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Billions at stake for state in tax challenge

Texas Supreme Court to hear lawsuit filed by Clayton Williams company

By Jim Malewitz
Texas Tribune

The Texas Supreme Court today will hear arguments in a case that could deliver a multi-billion windfall to struggling oil and gas producers by taking a major bite out of state tax revenue.

The issue before the justices might sound arcane: Are metal pipes, tubing and other equipment used in oil and gas extraction exempt from sales taxes? But a yes to that question, brought by a Midland-based driller, could trigger a flood of refunds that would wipe out the state's projected $4 billion budget surplus, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar warns.

"This one's as big as they come," the Republican said in an interview. "The neon light lights up because of the sticker shock."

Southwest Royalties, a subsidiary of Clayton Williams Energy, filed its lawsuit in 2009, just before improved technology unleashed a surge of oil production that transformed the U.S. energy landscape. Susan Combs, Hegar's predecessor, was named in the original lawsuit, which has wound through the court system for years.

The driller is challenging the agency's refusal to refund the company for certain purchases between 1997 and 2001, when operators were feeling the pain of cheap oil.

Lower courts have sided with the state, prompting the company to appeal. Now, the justices are set to weigh in during a new era of oil patch trouble — with prices plunging to depths unseen in more than a decade.

Southwest Royalties seeks to recoup less than $500,000 in the case, but the stakes are far higher.

Granting the exemption would affect more than the company's tax bill, Hegar argues in court filings. It would "impose a

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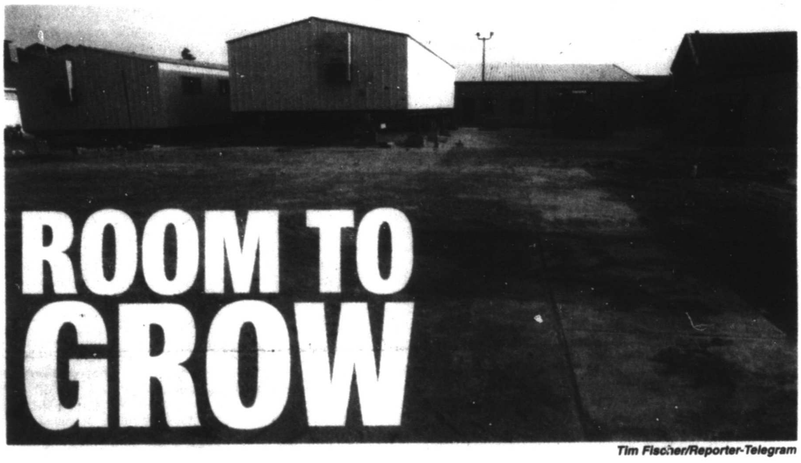

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Hillcrest School, at 2800 N. "A" St., is prepped for construction Saturday to expand the school for more classrooms and a new gymnasium.

Hillcrest partners with 8 donors for addition

By Cassie Burton
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Hillcrest School had a modest beginning. It opened its doors in 1993 to provide specialized education to 18 students with learning differences. Fast forward 23 years and dozens of students later, the school is outgrowing its facility because of rapidly growing enrollment.

The school, which is housed in the former Midland Bible Church, will break new ground March 17 to add six classrooms and a gym.

"People have asked us in the downturn, 'Are you experiencing a decrease?' and we're like, 'No, it's not a luxury. If your child needs it, they need it,'" said Paige W. Sumner, director of philanthropy for Hillcrest. "We're busting out of the seams. We're realistically looking at close to 100 this next year."

The school's current population at the last count was 81 students. Between five and 10 students are in each classroom to better match each student's individual needs, Sumner said.

The project's budget was $3.2 million, of which about $2.5 million already has been raised largely because of eight donors: the Beal Foundation, Concho Resources Inc., The Henry Foundation, the Permian Basin Area Foundation, Pioneer Natural Resources, Salehi Family foundation, Scharbauer Foundation and Kimberly and Scott Sheffield.

Breaking ground

A ceremony marking beginning of construction for Hillcrest School's classroom addition is planned for 2 p.m. March 17.

The school is at 2800 N. "A" St. For more information, call 570-7444.

The goal is for the project to be completed by the first day of school for the 2016-17 year, Sumner said. But if construction is not done by then, Hillcrest will use nontraditional classrooms like the computer lab and board training room so as to not have to turn students away.

"We knew we just needed to get started," Sumner said.

Fundraising will be ongoing until the full $3.2 million is reached, she said. A "generous donor" will contribute $125,000 when the school successfully raises the remaining $829,000.

The 15,000-square-foot addition will be adjacent to the school's existing building on North A Street and includes six classrooms, a teacher workroom, a gymnasium, a weight room, dressing rooms and other storage spaces.

Temporary buildings previously used as classrooms will be removed to create a new playground, have outdoor fitness equipment for older students and an outdoor learning area.

The majority of Hillcrest School students have attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and dyslexia. Kindergarten through 12th grade are taught at Hillcrest because while some students can be integrated into traditional schooling later, others need specialized instruction "across the board," Sumner said.

"I think that's where the difference is and why we continue to see increased enrollment," she said.

According to a fact sheet provided by the school, 67 students have graduated from Hillcrest, which has a 99 percent graduation rate. About 78 percent of those graduates continue to college.

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State's new initiative will start in Midland

■ Gov. Abbott creates initiative to assess economic activity, workforce challenges

From staff reports

AUSTIN — The newly created Tri-Agency Workforce Initiative — established Monday by Gov. Greg Abbott to assess local economic activity, examine workforce challenges and opportunities and consider innovative approaches to meeting the state's workforce goals — will meet in Midland on Thursday.

The initiative will be spearheaded by Mike Morath, head of the Texas Education Agency; Raymond Paredes, head of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and Andres Alcantar, chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission. The local meeting is the first of several across the state, according to a press release from the governor's office.

The time and place of the meeting had not been set as of Monday evening.

"Understanding the needs of job creators is paramount to ensuring that Texas remains the top state for business expansion and relocation," Abbott said. "This past session, we made economic strides by investing in our workforce and further reducing taxes and regulations. By establishing this initiative, the state of Texas now seeks to ensure that the needs of both its growing workforce as well as new and existing businesses are met and each are prepared to successfully operate in an ever-changing 21st century economy."

Abbott has charged the commissioners with the following:

■ Identifying and advancing public and higher education initiatives that make college more affordable for families and help students enter the workforce more quickly with marketable skills.

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Clinton doubles down against fracturing in debate, raising alarms

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Bloomberg

Hillary Clinton's promise during a debate Sunday to aggressively regulate fracturing deepens the divide between Republican and Democratic presidential candidates on oil and gas development and signifies her continued shift to the left on environmental issues.

In the Democratic presidential debate in Flint, Michigan against Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, Clinton said she wouldn't support fracturing in states or local communities that don't want it, if it causes pollution, or if the chemicals used aren't disclosed.

"By the time we get through all of my conditions, I do not think there will be many places in America where fracking will continue to take place," Clinton said.

The comments marked a shift for Clinton, who, like President Barack Obama, has generally supported fracturing, while insisting methane leaks must be plugged and steps taken to ensure the practice doesn't contaminate water. She even highlighted natural gas in a campaign fact sheet last month as lowering energy costs, reducing air pollution and putting people to work.

But translating Clinton's debate-stage profession into actual regulation clamping down on the technique would be difficult, if not impossible. There are limits to what a president — any president — can do to limit the hydraulic fracturing process now being used to free gas and oil from dense rock formations nationwide.

Although state and local governments regulate the practice — and some ban it altogether — the federal government doesn't have much authority to directly regulate fracturing on private lands. The biggest openings are through laws allowing the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate air and water pollution tied to fracturing, said Kevin Book, an

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Natural Gas	$1.690	▲ $0.024
Gasoline	$1.601	▲ $0.009

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Amendments have been made to city, MDC, Hotel Santa Rita agreement

By Cassie Burton
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The Midland Development Corp. board on Monday approved amendments to city officials' agreement with the Hotel Santa Rita developers. The city attorney's office said the changes were minor.

The amendment effectively allowed for construction drawings of the hotel and Centennial Park improvements to be at least 50 percent completed by April 30, a reduction from the 90 percent originally planned.

Developers still must have secured financing for the project before the city begins the conveyance process, which turns the hotel site over to developers to begin construction, according to city attorney John Ohnemiller.

"The idea is, they complete 50 percent (so) they've spent a lot of time and money," Ohnemiller said. "I think that shows they are going through with the project, that they have every intention of doing it."

A final date to begin construction has not been set with the city because it depends on when developers attain full funding for the project. Ohnemiller said it was not unusual for a project of Hotel Santa Rita's scope to start without all construction drawings being completed.

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The project includes hotel space, a public food market, restaurants, bars, a 400-seat ballroom, office space and four levels of parking, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

The MDC's involvement with the project refers to infrastructure needs such as sidewalks and sewer lines, according to board chairman Brent Hilliard.

"(The board) is excited to at the opportunity to see Hotel Santa Rita come to fruition," Hilliard said. "We want that project to succeed and are happy to be a part of it and support it."

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Obituaries

Carole Rasco

Carole Rasco, 80, of Fort Worth, Texas, passed away on March 4, 2016. Funeral services will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Aaron Wills officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Carole was born on January 19, 1936 in Rotan, Texas to Julious O. and Gladys Allen. She was married to Marvin Rasco, Jr. on January 18, 1957 in Sweetwater, Texas. She had two daughters, Becki and Angi.

She worked as an office manager and bookkeeper for over 30 years for the Rod Ric Corp. She had a passion for life and loved spending time with her friends and family. Over her many years in Midland, she was blessed with many friends that she loved dearly.

She is survived by her daughter, Angi Young of Fort Worth, Texas; grandchildren, James Osborne, Leslie Beck and her husband, Jonathan, all of Midland, and Justin Young and his wife, Kimberly of Little Elm, Texas; and by four great-grandsons, Branson Beck, Jace Beck, Ethan Young, and Logan Young. She also leaves behind several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Julious and Gladys Allen; her husband, Enoch Marvin Rasco, Jr.; her daughter, Becki Rasco; and her sister, Pat Hinshaw.

The family would like to express their gratitude toward Vitas Hospice at Baylor All Saints, Fort Worth Texas.

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

Frank R. Martinez

Frank R. Martinez, 51, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, March 5, 2016.

Viewing will be Tuesday, March 8, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a rosary starting at 7:00 p.m., both at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral mass is set for Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Lupe Martinez; two sons, Daniel Martinez and Fabian Martinez; two daughters, Monica Martinez and Bryanda Martinez; his parents, Tomas Martinez and Rosemary Ramirez; and by one brother and three sisters.

Sharon Rogers

Sharon Rogers, 76, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, March 6, 2016. The family will receive friends on Thursday, March 10, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Graveside services will be held on Friday, March 11, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at Resthaven Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry Rogers; daughter, Gwendolyn Haney; and daughter, Gaylene Burfield.

All Obituaries must be submited by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

Death Notices

Anylah Christine Hearst

Anylah Christine Hearst, four months old, passed away on Friday, March 4, 2016 in Midland, Texas.

Services are pending with American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707.

Tax

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severe financial penalty on Texas taxpayers" amounting to $4.4 billion in 2017, and $500 million each year after that as companies around the state seek to cash in, according to estimates compiled in 2012.

Today, the justices will parse the language of a sales tax exemption for goods and services used in the "actual manufacturing, processing, or fabrication of tangible personal property" and will consider how that description relates to the mechanics of petroleum extraction.

The case hinges on whether certain extraction equipment — like casing, pipes, tubing and pumps — fits the definition cited in the exemption.

Southwest Royalties says it does. Its equipment "processes" West Texas crude by separating it into marketable oil and gas, the company argues. The Texas Oil and Gas Association, the state's largest petroleum group, backs that position. The Texas Public Policy Foundation, a powerful conservative think tank, also supports the company.

Dallas-based Ryan LLC, a high-powered tax firm, is representing Southwest Royalties in the case. Its attorneys declined to comment. But in a statement released in January, G. Brint Ryan, the firm's CEO, said: "It has long been the firm's contention that below-ground equipment used in the processing of oil and gas qualifies for the Texas manufacturing exemption."

The state counters that the equipment does not qualify for the exemption because underground minerals are not "tangible personal property." Meanwhile, natural pressure and temperature changes — not the equipment itself — transform crude as it rises to the surface, it argues.

"It is hardly likely that the Legislature intended such an expansive and costly interpretation of the manufacturing exemption," the state's attorneys wrote in legal filings.

Southwest Royalties disagrees, and it says the financial impact has no bearing on who has correctly interpreted the policy.

Ideally, judges decide such cases only on their merits, experts say, but the budget impact can factor into their decision-making.

Warnings from the comptroller's office already seem to have helped its cause in this case.

At a hearing in 2012, Travis County District Judge John Dietz said he would rule in favor of Southwest Royalties, only to later reverse his position in a written decision.

The driller suggests that a Wall Street Journal article quoting dire warnings from Combs swayed the judge.

An appeals court in Travis County upheld Dietz's written decision, backing the comptroller's interpretation because of "a lack of clarity" in the way lawmakers wrote the exemption.

Hegar cited those earlier rulings in expressing confidence that Texas would ultimately prevail.

"The state's legal arguments are 100 percent valid," he said in an interview. "The law is not on the side of those asking for the tax refund."

But Dietz's initial inclination might have telegraphed that Southwest's arguments are "pretty strong," Dale Craymer, president of the business-backed Texas Taxpayers and Research Association and a former chief revenue estimator for the state, told the Tribune earlier this year.

With an estimated $4 billion budget surplus and a separate rainy day fund projected to top $10 billion in 2017, Texas is well-positioned to weather any financial havoc wrought by a Supreme Court loss.

Nevertheless, that outcome would undoubtedly shrink the state's budget cushion and play a major factor in debates during the 2017 legislative session.

In seeing the case through, Hegar is taking on a major donor.

Ryan LLC, through its employees and political action committee, pumped nearly $960,000 to Hegar's campaign fund between 2014 and early 2016, according to Texas Ethics Commission data. That's a fraction of the millions of dollars the firm has poured into other Texas campaigns over the years.

Hegar said he wasn't worried about any political fallout from this case.

"I see my role and my job as to adhere to the facts, adhere to the law," he said.

Ryan's political action committee has also contributed a total of $100,000 to four members of the Texas Supreme Court since 2012 — Justices Jeff Boyd, Don Willett, Phil Johnson and Nathan Hecht.

Clinton

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analyst with ClearView Energy Partners. "But these controls are both limited and litigable."

Further, most U.S. oil and gas wells today are stimulated into production using hydraulic fracturing. Shut down fracturing, and you shut down the oil and gas boom along with it, said Katie Brown, a spokesman for Energy In Depth, a research program funded by the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

Clinton has worked to burnish her environmental credentials on the campaign trail, pressed by activists who have embraced Sanders and his clean energy agenda. Unlike Clinton's nuanced stance, Sanders' response to the issue Sunday was direct: "No, I do not support fracking."

Industry officials viewed Clinton's fracturing answer "as a political response to the guy standing to the left of her on the stage," said Neal Kirby, a spokesman for the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

"She is continually being driven to the left by Senator Sanders," said Mike McKenna, a Virginia-based lobbyist and Republican strategist. Now, "she wants to kill the American energy boom, which is something not even the Obama crew could imagine."

But Clinton's comments are not enough for some deep-green environmentalists who want an all-out ban on fracturing, not just regulation making it more difficult and more expensive.

"Clinton will continue to struggle to convince climate advocates that she is serious about addressing the crisis until she comes out for a full ban on fracking," Yong Jung Cho, a campaign coordinator with the environmental activist group 350 Action said in a statement. "Clinton has moved from supporting fracturing to insisting on regulations that would make it impossible to frack in most places. It's high time to come out against it all together."

Sanders has pushed for an end to all oil, gas and coal development on federal lands.

By contrast, Republican presidential candidates have been uniformly supportive of domestic oil and gas development. Donald Trump, the GOP front-runner, says his support of fracturing can win votes in New York, where the activity is banned.

"Shutting down U.S. production would make the United States less competitive, more reliant on foreign sources of energy and disrupt the geopolitical advantages that hydraulic fracturing delivers to our allies abroad," said Louis Finkel, executive vice president of the American Petroleum Institute, in an emailed statement. "The false choice offered on the campaign trail is a political stunt by those who are spouting populist rhetoric for political points; they are not being honest with American voters."

Initiative

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■ Working with industry and local stakeholders to assess local workforce needs and identify innovative workforce development models that directly coordinate with industry partners and promote post-secondary success.

Commissioners should include career and technical education (CTE) and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education models in their assessment.

■ Evaluating current agency efforts, as well as state and local web-based education and career awareness systems in an effort to better link students, parents, and educators to the broad array of high-demand jobs in this state and the educational requirements to secure those opportunities.

■ Identifying gaps in services to veterans, advancing strategies to enhance their education and employment opportunities and developing solutions to ensure a seamless and accelerated transition back into the workforce.

■ Making recommendations that build the skills of the workforce and advance regional economic expansion, job creation, and the goals of 60x30TX.

Schedule of Tri-Agency Workforce Initiative meetings:

■ Midland, Thursday.
■ San Antonio, April 26.
■ Houston, April 29.
■ Dallas, May 11.
■ El Paso, May 20.
■ McAllen, May 25.
■ Tyler/Longview, June 2.
■ Austin Workforce Summit, September.

Jury: Polygamous towns in Arizona, Utah discriminated against nonbelievers

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Two polygamous towns on the Utah-Arizona border violated the constitutional rights of nonbelievers by denying them basic services such as police protection, building permits and water hookups, a jury said Monday.

The civil rights trial marks one of boldest efforts by the government to confront what critics have long said was a corrupt regime in Colorado City, Arizona, and Hildale, Utah. The seven-week trial provided a rare glimpse into the communities that for years have been shrouded in secrecy and are distrustful of government and outsiders.

The jury, which reached a verdict on its fourth day of deliberations, awarded $2.2 million to six residents eligible for damages. But the towns will have to pay only $1.6 million because lawyers negotiated a settlement in that part of the case.

The judge will now decide what other punishments to impose. Federal authorities have not specified the changes they will seek, but they could ask for the Colorado City Marshal's Office to be disbanded and for its duties to be handed over to local sheriffs.

Richard Holm, who was awarded damages, hailed the verdict as a step in denting the sect's control over the towns but said the verdict will be hollow if the judge doesn't disband the marshal's office.

"For there ever to be a decent community, there's got to be new faces, new control," said Holm who left the sect in 2003 but still lives in the area.

Town leaders will abide by whatever changes are ordered by the judge, Colorado City attorney Jeff Matura said, but the government's actions won't change people's religious beliefs.

"There is nothing that the government can do or really should be able to do to change someone's faith," Matura said.

The towns were accused of doing the bidding of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a radical offshoot of mainstream Mormonism, which disavowed polygamy more than 100 years ago.

TODAYINMIDLAND

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Things to do

■ Tastes Around Midland bus tours. Visit three restaurants on a Midland Shuttle Services' party bus featuring complimentary beverages. 21 and older only. 6:30 p.m. $59 per person. Discounts for groups of 10 and more. RSVP by calling 432-695-6282. midlandshuttleservices.com.

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 7 p.m. at Basin Burger House.

Fun Fit kids program

The West Texas Food Bank is partnering with the Midland County Public Library to celebrate National Healthy School Breakfast Week through the Fun Fit Kids program Wednesday at the downtown branch and Thursday at the Centennial branch. The classes, set for 4:30-5:30 p.m., will focus on healthy breakfast options and will feature a yogurt berry parfait demonstration.

The classes are based on the USDA's "My Plate - A Yummy Curriculum," which lets children explore how to make healthy food choices.

Future Fun Fit Kids programs are March 23, April 6 and April 20, downtown; and March 24, April 7 and April 21, Centennial.

Support groups and clubs meeting today

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

■ Overeaters Anonymous; 7-8 p.m., B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-10

■ Midland Memorial Hospital's Better Breathing Club meets 11:30 a.m. at Midland Memorial Hospital Scharbauer Tower meeting room. Don at 221-4864 or Joanna at 682-4229.

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

■ Permian Basin Coin and Stamp Club, 7p.m., Michael's Charcoal Grill; Dave Taylor;559-9890 or www.midlandcoins.com.

■ Midland Quilters Guild, 7 p.m., Alamo Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. For more information call 694-0561.

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

■ American Legion Post No. 19, 6:30 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.

■ ACT IX, 6:30 p.m., Cole Theater; Carolyn Schoolcraft, 685-7416.

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

Lottery

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Today in history

In 1917, Russia's "February Revolution" (referring to the Old Style calendar) began in Petrograd; the result was the abdication of the Russian monarchy in favor of a provisional government.

In 1944, two days after an initial strike, U.S. heavy bombers resumed raiding Berlin during World War II.

In 1965, the United States landed its first combat troops in South Vietnam as 3,500 Marines arrived to defend the U.S. air base at Da Nang.

In 1983, in a speech to the National Association of Evangelicals convention in Orlando, Florida, President Ronald Reagan referred to the Soviet Union as an "evil empire."

In 2014, Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370, a Boeing 777 with 239 people on board, vanished during a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, setting off a massive search. (To date, the fate of the jetliner and its occupants has yet to be determined.)

Five years ago: Voters in Bell, California, went to the polls in huge numbers and threw out the entire City Council after most of its members had been charged with fraud. (Residents were infuriated to find out that former City Manager Robert Rizzo had been receiving an annual salary of $1.5 million, and that four of the five City Council members had paid themselves $100,000 to meet about once a month.)

Today's birthdays: NBC News anchor Lester Holt is 57. Actor Aidan Quinn is 57. Actor Freddie Prinze Jr. is 40.

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scorbutic
[skawr-byoo-tik]
adjective.
1. pertaining to, of the nature of, or affected with scurvy.

Associated Press

THERE, NO MATTER WHERE

An honor guard with the Euless Police Department arrives for the funeral for colleague David Hofer, on Monday, at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. Hofer was killed March 1 while responding to reports of shots fired in a park. Hofer was a 2008 graduate of New York University who served in the NYPD for five years before joining the Euless Police Department in 2014.

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STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

GALVESTON

Officials say number of snakes on beach is normal

Experts say recent news reports of snakes showing up on Galveston beaches aren't unusual since rattlers come out of hibernation to hunt for food this time of year.

The Galveston County Daily News reported that a Houston news station said last week that spring breakers could be surprised by the rattlesnakes' presence on the island's West End.

"That's part of living on Galveston," said Hal Newsom, the owner of Animal Control-Wildlife Inc.

Galveston Island Beach Patrol and Galveston Police Department officials say that the number of snakes is normal and that there haven't been any bite reports this year.

Signs have long been posted to warn beach-goers against walking through the dunes and to be on the lookout for poisonous snakes. A Galveston Park Board of Trustees spokeswoman said Friday there's no plan to post additional warnings to beach-goers about snakes ahead of spring break.

Beach-watchers have also reported an increase in the number of Portuguese Men o' War washing up on the island's beaches. But despite a recent flurry of Facebook posts about the men o' war, beach patrol commander Peter Davis said lifeguards hadn't noted any increased number and had not treated any stings.

Animal appearances seem to go in cycles, said beach patrol commander Peter Davis. In some years there are more sightings of snakes than sharks, and in others, the reverse is true.

"If you average it out, it really hasn't increased over time," Davis said.

FORT WORTH

Man on Texas 10 Most Wanted sex offender list captured

A convicted child rapist and kidnapper on the Texas 10 Most Wanted list of sex offenders has been captured in Fort Worth.

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Monday announced the arrest of 41-year-old Lavinci Damon Henderson of Fort Worth.

Investigators say a tip led to Henderson, who was nabbed Friday at a residence. Henderson was wanted on a 2015 warrant for sexual assault of a child and failure to register as a sex offender.

The tipster will be paid a $5,000 reward.

DPS said Henderson's criminal record goes back to 1994 when he was convicted in Tarrant County on two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child and two counts of aggravated kidnapping.

BEAUMONT

Police release name of armed man killed by officer

Beaumont police have released the name of an armed man who was fatally shot by an officer investigating a car theft.

Police on Monday identified the man who died as 22-year-old Herbert Ballance of Beaumont.

Authorities said Ballance was a suspect in the auto theft and was armed when he came out of a mobile home Saturday and confronted police.

One officer opened fire. Ballance died at the scene.

The officer has been placed on paid administrative leave amid a review of the incident.

PAIGE

40 cited for attending illegal cockfight

Investigators have cited 40 people for attending an illegal cockfight.

The Bastrop County Sheriff's Office on Monday announced the crackdown on the cockfighting ring operating in the town of Paige, about 40 miles east of Austin.

Sheriff Terry Pickering says authorities are seeking the property owner in the animal cruelty investigation.

Deputies around midday Sunday responded to a noise complaint from a neighbor. Texas troopers and state game wardens also responded to help seize about 130 roosters and round up the suspects, who face charges of being spectators at a cockfight.

HOUSTON

Naked woman dancing atop truck cab slows traffic

A naked woman dancing atop the cab of an 18-wheeler slowed traffic in the Houston area for about two hours before she was coaxed off the truck.

Emergency responders used a fire truck ladder to reach the unidentified woman Monday morning and get her to stop the bizarre public display.

Authorities aren't sure why the nude woman was on top of the cab or whether she had been inside the big rig before a three-vehicle traffic accident nearby.

Traffic was diverted along the stretch of freeway during the incident. Officials detained the woman and did not immediately say whether she would face charges.

AZLE

Police: Officer fatally shoots man armed with handgun

Authorities say a police officer in Texas has fatally shot a man after he advanced toward the officer with a handgun.

Police were called to a southeast Azle residence after a report of a man firing a handgun around 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

Police said officers told the man to drop the handgun upon arrival, but instead the man advanced with the handgun pointed toward the officer. The officer fired his weapon and struck the man multiple times in the torso.

The man was taken by ambulance to a local hospital and then flown to a Fort Worth hospital, where he later died. His name will be released upon notification of family members.

The name of the officer hasn't been released.

HOUSTON

Harris County animal shelter to get transfer site, upgrades

Harris County officials are expanding animal shelter facilities and planning $24 million in upgrades to help reduce the number of euthanized creatures.

The Houston Chronicle reported ground was broken this month on a transfer facility that could save more than 3,000 animals each year.

The current shelter, about 10 miles north of downtown Houston, is designed to hold about 230 animals — but often has about 330.

A $180,000 grant from the Petco Foundation will fund the transfer site to hold animals pending connection to nonprofits, shelters and homes. That's in addition to $24 million approved by voters in November to revamp the shelter.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Man robs, assaults woman

A Midland man was arrested Friday for allegedly robbing a woman and physically assaulting her, according to court documents.

Ruiz

Jesus M. Ruiz, 22, was being held Monday on a $75,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated robbery.

Officers were dispatched to Payless Shoes, 900 N. Midkiff Road, on Friday, and talked to a woman who had a bloody mouth and swollen lips. She said she was in the store and saw two men and a woman standing near her vehicle and appeared to be looking into it, according to the affidavit.

The three individuals entered the store as the woman was leaving, and when she arrived at her vehicle, she noticed her iPhone 5S and an apron were missing, according to the affidavit.

The woman confronted the three individuals and told them that she was going to call the police, according to the affidavit. They then got into their vehicle and locked the doors, according to the affidavit.

The woman began knocking on the driver's side window, at which point the driver — later identified as Ruiz — opened the door and began hitting the woman in the face. He was driving the vehicle backward and the door hit the woman and knocked her to the ground, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the first-degree felony, Ruiz could face up to 99 years in prison.

Police say 2 men were stabbed outside restaurant

A Midland man was arrested Sunday for allegedly stabbing two men outside Javi's Restaurant, according to court documents.

Collazo

Gearado S. Collazo, 51, was being held Monday on two second-degree felony charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was being held on a $75,000 bond for one of the charges; bond for the other charge had not been set as of Monday evening.

Officers made contact with Collazo during a traffic stop, at which point Collazo stated he and a woman had been having an argument at Javi's when two individuals approached and attempted to break up the argument, according to his arrest affidavit.

Collazo said two men began to push and punch him, leaving him with a swollen left eye, according to the affidavit.

Dispatch then advised that two men had arrived at Midland Memorial Hospital emergency room with stab wounds and that they had both been stabbed at Javi's, according to the affidavit. The men told police that they were leaving the restaurant when they saw Collazo push a woman to the ground, punch her and attempt to drag her back into the bar, according to the affidavit.

The two men stepped in to push Collazo away from the woman, and then Collazo began kicking and punching them, according to the affidavit.

Collazo then got into his vehicle and left the scene.

One of the men then noticed he had a stab wound on the left side of his stomach and the other man noticed a laceration to his left hand, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the two second-degree felonies, Collazo could face up to 40 years in prison.

Man arrested on aggravated robbery charge

A Midland man reported as a federal escapee was arrested Sunday after allegedly robbing a convenience store at gunpoint, according to court documents.

Iry James Williams, 37, was being held Monday on a first-degree felony charge of aggravated robbery after allegedly robbing a 7-Eleven store Feb. 28. Bond had not been set as of Monday evening.

Williams also was charged with a second-degree felony for burglary of habitation and a third-degree felony charge of evading arrest, according to court documents.

Police were called to a 7-Eleven on the 2100 block of West Wall Street on Feb. 28 in regard to an aggravated robbery. Two employees and two witnesses reported that a black man wearing a hoodie and mask and armed with a gun stole an estimated $30 in cash, according to his arrest affidavit.

Surveillance video showed someone pointing a black handgun and hitting one employee in the head twice with the handgun when the employee had difficulty opening a second register, according to the affidavit.

The two witnesses followed the man but lost him in traffic. Police later found a vehicle matching the description of Williams' vehicle. Inside were a black handgun "in a malfunction state" and a wallet with identification documents for Williams, according to the affidavit.

Police contacted a federal halfway house where Williams was staying. Staff said Williams had not returned since leaving earlier that morning and that he had missed his curfew, and they were starting the process of reporting him as a federal escapee, according to the affidavit.

Surveillance footage at the halfway house showed Williams leaving the facility in all-black clothing and carrying a black hoodie, according to the affidavit.

If found guilty of a first-degree felony, Williams could face up to 99 years in prison. Williams could also face up to 20 years in prison or 10 years in prison for the second- and third-degree felony charges.

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AP finds Boston police inflate progress on searches, frisks

By Phillip Marcelo
Associated Press

BOSTON — Boston police say they're narrowing the gap between how often black residents are subjected to stops, searches and frisks as compared with whites and other ethnic groups. But an Associated Press review of recently released police data suggests the improvement is more modest than the department claims.

Information that could shed light on whether the stops were appropriate in the first place also hasn't been made public, nearly two months after the initial release of nearly 150,000 "Field Interrogation, Observation, Frisk and/or Search" reports.

More information is forthcoming, and the department stands by its initial assessment of the numbers, said police spokesman Lt. Michael McCarthy.

"We're trying to make the best interpretation of the data that's available," he said.

Researchers from Columbia and Rutgers universities are working on a deeper study of the raw data that will factor things police haven't provided in the information so far made public, such as neighborhood crime statistics and a subject's prior arrests and gang affiliations, McCarthy added.

Darnell Williams, CEO of the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts, said he has concerns and will wait to see what else the department provides.

"I want the stats and the rhetoric to match up," he says. "I believe police are open and listening to our concerns, but the stats haven't caught up to where their intentions are. And that's not a criticism. That's an observation."

When Boston police posted the raw data on police-civilian encounters in January, it touted the release as a major victory for transparency and accountability — and as proof it was making progress on racial disparities in the stops.

According to the department's initial analysis, blacks accounted for about 58.5 percent of all police-civilian encounters — field interrogations, observations, searches and frisks — that did not result in an arrest from 2011 to 2015, down from about 63 percent in the period covering 2007 to 2010, which had been the subject of a previous study commissioned by police.

But when looked at year by year, the numbers show the rate at which blacks were involved in police-civilian encounters between 2011 and 2015 held fairly steady at nearly 60 percent annually, the AP's review found.

Whites, by way of comparison, accounted for roughly 22 percent and Hispanics about 13 percent of the recorded incidents during those years.

And the racial disparity could be higher. Of the nearly 150,000 incidents, close to 7,000 don't contain any information about race.

"The percentages speak for themselves," says Shea Cronin, a criminal justice professor at Boston University. "It's gone down a little and it seems to be moving in the right direction, but I wouldn't describe that as a major change in the demographics."

Jack McDevitt, director of Northeastern University's Institute on Race and Justice, said further data analysis controlling for gang behavior and other factors is a critical piece of the puzzle because Boston police are using field interrogations, observations, frisks and searches largely to crack down on gang activity.

"The goal would be to see whether that number of stops that aren't explained by gang activity has gone down," McDevitt said.

The AP's review also found that, in a majority of cases, there is little to no detail provided about why police engaged with civilians in the first place, why a person was subsequently subjected to a search or frisk, and what the outcome of the encounters was.

In over 32 percent of all incidents, for example, no reason appears to have been provided; in another 32 percent of incidents, officers simply marked down "investigative."

Among all police-civilian encounters that did not result in an arrest, 77 percent don't mention a basis for the police action. Over 14 percent cite probable cause, and other 8 percent cite reasonable suspicion.

Information about the reasons and outcomes of the stops is crucial to understanding whether police are conducting searches appropriately and not violating civil rights, says Matthew Segal, legal director for the Massachusetts chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, which had sued the department to release the data.

"Without that additional information, police cannot even measure whether its stop-and-frisk practices are achieving worthwhile goals," he said.

The data doesn't show incidents that led to arrests or seizures of contraband because in those instances, officers file a separate arrest report instead, McCarthy said.

