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Cruz appeals to several factions within GOP

Already a tea party favorite, senator reaches out to other key groups

By Todd J. Gillman
The Dallas Morning News

MASON CITY, Iowa — By now, Sen. Ted Cruz's tea party credentials are unassailable. But as he mulls a presidential run, he's reaching out to other key parts of the Republican base, including Christian conservatives who dominate the Iowa GOP caucuses every four years.

With enduring friction between grassroots activists and the "establishment" that Cruz so often denounces, a candidate who can appeal across several factions would have an edge. That was a subtext for his latest visit, with a side trip last week to a corner of Iowa where no Texas politician pops up by accident.

After an introduction that mentioned "Obamacare" protests at the U.S. Capitol, Cruz drew an allusion to a biblical battle.

"I was just waiting for you to say they circled it seven times and then they blew their trumpets," he quipped. "I look forward to being there next time when the walls of Jericho come to the ground."

This was Cruz's fourth Iowa visit in eight months. He's scheduled to be in New Hampshire twice in April. The only mystery isn't whether he's testing the waters for a presidential run, but how far he can go.

"I love the guy," said Brenda Muth, a farmer with 3,600 hogs on 1,700 acres. "He's just strong in his faith and beliefs. He doesn't waver at all. ... I am like, happy, happy, happy. He, to me, is the one."

Muth was one of 200 or so Republicans gathered March 18 from all corners of Cerro Gordo County, and all wings of the party — tea partyers and libertarians, evangelicals and business owners. Cruz offered something for all of them.

One minute he played the populist, railing against the political establishment and big business. The problem, he said, is "entrenched politicians in both parties. ... They get there, and they stop listening to us."

Moments later he was the tea party rabble-rouser.

"We are going to repeal every word of Obamacare," he said, and the pressure won't come from anyone who's run for office. "It has to come from the American people."

And then he was wrapping himself in the Reagan mantle, drawing parallels between his own alienation from the establishment and the Gipper's.

"Let me remind you: In 1980, Washington, D.C.,

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MIDLANDTRAFFICREPORT



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Traffic at the intersection of Briarwood Avenue and Midland Drive is shown Tuesday. With 18 accidents in 2013, the intersection ranked No. 1 in the city's latest traffic report.

Accidents decrease, fatalities increase in 2013

By Joseph Basco
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The Midland City Council got mixed reviews about traffic within city limits Tuesday.

While the city's annual traffic report for calendar year 2013 showed total accidents decreased 5.5 percent (3,723 to 3,520) inside city limits, the total number of traffic fatalities increased from 16 to 20.

Jose Ortiz, the city's engineering director who presented the report to City Council Tuesday, views the decrease in accidents as positive given that traffic volume increased 2.35 percent from 2012 to 2013.

"Overall, Midlanders are learning how to adjust with the added traffic that's on the road," Ortiz said.

Intersections were safer in 2013 as the city found a lesser amount of accidents per million vehicles entering an intersection compared to 2012. The million entering vehicle (MEV) ratio for 2013 was 0.8757, a decrease from the 1.142 ratio in 2012.

The intersection of Briarwood Avenue and Midland Drive was cited as the location with the most accidents. The intersection had a 2.3 MEV ratio and a total of 18 accidents.

Ortiz said the two left turning lanes on Midland Drive headed toward Briarwood Avenue could have led to the accidents, as the lanes increase the probability for collisions. Gary Saunders, retired city transportation manager, said the rapid development in the area, and the subsequent high usage of the intersection, may have led to the accidents. He added though that a 2.3 MEV ratio is still a positive statistic, as that translates to about two accidents per million vehicles in the intersection.

The report was not completely positive though, as the number of traffic

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Midland med student heads to Kansas for his residency

By Rachael Gleason
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ODESSA — An aspiring bone doctor in a family of engineers, Midlander Jonathan Burkes waited patiently last Friday to open his red envelope and reveal the location of his first-year residency.

After nearly a decade of higher education, the Texas Tech University medical school senior set his sights on orthopedic surgery and became one of 16,000 students to apply for a residency through the national matching program.

In a Medical Center Hospital boardroom filled with nervous students, families, friends and educators, Burkes learned of his fate in a medical student rite of passage called Match Day.

"You're more nervous when you find out that you did match," Burkes said. "Now it's just where."

For Burkes, it's a return to his birthplace: Kansas City, Kan. And after shouts of excitment and sighs of relief, other students revealed the locations of their residencies along the East Coast, Midwest and even here in Texas.

One student placed in Grand Forks, N.D., where she will train in rural medicine at the University of North Dakota.

"I'm going from one oil country to the next," said Karen Luk, a 26-year-old originally from San Antonio. "I learned so much in the past two years, it's made me really appreciate this kind of community."

All 15 soon-to-be graduates started their journey in Lubbock, where they picked up the basics before heading to the School of Medicine's Permian Basin campus for clinical rotations.

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Planned Parenthood to open $5M clinic in San Antonio

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Planned Parenthood will open a $5 million abortion clinic in San Antonio that adheres to strict new standards adopted last year by Texas lawmakers, according to an official with the organization.

Planned Parenthood South Texas President and CEO Jeffrey Hons said at a fundraising event Monday that the facility will follow new ambulatory surgical standards.

He said $3.5 million has been raised so far for construction.

An estimated 16 clinics across the state have closed since the new law went into effect, according to the San Antonio Express-News. Additional clinics are expected to close in the coming months.

The law includes a stipulation that clinic doctors have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals.

Critics of the law have said women's access to legal abortions has been severely limited. The Rio Grande Valley, for example, is now without a clinic.

"For those women who will have to scrape together the money for the bus ride from the Rio Grande Valley or Odessa or San Angelo, we will be there for her," Hons said at the event.

Women seeking abortions make up "just a very small number of all our clients," Hons told the audience of 1,300.

The new clinic will be the only Planned Parenthood facility in San Antonio that is also a surgical center, spokeswoman Mara Posada said, explaining that a private center currently operates the only ambulatory surgical center in the city.

The Center for Reproductive Rights has filed a federal lawsuit on behalf of Planned Parenthood and other parties, saying the Texas law has no purpose but to shut down clinics.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Billy J. Apptin, 52, of Midland, was charged Monday with theft.

Karenen E. Bradley, 23, of Midland, was charged Monday with manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.

Joe W. Bush, 24, of Stanton, was charged Monday with manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Shelly S. Chappell, 34, of Midland, was charged Monday with violation of probation.

Aaron A. Esparza, 17, of Midland, was charged Monday with credit card or debit card abuse.

Perry L. Harsman, 51, of Midland, was charged Monday with theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Richard J. Herrman Jr., 43, of Midland, was charged Monday with violation of parole.

Michael D. Hollowell, 37, of Odessa, was charged Monday with theft.

Allen E. Manes, 56, of Odessa, was charged Monday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Liliana R. Mata, 30, of Midland, was charged Monday with violation of probation.

Robert D. Redman, 51, of Midland, was charged Monday with violation of parole.

Jose Rodriguez, 21, of Midland, was charged Monday with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Francisco J. Rosales, 34, of Midland, was charged Monday with theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Angel Solis, 34, of Midland, was charged Monday with assault on a family or household member with a previous conviction.

Raymond L. Spencer Jr., 56, of Midland, was charged Monday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Joshua B. Vasquez, 19, of Midland, was charged Monday with failure to comply with sex offender registration duties.

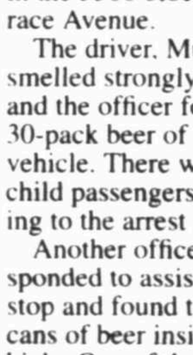
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CRIME BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Man drove intoxicated with three children passengers

A Midland man was arrested Saturday for drunken driving with three children in the vehicle, according to court documents.


Mulanax

Eddie R. Mulanax, 39, was being held on a $50,000 bond for a state jail felony charge of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under 15 years of age. He posted bond and was released Monday.

A Midland police officer initiated a traffic stop at about 9:13 p.m. Saturday in the 3300 block of Terrace Avenue.

The driver, Mulanax, smelled strongly of alcohol and the officer found a 30-pack beer of beer in the vehicle. There were three child passengers, according to the arrest affidavit.

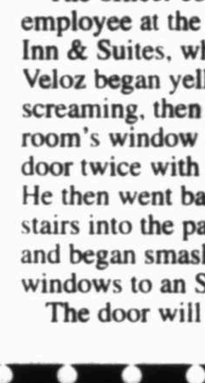
Another officer responded to assist in the stop and found two open cans of beer inside the vehicle. One of the cans had about one-third amount of alcohol still inside the can, according to the affidavit.

The court documents state that Mulanax has two prior DWI convictions.

If convicted, Mulanax faces up to two years in prison.

MPD: Man wielded hammer during criminal mischief

An Odessa man was arrested Saturday for using a hammer to damage hotel property and smash the windows of an SUV, according to court documents.


Veloz

Jesus Mario Veloz, 47, was being held Tuesday on a $25,000 bond for criminal mischief between $1,500 and $20,000 and credit card or debit card abuse.

A Midland police officer responded to a disturbance at about 12:39 a.m. Saturday in the 3600 block of West Wall Street.

The officer contacted an employee at the Bradford Inn & Suites, who said Veloz began yelling and screaming, then broke a room's window and hit the door twice with a hammer. He then went back downstairs into the parking lot and began smashing all the windows to an SUV.

The door will cost about $250 to replace, while the window will cost about $57 to replace. The SUV's four side windows and back windshield were broken out, while the front windshield had several breaks, all which will cost about $1,600 to fix, according to the arrest affidavit.

Veloz had a warrant for his arrest for credit card or debit card abuse. The details of that charge were not provided in the arrest affidavit obtained by the Reporter-Telegram.

If convicted, he faces up to two years in prison for each charge.

Council will appeal can ban

Associated Press

New Braunfels will appeal a judge's ruling that struck down its disposable container prohibition and a limit on the size of coolers used by tubers on the Guadalupe and Comal rivers.

Also Monday, council voted 4-3 to increase a river management fee charged by local outfitters to $1.50 from $1.25 per tuber.

The lack of a explanation by state District Court Judge Don Burgess, who last week barred the city from enforcing its rules, was one reason the New Braunfels City Council voted 5-2 on Monday to appeal his finding in January.

Last week Burgess issued a permanent injunction against enforcement of the anti-litter laws, known as "the can ban."

At that hearing, attorneys said an appeal could take two years or more to resolve.

The rulings came in a suit filed against the city by river outfitters and tourist oriented business, who accused it of overstepping its authority on state waterways.

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Officials hopeful Texas oil spill not hard on wildlife

Associated Press

PORT BOLIVAR — Peering through binoculars and small portable telescopes mounted on tripods, two conservationists stood near the beach on Bolivar Peninsula on Tuesday, searching for birds that might have tar-like oil on them from a weekend spill in the nearby Houston Ship Channel.

Kristen Vale spotted a small brownish bird darting across the sand.

"A least sandpiper with oil on its belly," Vale told colleague Pete Deichmann, who jotted down the information in a green notebook. Both Vale and Deichmann work for the Houston chapter of the National Audubon Society and were conducting a survey of the Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary, an area of salt marshes, mud flats and beach that can have up to 10,000 birds daily.

As environmental groups and officials continued to evaluate the possible impact of the spill on wildlife and the shoreline, the Coast Guard partially reopened the Houston Ship Channel on Tuesday after assessment teams deemed it clear enough for passage. The channel had been closed since Saturday, when a barge carrying 900,000 gallons oil collided with a ship, causing the spill. Officials believe up to 170,000 gallons of tar-like oil might have spilled into the waters south of Houston.

Early on during what was to be a nearly three-hour survey, Vale and Deichmann said they were encouraged by initial results that seemed to indicate the effects of the oil on wildlife might not be as great as initially feared. State and federal officials seemed to echo those sentiments Tuesday as they said the effects of the oil spill on birds and other wildlife remains relatively low. But they remained cautious, saying they continue to find injured animals that they are cleaning and treating.

"We'll be here until the last bird has been recovered," said Richard Arnhart, with the Texas General Land Office's oil spill prevention division.

The Coast Guard began to allow more traffic after a test run of two ships — a Carnival cruise and a boat belonging to the Houston Pilots association — to make sure the water was clean. Officials expect it to take about three days for channel traffic to get back to normal.

About 100 ships were waiting Tuesday morning to move through the channel, which connects Southeast Texas to the Gulf of Mexico and is a key route for tourism and traffic to refineries on the Gulf Coast. On a typical day, the channel, part of the Port of Houston, handles as many as 80 large ships, as well as about 300 to 400 tugboats and barges.



A lesser scaup has its beak cleaned at a wildlife rescue site Tuesday in Baytown. Environmental groups are trying to protect tens of thousands of wintering birds that make their home along the bay at this time of year. Up to 170,000 gallons of tar-like oil spilled into the major U.S. shipping channel after a barge ran into a ship Saturday.

Associated Press

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Police: Up to 28 held captive in trailer

Austin police say they've broken what they suspect was one of the biggest human smuggling operations the city had seen in recent years, holding as many as 28 adults against their will in a trailer.

Assistant Police Chief Troy Gay said a tip led officers to the trailer Tuesday afternoon in a mobile home park in southeast Austin. A police tactical squad arrived and found 28 adults — some with hands tied, some with injuries.

Gay said it wasn't immediately clear which of the 28 were captives and which were captors. All were being questioned by police. However, Officer Veneza Bremmer says 26 left the trailer voluntarily while two refused to emerge until tear gas was used to rout them. They were taken to an Austin hospital for treatment.

HOUSTON

Regent accused UT chancellor of dereliction

Embattled University of Texas System Regent Wallace Hall Jr. accused System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa of dereliction of duty for not moving against UT-Austin President Bill Powers and Powers' finance chief.

The allegation is contained in a several bitter emails by Hall obtained by the Houston Chronicle. Cigarroa announced his retirement from the chancellorship last month and said the ongoing political strife between some regents associated with Gov. Rick Perry and Powers loyalists among university supporters was no factor.

In his emails, Hall accused Cigarroa of turning a blind eye to what Hall alleged was false testimony to a select Texas House committee on that strife by Powers and his finance chief, Kevin Hegarty. A UT spokesman told the Chronicle that both stand by their testimony.

AUSTIN

Texas House upgrades online video feeds

The Texas House is beefing up its online broadcasts, allowing an unlimited number of viewers to follow floor action from afar.

Speaker Joe Straus' office announced Tuesday that during previous sessions, software limitations only allowed a maximum 2,500 viewers at a time. But there will be no such viewership constraints when lawmakers head back to work in January 2015.

The Legislative Council paid nearly $10,000 for the upgrades, which will also increase the number of committee meetings and other legislative gatherings around the Capitol that can be broadcast simultaneously.

Online feeds will now be accessible using mobile devices, and the archives of previous broadcasts will also be improved.

Similar upgrades in the Senate are expected to be operational next month.

DALLAS

DART service to DFW airport will begin in August

Work on Dallas Area Rapid Transit rail service to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport is several months ahead of schedule.

DART officials on Tuesday announced the 5-mile extension of the Orange Lines will open Aug. 18.

The $152 million extension had been scheduled to open in December but DART officials say the rail station should open early and even under budget.

DALLAS

Suspect in custody after standoff

Police say a person is in custody after shots were fired inside an apartment complex that triggered the closure of busy downtown Dallas streets and the lockdown of nearby schools and businesses.

Police Sgt. Warren Mitchell said there are no injuries resulting from the incident that began about 10 a.m. Tuesday with reports of an "active shooter."

Authorities later said a person was barricaded inside the complex.

Some nearby attractions were locked down as a precaution — including the Perot Museum of Nature and Science and the Dallas World Aquarium.

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Thing to do

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Midland-Odessa Urban Transit District Board
Noon
Midland–Odessa Transportation Organization (MOTOR) boardroom
Wright Office Complex, Suite 1, 9601 Wright Drive

Club meetings, support groups today

- Overeaters Anonymous; noon; B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.
- The Knot Adoption Support Group, 11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church; Kathy Hagler, Kathy@WTIE.net
- Uptown Midland BPW, noon, Petroleum Club; Glenda Knox, 686-2819.

Lake levels

	Dec. 2013	this week
O.H. Ivie	14.18	12.34
Lake Spence	4.14	2.90
Lake Thomas	1.70	1.50

Source: Colorado River Municipal Water District

Large item pickup

For residential customers, the city of Midland will pick up furniture and appliances at no additional charge. These items must be placed in the alley in the city right-of-way; the city will not go onto private property. Do not place your item next to the Dumpster; it needs to be behind your home, in the alley. These larger item collections must be scheduled with the Solid Waste Division. Please call 685-7278 to schedule this service.

