duke-Samford winner, TBA
Regional Championship
Monday, March 26
Semifinal winners, TBA

RALEIGH REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 17
At Reed Arena
College Station
Arkansas (23-8) vs. Dayton (23-6), 3:05 p.m.
Texas A&M (22-10) vs. Albany (NY) (23-9), 30 minutes following
At Comcast Center
College Park, Md.
Maryland (28-4) vs. Navy (18-13), 10:15 a.m.
Louisville (22-9) vs. Michigan St. (20-11), 30 minutes following
Sunday, March 18
At Joyce Center
Notre Dame, Ind.
California (24-8) vs. Iowa (19-11), 11:10 a.m.
Notre Dame (30-3) vs. Liberty (24-8), 30 minutes following
At Donlad L. Tucker Center
Tallahassee, Fla.
Georgia (22-8) vs. Marist (25-7), 11:05 a.m.
St. Bonaventure (29-3) vs. Florida Gulf Coast (29-2), 30 minutes following
Second Round
Monday, March 19
At Reed Arena
College Station
Arkansas-Dayton winner vs. Texas A&M-Albany (NY) winner, TBA
At Comcast Center
College Park, Md.
Maryland-Navy winner vs. Louisville-Michigan St. winner, TBA
Tuesday, March 20
At Joyce Center
Notre Dame, Ind.
California-Iowa winner vs. Notre Dame-Liberty winner, TBA
At Donlad L. Tucker Center
Tallahassee, Fla.
Georgia-Marist winner vs. St. Bonaventure-Florida Gulf Coast winner, TBA
Regional Semifinals
At PNC Arena
Raleigh, N.C.
Sunday, March 25
Arkansas-Dayton-Texas A&M-Albany (NY) winner vs. Maryland-Navy-Louisville-Michigan St. winner, TBA
California-Iowa-Notre Dame-Liberty winner vs. Georgia-Marist-St. Bonaventure-Florida Gulf Coast winner, TBA
Tuesday, March 27
Regional Championship
Semifinal winners, TBA

KINGSTON REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 17
At Webster Bank Arena
Bridgeport, Conn.
Kansas St. (19-13) vs. Princeton (24-4), 10:20 a.m.
Connecticut (29-4) vs. Prairie View (17-15), 30 minutes following
At McCarthey Athletic Center
Spokane, Wash.
Rutgers (22-9) vs. Gonzaga (26-5), 4:15 p.m.
Miami (25-5) vs. Idaho St. (24-7), 30 minutes following
At Hilton Coliseum
Ames, Iowa
Kentucky (25-6) vs. McNeese St. (26-7), 3:20 p.m.
Green Bay (30-1) vs. Iowa St. (18-12), 30 minutes following
Sunday, March 18
At Maravich Center
Baton Rouge, La.
Penn St. (24-6) vs. UTEP (29-3), 4:15 p.m.
LSU (22-10) vs. San Diego State (25-6), 30 minutes following
Second Round
Monday, March 19
At Webster Bank Arena
Bridgeport, Conn.
Kansas St.-Princeton winner vs. Connecticut-Prairie View winner, TBA
At McCarthey Athletic Center
Spokane, Wash.
Rutgers-Gonzaga winner vs. Miami-Idaho St. winner, TBA
At Hilton Coliseum
Ames, Iowa
Kentucky-McNeese St. winner vs. Green Bay-Iowa St. winner, TBA
Tuesday, March 20
At Maravich Center
Baton Rouge, La.
Penn St.-UTEP winner vs. LSU-San Diego State winner, TBA
Regional Semifinals
At The Ryan Center
Kingston, R.I.
Sunday, March 25
Kansas St.-Princeton-Connecticut-Prairie View winner vs. Penn St.-UTEP-LSU-San Diego State winner, TBA
Rutgers-Gonzaga-Miami-Idaho St. winner vs. Kentucky-McNeese St.-Green Bay-Iowa St. winner, TBA
Regional Championship
Tuesday, March 27
Semifinal winners, TBA

FINAL FOUR
At Pepsi Center
Denver
National Semifinals
Sunday, April 1
Des Moines champion vs. Fresno champion, TBA
Raleigh champion vs. Kingston champion, TBA
National Championship
Tuesday, April 3
Semifinal winners, TBA

Western Ky is the losers' favorite in NCAA tourney

By Joe Kay
Associated Press

DAYTON — A losing record. Two heads coaches in three months. A fan base so disinterested that only 2,000 showed up for a dollar-ticket promotion, one that ended with the most bizarre loss of all.

Western Kentucky has spent an entire season redefining the long shot.

The Hilltoppers (15-18) pulled off one of the most remarkable turnarounds, going from a down-and-out team to one that's ready to open the NCAA tournament before a presidential audience tonight against Mississippi Valley State.

Looking for the tournament's biggest underdog? Can't top the Hilltoppers.

"A lot of people are underestimating us," freshman guard Derrick Gordon said.

With good reason. They've spent most of the season playing down to the lowest estimates.

A young team, featuring seven freshmen, lost 11 of its first 16 games. The low point came on Jan. 5, when Louisiana-Lafayette somehow managed to get six players on the floor for the winning shot in a 72-70 overtime win.

And that wasn't even the most embarrassing thing about that game. The school offered $1 tickets to lure back fans, and only 2,137 decided the Hilltoppers were worth a buck.

The next day, coach Ken McDonald was fired, replaced by assistant Ray Harper. The Hilltoppers responded by losing their next three games.

"I'm pretty sure everybody's minds were like going crazy," senior guard Kahlil McDonald said. "But it shows how tough we are because we got through it and we got a conference championship. And now we're here."

Harper and his staff had little going right.

"We weren't a very good basketball team," Harper said. "We weren't playing very well."

Harper emphasized improvement each day, and got it. The Hilltoppers toughened on defense, won a few games, gained some confidence and pulled off a fantastic finish, winning their last six games, including four in four days at the Sun Belt tournament.

They're the first team since Coppin State in 2009 to reach the tournament with a losing record. They're only the fourth team since 1997 to reach the NCAA tournament after a midseason coaching change, according to STATS LLC.

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12-record 34 wins in a row, and winning those games by an average margin of more than 27 points.

"Definitely, these six games are what we've been waiting on and we're ready to go," said Griner, the 6-foot-8 junior phenom. "I'm ready to go get on a plane and go out there now."

Baylor, the 2005 national champion, made it to the Final Four two years ago in Griner's freshman season before losing to eventual national champion Connecticut. The Lady Bears made to a regional final last year before a crushing loss to Big 12 foe Texas A&M, which went on to win the national title.

Motivated by that bitter ending against a team they had already beaten three times, the Lady Bears haven't lost since.

Already this season, Baylor has defeated No. 3 Connecticut, No. 4 Notre Dame, No. 9 Tennessee and No. 14 St. John's in a game at Madison Square Garden. UConn and Notre Dame are also No. 1 seeds in this year's NCAA tournament and ninth-ranked Tennessee is the No. 2 seed in the same bracket as the Lady Bears.

"This team, in every situation you can put them in, a great non-conference schedule, championship games, zone defenses, press defenses, man-to-man defenses. ... I don't know that there's anything else we could have done to prepare ourselves for the last six games," Mulkey said.

Baylor is in its 11th NCAA tournament, all in Mulkey's 12 seasons.

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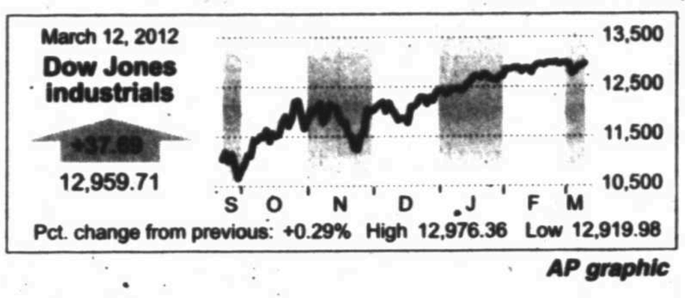
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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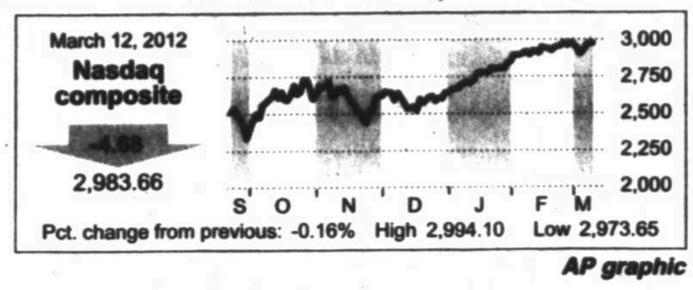

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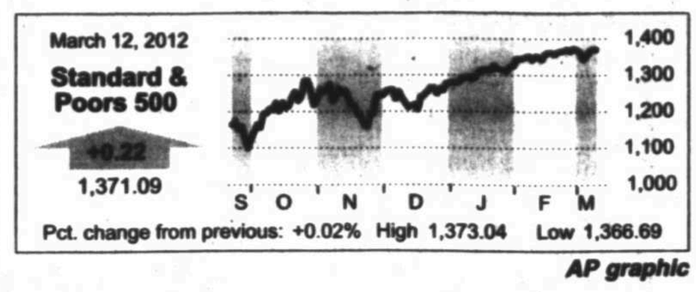