Associated Press

In this Feb. 23 file photo, protesters carry placards outside an Apple store in Boston. Tech companies, security experts and civil liberties groups are filing court briefs supporting Apple in its battle with the FBI. The groups oppose a judge's order that would require Apple to help federal agents hack an encrypted iPhone used by a San Bernardino mass shooter.

US appeals ruling on accessing data in New York iPhone case

By Tami Abdollah
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Calling a New York judge's ruling "an unprecedented limitation" on judicial authority, the Justice Department asked a Brooklyn federal court on Monday to reverse a decision that said Apple Inc. wasn't required to pry open a locked iPhone.

The government's 45-page brief comes a week after U.S. Magistrate Judge James Orenstein issued his decision in a routine drug case, dealing a blow to the Obama administration in its battle with the tech giant over privacy and public safety.

Government lawyers called their Monday request routine, arguing that the case is not about asking Apple to do anything new, or to create a "master key" to access all iPhones. Apple has opposed the government's move in a separate case involving the shooter who killed 14 people Dec. 2 in San Bernardino, California.

Apple's pushback has fueled a national debate over digital privacy rights and national security. Apple had previously assailed the government's move, saying U.S. officials were seeking "dangerous power" through the courts and trampling on the company's constitutional rights.

The Brooklyn case involves a government request that is less onerous for Apple and its phone technology. The so-called extraction technique works on an older iPhone operating system and has been used dozens of times before to assist investigators.

The California and New York cases both hinge on the government's interpretation of the centuries-old All Writs Act. The new cases present another challenge for federal courts, which have to sort out how a law that is used to help government investigators squares with privacy and encryption in the digital age.

The government asserted in court papers Monday that Orenstein's ruling in New York is "an unprecedented limitation on" judicial authority and that his legal "analysis goes far afield of the circumstances of this case." It also stated that the government "does not have any adequate alternatives" to obtaining Apple's assistance because attempting to guess the passcode would trigger the phone's auto-erase security feature.

Apple has said that being forced to extract information from an iPhone, no matter the circumstance, "could threaten the trust between Apple and its customers and substantially tarnish the Apple brand."

Polygamous leader to stay jailed in food stamp fraud case

By Brady McCombs
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A polygamist sect leader accused of orchestrating a yearslong, multimillion-dollar food stamp fraud will remain behind bars as he awaits trial, a judge ruled Monday, rejecting testimony from family and friends who said he would not flee because he cares about his followers.

Lyle Jeffs is accused of defrauding the federal government of taxpayer funds and depriving needy people of food, U.S. Magistrate Judge Dustin Pead said. Those allegations cast doubt on the testimony from Jeffs' sister, Mary Musser, who called him a nurturing, involved father who is admired as a spiritual leader in the twin polygamous towns on the Utah-Arizona border, the judge said.

Jeffs runs the day-to-day operations of the group, whose leaders have been indicted on allegations of diverting at least $12 million worth of federal benefits. They instructed followers to buy items and give them to a church warehouse or use food stamps in sect-owned stores without getting anything in return, prosecutors say.

The hearing offered a glimpse of how defense attorneys may counter the government's case, which marked one of the biggest crackdowns on the group in years. It came the same day a federal jury in Phoenix found the polygamous towns violated the constitutional rights of nonbelievers by denying them basic services such as police protection.

In Salt Lake City, federal public defender Kathryn Nester said Jeffs is being treating unfairly due his religious beliefs. She said Jeffs is not dangerous and has deep connections to the community that is the base for the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. It is a radical offshoot of mainstream Mormonism, which disavowed polygamy more than 100 years ago.

"To get up and abandon it would be completely out of character," Nester said. "He's spent his whole life caring for these people."

Jeffs' sister and Edwin Barlow, a member of the town council in Hildale, Utah, chuckled and scoffed at prosecutors' suggestions that Jeffs would use aliases, disguises, secret rooms, bunkers and weapons to elude authorities.

Those are some of the tactics his brother, imprisoned sect leader Warren Jeffs, used during the mid-2000s before he was caught, authorities say.

"Lyle Jeffs does not respect this court's authority," prosecutor Robert Lund said. "At a minimum, Lyle Jeffs believes there are higher authorities that he answers to other than this court."

Jeffs is one of 11 sect members indicted in the food stamp scheme and has pleaded not guilty. Prosecutors have released other suspects but are fighting to keep three other top leaders besides Jeffs behind bars.

In the scheme, followers would scan their food stamp debit cards at church-run stores, leaving the money with the owners, prosecutors say. Leaders are accused of funneling money to front companies.

Church member David Richard Barlow said Lyle Jeffs "has always told us to tell the truth."

But half-brother Wallace Jeffs, who left the sect many years ago, said the judge's ruling was "a great step in finally protecting the children of the FLDS, who are really the victims.

New York mayor mandates restroom access for transgender people

By Emily Ngo
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Transgender people must be granted access to city-run bathrooms and locker rooms consistent with their gender identity under an executive order signed Monday by Mayor Bill de Blasio.

"Having a broad policy is one thing, but making sure it sticks is another one," de Blasio said at a news conference at Manhattan's Chelsea Recreation Center.

The order, which takes effect immediately, ensures "all of the folks who work in city government understand how important it is to respect people's rights and not put them in very degrading and humiliating circumstances," de Blasio said.

For example, people must be permitted to use the women's bathroom if they identify as female without being asked to show ID or medical documentation.

The city is home to about 25,000 transgender and gender-nonconforming residents, officials said.

Sean Coleman, executive director of Destination Tomorrow, which creates programs of LGBT youth, applauded the executive order as "someone who knows firsthand the anxieties associated with something as simple as using the public restroom."

Under the city Human Rights Law, it is currently an "unlawful discriminatory practice" for private businesses to deny "public accommodations" to someone based on a variety of factors, including gender.

De Blasio urged that people who experience discrimination to file a complaint with the city's 311 government services hotline.

"Somehow, hate is making a comeback," the Democratic mayor added, referencing what he has for months denounced as attacks on immigrants, women and other segments of the American population by Republican presidential candidates.

"New York values are needed more now than ever," de Blasio said, a nod to Texas Sen. Ted Cruz's criticism of the city residents' liberal mindset. "We think an attack on one is an attack on the rest of us."

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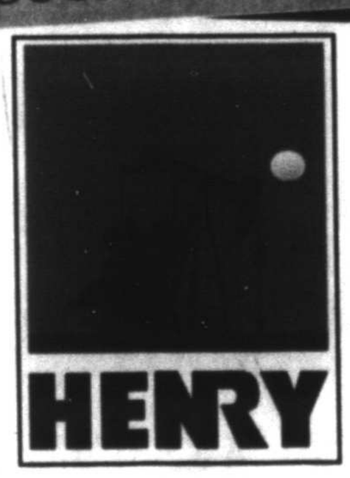

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Jury awards Erin Andrews $55M in lawsuit over nude video

By Sheila Burke
Associated Press

Associated Press

Sportscaster and television host Erin Andrews wipes tears as the verdict is read Monday in Nashville. A jury has awarded Andrews $55 million in her lawsuit against a stalker who bought a hotel room next to her and secretly recorded a nude video.

NASHVILLE, — A jury awarded Erin Andrews $55 million on Monday in her lawsuit against a stalker who bought a hotel room next to her and secretly recorded a nude video, finding that the hotel companies and the stalker shared in the blame.

After a full day of deliberations, the panel said the stalker was responsible for 51 percent of the verdict and the two hotel companies should share the rest, which is nearly $27 million.

Andrews, a Fox Sports reporter and co-host of the TV show "Dancing With the Stars," wept as jurors announced the verdict. She hugged her attorneys, family and several jurors after the verdict was read. She appeared to sign an autograph for at least one juror.

The jury heard directly from Andrews, who testified that she was humiliated, shamed and suffers from depression as a result of the video, which has been viewed by millions of people online. She had asked for $75 million.

Andrews' parents described for jurors the terror they and their daughter felt after learning of the video but not knowing who took it, where it was shot and if someone was still watching their daughter.

An FBI investigation would later reveal that Michael David Barrett shot videos in hotels in Nashville and Columbus, Ohio, and posted them online. The trial focused on the video shot in 2008 at the Nashville Marriott at Vanderbilt.

"I've been honored by all the support from victims around the world. Their outreach has helped me be able to stand up and hold accountable those whose job it is to protect everyone's safety, security and privacy," she said in a statement posted on her Twitter account.

On Friday, Davidson County Circuit Court Judge Hamilton Gayden found Barrett at fault and left it up to jurors to decide if the hotel owner, West End Hotel Partners, and former operator, Windsor Capital Group, should share any responsibility. The hotel is a franchise and Marriott was not part of the trial.

Attorneys for the companies argued that while what happened to Andrews was terrible, the stalker should be solely to blame because he was a determined criminal. The attorneys also suggested that Andrews' rise in her career showed she did not suffer severe and permanent distress.

After the verdict, they said they were disappointed and not sure if they would appeal. They noted their cooperation in the FBI investigation and said the case had changed the hotel industry to make rooms more secure.

Andrews said her stalker's arrest and imprisonment did not make the nightmare go away. She broke down on the stand repeatedly, saying she continues to suffer because people are still watching the videos and taunting her about them.

"This happens every day of my life," Andrews said tearfully. "Either I get a tweet or somebody makes a comment in the paper or somebody sends me a still video to my Twitter or someone screams it at me in the stands and I'm right back to this. I feel so embarrassed and I am so ashamed."

Barrett pleaded guilty to stalking Andrews, altering hotel room peepholes and taking nude videos of her. He was sentenced to 2½ years in prison. He did not appear at the trial.

Andrews has maintained that someone at the hotel gave out her room number to Barrett and honored his request to be placed near hear. She said no one ever told her that he asked to be in an adjoining or connecting room. Had she known that, she said she would've called police.

Barrett was a Chicago-area insurance company executive who frequently traveled around the country when he took the video of Andrews at the Nashville hotel in September 2008.

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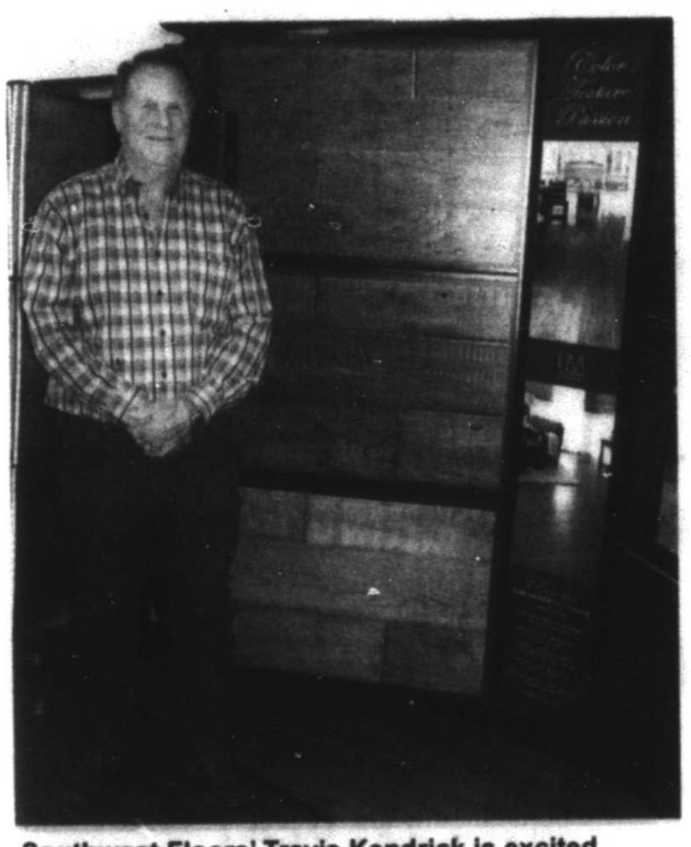

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It was the "excuse me" that echoed around Democratic politics.

In their intense Flint, Michigan, debate, Bernie Sanders pointedly said to Hillary Clinton in the heat of one exchange, "Excuse me, I'm talking."

Sanders has an $18 trillion unicorns-dancing-on-rainbows spending program and a paranoiac's view of Wall Street, but nothing is quite as disqualifying for the feminist left as his alleged "condescension" in this moment and a couple of others (in two other instances, he asked if he could finish, please).

As far as decorum goes, the Clinton-Sanders spat was like a dispute over what dinner fork to use at a four-course meal at the Four Seasons compared with the food fights during the Republican forums. It takes a primatologist to try to unravel the dynamics at a GOP debate, whereas the Democratic debates are being scored by the kind of people who worry about microaggressions and need ready access to safe spaces.

The debate flap demonstrates, once again, how feminism is caught between its dual insistence that women are indistinguishable from men and at the same time are due special consideration because they are uniquely vulnerable to slights, intended or unintended.

No one should have to worry about Hillary Clinton on this score. She isn't a college sophomore making her first nervous presentation before a public-speaking class. She has been in public life since 1978, and on the national stage since 1991. She was a highly engaged first lady, a senator from New York, the secretary of state and, twice, a presidential candidate. She debated Barack Obama 26 times in 2008. She has weathered more public controversies than any politician in America — with the exception only of Donald Trump — and endured countless congressional hearings. Yet her allies think she can't bear a couple of sharp words from Bernie Sanders?

It's not just that they think it's out of bounds to interrupt her; they think she can't handle someone *trying to stop her from interrupting* — and while she's distorting his record. During the exchange in question, Hillary was misleadingly accusing Sanders of opposing the auto bailout. She used Jesuitical wording to make it sound as though his vote against the TARP Wall Street bailout meant he didn't want to extend federal aid to Detroit. It was when Sanders replied to this attack that Clinton tried to break in, and Sanders issued forth with his "excuse me."

Bernie Sanders isn't exactly a threatening figure. The 74-year-old socialist can fairly be accused of an excess of charming irascibility, but he's about as malicious as a Peter, Paul and Mary song. His problem is that he doesn't do identity politics well, or at least not exquisitely enough to meet the standards of the contemporary left. So he's stepped into a couple of (ridiculous) charges of sexism, and he's constantly being accused of insufficient racial awareness.

At the Flint debate, Sanders said whites don't know what it's like to live in the ghetto, which he surely thought was innocuous enough, but opened him up to charges of tone-deafness — he had used the dated word "ghetto" and supposedly implied that only blacks are poor. Tsk-tsk. It's not easy being an old-fashioned, class-obsessed left-winger in today's Democratic Party.

A general election won't have the same hothouse left-wing atmosphere of the Democratic primary, but Hillary's potential Republican rival should nonetheless take note. Taking on Hillary will require some finesse because most people feel, simply as a matter of good manners, that women should be afforded more courtesy. We may have jettisoned almost every standard of personal conduct, but this ember of gentlemanly expectation still lives on.

Bludgeoning Hillary into submission, the Trump method of debate, won't work. Ted Cruz, whose lawyerly arguments easily slip into genuine condescension, would have to calibrate accordingly. If a socialist grandfather can be made out to be Archie Bunker, imagine what awaits a Republican.

OUR VIEW

MRT does its job, even when it's not popular with readers

The Reporter-Telegram on Sunday ran a story that provided perspective from the Midland Police Department and a board member of the Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center on the 27 percent increase in reported "forcible rape" incidents in Midland in 2015.

We decided to look into the story because we felt our readers needed explanation for the sizable increase — the only double-digit increase in Midland's crime statistics. In fact, the first question we asked had to do with how Midlanders should react to a 27 percent increase in forcible rape.

The reaction to the story that appeared in the newspaper threw us off guard. We expected Midlanders to be upset by the 27 percent increase and by the lack of comments by officials that this was a big deal. Instead, the reaction was directed at the Reporter-Telegram for writing a headline and story that included comments from the MPD and center officials that might not have been in line with what the community expected.

We were taken to the woodshed for putting officials on the record that the increase in reported "forcible rape" isn't cause for alarm.

We became the whipping boy for doing what our readers expect — taking a report, getting comments about that report and reporting accurately and without bias, because all things considered there would have been bias.

As the editor of the Reporter-Telegram, I find it offensive that the Midland Police Department acknowledged the 27 percent increase in "forcible rape" by offering a reminder of its the Rape Aggression Defense class. The residents in our community who commit these acts have no place in Midland — or anyplace else, for that matter — and should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. The fact that there is one rape in our community is too much, but a 27 percent increase is a black eye on our community — which strives to be "world class" — because all Midlanders deserve to live in a safe place where people respect each other. Rape is a horrific violation of another person, and it doesn't matter if those two people know each other or not.

As a former member of the Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center board, I want to let Midlanders know of the great work that is done there. The 27 percent increase in "forcible rape" illustrates that there is an even greater need for the center's resources and programs. And in my opinion, few people have been more on the side of rape victims and pursuing justice for them than former MPD detective and long-time board member, Kay Therwhanger.

Lastly, I have two daughters, and I worry daily about the world in which they live now and will live in the future. Our society is being desensitized to such acts. Our entertainment culture has long since crossed the line in treating women as objects.

We are going through a period where even those running for the highest office in the land can degrade women and be cheered for their actions. It makes me sick and feel more protective as a parent.

In the end, our readers can think what they want about the articles we write. Some are looking for any opportunity to stick it to the big, bad, unpopular media. We welcome your Letters to the Editor letting us know when we meet your expectations and when we don't. We might even get a few concerning Sunday's story. But if you do write a letter, just remember we did our job, without bias or prejudice. We have to, even when it is the unpopular thing to do.

— **Stewart Doreen, Midland Reporter-Telegram Editor**

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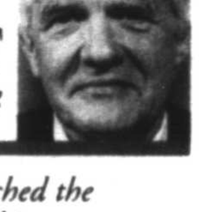
Reagan was formidable first lady

■ It's a mistake not to include Nancy on list of modern presidents' wives who wielded influence on their husbands



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"Before Ronald Reagan reached the White House, including his two terms as governor of California, his wife was seen more as a stylish, protective spouse than a substantive mover and shaker."

The list of influential modern first ladies always includes Eleanor Roosevelt and Hillary Clinton, but not usually Nancy Reagan. That's a mistake.

Reagan, who died Sunday at 94, had a big influence on her husband, President Ronald Reagan, both in shaping White House operations in his first term and encouraging his breakthrough relations with the Soviet Union in his second.

For more than a half century, the Reagans' love story was so intense that at times it burned at the expense of family, friends and politics.

That could be a political liability. Reagan's lavish spending habits and social friends became political baggage. Her fixation on astrology after the 1981 assassination attempt on her husband was a distraction for the White House.

Before Ronald Reagan reached the White House, including during his two terms as governor of California, his wife was seen more as a stylish, protective spouse than a substantive mover and shaker.

That changed after Reagan became president in 1980. The Republican right wing was determined to shape the new administration's agenda by putting Edwin Meese, a hard-line conservative, in charge of the White House staff. Reagan, working with her old confidant Michael Deaver, instead persuaded her husband to tap James Baker as chief of staff even though Baker had been the campaign manager of her husband's primary rival (and then running mate), George H.W. Bush. Meese instead became counsellor to the president.

The Baker-Deaver duo proved remarkably effective at pushing a conservative agenda in a politically pragmatic way. Reagan won re-election four years later in a landslide.

When Baker and Treasury Secretary Donald Regan switched jobs at the start of the second term, the new White House chief of staff ran afoul of the first lady. That was Regan's mistake. After the Iran-contra scandal, involving arms-selling to Iran in exchange for release of American hostages, she helped engineer his ouster in 1987.

She also encouraged her husband to seize an opening for a better relationship with the Soviet Union. She forged a close alliance with Secretary of State George Shultz — they had scores of telephone conversations — at the expense of the more conservative national security adviser, William Clark, a longtime Reagan ally. Clark, too, was discarded, and Reagan signed a sweeping arms control pact with the Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev. In 1991, about three years after Reagan left office, the Soviet Union collapsed.

It wasn't that President Reagan was easy to manipulate. But these were controversial issues and there was conflicting advice. His wife, more than anyone, knew how to appeal to him and had his confidence.

After her White House years she became a vocal advocate for research on Alzheimer's disease, which afflicted her husband late in his life. She also supported some gun control measures, reflecting the continuing influence on her thinking of the 1981 assassination attempt.

She remained a Republican, occasionally appearing at events at the Reagan Library in Simi Valley, California. But she told friends and acquaintances in recent years she was dismayed at the right-wing tilt of her party, which she believed didn't reflect the legacy of her "Ronnie."

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From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Bloomberg decides against bid for White House

By Johnathan Lemire
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said Monday that he will not run for president, citing a concern that his independent bid would hand the White House to Donald Trump or Ted Cruz.

The billionaire, who has spent months mulling a third-party run that would have roiled this year's already extraordinarily unpredictable presidential campaign, made his decision official through an editorial posted on the Bloomberg View website.

Bloomberg, in ending his third and likely final flirtation with a White House run, wrote that a three-way race could lead to no one winning a majority of electoral votes, which would send the race to the Republican-controlled House of Representatives — and, therefore, to one of the GOP front-runners.

"That is not a risk I can take in good conscience," Bloomberg wrote.

Bloomberg was blistering in his critique of Trump, currently the GOP front-runner, saying the real estate mogul has run "the most divisive and demagogic presidential campaign I can remember, preying on people's prejudices and fears."

He was similarly critical of Cruz, saying the Texas senator's "pandering on immigration may lack Trump's rhetorical excess, but it is no less extreme."

Bloomberg acknowledged that he and Trump had been on "friendly terms" and that he had twice agreed to be on Trump's reality TV show "The Apprentice." But the former mayor said Trump's campaign "appeals to our worst impulses."

"We cannot 'make America great again' by turning our backs on the values that made us the world's greatest nation in the first place," Bloomberg wrote. "I love our country too much to play a role in electing a candidate who would weaken our unity and darken our future — and so I will not enter the race for president of the United States."

Bloomberg made only an oblique reference to Democrats Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders and did not endorse a candidate. His aides indicated that Bloomberg may at some point offer an endorsement and use his wealth to try to influence the race, but cautioned that no decisions had been made.

The former three-term mayor — who had indicated he would spend $1 billion of his own money on the campaign — had set a mid-March deadline for his team of advisers to assess the feasibility of mounting a run, believing that waiting longer would imperil his ability to complete the petition process needed to get on the ballots in all 50 states.

He had taken some initial steps, cutting a mock TV ad, preparing to open campaign offices in Texas and North Carolina — states with early ballot access deadlines — and having aides begin to vet possible vice presidential candidates, including Michael Mullen, the retired admiral and former head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Aides to Bloomberg, the 74-year-old Democrat-turned-Republican-turned-Democrat-turned-independent, believed the dominance of Trump among Republicans and the rise of Sanders amid Democrats had opened a centrist lane for a non-ideological, pragmatic campaign.

Their own polling suggested Bloomberg had a viable path to the needed 270 electoral votes if Trump and Sanders were the nominees, though that projection included some remarkably optimistic predictions for Bloomberg, including winning Tennessee and Georgia and tying Sanders in the senator's home state of Vermont.

But as Clinton racked off a string of recent victories, Bloomberg — known largely outside New York for his crusades against guns and Big Soda, positions likely unpopular with Republicans nationwide — grew worried that he would siphon more support from her than Trump, ensuring that part of the mayor's carefully managed legacy would be that he helped give Trump the White House.

If Clinton won the Democratic nomination, Bloomberg's aides believed he had enough support to send the race to the House — but not to win there.

Clinton said Monday during a town hall in Detroit that she had "the greatest respect for Michael Bloomberg" and that she looked "forward to continuing to work with him."

Sanders, meanwhile, said it was Bloomberg's decision but he was concerned "on a broader scale" that only billionaires like the former mayor believe they can run for office.

Spokeswomen for Trump and Cruz did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

One of the richest people in the United States, estimated to be worth $38 billion, Bloomberg has previously toyed with presidential runs, but concluded ahead of the 2008 and 2012 campaigns he could not win.

He is largely a social liberal — he fought for same-sex marriage in New York and is pro-abortion rights — and implemented a number of health reforms in New York City, banning smoking in public places and instituting calorie counts on menus.

He has also become one of the nation's most vocal proponents of gun control, using his fortune to bankroll candidates across the country who clash with the National Rifle Association. But liberals have found fault with his cozy ties to Wall Street and his unquestioned support for the New York Police Department, which drove down crime during his tenure but engaged in tactics that a federal judge later ruled discriminated against minorities.

After leaving office, he returned to running his company, which posted $9 billion in revenue last year, and continues to run his foundation. He gave away more than $500 million in 2015.

Clinton and Sanders make final pitch to Michigan voters at town hall

By Arit John
Bloomberg News

Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders made last bids for support in Michigan's Democratic primary today, with both arguing they would be able to navigate the gridlock in Washington that's spawned anger among voters of both political parties.

In back-to-back appearances at a town hall hosted by Fox News in Detroit, the two candidates picked up where they left off after Sunday's debate in Flint, Michigan answering questions on the economy, national security, abortion rights, education and working with Republicans.

For the most part, Clinton and Sanders passed over questions designed to pit them against each other. Asked whether he's more trustworthy than Clinton, Sanders said, "I will let the people of the United States make that decision." Clinton, asked whether she views Sanders as an opponent or an ally, called the Vermont senator an ally.

"If I am so fortunate, I hope to work with him because the issues he has raised, the passion he has demonstrated, the people he has attracted are going to be very important in the general election, but equally following the election to try to get things done," she said.

Asked if he would be willing to become Clinton's running mate, Sanders said he is "talking about running this campaign to win." Clinton said she was focused on the Michigan primary, not who her running mate might be.

Sanders is running out of opportunities to challenge Clinton's lead in the Democratic presidential race. She is already half-way to winning enough delegates to secure the nomination. That means Sanders needs a major score in the next round of delegate-rich primaries: today in Michigan and Mississippi and contests one week later in Florida, Illinois, Missouri, North Carolina and Ohio.

Sanders is emphasizing his opposition to free-trade accords that he says have led to the decline of manufacturing jobs, a potentially potent issue in the state that is home to the U.S. auto industry.

"One of the strong differences of opinion that Secretary Clinton and I have, I have helped lead the opposition against every one of these terrible trade programs," Sanders said. "I don't believe American workers should be forced to compete against desperate people around the world who are making pennies an hour."

Anticipating that line of attack, Clinton took Sanders by surprise during CNN's Sunday night debate when she criticized him for voting against the Troubled Asset Relief Program, the bailout of the financial industry that also provided $85 billion in relief to the automobile industry.

"I voted to save the auto industry," Clinton said Sunday. "He voted against the money that ended up saving the auto industry. I think that is a pretty big difference."

On Monday, Sanders was on the offensive, telling an audience in Kalamazoo, Michigan that Clinton "went out of her way to mischaracterize" his vote. Sanders said he voted for the auto bailout when it came before the Senate as a separate bill that ultimately failed, and later voted against TARP. The senator has said Clinton's comments on the auto bailout are an attempt to distract from her past support for various trade deals and Wall Street.

Michigan is a crucial state for Sanders, who is fighting a growing perception that his campaign is more about pushing his agenda than actually winning the nomination. Despite winning caucuses in Kansas, Nebraska and Maine over the weekend, Sanders has yet to win a large, delegate-rich state. There are 130 delegates up for grabs in Michigan.

After a series of victories, including eight Super Tuesday contests, Clinton leads Sanders by almost 200 pledged delegates won in primaries and caucuses. When super delegates — party members who are free to chose who they will support — are taken into account, Clinton has 1,130 of the 2,383 needed to win the nomination, compared with 499 for Sanders, according to a tally compiled by The Associated Press.

The two Democrats also are scheduled to take part in a debate Wednesday in Florida.

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Tunisia bloodied: 53 dead in clashes near Libyan border

By Ben Bouazza
Associated Press

TUNIS, Tunisia — Exceptionally deadly clashes between Tunisian forces and extremist attackers left at least 53 people dead Monday near Tunisia's border with Libya, the government said, amid growing fears that violence from Libya could destabilize the whole region.

Gunmen attacked the city of Ben Guerdane at dawn Monday and fighting continued past nightfall. Tunisia closed its border with Libya and the Tunisian interior and defense ministers traveled to the town to oversee the operation, according to a joint statement from their ministries.

Tunisian Prime Minister Hassid Essid said on Wtaniya television that the attack was an Islamic State attempt to carve out a stronghold on the border. No group claimed immediate responsibility, but two IS-affiliated websites said Islamic State group militants were engaged in the fighting.

"This is an unprecedented attack, planned and organized. Its goal was probably to take control of this area and to announce a new emirate," Tunisian President Beji Caid Essebsi said.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon condemned the attack and reiterated the U.N.'s commitment "to stand with the people of Tunisia as they confront the scourge of terrorism and work to preserve the gains of the revolution," his spokesman said.

At dawn Monday, gunmen targeted a police station and military facilities in Ben Guerdane, Tunisian Interior Ministry spokesman Yasser Mosbah told The Associated Press. A night curfew was ordered in Ben Guerdane until further notice.

The attack and ensuing fighting left 35 attackers, seven civilians and 11 members of Tunisia's security forces dead, according to the joint government statement.

Tunisian forces have repeatedly clashed with extremists on the borders of Libya and Algeria in recent years, but Monday's fighting was unusually bloody. Tunisia has been as a model of relative stability for the region since an uprising five years ago ushered in democracy and inspired Arab Spring protests against dictatorships across the region.

An uprising in neighboring Libya led to the ouster and killing of longtime autocrat Moammar Gadhafi in 2011, but since then the country has fallen into chaos, allowing the Islamic State group to take control of several cities. The divided country is ruled by two parliaments: an internationally recognized body based in the eastern city of Tobruk and a rival government, backed by Islamist-allied militias, that controls the capital, Tripoli.

Tunisia is especially worried about the IS presence in Libya after dozens of tourists were killed in attacks in Tunisia last year. IS extremists claimed responsibility for those attacks, and Tunisian authorities said the attackers had been trained in Libya.

The Tunisian military sent reinforcements and helicopters to the area around Ben Guerdane and authorities were hunting several attackers still at large. Officials urged residents to stay indoors.

"This attack just reinforces the urgent need for a political solution in Libya," the ministry said in a statement, adding that Tunisia was targeted because of its "exemplary democratic transition."

EU, Turkey hope to get breakthrough migrant deal by March 17

by Raf Casert and Lorne Cooke
Associated Press

Associated Press

Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu, left, speaks with European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, right, and European Council President Donald Tusk, center, after a final media conference at an EU summit in Brussels.

BRUSSELS (AP) — European Union leaders hoped early Tuesday they reached the outlines for a possible deal with Ankara to return thousands of migrants to Turkey and said they were confident a full agreement could be reached at a summit next week.

After months of disagreements and increasing bickering among the 28 EU nations, French President Francois Hollande said that "the summit has created hope that the refugee question can be dealt with through solidarity in Europe, and efficiency in cooperation with Turkey."

All eyes centered now on March 17 and the start of a two-day summit to finalize the commitment and clinch an iron-clad deal which the leaders hope would allow for a return to normalcy at their borders by the end of the year.

Turkey said it would be willing to make greater efforts to contain irregular migration. "The truth is that Turkey came to the summit with attractive proposals, and I believe that surprised many," said Greek Prime Minister Alex Tsipras.

EU President Donald Tusk said that after a week of shuttle diplomacy in and around Turkey, "we have a breakthrough now."

During 12 hours of negotiations, Turkey insisted that any agreement would require Europe to advance Turkey's long-delayed hope of joining the bloc. As an additional step, Turkey said it expects EU nations to ease its visa restrictions on Turkish citizens within months.

Turkey, home to 2.75 million refugees chiefly from neighboring Syria, surprised EU counterparts Monday by demanding a much more funding beyond the 3 billion euros ($3.3 billion) already pledged. "Turkey is ready to work with the EU, and Turkey is ready to be a member of the EU as well," Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davatoglu told reporters in Brussels.

Davutoglu did not disclose how much money Turkey was seeking but he said that the funds would only go to Syrian refugees. "Not one euro will go to Turkish citizens. Every penny will be spent for Syrian refugees."

British Prime Minister David Cameron said that "we do have the basis for a breakthrough which is the possibility that in future all migrants who arrive in Greece will be returned to Turkey." The sides will now reconvene at a two-day summit starting March 17.

For its part, the EU sought to gain stronger commitments from Turkey to take back refugees who have reached European shores and ease a crisis that has left an estimated 13,000 to 14,000 souls encamped in the wintry cold on the Greece-Macedonia border.

"To stop refugees arriving in Greece, we have to cooperate with Turkey," French President Francois Hollande said. Even though many saw the outlines of a deal, it was still too early to clinch it.

In Ankara, the Turkish capital, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan accused the EU of failing to provide enough of the already pledged funds. He also criticized Europe for refusing to accept asylum seekers more readily, linking that policy to needless deaths as thousands opt to cross illegally by sea from the Turkish coast to offshore Greek islands.

"We are not sending them. They are going by sea and many of them are dying. We have rescued close to 100,000 from the sea," Erdogan said in a speech.

Turkey is seeking a new EU commitment to take Syrians and other high-percentage refugee applicants via safe travel routes, such as at the land border between Turkey and Greece, to reduce drowning deaths in the Aegean Sea.