City of Midland

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685-7420

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- Village, 2315 W. Louisiana Ave.
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
- Graves, 3304 W. Wadley Ave.
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday
- ClayDesta, 612 Veterans Airpark Lane, and GMF Midland, 1000 Loop 40
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Know a troop coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their member of the military is flying into Midland International Airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

Lottery

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Pick 3 day: 2-6-1
Pick 3 evening: 4-1-0
Pick 3 night: 3-8-5
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Daily 4 day: 0-8-0-7
Daily 4 evening: 3-6-9-2
Daily 4 night: 5-5-5-8
Cash Five: 11-17-23-32-36
Mega Millions: 19-26-51-57-73 MB: 15 Megaplier: 3
All or Nothing morning: 1-3-4-9-12-13-14-16-17-18-21-22
All or Nothing day: 2-5-6-8-10-12-14-18-19-20-21-22
All or Nothing evening: 1-3-4-6-7-9-11-13-19-21-22-24
All or Nothing night: 2-3-5-7-8-11-12-16-17-19-22-24

CRUZ

From 1A

despised Ronald Reagan," said Cruz. "And what happened was the American people rose up and brought the Republican Party back to our core principles. And once they swept into office, then suddenly everybody became a Reagan Republican."

About 200 people paid as little as $25 for coffee, cupcakes and some time with Cruz at Music Man Square, a mock-up of River City, the setting of "The Music Man" by hometown composer Meredith Willson.

Among those on hand was Dave Dirksen, 50, who farms a modest plot and works in customer service for Winnebago, the RV maker. He supported Rick Santorum in the presidential caucuses of 2012 and Mike Huckabee four years before that — marking him as a religious conservative.

"In Iowa, (Cruz) would do fairly well," Dirksen said. "I don't know how well he'd do in some of the other states. He's not the establishment pick, shall we say."

Gabriel Haugland, the county GOP chairman, led Gov. Rick Perry's effort in 20 surrounding counties last time around. Like Cruz, he said it's vital for the next nominee to reconvene the old winning GOP coalition — social and fiscal conservatives, and national security hawks.

Mitt Romney couldn't pull that off.

"We do have a little bit of a schism," Haugland said.

Earlier in the day, Cruz spoke to a conference of Christian home-schoolers in Des Moines. There, the religiosity was even more overt.

In a hotel ballroom filled with about 800 parents and children, he boasted of his role as a legal advocate defending a Ten Commandments display at the Texas Capitol, and ensuring that "one nation, under God" remained in the Pledge of Allegiance. Cruz is a Southern Baptist whose father, Rafael Cruz, is a pastor.

He then launched a lengthy indictment of the Obama administration, over IRS hassles for religious and tea party groups to the Obamacare mandate for employers to provide contraceptive coverage.

"Right now, the Obama administration is litigating against the Little Sisters of the Poor," he said, referring to an order of Catholic nuns that joined the push-back against the law. "We have never seen an administration with such hostility to religious faith."

Most dramatically, he invoked this month's Jewish celebration of Purim, a festival that commemorates a failed plot to kill the Jews of Persia. The king halted the plot when his queen, an assimilated Jew, interceded.

"When she opened her mouth, she put herself at considerable risk," Cruz said. "The story of Purim is a story of action, of … acting on your faith."

In his retelling, it sounded like an allegory not just for religious freedom but for the slings and arrows he's taken in Washington the last 15 months.

Faith, he said, "is stepping forward with everything you have and saying, just like Esther, 'I am here for a time such as this.'"

The ovation was powerful. Such popularity among evangelicals has a very practical side in Iowa — a devoted following can make a huge difference on caucus day, when organization and persuading your neighbors helps win votes.

"These are your grassroots," said Tamara Scott, Iowa director of Concerned Women for America and a member of the Republican National Committee. "These are your house sign locations, your parade walkers. This is your fervor, and fervor can do a lot that money can't."

Cruz's potential for checking so many boxes would set him apart from most of the field.

"Imagine what would happen in the Republican Party if you brought together the evangelicals, the tea partyers, the fiscal conservatives," Scott said. "It would be exciting. Exciting to watch."

One huge obstacle for Cruz, though, could be resistance from the business community, which remains a force even in the Iowa caucuses. His willingness to force a government shutdown last fall, and brinkmanship over the debt ceiling, alarmed traditional chamber-of-commerce Republicans.

Cruz hasn't hired staff yet, unlike Sen. Rand Paul, another potential contender who recently put the outgoing state GOP chairman on his payroll.

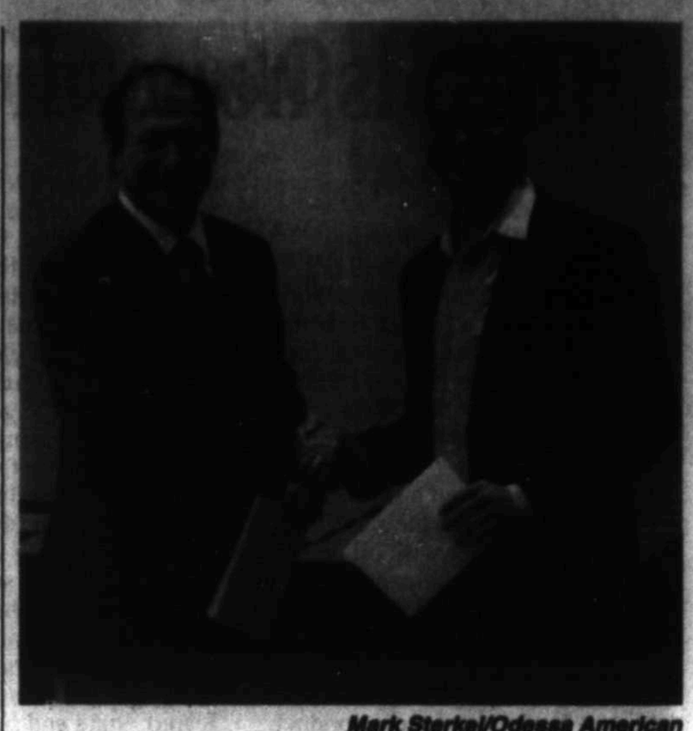
Cruz met privately, though, throughout a long day last Tuesday with potential backers. And he eagerly posed for photos and worked the crowd after each stop, creating the sort of memories that can pay dividends in 22 months.

Iowans who backed Perry in 2012 — or Santorum, Michele Bachmann or Herman Cain — are giving Cruz admiring glances. Those who supported Ron Paul are predisposed to support his son, but many see Cruz as a strong alternative.

The Mitt Romney middle remains elusive. But unless New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie or former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush jumps in, those voters have no natural home at the moment.

Cruz is "doing the things in Iowa that are necessary to run, if he wants to do that," said David Fischer, co-chairman of Ron Paul's campaign in 2012 and, until recently, co-chairman of the Iowa GOP. "People are enthused. People are curious."

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Dr. Gary Ventolini, left, dean of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine, Permian Basin Campus in Odessa, presents medical student Jonathan Burke with his envelope that contains the location where Burkes will complete his residency during a Match Day ceremony Friday morning at Medical Center Hospital.

RESIDENCY

From 1A

This is the fourth class to graduate and match, said Michael Callaway, regional assistant dean of undergraduate medical education.

"It's starting to grow," he said, noting there are 23 students in next year's graduating class and 27 in the rising freshman class.

The small class size provides more one-on-one learning opportunities, Callaway said. And with the boom, there's a need for trained medical professionals.

"There's a large influx of people — it puts the same stresses on health care as it does everything else," he said.

In the next two years, the school will start residency programs in additional fields to give students more choices and help fill the nationwide need for doctors, said Gary Ventolini, regional dean and professor of the School of Medicine at the Permian Basin.

"By the year 2020, we'll need 90,000 doctors in the United States," Ventolini said. "What we need to do is increase the number of medical students."

Like many young Midlanders growing up in a West Texas oil patch, there was a chance the 27-year-old Burkes would pursue a career in petroleum engineering like his father, Terry.

But after graduating from Midland Christian School, he left the West Texas oil fields to study biomedical engineering at Texas A&M University.

"I told him, 'I don't care what your first degree is in as long as it's engineering,'" said Terry Burkes during the Match Day excitement, listing off family members in the engineering field.

"This is our first doctor," the proud father said. "We're excited for him. He's a hard worker. He enjoys a challenge."

Burkes' younger brother will be the second. William Burkes is in his second year of medical school, said their mother, Karen Moore, who celebrated with many of Burkes' family members that morning and later that night.

"Jonathan has always surpassed anything I thought he would do," she said. "I'm excited he matched."

More than 1,000 students applied for his specific field — orthopedic surgery — with only 67 percent making the cut. The field includes anything musculoskeletal, including sports injuries, joint replacement and spine trauma.

"It's a bone doctor. It's the coolest thing," said Burkes, noting medical studies require a lot of work. "You have to love it. Otherwise, it's not worth it."

Burkes will spend the next five years at the University of Kansas Medical Center but said he'll likely return to West Texas after his residency.

"There's a really good chance I'll come back," he said. "I'm from here. This is home."

TRAFFIC

From 1A

fatalities increased from 16 in 2012 to 20 in 2013.

"The way we look at it is that one fatality is too many," Police Chief Price Robinson said.

The number of alcohol or drug related accidents increased as well, from 188 in 2012 to 205 in 2013.

Robinson said other driver distractions, such as texting while driving, may have contributed to the number of accidents as well.

To combat the unsafe driving, the traffic unit is deployed from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., which is the peak time for traffic, Robinson said. The unit is also patrolling the highways Loop 250 and State Highway 191 during morning and afternoon rush hour commutes, maintaining visibility and enforcing speed limits to keep roads less accident prone.

On the drivers' end, Robinson said leaving early for appointments or work, driving the speed limit and not texting or talking while driving could help minimize accidents.

Traffic report

Total accidents by year

2010	2,963
2011	3,279
2012	2,723
2013	3,520

Top five accident intersections
1. Briarwood Avenue and Midland Drive: 18
2. Midkiff Road and Wall Street: 16
3. Andrews Highway and Midland Drive: 13
4. Andrews Highway and Illinois Street: 10
5. Midkiff Road and Wadley Avenue: 10

Total pedestrian accidents: 26
Total bicycle accidents: 6
Total DUI drivers: 205
Total injuries: 1120
Total fatal accidents/fatalities: 20

The complete report is available at www.midlandtexas.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1126.

"The city and TxDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) have gone out and stressed safety to drivers and I think they're hearing the message," Ortiz said.

In other council news:

The city and TxDOT entered a funding agreement for the $5.7 million widening of Fairgrounds Road from Pecan Avenue to Loop 250.

The city paid $492,000 upfront to enter the agreement. In total, the city will pay $3,597,125 for the project, excluding right of way and utility costs. TxDOT will pay $2,192,000.

The project will widen Fairgrounds Road from two lanes to four lanes with a left turning lane in the middle. The design may also include bike lanes and sidewalks.

Construction is estimated to happen from July 2015 to December 2015.

Mexico: Pimp held kids to force moms to prostitute

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexican prosecutors said Tuesday they have freed two children held by pimps who used their hold over the young girls to force their mothers into prostitution in the United States.

The raid last week in the central Mexico town of Tenancingo appears to confirm one of the most chilling allegations about the prostitution trade operated by organized gangs, which are able to force some women into sex for hire because they fear their children will be harmed if they rebel or attempt to escape.

The pimps often woo the women with seemingly legitimate promises of love and marriage, father children with them, and then leave the kids with family members in Tenancingo, an impoverished town in central Tlaxcala state considered the pimps' stronghold.

The federal Attorney General's Office said the mothers of the two rescued children had been forced to prostitute themselves in Texas and New York.

"These people (the pimps) ... used their children as a form of coercion," the prosecutors' office said. "They are separated from their mothers and left under the care of families in Tenancingo, and the women are forced into exploitation to get money, which was supposedly destined for the care of the children."

Prosecutors said three people had been arrested in the raid and all appeared to be members of the same family. They face human trafficking charges.

Though the office did not give the children's ages, Rosi Orozco, an activist familiar with the case, said they were aged 6 and 9.

Orozco, who has worked with victimized women to free them from pimp gangs and recover their children, said the hostage situation makes victims less likely to identify their pimps to police in either country.

"This is why they sometimes won't say that they're victims, because the lives of their children are at risk," she said.

FCC: Thousands of hotels don't offer direct 911

Associated Press

DALLAS — Tens of thousands of hotels don't allow guests to directly reach emergency services when they dial 911, according to a national survey taken after a 9-year-old girl couldn't call for help while her mother was being stabbed to death in a Texas motel.

The killing of Kari Hunt Dunn spurred a petition that has garnered more than 440,000 signatures demanding hotels and motels be required to enable the direct dialing of 911. Many hotels require callers to dial "9" before 911 or have some other system, such as calling first to the front desk, which advocates said can lead to panic and confusion in an emergency.

The petition got the attention of Federal Communications Commission member Ajit Pai, whose office on Monday announced the results of a survey done after Dunn's death by the American Hotel & Lodging Association. The industry group found that about 45 percent of franchised hotels and motels and 32 percent of independent hotels have direct 911 dialing.

Independent owners and franchisees comprise the "vast majority" of the estimated 53,000 such properties in the U.S., including hotels using a brand name, Pai said.

"These statistics are alarming. They show that the telephone systems at tens of thousands of lodging properties across this country could fail Americans when it counts," Pai said in a statement released by his office. "My message to the hospitality industry has been straightforward: This is not acceptable."

Pai said he was starting a new round of surveys, this time to vendors of multi-line telephone systems used in hotels and workplaces, to see whether their products could easily be configured to allow dialers to quickly reach 911.

He also noted that the InterContinental, Marriott and Hilton hotel chains were among those now working to change dialing systems and educate franchise owners about the need to do so.

The National Emergency Number Association, a group representing 911 call takers and industry professionals, said it continued to support measures including automatic notifications to hotel management anytime a guest calls for help and a ban on routing 911 calls to a front desk.

"The 911 community stands ready to work with Congress, the FCC, and all stakeholders in drafting and implementing new policies to fix this problem," the group said in a statement.

Dunn's estranged husband, Brad Dunn, is accused of stabbing his wife during a visit with their three young children in December 2013. Police said the family was in a motel room at a Baymont Inn in Marshall when he attacked his wife in the bathroom.

Their 9-year-old daughter ran to the phone and tried to call 911 — four times — but she couldn't get through.

NATION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ARIZONA

Human remains likely prehistoric

FLAGSTAFF — Human remains found last year near Colorado City could be those of an American Indian man from at least 1,800 years ago, representing an uncommon find, authorities said.

Children hiking with their mother in the hills outside Colorado City near the Arizona-Utah border discovered the remains last November. Deputies from the Mohave County sheriff's office responded and sent the remains to a medical examiner. From there, they went to Amy Kelly-McLaughlin, a Flagstaff anthropologist who told authorities that the remains appear to be those of a prehistoric man.

She knew immediately that the remains were prehistoric, based on the uniform staining of the bones from soil and heavy dental wear that suggested the man ate food with a lot of grit in it, Kelly-McLaughlin said.

"In my experience, it's not wildly uncommon. But it doesn't happen every day," she said Tuesday.

Kelly-McLaughlin said she will begin calling tribes that have links to the area to see if any of them have a legal interest in the remains and would like them repatriated. One of the closest tribes is the Kaibab Paiute, which has a nearly 121,000-acre reservation on the Arizona Strip, about 50 miles north of the Grand Canyon. She will also reach out to the Hualapais, whose reservation borders the Grand Canyon on the south side, and possibly the Hopi and other tribes in southern Utah.

CALIFORNIA

State lawmakers reconsider bare-hand food ban

SACRAMENTO — California lawmakers are beginning to back away from a new law that bans bare-hand contact with food in restaurants and bars, with the Assembly Health Committee voting unanimously Tuesday to repeal and revisit the regulation.

The vote follows opposition from chefs and bartenders who say they were taken off guard by the new regulation.

Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill last year requiring restaurant workers to wear gloves or use utensils when handling ready-to-eat food, including the rice in a sushi roll and the mint in a mojito.

It allows for exceptions if eateries show good hygiene practices, but food industry representatives say local regulators were granting them inconsistently.

California is among the last states to adopt a bare hand contact ban, already in place in 41 other states and recommended by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration more than 20 years ago.

Obama to propose ending NSA's phone call sweep

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — To assuage privacy concerns, the White House and some lawmakers are pushing forward with changes to a surveillance program that would leave the bulk storage of millions of Americans' telephone records in the hands of phone companies, even though they are convinced the information now held by the government is protected and question whether the changes would actually do more to protect privacy.

President Barack Obama intends to ask Congress to end the bulk collection of Americans' phone records. Instead, the government would ask phone companies to search their records for possible links to terrorism.

Obama said that any alternatives to the government holding onto the phone records posed difficult problems and raised privacy issues. And Republican Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich., chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, said he believes the data is safer with the National Security Agency, even though he recommended it be moved from the agency's custody.

"We're changing the program based on a perception, not a reality," Rogers said shortly before he introduced legislation that would end the program in its current form. Americans, Rogers said, don't want the government holding onto their data.

"They just didn't have a comfort level with the NSA holding, in bulk, metadata, even though we had huge levels of protection," Rogers said.