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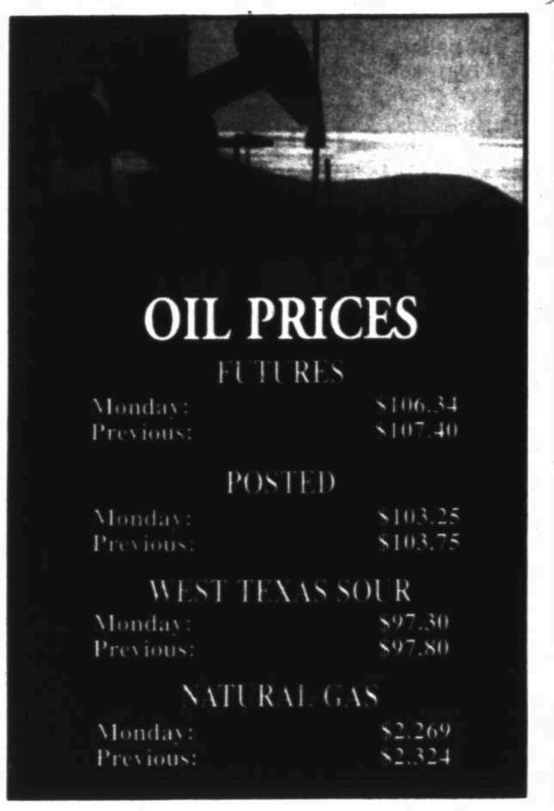

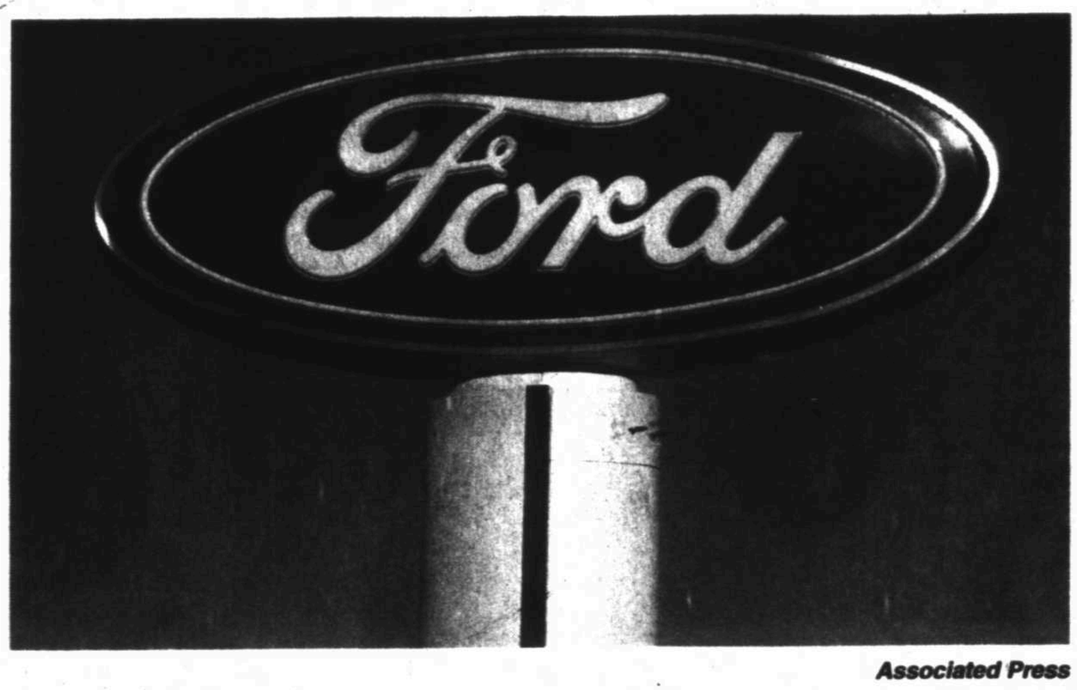

Associated Press

Federal safety regulators are investigating sticky accelerators in as many as 1.9 million Ford Taurus and Mercury Sable sedans. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration started the probe last week and expanded it Monday to include cars from the 2001 through 2006 model years.

Feds probe sticky throttles in 1.9M Ford sedans

Associated Press

DETROIT — Federal safety regulators are investigating sticky accelerators in Ford Taurus and Mercury Sable sedans that could affect more than 1.9 million vehicles in the 2001 through 2006 model years.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration started the probe last week, but expanded it on Monday. The safety agency has received 14 complaints of Taurus sedans accelerating on their own. So far it has no reports of crashes or injuries because of the problem.

A faulty cruise control cable may be the cause of the problems. The cable can become detached and hold the throttle open, the agency said in documents posted on its website. In at least two of the complaints, drivers told NHTSA that their cars took off and ran red lights before they were able to bring them to a stop by shifting them into neutral or park.

"This is an extremely dangerous situation," one driver wrote in a complaint. "There needs to be something done about this before it becomes fatal."

It's a problem similar to one that tarnished Toyota Motor Corp.'s reputation about two years ago. The Japanese automaker eventually recalled 14 million vehicles worldwide because of acceleration problems, which it blamed on ill-fitting floor mats and sticky accelerator pedals. At the time NHTSA said at least 52 people were killed in crashes linked to Toyota's acceleration problems. A NHTSA investigation cleared Toyota's electronic throttle controls as a cause of the problem.

Ford is cooperating with the NHTSA investigation, spokesman Daniel Pierce said on Monday. "It's asking for information like they have done in the past with other vehicles, and we will be working with them throughout the investigation," Pierce said. Ford received a request for information from NHTSA on Monday and it is just starting to look into how many complaints have been made to company dealers, Pierce said.

NHTSA started the Ford investigation on Wednesday and said it involved 360,000 Tauruses from the 2005 and 2006 model years. On Monday it added the Sable to the investigation and asked Ford for information about both cars from the 2001 through 2004 model years.

In its investigation NHTSA will determine how many cars had the same parts and whether the problem is widespread enough to trigger a recall. So far, none of the cars has been recalled. The Taurus and Sable are nearly identical and share almost all the same parts.

The Taurus, which was introduced in late 1985, was the best-selling car in the U.S. for five years in the early 1990s. But, Ford let it languish while it focused on SUVs, and the Toyota Camry was soon outselling it. Ford renamed the Taurus the Five Hundred in 2006, but new CEO Alan Mulally insisted the company return to the Taurus name with the 2008 model year.

Taurus sales have remained sluggish. Ford sold 63,526 of them last year, just 15 percent of the total sold at the car's peak in 1992. The company discontinued the Mercury brand in 2010.

Ford has recalled the Taurus before for problems with its cruise control system.

Pump prices higher

After a brief respite, the price of gasoline is climbing again.

The average price for a gallon of gasoline rose a nickel over the weekend and is now $3.80 per gallon. That more than wiped out the penny decline seen last Tuesday through Thursday.

That's the highest ever for this time of year. The average pump price has risen 52 cents this year as refineries and wholesalers pass along the higher cost of crude oil. Oil is up about 8 percent since Jan. 1.

Experts say the nationwide average could rise as high as $4.25 by late April. Besides high oil prices, a switch in the type of gasoline drivers put in their tanks will drive the price higher.

Supplies of gas tend to fall in April as refineries sell off their existing gasoline to make room for a different blend that's required in the summer to meet clean air laws. That shortage, plus the higher price for the summer gas, typically boosts the nationwide average. And demand rises as the weather gets warmer.

Prices tend to peak in late April or early May. The nationwide average hit a high in 2011 of $3.9845 on May 5.

Benchmark West Texas Intermediate gave up $1.06 to end at $106.34 per barrel in New York. Brent crude fell by 64 cents to end at $125.34 per barrel in London.

Natural gas dipped to a new 10-year low, falling by 5.5 cents to end at $2.27 per 1,000 cubic feet. Natural gas prices have plummeted this year thanks to a recent boom in production and weak heating demand this winter.

Euro rises

The euro rose against the dollar Monday after Greece completed its debt restructuring program.

Greece exchanged most of its private-ly-held bonds with new ones worth less than half their original value.

The euro rose to $1.3150 late Monday from $1.3116 late Friday.

In other trading, the dollar British pound fell to $1.5637 from $1.5673. The dollar rose to 99.34 Canadian cents from 98.99 Canadian cents.

The dollar fell to 82.26 Japanese yen from 82.52 yen and to 0.9169 Swiss franc from 0.9194 Swiss franc.