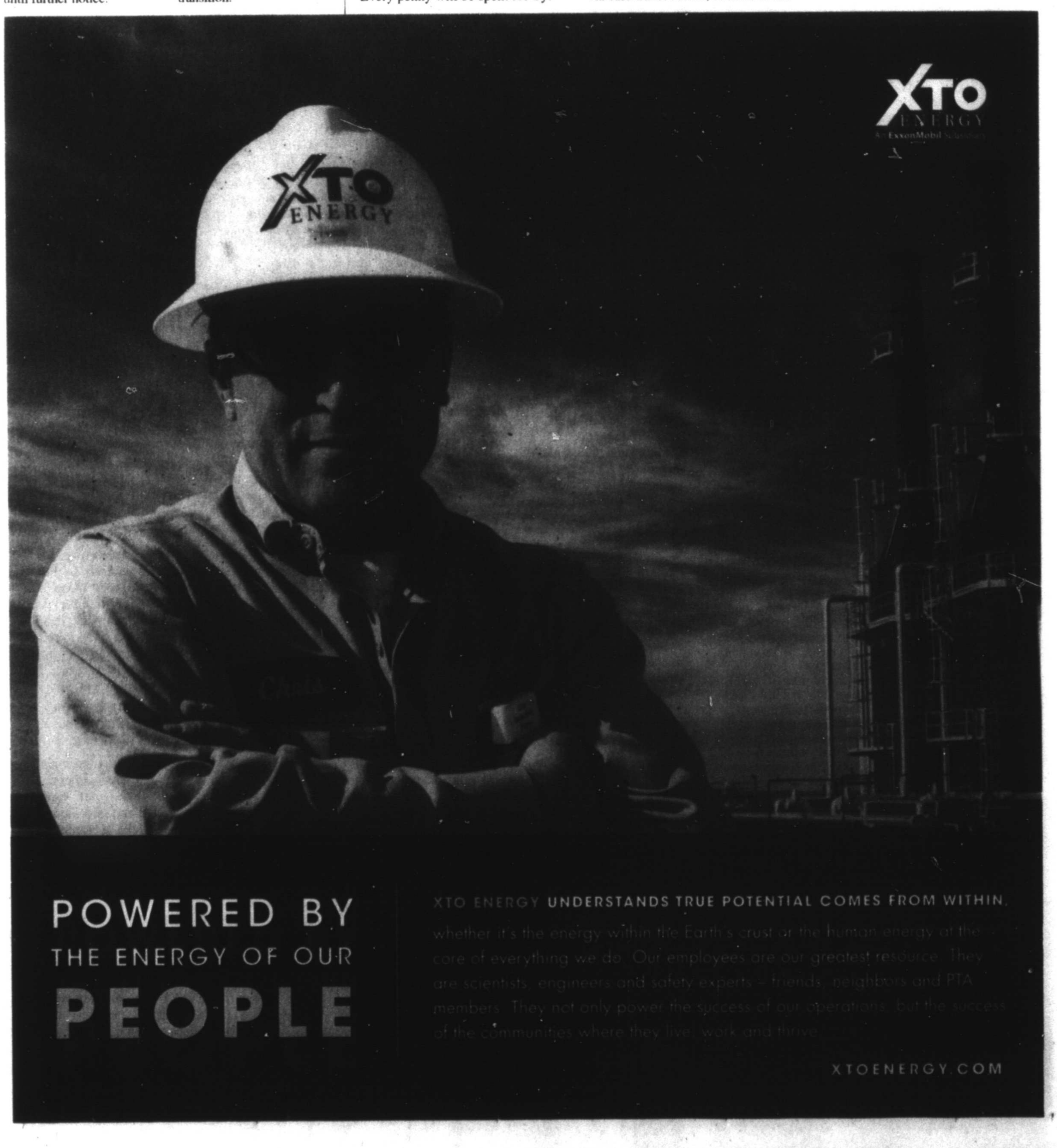
Overshadowing the summit diplomacy is Turkey's questionable human rights record. On Friday, Turkish police stormed the headquarters of an anti-government newspaper to enforce a court order placing the paper and its sister outlets under new management. Police spent the weekend using tear gas and water cannons to quell street protests.

Hollande said that EU cooperation with Turkey should not be interpreted as European acceptance of Turkish rights restrictions. "The press must be free everywhere, including in Turkey," he said.

Of immediate concern was the plight of people stuck at Greece's northern border with non-EU member Macedonia, which for the past year has been one of the most popular routes for asylum seekers to reach central Europe via the Balkans. Hundreds of thousands of people have used the route in recent months to try to reach Germany, Sweden and other preferred destinations.

Macedonia now has effectively sealed off that route, a position backed by Austria, Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia and Hungary. Cash-strapped Greece has struggled to cope with the rapid buildup of humanity.

Those camped on the border vowed Monday to press on into Europe, regardless of what diplomats decide in Brussels.



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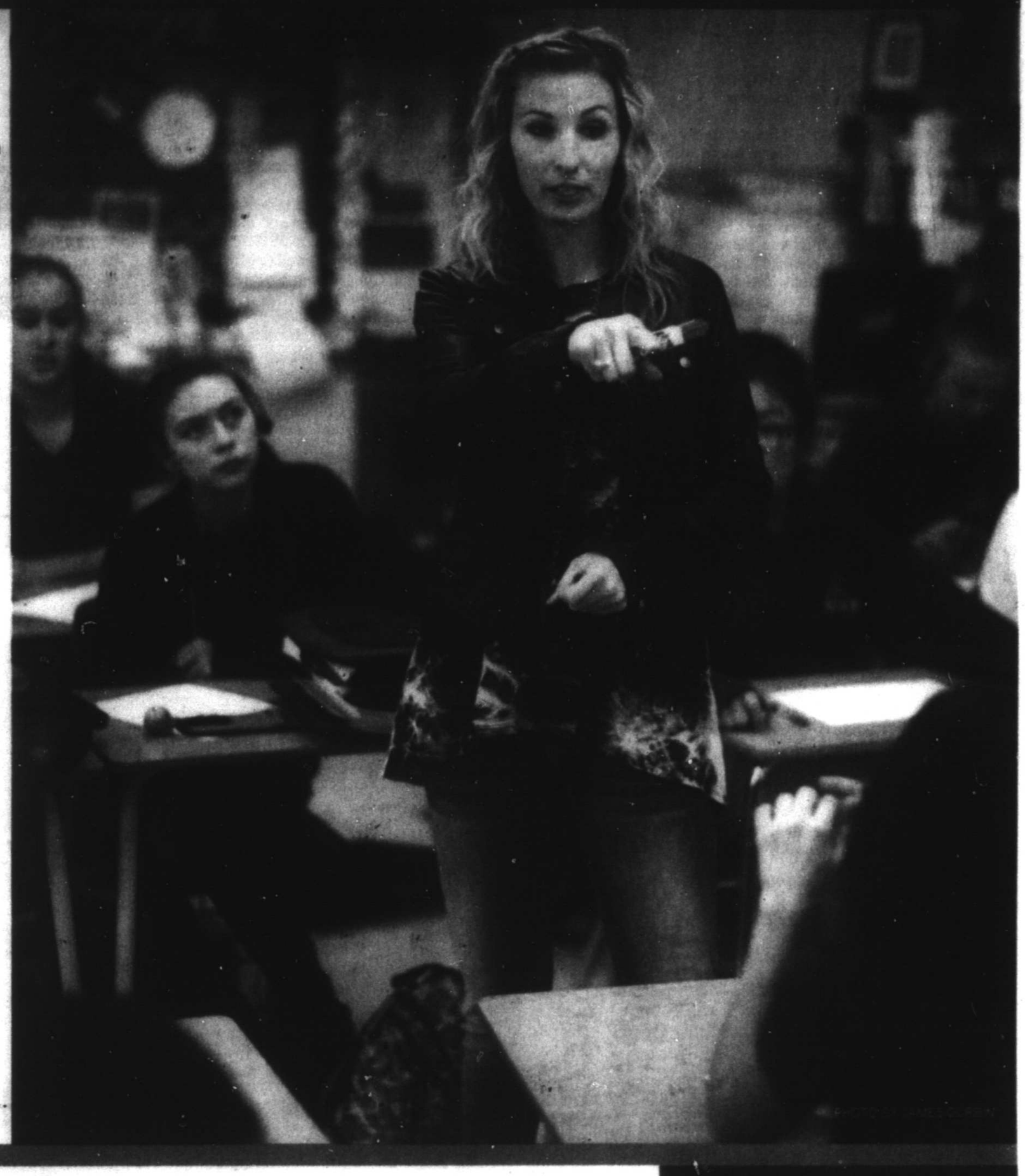

Lyndi Cypher

EIGHTH-GRADE SCIENCE TEACHER AT ALAMO JUNIOR HIGH

As an eighth-grade science teacher at Alamo Junior High, Lyndi Cypher interacts with more than 300 students a year and knows them all on a first-name basis.

"Just in my career I have personally influenced more than 2,400 kids. Wow, that is crazy," said Cypher, who has worked in Midland ISD eight years. "I try to teach them what they need content-wise through science and prepare them for high school athletics but also emphasize basics needed to be successful in life — for example attitude, timeliness, responsibilities — and push them to achieve what they never thought they could."

In addition to teaching eighth-grade science, Cypher serves as science department chairwoman, and girls athletic coordinator for volleyball, basketball and track.

The Monahans native holds a bachelor's of science in kinesiology and a master's of education in school counseling.

Q&A with the Pioneer

Why did you choose a career in education?

I had many exceptional teachers while I was in school. I think it was my love for athletics and the wonderful coaches I had that influenced my career choice. All I have really known my whole life is how to stay busy. Growing up I went from volleyball, to band, to cheerleading, to basketball, to track (junior high only), then to softball, then played all summer. I thought I was done after graduation, but I soon realized after I sat out for a year that my passion was sports. So, I then went on to play volleyball at Sul Ross State University. I got a taste of success through my own education, and now that is all I know. There is no greater feeling than knowing you did your best and have results to prove it.

How have you moved beyond the basic curriculum and found innovative ways to reach your students?

When I first began teaching, we didn't have a very good textbook so I was never a big fan of using it. I have made several games and interactive manipulative activities to get the students involved and we do in-class labs as much as possible. (Building a bobsled and track, dissection, make edible models of tectonic plates, walk on water competition, etc.)

What is the one lesson you want to impart on every student who enters your classroom?

I want them to see how science impacts their life every single day. And most importantly, I want them to get a taste of success from hard work so they know how great it feels and what they are worth.

How do you inspire your peers, colleagues and others aiming to make a difference in Midland ISD?

I talk to them and share my thoughts, challenges and our common interests, so they, too, want to see results.

Has the role of being an educator changed since your first year as a teacher? If so, how?

Yes. I have grown in many ways. I guess you could say I have learned more that each student is dealt with according to their individual needs. It's not a one-size-fits-all model as you think when you first start as a new teacher.

How have you implemented technology into your classroom and instruction model?

Well, I have created a few iPad activities (we only have one set for the whole school), we use the computers for projects, and I also use interactive feedback games such as Kahoot and Plickers. Daily, I use the SmartBoard.

What are your professional goals for the future?

I'm not too sure. I guess long term I've always thought I would like to teach other aspiring educators at the collegiate level ... but we shall see.

What is the greatest challenge to being an educator in Midland today?

I think the greatest challenge, not just in Midland, but everywhere is how much society has changed on what is acceptable and what is not when we talk about student behavior. Students these days have had a phone since elementary or before, and it is part of their everyday routine. They are definitely technology-centered. I have tried and am still trying to use this to an educational advantage.

What support can Midlanders provide you and other educators?

Just be active in your local schools. Parental involvement is a key factor on student success. If teachers and parents work together the outcome is wonderful.

She is often here before 7 a.m. and often after 7 p.m.

Coach Cypher is a perfect example of an exemplary teacher and coach. She is dedicated to her profession in more ways than one. She is always a teacher first in which she portrays a classroom of interaction, technology and learning in the 21st century. Ms. Cypher not only teaches, but she is the department chair in which she leads and guides nine other teachers and girls coaches. Her dedication to Alamo is without question remarkable. She is often here before 7 a.m. and is often here after 7 p.m. She puts in many hours on the weekends as well. She has worked at Alamo for seven years. Coach Cypher is a great teammate, leader to her co-workers and is always willing to go the extra mile to support her school, students and peers. In addition to being a excellent teacher, she provides mentorship to many students. Her loyalty to Alamo is definitely appreciated, and I wish there were more like her. She is fantastic.

LEANN DUMAS, ALAMO JUNIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL

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Students say revised SAT is improvement

By Nick Anderson
The Washington Post

NEW YORK — The SAT's infamous guessing penalty is gone. Its vocabulary is less arcane, minus words such as "lachrymose" and "obsequious" that students tended to memorize and then forget. Its essay is now optional. The perfect score — set in 2005 at 2400 — is reverting to the iconic standard from generations past: 1600.

But perhaps the most important change to the retooled college admission test that debuted last week for hundreds of thousands of students nationwide lies in its approach to what they learn in high school. The new version of the SAT aims more than ever to measure core skills taught in school, such as reading charts, analyzing evidence and applying algebra in mathematical problems.

The College Board, which owns the 90-year-old test, sought to purge the tricky questions — akin to brain teasers — that were vestiges of what used to be called a "scholastic aptitude" measurement. The theory behind aptitude testing was to find innate potential in students regardless of where they went to school. Now the SAT is officially described as an achievement test meant to reward those who study hard in class.

"It most resembles the work that kids are already doing in the classroom," College Board President David Coleman said last week in an interview with The Washington Post at his office here in New York. "I think the old SAT was a departure from kids' everyday work, in their schoolwork. Evidently. It was almost universally felt to be so."

The new SAT was rolled out Wednesday in schools in the District of Columbia, Connecticut, New Hampshire, selected New York City schools, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Jose, and in Florida's Hillsborough and Seminole counties. On Saturday morning, 277,000 students from across the country are scheduled to sit for the test. In all, 463,000 students are expected to take the new SAT this month.

Hugo Barrillon and Jordana Graveley, juniors at Conard High School in West Hartford, Connecticut, called the revision an improvement. They took the SAT Wednesday morning during school along with 40,000 other 11th-graders in Connecticut, with testing fees fully paid by the state. Both also had taken the old version in January.

"I noticed that in the reading, there were a lot more 'evidence-based' questions," said Barrillon, 16. "You would have to find a source from the text to support your answer to the previous question. That was definitely different." Barrillon said he believed the new test reflected his studies more than the old one.

"It's a lot more focused on what we have learned in school," Gravely, also 16, agreed. One of the reading passages, she said, was a document that covered material familiar from history lessons. "The vocab was really actually something that you would encounter in real life," she said. The old SAT penalized students for incorrect answers, to deter guessing. But the new SAT eliminates that rule. "It's a lot less of learning how to take the test than the old one was," Graveley said.

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SALUTE TO THE SPIRIT OF TEXAS

Editor's note

The Aaron Estes Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas sponsors a student essay contest in conjunction with the Texas Independence Day celebration. The 2016 winners are Tanner Hedrick, Midland Christian School seventh-grader, and Cal Heidelberg, Hillander School fourth-grader.

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Daughters of the Republic of Texas essay contest winners Cal Heidelberg, left, and Tanner Hedrick, right, pose with re-enactors during the Texas Independence Day celebration Wednesday at the Haley Library.

European Immigrants in the Republic of Texas

By Tanner Hedrick

After Texas won its independence from Mexico in 1836, it became its own independent country and was named the Republic of Texas. During the years 1836-1846 immigrants moved here from various countries in Europe hoping to find a better life in the Republic in Texas. These immigrants took a chance and left their homes and countries to start a new life in a beautiful place with lots of land, rivers and mild climate. In areas where they settled in the Republic, you can still see evidence of their culture, hear their different languages being spoken and see their influence on the area they chose to settle.

Life was different back in those days. The capital was

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James Bonham: Rebellious man, brave messenger

By Cal Heidelberg

James Butler Bonham was born in Red Banks, South Carolina, on February 20, 1807. He was the great grandson of Samuel Fuller, one of the children on the Mayflower. James grew up on the Bonham family plantation and attended a field school. A field school is a one room schoolhouse in a plantation area that would have had a large stove for heating the room on cold days. James and his friend, William Barret "Buck" Travis were pranksters at school until the death of James's father. James's father died when he was eight years old. James became a more serious student after his father's death. James was raised by his mother, Sophia. She had inherited plantations from

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'Free to the student' college devalues education

AMBER KELLY
Howard College

Over the past few months, the following questions has been posed to me more times than I can recall:

"So what about this free college thing?"

Colleagues, friends and acquaintances have asked me this in varying forms, some out of concern, some out of curiosity. Usually I just shake my head and roll my eyes. Not because the question is stupid, but because the entire concept of free college is a fallacy of logic. Why?

College isn't free.

Education isn't free.

Education is jobs, health benefits, supplies, utility bills, building upkeep, security and technology, to name a few. These things cost money. Someone has to pay for them, be it the student, parent, or taxpayer. So even calling it "free college" is misleading. It is more accurate to say "free to the student" college.

The concept of "free to the student" college sounds like a great idea — shift the burden of tuition from the student to the taxpayer. But what happens when the taxpayer wants to limit how much money colleges get? Or when the government deems that those taxpayer dollars need to be minimized for some reason? When the latter happens now, colleges have the option, albeit last resort option, to raise tuition. Take away that option, and how do we keep operational when inevitable cuts come? I can't barter a lesson on symbols in "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" for my college's water bill.

Having low-cost college does not necessarily equal success. California, which offers the lowest tuition rates in the country for community college, underwent $1.5 billion in cuts leading up to 2013 when voters finally approved Proposition 30 for tax increases to fund education. Before that time, however, the cuts resulted in roughly 600,000 students being turned away and many campuses limiting enrollment, including closing during the summer months, to counter financial strain.

Conversations like this are happening closer to home, too. Texas community colleges are no strangers to financial problems. Funding continues to be cut by the state for community colleges; last year 1.4 percent of funding was cut, which works out to $25 million over the next two years. We are challenged to increase enrollment, but we can't afford to hire the instructors and staff necessary to support those additional students. Additionally, with enrollment hinging on the oil industry, hiring someone today could mean letting them go in a year or two if enrollment dips again. Recruitment is difficult because budgets are tight and spending limited. It's a paradox that can't be easily solved because it all comes down to money. Someone has to pay something if colleges are going to keep their doors open. The less money available, the fewer students an institution can serve.

Beyond that, "free to the student" college devalues a college education. At the present, college is a time and money commitment. Even financial aid requires students to attend class and maintain certain grades or it goes away. For many students that is a motivator. If there is no cost, the investment of the student decreases exponentially. Unlike public elementary and secondary schools — which have truancy laws on their side — colleges would have limited recourse if a student doesn't attend class or continually fails. Taking money out of the equation on the student side

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BROADCAST																	
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	O'Neals (N)	Agents of SHIELD "Bouncing Back" (N)		Kings "Offerings of Blood" (P) (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS: New Orleans "Foreign Affairs"		NCIS "Saviors"		Limitless "Close Encounters" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Laverne & Shirley	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Shifty Shoebox"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	New Girl (N)	Grandfathered (N)	Brooklyn 99	The Grinder	Fox 24 News	TMZ	2 Broke Girls	Modern Family	Two and Half Men	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	14	11	Jean-Claude	Joshua Caleb	Update News	Audra Grace	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Israel Inspired	Mission: M25	Ministerios Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	The Voice "The Blind Auditions, Part 4" The blind auditions continue with the coaches. (N)				BigShot "Little Bruce Lee" (P) (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Finding Your Roots "Maps of Stars" (N)			Mercy Street	Mercy Street "The Diabolical Plot"		Charlie Rose (N)		World News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Un camino hacia el destino		Sueño de amor		Pasion y poder		El Hotel de los Secretos		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Fam. Feud	The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Office	Access H.
PREMIUM																	
FLIX	340	575		165		(4:55) Peaceful W...		★★ The Program ('93, Spt) James Caan.				★★ Split Decisions			(:40) ★★★ Sling Blade		
HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:30) ★ Exodus: Gods and Kings				Vinyl "The Racket"		Gonzaga	Unfinished Business			(:05) Boxing HBO Bad	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(4:15) ★★ Ali		Spy ('15, Act/Com) Melissa McCarthy.				LastWeek	Bill Maher		★★ Run All Night		
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(4:35) ★★★★ Malcolm X				Girls	Together	(:15) Wild ('14, Bio) Reese Witherspoon.				(:15) Kingsman: ...	
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:15) Paradise Ro...		(:10) The Good Lie Reese Witherspoon.				★★★ The Insider ('99, Susp) Russell Crowe, Al Pacino.					Movie
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(5:25) Gone Girl ('14, Myst) Ben Affleck.				★★★★ John Wick			(:45) ★★ Taking Lives Angelina Jolie.				Movie
PLEX			96			(5:05) In Good C...		★★ Crocodile Dundee II Paul Hogan.				(:55) ★ Hard Time			★★★ Hatari! John Wayne.		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(4:50) Shooter		Billions "The Punch"		The Giver Brenton Thwaites.			(:45) Shameless		(:45) ★★★ Shooter		
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(4:50) Need for S...		★★ Cold in July Michael C. Hall.				★★★ W. ('08, Bio) Elizabeth Banks.				(:10) Rampart	
CABLE																	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Married at First Sight "Final Decisions"		Married/ First Sight "Final Decisions"		Married/ First Sight "Six Months Later"		Fit to Fat to Fit "Fallon/ JD" (N)		Married/ First Sight "Final Decisions"		Married/ First Sight "Final Decisions"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) The Sorcere...		★★★ The Rock ('96, Act) Nicolas Cage, Ed Harris, Sean Connery.						★★★ U.S. Marshals Wesley Snipes.			
BET	58	-		40		Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Mann's	Mann's	Mann's	Mann's	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Beverly	Beverly Hills		Watch (N)	Beverly Hills (N)		Tour Group (N)		Watch (N)	Beverly Hills		Watch
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Guide	Rich Guide	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Guide (N)	Guide (N)	Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	America's Choice (N)		America's Choice (N)		America's Choice (N)		America's Choice (N)		America's Choice (N)		America's Choice (N)	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Moonshiners		Moonshiners (N)		Moonshiners (N)		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Liv/Mad	Bunk'd	K.C. Undercover		S.Middle	Girl M.	Friends	Liv/Mad	Bunk'd	Girl M.	Jessie	Jessie
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Basketb. Horizon League Tournament (L)				NCAA Basketball WCC Tournament (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball NEC Tournament (L)				NCAA Basket. Summit League Tournament (L)				Tennis BNP Paribas Showdown			
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	Pretty Liar "Bum This"		Pretty Little Liars (N)		Shadow "Rise Up" (N)		Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club		The Perfect Man	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Montréal Canadiens Site: Bell Centre -- Montreal, Que. (L)					Stars Live (L)	Stars Insider	RodeoWrap/H. Fame	O'Brien-Award (N)	WPT Poker	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Movie	The Counselor ('13, Dra) Penélope Cruz, Cameron Diaz.					O.J. Simpson (N)		O.J. Simpson		O.J. "The Race Card"	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper (N)		Fixer Upper (N)		H.Hunter	House	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Counting	CountCars	Counting	Counting	Count. (N)	Count. (N)	(:05) Forged Fire (N)		(:05) Forged in Fire		Counting	Counting
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Dance Moms "Maddie is Back"		Dance Chat "Nia Saves the Day" (N)		Dance Moms "Abby Lee Horror Story" (N)		Daughter "Headlines Don't Lie" (N)		Mom Daughter "The Mother of All Drama"		Dance Moms: Chat "Nia Saves the Day"	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				NHLLive	NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Islanders (L)					(:15) NHL Overtime (L)		Blazers	Premier League		Premier
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Paradise	H.Danger	H.Danger	Sponge	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Ink Master		Ink Master "Ink Live"		Ink Mstr "Initiation"		Ink Master		Ink Mstr	Ink Mstr	Tattoo	Tattoo
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★★ Blade: Trinity Wesley Snipes.				★★ Legion ('10, Act) Paul Bettany.				Colony "Broussard"		From Dusk Till ...	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Boyfriend"	Seinf. "The Boyfriend"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Separation Anxiety "Troy and Erin" (P) (N)		Conan Arsenio Hall, Behati Prinsloo		2 Broke Girls	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) Meet Me in...		★★★ Frenchman's Creek				★★★ My Cousin Rachel				Who Done It?	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Quien es quien?		Eva, La Trailera		Querida centauro		Al rojo	Titulares	Gran Hermano	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	The Little Couple "Mr. Mom"		Little "Countdown to the Season Finale" (N)		The Little Couple "A Little 4-1-1" (N)		Rattled "Redefining 'Having It All'" (N)		The Little Couple "A Little 4-1-1"		Rattled "Redefining 'Having It All'"	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Castle "Valkyrie"		Rizzoli & Isles "East Meets West"		Rizzoli & Isles "Bomb Voyage" (N)		Rizzoli & Isles "Bomb Voyage"		Castle "Dreamworld"		CSI: NY "Enough"	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows (N)	Chrisley Knows	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
WGN	19	85				(5:00) ★★ The Bodyguard (1992, Suspense) Kevin Costner, Gary Kemp, Whitney Houston.				Outsiders "Decomp of a Stuck Pig" (N)		Outsiders "Decomp of a Stuck Pig"		Outsiders "Decomp of a Stuck Pig"		Outsiders "Decomp of a Stuck Pig"	

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SAT

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Bruce Reed, a test-preparation consultant with Compass Education Group, based in Larkspur, California, said student perceptions about the new SAT matter less, in the end, than whether the test yields reliable and valid results to help admissions officers do their jobs.

"Isn't it ultimately about the colleges?" he said. "It's a hollow victory if it's just a test that feels better when you're taking it."

The revision has been years in the making. Coleman, one of the architects of the Common Core State Standards, was given a mandate to rethink the admission test when he took the helm of the College Board in 2012. The Common Core spells out what students should learn in math and English language arts from kindergarten through high school. Those standards, and the assessments connected to them, were widely adopted but have proven politically controversial. The College Board considered Coleman's expertise an asset as the nonprofit organization grappled with discontent about its marquee test.

The last overhaul of the SAT, in 2005, added a writing section with a required 25-minute essay, worth a maximum of 800 points, to the math and critical reading sections, also worth up to 800 points each. In ensuing years, the SAT lost market share to the rival ACT admission test.

The ACT, based in Iowa, assesses English, reading, math and science, with an optional essay. It has long been perceived as a straightforward achievement test, with slightly higher time pressure per question than the SAT. It does not have a guessing penalty, and it has never purported to measure aptitude. Colleges now accept either test equally, and in 2012, the ACT surpassed the SAT in usage. In the nation's Class of 2015, about 1.9 million students took the ACT, compared to 1.7 million who took the SAT.

"One cannot ignore we're in competition with the ACT," Coleman acknowledged. But he said that was not the main driver of the SAT changes.

Coleman unveiled his vision for the new SAT in March 2014. He wanted a transparent test, stripped of trickery and grounded firmly in what students learn. He also announced that the College Board would team with the nonprofit Khan Academy to offer students free online tutorials for the SAT, a measure aiming to reduce the advantage of families wealthy enough to hire private test-preparation consultants. Since June, 900,000 students have registered with Khan for SAT practice and have completed 39 million problems, Coleman said.

The old SAT took 3 hours and 45 minutes. The new version is 3 hours, plus another 50 minutes for those who opt to write an essay. The two core sections are math and "evidence-based reading and writing." Most of the questions are multiple-choice, but some math questions require students to write in an answer. The math section focuses on algebra, data analysis and fluency with complex equations and expressions in preparation for advanced math.

Calculators, previously allowed throughout the math section, are now barred from certain portions of the new test. There also is less emphasis on geometry.

Some prominent universities in recent years -- including Wake Forest and George Washington -- have dropped requirements for applicants to submit SAT or ACT scores. Critics of the tests say that they are a needless barrier to college access for disadvantaged students, and that transcripts and other information can tell colleges all they need to know about an applicant's academic potential.

But the large majority of selective colleges, in the Ivy League and beyond, continue to require submission of scores. They will be watching closely how the revised SAT performs its mission of helping to predict college success. That could take years to learn.

"We're quite optimistic that it will be at least as good as the old test," said William R. Fitzsimmons, longtime dean of admissions and financial aid at Harvard University. "But we have to wait and see."

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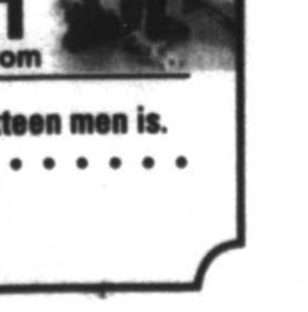

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I N M A T E

D R E A D

Yesterday's Answer: BEGAT, AGLOW; VAULT, ONION; FABLE, RAYON

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MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland High School senior **Millicent "Mills" Hullender** has been honored by the Midland Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Kelly and Todd Hullender and the granddaughter of Doc and Gayle Dodson and David and Melissa Hullender.

Hillander

She is Student Council treasurer and a member of the volleyball team and Catoico court. She is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

She is a member of Teen CBS and teaches ASK (After School Kids) CBS and is involved with Stonegate Youth and Young Life.

She volunteers with Rock the Desert, Watch and Pray and Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Hullender plans to attend the University of Texas and major in speech pathology.

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Midland High School senior **Alexis Washington** has been honored by the Midland Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Andrea and Joshua Wabuke.

Washington

She is a member of the basketball team, National Honor Society and AVID and is a basketball letterman.

She volunteers with Keep Midland Beautiful, is a volunteer referee for Midland YMCA and First Baptist Church and is a FBC day camp counselor.

Washington plans to attend Midland College and major in nursing.

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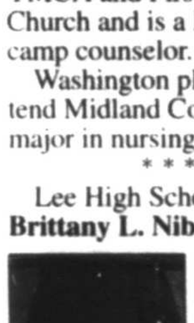
Lee High School senior **Brittany L. Niblett** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Anthony Niblett.



Niblett

She is a member of Senior Girls.

Niblett plans to attend Midland College and culinary school.

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Lee High School senior **Isaiah Terrell** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. He is the son of Isaiah Terrell and Carylon Wilson.

He is a member of Business Professionals of America and the track team and is a state qualifier for BPA.

He attends Community Worship Center, is co-chair of the Midland Youth Advisory Council and is a sergeant with Midland Police Explorers.

Terrell plans to attend University of Texas of the Permian Basin and major in business.

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Lee High School senior **Rachel Pitchford** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Carole and Waymon Pitchford.

Pitchford

She is vice president of the Student Council, captain of the soccer and volleyball teams, member of Senior Girls, PALS and RebeLee Court. She is an academic letterman, a Texas Scholar, first team All-District in soccer and honorable mention in volleyball.

She is a member of Stonegate Youth and is a Symphony Belle.

Pitchford plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in agriculture.

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DENTON — Five Midlanders were named to the honor rolls for the fall semester at Texas Woman's University.

Named to the Chancellor's List were **Kayla Beattie, Cheyenne Folger** and **Morgan Lane.**

Named to the Dean's List were **Erica Hughes** and **Katie Tower.**

To be eligible for the Chancellor's List, students must maintain a 4.0 GPA.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.5.

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A number of Greenwood High School students have been named to the "A" Honor Roll for the fourth six weeks.

NOTE: The list does not include students whose parents have requested that information about their children not be released.

■ Ninth grade: **Brenna Bell, Kayla Cheek, Nathan Flores, Lita Horton, Kaitlan Keel, Lexi Knapp, Bethany Mackey, Kaitlyn Mackey, Noah Palacio, Peyton Richardson, Haley Russell, Jacob Somers, Garrett Turner** and **Jaylene Valenzuela-Moiza.**

■ 10th grade: **Mackenzie Butts, Kyndall Dove, Ryan Grantham, Bethany Kahler, Natalee Karcher, Kayleigh Kitto, Ricardo Reyes** and **Jacie Roye.**

■ 11th grade: **William Chappell, Kelley Cooper, Blake Elliott, Alexander Evans, Shelby Farmer, Jiles Finch, Nathen Gonzales, Hillarry Hanna, Colby Karcher, Seth Keeton, Fabian Madrid, Cylie Mebane, Colton Moore, Makayla Niblett, Kylee Onick** and **Joaquin Sotelo.**

■ 12th grade: **Kaleigh Cloyd, Natasha Coker, Erin Hickman, Ariadna Lujan, Julissa Morin, Tanner Parker, Sarah Perkins, Jacob Rogers, Jordan Shoults, Krista Somers, Chase Strumpfer, Traleese Tuala** and **Rylee Young.**

EDUCATIONBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Parents can apply for pre-kindergarten

Application packets for Midland ISD's Early Childhood Program — pre-kindergarten — will be available at the administration building, 615 W. Missouri Ave., beginning March 14. When parents or guardians pick up a packet, they will schedule an appointment to discuss eligibility.

The program is for children from low-income or homeless families; children who are limited in English; children who currently are in or previously have been in foster care; children in active military or reserves family. They must turn 4 on or before Sept. 1.

For more information, call 240-1530.

SRSU honors Midlander

Midlander Brad Carter was among individuals honored Feb. 20 at Sul Ross State University's annual Hall of Honor/Distinguished Alumni banquet. Carter, a 1976, graduate, received the first Outstanding Alumni Association Advisory Board member award.

The award has been established to recognize exemplary volunteer service and dedication to the university, according to a press release from SRSU.

Bill Nye is MC lecture series speaker

Bill Nye, the Science Guy is coming to Midland College on March 17 as part of the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series.

Nye is a scientist, engineer, comedian, author and inventor. His mission is to help foster a scientifically literate society and to make science entertaining and accessible, according to MC's website.

The free lecture is 7:30 p.m. at Chaparral Center.

TANNER

From 2B

located in Houston. There was not much money in the Republic because so much money had been spent on the war. There were not many roads to get from one town to the next and there were still attacks from Indians and Mexican troops near the border. The Republic wanted new people to move here to build towns, schools and roads for our new country. Our new government wanted people to move here from Europe to start new lives here. To help attract European immigrants to Texas, the empresarial system was used to designate colonies and bring immigrants here.

Three of the most famous empresarios were Henri Castro from France and two Germans named Henry Fisher and Burchard Miller. In 1842, Henri Castro persuaded 600 families and men to move from their homes in France and come live near San Antonio, Texas. They started a colony called Castroville named after Henri Castro. Castro hired 27 ships and brought over 2,000 farmers from France to start new lives in Texas. In return for the French people leaving their homes, friends and country, Mr. Castro gave them a ship ride over to Texas, 320 acres, a house and tools to start their first farm. All of this only cost $240.00. In return, Castro gave all his colonists approximately 300,000 acres of land. The ship ride was very difficult and would take months to get to Texas from France. They would land in Galveston, Texas and take horses and buggy rides from Galveston to their new community and the trip was long and hard and would take many weeks. Back then, a horse and buggy could only travel about 10 miles a day.