Associated Press

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich right, informs reporters Tuesday about proposed changes to the National Security Agency's program of sweeping up and storing vast amounts of data on Americans' phone calls during a news conference on Capitol Hill.

Hunt for missing Flight 370 resumes in calmer seas

Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — As frustration was setting in, calmer seas returned today and the search for the remains of Flight 370 began anew in remote waters of the Indian Ocean off western Australia.

Gale-force winds that forced an all-day delay Tuesday died down, allowing a total of 12 planes and two ships from the United States, China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand to resume the hunt for any pieces of the Malaysia Airlines jet — tangible evidence for the families seeking closure after more than two weeks of anguished uncertainty.

A day earlier, angry relatives shouted "Liars!" in the streets of Beijing about Malaysia's declaration that the plane went down with all aboard.

Although officials sharply narrowed the search zone based on the last satellite signals received from the Boeing 777, it was still estimated at 1622,000 square miles, an area bigger than Texas and Oklahoma combined.

"We're not searching for a needle in a haystack — we're still trying to define where the haystack is," Australia's deputy defense chief, Air Marshal Mark Binskin, told reporters Tuesday at a military base in the Australian west coast city of Perth as idle planes stood behind him.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority, which coordinates the search on Malaysia's behalf, said today's search will focus on 30,900 square miles of ocean. The search area is about 1,550 miles southwest of Perth.

Malaysia announced Monday that an analysis of satellite data received after Flight 370 left Kuala Lumpur for Beijing on March 8 indicated the plane had gone down in the Indian Ocean, killing all 239 people aboard.

The finding did not answer troubling questions about why the plane was so far off-course, and China, home to 153 of the passengers, demanded that Malaysia turn over the satellite data used to determine the plane's fate.

The airline's chairman, Mohammed Nor Mohammed Yusof, said it may take time for further answers to become clear.

"The investigation still underway may yet prove to be even longer and more complex than it has been since March 8th," he said.

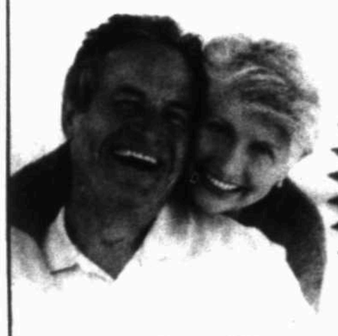
The search for the wreckage and the plane's flight data and cockpit voice recorders could take years because the ocean can extend to up to 23,000 feet deep in some parts. It took two years to find the black box from an Air France jet that went down, in the Atlantic Ocean on a flight from Rio de Janeiro to Paris in 2009, and searchers knew within days where the crash site was.

There is a race against the clock to find Flight 370's black boxes, whose battery-powered "pinger" could stop sending signals within two weeks. The batteries are designed to last at least a month.

David Ferreira, an oceanographer at the University of Reading in Britain, said little is known about the detailed topography of the seabed where Malaysia Flight 370 is believed to have crashed.

"We know much more about the surface of the moon than we do about the ocean floor in that part of the Indian Ocean," Ferreira said.

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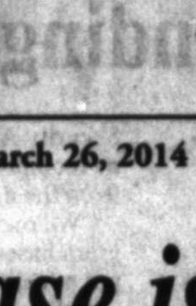
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Hobby Lobby's case is a matter or principle

■ Dershowitz and Starr come together to demonstrate a convicing argument for chain having the superior argument



KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

When it comes to tackling complicated legal issues, one would be hard-pressed to conjure a less likely partnership than Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz and Baylor University President Ken Starr.

Well, OK, there was the David Boies and Ted Olson confederacy fighting for gay marriage rights after they took opposite sides during the 2000 Bush-Gore election dispute. Still, witnessing Dershowitz and Starr discuss and largely agree on religious liberty issues raised by the popularly known Hobby Lobby case was pleasantly jarring.

The two convened at the Willard Hotel on Monday, the day before Hobby Lobby oral arguments were presented to the U.S. Supreme Court. In a delightful back-and-forth punctuated by yarns and anecdotes , the two legal luminaries affirmed at least two points of agreement: 1. Separation of church and state is good for religion; 2. corporations are people and people are corporations (echo Mitt Romney?) and, therefore, Hobby Lobby should be permitted an exemption from the contraceptive mandate imposed by the Affordable Care Act.

To back and fill a bit: Hobby Lobby Stores Inc., a family-owned arts and crafts chain of 500 stores and 13,000 employees, is the lead plaintiff in a lawsuit against the federal government. Hobby Lobby President Steve Green, who told a dinner crowd Monday night that he has distributed Bibles to a billion people worldwide through his personal ministry, claims that he shouldn't be forced to participate in what he views as life-terminating contraception, including IUDs and the so-called morning-after pill.

The core of the argument is that Green's business is protected by the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), passed by Congress and signed by President Bill Clinton in 1993. The RFRA basically requires that the government prove "compelling interest" when someone's religious rights are "substantially burdened" by what the state wishes to do. Although individuals and religious groups are clearly covered by the RFRA, it isn't clear whether the RFRA's protections also extend to companies.

Dershowitz and Starr kicked off an afternoon of discussions as part of a symposium co-sponsored by Baylor University and Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace & World Affairs. Starr, who pointed out that 84 amicus briefs have been filed in the case, described the lawsuit as a "conflict of vision" — big government versus a family that has devoted itself to Christian mission work. While Starr's stewardship of a Baptist university made his views unsurprising, Dershowitz's were pleasantly jarring.

Proclaiming his love both for religion and the separation of church and state, he called the government's brief "silly and trivial." And though he thinks birth control is good for society — and he approves of the ACA — neither of those considerations matter.

It's the principle.

Contrary to protestations from certain entities that subvert all issues for political gain, the case is not about birth control or women's rights or even universal health cafe. It is, in Dershowitz's summation, about "whether or not the statutes in the penumbra of the Constitution require a religious exemption."

Period.

As a final note of clarification, the Green family did not pick this battle. The federal government did when it imposed what could be considered a secular belief system on people who happen to be business owners with strong religious convictions about abortion and abortifacients.

In a brief sidebar: Don't you find it curious that the biological fact of life at conception is characterized as an article of faith (religious), while denial of that life vis-a-vis its involuntary termination is viewed as ultimately sacred? One of life's little mysteries.

Whatever one's views on these matters, they are of no consequence. The fact that I personally favor birth control doesn't alter the logic of what I've just written. It merely suits me to believe as I do in order to get through life as I find most convenient. It doesn't make me right, except under secular law, which a great many people find less compelling than the higher laws of nature — or of God. Your choice.

In any case, the first principle of religious freedom should be treated as paramount, as often and at every stage possible, agreed both Starr and Dershowitz. And both hope that the Supreme Court will find a way to accommodate Hobby Lobby.

The court's ruling is expected sometime in June. In the meantime, one wishes only to bottle the gracious, erudite and humorous civility of Dershowitz and Starr and infuse the water supply of the nation's capital. Perhaps a dash or two of their significant brain power might also filter through.

GUEST VIEW

State's 'fixed-tuition' plans good for students, universities

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Rising tuition costs at state universities and increasing indebtedness for college students are pricing many young people out of higher education. Or, if they somehow are able to attend college and graduate, they incur such a financial burden that they spend years trying to pay off loans.

The average college-related debt for 2013 graduates was $35,200, with the bulk of that ($26,000 on average) in government loans, according to CNN.

In Texas, college tuition rose 55 percent between 2003 — when universities were allowed to set their own rates — and 2012, which is one reason the Legislature last year passed House Bill 29, requiring state universities to develop "fixed-tuition" plans that go into effect this fall.

Several schools, such as Texas A&M, the University of Houston and The University of Texas at Dallas, have adopted plans to meet the legislative mandate that tuition charged to an undergraduate would not exceed the price during the student's first academic term. That charge would be constant for four years.

Last week, the University of North Texas approved its plan for incoming full-time students but added a twist. At UNT, students will be able to choose from two fixed-rate options: one plan that raises rates 3.9 percent a year for four years, and a second (dubbed Eagle Express) that rewards students up to $4,000 if they graduate in four years.

Entering students in the fall, under the Eagle Express plan, will see a 10 percent tuition increase at UNT, but it will be locked in for four years. If they earn their degree in that time, they get a $3,000 tuition discount for completing course work on time and some will be eligible for a $1,000 rebate from the state.

Either way, parents and students will have a better idea of what the cost of college education will be, avoiding the shock of unexpected yearly tuition hikes.

The university already is designing a marketing plan to potential students that it will roll out all over the state. Using the slogan, "Above the rest for thousands less," UNT officials believe "fixed-tuition," in addition to encouraging earlier graduations, also will force the university to improve academic advising and counseling.

That, too, is a good thing.

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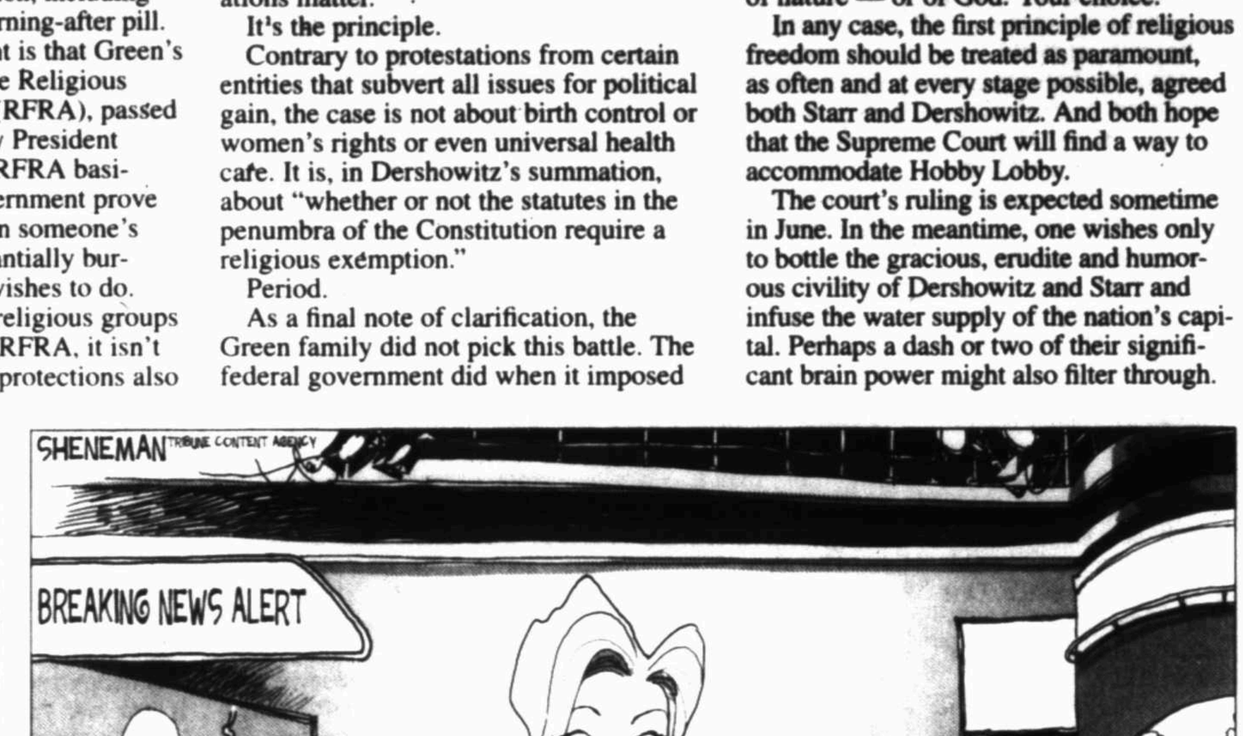
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Government plays role of aggressor

■ In the administration's pinched view of religion, faith should be limited as much as possible to the pews



RICH LOWRY
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Not too long ago, the Greens, of Oklahoma City, were law-abiding people running an arts-and-crafts chain called Hobby Lobby. They weren't disturbing the peace, or denying anyone his or her rights. They were minding their own business — quite successfully and in keeping with their Christian faith. The roughly 600 Hobby Lobby stores stock Christian products, close on Sundays and play Christian music.

Then one day Uncle Sam showed up to make an offer that the Greens couldn't refuse — literally. As part of Obamacare, federal law demands that the chain cover contraceptives that the Greens consider abortifacients. The family decided it couldn't comply with the law in good conscience, and its case is now before the Supreme Court.

Hobby Lobby went from an inoffensive business to a scofflaw and an alleged combatant in the "war on women" in no time at all — and without changing any significant employment or business practice. Thus is the transformation wrought by the coercive sweep of Obamacare, which risks doing as much damage to conscience rights as it has done to the insurance market.

Hobby Lobby is trying to fend off the federal government via the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, a law that Democrats used to support before they realized how inconvenient it would prove to the Obama-era project of running roughshod over moral traditionalists. The act says that government can't substantially burden someone's exercise of religion unless there's a compelling governmental interest at stake and it's pursued by the least restrictive means.

The contraception mandate fails on all counts, as Ed Whelan of the Ethics and Public Policy Center has demonstrated in his incisive writings on the case. The Obama administration has admitted that the mandate is a burden on religious exercise through its own regulatory actions. It exempted a small category of "religious employers" (e.g., churches) for just this reason. The Department of Health and Human Services explained that "it is appropriate" to take into account the "effect on the religious beliefs of certain religious employers if coverage of contraceptive services were required."

It is hard to see how the government has a "compelling interest" in the mandate, when the vast majority of employers already cover contraceptives and the administration has exempted many employers with no religious objections by grandfathering their pre-mandate insurance plans.

There are certainly less restrictive means of widening access to contraception. Whelan points out that government could find another, more direct way to distribute or subsidize contraceptives, without forcing any employer to pay for contraceptives that it considers immoral.

The administration argues that the owners of a for-profit corporation have no free-exercise rights, although this runs counter to common sense and the law. Everyone recognizes that nonprofit corporations have such rights, so what makes for-profit corporations different? Besides, Congress went out of its way to define the ambit of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act to include "any exercise of religion," in order to create "a broad protection of religious exercise."

Hobby Lobby is now bizarrely portrayed as wanting to barge into examination rooms. "Selectively denying insurance coverage for contraceptive methods an employer considers sinful," the liberal legal lion Walter Dellinger wrote in The Washington Post, "makes the employer a party to a woman's medical consultations." And here the Greens thought they were just selling glue, scrapbook paper, beads and the like.

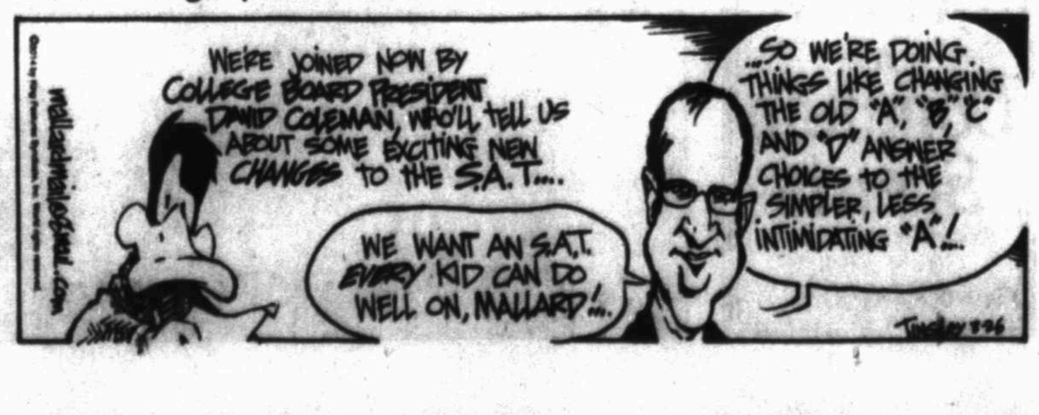
The truth is that the Obama administration wants to bring Hobby Lobby to heel as a matter of principle. In its pinched view of religion, faith should be limited as much as possible to the pews. In its attenuated regard for civil society, it believes government should overawe any person, business or institution whose beliefs run counter to officially sanctioned attitudes.

Make no mistake, the culture war is alive and well, and the aggressor isn't Hobby Lobby. The Greens will be happy to go back to minding their own business — if the federal government sees fit to permit them.

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Birth control rule seems to divide Supreme Court

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Seemingly divided, the Supreme Court struggled Tuesday with the question of whether companies have religious rights, a case challenging President Barack Obama's health overhaul and its guarantee of birth control in employees' preventive care plans.

Peppering attorneys with questions in a 90-minute argument, the justices weighed the rights of for-profit companies against the rights of female employees. The discussion ranged to abortion, too, and even whether a female worker could be forced to wear an all-covering burka.

The outcome could turn on the views of Justice Anthony Kennedy, often the decisive vote, as his colleagues appeared otherwise to divide along liberal and conservative lines.

As the court heard the challenge brought by the Hobby Lobby chain of stores and others, demonstrators on both sides of the issue chanted outside in an early spring snow.