April gold declined $11.70 to end at $1,699.80 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $17.99 Down 0.50

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $78.26 Down 3.50

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $99.69 Down 2.95

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $36.00 Down 1.22

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $29.86 Down 0.04

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $8.75 Up 0.01

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $13.65 Down 0.10

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1583429	7.89	-.06
S&P500ETF	883442	137.58	+.01
SPDR Fncl	549137	14.85	-.04
SprintNex	514929	2.72	-.06
Citigrp rs	379526	34.29	+.09

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Youku	31.85	+6.84	+27.3
Yelp n	22.49	+2.69	+13.6
BPZ Res	3.82	+.42	+12.4
GlbShipLs	3.29	+.34	+11.5
Headwatrs	3.72	+.34	+10.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
McEwenM	4.51	-.51	-10.2
BkAML pfH	19.51	-2.14	-9.9
BkAML pfG	19.60	-2.05	-9.5
Heckmann	4.33	-.45	-9.4
PrUVxST rs	26.59	-2.70	-9.2

DIARY

Advanced	1,381
Declined	1,634
Unchanged	106
Total issues	3,121
New Highs	112
New Lows	14
Volume	3,012,638,394

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NovaGld g	49382	7.55	-.47
CheniereEn	39191	15.87	-.33
NwGold g	39163	10.12	-.56
TanzRy g	25154	4.71	+.32
MineInd g	23663	14.00	-.81

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Barnwell	3.50	+.43	+14.0
CoreMold	9.82	+.72	+7.9
GreenHnlr	2.95	+.21	+7.7
TanzRy g	4.71	+.32	+7.3
DocuSec	4.39	+.27	+6.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Crexendo	3.04	-.51	-14.4
QuestRM g	2.75	-.25	-8.3
TasmanM g	2.41	-.20	-7.7
AntaresP	2.72	-.22	-7.5
RareEle g	5.71	-.44	-7.2

DIARY

Advanced	194
Declined	267
Unchanged	44
Total issues	505
New Highs	10
New Lows	2
Volume	71,787,562

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Oracle	406909	29.71	-.42
SiriusXM	350811	2.32	-.03
Microsoft	332119	32.04	+.05
PwShs QQQ	314172	65.05	+.03
Cisco	260626	19.83	+.03

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TudouH n	39.48	+24.09	+156.5
PacCapBcp	45.03	+16.34	+57.0
CleanDsl	4.85	+1.74	+55.9
Powerwv rs	2.01	+.59	+41.5
Velti	12.49	+2.67	+27.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AntheraPh	3.56	-2.86	-44.5
Tranzyme n	2.90	-2.20	-43.1
CmplGnom	3.09	-.40	-11.5
8x8 Inc	4.15	-.50	-10.8
TESSCO	21.23	-2.36	-10.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,084
Declined	1,426
Unchanged	116
Total issues	2,626
New Highs	85
New Lows	20
Volume	1,315,271,753

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.76f	48	31.44	+.26	+4.0
Abraxas	...	14	3.78	-.06	+14.5
ActivsBliz	.18f	13	11.94	+.03	-3.1
AdamsEx	.65e	...	10.76	-.01	+11.6
AMD	...	11	7.50	-.08	+38.9
AlcatelLuc	...	...	2.33	-.05	+49.4
Alcoa	.12	14	9.87	+.06	+14.1
AlonUSA	.16	12	8.90	-.24	+2.2
Altria	1.64	19	30.44	-.02	+2.7
AmIntlGrp	...	3	28.15	-.10	+21.3
Amgen	1.44f	17	68.03	+.02	+5.9
Anadarko	.36	...	84.76	-.40	+11.0
Apache	.60f	9	106.40	-1.05	+17.5
Apple Inc	...	16	552.00	+6.83	+36.3
ApldMatl	.36f	11	12.38	+.01	+15.5
ATMOS	1.36	14	31.20	+.11	-6.4
AutoData	1.56	20	54.88	-.07	+1.6
BP PLC	1.92f	6	46.72	+.03	+9.3
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	17.50	-.14	-2.7
BakrHu	.60	13	47.59	-1.20	-2.2
BkofAm	.04	...	7.99	-.06	+43.7
Bar iPVix	...	...	22.27	-1.07	-37.3
BasicEnSv	...	15	17.99	-.50	-8.7
BerkHa A	...	20	119235.00	+170.00	+3.9
BerryPet	.32	...	51.06	-1.89	+21.5
BlkHillsCp	1.48f	32	33.93	+.24	+1.0
BrltySq	1.36	15	33.05	+.14	-6.2
BrownFA	1.40	20	78.14	+.65	-1.4
BrownFB	1.40	20	80.60	+.64	+.1
CVS Care	.65	18	45.36	-.28	+11.2
Cameron	...	24	52.95	-1.31	+7.6
Caterpillar	1.84	15	108.94	-1.28	+20.2
Celestic g	...	9	9.50	+.13	+29.6
Cemex	...	...	7.79	-.25	+44.5
CntryLink	2.90	23	38.98	-.04	+4.8
ChesEng	.35	7	24.21	-.34	+8.6
Chevron	3.24	8	110.00	+.43	+3.4
Chicos	.21f	19	15.39	-.04	+38.2
Cimarex	.48f	13	81.83	-.63	+32.2
Cisco	.32f	15	19.83	+.03	+10.0
Citigrp rs	.04	9	34.29	+.09	+30.3
ClayEng	...	10	78.26	-3.50	+3.1
CocaCola	2.04f	19	70.15	+.04	+.3
ColgPal	2.48f	19	94.49	+.50	+2.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConAgra	.96	15	26.26	+.09	-.5
ConchoRes	...	20	99.69	-2.95	+6.3
ConocPhil	2.64	9	77.31	+.15	+6.1
ConstellEn	.96	...	37.23	+1.08	-6.2
Corning	.30	8	13.45	+.16	+3.6
CrackerB	1.00	16	56.04	-.04	+11.2
CrosTim	2.94e	16	47.27	-.15	-3.3
DCP Mid	2.60f	38	46.70	+.13	-1.6
DTE	2.35	13	55.88	+.50	+2.6
Dataram h	...	...	.72	-.02	-11.1
Dawson	...	...	36.00	-1.22	-8.9
Dell Inc	...	9	16.96	+.03	+15.9
DeltaAir	...	8	9.19	-.18	+13.6
DevonE	.80	6	71.11	-.70	+14.7
DirSCBear	...	...	19.02	+.14	-28.2
DirxSCBull	...	...	59.13	-.33	+31.9
Disney	.60f	16	42.34	+.10	+12.9
DowChm	1.00	16	33.61	-.45	+16.9
Dynegy	...	...	.50	-.26	-82.1
EMC Cp	...	29	29.03	+.02	+34.8
EOG Res	.68f	27	113.73	-1.25	+15.5
ElPasoCp	.04	...	28.54	-.86	+7.4
EmpDist	1.00	16	20.53	+.03	-2.7
Energen	.56f	13	51.72	-.74	+3.4
EngyTsfr	3.58	42	46.32	-.71	+1.0
EnPro	...	16	36.92	+.10	+11.9
EntPrPt	2.48f	22	51.82	+.32	+11.7
Ericsson	.37e	...	9.90	+.13	-2.3
Exelon	2.10	11	39.81	+.90	-8.2
ExterranH	...	...	13.49	-.43	+48.2
ExxonMbl	1.88	10	85.55	+1.25	+.9
FordM	.20	7	12.43	-.15	+15.5
ForestOil s	...	15	12.19	-.50	-10.0
FMCG	1.25f	8	38.26	-.52	+4.0
FrozenFd	...	...	1.24	+.01	-3.9
GATX	1.20f	20	43.19	-.39	-1.1
GoldMinRT	.80m	...	7.28	+.04	+16.9
GAInv	.90e	...	28.34	-.02	+13.8
GenElec	.68	16	19.13	+.09	+6.8
Golfsmith	...	...	4.26	-.07	+33.1
Goodrich	1.16	20	126.06	+.01	+1.9
GtPlainEn	.85	16	19.93	+.04	-8.5
GreenMtC	...	26	50.17	-2.42	+11.9
HalconR rs	...	...	10.00	-.08	+6.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Halliburtn	.36	11	34.70	-.18	+.6
Heckmann	...	...	4.33	-.45	-34.9
HeinZ	1.92	17	53.19	+.13	-1.6
HewlettP	.48	8	24.04	-.02	-6.7
Hitachi	...	...	58.10	-.03	+11.4
iShBraz	1.50e	...	66.27	-.99	+15.5
iShJapn	.20e	...	9.98	-.10	+9.5
iShSilver	...	...	32.63	-.59	+21.1
iShChina25	.77e	...	38.83	-.20	+11.4
iShEMkts	.81e	...	43.31	-.48	+14.2
iS Eafe	1.71e	...	54.22	-.14	+9.5
iShR2K	1.02e	...	81.44	-.16	+10.4
IntegrysE	2.72	19	54.06	+.53	-.2
Intel	.84	11	26.99	-.09	+11.3
InterDig	.40	19	37.13	-1.02	-14.8
ItauUnibH	.84e	...	20.88	-.58	+12.5
JPMorgCh	1.00	9	40.54	-.49	+21.9
JetBlue	...	18	4.91	-.08	-5.7
JohnJn	2.20	19	65.10	+.36	-.7
KimbClk	2.96f	18	72.21	+.44	-1.8
KindME	4.64	...	86.95	-.49	+2.4
KindMM	4.64f	...	79.05	-.04	+.7
KodakO g	...	48	10.18	+.12	+7.2
LegacyRes	2.20f	17	29.86	-.04	+5.7
Lowes	.56	21	29.84	+.07	+17.6
Lubys	...	26	5.21	+.13	+15.5
MarvellT	...	12	15.04	+.17	+8.6
McDnlds	2.80	18	96.66	-.18	-3.7
Merck	1.68	19	38.10	+.50	+1.1
MerMMed s	...	21	12.32	-.27	-7.9
MexcoEn	...	63	8.75	+.01	+25.0
MicronT	...	...	8.08	-.25	+28.5
Microsolt	.80	12	32.04	+.05	+23.4
MorgStan	.20	16	18.20	-.17	+20.3
Nabors	...	14	19.51	-.80	+12.5
NatGrid	3.09e	...	51.11	+.01	+6.4
NOilVarco	.48	17	80.08	-1.30	+17.8
NokiaCp	1.26e	...	5.00	-.06	+3.7
NvMtAd	.95e	...	15.17	+.05	+3.3
NvPMI	.94	...	15.25	+.06	+3.0
NuvPI	.92	...	14.95	+.03	+3.3
NSTFI3	.96e	...	14.72	+.04	+2.9
NTXQI	.92	...	16.53	+.14	+1.2
OcciPet	2.16f	12	98.44	-2.26	+6.1
Oracle	.24	16	29.71	-.42	+15.8