Also in 1842, Henry Fisher and Burchard Miller were two empresarios who helped bring 6,000 German, Swiss, Norwegian, Swedish and Danish families to settle on 3 million acres between the Llano and San Saba Rivers. These immigrants moved away from their countries and chose to move to Texas where costs were cheap and taxes were not high.

A small number of European immigrants moved to Texas from Switzerland, Sweden and Norway. The Swiss immigrants settled in the northern part of Texas. They helped to bring dairy farming to Texas. The first Swedish immigrants settled mainly in the towns of Galveston and Houston. The first Norwegian immigrants settled near the Dallas area and in East Texas.

The largest groups of immigrants to move to Texas were from Germany. During 1836 and 1846 over 35,000 immigrants moved to Texas from Germany. They did not speak English and only spoke German. They had to learn a brand new language when they arrived in our country. They settled mostly in the areas of New Braunfels, Texas and Fredericksburg, Texas. Both of these towns have a strong German influence still seen today. You can still hear German accents spoken when you walk down the streets visiting these towns. You also still see some of the German influence in many of the buildings and homes were built with an architecture style from Germany. German foods like sausage, sauerkraut, German potato salad and German beer are very popular in these towns today. One of the largest water parks in the United States today is called the Schlitterbahn, which is a German word meaning slide. The Schlitterbahn water park is located in New Braunfels, Texas and was built with a German theme to remind us today of the strong German culture in this area. New Braunfels and other towns have yearly festivals called the Wurstfest and Oktoberfest that honor all the German people who immigrated here and to celebrate all the German traditions still seen today.

The European immigrants sacrificed greatly by leaving their family and friends in their home countries of Germany, France, Norway, Sweden and many more and took a chance moving to Texas and starting a new way of life. Many died from the long trips over the ocean and malaria from mosquitos when they landed in Galveston. They slept in tents for months while waiting for their homes to be built, but coming to the new frontier of the Republic of Texas was worth it. Texans today owe gratitude for the sacrifices made by the European immigrants to settle Texas and start farms, build towns, hospitals and schools and they contributed to the creation of the Texas we have today.

Tanner Hedrick is a seventh-grader at Midland Christian School. He is the son of Stephanie Hedrick and Larry Hedrick

CARL

From 2B

her father and her husband and she was a good manager.

James remained good friends with William Travis. Travis was two years younger than James and some sources say they were second cousins. They were both very intelligent boys. They enjoyed hunting and fishing and later became skilled horsemen and swordsmen. The two boys also had pride in their manners and the way they spoke. It was a very, sad day when Travis announced that he and his family were moving to Alabama. The two boys promised to keep in touch writing letters.

In 1824, James Bonham went to South Carolina College. While he was there he helped organize a group called the "Black Shirts" that rebelled against the school authority. James's senior year he and over thirty students were expelled. James had always been rebellious and he had a fighting spirit so becoming a lawyer was the perfect job for him. James was admitted to the bar in 1830 and then began to practice law.

Through his brother, Simeon, James Bonham and William Travis were reunited. Travis wrote a letter to Bonham telling him that "stirring times are afoot here; come to Texas and take a hand in affairs." Bonham felt needed and excited about going to Texas. He wrote a letter to General Sam Houston and asked permission to fight in the Army of the Republic of Texas. Bonham went back to South Carolina to tell his mother good-bye and then left for Texas.

On December 20, 1835, Bonham was commissioned a lieutenant of volunteers and in January 1836 Bonham arrived at the Alamo with Jim Bowie. With Santa Anna and his army quickly approaching, Travis and Bowie agreed that more men were needed. On February 18th, 1836, Travis and Bowie sent Bonham, the most trusted horseman, to Goliad to ask Colonel James Fannin to bring his 420 men to help. Fannin stayed in Goliad and did not send help. Bonham knew that he would have to tell Travis no men were coming to help. Bonham returned to the Alamo knowing he had little chance of surviving. He had seen Santa Anna's blood-red flag flying and heard the answer of the cannon which was Travis' way of saying "You will have to come and get us!"

Bonham made a second trip to Goliad on February 24th to plead with Fannin to send help. Once again, Fannin would not send any men. Bonham had to return to the Alamo and tell them again that no help was coming. Bonham was warned by two men that going back to the Alamo was suicidal. Bonham was determined to report the results of his mission to Travis or die trying. He spurred his faithful horse to a gallop. Bullets flew past Bonham as he successfully entered the Alamo.

Travis gathered the Texans on March 5th. He told the men they had the choice to surrender, escape, or stay and fight to the end. Legend has it that Travis drew a line in the sand and said, "Any man who wants to stay and fight step across this line." James Butler Bonham stepped across the line and died the next day when the Alamo fell to Santa Anna's army. This rebellious man and brave messenger will always be remembered as a Texas hero.

Cal Heidelberg is a fourth-grader at Hillander School. He is the son of Becca and Brad Heidelberg.

KELLY

From 2B

lessens the investment and the value of the education he or she is receiving. A college education is an investment in a student's future if we buy into the principle that a college diploma is a valuable commodity.

As a parent, I understand the appeal of no-tuition college. I will have to put two through college in the next 20 years. With many of my colleagues still paying off student loans, I can see the strain of the cost of education, particularly once a student moves beyond the undergraduate level. Beginning a career with entry-level pay and outrageous student loans is problematic on many levels. The solution, however, is not to completely take away financial responsibility from the student.

Like so many issues, how students pay for college is too complex for a one-size fits all, blanket solution. The cost of higher education should not cripple students or parents financially, nor should it solely burden taxpayers. Evaluating textbook costs and providing budget-friendly alternatives is one step the institutions can take. On the student side, fiscal responsibility both leading up to and during college can certainly help. Both sides need to make adjustments rather than hoping for a solution based on wishful thinking.

Amber Kelly is assistant professor of English/history and dean of General Studies at Howard College in Big Spring.

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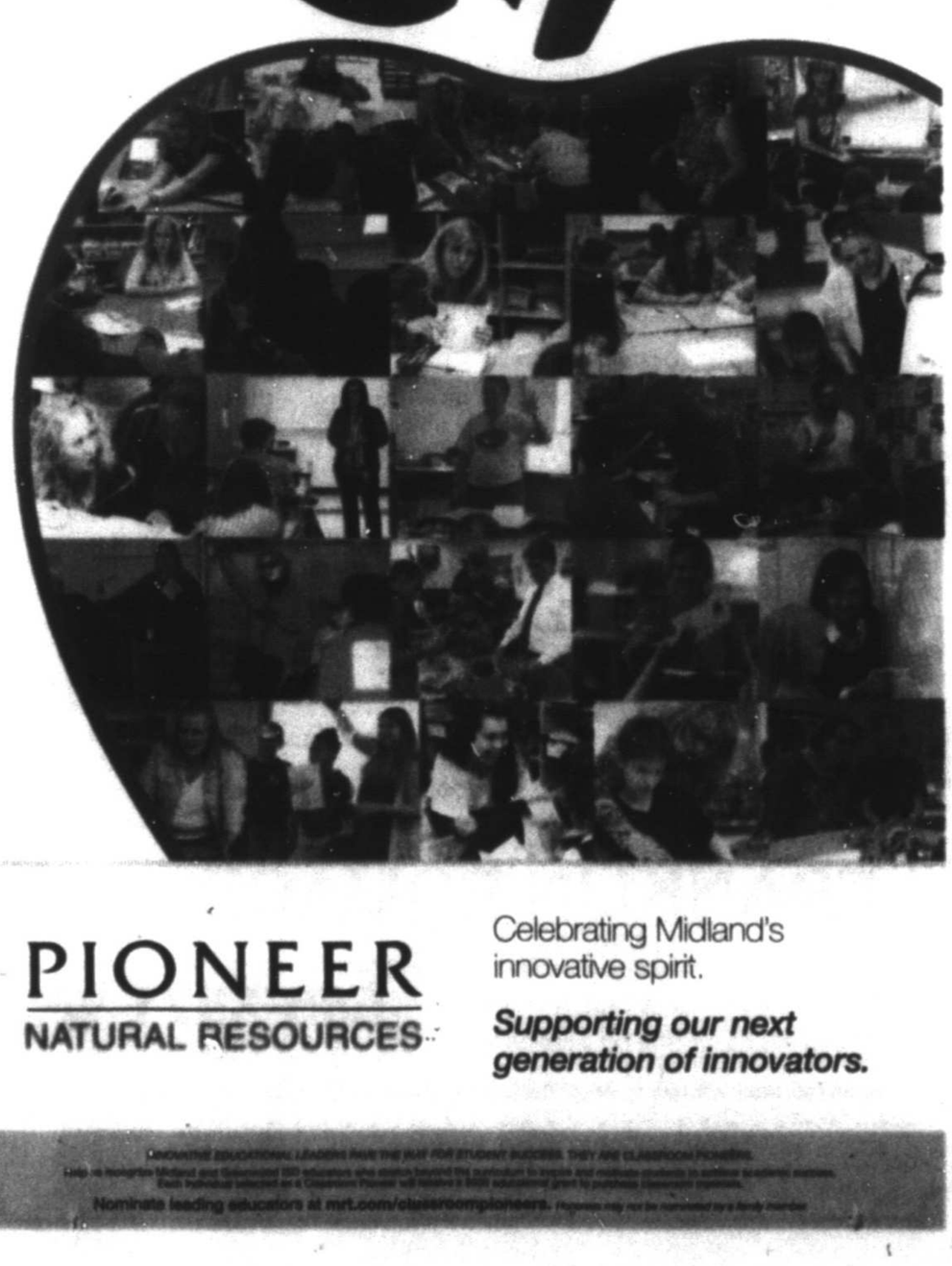

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WEDNESDAY: Cloudy High: 60 Low: 41

THURSDAY: Mostly cloudy High: 59 Low: 44

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 63 Low: 44

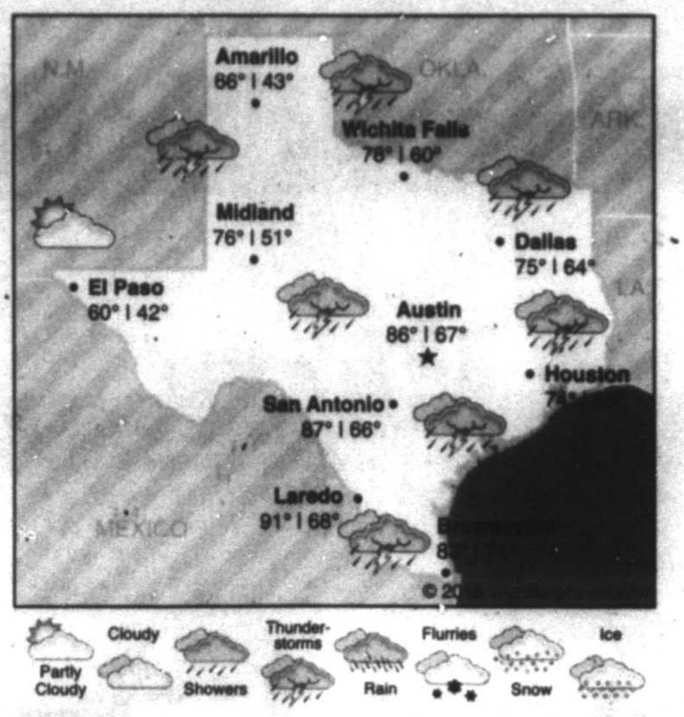
SATURDAY: Sunny High: 74 Low: 50

SUNDAY: Sunny High: 77 Low: 50

Local forecast

There's a 20 to 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms today, according to the National Weather Service. On Wednesday, storms are likely during the day and there's a 60 percent chance at night, according to the NWS. Forecasted high temperatures will range from near 60 to close to 80 over the next six days.

The record high for March 7 is 89 set in 1972. The record low is 12 set in 1996. On March 7 of last year, the high was 61 and the low was 31.



National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, March 8

Weather brief

NEW YORK

Syracuse still leads snowfall race in mildest of winters

SYRACUSE — Even with one of the mildest winters on record, Syracuse remains the snowiest big city in America.

The Salt City has seen 72.2 inches of snow this year. That's well under the norm of over 120 inches, but it's enough for Syracuse to occupy the top spot right now.

Precipitation

Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	0.48 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.41 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	79
Low	58
Normal high	68
Normal low	59
Sunrise	7:07 a.m.
Sunset	6:52 p.m.

Couple sharing household should share expenses, too

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I need some relationship advice. How do you handle household expenses with a partner?

My boyfriend and I have been in a relationship for 10 years. In all this time, he has never once split any of the expenses with me. I pay for everything. He does buy groceries, although not all of them. He also helps around the house and with my daughter.

If I bring up the issue of sharing expenses, it turns into a fight. He says he's "sorry" he doesn't make enough money. Then he says all that matters to me is money and threatens to move out.

I feel completely taken advantage of because he DOES have the money to make $300-plus monthly payments for his new boat that's sitting in my garage. To me, it's all about priorities. I would like a new car, but I have other monthly bills to pay.

Is it just me, or is this unfair? — UP TO HERE WITH IT IN SOUTH DAKOTA

DEAR UP TO HERE: It's not just you. You have been carrying the lion's share of the load. But unless you are finally ready to insist upon a new arrangement with this man — who has had it pretty good for the last 10 YEARS — nothing will change.

It's time to ask yourself whether what he does contribute — on every level — is enough to satisfy you. If it isn't, be prepared to tell him you need to find an equal partner, and if he's unwilling to be that person, he should move.

DEAR ABBY: Four years ago, I had major affection for a man. We talked every chance we could. We arranged times we could sit together and just talk. There was lots of flirting, eye contact and this overwhelming feeling of bliss — butterflies in the stomach — all of that.

The problem was he was married. Once I realized it, I was devastated because I understood what I wanted could never be. I feel so lost. I'm now considering going to counseling.

I still hear from others that he mentions me or says he misses me, but this is old news. Now there's someone else, and it's the same problem — just a different setting.

I feel so guilty for crushing on unattainable men. What's wrong with me? Why can't I like someone who is available? I've liked guys my own age before, and ones who were single, but there's something exciting about older, unavailable men.

I don't want to feel this way, but I know that when I try to fight these feelings they just become stronger. I won't act on them, but I wish I could change them. How can I? — FEELING GUILTY IN OHIO

DEAR FEELING GUILTY: The quickest way to do that would be to talk about these feelings with a licensed mental health professional. When you do, be prepared to touch on all of your relationships with men, including your father — who is usually the first "unattainable" man with whom a little girl falls in love. I am pretty sure you will find that conversation illuminating.

Once you understand your feelings, it may be easier for you to find a man who is truly available — if a relationship beyond a mad flirtation is what you really want, that is.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Skinny game

Neither vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ A K J 6
♡ Q 10 9 4 2
♢ 9
♣ 9 4 3

WEST
♠ 5 3
♡ J 5 3
♢ A K 10 7
♣ A Q 10 2

EAST
♠ 10 4 2
♡ K 8 7
♢ Q 8 6 5 4
♣ J 5

SOUTH
♠ Q 9 8 7
♡ A 6
♢ J 3 2
♣ K 8 7 6

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♢	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣**	Pass
3♢***	Pass	4♣	All pass

*Minimum opener with four spades and a singleton somewhere
**Asking
***Diamond singleton

Opening lead: Ace of

Lynn Deas, of Schenectady, New York, has long been considered one of the world's best players. Health issues have left her confined to a wheelchair for some time now, but nothing has stopped the great bridge she has played for almost 40 years. She and her regular partner, Beth Palmer, play a strong club system. They open all 16-point hands or better with one club, so they do not need a two no-trump rebid to show a strong balanced hand. Their system allowed them to reach a game contract that would have to put on a lot of weight just to be called "skinny."

West shifted to a trump at trick two, won in dummy. Deas reasoned that, seeing the dummy, West would have shifted to a club unless he held the ace. West also presumably held the king of diamonds for his lead, so Deas decided to play East for the king of hearts. She led the queen of hearts from dummy at trick three, covered by the king, and won with her ace. Another heart went to West's jack and he had a tough problem.

Seeing all those heart winners in dummy made West feel that he had to take whatever club winners were available right away. He cashed the ace of clubs and led another club. Had Deas held a fifth spade, this defense could never cost and might have been necessary. Alas for West, Deas only had four spades and any other defense would have worked better. Credit goes to Deas, however, for her excellent card reading in hearts.

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 8, 2016:

This year could be one of your signature years, in which an event or a series of happenings could be significant in determining your path. You will experience a new beginning in at least one area of your life. If you are single, your status easily could change. Be honest with yourself about what you want, as you might have several suitors. If you are attached, you will find certain elements of your bond transforming. Your significant other will be unusually positive and supportive. PISCES can be very dependent at times.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Do not overanalyze your feelings; instead, simply embrace them. You will get guidance through them. A change in how you approach a superior might be appropriate when you stop and reflect on a recent decision. Tonight: Enjoy being by yourself or with only one other person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Others seem overly emotional, and you could witness wild swings of feelings. You will be on the verge of fulfilling a long-desired wish, yet at the same time, you might feel threatened that you could lose it. Stay centered despite obstacles. Tonight: Get together with friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You depend on work being somewhat stable. A new beginning presents itself with your work or career. At first, it might not seem good, but surprises will head your way. You will see and experience the benefit of change. Be willing to flow with the moment. Tonight: Out late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You could feel discouraged by news that heads your way, as it will demand an adjustment. You might choose to do nothing. A conversation will give you a new perspective on this matter, whether you accept it or not. Tonight: Give your mind an escape; try some music or a movie.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Your attention seems to be focused on an important situation that involves a friend. You could be taken aback by everything that comes up regarding this relationship. Though you might grasp for quick solutions, you should take your time. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might be riding the wave that others seem to create. The good news is that you are a great surfer and will come out on top. Observe more, and you will see a different side to the people around you. A relationship gets a new beginning. Tonight: Go with the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You could feel as if you have a great idea and are right on course. Within hours you are likely to see obstacles appear. Be smart and don't push to have your way. Allow the situations around you to play out. Tonight: Change the channel, and do something totally different.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You could feel as if a child, friend or loved one is playing on your emotions. Without grumbling, make it clear that you love this role — it will reinforce how important you are to this person. You might need to quiet some of the complaining. Tonight: Hang with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might be overwhelmed with personal matters. In fact, if you could run away from these issues, you would. You will opt for a new beginning in this area of your life. A boss or client will let you know how valued you are. Tonight: Get as much as rest as possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Share some of the more obscure ideas or feelings you have. By expressing this side of your personality, you will allow others to understand you better. A group of friends and supporters appears to be expanding around you. Tonight: Meet a friend at a favorite haunt.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Curb a tendency to allow money to drip through your fingers. A sense of humor will help you deal with others, especially a friend who might be sad. Treat this person as you would want to be treated. Opt for a new beginning financially. Tonight: Accept an invitation from a pal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Your feelings could swing from one extreme to the other. You might not want to say anything about a serious matter until you stabilize. A close friend and a loved one will watch you go from mood to mood, and actually might find this behavior to be charming. Tonight: Out.

BORN TODAY

News anchor Lester Holt (1959), tennis player Petra Kvitova (1990), actor Freddie Prinze Jr. (1976)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Succotash bean
5 Make a decision
8 Within reach
14 Tree of Life garden
15 Like much sushi
16 Set of lines on personal stationery
17 "Motorist's headache
19 DNA sample source
20 Vietnamese New Year
21 Dutch South African
22 Censor's cover-up
23 "Enjoy, with "in"
26 Counting everything
29 Part of DJIA: Abbr.
30 "Recap on a sports crawl line
34 Phi __ Kappa
38 Took wing
39 Toward the back of the boat
40 Physics class subject
41 Evergreen shrubs
42 "Kids' introduction to a full school day
44 Religious sch.
45 Wrinkle-resistant synthetic
46 "Red-carpet movie event
53 TV studio sign
54 Either of two Henry VIII wives
55 Lacking light
58 Victimized lieutenant in "Othello"
60 "Chestnuts roasting" spot ... and a hint to a divided word found in the answers to starred clues
62 Election surprises
63 1921 robot play
64 Pennsylvania port
65 Mall directory listings
66 "What was __ do?"
67 Lemon peel

DOWN

1 It's not right
2 Just hanging around
3 Vegan no-no
4 Wee hill builder
5 Hunter constellation
6 Peeled with a knife
7 Punk
8 Massage responses
9 Lipton packet
10 Concert auditoriums
11 Bordeaux bye
12 Not even once
13 Hang loosely, as on a clothesline
18 Govt. security
23 Character weaknesses
24 "__ Theme": "Doctor Zhivago" song
25 Three-time Wimbledon champ Chris
26 Up in the air
27 Aswan High Dam river
28 Once again
31 Less dangerous
32 Burglary, for one
33 "The Star-Spangled Banner" contraction
34 Ballerina's rail
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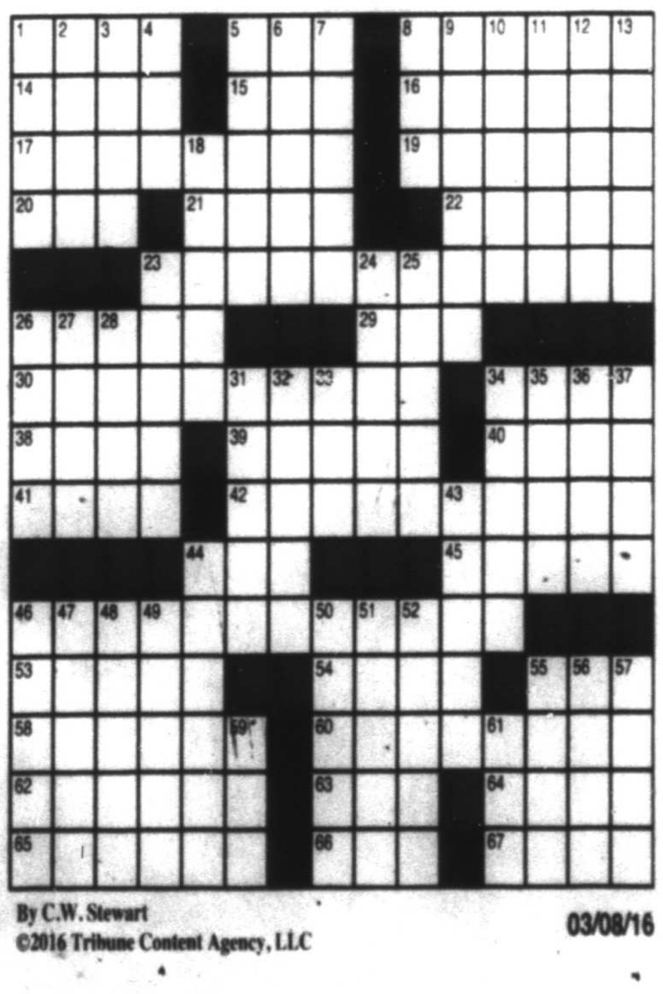

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Lee All-state Choir members from left, Joseph Subia, Sabrina Roberts, Savannah Waltenbaugh, and Aaron Dominguez gather Thursday in the Lee choir room.

ALL-STATE HONORS

Lee choir students receive state recognition

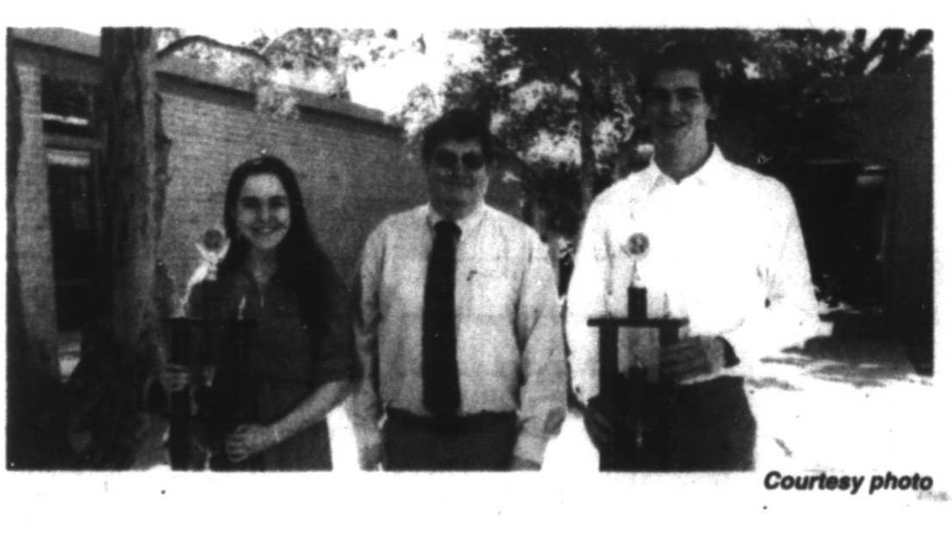
Editor's note: Midland High all-state choir students ran in the March 1 edition.

AARON DOMINGUEZ
School: Lee High School
Year: Senior
Voice part: Tenor II
All-State ensemble: 2016 TMEA All-State Mixed Choir
Extracurricular activities: Interact Club, Chorale and Origin
Other honors you have received: 2015 Texas Music School, Four-year Region Choir member, Two-year Pre-Area Choir member (2015 First Chair Pre-Area), Two-year Area Choir Member, 2015 All State Alternate
What does it mean to you to be an all-state performer: Being an Texas All-State member has boosted my confidence as a singer. It proved to me what I can accomplish if I do not give up and fight for with hard work and dedication. It also encouraged me to pursue a music degree in college.
Why are the fine arts important to education: In my fine arts classes I have learned how to persevere and to always give your best at everything you do. Choir is an outlet from my other classes to be with my friends and to enjoy the music we make day in and out.

SABRINA ROBERTS
School: Lee High School
Year: Senior
Voice part: Alto 1
All-State ensemble: 2015 TMEA All-State Mixed Choir, 2016 TMEA All-State Mixed Choir
Extracurricular activities: Chorale and Origin
Other honors you have received: 2015 First Chair Region Choir member, 2015 First Chair Pre-Area Choir member, 2016 Second Chair Area Choir member
What does it mean to you to be an all-state performer: It means that you worked hard to be among the top singers in the state. The six-plus months that led up to TMEA are full of hard work, countless hours of practice and stressful competitions. Being called an All-State member means that hard work and a passion of music is not enough; it also requires dedication and fearlessness.
Why are the fine arts important to education: There is data that identifies students who participate in Choir, Band and Orchestra in Texas have remarkably higher test scores and overall academics. The national SAT average is around 1500, whereas the ensemble I performed in SAT scores were over an 1800. The All-State Symphony Orchestra was over a 2100. For me, the fine arts have also been a safe haven. In the fine arts you have a family. At All-State, the Mixed-Choir also became a second family at TMEA.
Favorite moment in your fine arts discipline: The 2016 All-State Mixed Choir will always be in my heart. We became a choir and made beautiful music like we have been singing together for years. I will never forget the moment when Dr. Rodde (my All-State conductor) cut us off at the end of our last piece, and the feeling of mutual happiness and accomplishment spread throughout the entire choir. All of us looked around at each other and at the audience, tears in our eyes, knowing that we put on the best concert we have ever been a part of. As Dr. Rodde said, "I will never forget you!"

JOSEPH SUBIA
School: Lee High School
Year: Senior
Voice part: Tenor 1
All-State ensemble: 2016 TMEA All-State Mixed Choir
Extracurricular activities: Football, track, Chorale and Origin
Other honors you have received: 2016 All-District Football academic team, Four-year Region Choir member, Three-year Pre-Area Choir member, Two-year Area Choir member
What does it mean to you to be an all-state performer: It means that you can display excellence through a strong work ethic. It also means that dedication with hard work pays off in the long run. As an All-State member I have had the experience to make beautiful music with high school students across the state that will make a lasting impression in my life.
Why are the fine arts important to education: With the fine arts, it makes school have color and not be completely boring and allows students like me to do something that I love. I have made a lot of friends in Choir that like to do what I do, and this has been a great way to meet new people who also love music.
Favorite moment in your fine arts discipline: Experiencing All-State as a whole has changed my life. I enjoyed every moment that went by, and it allowed me the opportunity of what can happen when you chase your passion. Overall, I have grown as a young man, I have also reaped the benefits of hard work and dedication.

SAVANNAH WALTENBAUGH
School: Lee High School
Year: Junior
Voice part: Soprano 2
All-State ensemble: Women's Choir
Extracurricular activities: Choir
Other honors you have received: A division 1 rating at State Solo and Ensemble at UT-Austin last spring, a division 1 rating at Solo and Ensemble this year, qualifying again for State Solo and Ensemble in May 2016, 2015 Region Choir member (1st Chair Soprano II), 2015 Pre-Area Choir member, 2016 Area Choir member
What does it mean to you to be an all-state performer: To be a Texas All-State performer means that beyond my doubts of myself I am a talented musician. I also feel that as an all-stater I should be a leader in my home choir at Lee. I feel honored to have received this opportunity to participate in such a prestigious competition and work with such amazing people. Without my passion for music and determination this would have never happened.
Why are the fine arts important to education: Fine arts are important to education because it gives students the opportunity to express themselves through sounds, visuals and movement. Singing is quite different in this aspect because the journey you take with every note is unique and the pictures we paint with our voices resonates in our hearts.
Favorite moment in your fine arts discipline: My favorite choral memory was this year at TMEA when we were rehearsing a song called "Ave Maria" by Holst. The serenity and sincerity of such passionate women singing together was emotionally trying. So much that when I glanced over (the shoulder of) our conductor, Amanda Quist, I could see a woman wiping away tears. In that moment it struck me how influential music is. How even though that woman may have not understood Latin, she musically understood our empowering message.



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STUDENT SCIENCE AWARDS

Five Trinity School students competed in the Permian Basin Regional Science Fair, which was Feb. 27 at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Junior Carmen Dragun, left, won first-place overall for her project in the Behavioral & Social Science category and received the National Association of Corrosion Engineers "Best in Show" prize of $1,000. Her brother, senior Anthony Dragun, placed second overall and earned first place in the Engineering Mechanics category. With the students is Douglas Young, senior lecturer in physics at UTPB and science fair director. Freshman Raluca Narita placed second and senior May Lee earned third place in the Behavioral & Social Science category. In the intermediate division, eighth-grader Vivienne Dragun won first place in Chemistry. Carmen and Anthony Dragun qualified to attend the Intel International Science & Engineering Fair (ISEF), which is May in Phoenix.

5 things to watch as District 3-6A play begins

By Christopher Hadorn
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The District 3-6A softball season commences today and the Midland ISD teams face formidable challenges in their first contests.

Midland High (12-5-1) hosts 2015 district runner-up Odessa High (16-3-1) at 4 p.m. at Audrey Gill Softball Complex. Meanwhile, Lee (9-9-1) visits 3-6A defending champion Odessa Permian (16-3) at 6 p.m. at Ratliff Softball Complex.

Both games should provide a measuring stick of where the Midland ISD teams stand at the start of district.

"They were undefeated (in district) last year and even though quite a few of those girls are gone, they're still the team to beat," Lady Rebels head coach Wes Overton said of Permian. "If you're going to win district, you're going to have to go through Permian. That's the way I am approaching this."

Here are five things to watch as district play opens:

1. Midland High's lineup remains potent

Overton

MHS scored 83 runs in District 3-6A play in 2015, tops in the circuit.

The Lady Bulldogs lost five heavy hitters from that squad due to graduation, but their younger replacements have not skipped a beat.

MHS averaged 10.8 runs per contest during the West Texas Classic from Feb. 25-27. This past weekend, the Lady Bulldogs scored 31 runs, while compiling a 4-0-1 record at the McKinney Tournament.

Natalie Gamboa, a junior catcher/third baseman, has emerged as a reliable slugger with home runs in each of the last two tournaments for MHS.

"We felt like we were able to start getting some runs on the board this weekend," Lady Bulldogs head coach Shawnda Vines said. "We are hoping to continue that trend going into district."

Vines

2. Lee hopes to break out of .500 spell

In 2015, the Lady Rebels finished the regular season with a 9-9 mark and a 5-5 record in District 3-6A.

Lee has carried that .500 play into the 2016 campaign as it stands at 9-9 at the start of district play.

However, the Lady Rebels closed out non-district play on a roll as they went 3-0-1 during their last four games at the Prosper Tournament this past weekend.

Lee defeated Southlake Carroll, 5-2, on Friday, and then it outscored Dallas Sunset and Irving Nimitz by a combined margin of 37-6 in its final two contests.

"We grew up quite a bit this past weekend and in our tournament we did too," Overton said. "This weekend's competition was a lot tougher and we fell behind a couple of games and we battled back and won those games. I think we're growing up a whole lot.

"Their competitive spirit is probably their strong suit right now."

3. Turnover hasn't fazed Permian

The Lady Panthers lost District 3-6A MVP Elizabeth Craig and Offensive MVP Kali Holcomb to graduation from their 10-0 District 3-6A championship team, but they haven't suffered a hangover with a 16-3 record.