The justices upheld the overall health care law two years ago in a 5-4 ruling in which Chief Justice John Roberts cast the deciding vote in favor of Obama's signature domestic legislation. The latest case focuses on a sliver of the law dealing with preventive services, including contraception, that must be offered in a company's plan at no extra charge.

The family-owned companies that are challenging the provision provide health insurance to their employees but object to covering certain methods of birth control that they say can work after conception, in violation of their religious beliefs.

The justices have never declared that for-profit corporations, as opposed to individuals, can hold religious beliefs. The companies in this case, and their backers, argue that a 1993 federal law on religious freedom extends to businesses.

Among the groups opposing the administration is the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. As it happens, Obama will meet this week with Pope Francis.

The Obama administration said it's not just about birth control, that a Supreme Court ruling in favor of the businesses also could undermine laws governing immunizations, Social Security taxes and minimum wages.

Kennedy voiced concerns about the rights of both female employees and the business owners. He wondered what would happen if an employer ordered a woman who works for him to wear a burka, a full-length robe and head covering commonly worn by conservative Islamic women.

He asked: Does the employer's religious belief "just trump"?

Later in the 90-minute argument, however, he seemed troubled about how the logic of the government's argument would apply to abortions. "A profit corporation could be forced in principle to pay for abortions," Kennedy said. "Your reasoning would permit it."

The three women on the court, Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor, repeatedly questioned Paul Clement, representing the businesses, whether blood transfusions, vaccinations and laws against sex discrimination would be subject to the same religious objections if the court ruled for his clients.

Clement acknowledged that courts would have to decide on a case-by-case basis, but he said only the kind of family-owned companies he represented would make such claims, not large, multinational corporations. "That's something that's not going to happen in the real world," Clement said.

Roberts at one point suggested that the court could limit its ruling to just such companies.

One key issue before the justices is whether profit-making corporations may assert religious beliefs under the 1993 religious freedom law or the First Amendment provision guaranteeing Americans the right to believe and worship as they choose.



Associated Press

Margot Riphagen, of New Orleans, wears a birth control pills costume Tuesday as she protests in front of the Supreme Court in Washington while the court heard oral arguments in the challenges of President Barack Obama's health care law requirement that businesses provide their female employees with health insurance that includes access to contraceptives.

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Seoul: NKorea fires 2 ballistic missiles

SEOUL — North Korea test-fired what appeared to be two mid-range ballistic missiles today, South Korea said, hours after Pyongyang rivals South Korea, Japan and the United States met in the Netherlands to discuss the country.

Such a launch would be a violation of U.N. resolutions and a big step up from a series of shorter-range rocket launches the North has staged in recent weeks in apparent protest of ongoing annual military drills by Washington and Seoul that the North claims are invasion preparation.

It also comes on the fourth anniversary of the deadly sinking of a South Korean warship that Seoul and other nations blame on a North Korean torpedo. Pyongyang denies involvement in the sinking, which killed 46 sailors.

A South Korean military official said two likely Rodong missiles flew about 403 miles off North Korea's east coast early today. It wasn't immediately clear where the missiles splashed down. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of office rules.

The launch followed a meeting on Tuesday of U.S. President Barack Obama, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and South Korean President Park Geun-hye. It was Park and Abe's first face-to-face meeting since they both took office more than a year ago. Many in Asia are angry over Japan's treatment of historical issues related to Tokyo's 20th century colonization of the Korean Peninsula and World War II.

CALIFORNIA

Army Corps backs away from levee vegetation policy

SACRAMENTO — Government agencies around the country will no longer have to remove trees and other vegetation from levees to qualify for disaster relief funding under a new interim policy, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced.

Under the previous policy, the state of California had faced millions of dollars in removal costs to qualify for levee repair grants in the event of a flood, the Sacramento Bee reported Tuesday.

In 2011, California sued the corps, saying it didn't follow federal environmental laws when it required the removal of most trees and shrubs on federal levees.

A federal judge in 2012 struck down a motion by the corps to dismiss that case. The federal flood-control agency now says it will continue to inspect levees but will not withhold disaster funding if vegetation standards are not met. The vegetation rating will be informational only.

Russian rocket launches with American on board

Associated Press

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan — Their relationship on Earth may be at its lowest ebb in decades, but the U.S. and Russia haven't allowed their disagreements over Ukraine get in the way of their joint mission in space.

In the early hours, a rocket carrying a Russian-American crew to the International Space Station blasted off successfully from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

The Soyuz booster rocket lifted off as scheduled at 3:17 a.m. local time today, lighting up the night skies over the steppe with a giant fiery tail. It entered a designated orbit in about 10 minutes after the launch. All onboard systems were working flawlessly, and the crew was feeling fine.

The crew — NASA astronaut Steve Swanson and Russians Alexander Skvortsov and Oleg Artemyev — are set to dock the Soyuz TMA-12M spacecraft at the station less than six hours after the launch and are scheduled to stay in orbit for six months.

Swanson is a veteran of two U.S. space shuttle missions, and Skvortsov spent six months at the space outpost in 2010. Artemyev is on his first flight to space.



Associated Press

The Soyuz-FG rocket booster with Soyuz TMA-12M space ship carrying a new crew to the International Space Station blasts off at the Russian-leased Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhsta today. The Russian rocket carries astronaut Steven Swanson, Russian cosmonauts Alexander Skvortsov and Oleg Artemyev.

So far, the tensions between the U.S. and Russia over Ukraine have been kept at bay. Since the retirement of the U.S. shuttle fleet in 2011, NASA has relied on Russian Soyuz spacecraft as the only means to ferry crew to the orbiting outpost and back.

The U.S. pays Russia nearly $71 million per seat to fly astronauts to the space lab through 2017. It's doing that at a time when it has led calls for sanctions on Russia over its annexation of Crimea from Ukraine following a hastily-arranged referendum. So far the sanctions have been limited and haven't directly targeted the wider Russian economy.

Earlier this month, NASA Administrator Charles Bolden repeatedly said the conflict in Ukraine would have no effect on what's going on in space between the U.S. and Russia, saying that the "partnership in space remains intact and normal."

He said there's a long history of countries cooperating in orbit, while clashing on terra firma, which is why he said some people have nominated the 16-nation International Space Station for the Nobel Peace Prize.

At the same time, Bolden said on his blog Tuesday that while NASA continues to cooperate successfully with Russia, it wants to quickly get its own capacity to launch crews. NASA is trying to speed up private American companies' efforts to launch crew to orbit, but it needs extra funding to do so.

Parts for new mini-shuttle being built in Louisiana

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Lockheed Martin is working in New Orleans on parts for the Dream Chaser, a mini-shuttle designed to take NASA astronauts to and from the International Space Station.

That's among a number of space-related projects underway at the Michoud Assembly Facility in eastern New Orleans, where about 5,000 people built space shuttle fuel tanks in the 1980s. NASA retired the shuttles in 2011; Lockheed Martin Corp. built the last fuel tank in 2010.

"It's great to see the lights back on," Jim Crocker, vice president of Lockheed Martin's Space Systems Co., said Tuesday.

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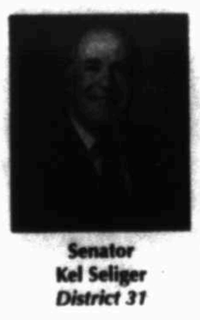
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Fund For Teachers growing in the Permian Basin

■ Record number of Midland educators seeking grants

By Tessa Duvall
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In selecting its third cohort of fellows from West Texas, Fund For Teachers is drawing from its largest-ever applicant pool in the region.

Educators from six Midland schools have applied for individual grants for up to $5,000, or team grants for up to $10,000 from the nonprofit. The organization does not disclose the exact number of applications received, but officials said it was a record number of educators who applied from the West Texas region. The region — which includes Midland, Odessa, El Paso, Lubbock, Presidio and Del Rio — is one of Fund For Teachers' more than 20 areas of concentration.

Grant notifications will be mailed April 4, according to Fund For Teachers' website.

Grants allow educators to create and pursue their own professional learning experience. Grant-funded experiences can range from attending conferences and workshops, to international travel to learn more on a given topic.

Fund For Teachers Executive Director Karen Webb said the grants allow fellows to do work they ordinarily wouldn't get to do.

"We give teachers the opportunity to self-design expeditionary and deeper learning for themselves," Webb said. "We feel like if you're going to give students the notion that they need to be broader thinkers and creative thinkers, then you have to give that same approach to the teacher."

Fund For Teachers was founded in 2001 by Raymond Plank, founder and retired chairman of the board of Apache Corp. The program expanded to the Permian Basin in 2012 at the request of Apache, which has more than 900 employees in the region. Webb said.

"We continue to build the program, and

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Clay shoot

The 3rd Annual Fund for Teachers Clay Shoot will take place April 11 at Jake's Clays, 13301 Farm-to-Market 1379. The registration deadline is April 1.

The sponsorship form can be accessed online at fundforteachers.org, and participants can pay by check or credit card.

Sponsorship ranges from $175 for an individual, up to $5,000 for the highest level of team sponsorship.

There will be two rotations, with the morning rotation checking in at 8:30 and beginning at 9. The second rotation check in begins at 11:30 a.m. and the rotation starts at 1 p.m.

Breakfast and lunch will be served, and prizes will be given away at 12:15 p.m.



FUN WITH SCIENCE





TOP: Jessica Pinal, Zaria Green and Xavier Mancias work on wrapping and padding their egg to be dropped off the playground equipment Friday during Science Club at Burnet Elementary.

RIGHT: Lindsey Ovalle can't watch as Camila Ronquillo drops their egg off the top of the playground equipment Friday at Burnet Elementary. Students participating in Science Club had to build a protective case to shield their egg from cracking from the fall.

ABOVE: Coy Farris throws their egg off the top of the playground equipment as Tristen Cortez salutes it during the second test of their protective case.

Science Club in high demand at Burnet

■ Teacher gets students excited about science with after-school club

Ten-year-old Lindsey Ovalle was nervous as she walked into the hall at Burnet Elementary School on Friday afternoon.

"I'm going to be sick," she said, a worried look on her face.

Divided into three teams of three, Lindsey and eight of her classmates headed to the playground to embark on a tough competition: Which team's raw egg would survive a series of three drops off the jungle gym using only a homemade container for protection?

Natalie Hawks, fifth-grade science and social studies teacher at Burnet, is in her second year of hosting an after-school science club for fifth-graders every three weeks, with each group of students meeting twice. Hawks hosts six groups of about 12 students throughout the school year.

"It's as much for me to have fun as it is for them," she said.

Hawks started the club in the 2012-13 school year as a way to further engage her students in science. The club is so popular that Hawks randomly draws names — four from each of her three classes — to see who gets to be in the next round of the club.

Hawks said many of the students who arrive in her class hate science.

"If I'm passionate about it, they'll be passionate about it," she said.

Hawks said the first meeting of each round of clubs is typically the egg drop experiment. Students are divided into teams and given about 20 minutes to design a container to protect their egg. Supplies ranged from bubble wrap, cotton balls, yarn, packing peanuts to cling wrap and cups. After the timed build, Hawks and her students discuss strategy and the forces that will act upon the egg.

Following the drops on the playground, Hawks and the students talked about what they would do differently, why certain designs worked while others failed and how forces impacted the egg.

Jessica Pinal, 10, had been vying for her spot in the club since the beginning of the school year before finally being selected for the fifth rotation.

"I felt happy because I really love science," she said, adding that she enjoys the extra experiments.

Jessica lamented the loss of her team's egg, Eggmellow.

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Story by Tessa Duvall | Photos by Tim Fischer



SHANNA KLUTTS

South Elementary

Stress levels increase for everyone during STAAR testing

State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) testing begins next week. As a teacher, this makes my stomach ache, my palms sweat, and my fingernails have been reduced to nubs. As a mother whose daughter is taking STAAR, I am trying to do my best not to stress her out too much, but at the same time I want her to do well. This is the precarious balance we all must find in order for all our children to be successful. And the odds are stacked against them.

In a 2012 readability study conducted by Texas A&M University, it was found that on average for students grades 3-8 the readability of the test was found to be at least two grade levels higher, the one exception being eighth grade, where testing passages were found to be on or below grade level.

What this translates into is that our students are being asked to read and comprehend passages that are above their grade level. That means that my fifth-graders are going to be reading passages that are junior high or high school level selections. My daughter, who is in the fourth grade, will be reading and comprehending selections that are two to three grade levels above her grade level. For those students who are already struggling to read at grade level texts, this will aggravate them when testing, and many will give up on a text that is too hard for them.

The Texas Education Agency has stated, "We've looked at the content to make sure the contents matched the TEKS, but a readability test was not done." With this in mind, how then can our students at MISD be successful on the STAAR? The key to our success or failure this year is going to be support.

Parents, you have the greatest and most crucial task. How your child's day starts on the day of testing is going to determine how they perform. If your child comes to school upset by something that happened at home, they will be focused on that instead of doing their best. If they are nervous or have test-anxiety, they will be more likely to do poorly on the test. Our job as parents is to ensure that our children get enough sleep so they are rested and ready, give them a relaxed atmosphere for a tranquil morning, build up their confidence in themselves, and let them know that we believe they can do it while reminding them to do their absolute best and take pride in their work. The last thing that we can do is to make sure they get to school on time. They need to be there at least 15 minutes before the bell rings to make sure they are settled and in the right frame of mind for the test.

Teachers, you have been doing the groundwork for this since day one. You have done everything in your power to get the students where they should be. You have gone above and beyond with tutorials, small groups, interventions and reteaching of the material. You need to hold your head high on test day and be ready to cheer them on through our agonizing four hours of testing. Be positive. Be continually monitoring. I make sure that my kids know that I am cheering them on with an encouraging smile, a pat on the shoulder, giving them a pep talk during breakfast that they can do this and not to give up, and letting them know how incredibly proud I am that they stuck with it after the test is over. After it is over and results come in, look at the growth, not the pass/fail. Did you add value to the child? That is the most important question you can ask yourself and the only one that truly matters in the end. If the answer is yes, you have had a phenomenal year.

Principals, we need your support

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Obituaries



Billie Clark Halstead

Billie Clark Halstead passed away March 23, 2014 at Midland Memorial Hospital. She was born May 6, 1927, in Amarillo, Texas. She graduated from Lubbock High School and attended Texas Tech University.

Billie was a member of Christ Church Anglican where she served the church in many capacities, including choir member, vestry member, and as Episcopal Church Women Board Member and as a member of the Daughters of the King. In addition, she also represented her church on the Church Women United Board.

Billie was an avid reader and was a former reader for the Recording Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. She was also a former member of Twentieth Century Study Club, En Amie and a member of the Thursday Lunch Bunch for 25 years.

Billie was preceded in death by her parents, Bettie Cooper and Welsey Ernest Griffin; her first husband Walter Thomas Clark; and her second husband Louis N. Halstead.

Survivors include her daughter, Cynthia Clark Graham (Gene) of Austin Texas; her son, David Thomas Clark (Cynthia) of Pensacola, Florida; her grandchildren, Laurie Mullins (Carl), Ben Graham, John Clark, Susan Clark; and great-grandchildren, Caroline and Kimberly Mullins, Jay and Parker Graham and Asia Clark.

She is also survived by her brother, Robert E. Griffin (Jewel) of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; and stepson, Jay Halstead of Houston, Texas.

The family would like to give heartfelt thanks to her excellent caregivers Mary Lou Reyes, Lee Villalobos and Jan Saenz who never left her side and gave her their most wonderful, tender and loving care.

The family requests that memorials be sent to Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff, Midland, Texas 79705.

She will lie in state Wednesday, March 26, 2014, 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home and funeral services are Thursday at 2:00 p.m. at Christ Church Anglican.

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

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Candy Renèe Dennis Wilson

Candy Renèe Dennis Wilson, 56, passed away on Monday, March 24, 2014 with her family at her side. She was born in San Angelo on July 28, 1957 to the late Robert Dixon and Barbara Isabell Jacob Dennis.

Candy was an LVN graduate from Howard College in San Angelo. She started her career in OB-GYN in San Angelo in 1977. After moving to Victoria, she worked for Dr. Terry Whitehouse from 1982-1990. After following her husband in the Natural Gas fields, she worked in several other medical facilities.

She was Executive Director of Saddle Ridge Lodge in Midland and Executive Director of Lincoln Tower in Odessa. Candy always wanted to retire in Victoria and moved back in 2010. After a 20 year leave, Candy returned to work for Victoria Women's Clinic and Dr. Terry Whitehouse.

Candy was an avid garage sale shopper and was never very far from a glass of unsweet iced tea.

She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Mac Wilson; her children, Jake Wilson of Midland, Lacey Wilson of Victoria; sisters, Gail Breeden of San Antonio, Debbie Volcik of Victoria; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her special "little man," Bear-Bear, a Yorkshire terrier.

A celebration of Candy's life will be held at Grace Funeral Home, on Thursday, March 27, 2014 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Terry Whitehouse, Dr. M. Sabbagh and Dr. Robin Adams.

In lieu of the usual remembrances, memorials may be made in Candy's name to Hospice of South Texas, 605 E. Locust, Victoria, Texas 77901.