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ParTech	...	17	5.02	+.09	+27.4
ParkDrl	...	...	5.85	-.14	-18.4
PattUTI	.20	9	18.43	-.47	-7.8
PenRE	.60	...	14.43	+.51	+38.2
Petrobras	1.28e	...	27.40	-.53	+10.3
Pfizer	.88f	17	21.54	+.06	-.5
PioNtrl	.06	15	106.96	-1.59	+19.5
PlainsAA	4.10f	16	80.08	-.06	+8.0
PwShs QQQ	.46e	...	65.05	+.03	+16.5
Praxair	2.20f	20	110.01	+.33	+2.9
PrmEgy	...	...	22.52	-.27	-.3
ProctGam	2.10	17	67.71	+.78	+1.5
RangeRs	.16	85	62.05	-1.46	+.2
RegionsFn	.04	33	5.63	-.17	+30.9
RschMotn	...	3	13.11	-.47	-9.6
Rowan	...	33	35.21	-.37	+16.1
RoyDShllA	3.36	14	71.45	-.04	-2.2
SpdrDJIA	3.48e	...	129.46	+.31	+6.2
S&P500ETF	2.56e	...	137.56	+.01	+9.6
SabnR	4.12e	16	63.49	+.27	+.7
SandarFin	.68	...	53.43	+.18	+6.6
SandRidge	...	61	7.97	-.21	-2.3
Saplent	.35e	24	12.50	-.16	-.8
Schlmbrg	1.10f	20	74.02	-1.82	+8.4
SigmaAld	.80f	19	71.14	-.47	+13.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
SiriusXM	...	18	2.32	-.03	+27.5
Smucker	1.92	19	75.46	+.02	-3.5
SprintNex	...	...	2.72	-.06	+16.2
SP Engy	1.07e	...	73.78	-.41	+6.7
SPDR Fncl	.22e	...	14.85	-.04	+14.2
Suncocl s	1.68f	13	38.53	-.02	-2.2
TelefEsp	2.14e	...	16.34	-.17	+4.9
Tesoro	...	8	29.33	-.13	+25.6
3M Co	2.36f	15	87.54	+.74	+7.1
Trchmrk s	.60f	10	48.57	-.20	+11.9
TriContl	.43e	...	15.85	-.01	+11.4
TylerTech	...	45	37.82	-.10	+25.6
UBWV	1.24	18	29.76	+.01	+5.3
Vale SA	1.55e	...	22.48	-.59	+4.8
ValeroE	.60	8	28.22	-.34	+34.1
VulcanM	.04	...	45.28	-.71	+15.1
Walgrn	.90	11	33.63	+.15	+1.7
WellsFargo	.48	11	31.51	-.15	+14.3
WstnRefin	.04e	11	19.75	-.04	+48.6
WhitingPet	...	12	56.28	-1.02	+20.5
WmsCos	1.04f	20	29.67	-.19	+10.1
XcelEnrgy	1.04	16	27.04	+.35	-2.2
Xerox	.17	9	8.28	+.03	+4.0
Yahoo	...	18	14.49	-.14	-10.2
Youku	...	...	31.85	+6.84	+103.3

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
13,055.75	10,404.49	Dow Jones Industrials	12,959.71	+37.69	+.29	+6.07	+8.06
5,627.65	3,950.66	Dow Jones Transportation	5,144.29	-17.65	-.34	+2.49	+1.80
467.64	381.99	Dow Jones Utilities	459.92	+4.97	+1.09	-1.02	+11.62
8,718.25	6,414.89	NYSE Composite	8,086.28	-15.83	-.20	+8.15	-1.31
2,498.89	1,941.99	Amex Index	2,409.19	-13.38	-.55	+5.74	+5.33
3,000.11	2,298.89	Nasdaq Composite	2,983.66	-4.69	-.16	+14.53	+10.47
1,378.04	1,074.77	S&P 500	1,371.09	+.22	+.02	+9.02	+5.76
14,562.01	11,208.42	Wilshire 5000	14,448.85	-10.60	-.07	+9.54	+5.29
888.57	601.71	Russell 2000	814.29	-2.71	-.33	+9.90	+2.02

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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Mostly sunny	Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny
High 77	High 78	High 78
Low 58	Low 59	Low 59

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 77 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 58 and south winds between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday, look for mostly cloudy skies with a high around 78, a low around 59 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday, look for partly sunny skies with a high around 78 and a low around 59.

The high on Monday reached 80 while the low dropped to 41. The record high for March 12 is 95 set in 1989. The record low is 15 set in 1948.

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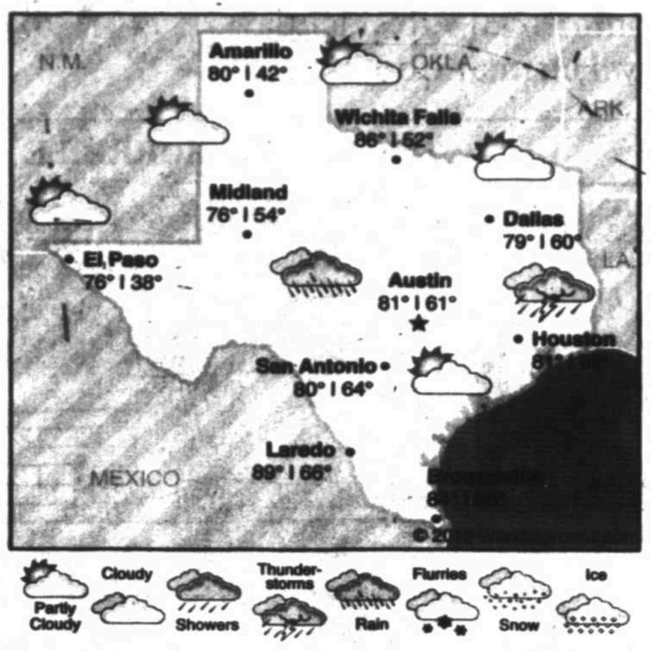
Unsettled weather will affect both the East and West coasts today.

From the eastern Great Lakes and northern New England to the central and western Gulf Coast, showers and thunderstorms are expected. The activity is occurring along and ahead of a cold front that will stall over the Southern states. In part of the mid-Atlantic region, locally heavy and gusty thunderstorms are forecast where jet stream energy occurs around the time of greatest afternoon warmth. A handful of the storms could bring hail and damaging wind gusts.



Precipitation

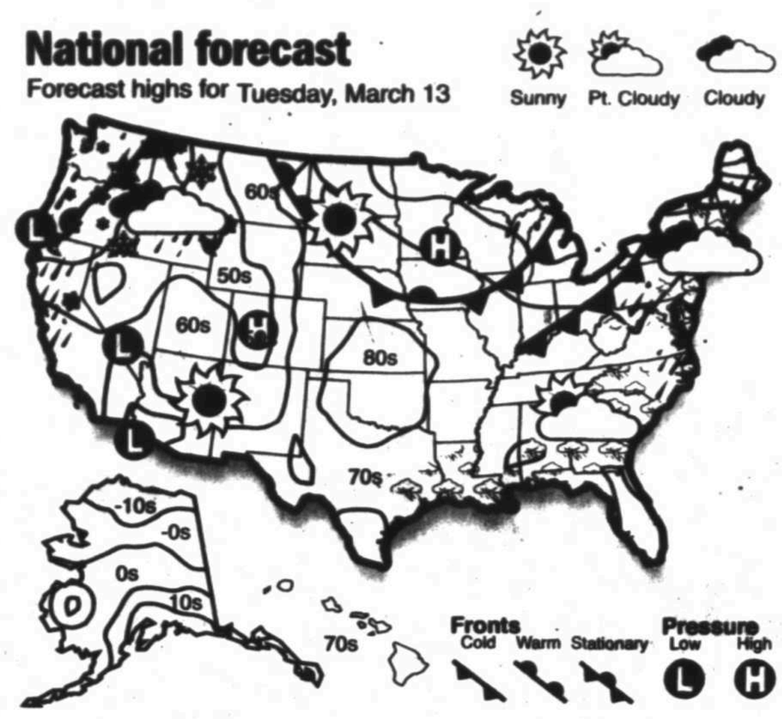
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.07 in.
Total for year	1.26 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.50 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	80
Low	41
Normal high	69
Normal low	40
Sunrise	8:02 a.m.
Sunset	7:56 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, March 13



Consider the consequences for marriage name change

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: Like "Standing My Ground in New Jersey" (Jan. 9), I had decided at a young age I had no interest in changing my last name if I were ever to be married. For me, the decision had nothing to do with an established career or a fear of losing myself. I simply never saw the point.

Would you believe that I fell in love with and married a man who asked me how I felt about him taking MY last name? When he first mentioned the idea, I told him that he should think it through because a name change shouldn't be taken lightly. Like "Standing," my husband also had no father figure. He's happy to now have a last name that finally "means something" to him. — ERIN IN EL CAJON, CALIF.

DEAR ERIN: That column produced a wide variety of responses from both men and women. However, most of my readers agree that "Standing" and her fiance have an important decision to make, and they should both step back and examine the options together. Their comments:

DEAR ABBY: Most women around the world retain their names after marriage, and children take their mother's name as their middle name and their father's name as their last. It's only in English-speaking countries that the tradition exists for women to take their husband's last name. It originated from the time when wives were considered property. — JANE IN FRANKLIN, TENN.