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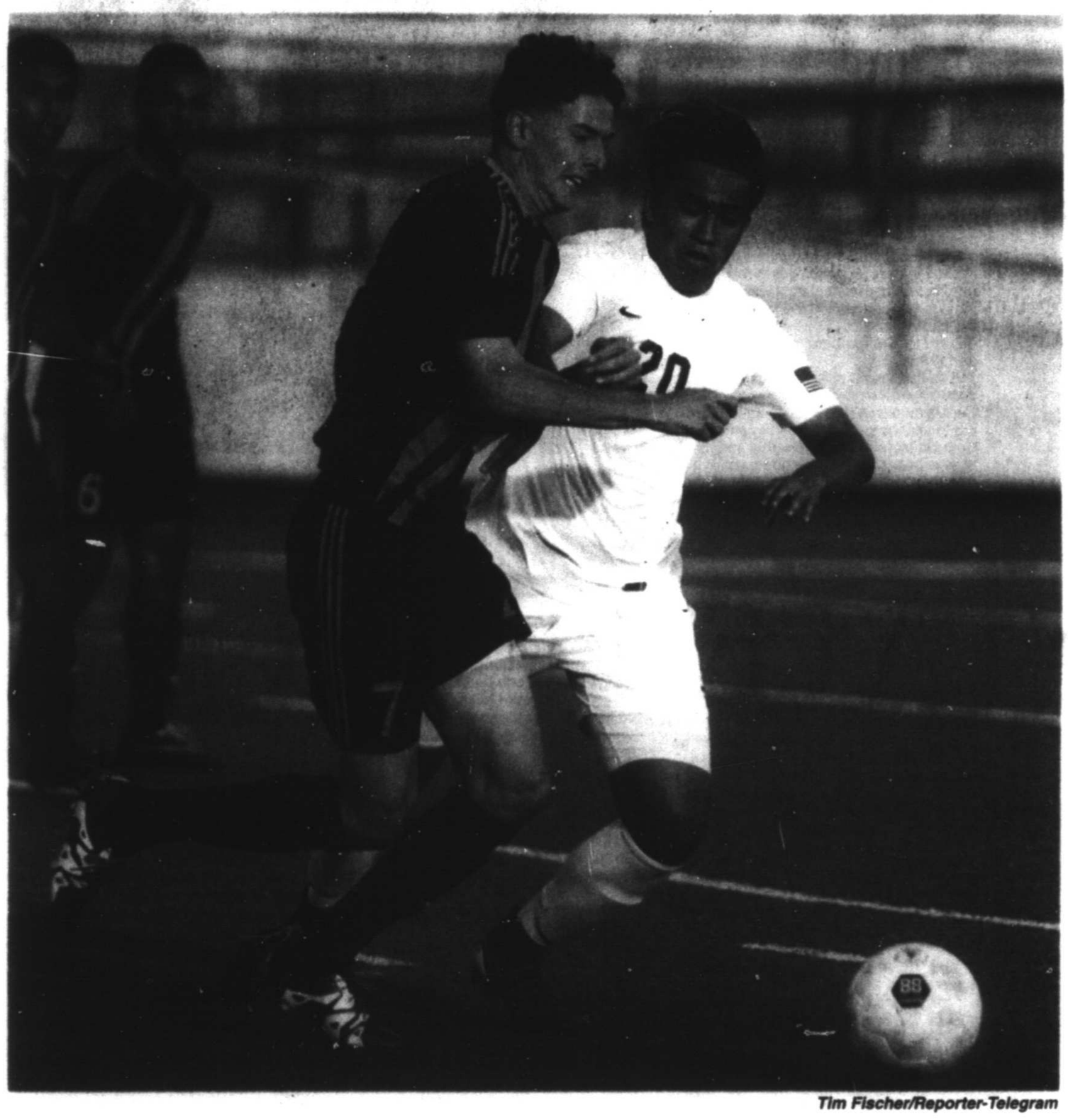
Back-to-back champs



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Midland High's Alex VonHolle and Lee's Luis Aranda fight for the ball Monday at Grande Communications Stadium.

MHS blanks Lee, clinches 3-6A title

By Will Korn
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Behind sturdy goal keeping by Pedro Cereceres and a goal each from stars Homero Vasquez and Alex VonHolle, the Midland High boys soccer team notched a 2-0 regulation victory against cross town rival Lee, Monday at Grande Communications Stadium.

With the win, MHS (16-5-0, 6-2-0-1, 22 pts) clinched its second consecutive District 3-6A title with one match remaining. Lee (8-9-2, 2-1-2-4, 10 pts) now needs an Abilene High victory against San Angelo Central today in regulation, as well as regulation win against Central next Saturday to guarantee a playoff berth.

The Bulldogs opened the evening with a bang in the second minute, when Vasquez chipped the ball into the net for a 1-0 MHS lead on an assist from Brian Natividad.

MHS head coach Warren Cottle said setting the tone and establishing control in the match that early was critical for his team the rest of the way.

"That tells you how dangerous our team is when we're playing together," Cottle said. "It shows what we can do. That's the beauty of it. Especially in a cross town rivalry game, that was a big boost to our team."

Added Vasquez: "Scoring early really energizes the team. That's the best way to win a soccer game, is to get an early start and to come out firing. I'm glad we came out with an early fire."

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MHS holds off hard-fought effort from Lee

By Oscar LeRoy
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After being shut out in its last two matches, the Midland High girls soccer team set a goal to win out the regular season.

Rival Lee wasn't going to make it easy on the Lady Bulldogs on Monday night.

While the Lady Rebels took the early momentum, the Lady Bulldogs responded and got two late goals for a 4-2 District 3-6A victory at Grande Communications Stadium.

With the win, MHS (9-11-0, 6-0-0-3, 18 points) secured no worse than the No. 3 seed out of the district. Lee (7-9-1, 1-0-1-7, 4 points) was eliminated from playoff contention with the loss.

"It was a great win," MHS coach Meagan Lasley said. "We needed it to up our spirits. The girls came out prepared, came out motivated and very energized. It was all about playing for the love of the game."

Lee still had a lot to play for and it showed early as Jessy Luna got ahead of the MHS defense and scored just 1 minute, 26 seconds into the game.

"Like I tell them all the time, if you come out to play, I can't be mad at the results," Lee coach Alan Castillejos said.

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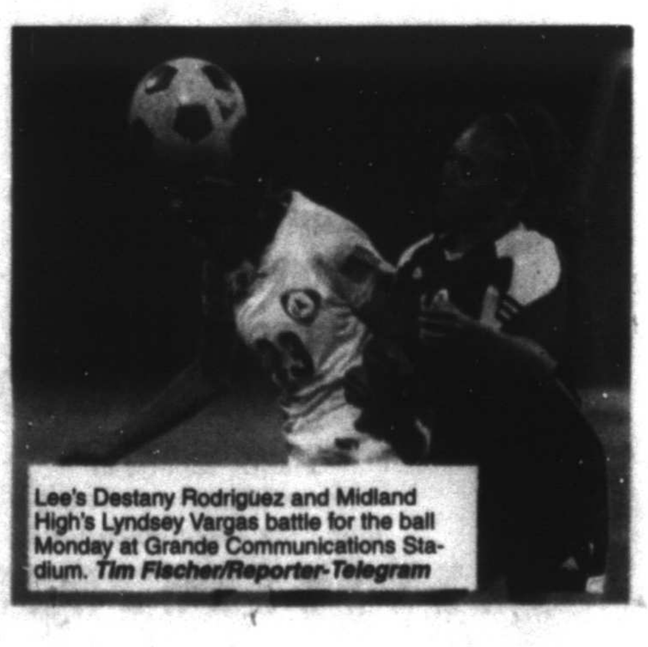

Lee's Destany Rodriguez and Midland High's Lyndsey Vargas battle for the ball Monday at Grande Communications Stadium. Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Manning jokes, chokes up during retirement remarks

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Peyton Manning got through the weekend thanks to hundreds of texts and calls from men he played against or alongside over his unparalleled 18-year NFL career.

He had to crack a few jokes to help fight back the tears at his retirement news conference Monday, when the words didn't always come as easy as the emotions.

His voice cracking, especially when he mentioned his hero, Johnny Unitas, Manning said goodbye to the game he loved in an auditorium packed with friends, family and laughter.

Manning

Manning, who turns 40 this month, said the timing was simply right to call one last audible one month after winning his second Super Bowl trophy.

"I thought about it a lot, prayed about it a lot ... it was just the right time," Manning said. "I don't throw as good as I used to, don't run as good as I used to, but I have always had good timing."

Manning came to Denver on March 20, 2012, for the chance to win another title in the twilight of his career. General manager John Elway had the blueprints.

Four years later, he hobbles away a champion, just like his boss did 17 years ago.

Manning is going golfing later this week with brothers Cooper and Eli — whose trip to Denver Monday morning was scuttled by a stomach bug.

Manning plans to travel to Indianapolis later this month for a lower-key goodbye, nothing like this one, and said he'll still participate in his family's annual passing academy this summer.

Aside from that, it's anybody's guess.

Maybe a front office or a broadcast booth beckons. He hasn't ruled out anything other than this: he and his wife and 5-year-old twins won't be moving out of Denver. They love it here.

"I'm totally convinced that the end of my football career is just the beginning of something I haven't even discovered yet," Manning said. "Life is not shrinking for me; it's morphing into a whole new world of possibilities."

Monday wasn't a day to ahead but a time to take stock.

"When I look back on my NFL career, I'll know without a doubt that I gave everything I had to help my teams walk away with a win," Manning said. "There were other players who were more talented, but there was no one could outprepare me, and because of that I have no regrets."

Elway thanked Manning for coming to Colorado, saying he made his own job easier, noting that with Manning living here, free agents were basically asking Elway "where do I sign?"

It was through the eyes of a former QB and not those of a GM that Elway really enjoyed watching Manning, however.

"Peyton Manning revolutionized the game," Elway said. "We all used to think a no-huddle was a fast pace, get to the line of scrimmage and get people off-balance. Peyton revolutionized it, and you know what, we're going to get to the line of scrimmage, take our time, I'm going to find out what you're doing and then I'm going to pick you apart.

"I can't tell you how many times I said, 'Dang, why didn't we think of that?'"

Manning went 50-15 in Denver, leading

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DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Baseball
Georgia Tech at Auburn, 4:30 p.m., SEC
Wichita State at Oklahoma, 6 p.m., FSSW+, FCSC
Sam Houston State at Texas, 7 p.m., LHN

College Softball
UTSA at Texas, 4:30 p.m., LHN
New Mexico at New Mexico State, 6 p.m., FCSA
Samford at Alabama, 6:30 p.m., SEC

Major League Baseball
Boston vs. Baltimore, Noon, MLB
Washington vs. Houston, Noon, ROOT
Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, 8 p.m., MLB

Men's College Basketball
ACC 1st Round: NC State vs. Wake Forest, 11 a.m., ESPN2
ACC 1st Round: Florida State vs. Boston College, 1 p.m., ESPN2
Horizon League: Championship, 6 p.m., ESPN
NEC Championship: Fairleigh Dickinson at Wagner, 6 p.m., ESPN2
WCC: Championship, 8 p.m., ESPN
Summit League: Championship, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Men's Soccer
UEFA Champions: Real Madrid vs. AS Roma, 1:30 p.m., FS1, ESPNDEP
FA Cup: Hull City vs. Arsenal, 1:30 p.m., FS2
UEFA Champions: VfL Wolfsburg vs. KAA Gent, 1:30 p.m., FSN (FSSW, FSSW+), FXDEP
Scottish Premier: Aberdeen vs. Patrick Thistle, 3:30 p.m., FSP
Copa Libertadores: CS Emelec vs. Club Olimpia, 4:30 p.m., FXDEP
Copa Libertadores: Sporting Cristal vs. CA Huracan, 6:30 p.m., FSP
Copa MX: Venados vs. Atalante, 6:50 p.m., UDN
Copa MX: Atlas vs. Tijuana, 8:50 p.m., ESPNDEP
Copa MX: Juarez vs. Leones Negros U. de G., 8:50 p.m., UDN

National Basketball Association
San Antonio at Minnesota, 7 p.m., FSSWSA
Washington at Portland, 9 p.m., NBAtv

National Hockey League
Pittsburgh at NY Islanders, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN
Dallas at Montreal, 6:30 p.m., FSSW

Women's College Basketball
Summit League: Championship, 1 p.m., ESPNU
WCC: Championship, 3 p.m., ESPNU
Big East: Championship, 7 p.m., FS1

Women's Soccer
CONCACAF U-17: USA vs. Costa Rica, 11 a.m., FSP
CONCACAF U-17: Mexico vs. Jamaica, 1:30 p.m., FSP

WHAT'S ON DECK

High School

Softball
Odessa High at Midland High, 4 p.m.
Lee at Odessa Permian, 6:30 p.m.

Junior College

JC Baseball
Western Texas College at Midland College, 2 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
MLB — Named of Del Matthews senior director of baseball development.
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Reassigned LHP Danny Rosenbaum to their minor league camp.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Assigned LHP Tyler DeLoach and Cs Stephen McGee, Michael Strentz and Wade Wass to their minor league camp.
National League
COLORADO ROCKIES — Signed RHPs Christian Bergman, Chad Bettis, Eddie Butler, Miguel Castro, Jairo Diaz, Carlos Estevez, Jon Gray, David Hale, German Marquez, Justin Miller, Scott Oberg and Antonio Senzatela; LHPs Tyler Anderson, Tyler Matzek and Chris Rusin; Cs Dustin Garneau, Tom Murphy and Tony Wolters; Cristhian Adames, Ben Paulsen, Trevor Story and Rafael Ynoa; and OF Raimel Tapia to one-year contracts.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Reassigned RHP Martires Arias and INF Carlos Asuaje to minor league camp.
ST LOUIS CARDINALS — Agreed to sell a majority interest in Memphis (PCL) to Peter B. Freund.
Pacific Coast League
SACRAMENTO RIVER CATS — Extended the player development contract with the San Francisco Giants through the 2020 season.
American Association
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed LHP Josh Ferrell and OF Aaron Owen.
Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Acquired RHP Ryan Fennell from Lincoln (AA) in exchange for future considerations.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Fined Boston G Marcus Smart $15,000 for making an obscene gesture during a March 4 game against New York.
INDIANA PACERS — Signed G Ty Lawson.
NEW YORK KNICKS — Assigned F Cleanthony Early to Westchester (NBADL).
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Claimed G-F Sonny Weems off of waivers. Released F Christian Wood.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS — Re-signed CB Ricardo Allen.
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Signed CB Shareece Wright to a three-year contract.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed C T.J. Johnson.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Re-signed LB Tank Carder. Signed DL Jamie Meder and RB Raheem Mostert.
DENVER BRONCOS — Announced the retirement of QB Peyton Manning.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed G-T Jeff Adams and CB Charles James to contract extensions.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Released QB Josh Freeman. Re-signed TE Dwayne Allen to a contract extension.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Signed DE Ryan Davis.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Re-signed S Andrew Sendejo, WR Adam Thielen and OT Carter Bykowski.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Re-signed S Robert Golden to a three-year contract. Agreed to terms with WR Darrius Heyward-Bey on a three-year contract.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Announced the retirement of OL Logan Mankins.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Released S Dashon Goldson, QB Robert Griffin III, DE Jason Hatcher and S Jeron Johnson.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CALGARY FLAMES — Recalled D Tyler Wotherspoon from Stockton (AHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Recalled F Colton Sissons from Milwaukee (AHL).
NEW YORK RANGERS — Recalled D Brady Skjei from Hartford (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Lifted the suspension of F Jonathan Drouin and assigned him to Syracuse (AHL).
American Hockey League
AHL — Suspended Providence LW Zac Rinaldo five games following his match penalty for an illegal check to the head of an opponent in a March 4 game against Bridgeport.
BAKERSFIELD CONDORS — Loaned F Andrew Miller to Charlotte.
CHARLOTTE CHECKERS — Loaned F Zach Boychuk to Bakersfield. Loaned C T.J. Hensick to Utica.
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Recalled D Mason Geertsen from Fort Wayne (ECHL).
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
COLORADO RAPIDS — Acquired M Jermaine Jones from New England for general allocation money and a 2017 first-round draft pick.
LA GALAXY — Signed F Ariel Lassiter.
NEW YORK RED BULLS — Waived M Scott Thomsen.
Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football
CONCACAF — Named Brian Hall director of refereeing.
COLLEGE
COLORADO — Announced the resignation of women's basketball coach Linda Lappe.
CUMBERLAND — Named Dewayne Alexander offensive coordinator.
DREXEL — Fired men's basketball coach Bruiser Flint.
ILLINOIS — Named Lovie Smith football coach.
TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI — Named Michelle Cole assistant volleyball coach.
WISCONSIN — Named Greg Gard men's basketball coach.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	66	39	23	4	82	185	159
Florida	66	36	21	9	81	181	161
Boston	67	37	23	7	81	207	184
Detroit	65	32	22	11	75	164	172
Ottawa	67	31	29	7	69	193	208
Montreal	66	30	30	6	66	179	185
Buffalo	67	27	31	9	63	160	181
Toronto	65	21	33	11	53	155	194

Metropolitan Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	65	48	13	4	100	212	150
N.Y. Rangers	66	38	22	6	82	188	171
N.Y. Islanders	63	36	20	7	79	184	158
Pittsburgh	65	34	23	8	76	179	166
Philadelphia	65	31	23	11	73	167	174
Carolina	66	29	26	11	69	161	178
New Jersey	67	31	29	7	69	148	170
Columbus	66	27	31	8	62	173	205

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	67	41	21	5	87	191	160
Dallas	67	40	20	7	87	215	192
St. Louis	67	38	20	9	85	170	164
Nashville	66	33	21	12	78	181	168
Minnesota	67	31	26	10	72	177	169
Colorado	68	34	30	4	72	183	195
Winnipeg	65	27	33	5	59	169	194

Pacific Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	64	37	19	8	82	164	149
Los Angeles	64	38	22	4	80	170	148
San Jose	65	36	23	6	78	195	174
Vancouver	64	25	27	12	62	156	183
Arizona	66	28	32	6	62	175	207
Calgary	66	27	34	5	59	178	207
Edmonton	68	26	35	7	59	167	201

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

Scores & schedule

Monday's Games
Buffalo 4, Toronto 3, SO
Philadelphia 4, Tampa Bay 2
Boston 5, Florida 4, OT
Colorado 3, Arizona 1
San Jose 2, Calgary 1, OT
Washington at Anaheim, late
Vancouver at Los Angeles, late

Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Nashville at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	Pct
Houston	5	1	.833
Toronto	5	1	.833
Minnesota	4	1	.800
Texas	4	1	.800
Chicago	3	1	.750
Oakland	3	2	.600
Boston	3	3	.500
Detroit	4	4	.500
Seattle	3	3	.500
Tampa Bay	3	3	.500
New York	2	4	.333
Kansas City	2	5	.286
Los Angeles	2	5	.286
Cleveland	1	4	.200
Baltimore	0	7	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L	Pct
Washington	5	1	.833
Milwaukee	4	1	.800
Los Angeles	3	1	.750
Arizona	4	2	.667
Cincinnati	4	2	.667
Colorado	4	2	.667
New York	3	2	.600
St. Louis	3	2	.600
Philadelphia	4	3	.571
San Francisco	3	4	.429
Pittsburgh	2	4	.333
San Diego	2	5	.286
Miami	1	4	.200
Atlanta	1	5	.167
Chicago	1	5	.167

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

Scores

Monday's Games
Minnesota 3, Baltimore 0
Tampa Bay 3, Boston 2, 10 innings
Philadelphia 1, Pittsburgh 0
St. Louis 9, N.Y. Mets (ss) 4
Houston 1, N.Y. Yankees 0
Washington 7, Miami 4
Toronto 3, Atlanta 1
N.Y. Mets (ss) 7, Detroit 3
Kansas City (ss) 3, Chicago Cubs (ss) 2
Texas 6, San Francisco 5
San Diego 8, Milwaukee 2
Oakland 6, Kansas City (ss) 4
Cincinnati 8, L.A. Angels (ss) 5
Cleveland 8, L.A. Dodgers 5
Arizona 10, Seattle 8
Colorado 4, Chicago Cubs (ss) 2
Chicago White Sox 9, L.A. Angels (ss) 4

Lady Chaps to face Highland in national tourney

From staff reports

The Midland College women's basketball team will be the No. 9 seed and will play No. 24 seed Highland (Ill.) College in the first round of the NJCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championships.

The first round game will take place at noon Monday at Lubbock's Rip Griffin Center. The tournament runs March 14-19.

Midland College, which was selected as an at-large team, comes into the tournament with a 26-6 record. Highland comes in with a 21-10 mark.

This is the first time that MC has qualified for the national tournament since 2013 and is making its seventh overall appearance.

The winner of Monday's game will face No. 8 seed Walters State (Tenn.) (32-0), which got a first round bye, in the second round at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Western Junior College Athletic Conference and Region V Tournament champion New Mexico Junior College (30-2) got a first round bye as the Lady Thunderbirds earned a No. 4 seed. Their first game is 1 p.m. Wednesday against the Northeastern Oklahoma State-Lake Region State winner.

In the men's national tournament, which will be played in Hutchinson, Kansas, WJCAC and Region V Tournament champion Odessa College (27-5) got the No. 4 seed and a first round bye.

MRT file photo

Midland College's Walnatia Wright (24) fights for possession of the ball against Ranger College's Tyrasha DeGrate (12) and Aisha Isaac (13) on Jan. 6 at Chaparral Center.

2016 NJCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championships
at Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock
March 14-19
First round
Monday's Games
(16) Georgia Highlands (25-9) vs. Gillette (Wyo.) College (23-10), 10 a.m.
(9) Midland College (26-6) vs. Highland (Ill) College (21-10), noon
(15) Eastern Arizona (24-8) vs. (18) Nothern Oklahoma-Enid (27-6), 2 p.m.
(10) Cowley County (Kan.) (27-7) vs. (23) ASA New York (20-3), 4 p.m.
(13) Northeastern Oklahoma A&M (28-3) vs. (20) Lake Region State (N.D.) (27-6), 6 p.m.
(12) Blinn College (25-8) vs. (21) Itawamba (Miss) (23-6), 8 p.m.
Tuesday's games
(14) Northeast (Neb.) (28-4) vs. (19) Vincennes (Ind.) (28-5), 10 a.m.
(11) Northwest Florida State (21-11) vs. (22) Harford (Md.) (27-2), noon
Second round
Tuesday's games
(1) Gulf Coast State (Fla.) (28-1) vs. Georgia Highlands-Gillette winner, 2 p.m.
(8) Walters State (Tenn.) (32-0) vs. Midland-Highland winner, 4 p.m.
(2) Shelton State (Ala.) (31-1) vs. Eastern Arizona-N. Oklahoma-Enid winner, 6 p.m.
(7) Daytona State (Fla.) (28-2) vs. Cowley County-ASA New York winner, 8 p.m.
Wednesday's games
(4) New Mexico JC (30-2) vs. NE Oklahoma A&M-Lake Region State winner, 1 p.m.
(5) Southern Idaho (28-4) vs. Blinn-Itawamba winner, 3 p.m.
(3) Salt Lake CC (Utah) (30-2) vs. Northeast-Vincennes winner, 5 p.m.
(6) Trinity Valley CC (28-3) vs. NW Florida State-Harford winner, 7 p.m.
Quarterfinals
Thursday
Gulf Coast-Georgia Highlands-Gillette winner vs. Walters State-Midland-Highland winner, 1 p.m.
Shelton State-Eastern Arizona-N. Oklahoma-Enid winner vs. Daytona State-Cowley County-ASA New York winner, 3 p.m.
New Mexico JC-NE Oklahoma A&M-Lake Region State winner vs. Southern Idaho-Blinn-Itawamba winner, 5 p.m.
Salt Lake-Northeast-Vincennes winner vs. Trinity Valley-NW Florida State-Harford winner, 7 p.m.
Friday
Semifinals
Top bracket winners, 5 p.m.
Lower bracket winners, 7 p.m.
Saturday
Third place game, 3:30 p.m.
Championship game, 7 p.m.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Associated Press

Members of the Memphis Grizzlies watch from the bench in the first half of an NBA game against the Cleveland Cavaliers, Monday in Cleveland. The Memphis Grizzlies are down to just one healthy starter against the Cavaliers. The team will be missing four starters, point guard Mike Conley, center Chris Andersen and forwards Zach Randolph and Matt Barnes, Monday night when they take on LeBron James and the Eastern Conference's top team.

CLIPPERS 109
MAVERICKS 90

DALLAS — Chris Paul scored 18 of his 27 points when Los Angeles took control in the third quarter, and DeAndre Jordan had 23 points and 20 rebounds amid another round of boos in Dallas.

Paul outscored the Mavericks by himself in the third while going 8 of 9 from the field, punctuating it with a leaning one-handed shot in the lane before the buzzer for a 33-16 advantage in the quarter for the Clippers, who trailed by two at halftime.

The boos were still strong for Jordan's second game in Dallas since he spurned the Mavericks in free agency after agreeing to join them. The 6-foot-11 center from Houston responded with a season high in points and even made most of his free throws (11 of 19) after delighting the crowd with an air ball in the first half.

Dirk Nowitzki led the Mavericks with 22 points.

PACERS 99
SPURS 91

INDIANAPOLIS — Monta Ellis scored 26 points and Paul George added 23 to help Indiana end San Antonio's eight-game winning streak.

The Pacers led by double digits most of the night and hung on after San Antonio trimmed the deficit to three several times in the final 2 minutes.

It's only the second time in 17 meetings since 2008 that the Pacers have beaten the Spurs.

Kawhi Leonard and LaMarcus Aldridge each had 23 points for the Spurs.

The loss came hours after the team said coach Gregg Popovich did not make the trip because of a "family medical situation." A team spokesman did not provide additional details about his absence.

GRIZZLIES 106
CAVALIERS 103

CLEVELAND — Tony Allen scored a season-high 26 points and the Memphis Grizzlies, despite playing without four injured starters, stunned the Cleveland Cavaliers 106-103 on Monday night.

Vince Carter made four free throws in the final 13.4 seconds to steal the upset by a Memphis team that had more coaches than players sitting on the bench.

Lance Stephenson added 17 points and JaMychal Green 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Grizzlies, who forced the Cavs into a season-high 25 turnovers and never backed down against the Eastern Conference's top team. Allen was back after missing eight games with a knee injury for Memphis, which only dressed eight players.

BULLS 100
BUCKS 90

CHICAGO — Pau Gasol had 12 points, 17 rebounds, 13 assists and five blocked shots, and banged-up Chicago beat Milwaukee with All-Star Jimmy Butler sidelined by swelling in his left knee.

The Bulls had six players score in double figures in their second straight win after a four-game slide. Derrick Rose scored 22 points, Mike Dunleavy had 18 and E'Twaun Moore finished with 16 points and seven assists.

Butler missed 11 games before he returned for Chicago's 108-100 victory over Houston on Saturday night. But he had some stiffness in his back on Sunday and then developed some swelling in his knee on Monday, prompting the Bulls to hold him out for their matchup with Milwaukee.

PELICANS 115
KINGS 112

NEW ORLEANS — Anthony Davis had 31 points and 10 rebounds, and New Orleans came back from a 17-point, second-half deficit to beat Sacramento.

Norris Cole scored 23 and Jrue Holiday 20 for New Orleans, which snapped a four-game losing streak. Dante Cunningham added a clutch 3-pointer — just his 40th of the season — to give the Pelicans their first lead of the second half at 111-110 with 36 seconds left.

DeMarcus Cousins had 40 points, 16 rebounds and four steals for the Kings, but also committed five turnovers and missed the only two shots he attempted — both layups — in the final two minutes.

Rudy Gay and Rajon Rondo each scored 18 but Sacramento, which led by 10 with about 6 minutes left, hurt itself with seven turnovers in the fourth quarter.

HORNETS 108
TIMBERWOLVES 103

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kemba Walker scored 21 of his 34 points in the third quarter and Charlotte held off Minnesota for its fourth straight win.

Al Jefferson came off the bench to add 20 points, Marvin Williams had 15 and Nicolas Batum 11 for the Hornets.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 28 points and 14 rebounds, and Anthony Wiggins added 25 points for the Timberwolves, who were up 55-51 with 9:25 left in the third quarter.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	41	20	.672	—
Boston	38	26	.594	4½
New York	26	38	.406	16½
Brooklyn	18	45	.286	24
Philadelphia	8	55	.127	34

Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	37	26	.587	—
Atlanta	35	28	.556	2
Charlotte	34	28	.548	2½
Washington	30	32	.484	6½
Orlando	27	34	.443	9

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	44	18	.710	—
Indiana	34	30	.531	11
Chicago	32	30	.516	12
Detroit	32	31	.508	12½
Milwaukee	26	38	.406	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	53	10	.841	—
Memphis	38	25	.603	15
Dallas	33	31	.516	20½
Houston	31	32	.492	22
New Orleans	24	38	.387	28½

Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	43	20	.683	—
Portland	33	31	.516	10½
Utah	29	33	.468	13½
Denver	25	38	.397	18
Minnesota	20	44	.313	23½

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Golden State	55	6	.902	—
L.A. Clippers	41	21	.661	14½
Sacramento	25	37	.403	30½
Phoenix	17	46	.270	39
L.A. Lakers	13	51	.203	43½

x-clinched playoff spot

Scores & schedule

Monday's Scores
Memphis 106, Cleveland 103
Indiana 99, San Antonio 91
Charlotte 108, Minnesota 103
Chicago 100, Milwaukee 90
New Orleans 115, Sacramento 112
L.A. Clippers 109, Dallas 90
Orlando at Golden State, late

Tuesday's Games
Brooklyn at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Utah, 8 p.m.
New York at Denver, 8 p.m.
Washington at Portland, 9 p.m.
Orlando at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

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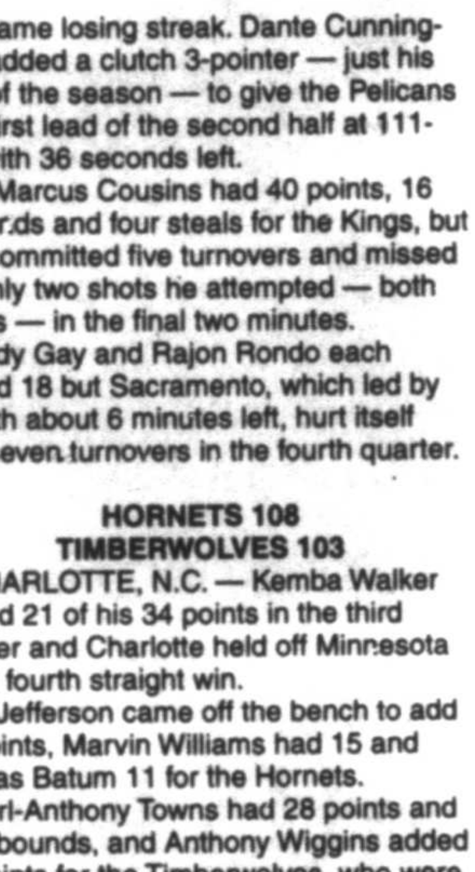

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Hield first 2-time AP Big 12 Player of Year; Self top coach

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

Buddy Hield put together quite a repeat performance to post a remarkable first in 20 seasons of Big 12 basketball.

Oklahoma's spectacular senior guard and the league's top scorer is The Associated Press Big 12 Player of the Year for the second consecutive season. He is the first player to twice be named the AP's top player, and was a unanimous pick this time after getting all 20 votes cast.

Hield wasn't alone in repeating as an All-Big 12 pick in the annual AP awards announced Monday, joined on the first team for the second year in a row by Kansas senior forward Perry Ellis, also a unanimous pick, and Iowa State senior forward Georges Niang. They are the league's top three scorers.

Iowa State junior guard Monte Morris and Texas junior guard Isaiah Taylor rounded out the top five.

There was also a repeat winner for AP Coach of the Year, with Kansas' Bill Self winning for the fifth time in 11 seasons. He is the fourth coach in league history to be coach of the year in consecutive seasons.

Self received 12 of 20 votes for top coach after the Jayhawks won their 12th consecutive Big 12 regular-season title. Tubby Smith got six votes after Texas Tech finished 9-9 in conference play, and West Virginia's Bob Huggins got two from an AP panel of sports writers and sportscasters who regularly cover the league.

"You know, it's nice," said Self, whose team will be the top seed in the Big 12 Tournament beginning Wednesday in Kansas City. "It is a reflection of having a good team and the guys win, and certainly nobody's had better players than we've had. But it is nice. Certainly appreciate it.

Before last season, when Self became the first four-time winner, he also won the AP coaching award in 2006, 2009 and 2011.

Hield averages 25.1 points, and is the nation's best with 4.1 made 3-pointers per game — all career highs for the 6-foot-4, 214-pound guard from the Bahamas. He goes into this week's conference tournament with nine 30-point games, the same as the rest of the league combined this season. His 124 total 3-pointers this season are already a Big 12 record.

Niang is second in the Big 12 at 19.4 points a game, and is the only player in the nation averaging 19 points and six rebounds while shooting 50 percent from the field and 80 percent from the free-throw line.

Ellis, who is averaging 16.5 points, finished the regular season with consecutive 20-point game, giving him 11 this season.

Morris, the second Cyclones player on the AP first team, is the Big 12 leader with 7.1 assists per game and also averages 14.2 points and 4.0 rebounds. Taylor leads Texas with 15 points and 4.8 assists per game.

Because of a tie for the final spot, there are six players on the AP second team, which also is made up of only seniors and juniors. The second-team picks were Baylor senior forwards Rico Gathers and Taurean Prince; Kansas junior guard Frank Mason III; West Virginia senior guard Jaysean Paige and junior forward Devin Williams; and Oklahoma senior forward Ryan Spangler.

Iowa State junior guard Deonte Burton was chosen the league's newcomer of the year in a close vote over Oklahoma State freshman point guard Jawun Evans.

Burton has averaged 10 points this season after sitting out a year following his transfer from Marquette. He got nine of the 20 votes while Evans got seven and TCU sophomore guard Malique Trent, a junior college transfer, got three. Kansas State freshman forward Dean Wade got the remaining vote.