Arrangements entrusted to the care of Grace Funeral Home.



Doris Ann Hughes

Doris Ann Hughes, 76, of Midland, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 23, 2014, with her family by her side.

Doris was born on October 21, 1937 in Stonewall, Oklahoma, the daughter of the late Wylie and Estelle Moss. She married Marvin Hughes on November 21, 1992 in Midland. She had love and compassion for reading, sewing and spending all the time she could with her great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin of Midland; her only daughter, Tanya Evans of Midland; three grandchildren, Brandy Evans Montgomery and husband Dee of Midland, Reesa Evans Moore and husband Beau of Midland, and Angie Sparger of Ten Sleep, Wyoming; five great-grandchildren, Jayden Evans, Khloe Montgomery, Connor Moore, Mason Moore, and Tatum Williams; sister, Jane Meacham of Junction; a niece and nephew; and her children's father, Olen Eugene Sparger.

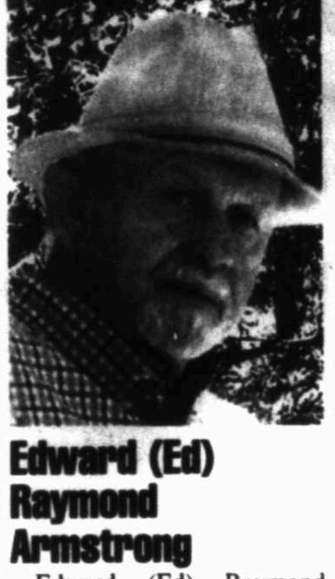
Preceding Doris in death and awaiting her arrival up above is her mother, Estelle Reed; her father, Wylie Moss; and her son, Steve Eugene Sparger.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle and Welch in Midland, Texas. A memorial service to celebrate the life of Doris will be held on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at Serenity Memorial Gardens in Midland, Texas with Reverend David Johnson.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that friends honor Doris and her families love for Hospice by sending donations in her name to Home Hospice at 200 West Illinois Ave, Suite 190 Midland, Texas 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Online condolences can be made at *www.npwelch.com.*



Edward (Ed) Raymond Armstrong

Edward (Ed) Raymond Armstrong, 77 went home to be with his Lord on March 21, 2014 in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Ed was born on August 6, 1936 in Creighton, Pennsylvania to parents Archie and Ethel Mae Irvine Armstrong. He married his wife, Barbara on December 18, 1984 in Andrews, Texas and moved to Cloudcroft, New Mexico in 2004.

Ed served in the United States Air Force and graduated from the University of Texas Permian Basin in 1983 with a BA degree in Psychology. He was a handwriting analyst, loved golfing and gold prospecting, and was a true mountain man, always helping others at every opportunity.

Ed especially loved to spend time with and adored his granddaughter, Baili Jones. He was deeply concerned and involved in the preservation of the forest and the natural habitat. His "best friend" was his dog, Wolfie (deceased).

He was with the Liquor Control, worked for the Texas Parks and Recreation Department, however, the job he most loved was working for NASA where he was responsible for locating and collecting space history for the Smithsonian Institute.

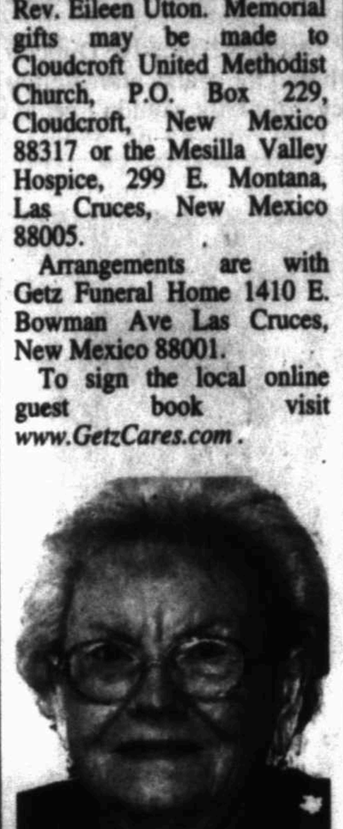
He later served as the superintendent of maintenance for the Midland Mall when it was first built, a probation officer and, in retirement worked as an aid in the Andrews public school system helping special needs children.

Ed is survived by his wife of 29 years, Barbara; sons, Timothy Armstrong of Graham, Texas, Kevin Whelchel, fiancé Bonnie and her daughter Allison Onate, Cloudcroft, and Cody Whelchel (Daniella), Cloudcroft; daughter, Sheri Jones(Pamela Burnett) Lubbock; and granddaughter, Baili Jones, Lubbock; his brothers, Ron Armstrong (Linda), Colorado, Doug Armstrong (Carolyn), California, and Dick Armstrong (Ruby), Washington; and his sisters, Arlene Sellers (John), Atlanta, and Grace Zahradnik, Pennsylvania.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 28, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cloudcroft United Methodist Church in Cloudcroft, New Mexico to be officiated by Rev. Eileen Utton. Memorial gifts may be made to Cloudcroft United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 229, Cloudcroft, New Mexico 88317 or the Mesilla Valley Hospice, 299 E. Montana, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Arrangements are with Getz Funeral Home 1410 E. Bowman Ave Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

To sign the local online guest book visit *www.GetzCares.com .*



Elvern Beasley

Elvern Beasley, 88, formerly of Snyder, Texas, passed away on Monday, March 24, 2014 in Midland, Texas.

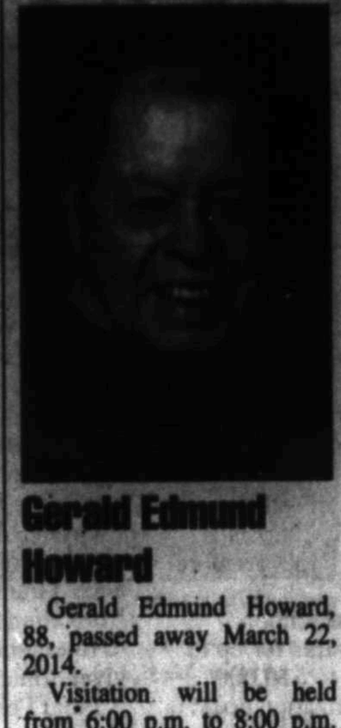
Funeral service is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Steve Highfield officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Beasley was born on August 22, 1925 in Carthage, Texas. She was married to Wells Herman Beasley on January 30, 1943 in Carthage, Texas. She was a Licensed Vocational Nurse at Cogdell Memorial Hospital for many years. Vern was also recognized for 55 years of faithful service at Northside Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Lynda Lane of Midland, Texas; a son, Max Beasley of Fritch, Texas; her sister, Lorene Conners of Lawrenceville, Georgia; five grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and three great, great grandchildren; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Beasley was preceded in death by her parents, Felix Freddy and Ollie Ann Frasier Sharpe; her husband, Wells Herman Beasley in 1994; two brothers, Robert and Frederick Sharpe; and by three sisters, Thelma Marshall, Mae Adkins, and Dorothy Barrett.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting *www.wcfhonline.com .*



Gerald Edmund Howard

Gerald Edmund Howard, 88, passed away March 22, 2014.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday at Lucas Funeral Home in Keller. The funeral will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas.

Gerald was born in Ashland, Kansas on December 13, 1925. He served in the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne during World War II and survived the Battle of the Bulge.

He had served as a deacon of Memorial Christian Church and was the owner of Howard's Drafting and Technical Services for 20 years, 1974-1994.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Alice; son, Gary Howard and wife, Deborah; daughters, Diana Odom and husband, Greg, and Susan Smith and husband, Dan; grandchildren, Paul Howard and wife, Rachel, Stephanie Askins and husband, Cooper, Morgan Harvey and husband, Mike, Waide Odom, Bethany Smith and husband, Jake, and Micah James and wife, Angela; great-grandchildren, Dylan, Zoie, Kylee, Kaden, Elliott, and two more on the way.

Sandra Daurice Fore

Sandra Daurice Fore, 71, of Midland, Texas passed away on March 25, 2014. Sandra was born in Quitaque, Texas on March 6, 1943. She graduated from Hobbs High School in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Sandra was preceded in death by her father, Maurice O. Young.

Sandra is survived by her mother, Dorothy Young; daughter, Stacey Fore; and brother, Gregory Young.

She will lie in state from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at Wilshire Park Baptist Church with Pastor Glenn Pipes officiating.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2014 at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Hobbs, New Mexico.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to The American Lung Association.

Services are entrusted with Ellis Funeral Home.

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Ernesto Fuentes Rodriguez

Ernesto Fuentes Rodriguez, 71, passed away Sunday, March 23, 2014.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Rosa Ramoz Rodriguez; eight children, Frida and Crispin Escamilla, Ernest and Marisa Rodriguez, Azeneth Marquez, Lolita and Michael Quiroz, Frankie and Jolene Rodriguez, Mida and Richard Dickerson, Tamara Rodriguez and Carl Gentry, and Eliud and Elizabeth Rodriguez; 22 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; and by other family members.

Rosary for Ernesto Rodriguez will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at the Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home Chapel in McCamey. Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2014, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in McCamey. Burial will follow in the Rankin Cemetery in Rankin, Texas.

Gilardo Vargas

Gilardo Vargas, 24 passed away on Saturday, March 22, 2014.

He is survived his wife, Aracely Soto; son, Robert Gilardo Vargas; two daughters, Mia Vargas and Isabella Vargas; parents, Leticia Gomez and Alfonso Vargas; and by other family members.

A prayer service will be held tonight at 6:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. A funeral service will take place on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Interment will be held in Mexico.

Harley H. "Sandy" Brooks, Jr.

Harley H. "Sandy" Brooks, Jr., 60, passed away on Sunday, March 23, 2014.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 28, 2014, at the Iraan Civic Center.

Sandy is survived by his loving wife, Gay Brooks; his son, Ben Brooks; his daughter, Betsy Brooks; a grandson; and by other family members.

Juanelle Sparks Fort

Juanelle Sparks Fort, 74, died Monday, March 24, 2014.

Memorial services will be held at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

Survivors include two sons, Rick Fort and David Fort; two granddaughters; one great-granddaughter; and by other family members.

Richard K. Cupps

Richard K. Cupps, 51, died on March 22, 2014.

He is survived by his wife, Valerie K. Cupps; sons, Stephen K. Cupps and Joseph K. Cupps; parents, William and Virginia Cupps; one granddaughter; and by other family members.

Viewing will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on March 26, 2014 at American Heritage Chapel and services will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2014 at American Heritage Chapel.

Stanley B. Reynolds

Stanley B. Reynolds passed away on Saturday, March 23, 2014.

Stanley will lie in state Wednesday March 26, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Death Notices

Elsie Martin Day

Elsie Martin Day, 87, passed away Monday March 24, 2014.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at McNett Funeral Home Chapel in Andrews. Burial will be in Andrews West Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

She is survived by her daughters, Carolyn Abney, Cynthia Blocker, and Diane Warren; sons, Marshall Day and Mitchell Day; 27 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren; and by other family members.

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OTHERDEATHS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LOS ANGELES

Tiger that injured Roy Horn dies

Mantecore, the white tiger that injured Roy Horn on a Las Vegas stage over a decade ago, has died. He was 17.

A statement released by illusionist duo Siegfried & Roy on Tuesday said the tiger died from an illness on March 19. No other details were provided.

The average lifespan for such a tiger in captivity is 15 to 26 years, according to the San Diego Zoo's website.

Horn was injured by the 380-pound tiger called Mantecore, whose name is often referred to as Montecore, during a live Siegfried & Roy performance at The Mirage hotel-casino in Las Vegas in 2003.

Horn, 69, and partner Siegfried Fischbacher, 74, have said they believe Mantecore sensed Horn was having a mini-stroke and was dragging him to safety rather than attacking him. Animal experts have disputed that theory.

"I will forever believe it was his concern for my safety and well-being that caused him to act as he did on that night long ago," Horn said in a statement. "We spent many hours together and he never failed to bring me great joy and wonderment. It was my great honor to be beside him at the end. He is now playing with his siblings in white tiger heaven."

Horn's injuries left him partially paralyzed and led to the closing of Siegfried & Roy's successful Vegas show.

ST. LOUIS

White House adviser Weidenbaum dies

Murray Weidenbaum, a White House economic adviser who counseled five U.S. presidents before returning to academia, has died. He was 87.

His death on Thursday was announced by Washington University in St. Louis, where he worked for decades and continued to teach until a few weeks ago. The school did not reveal the cause of death.

Weidenbaum, a fiscal conservative, was the first chairman of President Ronald Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers, playing a pivotal role in shaping the deregulation-driven philosophy that became known as "Reaganomics." Weidenbaum resigned from the role after just two years over disagreements with the Reagan administration's growing budget deficits.

The Bronx native and graduate of City College of New York, Columbia University and Princeton University worked in the administrations of Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower in what was then known as the U.S. Bureau of the Budget. He was the first assistant secretary of the treasury for economic policy under President Richard Nixon and advised President George H.W. Bush on environmental policy.

EDUCATIONBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Bynum School to host fundraiser

Bynum School will host its ninth annual "Bynum Blooms" fundraiser April 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Items made by Bynum students will be for sale, and include: gift baskets, candy, candles, jewelry, Easter gifts, wreaths, wooden crosses, ceramics, dog treats, holiday decor, Mother's Day gifts, lilies, as well as pottery donated by Midland College artists.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Tracy Bush at tracy@bynumschool.org, or call Bynum School at 520-0075.

Greenwood schools offer credit by examination tests

Greenwood High School will offer credit by examination tests, with or without prior instruction, from 8 a.m. to noon June 2-4. Tests will be administered on the student's campus.

To be eligible to take the test with prior instruction, students must have prior instruction in the subject or course as determined by the district and receive a grade of at least 60 in the course failed. To receive credit, the student must score a minimum of 70 and meet all other district requirements.

To be eligible to earn credit by examination without prior instruction, students must meet all district requirements for that grade level or applicable course. To receive credit, the student must score a 90 or better. A copy of the requirements may be picked up in the counselor's office.

A student planning to take an examination for acceleration or credit recovery must register with his or her counselor by April 28.

Anyone with questions concerning the tests may call the school office.

For more information, contact Debra Keel, Greenwood High School guidance counselor, at dkeel@greenwood.esc18.net.

MHS Orchestra presents 'Beethoven and Blue Jeans'

The Midland High School and Midland Freshman High School orchestras will present "Beethoven and Blue Jeans" dinner and concert April 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane.

General admission tickets are $20. VIP tables are $500 and reserved tables are $250.

There will also be a silent auction at the event.

For more information, contact Director of Orchestras Nikesha Hopes at nikesha.hopes@midlandisd.net or 689-1180.

UT in a Day set for May 2

UT in a Day — a chance to "go back to college for one day" — will take place May 2 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Petroleum Club of Midland.

Presentations for the day include:

- "Rethinking education: BOCs, MOOCs, and SMOCs" by Jamie Pennebaker, Department of Psychology chair
- "What would the Founders say about America today?" by Jeremi Suri, Mack Brown distinguished chair for Leadership in Global Affairs
- "Searching for the most distant galaxies in the universe" by Steven Finkelstein, assistant professor, Department of Astronomy
- "Fueling the energy capital of the world" by John C. Butler, associate director, Energy Management and Innovation Center; Tad Patzek, Lois K. and Richard D. Folger, professor and chair, Department of Petroleum and Geosystems Engineering

A light breakfast will be provided.

Reservations are required by April 25 and can be made at: http://cola.connect.utexas.edu/utinaday.

MISD magnet school applications available

Applications for Midland ISD's magnet school programs for the 2014-15 school year are now available. Applications are online at www.midlandisd.net, or may be picked up at MISD's Student Services Office in the administration building at 615 W. Missouri Ave. or at magnet school campuses.

April 4 is the deadline for parents to submit applications for new students.

The magnet school lottery will take place April 17, and acceptance notifications will be mailed May 3.

Midland College Week to feature Michio Kaku, Gladys Knight

A famed physicist and the Empress of Soul are two of the main events for Midland College Week, April 7-12.

Michio Kaku, physicist, professor and author of the No. 1 New York Times Best Seller "The Future of the Mind," will be at Midland College on April 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Al G. Langford Chaparral Center as a part of the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series.

Then, on April 11 at 8 p.m., Gladys Knight will perform at Chaparral Center as a part of the Phyllis and Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series.

Both events are free and open to the public. General admission seating is available on first-come, first-serve basis.

Preferred seating is available for Kaku's lecture to Friends of the Series and Distinguished Donors. Individuals who have donated $1,000 or more during 2014 to Friends of the Series will receive VIP tickets to Knight's performance, which includes table seating on the floor with hors d'oeuvres and drinks.

The week wraps up April 12 with the third annual See MC/Si MC from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Beal Plaza.

The outreach event and open house will include campus tours, presentations and informational booths. There will also be music and a free hot dog lunch provided to the first 2,000 attendees.

For more information on See MC/Si MC, contact Alfredo Chaparro at 559-1372 or achaparro@midland.edu.