DEAR ABBY: The decision to keep or change one's name is a personal one. In my experience as a judge, I often see women ask for their maiden name to be restored to them upon a divorce. I also saw one case in which the husband in the divorce requested that his former name be restored to him. That couple had used the wife's name as their family name when they married.

I agree with your response to postpone the decision until both of them have discussed the issue more fully. How they handle this decision will foretell how they will handle other decisions in the future. — JUDGE TONYA IN FLORIDA

DEAR ABBY: By "Standing" not changing her name, which is the cultural norm in this country, she will create years of confusion, hassle, constant explanations and identity issues for her, her husband and her future children. Her husband will also feel a sense of disconnect that is hard for her to understand. — PATRICIA IN THE SOUTHWEST

DEAR ABBY: "Standing" seems to miss the primary point about entering into a marriage. It's not about standing your ground; it's about meeting in the middle ground. Not once in her letter did she make a reference to the fact that what she and her fiance are doing is forming a new family of their own. I kept my maiden name and hyphenated it, but was proud that my husband, children and I ALL created the "Smith" family. — SUSAN IN PORTLAND, MAINE

DEAR ABBY: I was happy to change my name when I married the first time because I had little connection to my father's family. As the marriage progressed, I felt a loss of personal identity. After the divorce, I adopted my grandfather's name. Abby, the name change was also life-changing. I gained an identity and a legacy to continue. I think the name issue is as much about the insecurity of the man as the independence of the woman. — DR. BETH IN GRANBURY, TEXAS

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Where's the singleton

Neither vulnerable. West deals.

	NORTH ♠ 3 ♡ K J 5 3 ♢ Q 6 4 2 ♣ Q J 10 9	
WEST ♠ J 10 2 ♡ Q 10 ♢ A J 7 5 3 ♣ K 5 2		EAST ♠ 9 8 6 5 ♡ A 8 7 6 4 2 ♢ K 10 9 ♣ Void
	SOUTH ♠ A K Q 7 4 ♡ 9 ♢ 8 ♣ A 8 7 6 4 3	

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	2♡	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: Queen of ♡

This deal is from the Bracketed KO Teams event at the ACBL Fall North American Championships held in Seattle. Sitting East on this deal, reported by Brian Senior, was former world champion Fred Hamilton.

Obviously, East's two hearts was weak and South's jump overcall showed a good hand with 5-5 in the black suits. North had an easy raise to game.

West led the queen of hearts, covered with the king and won with the ace. The problem is simple — if the singleton heart is with West, East must give him his ruff immediately. If declarer holds the singleton, to continue with a heart would allow declarer to get rid of his diamond loser.

Hamilton found the solution — he switched to the king of diamonds, giving his partner the opportunity to signal with a high diamond for a heart continuation or to discourage hearts with a low diamond. West had no problem following with the three of diamonds, and West's trump trick spelled down one.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 13, 2013:

This year when you are confused, go within. You have a remarkable sixth sense, and this gift will evolve over the next 12 months. Travel, education and a foreigner could play into your year. Your perspective widens enormously. Use caution with your finances. It is quite possible that someone you trusted could cause a problem. If you are single, you will be drawn to someone quite unique. After June, be careful not to mix business with pleasure. If you are attached, as a couple you gain more understanding by imagining what it is like to be the other person. SCORPIO understands your emotions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You move through a problem with ease. Your sense of direction could be off, as your mind climbs many imaginary mountains. A misunderstanding could trigger angry reactions. Stay cool, and let any unkind words fall on deaf ears. Tonight: Escape the here and now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ A close associate could add to the confusion. This person also could be a cherished partner. You might gain a lot of insight by pulling back. Somehow, your detachment gives you new insight. Tonight: Dinner for two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Others come forward and could cause your well-planned day to fall apart. Listen to requests and perhaps accept an invitation or two. Popularity does exact a heavy price. Decide what your priorities are. You will grow and gain knowledge. Tonight: Defer to others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Assess a situation surrounding your daily life. You might not know which way to go with a personal decision. Don't decide until you feel certain. Others might be unusually irritable. Chill out, and handle a personal matter. Tonight: Let your mind drift to a favorite form of entertainment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ While others stress out, you discover how uptight you are. Listen to news and integrate it, knowing that better outcomes lie ahead. A smile helps others relax. Curb a tendency to try to make peace at all costs. Tonight: Romp the night away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Your focus on security takes a prominent role in decision making. You suddenly could become irritated and feel as if you are not getting anywhere. Try to mellow out. Walk in others' shoes. Tonight: Happily head home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might want to relax before you try to understand what is happening. Others are reacting. The unexpected shakes up a partner, like it or not. Speak your mind, but be ready for a lot of questions. Express your anger in a way that someone can hear. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Be aware of what is going on financially — the unexpected could run riot. You might want to evaluate information that is coming forward. A friend could be angry and on a real tear. Try not to get involved. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You are all smiles. Confusion surrounds a personal matter. Attempts to gain clarity ultimately prove to be unsuccessful. A boss, older friend or relative could be unusually demanding. You might decide to handle a matter differently. Tonight: Do your thing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Use today to gather information. You might not like everything you hear. You could be shocked by some of the news and insights that come forward. You will have much to ponder. Good communication occurs, even if someone's anger becomes hard to tolerate. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Your desires and ability to focus come through. A meeting could be far more important than you realize. Confusion surrounds a financial matter, as you wonder which way to go with an important issue. A partner could be difficult. Fortunately, you have other matters to smile about. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You could be stressed out by someone who creates a lot of tension — just by hearing his or her name. There might not be an immediate solution. Look within to see why you take on so much responsibility. Others seem quite temperamental at this point. Tonight: In the limelight.

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BORN TODAY

Founder of Scientology Ron Hubbard (1911), composer Neil Sedaka (1939), baseball player Will Clark (1964)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Pointer's pronoun
5 Supermarket stripes: Abbr.
9 Poe's middle name
14 Hand-on-the-Bible utterance
15 Lassie
16 Take care of
17 Old-style bottle opener
19 "Are not!" retort
20 Afghanistan's capital
21 Hontoree of a D.C. monument at 1964 Independence Ave.
23 Treats, as squeaks
24 Yankee with a record 18 World Series home runs
28 Pen point
31 Bullfight shout
32 Puzzle (out), in slang
33 Idle of "Life of Brian"
35 Preschool basics
38 Charges at some booths
41 1995 Woody Allen film with a Greek chorus
44 Actor Davis
45 Vim and vigor
46 "__ dash of ...": recipe words
47 Courtroom entry
49 Top-row PC key
51 Approximate fig.
52 Highest British military rank
57 Both Chaneys
58 Beverage cooler
59 Lindsay of "Herbie: Fully Loaded"
63 Connector with a slash
65 Cry evoked by the first parts of the answers to 17-, 24-, 41- and 52-Across?
68 Traffic problem
69 Wife of Osiris
70 Racing's Grand __
71 Fruit-filled treats
72 Deck chair wood
73 Deck chair piece

DOWN

1 Sound heard around the clock
2 Sarcastic joke response
3 "... three men in a __"
4 Tap idly with one's fingers
5 "I'm not eating that!"
6 Dental care suffix
7 Double Stuf stuff
8 On the q.t.
9 Comparative words
10 Citrus-flavored refresher
11 Change the subject, perhaps
12 Lagoon surrounder
13 Oater omen
18 Ad-writing award
22 Canada hwy. distances
25 Modeling material
26 Skewered fare
27 Garage occupant
28 Animated clownfish
29 Van Gogh flower
30 Spare-no-cost type
34 Hangs loose
36 EMT's procedure
37 Draws back, as in fear
39 Former Fords
40 Airplane assignment
42 Ready for a drive
43 __ Hashanah
48 Friend from France
50 Unruffled
52 Scruggs's partner
53 Ancient Aegean region
54 Nail the test
55 Della of "Touched By an Angel"
56 Aerobatic maneuvers
60 Throw
61 Sri Lanka locale
62 First in line
64 Rotation meas.
66 Korean 27-Down manufacturer
67 Look for answers

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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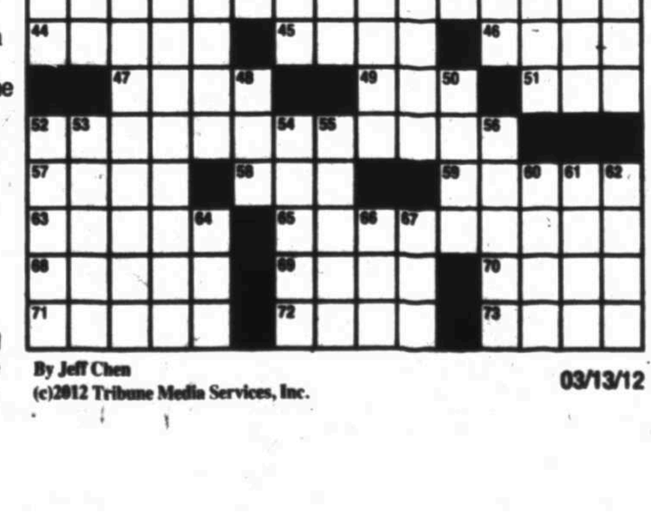