The 2015-16 AP All-Big 12 men's basketball teams

The Associated Press All-Big 12 men's basketball team for the 2015-16 season, as chosen by a panel of media representatives who cover the conference on a regular basis. Players are listed in alphabetical order by name, school, class, height, weight and hometown.

FIRST TEAM

Perry Ellis, Kansas, Sr., 6-8, 225, Wichita, Kansas
Buddy Hield, Oklahoma, Sr., 6-4, 214, Freeport, Bahamas
Monte Morris, Iowa St., Jr., 6-3, 175, Flint, Michigan
Georges Niang, Iowa St., Sr., 6-8, 230, Methuen, Massachusetts
Isaiah Taylor, Texas, Jr., 6-3, 185, South Hayward, California

SECOND TEAM

Rico Gathers, Baylor, Sr., 6-8, 275, LaPlace, Louisiana
Frank Mason III, Kansas, Sr., 5-11, 185, Petersburg, Virginia
Jaysean Paige, West Virginia, Sr., 6-2, 210, Jamestown, New York
Taurean Prince, Baylor, Sr., 6-8, 220, San Antonio
Ryan Spangler, Oklahoma, Sr., 6-8, 234, Bridge Creek, Oklahoma
Devin Williams, West Virginia, Jr., 6-9, 255, Cincinnati

Note: Six players due to a tie for the final spot.

HONORABLE MENTION: Isaiah Cousins, Oklahoma; Devondr' Graham, Kansas; Lester Medford, Baylor; Aaron Ross, Texas Tech; Wayne Selden, Kansas; Jordan Woodard, Oklahoma

COACH OF THE YEAR: Bill Self, Kansas.
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Buddy Hield, Oklahoma.
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR: Deonte Burton, Iowa St.

Voters: Tommy Birch, Des Moines Register; Jimmy Burch, Fort Worth Star-Telegram; Chuck Carlton, Dallas Morning News; Mark Cooper, Tulsa World; Brian Davis, Austin American-Statesman; Guerin Emig, Tulsa World; Tim Griffin, San Antonio Express-News; Kevin Hanlin, Topeka Capital-Journal; John Helsley, The Oklahoman; Justin Jackson, The Dominion Post; Tom Keegan, Lawrence Journal-World; Kevin Lytle, Austin American-Statesman; Carlos Mendez, Fort Worth Star-Telegram; Randy Peterson, Des Moines Register; Soren Petro, Sports Radio 810; Krista Pirtle, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal; Kelly Samuel, Wichita Eagle; John Shinn, Norman Transcript; Mitch Vingle, Charleston Gazette-Mail; John Werner, Waco Tribune-Herald.

Davis leads No. 4 Baylor past No. 7 Texas for Big 12 title

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Nina Davis scored 22 points to help No. 4 Baylor beat No. 7 Texas 79-63 Monday night in the Big 12 women's tournament championship game.

Alexis Jones scored 16 points for the Lady Bears. She was named the tournament's most outstanding player after averaging 15.7 points and 7.7 assists in three games.

Baylor (33-1) shot 50.9 percent from the field to win its 20th straight game. Beatrice Mompremier scored 15 points and Niya Johnson added 11 for the Lady Bears.

Baylor swept the conference's regular-season and tournament titles for the sixth consecutive year and won all three games against the Longhorns this season. Texas' loss to Baylor last week in the regular-season finale cost the Longhorns a share of the regular-season conference championship.

Lashann Higgs scored 15 points and Imani Boyette added nine points and 11 rebounds for Texas (28-4), which was seeking its first tournament title since 2003.

Texas hung tough early, but Baylor began creating a cushion late in the second quarter. Jones' 3-pointer as the shot clock expired in the final minute of the first half gave the Lady Bears a 36-25 lead at the break.

Davis, who had been relatively quiet the first two games, had 12 points in the first half. The Lady Bears held Texas to 37.5 percent shooting before the break.

Baylor pulled away in the third quarter by making 9 of 14 shots. Davis scored eight points in the period, and the Lady Bears took a 60-43 edge into the fourth quarter.

Tip-ins

Texas: Senior guard Celina Rodrigo had scored in single digits for 21 straight games before scoring a season-high 13 in the quarterfinals against Kansas, then 12 in the semifinals against West Virginia. She had only scored in double figures seven times in her career before those two games. She finished with just two points in the final, but was named to the all-tournament team. ... Starters shot 6 for 21 in the first half. ... Committed nine turnovers before halftime.

Baylor: Jumped out to a 6-0 lead as Texas went scoreless for the first 2:23. ... Shot 48.4 percent in the first half. ... Johnson, the nation's leader in assists, had two assists and five turnovers, but had seven rebounds.

Up next

Texas: NCAA Tournament.

Baylor: NCAA Tournament.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

Top 25 polls

MEN

The top 25 teams in the USA Today men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 6, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Kansas (29)	27-4	748	1
2. Villanova	27-4	696	2
3. Michigan State (1)	26-5	692	3
4. Virginia	24-6	653	4
5. Xavier	26-4	602	5
6. Oklahoma	24-6	589	6
7. North Carolina	25-6	576	8
8. West Virginia	24-7	515	9
9. Oregon	25-6	510	10
10. Indiana	25-6	490	11
11. Miami	24-6	461	7
12. Utah	24-7	387	13
13. Purdue	24-7	377	13
14. Arizona	24-7	336	16
15. Maryland	24-7	306	12
16. Kentucky	23-8	285	19
17. Texas A&M	24-7	274	18
18. Iowa	21-9	220	15
19. Iowa State	21-10	187	20
20. Baylor	21-10	177	17
21. Duke	22-9	173	21
22. Texas	20-11	134	22
23. Saint Mary's	26-4	117	24
24. California	22-9	72	25
25. Wisconsin	20-11	45	—

Others receiving votes: Wichita State 36, Providence 30, Seton Hall 19, Dayton 18, Texas Tech 6, Valparaiso 6, Butler 5, Notre Dame 5, South Carolina 5, San Diego State 2, Saint Joseph's 2, Cincinnati 1, Northern Iowa 1, St. Bonaventure 1.

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 6, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Kansas (63)	27-4	1,823	1
2. Michigan St. (2)	26-5	1,720	2
3. Villanova	27-4	1,480	3
4. Virginia	24-6	1,424	4
5. Xavier	26-4	1,351	5
6. Oklahoma	24-6	1,309	6
7. North Carolina	25-6	1,252	8
8. Oregon	25-6	1,127	9
9. West Virginia	24-7	1,113	10
10. Indiana	25-6	1,088	12
11. Miami	24-6	935	7
12. Utah	24-7	899	13
13. Purdue	24-7	788	15
14. Louisville	23-8	647	11
15. Arizona	24-7	626	18
16. Kentucky	23-8	608	22
17. Texas A&M	24-7	574	20
18. Maryland	24-7	544	14
19. Duke	22-9	512	17
20. Iowa	21-9	407	16
21. Iowa St.	21-10	374	21
22. Baylor	21-10	282	19
23. Texas	20-11	191	23
24. California	22-9	189	25
25. SMU	25-6	89	24

Others receiving votes: Wisconsin 62, Dayton 35, Saint Mary's (Cal) 33, Seton Hall 28, Stephen F. Austin 8, Butler 8, Providence 8, Valparaiso 7, Yale 7, Cincinnati 6, St. Bonaventure 6, Gonzaga 5, Akron 4, Temple 4, Notre Dame 3, San Diego St. 3, UAB 2, N. Iowa 1, S. Dakota St. 1, South Carolina 1, Texas Tech 1, Wichita St. 1

WOMEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 6, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. UConn (32)	31-0	800	1
2. Notre Dame	31-1	753	2
3. South Carolina	31-1	748	3
4. Baylor	32-1	706	4
5. Maryland	30-3	672	5
6. Oregon St	28-4	630	8
7. Texas	28-3	614	6
8. Louisville	25-7	557	7
9. Ohio St.	24-7	496	9
10. UCLA	24-8	472	12
11. Arizona St.	25-6	444	10
12. Kentucky	23-7	428	13
13. Stanford	24-7	390	11
14. Syracuse	25-7	386	17
15. Mississippi St	26-7	370	16
16. Michigan St.	24-8	328	19
17. Florida St.	23-7	303	14
18. DePaul	25-7	270	18
19. Texas A&M	21-9	254	15
20. Miami	24-8	217	21
21. South Florida	23-8	165	20
22. Colorado St.	28-1	119	22
23. West Virginia	24-9	100	22
24. Oklahoma	21-10	70	24
25. Florida	22-8	27	25

Others receiving votes: Florida Gulf Coast 17, George Washington 11, Army 9, BYU 9, James Madison 8, Washington 7, Oklahoma St. 6, UTEP 6, Tennessee 3, Belmont 2, Albany (NY) 1, Princeton 1.

Scores

MEN
TOURNAMENT
America East Conference
Semifinals
Stony Brook 80, Hartford 64
Vermont 63, New Hampshire 56
Colonial Athletic Association
Championship
UNC Wilmington 80, Hofstra 73, OT
Horizon League
Semifinals
Green Bay 99, Valparaiso 92, OT
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Championship
Iona 79, Monmouth (NJ) 76
Mid-American Conference
First Round
Bowling Green 70, Kent St. 69
E. Michigan 89, Toledo 60
Miami (Ohio) 49, Ball St. 47
N. Illinois 56, W. Michigan 50
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
First Round
Coppin St. 86, NC A&T 81, 2OT
Savannah St. 63, Delaware St. 58
Summit League
Semifinals
N. Dakota St. 69, IPFW 66
West Coast Conference
Semifinals
Saint Mary's (Cal) 81, Pepperdine 66
WOMEN
TOURNAMENT
American Athletic Conference
Championship
UConn 77, South Florida 51
Big 12 Conference
Championship
Baylor 79, Texas 63
Big East Conference
Semifinals
Creighton 77, Seton Hall 56
St. John's 75, DePaul 66
Big Sky Conference
First Round
Idaho St. 54, N. Colorado 45
Montana 78, N. Arizona 63
Sacramento St. 102, S. Utah 89
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Championship
Iona 57, Quinnipiac 41
Mid-American Conference
First Round
Akron 66, Miami (Ohio) 54
Buffalo 60, Bowling Green 44
E. Michigan 73, Kent St. 60
W. Michigan 94, N. Illinois 52
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
First Round
Coppin St. 78, Norfolk St. 54
Howard 68, Md.-Eastern Shore 51
Morgan St. 52, NC Central 42
Mountain West Conference
First Round
San Diego St. 62, Wyoming 44
Utah St. 59, Nevada 35
Patriot League
Quarterfinals
Army 89, Colgate 62
Bucknell 73, American U. 65
Lehigh 64, Holy Cross 48
Loyola (Md.) 44, Navy 42
Summit League
Semifinals
S. Dakota St. 76, Nebraska-Omaha 60
South Dakota 79, Oral Roberts 61
West Coast Conference
Semifinals
BYU 87, Santa Clara 67
San Francisco 67, Saint Mary's (Cal) 65

Schedules

MEN
EAST
Penn at Princeton, 7 p.m.
TOURNAMENTS
Big 12 Conference
At The Sprint Center
Kansas City, Mo.
First Round
Wednesday, March 9
Kansas State vs. Oklahoma State, 6 p.m.
Texas Tech vs. TCU, 8:30 p.m.
Quarterfinals
Thursday, March 10
Texas vs. Baylor, 11:30 a.m.
Kansas vs. Kansas State-Oklahoma State winner, 2 p.m.
West Virginia vs. Texas Tech-TCU winner, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma vs. Iowa State, 8:30 p.m.
Atlantic Coast Conference
At Washington
First Round
No. 12 vs. No. 13, 11:00 a.m.
No. 10 vs. No. 15, 1:30 p.m.
No. 11 vs. No. 14, 6 p.m.
Big Sky Conference
At Reno, Nev.
First Round
No. 8 vs. No. 9
No. 5 vs. No. 12
No. 7 vs. No. 10
No. 6 vs. No. 11
Conference USA
At Birmingham, Ala.
First Round
Game 1, 4 p.m.
Southwestern Athletic Conference
At Houston
First Round
No. 7 vs. No. 10, 2:30 p.m.
No. 8 vs. No. 9, 8:30 p.m.
West Coast Conference
At Las Vegas
Championship
Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

WOMEN
Tuesday, March 8
EAST
Penn at Princeton, 4:30 p.m.
TOURNAMENTS
Big East Conference
At Chicago
Championship
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.
Big West Conference
At Irvine, Calif.
First Round
No. 5 vs. No. 8, 8 p.m.
No. 6 vs. No. 7, 10:30 p.m.
Conference USA
At Birmingham, Ala.
First Round
Game 1, 11:00 a.m.
Game 2, 1:30 p.m.
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
At Norfolk, Va.
First Round
No. 8 vs. No. 9, 11:00 a.m.
No. 7 vs. No. 10, 1:30 p.m.
Mountain West Conference
At Las Vegas
Quarterfinals
No. 1 vs. 8-9 winner, 2 p.m.
No. 4 vs. No. 5, 4:30 p.m.
No. 2 vs. 7-10 winner, 6 p.m.
No. 3 vs. 6-11 winner, 10:30 p.m.
Southwestern Athletic Conference
At Houston
First Round
No. 7 vs. No. 10, Noon
No. 8 vs. No. 9, 6 p.m.
Summit League
At Sioux Falls, S.D.
Championship
Semifinal winners, 1 p.m.
West Coast Conference
At Las Vegas
Championship
Semifinal winners, 9 p.m.

TITLE
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The next 78 minutes of play encapsulated a true rivalry match. The two sides produced quality chance after quality chance and there was no shortage of exciting plays and runs for either team.

In the 44th minute, Lee's Leo Barba fired a strike from about 30 yards out that was right on target. But Cereceres was there to make a spectacular grab save for MHS.

In the 51st minute, VonHolle whiffed on an open net opportunity as he hit the far goal post from about seven yards out.

Both goal keepers made a series of memorable stops to keep the match at 1-0 until VonHolle tallied the dagger goal for the Bulldogs in the 75th minute.

Cereceres credited his teammates for finding a way to hold off the Rebels and claim the district title.

"It was a team effort," Cereceres said. "It took all of us to win district and I'm just proud to have them on my team and ready for the playoffs."

For the Rebels, who have dropped three consecutive matches and now hang on the ledge of the playoff picture, Monday's result against MHS was disappointing.

But head co-head coach Scott Hicks was more than pleased with the Rebels' effort in the defeat.

"There was a lot of fight in us tonight," Hicks said. "These guys fought hard and left it all out there. The opportunities we had, we just couldn't quite put them in. We let their two best players get behind us twice and that was the difference in the game."

Added Hicks: "I had no problem with the way we played. We'll come back, play our last game and see what happens."

MHS will host third-place Odessa High (6-12-2, 4-0-2-3, 14 pts) at noon on Saturday, March 19 to cap off their district schedule. Lee will travel to Abilene High to take on the Eagles (15-5-0, 5-0-0-3, 15 pts) at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 19.

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2016 District 3-6A boys standings

	W	PW	PL	L	Pts.
xy-MHS (16-5-0)	6	2	0	1	22
x-Abilene (15-5-0)	5	0	0	3	15
x-Odessa (6-12-2)	4	0	2	3	14
S.A. Central (8-9-2)	3	1	0	4	11
Lee (8-9-2)	2	1	2	4	10
Permian (9-11-2)	1	1	1	5	6

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched district title
Note: 3 points for a win, 2 points for a penalty kick win, 1 point for a penalty kick loss

Monday's Scores
Midland High 2, Lee 0; Odessa Permian1, Odessa High 1 (Permian wins 5-4 in penalty kicks)

Today's Matches
Abilene High at San Angelo Central, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 19 matches
Odessa High at Midland High, noon; Lee at Abilene High, 10 a.m.; San Angelo Central at Odessa Permian, noon

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"We started off strong from minute one. We did our part tonight and we played really well."

A little more than a minute later, MHS tied it when Adrienne Almodova converted on a penalty kick.

Then later in the half, Sofia Torres scored to give MHS a 2-1 lead and the momentum at the break.

"The girls responded very well in a competitive nature," said Lasley about recovering from that early deficit.

"They love to compete and that's what I love about my girls. It was good to see my girls respond and have the hunger to win."

The Lady Rebels again re-took the momentum early in the second half, when Luna again had great effort, got ahead of the defense and punched it in to tie it at 2-all at the 36:25 mark.

But once again, MHS was quick to respond, as four minutes later Kylie VonHolle sent the ball over goalkeeper's Cheyenne Pearce's head for a 3-2 lead.

MHS added an insurance goal late when Raquel Houston scored with 12:38 left in the contest.

"Hat's off to Midland High," Castiliejos said. "They got it done in the end, but I'm definitely proud of my team. We took a step forward. Unfortunately it's not the result we want but we're taking steps in the right direction."

Lee will close out the season with a road match at Abilene High at Saturday, March 19; while MHS closes out at home on March 19 against Odessa High.

Lasley said she's looking for her team to gain more steam before heading into the playoffs.

"It's just about going and getting prepared," Lasley said.

"OHS, they're some fighters and they work for 80 minutes. It's a great squad and it will probably be the fastest-paced soccer that we've seen. The last time we played them, it was extremely fast paced, which we love and we're used to. It's awesome to match up against a team like that and it should be an exciting match against OHS."

Follow Oscar on Twitter: @OLeRoy_MRT

2016 District 3-6A girls standings

	W	PW	PL	L	Pts.
x-Permian (14-6-2)	6	1	0	2	20
x-S.A. Central (17-3-2)	6	0	1	1	19
x-MHS (9-11-0)	6	0	0	3	18
Odessa (12-8-1)	3	0	0	6	9
Abilene (12-9-0)	2	1	0	5	8
Lee (7-9-1)	1	0	1	7	4

x-clinched playoff berth
Note: 3 points for a win, 2 points for a penalty kick win, 1 point for a penalty kick loss

Monday's Scores
Midland High 4, Lee 2; Odessa Permian 3, Odessa High 0

Tuesday's Matches
Abilene High at San Angelo Central, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 19 matches
Odessa High at Midland High, 2 p.m.; Lee at Abilene High, noon; San Angelo Central at Odessa Permian, 2 p.m.

HSBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

STANTON'S GRAVES GETS OFFENSIVE HONOR

Stanton junior Tristan Graves was named as the Offensive MVP on the 2016 All-District 5-3A Boys Basketball Team.

Stanton teammate and senior Estevan Chavez was also named to the first team, as well as Coahoma sophomore Mason Moore.

2016 All District 5-3A Boys Basketball Team
MVP – Noah Olvera, Sr. Reagan County
Defensive MVP – Mark Munoz, Sr. Colorado City
Offensive MVP – Tristan Graves, Jr., Stanton
Newcomer of the Year – Kwentin Malveaux, So., Colorado City
Coach of the Year – Billy Quinn, Colorado City
First Team All-District
Andrew Burrola, Sr., Colorado City; Turner Stark, Jr., Reagan County; Estevan Chavez, Sr. Stanton; Mason Moore, So., Coahoma; John Arredondo, Sr., Sonora; Tommy James, Jr., Colorado City; Kaden Cordell, So., Sonora; Baylee Barton, Sr., Reagan County
Second Team All-District
Cade Creek, Jr., Sonora; Mark Boone, Sr., Colorado City; Austin Fryar, Jr. Stanton; Jake Myers, Sr., Reagan County; Sebastian Escamilla, Fr. Stanton; Jon Bermea, Sr., Coahoma; Colby Gordon, Jr. Stanton; Casey Hammond
Coahoma Honorable Mention: Adam Clark, So.; Austin Sosa, Jr.

MCS' ASHTON EARNS TOP DEFENSIVE HONOR

Midland Christian junior Megan Ashton has been recognized as the Defensive Player of the Year on the TAPPS 1-4A All-District girls basketball team.

Ashton was joined by sophomore teammate Blaire Neatherlin on the first team. Senior Skyler Bennett and junior Kayla Ackerman represented MCS on the second team.

MCS junior Daniella Anastasio was a honorable mention selection.

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Rookie of Year to discarded, RG3's Redskins saga is done

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the end, Robert Griffin III was just another name on a list, one of four players released by the Washington Redskins on Monday to create salary-cap space.

The move, expected for some time, brings an end to the quarterback's sudden-rise-and-stunning-fall saga with a team that traded a bevy of draft picks to acquire him — and now receives nothing in return as he departs. The move gets Griffin's 2016 contract, worth about $16 million, off the payroll before Wednesday, when the new league year begins and free agents can be signed.

It also closes the book on RG3's tumultuous tenure in Washington. He arrived as a Heisman Trophy winner and the No. 2 overall choice in the 2012 NFL draft — a pick that came from the Rams at the high price of three first-round selections plus a second-rounder — and immediately became a star and national sensation. He leaves having spent all of last season on the sideline, never allowed to take so much as a single snap during a game.

As a free agent, he can sign anywhere.

In a lengthy posting on Instagram, Griffin wrote: "Although my time here is over, I'm excited about what the future brings!!!! I look forward to finding the team where God has me to be and growing with that team on the way to World Championships."

The NFC East champions also released safeties Dashon Goldson and Jeron Johnson, and defensive end Jason Hatcher, part of a busy day that removes nearly $30 million from Washington's spending toward the cap and brings the team below the ceiling. In addition, fullback Darrel Young and nose tackle Terrance "Pot Roast" Knighton indicated on Twitter that they would not be brought back.

None of those other decisions by general manager Scot McCloughan was as significant as that involving Griffin.

AP file photo

Washington Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III (10) sits on the bench during the first half of an NFL preseason game against the Jacksonville Jaguars in Landover, Md. on Sept. 3, 2015. Robert Griffin III has tweeted what sounded a lot like a goodbye to fans of the Redskins. Griffin wrote Monday: "It was a blessing guys. I just want to say thank you."

Four years ago, in a zone-read offense tailored to his sprinter's speed, Griffin earned NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year honors and led the Redskins to a division title.

But in a home playoff game against Russell Wilson and the Seattle Seahawks, Griffin at first was hobbled by a clearly hurt right knee and then wound up face-down on the turf with torn ligaments. He was never the same player and his relationship with then-coach Mike Shanahan devolved.

Griffin returned quickly from reconstructive knee surgery — "All in for Week 1" was his attention-grabbing slogan — but Year 2 did not go well. He and Shanahan clashed over Griffin's desire to become more of a traditional pocket passer, and the QB was benched for the final three games. In 2014, with Shanahan gone and Jay Gruden in charge, Griffin dislocated his left ankle in Week 2 and missed about half the season. Gruden was critical of Griffin's ability and he, too, sat the player.

In February 2015, Gruden declared Griffin would be the starting quarterback. But by the end of the preseason, which included a bizarre back-and-forth over whether Griffin was ready to return from a concussion, Gruden announced that Kirk Cousins, a fourth-round pick the same year Griffin entered the league, earned the No. 1 spot.

Tumbling all the way to third-string duty, behind Cousins and Colt McCoy, Griffin was in uniform once on a game day — and that was because the Redskins couldn't find enough healthy players at other positions to fill out an active roster. Cousins was given the franchise tag by the Redskins last week and signed the tender for a one-year deal worth nearly $20 million.

The telegenic, talkative and hashtag-tweeting Griffin faded into the background last season, abiding by the Redskins' wish that he not do interviews.

"Robert handled it very well. Obviously wasn't happy," Gruden said in January. "I think in the long run, hopefully it'll make him a better quarterback. I know he grew a lot being a third-string quarterback here."

That day, when some players cleaned out their lockers, Griffin left behind a sign filled with life advice, beginning with the line: "People are often unreasonable, irrational, & self-centered; forgive them anyway."

NFL free agency 2016: a look at the crop

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

NEW YORK — NFL free agency is about filling holes. In some cases, Grand Canyons.

While the draft often comes down to who is the highest-rated player overall when a team's turn comes — even when the draftee doesn't necessarily fill a huge need — the spending spree that begins Wednesday is a much different marketplace.

First off, not everyone initially eligible winds up available. Did anybody really think the Broncos would let Super Bowl MVP linebacker Von Miller get away?

Second, the price tags for rookies pretty much are set.

There's virtually no ceiling on how much free agents will cost, particularly when there are multiple bidders.

Plus, many teams prefer to re-sign their guys, who have been schooled in their schemes, especially when they've had success in that system.

"That kind of goes back to my philosophy, with one-year contracts and not being so active in free agency and guaranteeing large numbers," Arizona Cardinals general manager Steve Keim says. "Because when you get in that position, you have cap casualties, you have dead money that follows. And I think it's one of those situations where you always have to be in a win-now mode. You can never say, 'We're building for the future.' Fans don't want to hear that. Organizations don't want to hear that. Our expectations are to win and win now.

"So, again, you have to draft well and you have to supplement through free agency. It's a difficult task because you have to have a tough balance, but at the same time, in free agency, it can be fool's gold. You see these guys, why do they hit the market, No. 1? And No. 2, the money that comes attached to those players.

"My philosophy has always been to somewhat sit back, let the market play itself out, see where the numbers go and find the guys who are the right people, passionate players to fill in your locker room."

Such thinking doesn't run rampant throughout the NFL. So here's what team owners, GMs, personnel directors and coaches will be looking at in free agency.

Head of the class

A year ago, Ndamukong Suh, DeMarco Murray and Julius Thomas were near the top of the ratings. How did that work out for Miami, Philadelphia and Jacksonville?

Still, there are plenty of prime candidates to help teams, even at a steep price. Such as:

Kelechi Osemele, OG, Baltimore — He's a Pro Bowl-caliber guard but has also proved to be a more than capable starting tackle for significant stretches of his four-year career, including the Ravens' 2012 Super Bowl season.

Doug Martin, RB, Tampa Bay — An All-Pro in 2015, Martin has sandwiched two 1,400-yard rushing performances around two injury-plagued seasons.

At 27, and with versatility, he should have plenty of value, albeit not likely for more than a four-year deal.

Alex Mack, C, Cleveland — One of the league's best at any position despite playing in a losing situation throughout his career. If he leaves Browns, his new team gets a dependable, smart leader.

Malik Jackson, DL, Denver — The first of a trio of champions available, Jackson can play end or tackle, depending on the alignment, and will be a major contributor regardless.

Danny Trevathan, LB, Denver — Miller and DeMarcus Ware deserved the fanfare they got. But who was the most active tackler in the Mile High city? This guy.

Next in line

These players are not far behind the half-dozen above, but some come with significant questions marks. Listed alphabetically:

Matt Forte, RB, Chicago; Arian Foster, RB, Houston; Damon Harrison, DT, New York Jets; Janoris Jenkins, CB, Los Angeles; Terrance Knighton, DT, Washington; James Laurinaitis, LB, Los Angeles; Chris Long, DE, Los Angeles; Lamar Miller, RB, Miami; Reggie Nelson, S, Cincinnati; Russell Okung, OT, Seattle; Jason Pierre-Paul, DE, New York Giants; Mitchell Schwartz, OT, Cleveland; Sean Smith, CB, Kansas City; Eric Weddle, S, San Diego.

Strong promises "wide open" duel for Texas quarterback

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas coach Charlie Strong promised a "wide open" competition for the starting job among the team's five scholarship quarterbacks as the Longhorns opened spring practice Monday.

Despite a wide range of experience — from senior to freshmen — all start with the same "clean slate" offered by new offensive coordinator Sterlin Gilbert, Strong said.

"This team is going to go as the quarterback goes," Strong said. "I hope by the end of the spring we can at least say, hey, I feel comfortable with this guy."

Quarterback has been a notorious weak link for the Longhorns, who are just 11-14 in Streng's first two seasons and didn't play in a bowl game last year.

Strong knows another losing season in 2016 likely ends his tenure well ahead of his five-year contract expiration.

Against that backdrop, he acknowledged this year's spring drills pack a lot more drama than usual.

"That seat's been hot since I've been here," Strong said.

"We need to win. I mean, come on."

Most of the pressure will focus on the quarterbacks: Senior Tyrone Swoopes, sophomore Jerrod Heard, redshirt freshmen Kai Locksley and Matthew Merrick, and true freshman Shane Buechele, one of the standouts in a top recruiting class who has already enrolled in school.

And none of this will likely be very easy to sort out.

The younger players have no experience but lots of promise. The older players have the experience but a poor history in being able to win games.

Strong said Swoopes will likely take the first snaps Monday because he was the starter when Texas beat Baylor to end the 2015 season. But Swoopes earned that start because Heard was injured; Heard had earlier taken the job from Swoopes.

Strong said he won't be afraid to start a freshman when Texas kicks off the 2016 season at home against Notre Dame.

"This is a critical year for us," Strong said.

"There's a standard here and we need to meet that standard."

Texas finishes spring practice with its annual scrimmage April 16.

College Football Playoff moves semis to earlier kickoffs

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

The College Football Playoff semifinals are staying on New Year's Eve — despite last season's television ratings — but the schedule is getting a tweak.

The Dec. 31 semifinals will start an hour earlier than they did last season and the Orange Bowl will now be played in prime time on Friday, Dec. 30, instead of during the day on Dec. 31.

CFP executive director Bill Hancock said Monday that coverage of the first game on ESPN will start at 3 p.m. Eastern. The second game will start at 7 p.m. ET.

The semifinals will be played in the Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, Arizona, and the Peach Bowl in Atlanta. Which game starts first will be determined on Dec. 4, when the semifinal matchups are set.

Last season was the first that the semifinals were played on New Year's Eve and the television ratings were down about 35 percent for the two games compared to the season before, when both were played on Jan. 1. That debut season of the College Football Playoff drew record audiences for ESPN.

The Orange Bowl last season between Clemson and Oklahoma, which kicked off about 4:10 p.m. EST on ESPN, drew a 9.1 television rating, a 38.5 percent drop compared to the previous year's Rose Bowl semifinal (14.8). The number of viewers dropped 44.5 percent from 28.2 million for the Rose to 15.6 million for the Orange.

The Michigan State-Alabama Cotton Bowl drew a 9.6 rating for ESPN compared to 15.2 for Ohio State-Alabama in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1, 2015 — a 36.8 percent drop. Total viewership crashed 34.4 percent, going from 28,271,000 for the first season of the playoff to 18,552,000 in the second.

College Football Playoff officials broke from the original plan by moving the Orange Bowl off New Year's Eve. The initial schedule for the CFP had two tripleheaders scheduled for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day throughout the 12-year contract with ESPN. That would have given a late-morning kickoff to the Orange Bowl, which has traditionally been played at night.

After the 2017 season, the semifinals will move back to the Sugar and Rose bowls on New Year's Day.

"As we committed earlier this year, we have looked at the landscape for the upcoming season and are confident that this change will make it easier for more fans to watch the games on television and also will benefit fans who will attend the games in person," Hancock said. "The semifinals will be played on Saturday for the first time. The Capital One Orange Bowl will be in an evening time slot, which is its tradition."

The other three marquee bowls that are part of the playoff rotation — Cotton, Rose and Sugar — will be played Monday, Jan. 2, as previously scheduled, because Jan. 1 will fall on an Sunday dominated by NFL games.

PEYTON

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the Broncos to four AFC West titles, two Super Bowl trips, one championship, and in 2013 guided the highest-scoring offense in league history. All after retraining himself to throw following a series of neck fusion surgeries forced him to miss the 2011 season and he was cut by the Colts.

Former Colorado Rockies slugger Todd Helton, Manning's teammate at Tennessee in the 1990s, once told the story about how Manning's right arm was so shot after his neck operations that he thought Peyton was goofing around when he threw a football and it fluttered like a wounded duck.

"But I knew he'd come back and be Peyton Manning again because nobody else works that hard."

Manning revealed last summer he still had no feeling in the fingertips of his right hand, and yet he threw 140 of his NFL-best 539 TD passes for the Broncos, including a record 55 in 2013.

Team president Joe Ellis told Manning, "If there is a list of achievements needed to attain greatness, you've checked every box."

Elway was equally emotional when he walked away from the game after winning his second championship in 1999, and on Monday he said, "Having been through it, I know it's a hard day for him."

Indeed, Manning choked up several times, especially when he listed all the things he'd miss about football: deciphering defenses; the flights home after a big win; his teammates.

Coach Gary Kubiak recounted Manning's journey through six weeks of rehab and his return to the field in leading Denver to a comeback victory over the Chargers in the regular-season finale that secured the AFC's top seed.

"I know it was tough, and you were special along the way," Kubiak said, turning to the five-time MVP. "So, it was only nine months for me, but I'll remember it for a lifetime."

Manning revealed after the news conference he had an "orthotics guru" who had also helped other NFL QBs take up shop in his garage last November to fit him with some orthotics that helped him get back on the field.

SOFTBALL

From 1C

One of the reasons why is because Permian hired Kristin Williams as head coach after she led Snyder to the Class 4A state championship in 2015.

"She is a great coach, very well disciplined," Overton said. "Her team is fundamentally strong. ... (Permian is bringing) a whole different style of play. They're more of a short-game type of thing, relying on defense. We are going to have to be ready for that."

4. Odessa High has weathered losses too

The Lady Bronchos bid adieu to District 3-6A Defensive MVP Lindsey Wagner and two other key seniors after their second-place finish, but they have continued to excel under the guidance of head coach Rachel Peña.

One of Odessa High's 16 victories was a 4-3 win over Lubbock Coronado, one of the top programs in West Texas.

OHS' pitching has been hot, holding its opponents to three runs or less in its last six games.

5. Abilene High swinging hot sticks

The Lady Eagles enter district play with a torrid offense that averaged 8.8 runs over five games at the McKinney Tournament according to Abilene Reporter News writer Sam Waller.

AHS has eclipsed double digits in runs in four of its last six games, which includes a 25-0 shellacking of North Crowley on Feb. 27 and a 17-6 rout of Kennedale on Thursday.

The Lady Eagles hope their high-scoring offense can help them push for a postseason berth after they finished in a fifth-place tie with San Angelo Central at 1-9 in 2015.