Midland ISD Early Childhood programs accepting applications

The MISD Early Childhood programs (pre-kindergarten and Head Start) announced the application timeline for entrance in the fall 2014 semester. Application packets are available at MISD Central Office, Suite 401, 615 W. Missouri Ave.

The MISD Early Childhood programs are for:

- Children who turn 4 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2014
- Children from low-income families
- Children with limited English language
- Children who have disabilities
- Children who are in foster care
- Children in an active military family
- Children in a family receiving public assistance
- Children who live in the Midland Independent School District

Families may contact the MISD Early Childhood office at 689-1580 to determine eligibility. Students selected for the programs attend classes at area neighborhood elementary school campuses.

MISD Early Childhood application timeline: Beginning Monday:

Application packets are available for pick-up from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. during school days at 615 W. Missouri Ave., fourth floor, suite 401. When the application is picked up, an appointment will be scheduled with the family for eligibility processing.

Application processing dates are scheduled Monday through April 3, and April 14 through April 17.

Parents/guardians should bring the following to their assigned appointment:

- Completed application packet
- Child's birth certificate
- Proof of residency
- Proof of income for the previous 12 months or a completed 2013 tax return
- Child's current immunization record
- Letters of eligibility for TANF, Social Security, SSI, Medicaid and/or CHIP
- Child custody records
- Child's Social Security card
- Copy of child's most recent dental and physical exams or information about their medical and dental providers.

FUNDS

From 1B

we're hoping that with every new cohort, we're actually going to be able to attract new teachers," Webb said.

Webb said about 25 to 30 percent of applications will be funded, which will amount to about $2 million nationally. Fund For Teachers has awarded 5,500 teachers more than $20 million since 2001.

Fellows are selected locally, with applications being read by three judges: a corporate professional, a school administrator or someone with an education background, and a previous recipient.

Teachers can create any experience they want, as long as they can translate it back to the classroom, Webb said.

"This is what will help me or make me better or inspire me. Here's what my passion is," Webb said applicants must explain. "If they make a case for it, we fund it. They have to make a case not only for themselves, but they have to make a case for what they'll be able to do for their students on the back end.

"Our goal for funding teachers is to keep talent in the classroom."

Kristina Wight, the librarian at Scharbauer and Jones elementary schools, received a grant in 2013 to attend the Digital Storytelling Workshop in Denver, Colo., and the National Storytelling Conference in Richmond, Va.

Wight said the best part of her experience was working with professional storytellers and getting ideas on how to fit the storytelling model into the school curriculum.

When students realize that storytelling is personal, they can better understand it, she said.

"Every kid has a story to tell," Wight said.

KLUTTS

From 1B

right now in these last few weeks before the test more than any other time during the school year. Everyone is wound very tight. Spring break was great, but it is causing us to hyperventilate more because we lost a week right before testing. We come back more stressed than we were when we left.

Ron Clark said in the training I attended at the Ron Clark Academy this past summer that if we put out positivity, then we will be more successful. We know our data, we know our students, and we know where we have to get them. Please help us by focusing on the successes right now and getting everyone, teachers included, that confidence they will need for testing day.

As I have said before, if we all work together and support each other, this year could be one of the most successful for MISD. Good luck next week, and, to borrow a quote from one of my favorite books, "may the scores be ever in your favor."

Shanna Klutts teaches fifth-grade English language arts at South Elementary in Midland ISD.

Read more

Check out "STAAR Reading Passages: The Readability Is Too High," by Susan Szabo and Becky Sinclair. It can be found in Schooling, Vol 1. Issue 3.

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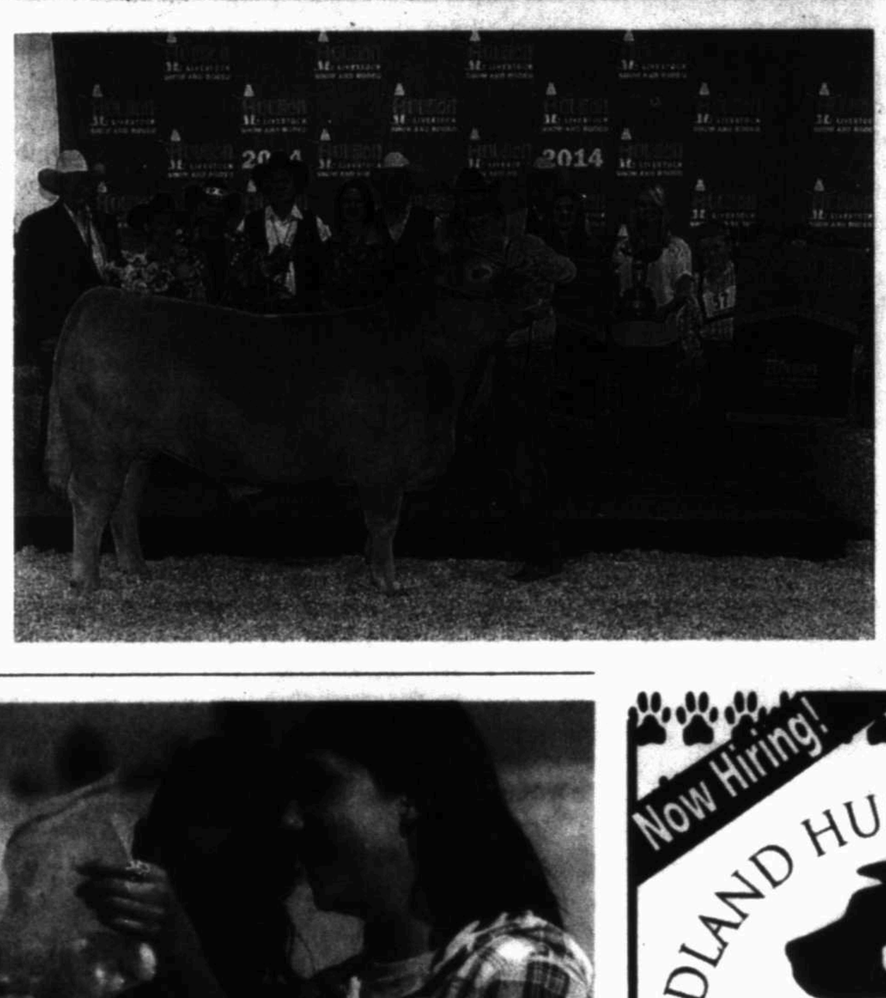
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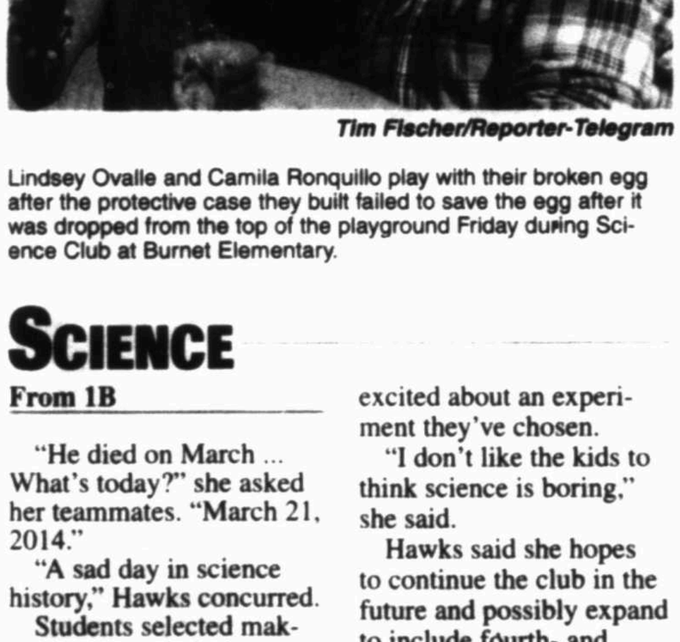
GRAND CHAMPION

Flint Newman with his Charolais Grand Champion steer during the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo 2014 Junior Market Steer Auction at Reliant Arena Saturday in Houston. The steer sold for $400,000.

James Nielsen Houston Chronicle







Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Lindsey Ovalle and Camila Ronquillo play with their broken egg after the protective case they built failed to save the egg after it was dropped from the top of the playground Friday during Science Club at Burnet Elementary.

SCIENCE

From 1B

"He died on March ... What's today?" she asked her teammates. "March 21, 2014."

"A sad day in science history," Hawks concurred.

Students selected making bouncing bubbles as their activity for the upcoming second club meeting.

Hawks said she lets students pick the next activity because it allows them take charge and be excited about an experiment they've chosen.

"I don't like the kids to think science is boring," she said.

Hawks said she hopes to continue the club in the future and possibly expand to include fourth- and sixth-grade students, too.

"I think every child should be able to see the doors science can open for them, and science isn't just boring worksheets," she said.

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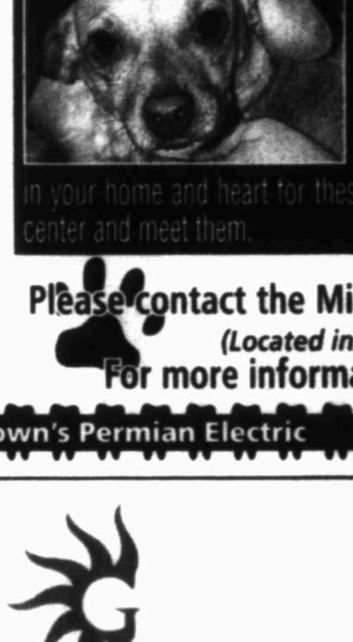
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TODAY: Partly sunny
Highs 75
Lows 57

THURSDAY: Sunny
Highs 83
Lows 55

FRIDAY: Sunny
Highs 81
Lows 47

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny
Highs 78
Lows 53

SUNDAY: Sunny
Highs 84
Lows 55

MONDAY: Mostly sunny
Highs 75
Lows 49

Local forecast

Expect partly sunny skies today with a high around 75 and south winds between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 57 and south winds between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

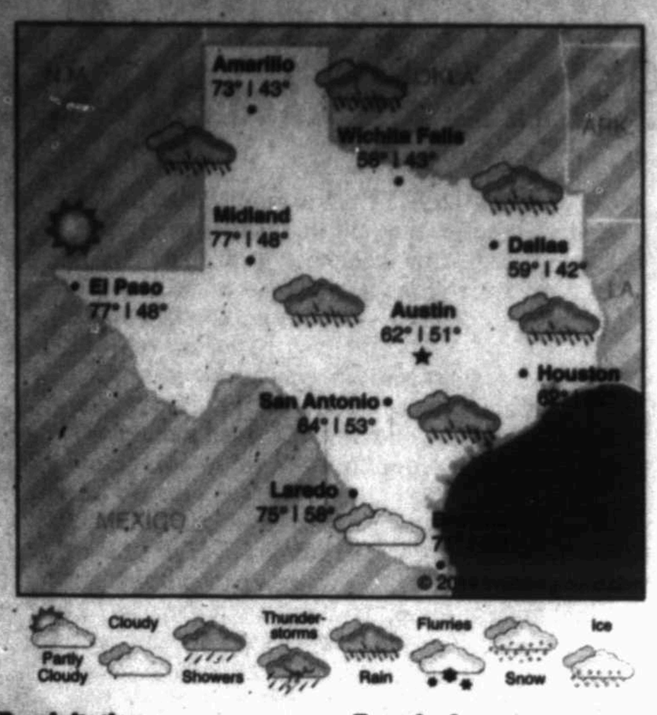
Thursday, look for sunny skies with a high around 83 and west winds between 15 and 20 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph. Expect mostly clear conditions at night, with a low around 55 and west winds between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday, the forecast calls for sunny skies during the day, mostly clear skies at night, with a high around 81 and a low around 47.

The high on Tuesday reached 68, while the low dropped to 41. The record high for March 25 is 90 set in 1938. The record low is 23 set in 1955.

National forecast

Wind-driven snow, rough seas and poor visibility will affect parts of eastern Massachusetts and portions of Maine today.



Precipitation

Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.10 in.
Year total	0.36 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.75 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	68
Low	41
Normal high	73
Normal low	43
Sunrise	7:45 a.m.
Sunset	8:04 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, March 26



Husband can't erase wife's journal entry about affair

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 have been married almost 20 years. Eight years ago my wife began an emotional affair with a co-worker. It lasted a year, until he left the company. Although they never had sex, they did have some physical contact that most people would consider inappropriate, and my wife considered ending our marriage because of the feelings she had for him. She now says the episode was a huge mistake and she loves me more than ever.

The problem is, she wrote many entries about him in a journal. I know she kept writing about him several years after they lost contact, including saying that she loved him more than a year after he'd left.

I want my wife to remove the portions of the journal pertaining to this guy. She doesn't want to. I'm still hurting from this and am considering counseling, but for now, what do you think? Should she get rid of the journal? — CONSIDERING COUNSELING

DEAR CONSIDERING COUNSELING: Because you are still hurting seven years after the fact, stop "considering" counseling and get it NOW.

If your wife is a serious journal writer — and many people are — that she would want her writings to remain intact in spite of the fact they reflect her emotional affair is not unusual. If that's the case, instead of insisting she edit or destroy her journal, my advice is to stop reading it.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 47-year-old man who was single until seven years ago. Then I met "Maggie," the most wonderful woman I had ever known. She wasn't the hotsy-totsy one-nighter type I was used to. She was a real woman who fulfilled everything I had ever dreamed of (including bringing a wonderful 4-year-old little girl into my life). The biological father is out of the picture.

Maggie had wrestled with some health issues — nothing serious until last April, when she had surgery. Complications set in, and I lost the only person who ever mattered, aside from our little girl.

My question is, since we were never married, how do I refer to Maggie when relating what happened? I am in the process of adopting her daughter and explanations to strangers are tough. ("Wow, you're taking on a child when you don't HAVE to?") How do I respond to these remarks? I know this is a multi-part question, but I have so many unanswered questions lately, I figured I'd ask you for an opinion. — GRIEVING IN MISSOURI

DEAR GRIEVING: Although you and Maggie weren't legally married, you were a couple for some time. I'm very sorry for your loss. It would be accurate to refer to her as your late significant other, your partner or longtime girlfriend.

I would like to compliment you for stepping up to care for the girl when her biological father did not. And I do have suggestions for how to respond to anyone insensitive enough to ask why you would "take on" a child you didn't "have to."

The first would be to ignore the question. The second would be to avoid such a person in the future, and the third would be to reply, "I love her like a daughter, want to make sure she's secure and provided for, and THAT'S why I'm doing it."

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Good fit, let's bid!

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 10 9 6
♡ Void
♢ A 9 8 3
♣ A J 9 8 3

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

EAST
♠ K 7 5
♡ K Q J 3
♢ 7 6 5
♣ K 5 4

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

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♢	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♢	Pass
5♢	Pass	6♢	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Six of ♡

North had all four first-round controls and an excellent fit for partner. The temptation to drive to slam proved overwhelming. Could South make it?

South ruffed the opening lead in dummy and realized he would need tricks from the club suit to make his slam — one honor onside should be enough. He played a trump to his king and ran the 10 of clubs. East won the king and might have defeated the slam had he shifted to a low spade. He would give declarer a brutal guess. This was far from obvious and East continued with the "safe" king of hearts.

Declarer ruffed this in dummy with the ace and led dummy's remaining **trump back** to hand to finish drawing trumps. He now led a club to dummy's jack and all was well when that held. South could have handled a 4-2 club split easily, but the friendly 3-3 split **ended the matter** quickly.

Note that declarer had a play for his **contract in the** spade suit. He could **have led** toward his queen, hoping East **had two or three** spades to the king, or run the spade 10, hoping East had two or three spades to the jack. The club suit offered a much better chance. Well played!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, March 26, 2014:

This year you remain optimistic, even when others can't seem to smile. Your sense of direction and high energy will allow you to make a difference. In the summer, your creativity seems to soar, and those around you will learn to count on your ingenuity. If you are single, the summer and a period of time afterward could be very pleasing and memorable. You will have many choices, and the type of person you choose will determine the type of relationship you'll have. If you are attached, the two of you frequently will be found doing your own thing together. You are in a period where you enjoy each other's company even more. AQUARIUS is a loyal friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You'll feel optimistic about a situation, yet you might not be sure as to which direction you should head in. The unexpected tosses a new factor into the mix, which you'll feel is a good thing. Go with the flow and the moment. All's well that ends well. Tonight: Hang out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Tension builds as you set out to deal with many different options. Is it possible that you are receiving too much good news in your life? You could be overwhelmed by all the opportunities coming your way. Tonight: A late dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by what is happening, yet you will remain positive. You will make the correct choice, and financial gain will be the incentive that guides you. An offer from a friend could throw off your plans. Tonight: Try something spontaneous.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You have more to offer someone than you realize. The way this person approaches you at the present time might clue you in. Learning to establish suitable boundaries could be a very positive step. Tonight: Listen to what someone whispers in your ear.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Defer to others, as you likely won't have much choice anyway. Someone might want to demonstrate his or her worth. Do not interfere. Your ability to get past a problem will allow you to have more bounce in your step. Tonight: Allow more flex.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Your ability to enjoy your work makes many other signs either jealous or worried about you. In either case, use that ability to clear as much as you can off your plate. A meeting with a friend could push you to complete even more. Tonight: Consider taking Friday off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You know which path is the right one for you to follow, but perhaps you are feeling anxious about taking the first step. Be careful not to push someone too hard, as he or she might decide to say "enough" and head for the hills! Tonight: Add more fun to the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Your ability to visualize what you desire and to do what you feel is necessary will be clear. It will take action to proceed in the right direction. Ask yourself whether there is any real obstacle here. Tonight: Home feels like your castle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You see life with greater clarity and openness. How you handle a personal matter could change, as you seem to be establishing who you are on a new level. Maintain a sense of humor when a partner teases you a bit about your new attitude. Tonight: Visit and catch up on news.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You could be taken aback by an opportunity to see a loved one in a new light. This person suddenly might be so cheerful that you won't know which way to head. Try to catch some of his or her optimism if you can! Tonight: Treat a friend to dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You seem to be on cruise control no matter what you do. Move important matters along quickly, as you don't often have extra free time, like you do now. Some of you just might decide to do your taxes! Tonight: Make sure that you choose an activity you enjoy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You are a sign that experiences many intuitive hunches. Right now, you could be acting on an emotional level, especially around a child or new friend. The odds are that you will land well. Agitate less, and act more often. Tonight: Tap into your creativity.