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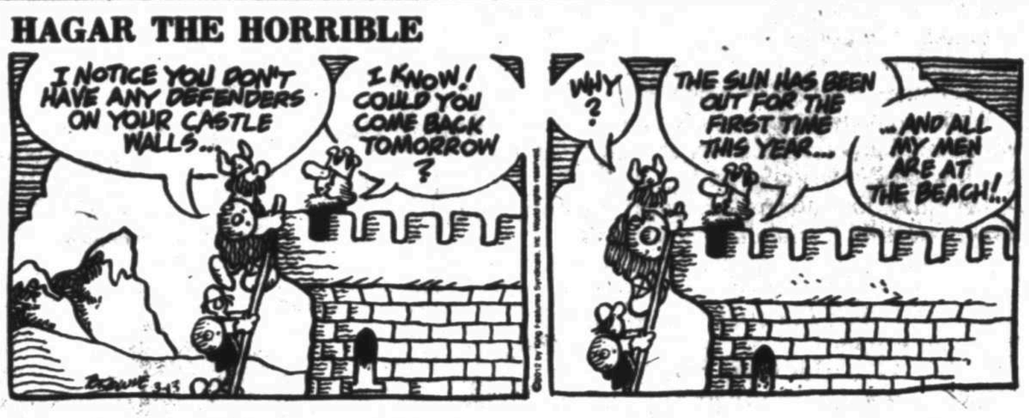

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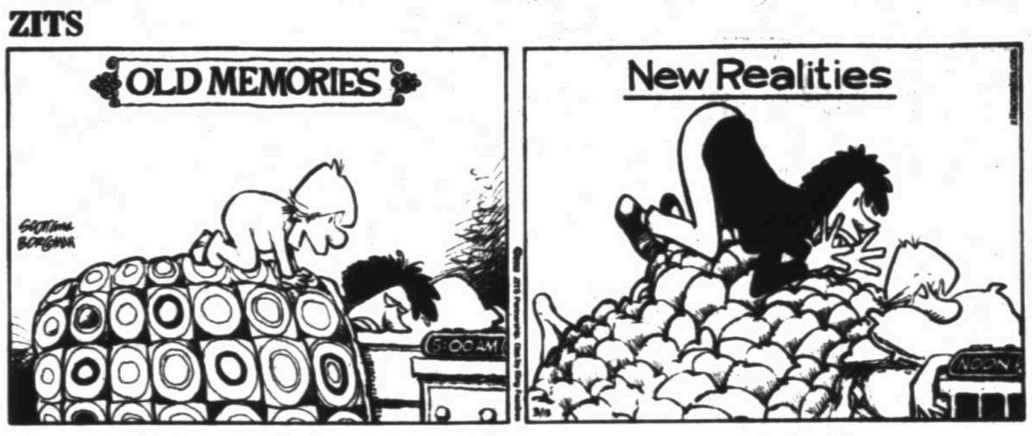


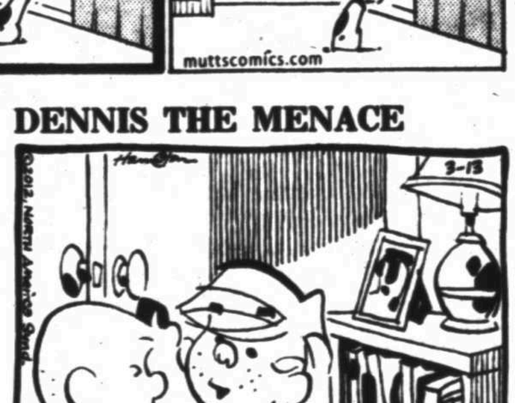
BABY BLUES

MUTTS

CLOSE TO HOME

"Wow, yeah...um, that is some, uh...really bad shredding. Ummm... our new guy, Chip, did that. I'll get him out here to...um... talk to you."

DENNIS THE MENACE



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GENERAL INFO

To ensure the integrity of our newspaper, for the benefit of our readers and advertisers, the Midland Reporter-Telegram reserves the right to revise, reclassify, edit or refuse any advertising. We also reserve the right to convert all advertising into digital and/or print formats within our other products and services.

Please check your ad the first day it appears, and, if you find a mistake, please call our office at 682-6222 so we can correct the error immediately. This will ensure that your ad is exactly what you want readers to see. If an error does occur, you can choose to rerun your ad once for free, or we'll gladly refund the cost of the portion of the ad affected by the error. If an ad is inadvertently omitted, we will assume liability up to the cost of the ad itself -- consequently, we will publish your ad in our next available edition or refund the price you have paid.

Rate charges are determined at the time of placement. All ads accepted are subject to credit approval. Some classifications require payment in advance. Credit applications are required for business accounts.

We welcome suggestions or comments. Please call: Brandi Price, Classified Advertising Manager, 687-8813.

DEADLINES:

WORD ADS:

PUBLISHES ON:	DEADLINE IS:
Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri	5:30
Saturday	Noon Friday
Sunday	5:30

DISPLAY ADS:

PUBLISHES ON:	DEADLINE IS:
Wednesday	3p.m. Monday
Thursday	3p.m. Tuesday
Friday, Saturday	3p.m. Wednesday
Sunday, Monday	3p.m. Thursday
Tuesday	3p.m. Friday

HAPPY ADS

Surprise your child, parent, or special friend with a Happy Ad!
Happy Birthday! Congratulations! Welcome Home! Graduation Day!

We'll help you design something unique and publish it in the Midland Reporter-Telegram Classifieds...whatever the occasion!

Publish a special memorial to mark the passing of a loved one with an "In Memory Of" ad. Include a poem, prayer, and/or the names of all who care. Also, express your appreciation to everyone who brought food, sent flowers, or was there for you when you needed them most with a "Card of Thanks." We'll help you design a respectful, thoughtful ad.

With any ad of $42.00 or more, you can include a photo at no additional charge! Call for details.

Ads containing art or photos need to be in our office 2 working days before the ad is to be published and we ask that you pay in advance.

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Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C
Rule 38 Case No. 7C-0275102
Status/Permit No. 734782
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Mar 12, 2012
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Apr 23, 2012
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement for the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 43, Bk. 39 T4S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-421, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, UPTON County, being 11 miles NW direction from MIDKIFF, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Apr 23, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : WINDHAM ' 43'
Lease/Unit Well No. : 7
Lease/Unit Acres : 483.2
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 467.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 1332.0

Lease Lines : 467.0 F NORTH L, 660.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines : 467.0 F NORTH L, 1980.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/660, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, MECHELLE TESTA, at (972) 969-4088.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C
Rule 38 Case No. 7C-0275110
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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : WINDHAM ' 43'
Lease/Unit Well No. : 10
Lease/Unit Acres : 483.2
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 467.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 1318.0

Lease Lines : 942.0 F NORTHEAST L, 1980.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines : 1980.0 F SOUTH L, 1980.0 F WEST L

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Lost & Found

FOUND 2 lost Pugs by Midland Christian School. Call 432-520-8387.

FOUND 2 Pugs at Huntington/Sinclair area. Call 432-553-1762.

FOUND 3 dogs. Mom and pups in Ric Dr area. Call 432-634-3925.

FOUND ADULT, male Boston Terrier. No tags, mainly black w/ white front legs, & friendly. 432-520-7138

FOUND BROWN/black Chihuahua on 3/2/12 by Ashton Way Apartments & Neely. Call to ID 432-631-4911.

FOUND Pit/Boxer mix, Andrew's Highway and Cuthbert's area. Call 432-559-9715.

FOUND SMALL shaggy dog near MMH West. Call to identify 312-1131.

FOUND: VERY sweet female grey/white cat. Call to identify 432-686-9266

CHOCOLATE Lab missing from Bentwood/Cuthbert Needs Insulin. Please call Tina 432-853-4186.

LOST 2 large Black and Brown male dogs. off SCR 1185. Call 432-218-7410

LOST CHOCOLATE Lab, 9 mos, vacinity of 504 S G St, reward $200, 432-301-0670.

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Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M., March 21, 2012 to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 4654-12
For: Annual master agreement for water meters for the Municipal Warehouse.

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

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Bid No. 4594-12
For: Total Cost Bid for 4 - Backhoe/Loader Combinations and 2 - 3 CY Rubber Tire Loaders for the Garage Division.

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

Lost & Found

MISSING, 5.5 pound, brown nosed, brown colored male Yorkie.
Large Reward has been DOUBLED.
No questions asked for his safe return.
Call 432-889-4402 day or night.

DESPERATELY SEEKING LOST CAT!
Lost on North A. St. and Saddleclub area on March 5. Should have red collar with tags. She is black and brown with a white chin, and answers to Gracie.
Call 432-296-1006

Autos For Sale or Lease

Passenger Cars

BMW 2002 325I white w/ tan leather, 112,600 miles, $7500 or obo. Call 817-694-1946.

CHEVROLET 2002 Z28 convertible, 25K, looks and drives new, garaged, non smoker. $12,700. 685-4013.

CHEVY 2005 Malibu LS, 4dr, auto. Your job is credit. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222

CORVETTE 1999 w/ TX Speed Performance package. 10,999 miles. $20,000 for more details call 425-3520. Serious inquiries only.

Meetings

Acacia Masonic Lodge #1414
1600 W. Wall
Stated Communication, 2nd & 4th Tues. @ 7:30pm,
432-557-6041
Mike Patton, W.M.
Ed Wilson Sec
Did you know Will Rogers was a Master Mason?

Passenger Cars

DODGE '05 Neon, fully loaded, 4 door, 1 owner, $3,795. Call 689-4299 or 741-0191.

FORD 2008 Focus SE, 4dr, 4 cylinder. We finance W.A.C. B&B Auto 683-6222.