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2016 District 3-6A standings

	District		Overall		
Team	W	L	W	L	T
Odessa Permian	0	0	16	3	0
Odessa High	0	0	16	3	1
Midland High	0	0	12	6	1
Abilene High	0	0	9	4	2
Lee	0	0	9	9	1
San Angelo Central	0	0	6	9	0

Today's games

Odessa High at Midland High, 4 p.m.
San Angelo Central at Abilene High, 4:30 p.m.
Lee at Odessa Permian, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Mar. 15 games

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

Sharapova says she failed drug test; penalty unknown

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Maria Sharapova's tennis career and Olympic hopes are in jeopardy, and she claims it's all because she failed to click on a link in an email that would have told her to stop taking meldonium.

The five-time major champion says she failed a doping test at the Australian Open in January for the little-known drug, which became a banned substance under the WADA code this year.

The former world No. 1 took full responsibility for her mistake when she made the announcement at a news conference Monday in Los Angeles.

Sharapova could face a lengthy ban from the International Tennis Federation, possibly ending her season and preventing her from competing for Russia at the Rio Olympics.

"I know that with this, I face consequences," Sharapova said.

"I don't want to end my career this way, and I really hope I will be given another chance to play this game."

The 28-year-old Sharapova received notice last week that she tested positive for meldonium, a blood flow-promoting drug she has been taking for 10 years for numerous health issues.

Meldonium was banned because it aids oxygen uptake and endurance, and several athletes across international sports have already been caught using it.

Associated Press

Tennis star Maria Sharapova speaks during a news conference in Los Angeles on Monday. Sharapova says she has failed a drug test at the Australian Open.

Sharapova and all players were notified of the changes in the WADA banned substances list in December.

Sharapova claimed she simply missed the change, neglecting to click on the link.

"I take great responsibility and professionalism in my job, and I made a huge mistake," Sharapova said. "I let my fans down. I let the sport down that I've been playing since the age of 4, that I love so deeply."

Meldonium, also known as mildronate, is a Latvian-manufactured drug popular for fighting heart disease in former Soviet Union countries.

Meldonium treats ischemia, or lack of blood flow, but can be taken in large doses as a performance-enhancer.

Sharapova said she began taking meldonium for "several health issues I had back in 2006," including a magnesium deficiency, regular influenza, "irregular" heart test results and early indications of diabetes, of which she has a family history.

Sharapova's penalties could range from a multiyear ban to a minimal sanction with no suspension if officials believe she made an honest mistake. WADA President Craig Reedie told The Associated Press that any athlete found guilty of using meldonium would normally face a one-year suspension.

The ITF's anti-doping program announced in a statement that Sharapova will be provisionally suspended starting this weekend while her case is examined. WADA spokesman Ben Nichols said the organization won't comment until the ITF makes a decision.

Sharapova and her attorney, John J. Haggerty, declined to say where Sharapova was put on the drug or where she gets it now, citing the ongoing process with the ITF. Meldonium is not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

"I understand the drug is sold particularly in Eastern Europe," Reedie told the AP in a telephone interview.

"You can almost get it over the counter. For stronger versions, you might need a prescription. There has been a whole rash of these cases since the 1st of January when it appeared on the banned list. This might not be happening if athletes would be taking more care of the things that are on the list."

Reedie said meldonium can be "very strong medicine."

Although she has lived in the U.S. since childhood, Sharapova won a silver medal and served as Russia's flag-bearer at the London Olympics four years ago.

"I think it's all nonsense," Shamil Tarpshchev, the president of the Russian Tennis Federation, told the state Tass agency. "Athletes take what they're given by physiotherapists and doctors. I think that Sharapova will play at the Olympics anyway. But we have to see how events develop."

Shagaf moves in, Nyquist and Mohaymen still 1-2

By Richard Rosenblatt
Associated Press

One stable, two Top 10 horses for the Kentucky Derby.

One of the colts, Mohaymen, was purchased for $2.2 million by Dubai Sheikh Hamdan's Shadwell Stable. He's 5-0 and No. 2 on the AP's latest Run to the Roses Top 10 of list of Derby contenders. The other, Shagaf, is a homebred foaled at Shadwell in Lexington, Kentucky. He's 3-0 and No. 7 following his win in the Gotham Stakes on Saturday.

Rick Nichols, Shadwell's general manager, believes Shagaf is rapidly moving into the same league as Mohaymen after the colt rallied for a 1 1/4 length win in his stakes debut.

"I think he proved a lot," Nichols said.

"This horse has done everything we asked him to do," Brown said the day after Shagaf's win. "I don't think he could've run any better in any of the three races for what we want him to do."

Nyquist, also unbeaten, remains No. 1 as he prepares for his showdown with Mohaymen in the Florida Derby on April 2.

Here's our Top 10:

1. Nyquist (Doug O'Neill, trainer; Mario Gutierrez, jockey): Unbeaten son of Uncle Mo worked 4 furlongs in 48.80 at Santa Anita last week. ... Next few workouts set for Santa Anita before trip to Florida. ... Next start: Florida Derby, Gulfstream Park, April 2. ... Derby odds (pool 2): 7-1.

2. Mohaymen (Kiaran McLaughlin, Junior Alvarado): Unbeaten Fountain of Youth winner gearing up for showdown with Nyquist. ... Leader in Derby qualifying points with 70. ... Next start: Florida Derby, Gulfstream Park, April 2. ... Odds: 4-1.

3. Mor Spirit (Bob Baffert, Gary Stevens): Worked 6 furlongs in 1:12.20 at Santa Anita on Saturday. ... All set for first race since winning Robert B. Lewis on Feb. 6. ... Next start: San Felipe, Santa Anita, Saturday. ... Odds: 12-1.

4. Brody's Cause (Dale Romans, Corey Lanerie): 3-year-old debut set for this weekend in Florida. ... Worked 4 furlongs in 48.40 on Sunday at Tampa Bay Downs. ... Next start: Tampa Bay Derby, Tampa Bay Downs, Saturday. ... Odds: 15-1.

5. Exaggerator (Keith Desormeaux, Kent Desormeaux): Time has arrived to prove he's no exaggeration. ... Worked 5 furlongs in 1:00.40 at Santa Anita on Saturday. ... Next start: San Felipe, Santa Anita, Saturday. ... Odds: 22-1.

6. Suddenbreakingnews (Donnie Von Hemel, Luis Quinonez): Southwest winner worked 5 furlongs in 1:00.20 at Oaklawn on Saturday. ... Gelding has won two of past three starts. ... Next start: Rebel, Oaklawn Park, March 19. ... Odds: 5-2 (mutuel field).

7. Shagaf (Chad Brown, Irad Ortiz, Jr.): Won Gotham to extend unbeaten record to 3-0. ... Owned by Shadwell Stable, which also owns Mohaymen. ... Will train in New York for final prep. ... Next start: Wood Memorial, Aqueduct, April 9. ... Odds: 31-1.

8. Mo Tom (Tom Amoss, Lanerie): Lecomte winner worked 4 furlongs in 47.80 at the Fair Grounds on Saturday. .... Ran third in Risen Star after bothered in stretch. ... Next start: Louisiana Derby, Fair Grounds, March 26. ... Odds: 28-1.

9. Zulu (Todd Pletcher, John Velazquez): Fountain of Youth runner-up could be Pletcher's top Derby prospect. ... Next start: Florida Derby, Gulfstrem Park, April 2. ... Odds: 24-1.

10. Gun Runner (Steve Asmussen, Florent Geroux): Risen Star winner moved into rankings for first time. ... Has three wins in four starts. ... Next start: Louisiana Derby, Fair Grounds, March 26. ... Odds: 25-1.

90-year-old scout: 'I'm going to do this until I die'

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Tommy Giordano sits in a folding chair behind home plate at Champion Stadium, a stopwatch in his right hand, a lineup card in his lap, his eyes darting this way and that, always searching for the next great player, be it another Joe DiMaggio. Or Hank Aaron. Or Cal Ripken Jr.

He's seen 'em all. Heck, he once out-homered the Hammer.

At age 90, Giordano's mind is sharp, his passion for the game as strong as ever.

"I love what I'm doing," said Giordano, who is with the Atlanta Braves in spring training as a special assistant to the general manager. "I'm going to do this until I die."

His is a baseball life.

"I can't wait to get up in the morning and go to the ballpark," Giordano said. "I'm still in baseball, so I must have been doing a pretty good job."

He's entering his 69th year in the game, having been everything from a major leaguer to a minor-league manager to a front-office executive. But his long career has largely centered on the behind-the-scenes world of scouting.

It is a thankless, often frustrating task, where the failures far outweigh the successes. And in today's game, dominated by computers and number-crunching analytics, the boot-on-the-ground scout is increasingly viewed as an anachronism.

But John Hart, Atlanta's president of baseball operation and the one responsible for bringing his longtime friend to the Braves, insists those such as Giordano will always play an important role in rooting out new talent.

"You're absolutely crazy if you don't use analytics," Hart said. "But we're also an organization that is committed to the opinions and the evaluations of the scout. If a scout doesn't sign off on it, I don't care what the analytics say. We're not taking him."

During his time in Baltimore, Giordano was responsible for the Orioles drafting Ripken. After moving to Cleveland, he signed off on the Indians picking Manny Ramirez.

A successful scout, Giordano said, must rely on four things. He points to his head, his heart, his gut and, finally, below the belt. But, he added, the ability to soothsay where a young man is going to be five years from now requires the scout to dig even deeper.

"Get in the house" is a scouting mantra that Giordano swore by, giving him a chance to check out a prospect's family and any off-the-field red flags. "See what kind of furniture they have in the house. See how many cars they have. See what kind of dad he has. Does he drink? Does he smoke? Are there any problems in the house? Get to know that family. I love doing that kind of work."

His baseball career almost ended not long after it started. Growing up in Newark, New Jersey, he played on the high school team but fibbed to his parents about his reason for staying late after school. His father, who owned a grocery store, believed young Tommy should focus on his schoolwork and devote any free time to working at the family business.

"I used to hide my spikes," Giordano said, his language salty but engaging. "Well, my dad got hold of them and put them on the butcher block. He cut them up. He cut everything up. My bat, my glove, everything."

Eventually, though, his father came around. He even had a pregame ritual that gave his son a nickname, one that stuck with him to this day.

T-bone.

"I hit a couple of home runs one day," Giordano said. "Someone made the statement, 'Hey, where did you get all that power? What did you do? I told 'em, 'Before every game, my dad fixes me a big T-bone steak.' That's where it all started."

Turns out, T-bone was just getting started.

One of the Giordano's fondest memories was getting called up to the majors as a slick-fielding shortstop toward the end of the 1953 season. Giordano played only 11 games for the woeful Philadelphia Athletics — the extent of his big league playing career — but it gave him a chance to meet one of the game's most towering figures, Connie Mack.

In his very first game with the Athletics, he homered off the facade of old Shibe Park, going deep against Virgil Trucks, a 20-game winner for the Chicago White Sox. But Giordano hit only .175 during that brief stint and never returned to the Show.

It was also in 1953, while playing with Class A Savannah, that he encountered a 19-year-old second baseman on his way up, a teenager named Aaron.

Jacksonville's manager, Ben Garrity, asked Giordano to work with young Hank on turning the double play. Aaron wasn't very interested in the intricacies of infield defense.

"Here's Henry, looking up at the sky. I could see he was not paying attention," Giordano recalled, looking down at his own gnarled hands, withered by age and fielding countless ground balls. "I said to Ben, 'Get him off the infield. He's gonna get killed. He's got a great arm. Put in the outfield.'"

That year, Aaron led the South Atlantic League in virtually every offensive category.

Except one.

The player who would go on to break Babe Ruth's record for most career homers — while playing the outfield — finished second in the Sally League with 22 homers.

The leader? Giordano with 24.

These days, Giordano is keeping his still-keen eye on all the young players the Braves are counting on to provide the foundation for a rebuilding team.

As an added bonus, Giordano gets to hang out every day with people just like him, those who view baseball as more than a job.

"It continues to enrich me that I'm able to be of help to young guys who want to be successful in what they're doing, whether as a scout or a manager or a front-office guy," said Giordano, who walks with a cane but generally gives no quarter to his age. "I have had pretty much every phase under my control, except being a general manager."

It's been a full life.

A baseball life.

AUTO RACING GLANCE

NASCAR Sprint Cup points leaders
Through March 6

1. Kyle Busch, 116.
2. Jimmie Johnson, 110.
3. Kevin Harvick, 109.
4. Joey Logano, 104.
5. Kurt Busch, 102.
6. Brad Kesclowski, 98.
7. Carl Edwards, 96.
8. Denny Hamlin, 93.
9. Martin Truex Jr., 90.
10. Austin Dillon, 90.
11. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 79.
12. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 78.
13. Kasey Kahne, 77.
14. Ryan Blaney, 73.
15. Aric Almirola, 72.
16. Jamie McMurray, 69.
17. Ryan Newman, 66.
18. Paul Menard, 62.
19. Regan Smith, 57.
20. Kyle Larson, 56.
21. Greg Biffle, 56.
22. Matt Kenseth, 56.
23. Trevor Bayne, 56.
24. Casey Mears, 54.
25. AJ Allmendinger, 51.
26. Danica Patrick, 47.
27. Brian Scott, 42.
28. Chase Elliott, 41.
29. Michael Annett, 37.
30. Michael McDowell, 36.
31. Landon Cassill, 36.
32. Clint Bowyer, 33.
33. David Ragan, 31.
34. Chris Buescher, 30.
35. Matt DiBenedetto, 23.
36. Brian Vickers, 20.
37. Michael Waltrip, 12.
38. Bobby Labonte, 11.
39. Jeffrey Earnhardt, 11.
40. Josh Wise, 8.
41. Cole Whitt, 7.
42. Robert Richardson Jr. 3.

NASCAR Sprint Cup Schedule Winners
Through March 6

Feb. 13 — x-Sprint Unlimited (Denny Hamlin)
Feb. 18 — x-Can-Am Duel 1 (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)
Feb. 18 — x-Can-Am Duel 2 (Kyle Busch)
Feb. 21 — Daytona 500 (Denny Hamlin)
Feb. 28 — Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 (Jimmie Johnson)
March 6 — Kobalt 400 (Brad Keselowski)
March 13 — Good Sam 500, Avondale, Ariz.
March 20 — Auto Club 400, Fontana, Calif.
April 3 — STP 500, Ridgeway, Va.
April 9 — Duck Commander 500, Fort Worth
April 17 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn.
April 24 — Toyota Owners 400, Richmond, Va.
May 1 — GEICO 500, Talladega, Ala.
May 7 — GoBowling.com 400, Kansas City, Kan.
May 15 — AAA 400 Drive for Autism, Dover, Del.
May 20 — x-Sprint Showdown, Concord, N.C.
May 21 — x-NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race, Concord, N.C.
May 29 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
June 5 — Axalta We Paint Winners 400, Long Pond, Pa.
June 12 — FireKeepers Casino 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
June 26 — Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
July 2 — Coke Zero 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 9 — Quaker State 400, Sparta, Ky.
July 17 — New Hampshire 301, Loudon, N.H.
July 24 — Crown Royal Presents The Your Hero's Name Here 400 at The Brickyard, Indianapolis
July 31 — Pennsylvania 400, Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 7 — Cheez-It 355 at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 20 — Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race, Bristol, Tenn.
Aug. 28 — Pure Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
Sep. 4 — Bojangles' Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
Sep. 10 — Federated Auto Parts 400, Richmond, Va.
Sep. 18 — Chicagoland 400, Joliet, Ill.
Sep. 25 — New England 300, Loudon, N.H.
Oct. 2 — Dover 400, Dover, Del.
Oct. 8 — Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C.
Oct. 16 — Hollywood Casino 400, Kansas City, Kan.
Oct. 23 — Alabama 500, Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 30 — Goody's Fast Relief 500, Ridgeway, Va.
Nov. 6 — AAA Texas 500, Fort Worth, Texas
Nov. 13 — Can-Am 500, Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 20 — Ford EcoBoost 400, Homestead, Fla.
x-non-points race

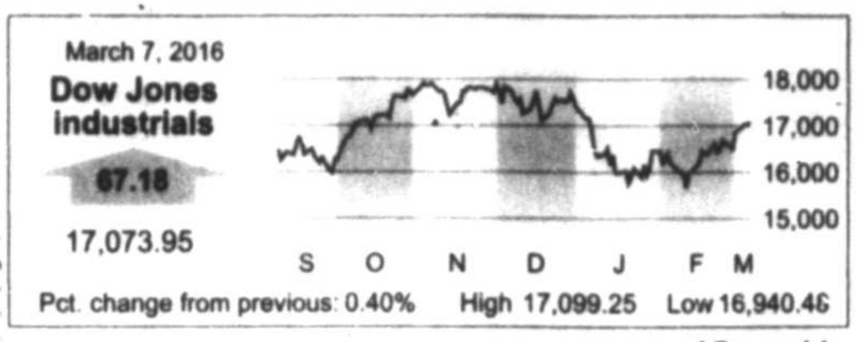
NASCAR XFINITY Points Leaders
Through March 5

1. Daniel Suarez, 106.
2. Elliott Sadler, 103.
3. Ty Dillon, 99.
4. Brandon Jones, 99.
5. Justin Allgaier, 95.
6. Brendan Gaughan, 91.
7. Erik Jones, 86.
8. Ryan Reed, 79.
9. Ryan Sieg, 73.
10. Jeb Burton, 72.
11. Brennan Poole, 71.
12. Jeremy Clements, 71.
13. Blake Koch, 68.
14. Darrell Wallace Jr., 67.
15. Dakoda Armstrong, 66.
16. Ross Chastain, 57.
17. B.J. McLeod, 46.
18. Ryan Preece, 43.
19. David Starr, 43.
20. J.J. Yeley, 42.
21. Corey LaJoie, 40.
22. Garrett Smithley, 34.
23. Ray Black Jr., 32.
24. Joey Gase, 31.
25. Mario Gosselin, 28.
26. Chris Cockrum, 25.
27. Mike Harmon, 21.
28. Cody Ware, 16.
29. Anthony Kumpen, 15.
30. Harrison Rhodes, 15.
31. Derrike Cope, 14.
32. Scott Lagasse Jr., 12.
33. Stanton Barrett, 11.
34. Eric McClure, 11.
35. Morgan Shepherd, 11.
36. Josh Reaume, 10.
37. Carl Long, 9.
38. Justin Marks, 7.
39. Benny Gordon, 6.
40. Jeff Green, 6.
41. Derek White, 5.
42. Todd Peck, 3.
43. Martin Roy, 3.
44. Bobby Gerhart, 2.

NASCAR Camping World Trucks points leaders
Through Feb. 27

1. Parker Kligerman, 55.
2. Daniel Hemric, 54.
3. John Hunter Nemechek, 52.
4. Timothy Peters, 49.
5. Tyler Young, 47.
6. Ryan Truex, 45.
7. Brandon Brown, 43.
8. Ben Rhodes, 43.
9. Grant Enfinger, 42.
10. Johnny Sauter, 41.
11. Cameron Hayley, 41.
12. Travis Kvapil, 39.
13. Spencer Gallagher, 35.
14. Tyler Reddick, 35.
15. John Wes Townley, 33.
16. Timmy Hill, 32.
17. Austin Wayne Self, 31.
18. Matt Crafton, 29.
19. Ben Kennedy, 28.
20. Rico Abreu, 26.
21. Christopher Bell, 25.
22. Cole Custer, 25.
23. Caleb Holman, 24.
24. Michel Disdier, 22.
25. Austin Hill, 21.
26. William Byron, 21.
27. Chris Fontaine, 11.
28. Tommy Joe Martins, 9.
29. Austin Theriault, 8.
30. Carlos Contreras, 6.
31. Jennifer Jo Cobb, 4.
32. Jordan Anderson, 3.
33. Cody Coughlin, 2.

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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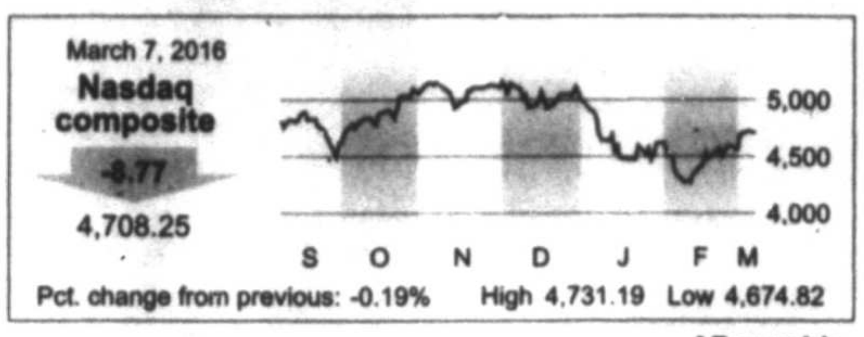

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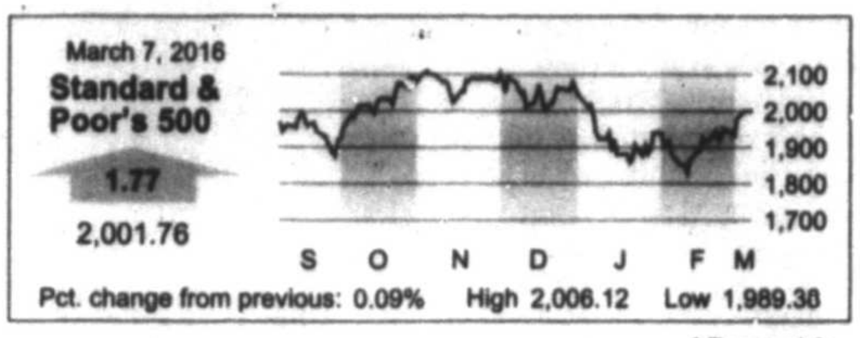

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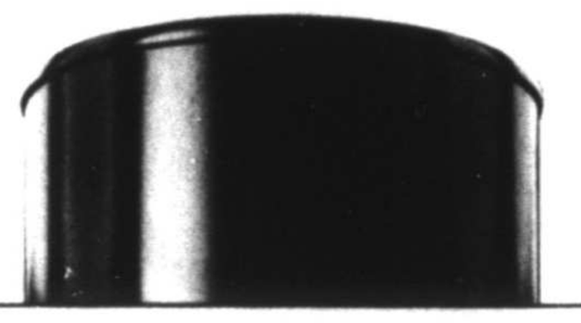
OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Monday: $37.90
Previous: $35.92

POSTED
Monday: $34.25
Previous: $32.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR
Monday: $29.65
Previous: $27.90

NATURAL GAS
Monday: $1.690
Previous: $1.666



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CSVLgCrd rs	1836424	2.49	+.32
ChesEng	1148358	5.23	+.15
BkofAm	963837	13.53	-.01
MktVGold	903375	20.40	+.69
S&P500ETF	824717	200.59	+.16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EP Energy	6.84	+2.91	+74.0
BonanzaCE	3.01	+.89	+42.0
PeabdyE rs	4.79	+1.40	+41.3
BasicEnSv	3.59	+.97	+37.0
StoneEngy	3.50	+.94	+36.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DrxNGBear	16.43	-8.12	-33.1
CSVInvCrd	152.31	-26.49	-14.8
PrUShPac	24.41	-3.94	-13.9
DxGMBr rs	6.27	-.99	-13.6
DxSPOGBear	57.27	-7.99	-12.2

DIARY

Advanced	2,057
Declined	1,035
Unchanged	90
Total issues	3,182
New Highs	55
New Lows	4
Volume	4,863,809,048

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
TriangPet	85619	1.45	+.61
BarcGSOil	63134	5.44	+.27
Globalstar	55298	1.38	-.05
NwGold g	45465	3.88	+.14
ChenereEn	43361	38.47	+.43

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PlatGpM rs	3.19	+.55	+20.8
Gastar pfB	5.95	+.90	+17.8
LucasE rs	4.56	+.67	+17.2
Tofutti	3.90	+.57	+17.1
Gastar pfA	4.60	+.61	+15.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BiP Tin	37.95	-6.04	-13.7
AltisrcAst	14.21	-1.54	-9.8
SwGA Fn	14.31	-.84	-5.5
SnchzPP rs	13.49	-.78	-5.5
HMG	9.48	-.52	-5.2

DIARY

Advanced	242
Declined	121
Unchanged	31
Total issues	394
New Highs	7
New Lows	
Volume	113,708,789

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	505086	3.90	-.01
LinnEngy	483121	1.95	+.95
Microsoft	375801	51.03	-1.00
Apple Inc	350747	101.87	-1.14
Facebook	311043	105.73	-2.66

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EagleBlkSh	3.00	+1.71	+132.6
CodeReb n	3.50	+1.32	+60.6
RexEngy h	2.17	+.76	+53.9
HercOffs n	2.91	+.91	+45.5
LegcyR pfB	2.72	+.68	+33.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CelldexTh	3.79	-4.40	-53.7
VanNR pfB	3.65	-2.07	-36.2
VanNR pfA	5.64	-3.17	-36.0
ComScore	27.04	-13.67	-33.6
VanNR pfC	3.73	-1.78	-32.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,934
Declined	870
Unchanged	156
Total issues	2,960
New Highs	33
New Lows	28
Volume	2,030,473,849

Fed vice chair sees hints of too-low inflation moving up

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Vice Chairman Stanley Fischer said Monday that inflation in the U.S. may be starting to tick up from too-low levels, a key condition for further interest rate hikes.

"We may well at present be seeing the first stirrings of an increase in the inflation rate — something that we would like to happen," he said in a speech in Washington.

However, another Fed official, Lael Brainard, expressed uncertainty about whether an improving job market would be enough to bolster inflation, given persistently low oil prices and a strong dollar. Inflation has "persistently underperformed" relative to the Fed's target of annual price gains of 2 percent, she said in a separate speech Monday.

The two Fed officials' views underscore how the Fed is wrestling with a prolonged period of muted price gains and its timetable for rate hikes. In December, the Fed raised its key rate from record lows.

Policymakers did not raise rates at its January meeting, and officials are expected to leave rates unchanged when they meet again March 15-16. Many analysts don't expect another rate hike until June at the earliest.

During a question and answer session, Fischer noted that prices were being dragged by tumbling energy prices and a strong dollar, which reduces the cost of imports. But he expects those factors to fade soon, enabling inflation to advance toward the Fed's target.

"I think when the dollar stabilizes and oil stabilizes, we will see inflation going very close to 2 percent," Fischer said in his appearance to receive a lifetime achievement award from the National Association for Business Economics.

Fischer was also asked about the possibility that a weak U.S. economy might force the Fed to reverse course or even introduce negative interest rates, like central banks have done in Europe and Japan.

He said the Fed was studying negative interest rates, but he doubts that it would decide to use them.

"We would prefer not to go there," Fischer said. "We don't see any immediate need for that, but we are certainly watching the situation."

Inflation by the Fed's preferred measure has been running below target for more than four years. It had risen just 0.7 percent over the 12 months ending in December. In January however, this measure of inflation jumped, rising 1.3 percent over the past 12 months. Core inflation, which excludes food and energy, rose 1.7 percent.

The Fed has pegged 2 percent as a target for inflation because it believes that price gains at this level are low enough to promote price stability — one of its dual mandates. A target below that level risks pushing the country into a period of deflation, or falling prices, if there is an unexpected shock to growth. Deflation, which the United States has not seen since the Great Depression, is viewed as destabilizing because it is a sign of an extremely weak economy.

In her speech and a later interview, Brainard said she remained concerned about low inflation. She acknowledged the rise in January prices, but she said she wants to see more data.

"I want to see a pattern, some persistence," she said on CNBC.

In his speech, Fischer expressed deep concerns about the slowdown in U.S. productivity over the last two decades — a trend that has held down worker pay.

Stocks post meager gains

Stocks wavered throughout the day but managed to eke out modest gains Monday as oil prices rose.

Investors bought drillers, refiners and other energy companies as the three-week rise in crude continued. Six of 10 industry sectors in the Standard & Poor's 500 rose, helping the index extend its winning streak to a fifth day.

The ride up was bumpy, though, and the gains were slight. The S&P 500 gained just 0.09 percent. That was its smallest increase in seven weeks.

Shares of consumer products and technology companies fell. Chipmaker Micron Technology fell 30 cents, or 2.5 percent, to $11.58.

With no big U.S. economic or earnings announcements, news from abroad appeared to drive much of the trading.

The price of iron ore jumped 17 percent on news over the weekend that China plans to run up its deficit to stimulate its economy. China is the world's largest buyer of this raw material for steel, and mining companies soared on the news. Cliffs Natural Resources rose 54 cents to $3.43, a gain of 19 percent.

Metals end mixed

Precious and industrial metals futures ended mixed. Gold fell $6.70 to $1,264 an ounce, silver slipped six cents to $15.63 an ounce and copper rose a penny to $2.28 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $20.84 Up 2.42

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $101.15 Up 2.99

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.46 Up 0.46

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $76.24 Up 0.25

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.39 Up 0.51

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.61 Up 0.21

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $19.50 Up 0.52

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $27.02 Up 0.62

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $5.27 Up 0.22

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.38 Up 0.38

State, Wells Fargo charged with fraud for 38 Studios deal

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Monday charged Rhode Island's economic development agency and Wells Fargo with defrauding investors in the state's disastrous $75 million deal with 38 Studios, the failed video game company started by former Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling.

The civil complaint, filed in U.S. District Court in Providence, accuses the Rhode Island Commerce Corp. and Wells Fargo Securities of making materially misleading statements when they sold the bonds used to fund the deal.

Schilling moved his company from Massachusetts to Rhode Island in 2010, after the agency agreed to give it a $75 million loan guarantee. The deal was financed through bonds offered to investors. Less than two years later, 38 Studios ran out of money and closed its doors, filing for bankruptcy.

Schilling is not accused of wrongdoing in the SEC action, but he and others, including Wells Fargo, are being sued by the economic development agency in state court. That case has so far netted nearly $17 million in settlements. Schilling has blamed state officials for failing to support his business venture.