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BORN TODAY

Singer Diana Ross (1944), former U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor (1930), playwright Tennessee Williams (1911)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Cop's route
5 Tripoli's land
10 Meet activity
14 "Let __": Beatles hit
15 Acrylic fiber
16 Sobriquet for Haydn
17 Loafer, e.g.
18 Mandate from the bench
20 Frequency unit
22 Cross-ventilation result
23 Not slacking
25 Jewelry retailer
29 Foot, in zoology
30 Objection
31 Make a dramatic exit?
33 Cos. with Xings
34 "And __ refuse?"
35 Discharge
36 Voice coach's concern
40 Circle calculation
41 "Get it?"
42 Grads-to-be: Abbr.
43 Letter holder
45 Armada arena
46 Ugly Tolkien beast
49 "Tomorrow" musical
50 John le Carré offering
52 "Memoirs of a __": Arthur Golden novel
55 High capital
56 Shared shares
60 Oolong and pekoe
61 Trusted underling
62 Structure with high-water marks
63 Yellow-and-brown toon dog
64 Cheery
65 Board for filers
66 Like some memories

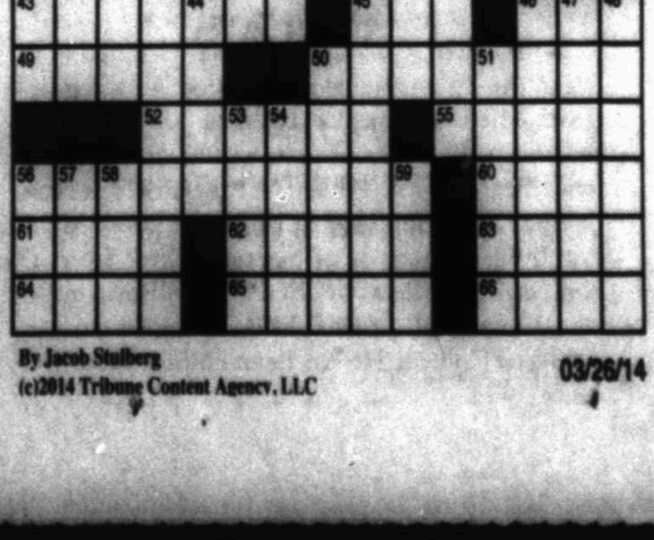
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4 Force, metaphorically
5 Express's opp.
6 2004 Will Smith sci-fi film
7 Ad on a DVD case
8 Olden times
9 First chip, often
10 Farming implements
11 Bundle of dough
12 Wild way to go
13 Course number
19 First name in metal
21 Zoo equine
24 In precisely this way
26 Celeb's ride
27 Malevolence
28 Where the action happens
31 W. Coast airport
32 2004 biopic with the tagline "Let's talk about sex"
33 Like wheels after servicing
34 Bar supply
36 Cereal material
37 Carriage driver's tool
38 With 59-Down, L-shaped tool
39 Sedative, casually
40 Org. whose past presidents include two Mayos
44 Veggie with a Ruby Queen variety
45 Bit of orthodontia
46 Cathedral city in northern Spain
47 Hold on to
48 Shut
50 Leave the dock, with "off"
51 Lacking, or what can precede either half of 18-, 36- and 56-Across
53 Catalina, e.g.
54 Come (from)
56 Crying __
57 Driveway blotch
58 Ore. neighbor
59 See 38-Down

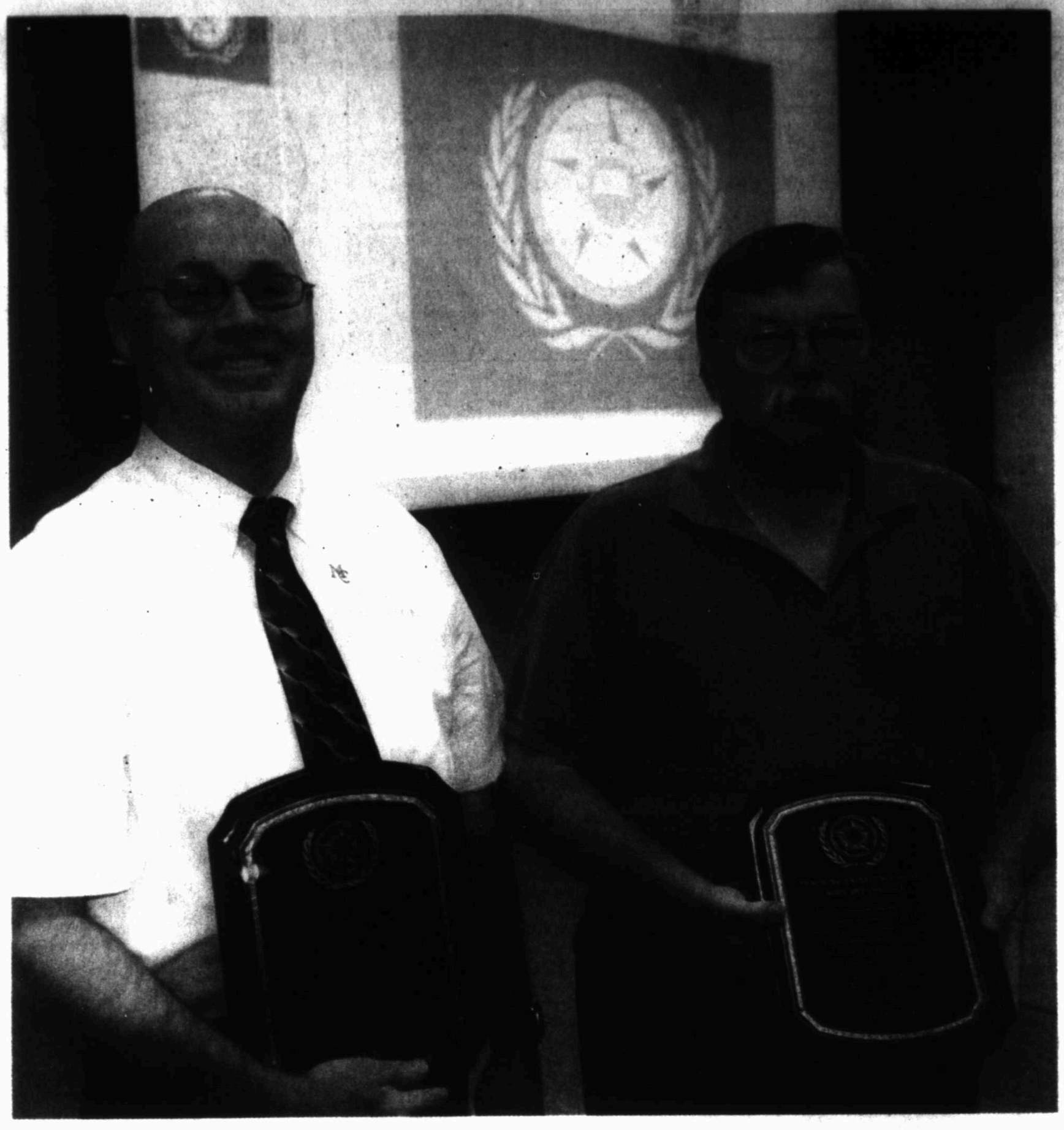
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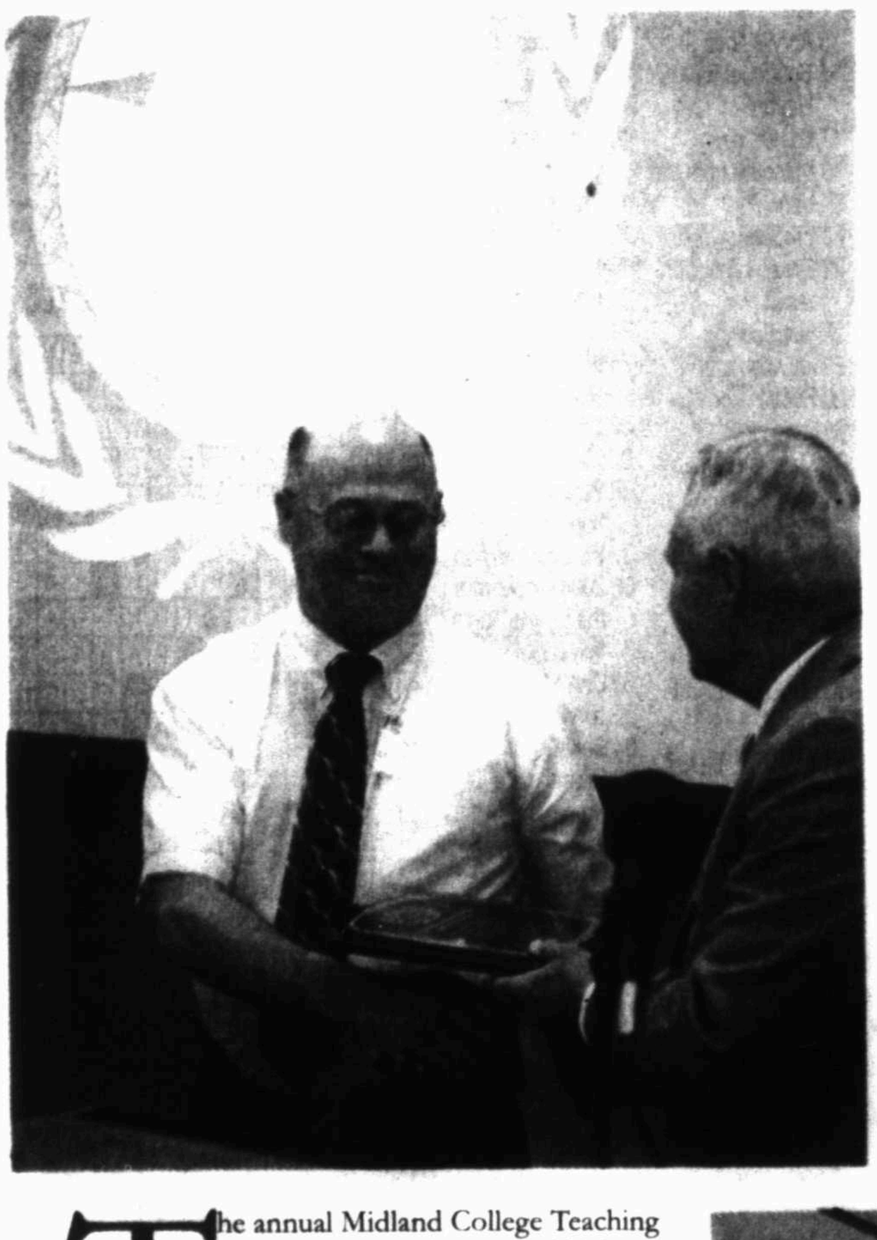


By Jacob Stulberg
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Stan Middleton, left, and David Edens stand with their Teaching Excellence Awards during an annual awards ceremony March 19 in the Carrasco Room of the Midland College Scharbauer Student Center.

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FAR LEFT
Middleton is awarded a Teaching Excellence Award during the ceremony.

LEFT
Edens is awarded a Teaching Excellence Award during the ceremony.

BELOW
Interior view of the Carrasco Room in the Midland College Scharbauer Student Center during the ceremony.

Photos by James Durbin

The annual Midland College Teaching Excellence Awards were held March 19. Winners receive a cash honorarium and their name on a permanent plaque housed in the Pevehouse Administration Building. Winners for 2014 are David Edens, assistant professor of psychology and sociology, and Stan Middleton, clinical director of MC's respiratory care program.

Both Edens and Middleton are seasoned instructors. Edens holds a Master of Arts degree from The University of Texas of the Permian Basin and Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science degrees from Abilene Christian University. He has been employed at MC since 2004. Middleton holds a Bachelor of Science degree from The University of Texas of the Permian Basin and an Associate of Applied Science degree from Midland College. He has been employed at MC since 1995.



Dodgers outspend Yankees' 15-year streak

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Zack Greinke and the Los Angeles Dodgers have knocked Alex Rodriguez and the New York Yankees off baseball's payroll perch, part of an offseason spending spree that has the average salary approaching $4 million for the first time.

The Dodgers are ending the Yankees' 15-year streak as baseball's biggest spenders and as of Tuesday had a projected payroll of $235 million, according to study of all major league contracts by The Associated Press.

New York, which last failed to top the payroll rankings in 1998, was a distant second at $204 million. After that, it was another huge gap to Philadelphia at $180 million, followed by Boston at $163 million and Detroit at $162 million.

Houston is last at $45 million, up from $27 million at the start of last year, and Miami at $48 million remains 29th.

Some large-market teams are among the smaller spenders, with the New York Mets and Chicago Cubs projected at $89 million, ranked 22nd and 23rd.

Rodriguez, who holds the record for the largest deal in baseball history at $275 million over 10 years, is suspended for the season for violations of baseball's drug agreement and labor contract. Because of the ban, he will earn only $3,868,852 of his $25 million salary — 21 days pay for the 183-day season.

Greinke would have become the highest-paid player, even if Rodriguez was getting all his cash. The pitcher has a $24 million salary in the second season of his $147 million, six-year contract, and because he can opt out of the deal after the 2015 season, baseball's accounting rules call for his $12 million signing bonus to be prorated over the first three seasons.

"We've got great ownership and a great fan base, and we need to do what we can to win games," Dodgers general manager Ned Colletti said last week in Sydney, where Los Angeles swept its opening, two-game series against Arizona.

"I don't think the guys worry about it. I know we don't worry about it," Colletti said. "We're expected to win, and that's how we go about it. Money doesn't mean you win. Money just means you have a chance to get the best players."

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AP file photo

Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Zack Greinke throws during spring training baseball practice on Feb. 10 in Glendale, Ariz. Greinke and the Los Angeles Dodgers have knocked Alex Rodriguez and the New York Yankees off baseball's payroll perch. The Dodgers as of Tuesday had a projected payroll of $235 million, according to study of all major league contracts by The Associated Press.

Late rally for a win



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Ethan Barker puts the ball in play against Abilene High on Tuesday at Zachery Field.

Barker sparks MHS to win over Abilene High

By Len Hayward
lhayward@mrt.com

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Ethan Barker knew he had to make something happened.

The Midland High sophomore left fielder certainly made something happen, but not in the way he expected.

Barker hit a two-run double down the first-base line in the third inning, which is the opposite direction the left-handed hitter normally hits the ball.

But it did the job as Barker's double helped spark the Bulldogs to a 10-4 come-from-behind victory against Abilene High on Tuesday at Zachery Field.

An inning later, Barker drove in what turned out to be the game-winning run in the fourth by hitting in his normal direction to right field.

"We were down 4-0 at the time, and it was time for someone to step up," said Barker, who was 2-for-4 on the day with three RBI. "I'm not the type of guy to pull the ball, I'm more of an away kind of guy and I was really surprised I pulled it down the line. That's something new."

The Bulldogs didn't take the lead in that inning, but it was enough to help Midland High recover from an awful first two innings and gain some momentum to stay undefeated in District 2-5A at 8-0.

The Eagles (9-7, 5-2) opened up a 4-0 lead, but didn't necessarily gain that lead with their bats. Abilene High scored three runs in the second off of two Midland High (14-6 overall) errors as the only RBI came from Brok Nelson on a groundout to second.

The Eagles then added another run in

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More inside

Read about Midland High softball and Lee baseball.

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Maryland beats Texas to reach Sweet 16



Associated Press

Texas center Imani McGee-Stafford, center, wipes her face after Texas' 69-64 loss to Maryland in the second round of the NCAA women's tournament Tuesday in College Park, Md.