FORD 2009 Mustang V6 Coupe, 2D, 17,890 miles, red ext, black cloth int, $18,000 OBO, 432-368-3005

HONDA 2004 Accord, 4 dr, auto, We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222

HONDA 2008 Fit Sport. 46,500 miles, for sale by owner. $13,000 432-352-7489.

LINCOLN 1994 Towncar, Burgundy, beige leather, non-smoker, 140K. Great Condition! Only $2,500. 218-9941.

LINCOLN 2010 TOWN CAR, Signature Limited Edition. This car is showroom condition with 25,700 mi and 4 years and 75,000 miles left on bumper to bumper warranty, $25,900, 432-556-7765.

MAZDA 2001 Protege, body & interior good condition, 95k+ miles, $2900. 432-553-2193

TOYOTA 2010 Camry, silver, 29k miles, $15,000. Call 432-230-9739

WANTED!
Will buy wrecked & unwanted cars & pickups. 432-685-4078

WOULD LIKE to buy a good condition (1 owner) car. $1,500. Call 432-634-6858

Pickup Trucks

CHEVROLET 2004 Silverado 1500 ext. cab Z-71LT, 4WD, V8, 5.3 liter, New oversized off-road AT tires, 57k miles, 1 owner $16,500,432-638-3790

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Lost & Found

FOUND AN ITEM?
If you are trying to return an item to its rightful owner, let us help you. Call 432-682-6222 For Your Complimentary Ad!

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SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

ACCOUNTANT
Accountant needed by Midland College. Degree in accounting, finance or business with nine credit hours of accounting required. Good pay and benefits. Apply online at: http://www.midland.edu/jobs

AUTO MOTIVE

Auto Tech/Service Writer/Partsman
Wall Street Automotive FT
3404 West Wall St. Midland, TX 79701
We are looking to fill the following positions. Auto Technician, Service Writer and Partsman, Call Drew at 432-664-0511 or apply in person, see Drew/Doug

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Venture Mud

508 W. WALL ST. SUITE 610
MIDLAND, TX 79701

Accounting Clerk
Peachtree and Excel experience is required. **Will be handling A/R, A/P. Must be a multi-tasker, detail oriented and independently motivated individual. Offer great pay, medical benefits and 401K.**

Send resume to Toya Bishop at:
tbishop@venturemud.com or Fax to 432-570-7114.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Smoker's Outlet
Cashiers needed for Smoker's Outlet. Apply at either Midland locations. Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Caregiver
Animal Krackers FT/PT
Patient and driven employees needed to care for children. Flexible hours and good pay. Part-time or Full-time, experience preferred. Please call Amee Janna at 432-687-4000.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Measurement Tech
WTG Gas Processing, LP FT
Need experienced Measurement Tech for natural gas processing plant. NE of Big Spring, TX. Must provide references. Competitive salary. Excellent benefits. Paid vacation, paid medical insurance and 401k. Must be able to pass drug screening. Must have valid Texas driver's license. Send resume to: Plant Supervisor, 11703 E. FM 846, Coahoma, TX 79511 or fax 432-399-4290 or email mwcol@wtggas.com

Oilfield Automation Service Tech
Indeco Industrial Electric FT
Well established industrial electric company is seeking Oilfield Service Tech in San Angelo. Responsibilities: Perform commissioning, repairs and maintenance on electrical controls, SCRs, drives and other equipment for the oil and gas industry. Uses technical manuals, prints and specifications to get information to diagnose, order parts and repair equipment. Uses a computer, meters, scopes, and other instruments to test, calibrate and program equipment. Troubleshoot and repair equipment such as VFDs, inverters, SCR drives, industrial electronics, power generation controls & automation controls Requirements: Oilfield electrical experience preferred PLC programming experience desired Send Resume & salary requirements to: sarah@indecousa.com

Oilfield Inspection Positions Available
Oilfield Inspection company looking for experienced • EMI Operator and/ or Yard Foreman & a • EMI Operator and/or Assistant Yard Foreman. 2 years experience necessary, and Level 2 or 3 Certification. Please drop off any resumes at the following address. 3610 East State Highway 158, Midland, TX. 79706

PC Service Tech
Quinn Pumps Inc. FT
Midland, Tx.
Quinn is offering a unique personal and career opportunity in our Progressive Pump Cavity Division. We are looking for someone that is willing to share their knowledge in this field such as experience with VFD's. Quinn offers a great benefit package including paid vacation time and 401K. If you are interested in this position please stop by 3611 East Hwy 158 Midland and fill out an application. Or send resume to P.O. Box 672 Midland, TX. 79702

Sales Rep/Assistant Manager
Confidential FT
We are seeking a self motivated Sale representative for our oil field service company. Candidate must establish and maintain relationships with customers to increase our general purpose wire rope sales. Candidate must be a strong team player with relationship building skills. This position would also require assistance in managing our General Purpose wine Rope Shop. Experience preferred but not required. Competitive pay and benefits are available. M- 21, Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701

Service Technician
Air Drilling Solutions FT
Midland, TX 79706
Perform maintenance repair in construction on a variety of oilfield equipment. Verify equipment for proper operation, safety and/or needed maintenance. Assist in oil field service and sales operations. Preferred qualification: HS diploma, GED or equivalent required. Ability to effectively communicate in English both verbally and written. Ability to interact with others in a team environment. Knowledge and understanding of oilfield equipment. Must display mechanical aptitude. Valid driver license with good driving record. Salary commensurate with experience. Commission opportunities are available. Call 432-218-4700 or email inquiry to tstewart@airdrillingsolutions.com

HEALTHCARE

CNA's All Shifts
Senior Care of Midland
Under New Management!! Flexible hours! **New Sign on Bonus for new employees!** We offer Competitive Wages, Shift Differential, Benefits Include: Holiday Pay, PTO, 401k, and Insurance. Apply in person at 3000 Mockingbird Lane, Midland, TX 79705. EOE

CNA's, LVN's or RN's
Confidential FT
Now hiring CNA's, LVN's or RN's, all shift, competitive wages and benefits. Apply in person: 2000 N. Main or fax: 432-686-9926.

Dental Assistant - Certified
Company Confidential FT
Certified Dental Assistant needed. Experience preferred. Please send resume to PO Box 7521 Midland TX, 79708.

Division Director
Seminole Hospital District FT
Division Director of Home Health, Hospice & Personal Home Care needed. RN w/ BSN preferred. Min 5 yrs management exp in healthcare. TX driver license and current CPR. For more info contact Carolyn at (432)758-4986.
SEMINOLE HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Division Director
Seminole Hospital District FT
Division Director of Memorial Place Assisted Living needed. State of TX CALM certification or RN w/3 yrs managerial exp. For more info contact Carolyn at (432)758-4986.
SEMINOLE HOSPITAL DISTRICT

LCDC- Full time
Confidential FT
Positions available in Midland and Odessa Addiction treatment Centers Mon - Fri 5:30am to 12:30pm & Sat - 6:00am to 11:00am. Treatment Planning, Case Manager ent, Therapy Paid. Vacation., No health Benefits available Fax Resume — 800-571-8364.

PROVIDERS/CAREGIVERS
St. Joseph's Home Health has several Provider positions available in Midland, TX. Spanish and English speaking. CNA is a plus. Call 432-684-5858 and ask for Jacob.

RN and LVN
Su Casa Home Health is seeking full time RN. Also seeking part time LVN. Interested applicants, fax resume to 432-570-0823.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

FRONT DESK & HOUSEKEEPERS
Apply in person: **La Quinta Inn & Suites Midland North, 2606 N. Loop 250 W. *Competetive Pay * Health Benefits available * Monthly bonus**

Front Desk
Midtown Hotel FT
Midland, TX 79701
Seeking Front Desk position. Apply at: 3100 West Wall St. or call 432-699-4144.

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram has immediate openings in it's Distribution Department (Mailroom)
Part-Time Shift Work Available
Schedule consists of a combination of day and night shifts. Night Shifts - 12 (midnight) until 3-5 a.m.
Starting pay is $9.50 hourly.

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: etitsworth@hearstnp.com
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Housekeeper
Midtown Hotel FT
Seeking a full-time Housekeeper. Experience helpful, will train, Please apply at 3100 West Wall Street, Midland, TX. or call 432-699-4144.

Housekeepers
Immediate opening for full-time Housekeepers. Apply at: 2500 Commerce Dr, Midland, Tx. 79703

Mainstenance
The Grand Texan FT
Maintenance man needed. Must have experience in plumbing and electric. Apply in person: 4300 West Wall St, Midland, Tx 79703.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

Security Officers
AlliedBarton Security Services FT
SECURITY OFFICERS NEEDED ASAP in the Midland/Odessa area. Contact Rebecca Barnett at ALLIEDBARTON SECURITY SERVICES for consideration. (423) 685-3235 EOE M/D/F/V

MANUFACTURING & OPERATIONS

Entry Level Positions
Teraco, Inc. FT
Teraco, Inc. is an industry leading plastic card manufacturer located in Midland. We currently have job openings in our Personalization and Production Departments. We have multiple positions available for both the morning and the night shifts. Candidates will need to pass a background check and drug test. At least a high school diploma or equivalent is required. Benefits include: paid vacation and holiday, tuition reimbursement, 401K, and medical insurance. Email your inquiries to: resume@teraco.com or stop by 2080 Commerce Dr. to fill out an application.

Shift Supervisor
Teraco, Inc. FT
Teraco, Inc. is an industry leading plastic card manufacturer located in Midland. We currently have a job opening in our Personalization Department. We are looking for someone who has experience in management, employee development and training, quality control, and can adhere to production schedules. Must be willing to work nights and overtime. At least a high school diploma or equivalent is required. Benefits include: paid vacation and holiday, tuition reimbursement, 401K, and medical insurance. Email your inquiries to: resume@teraco.com or stop by 2080 Commerce Dr. to fill out an application.