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.92f	16	38.13	+.20	+10.8
Abraxas	...	7	1.19	+.04	+12.3
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	12.25	+.02	-4.5
Alcoa	.12	17	10.04	+.47	+1.7
AlonUSA	.60	15	10.79	+.51	-27.3
Ambev	.19e		5.04	-.04	+13.0
Amgen	4.00	16	147.31	+1.33	-9.3
Anadarko	.20m	...	45.10	-.11	-7.2
Apache	1.00	...	51.02	+2.98	+14.7
Apple Inc	2.08	11	101.87	-1.14	-3.2
ApldMatl	.40	18	19.44	+.05	+4.1
Archrock	.75f		6.34	+.25	-15.7
ATMOS	1.68f	23	70.63	-.02	+12.1
AutoData	2.12	27	86.09	-.10	+1.6
BP PLC	2.40a	...	31.50	+.35	+.8
BabsCCInv	1.20		16.91	-.09	-2.0
BakrHu	.68		46.58	+.38	+.9
BkofAm	.20	10	13.53	-.01	-19.6
B iPVixST			21.89	+.03	+8.9
BarrickG	.08	48	13.86	+.14	+87.8
BasicEnSv			3.59	+.97	+34.0
BerkHa A	...	14	208500.00	+554.99	+5.4
BlkHillsCp	1.68f	39	57.04	+1.00	+22.9
BrMySq	1.52f	47	66.49	+1.78	-3.3
BrownFA	1.36f	33	105.45	+.06	-4.2
BrownFB	1.36f	29	97.53	-.15	-1.8
CVS Health	1.70f	20	98.42	-.86	+.7
CalifRescs			2.00	+.24	-14.2
Cameron		19	68.79	+1.00	+8.8
Caterpillar	3.08	15	74.77	+1.93	+10.0
Celestic g		13	10.97	+.18	-.5
CelldexTh			3.79	-4.40	-75.8
CntryLink	2.16	20	31.77	+.18	+26.3
ChesEng			5.23	+.15	+16.2
Chevron	4.28	37	90.67	+2.74	+.8
Chicos	.32f	47	13.02	+.22	+22.0
Cimarex	.32m		95.47	+4.82	+6.8
Cisco	1.04f	13	27.14	+.34	+.7
Citigroup	.20	10	42.61	-.22	-17.7
ClayEng	...	...	20.84	+2.42	-29.5
CliffsNRs			3.43	+.54	+117.1
CocaCola	1.40f	25	44.01	-.10	+2.4
ColgPalm	1.52	25	67.57	-.59	+1.4
ConAgra	1.00	23	42.84	-.46	+1.6

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ConchoRes	...	...	101.15	+2.99	+8.9
ConocoPhil	1.00m	...	41.40	+.28	-11.3
CrackerB	4.40a	21	150.37	+.97	+18.6
CSVLgNG rs			.78	+.06	-68.1
CSVLgCrd rs			2.49	+.32	-37.0
CSVixSh rs			6.78	+.02	+8.3
CrosTim	1.48e	10	16.10	+1.01	+23.8
DCP Mid	3.12	26	23.65	+.12	-4.1
DTE	2.92f	19	86.17	+1.31	+7.5
Dataram h			.91	...	+37.1
DenburyR			3.66	+.40	+81.2
DevonE	.24m	...	24.19	+.88	-24.4
DirDGldBr			3.49	-.39	-78.9
Disney	1.42f	18	99.39	+.91	-5.4
DowChm	1.84f	12	49.76	-.53	-3.3
DryShips h			.16	+.03	-8.0
EOG Rescs	.67	...	75.47	+4.06	+6.6
EP Energy		46	6.84	+2.91	+56.2
EmpDist	1.04	26	33.32	+.11	+18.7
EnCana g	.06m		6.10	+.63	+19.8
Energen	.08		32.07	+1.07	-21.8
EgyTrEq s	1.14f	7	8.26	-.07	-39.9
EngyTsfr	4.22f		31.22	+1.89	-7.4
EnPro	.84f	...	58.91	+1.77	+34.4
EntProdPt	1.56f	19	25.10	+1.02	-1.9
Ericsson	.39e		9.36	+.03	-2.6
ExxonMbl	2.92	22	84.46	+2.17	+8.4
Facebook		69	105.73	-2.66	+1.0
FordM	.60a	8	13.62	+.03	-3.3
FreeSea rs			.03	+.01	-96.8
FrptMcM			9.86	+.12	+45.6
FrontierCm	.42		5.79	+.22	+24.0
GATX	1.60f	9	50.66	+3.29	+19.1
GabMultT	.94e	...	7.30	-.06	-2.7
GAinv	1.15e	...	30.31	+.27	-5.1
GenElec	.92	...	30.29	-.17	-2.8
GtBasSci rs	...		.17	+.03	-81.9
GtPlainEn	1.05f	22	30.13	+.29	+10.3
HalconRs rs	...		1.37	+.35	+8.7
Hallibrtn	.72	...	35.84	+.96	+5.3
iShBrazil	1.03e		24.81	-.18	+20.0
iShJapan	.13e		11.40	-.12	-5.9
iShChinaLC	.76e		32.61	-.38	-7.6

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iShEMkts	.84e		32.77	-.05	+1.8
iS Eafe	1.70e		56.29	-.07	-4.1
iShR2K	1.73e		108.89	+1.17	-3.3
Intel	1.04f	13	30.94	+.31	-10.2
InterDig	.80	17	54.43	+.92	+11.0
ItauUnibH	.45e	...	6.25	-.16	+26.9
JohnJn	3.00	18	106.74	+.24	+3.9
KimbClk	3.68f	37	131.59	-.95	+3.4
KindMorg	.50m	28	18.79	+.27	+25.9
Kinross g	...	...	3.02	+.03	+65.9
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.39	+.51	-20.6
LinnEngy		...	1.95	+.95	+51.2
LinnCo		...	1.58	+.83	+54.9
Lubys	...	...	4.90	+.07	+9.6
MarathnO	.20m		11.03	+.03	-12.4
MktVGold	.12e	...	20.40	+.69	+48.7
McDnlds	3.56f	24	117.15	-.03	-.8
Merck	1.84f	25	52.64	+.56	-.3
MeritMed	...	36	19.22	+.01	+3.4
MexcoEn		...	2.61	+.21	-19.2
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NuvPI	.82a	...	14.23	...	+.9
NSTFI3	.55a	...	14.68	+.08	+1.0
NTXQI	.65	...	14.71	-.01	+1.9
OasisPet	...	...	6.74	-.17	-8.5
OcciPet	3.00	53	70.35	+.63	+4.1
ParTech	...	...	6.35	+.01	-5.6
ParkDrl	...	...	2.21	+.19	+21.4
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PennaRE	.84	...	20.96	+.13	-4.2
Prmian	.35e	15	6.53	+.25	+29.1
PetrbrsA	...	...	3.85	+.01	+13.2
Petrobras	...	...	5.22	-.04	+21.4
Pfizer	1.20f	18	29.79	+.08	-7.7
PicNtrl	.08	62	130.64	+1.84	+4.2
PlainsAAP	2.80	16	23.74	+1.71	+2.8

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PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	105.02	-.65	-6.1
Praxair	3.00f	20	108.59	-.20	+6.0
PrmEgy	...	23	49.56	...	-6.5
PUVixST rs			30.38	+.13	+7.2
PrUCrude rs			9.83	+.84	-21.6
ProctGam	2.65	28	83.10	-.39	+4.6
RangeRs	.08m	20	33.75	+1.43	+37.1
Rowan	.40		17.24	-.40	+1.7
RoyDShllA	3.76	73	48.27	+.28	+5.4
SpdrDJIA	3.98e		170.62	+.60	-1.9
S&P500ETF	4.13e		200.59	+.16	-1.6
SpdrOGEx	.73e		30.07	+1.12	-.5
SabnR	2.50e	11	34.00	+.65	+29.5
SanderFm	.88a	10	92.62	+1.27	+19.5
Schlmbrg	2.00	23	76.16	+1.33	+9.2
SeadrillLtd			6.06	+.09	+78.8
SiriusXM		39	3.90	-.01	-4.2
Smucker	2.68	34	126.80	-.74	+2.8
SwstnEngy			8.59	+.76	+20.8
Sprint			3.97	+.15	+9.7
SP Engy	2.04e		62.39	+1.43	+3.4
SPDR Fncl	.46e		22.27	-.01	-6.5
SunEdison	...		1.90	+.12	-62.7
SunocoLog	1.92f	43	28.52	+.72	+11.0
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	10.81	+.05	-2.3
Tesoro	2.00	6	85.63	+.83	-18.7

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3M Co	4.44f	21	160.57	+.50	+6.6
Torchmark	.56f	13	53.69	+.25	-5.8
Transocn			12.71	...	+2.7
TriContl	.82e	...	19.55	+.12	-2.3
Twitter			19.17	-.19	-17.2
TylerTech	...	57	122.50	-1.04	-29.7
UltraPt g			1.15	+.05	-54.0
UBSI	1.32	19	37.73	+.24	+2.0
US NGas			6.10	+.17	-29.6
US OilFd			10.11	+.46	-8.1
USSteel	.20		13.57	+.59	+70.1
Vale SA	.29e		4.65	+.27	+41.3
Vale SA pf	.29e		3.42	+.30	+34.1
ValeroE	2.40f	7	63.25	-.64	-10.6
VangEmg	1.10e		33.34	-.07	+1.9
VulcanM	.80f	59	103.02	+1.26	+8.5
WEC Engy	1.98f	21	56.91	-.13	+10.9
WPX Engy			6.24	+.40	+8.7
WalgBoots	1.44	23	79.15	-.30	-7.1
Weathfintl			6.66	+.08	-20.6
WstnRefin	1.52f	5	28.05	+.58	-21.3
WhitingPet			8.16	+1.07	-13.6
WmsCos	2.56	95	19.06	-.09	-25.8
XcelEngy	1.36f	21	40.06	+.12	+11.6
Xerox	.31f	22	10.42	-.08	-2.0
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18,351.36	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	17,073.95	+67.18	+.40	-2.01	-5.12
9,176.20	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,686.02	+34.17	+.45	+2.36	-13.91
637.93	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	636.61	+3.56	+.56	+10.17	+11.52
11,254.87	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,006.19	+37.78	+.38	-1.35	-7.92
5,231.94	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	4,708.25	-8.77	-.19	-5.97	-4.74
2,134.72	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,001.76	+1.77	+.09	-2.06	-3.74
1,551.28	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,405.47	+6.27	+.45	+.49	-5.82
22,537.15	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	20,659.09	+49.62	+.24	-2.40	-5.93
1,296.00	943.09	Russell 2000	1,094.14	+12.21	+1.13	-3.67	-10.58

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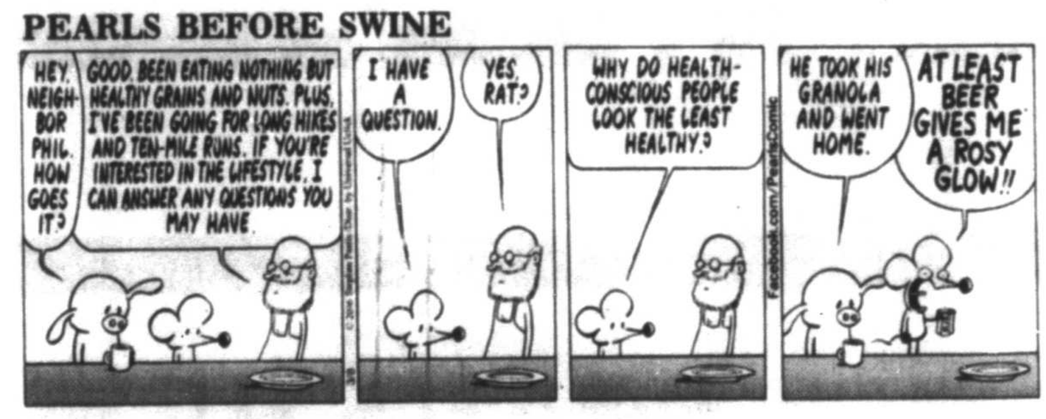

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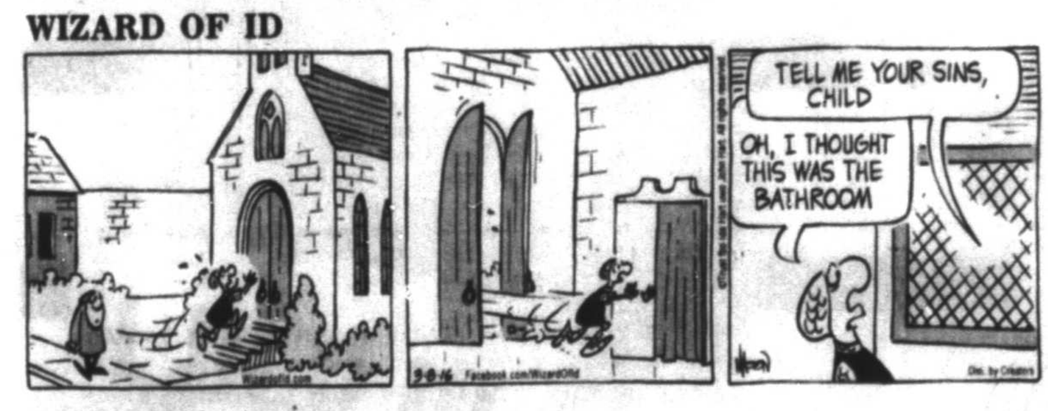

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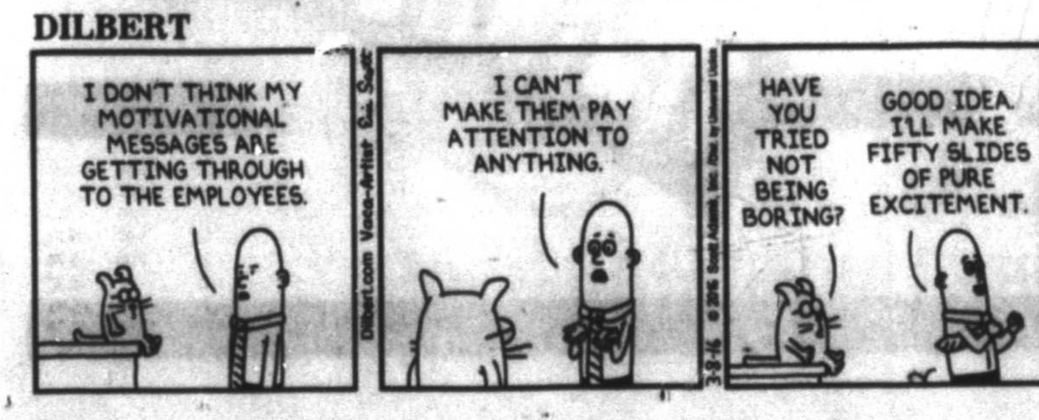

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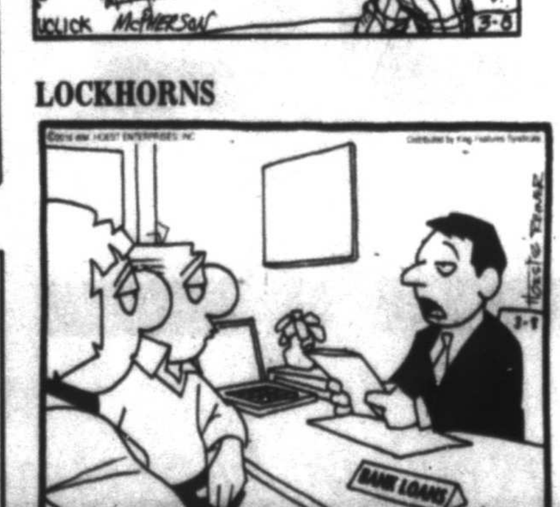

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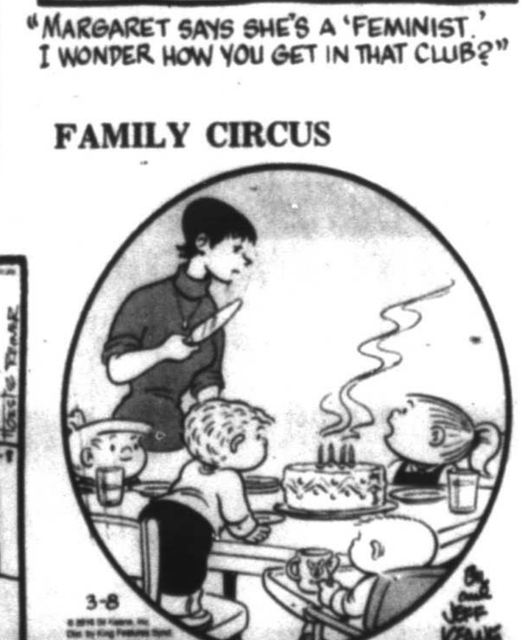

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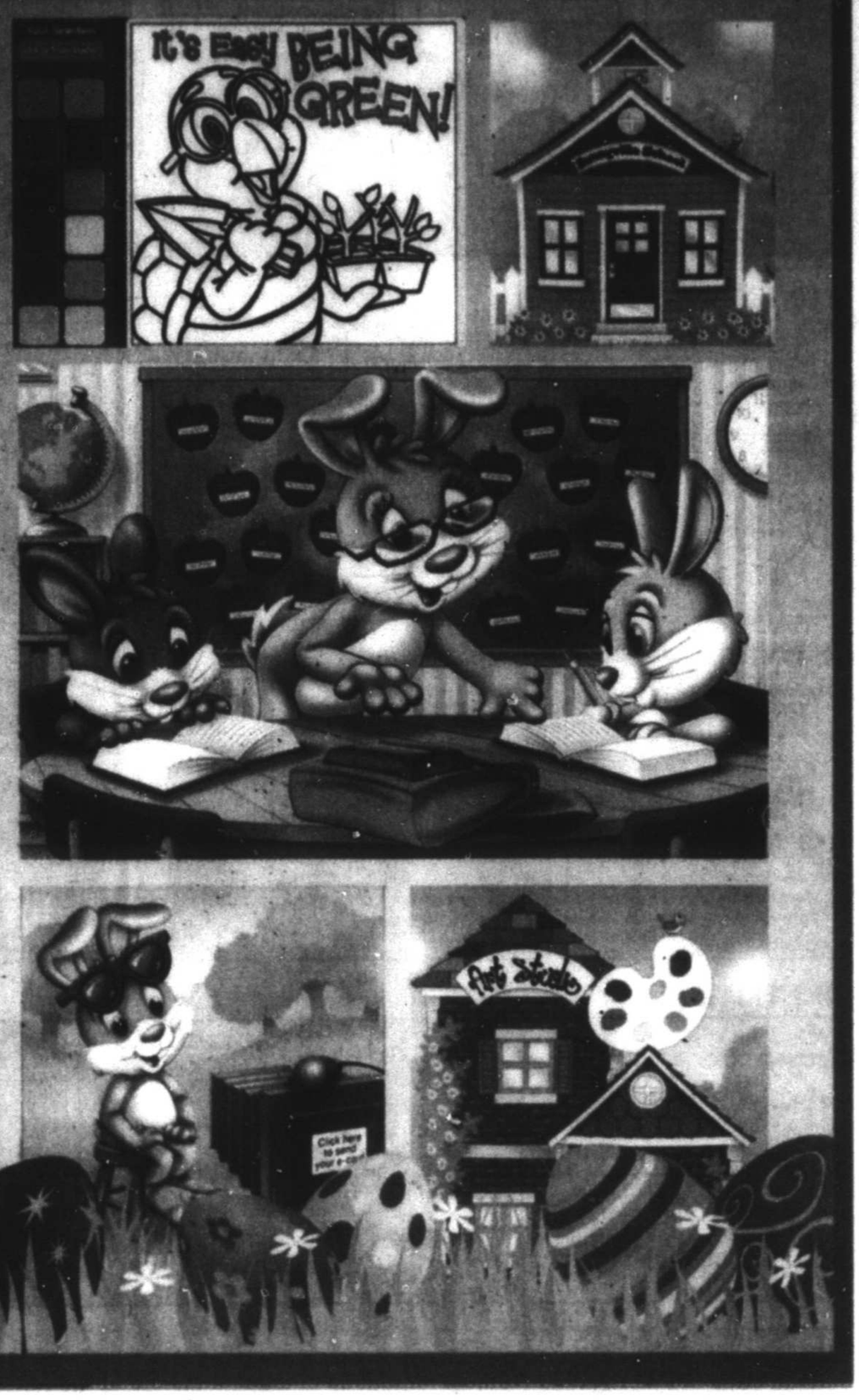

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OTHER JOBS

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Midland Reporter-Telegram
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OTHER JOBS

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Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

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$10.00 per hour

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City of Midland, Texas

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST ESTATE OF CECIL BURNARD HARRIS

Administration of the Estate of CECIL BURNARD HARRIS, Deceased, has been commenced by the issuance of Original Letters Testamentary to WANDA LEE HARRIS, Independent Executor, on the 23rd day of February, 2016, by the County Court of Midland County, Texas, acting in Cause No. P-18,591 styled the Estate of CECIL BURNARD HARRIS, Deceased, in which Court the matter is pending. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to present the same to the Estate of Cecil Burnard Harris, c/o Patrick S. Duffy, 600 N. Marienfeld, Suite 310, Midland, Texas 79701 within the time prescribed by law.

PATRICK S. DUFFY, ATTORNEY FOR WANDA LEE HARRIS, INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF VIVIAN DELORES WOMACK, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Vivian Delores Womack, Deceased, were issued to Sandalynn Underwood, Independent Executrix, on the 22nd day of December, 2015, in the proceeding styled "Estate of Vivian Delores Womack, Deceased", No. P18,532 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to said Independent Executrix, at the address given below before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed; and within the time and manner prescribed by law. Said Independent Executrix's address is 10211 W County Rd 58, Midland, TX 79707.

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Competitive sealed proposals addressed to Ms. Jill Hallmark, Director of School Plant Services Midland Independent School District, 801 S. Moran, for roofing and repairs for areas at Midland High School, will be received at the above address no later than 1:30 P.M., on Tuesday, March 29, 2016.

A Walk-Through Conference will be held at 1:30 P.M, on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at Midland High School 906 W. Illinois Street Midland TX, 79701. The Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained at the Walk-Through Conference.

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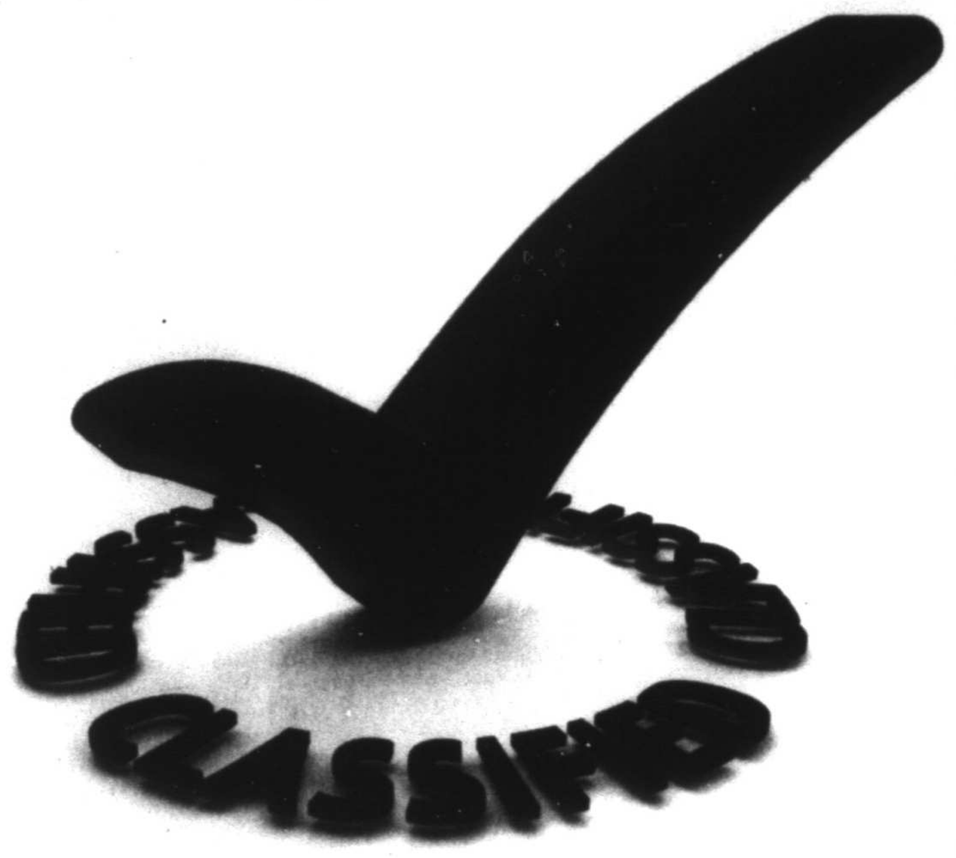

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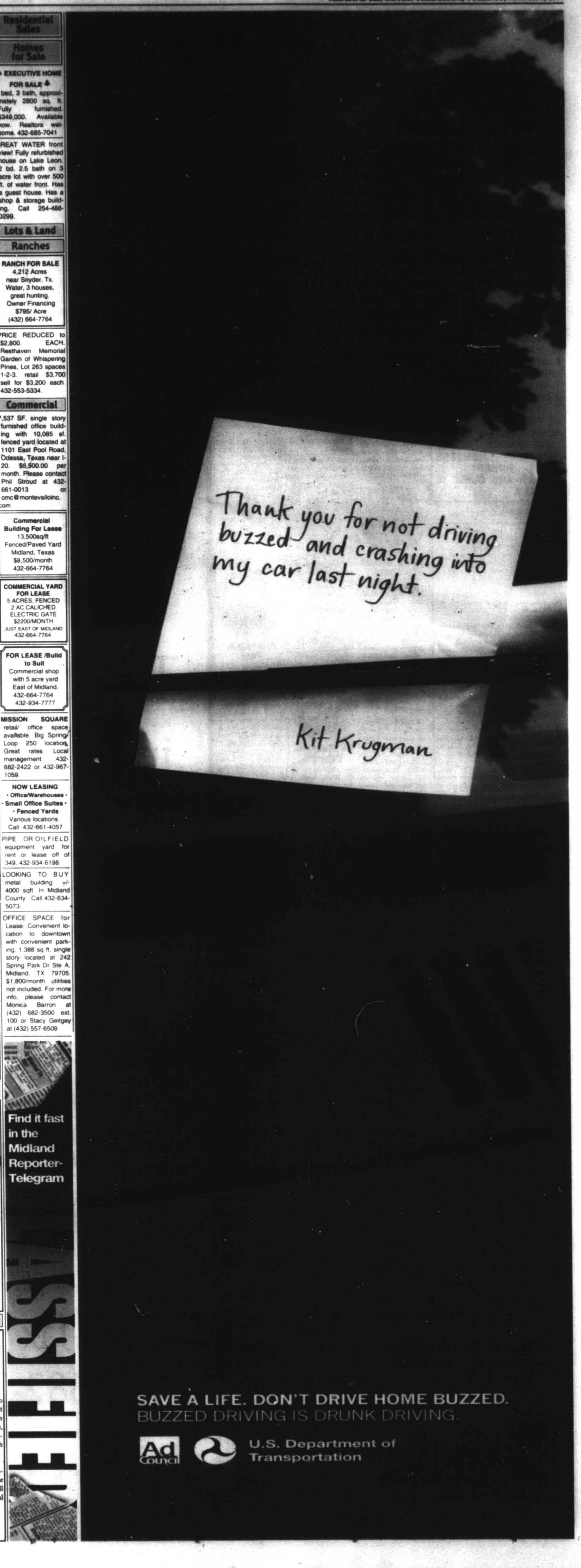

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As the light dims, clouds blow behind the row of team spotters on the roof of the Texas Motor Speedway during the Samsung Mobile 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup race at Texas Motor Speedway on April 14, 2012. Forecasts call for stormy weather in the area. The National Weather Service is trying an experiment using weather spotters in Central Texas and a few other places around the country as it adjusts to the age of social media.

Volunteers help experts track bad weather in parts of Texas

By Martin Toohey
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — Tricia Clarke stood on a Lakeway hilltop, winds threatening to snatch the ball cap from her head, and pointed across miles of rolling, scrub-covered limestone countryside, past the distant blue line of Lake Travis, to a spot nearly 55 miles away.

That's where one of the region's main Doppler radars sits at Fort Hood. Another, at the National Weather Service's New Braunfels office, is 46 miles away in the opposite direction. Radar, Clarke said, accomplishes a lot, but "radar doesn't pick up everything close to the ground.

"That," she said, "is where spotters like me come in."

The Austin American-Statesman reported Clarke is part of an experiment the National Weather Service is trying in Central Texas and a few other places around the country as it adjusts to the age of social media. The age is both a blessing and a curse: Weather authorities have more ways than ever to acquire the "ground truth" that is invaluable in the still-young science of forecasting.

Public safety agencies, too, are experimenting with ways to leverage the potential of crowdsourcing. But sorting all that information can be difficult — particularly in the midst of a disaster like a flood or fire — and misinformation tends to spread faster than officials can correct it.

One of the weather service's ideas is to rely on small teams of volunteers like Clarke and harness the enthusiasm of her fellow weather geeks. The teams would help the professionals gather reliable information and release it to the public. If the approach works, it may be expanded.

"We're trying to utilize the interest of people," said Paul Yura, who directs public outreach for the San Antonio/Austin braneh of the weather service. "The more ground-truth reports we can get and the more effectively we can get word out to the public, the better."

When Clarke was growing up in the Dallas suburb of Garland, one of the main ways of getting word out was the tornado sirens, which she said were "the most terrifying sound imaginable." Her interest in weather was strong enough that as an adult, co-workers called her "weather girl." The Doppler channel provided the soundtrack to her mornings.

In the late afternoon of May 27, 1997, a massive storm was bearing down on Austin. Clarke, at the time working for a nonprofit for property tax professionals, was the only person still in the office. When she finally decided to head home, "the sky behind me was just black."

She raced down U.S. 183 to her Southeast Austin home, where she hid in the bathtub with her cats. A few days later, she and her boyfriend drove through Jarrell, a town of just more than 1,300 residents that had been ripped apart during the storm by a tornado, leaving 27 dead. A whole subdivision was simply gone.

"There was mulch everywhere," Clarke said. "The trees had just been mulched."

That tornado, she said, made nature's power clear to her. It's the kind of phenomenon she mentions when making a distinction between what she does and what she does not do.

"A storm chaser is someone who goes on a mission to find a tornado," Clarke said. "A storm spotter could be someone going out in their backyard and looking up. I have no desire to see a tornado. I hope I never see one."

Public officials discourage the sort of storm chasing that can get an untrained person killed. But they say there are many other ways to help. The city of Austin and the Lower Colorado River Authority have websites that compile data people send from their phone after checking a backyard rain gauge. The curious can check rainfall patterns, but more importantly, it allows people to check if floods are imminent and helps public officials prepare responses.

From her favorite hilltop — a short drive from her home, where she lives with her husband and 6-year-old son — Clarke can see cloud formations miles away. To people savvy to storms, clouds have subtle tells about what is coming. The prettier and more latticed the patterns in a thundercloud, the more violent it is likely to be, for example.

"Clouds fascinate me," Clarke said. "I think they're so beautiful. They're pieces of artwork, I think."

She does not remember how she heard about the 2012 Skywarn conference. Probably through Facebook, she guesses. The annual Austin conference is one of the nation's largest of its kind, a place where weather enthusiasts earn basic certification in storm spotting — both what to look for and how to stay safe while doing it.

The conference was attended mostly by ham radio operators and public safety employees (current and retired) — the people meteorologists long relied upon for ground truth. Clarke loved it, she said. She set up a Twitter handle — @atxwxgirl, of course — and began sending out weather photos and reports.

In August, weather service officials held a meeting with some of the area's most prolific and credible weather enthusiasts.

By December, three of them had decided to form a team, creating the TravisCountySevereWx Twitter feed.

AP investigation: US company bungled Ebola response

By Raphael Satter and Maria Cheng
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A U.S. company assigned a crucial role in the efforts to battle Ebola in Sierra Leone made a series of costly mistakes during the 2014 outbreak, an Associated Press investigation has found.

Staffers with the San Francisco-based company Metabiota Inc. not only misread the epidemic, they contributed to botched lab results, undermined partners and put people at risk of the terrifying virus, according to leaked documents and interviews with international health responders.

The company had been tapped by the World Health Organization and the Sierra Leonean government to help fight Ebola. But internal emails from WHO and other international health agencies obtained by AP show that senior scientists were alarmed at a spate of problems in a lab shared by Metabiota and Tulane University.

"This is a situation that WHO can no longer endorse," WHO outbreak expert Dr. Eric Bertherat wrote in a July 17, 2014, email to colleagues.

Bertherat relayed reports of "total confusion" in the government lab split between Metabiota and Tulane at the Kenema hospital in Sierra Leone, noting there was "no tracking of the samples" and "absolutely no control on what is being done." He said the flubbed results were particularly dangerous given suspicion among the local population that international workers were spreading Ebola deliberately.

Lawrence Gostin, director of WHO's Collaborating Center on Public Health Law and Human Rights at Georgetown University, said it was inexcusable that a company without the required expertise to respond to an outbreak was given such fundamental responsibilities.

"It was a comedy of errors," he said, adding that WHO was ultimately to blame for allowing the situation to unravel.

"WHO knew that this company was bungling the response and they did nothing," Gostin said. "In any other context, that would be called a cover-up."

WHO officials did not return messages seeking comment on the AP story.

Metabiota's chief executive officer and founder, Nathan Wolfe, said there was no evidence that his company was responsible for the lab blunders.

He added that the reported squabbles were overblown and that any predictions made by his employees who were on loan to the Sierra Leonean government didn't reflect the company's position. Metabiota doesn't specialize in outbreak response, he said, but volunteered its staff and resources to Sierra Leone at a cost to his company of about $500,000.

"We are incredibly proud about everything they did," he said at an interview in his office Thursday. "These are individuals who took substantial personal risk and worked incredibly long hours."

Metabiota bills itself as a pioneer in tracking emerging viral threats and says it works to "improve the world's resilience to epidemics." The firm and its nonprofit sister company, Global Viral, have received millions from the U.S. Department of Defense, USAID, Google and the California-based Skoll Foundation.

In the early months of the 2014 Ebola outbreak, with WHO and partners thin on the ground, authorities in Sierra Leone turned to Metabiota to help respond to the epidemic in Kenema.

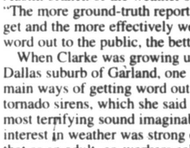
Want your PC to be more like a smartphone? There's an app for that

Dear PropellerHeads: I like my smartphone's apps and ease of use. How come they don't make desktops like that?

A: I can't tell if I detect more disappointment or anger. Let's go with anger ... this spinning prop prescribes some tension-relieving Angry Birds at least four times a day.

Desktop operating systems have a lot to manage. They can run complex applications, serve up loads of data, support multiple monitors simultaneously, be used to develop applications, drive printers and other devices, and provide legacy OS support. These capabilities place a burden on the operating system that can affect their ease of use. I think this means that for serious computer work, you will likely continue to see desktops dominated by robust operating systems like Microsoft Windows, Apple OSx, Linux and the like.

Your phones' requirements are more modest. They support routine computer needs like Web browsing, email, video and game playing, picture taking and word processing, as well as the occasional phone call to Mom. Plus, the mobile Android and Apple iOS systems by comparison are fairly new.



But what if you want a larger platform, including a big monitor, keyboard and mouse, but with modest computing needs?

You could buy a lightweight PC or tablet running ChromeOS (bit.ly/1Qp4Xfa) or very small platform computers like Raspberry Pi (raspberrypi.org).

Instead, consider the move by Kickstarter project Remix (kck.st/20W0dB0) to port the friendly Android phone operating system to a desktop. This nifty product from Jide Tech (jide.com) may be a game-changer.

With the Remix Mini (Amazon $79), you simply hook up the little box to that monitor or TV you have hanging around. Instead of a touch interface, you use a mouse and keyboard. In short order, you have the same apps and functions from your phone on a desktop. You can download from Google Play, connect to Gmail, DropBox, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, SnapChat ... well, you get the idea.

Mine came loaded with 16 GB of internal storage, expandable to 128 GB. They include built-in Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Ethernet, HDMI, USB ports and an audio plug to power speakers. They have souped-up things a bit from your phone by allowing for window resizing, a taskbar and multitasking. It is really a sweet little package.

We recently set one up in our office to run a website slideshow as an inexpensive kiosk. The tree hugger in me also likes the fact that my Remix computer is running at about 10 watts instead of 250 watts. This is accomplished because the Android OS and CPU were meant for the portable (battery-powered) market.

Using the Bluetooth capabilities to run a wireless keyboard and mouse, this just might be the smart TV replacement for Chromecast, Roku, and FireTV we REALLY needed.

But wait — there's more! Remix has created a downloadable version that will run on your PC. Even if your old PC won't run Windows 10, well Remix will probably run fine. That old computer may get new life with this lightweight OS. The alpha version has been out a while with the first general distribution available on March 1.

Guess how much. No, really, guess! Way too high. The cost is $0, free, nada, zip, zilch.

The Remix folks are embracing the open source (bit.ly/1KLZHDL) development community's support to further the product line. So much of it is accessible at no cost.

You say there's more? Yes, Remix also has a nifty $300 tablet (also at Amazon) that might be worth looking at before you spring for the Surface, iPad, or HP tablet you have been eyeing.

Time for Words with Friends on my 55" TV. Got a 2-letter word with a V?

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