OTHER JOBS

AQUATICS STAFF
Midland Y.M.C.A. is hiring full time Aquatics staff. Great benefits and Gym membership, certified applicants preferred. Apply at 800 N. Big Spring. No phone calls please.

CINDY CLEAN NOW HIRING FOR PART TIME
$9 hr. $50 sign on bonus. Must be over 18, non-smoker, available 8am to 5pm, have car, and cell phone. Call (800) 914-4670 ext. 5, leave message and mention Midland or online at www.cindyclean.net.

CREW HELPERS
Carpet Tech is now taking applications for **Crew Helpers**. Required to assist crew chief while cleaning carpet. Starting hourly pay is **$10 to $15 per hour**. Apply online at **WWW.CALLCARPETTECH.COM**.

Energize Your Future with Willbros T&D Services
We are looking for: **Pole Set Crew Foreman, Overhead Crew Foreman, Overhead/Underground Lineman, Backhoe Operators, Apprentice and Laborers**. Must have or be able to obtain class A CDL. We offer competitive wages, 401k, health, vacation, apprenticeship program. **For an application please call 432-230-1097.**

Need extra dollars? Or know someone who does?

Part time delivery drivers needed for the Midland Reporter-Telegram. Early morning hours. Must have car and phone.

Contact: Tony:687-9002

Now Accepting Applications For The Following:
Henry Howard Services, LLC has openings in the West Texas areas: Sales person, Dispatcher, Mechanics, and CDL Drivers for Vacuum transports, Rolloff trucks and End dump trucks. Must have Tank vehicle and HazMat endorsements or able to get it within 90 days of hire. Must have clean driving record and able to pass DOT drug screen. Oilfield experience required. Please send resume or requests for application to: PO Box 387 Carthage, TX 75633, operations@henryhowardservicesllc.com or Fax 903-693-9623 or call 903-754-3011.

Oilfield Services
VCI FT
Overhead and Mobile Crane Technician needed with some experience relating to inspections and repairs. Salary dependent on experience. Benefits provided, Call 432-563-2233.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the position of:

Pressman Pressman Trainee
for our Harris N-7650 Printing presses. This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Production Director
c/o Midland Reporter Telegram
201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701
E-mail: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
or
come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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Service Agents
Avis FT/PT
Starting pay $9.25 with night differential of $9.75/hour! We have Full-Time & Part-Time Opportunities at our Midland Airport location. You would keep the rental cars ready for customers. This includes cleaning, vacuuming, check fluids and tire pressure. Valid drivers license & good drivin history required. Background check required. Must be able to work Nights, Holiday & Weekends. Must be at least 18 years old. Apply in Person: Avis, Midland Airport call (432) 583-4700 for directions. Mon-Fri 8 a.m. - 11 p.m
AVIS

Service Driver
B&W Chemical Toilets FT
4500 S State HWY 349
Midland, TX 79706 0-1 Years Exp.
Service driver needed for portable toilet business. Must have a good driving record. Please apply in person or call 432-685-1082.

Shop Assistant
Permian Petroleum Services, Inc. FT
Need experienced Shop Assistant to service and wash trucks, change truck tires and assist mechanics. Must be 21 years or older and have valid driver's license with clean driving history. Competitive wages, paid health insurance, uniforms and vacations. Retirement plan, vision and dental insurance available. Apply to 4601 Rankin Highway, Midland, fax resume to 432-683-7407, or call 432-682-0434.

Warehouse Position
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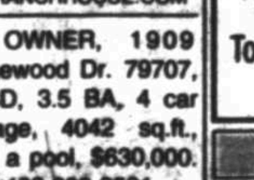

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change your DNA

Another benefit of exercise: It can change your DNA

By Elise Craig
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It doesn't take a genius to realize that exercise can reshape our bodies. But working out can also change our DNA, and researchers are slowly discovering how the change occurs.

When people who don't work out regularly get their bodies moving with acute exercise, the DNA in their muscle fibers is chemically modified, researchers are reporting in the March issue of Cell Metabolism.

The changes don't actually alter our DNA sequence—the AGTC base pair combination, which is identical in all the cells of a human body, stays the same. But, the researchers found, the chemical marks above the sequence are chemically and structurally altered at precise locations.

These modifications won't change the sedentary into superheroes, but they can turn certain genes on. That can start the process of building new proteins, which can help our bodies break down fat and sugar for energy more efficiently, said Juleen Zierath of Karolinska Institutet in Sweden, an author of the study.

"In a sense," Zierath said, "they may make it easier for us to exercise the next day."

Over time, she added, the muscle would adapt to "cope with the demands of long-term exercise."

Scientists have been long aware that exercise can affect gene expression, said Dr. Stephen M. Roth, associate professor of kinesiology at the University of Maryland who studies exercise and DNA. "The novelty here is that we are now beginning to understand the mechanisms behind these changes in gene expression."

The research is part of a broader look into the way that genes, obesity and related illnesses are affected by exercise and other factors. "It's another piece of a very complex puzzle," said Ruth Loos, a genetic epidemiologist at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. "Once we understand the biology, we can develop treatment, maybe drugs. But that's a very long-term process."

Though the researchers did not study the DNA of die-hard exercisers, Zierath said, there is evidence to suggest they will also see their DNA modified as they work out — to the same extent as their more sedentary counterparts.

The scientists also found caffeine can mimic these same effects.

But that doesn't mean you should hop on the treadmill with a cup of coffee. The scientists exposed cells to caffeine in a dish, and aren't sure how much java it would take to mimic the effects of exercise on our DNA. "It doesn't mean a cup of coffee has the same effects as an hour-long workout," Zierath said.

What's more, she added, the amount of coffee required "would certainly lead to caffeine intoxication," symptoms of which can include muscle twitching and anxiety—even irregular heartbeat.

But, Zierath believes, far down the line these findings could help scientists figure out a way to treat patients who are unable to work out.

"In the future, we might be able to develop strategies to induce chemical modifications on the DNA in muscles to mimic the benefits of exercise," she said.

But those who hate to exercise shouldn't expect to slam back pills instead of hitting the bike trail — exercise isn't just a means to help improve our muscles.

Other treatments "can't completely replace exercise, because it has many other effects, like cardio-respitory fitness," Loos said.

New search engine getting millions of requests

ASK THE PropellerHeads

Dear PropellerHeads: A friend and I were debating some fact last week and he used DuckDuckGo instead of Google to settle the dispute. What's his problem?

A: Well, at least you know he isn't from Minnesota so he has that going for him. Duck, Duck, Grey Duck? Really?

DuckDuckGo (www.duckduckgo.com) is a trendy search engine for the web that is reminding a lot of talking heads of the early days of Google with its simplicity and accuracy. It even mocks Google with its I'm Feeling Ducky option. How long until Google sues over that?

I say trendy because it is growing at a rate of about 50 percent per month and is now processing 1.5 million search requests daily. But to put that in perspective, Google will receive that many requests in a less than a minute, so I don't think Google is shaking in their shoes just yet.

But as Google has grown, so has the amount of clutter on their search results and that is why DuckDuckGo (DDG) is appealing to an increasing number of webizens. Simplicity is supreme. No auto-completion, no site previews, no links to other Google services. About as fancy as it gets is the good old infinite scroll of results instead of pages.

One thing that DDG attempts to do is offer a zero-click response to your search query. This means instead of just giving you a list of sites that it thinks will help you, it actually tries to give you an answer so you don't have to go to those sites. Google does this as well to a certain degree, but DDG seems to offer even more options.

Their Goodies page gives a full list of their options. Some that I found most salivating were finding nutritional information for food, dates of significance, looking up geographical details for locations, random dice rolls, passwords and other geeky transformations like MD5.

DDG accomplishes this by partnering with a few dozen quality sources. Most of these tend to be crowd-sourced wikis like Wikipedia, but it makes great use of Wolfram Alpha, a principal driver behind the iPhone's Siri assistant.

Another goal of DDG is to filter out the websites whose seemingly only purpose is to either advertise or to just rank highly in the search results. Therefore, some people think DDG returns higher quality results than Google does.

One thing I like about how DDG's search results are presented is the inclusion of the site's icon next to each match. This provides a quick visual indicator as to the source of the match without requiring a full preview.

DDG offers a number of shortcuts to search other sites directly with their !Bang syntax. Want to search Google from DDG, just add a "!g" to your search term and bang, you are there! There are shortcuts for Amazon, Bing, Costco and a thousand others — too many to actually remember, but helpful if you tend to always search the same sites.

Another reason some find DDG pleasing is its emphasis on privacy. Whereas Google will track just about everything to feed its advertising bread and butter, DDG doesn't store anything about you, ever. No IP addresses, no browser details, no saved searches, nada.

Even cookies are greatly curtailed and are principally used to store what settings you have selected for the search results. By the way, DDG offers a ton more settings than Google to get the search page working exactly as you'd like it to.

The proof is in the pudding, as they say. How do DDG results compare to Google's? The answer, not surprisingly, is that it depends. The more obscure the information you are looking for, the less likely DuckDuckGo will be able to help you. However, for simple facts and figures, it is right up there with Google and in many cases is even better.

If the search market were a game of Duck, Duck, Goose, then Google has been circling the competition for years. However, DuckDuckGo might be able to tap Google's head and make it start doing the chasing.

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