Maryland	69
Texas	64

By David Ginsburg
Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Alyssa Thomas scored all 16 of her points in the second half, and Maryland squeezed past cold-shooting Texas 69-64 Tuesday night to reach the Sweet 16 of the NCAA women's tournament for the third consecutive year.

The fourth-seeded Terrapins (26-6) next face Tennessee, the No. 1 seed in the Louisville Regional. Maryland is 23-8 in the tournament under coach Brenda Frese and has reached the round of 16 in six of her 12 seasons at the helm.

Texas trailed by 11 points with 9:24 left, but an 8-0 run cut the deficit to 65-64 with 43 seconds left. After Maryland's 16th turnover of the game, Chassidy Fussell missed a 3-point try and Maryland's Laurin Mincy made two free throws for a three-point lead.

Nekia Jones then bounced a 3-point try off the rim for the Longhorns, and Thomas clinched the victory by sinking two foul shots with 8 seconds to go.

Baylor keeps winning postseason games

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — Cory Jefferson figures not too many people really know just how good Baylor has been in postseason play.

Not even the senior forward had put into perspective what the Bears have done until asked this week about their 17-3 postseason record over the past six seasons, which now includes a third NCAA Sweet 16 appearance.



Jefferson

"I'd say it's a very low percentage, considering I didn't even know about the 17-3 until just now," Jefferson said. "It's not really something that I kept up with, but that sounds like a pretty good record to me."

That is an .850 postseason winning percentage, better than any other Division I team with multiple NCAA appearances in that six-season span. Before those three NCAA tourneys in five years, the Bears made it to an NIT championship game at Madison Square Garden in 2009 — then won that title last season.

"I think it says that we can compete at a high level, and against the best, and we're one of the best," said Scott Drew, Baylor's winningest coach with 204 wins in his 11 seasons.

Baylor (26-11), the No. 6 seed in the West Regional, plays No. 2 seed Wisconsin (28-7) on Thursday in Anaheim, Calif.

The Bears also made it to NCAA regional semifinal games in 2010 and 2012, winning both before losing in the regional final each time to the eventual national champ.

"This year, we had a lot of ups and downs, but we peaked at the right time, and we're still going," senior guard Brady Heslip said Tuesday. "Not a lot of people thought we were going to make the tournament, let alone the Sweet 16. The Sweet 16 wasn't our goal, so we're still playing for our goal."

Kentucky is 17-4 (.847) in postseason games since 2009 with a national title two years ago. Baylor beat the Wildcats 67-62 in December at the Dallas Cowboys' massive NFL stadium, and the two could have a rematch there in the Final Four if both teams win two more games.

Stanford is 10-2 in postseason games since 2009, but its two wins to get to this season's Sweet 16 are the only ones in the NCAAs. The Cardinal were the 2012 NIT champions, and won another game in that event last year. There was also a CBI tourney appearance in that stretch.

The Bears have won 12 of 14 games since early February, when they were 2-8 in the Big 12. The latest was that surprisingly easy 85-55 victory over Creighton on Sunday night.

"It was obviously tough times, going through 2-8, but the great thing about our team is nobody lost hope," Jefferson said. "Everybody still believed that even while we were 2-8, that we could make it to the NCAA tournament."

Of the NCAA-high seven Big 12 teams that made it to the tourney, only Baylor and Iowa State are still playing. Baylor won three games in three days in Kansas City earlier this month before losing to the Cyclones in the conference tournament championship game.

Jefferson is the first Baylor player to get to three NCAA tourneys, though he played in just one game each in 2010 and 2012. He redshirted the season in between

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DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

WHAT'S ON TV

GOLF
European PGA Tour, Eurasia Cup, first round, 7:30 p.m., TGC

MLB
Preseason, Washington vs. St. Louis, at Jupiter, Fla., noon, ESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
NIT, quarterfinal, Louisiana Tech at Florida State, 6 p.m., ESPN2
NIT, quarterfinal, California at SMU, 8 p.m., ESPN2

NBA
Miami at Indiana, 7 p.m., ESPN
Memphis at Utah, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m., NBCSN

SOCCER
Premier League, Sunderland at Liverpool, 2:55 p.m., NBCSN

TENNIS
ATP World Tour/WTA, Sony Open, quarterfinals, at Key Biscayne, Fla., noon, ESPN2
ATP World Tour/WTA, Sony Open, men's or women's quarterfinal, at Key Biscayne, Fla., (delayed tape), midnight, ESPN2

WHAT'S ON DECK

COLLEGE BASEBALL
Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Texas Tech, 2 p.m.
JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL
Midland College at NMJC, 2 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned RHP Brad Brach to Norfolk (IL).
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Selected the contract of DH Jason Giambi from Columbus (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned RHP Hernan Perez to Toledo (IL).
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Claimed LHP Patrick Schuster off waivers from San Diego. Designated OF Carlos Peguero for assignment. Optioned 2B Johnny Giavotella to Omaha (PCL).
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Selected the contract of INF John McDonald from Salt Lake (PCL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned C John Ryan Murphy to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
MINNESOTA TWINS — Selected the contract of OF Jason Kubel from Rochester (IL).
SEATTLE MARINERS — Released RHP Scott Baker. LHP Randy Wolf. OF Endy Chavez and C Humberto Quintero from their minor league contracts.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Released LHP Erik Bedard from a minor league contract.
TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned RHP Neftali Perez to Round Rock (PCL). Assigned LHPs Rafael Perez and Aaron Poreda to Round Rock. Agreed to terms with C Chris Snyder on a minor league contract. Added RHP Daniel McCutchen from the minor league camp.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Released LHP Tsuyoshi Wada from a minor league contract.
CINCINNATI REDS — Selected the contract of C Ramon Santiago from Louisville (IL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Reinstated OF Carl Crawford from the paternity list. Optioned infielder Alex Guerrero to Albuquerque (PCL).
MIAMI MARLINS — Selected the contract of OF Reed Johnson from New Orleans (PCL). Optioned RHP Arquimedes Caminero and RHP Carter Capps to New Orleans. Reassigned RHP Chaz Roe to minor league camp. Released INF Ty Wigginton.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Selected the contracts of LHP Zach Duke, 1B Lyle Overbay and 1B-3B Mark Reynolds from Nashville (PCL).
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Released SS Ronny Cedeno from a minor league contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Acquired RHP Vance Worley from Minnesota for cash. Optioned OF Jaff Decker. RHP Jared Hughes and 1B/OF Andrew Lambo to Indianapolis (IL). Reassigned RHPs Jay Jackson and Zack Thornton. INFs Robert Andino and Michael Martinez. LHPs Daniel Schlereth and Adam Wilk. OF Chris Dickerson and C Omir Santos to minor league camp.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Released LHP Michael Gonzalez. RHP Chris Young and INF Jamey Carroll. Optioned RHP Ryan Mattheus. LHP Xavier Cedeno and 1B/OF Tyler Moore to Syracuse (IL).
American Association
LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed RHP TJ Bozeman.
ST. PAUL SAINTS — Signed C Carlos Escobar and RHP Robert Coe.
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed LHP Kyle Anderson and RHP Kyle Bellamy.
Atlantic League
SUGAR LAND SKEETERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Gary Majewski, INF Dominic Ramos, C Travis Scott and INF Nick Stavinoha.
Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed RHP Paul Phillips and RHP Brady Adamek. Released LHP Craig Stevingson.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Claimed FB Bradie Ewing off waivers from Atlanta.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed FB Jamize Olawale.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Reassigned D Ian Meast to Springfield (AHL).
DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned C Cory Emmerton to Grand Rapids (AHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Reassigned F Filip Forsberg to Milwaukee (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES — Recalled G Mark Visentin on emergency recall from Portland (AHL).
American Hockey League
BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Recalled F Ben Rosen from Stockton (ECHL). Loaned F Adam Brace to Stockton.
MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Reassigned G Mathias Niederberger to Ontario (ECHL). Signed D Ben Danford to an amateur tryout agreement and D Brendan Ellis to a professional tryout agreement.
MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS — Reassigned F Zach Budish to Cincinnati (ECHL).
SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS — Loaned D Brendan Ellis to Manchester (AHL).
Central Hockey League
MISSOURI MAVERICK — Placed D Henrik Odegaard on leave of absence.
QUAD CITY MALLARDS — Signed G Eric Levine. Loaned G Ty Rimmer to Oklahoma City (AHL). Announced D Nicholas Roux was recalled by Iowa (AHL).
ST. CHARLES CHILL — Placed D Nello Ferrara on season-ending injured reserve. Signed D Ildar Teryakov.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
PORTLAND TIMBERS — Announced the addition of G Daniel Withrow.
SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Waived D Josh Gardner.
COLLEGE
FLORIDA — Signed men's basketball coach Billy Donovan to a three-year contract extension.
GEORGE MASON — Announced the retirement of athletic director Tom O'Connor, effective June 30.
HARVARD — Named Mike Donovan assistant defensive line coach.
MARQUETTE — Announced the resignations of men's basketball assistant coaches Brad Autry and Isaac Chew.
MICHIGAN — Named Justin Dickens director of football operations.
ST. JOHN'S (NY) — Announced sophomore F JaKarr Sampson will enter the NBA draft.

FEDEXCUP LEADERS

Rank	Player	Points	YTD Money
1	Jimmy Walker	1,872	$3,861,680
2	Patrick Reed	1,343	$3,023,091
3	Dustin Johnson	1,334	$3,346,150
4	Harris English	1,253	$2,535,303
5	Bubba Watson	1,240	$2,913,007
6	Chris Kirk	1,055	$2,023,024
7	Matt Every	994	$1,992,626
8	Webb Simpson	962	$2,076,016
9	Zach Johnson	942	$1,886,968
10	Ryan Moore	902	$2,086,504
11	Kevin Stadler	827	$1,674,152
12	Kevin Na	771	$1,470,252
13	Jordan Spieth	770	$1,661,823
14	John Senden	737	$1,430,144
15	Graham DeLaet	727	$1,639,166
16	Jason Day	720	$1,909,200
17	Keegan Bradley	696	$1,425,341
18	Brian Stuard	696	$1,298,185
19	Gary Woodland	677	$1,424,810
20	Ryan Palmer	654	$1,266,290
21	Charles Howell III	644	$1,190,178
22	Will MacKenzie	635	$1,236,650
23	Russell Henley	614	$1,257,954
24	Chesson Hadley	608	$1,200,680
25	Russell Knox	594	$834,241
26	Ryo Ishikawa	578	$1,125,680
27	Scott Stallings	575	$1,195,200
28	Graeme McDowell	550	$1,281,350
29	Bill Haas	546	$1,010,233
30	Chris Stroud	536	$1,063,007
31	Jason Bohn	508	$949,014
32	Pat Perez	503	$1,008,184
33	Charley Hoffman	500	$913,697
34	Jason Kokrak	491	$865,909
35	Hideki Matsuyama	480	$889,288
36	George McNeill	475	$889,750
37	Adam Scott	438	$910,150
38	Ian Poulter	435	$1,047,684
39	Brendon Todd	429	$608,564
40	Brian Harman	427	$783,899
41	Vijay Singh	425	$703,538
42	Robert Garrigus	410	$600,173
43	Hunter Mahan	403	$840,596
44	Sergio Garcia	402	$932,667
45	Scott Brown	399	$699,329
46	Matt Kuchar	398	$771,107
47	Rory McIlroy	397	$854,500
48	Brendan Steele	394	$668,390
49	Jason Dufner	389	$785,249
50	K.J. Choi	386	$728,043
51	Marc Leishman	378	$724,969
52	Rickie Fowler	369	$894,830
53	Billy Horschel	368	$691,697
54	Justin Leonard	364	$642,865
55	Cameron Tringale	361	$559,616
56	Jerry Kelly	361	$684,666
57	Kevin Streelman	357	$857,163
58	Jeff Overton	349	$619,910
59	Luke Guthrie	341	$482,240
60	Scott Langley	331	$593,674
61	Briny Baird	329	$561,829
62	David Hearn	329	$522,323
63	Daniel Summerhays	327	$458,350
64	Bryce Molder	327	$637,009
65	Stuart Appleby	326	$488,801
66	Justin Hicks	320	$455,977
67	Tim Clark	318	$580,228
68	Brian Gay	310	$619,239
69	Freddie Jacobson	307	$606,327
70	Boo Weekley	307	$448,976
71	James Driscoll	304	$343,780
72	Seung-Yul Noh	303	$381,033
73	Matt Jones	298	$453,598
74	Luke Donald	296	$595,600
75	Justin Rose	292	$634,479
76	Ernie Els	283	$730,421
77	Rory Sabbatini	273	$469,607
78	Carmo Villegas	272	$263,626
79	Dainby Lee	266	$461,245
80	Kevin Chappell	264	$316,195
81	Brandt Snedeker	261	$583,080
82	Erik Compton	258	$425,127
83	Morgan Hoffmann	258	$331,091
84	Aaron Baddeley	257	$467,855
85	Billy Hurley III	256	$440,551
86	Jonas Blixt	251	$411,180
87	William McGirt	250	$400,963
88	Brian Davis	248	$337,814
89	Sang-Moon Bae	246	$396,969
90	Jim Renner	245	$580,800
91	Phil Mickelson	238	$365,422
92	Henrik Stenson	237	$483,967
93	Jim Furyk	235	$478,162
94	Chad Schwartzer	232	$518,250
95	Trevor Immelman	227	$329,547
96	Ben Martin	226	$370,986
97	Chad Collins	223	$313,137
98	Michael Thompson	223	$339,278
99	Greg Chalmers	218	$353,121
100	Richard H. Lee	216	$381,739
101	John Merrick	214	$279,034
102	Spencer Levin	213	$241,060
103	Nick Watney	209	$264,650
104	Charlie Beljan	207	$330,236
105	Carl Pettersson	206	$349,938
106	Tim Wilkinson	201	$416,986
107	J.J. Henry	200	$281,275
108	David Lingmerth	198	$299,186
109	Tyrone Van Aswegen	197	$187,561
110	Ken Duke	195	$340,170
111	Jhonattan Vegas	194	$227,889
112	Michael Putnam	192	$189,166
113	Josh Teater	191	$192,766
114	Ricky Barnes	191	$268,236
115	Louis Oosthuizen	189	$437,000
116	Sean O'Hair	188	$305,816
117	Martin Laird	187	$265,662
118	Roberto Castro	185	$260,518
119	Robert Allenby	181	$223,630
120	Gonzalo Fdez-Castano	177	$264,067
121	Stewart Cink	175	$301,529
122	Brendon de Jonge	173	$266,333
123	Hudson Swafford	169	$221,375
124	Brice Garnett	167	$189,403
125	J.B. Holmes	166	$259,630
126	Lee Westwood	162	$274,675
127	Charlie Wi	158	$208,267
128	Rafael Goosen	158	$229,156
129	Ben Crane	156	$262,197
130	Peter Hanson	147	$218,628
131	Wes Roach	145	$220,350
132	Ted Potter Jr.	144	$147,963
133	Y.E. Yang	142	$161,864
134	James Hahn	142	$117,395
135	Martin Flores	140	$229,560
136	Robert Streb	139	$198,240
137	David Toms	138	$199,875
138	Martin Kaymer	134	$273,201
139	John Huh	133	$155,435
140	John Rollins	132	$142,511
141	Woody Austin	132	$196,652
142	Nicholas Thompson	132	$143,336
143	Scott Piercy	131	$249,577
144	Jim Herman	130	$130,969
145	Heath Slocum	130	$169,988
146	Kevin Kisner	128	$143,222
147	Troy Matteson	124	$230,550
148	Davis Love III	121	$148,959
149	Peter Malnati	116	$189,900
149	Kyle Stanley	116	$147,293

FISHING REPORT

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 52-61 degrees; 14.75 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, jigs and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.
ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 53-60 degrees; 17.33 feet low. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.
FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 53-60 degrees; 13.15 feet low. Black bass are fair on black/blue jigs. Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.
HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 54-61 degrees; 24.03 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

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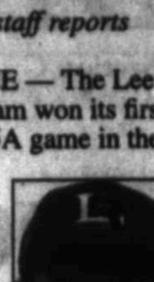
Lee wins first district game against Cooper

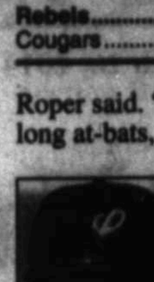
From staff reports

ABILENE — The Lee baseball team won its first District 2-5A game in the way that teams had been beating them in the first half of league play.

The Rebels rallied for a 10-5 victory against Abilene Cooper, scoring six runs in the fifth inning and being able to get the two-out hits needed to score runs.

"We (grinded) out an inning," Lee coach Brian Roper said. "We had some long at-bats, and we battled deep in the count, and finally got the big two-out hits. We just don't get one or two RBI hits we got three of them in a row. It was like a weight was lifted off everybody, you just could kind of see it in their faces."


Calhoun


Schwalbach

Rebels	10
Cougars	5

Lee is now 7-11 overall and 1-6 in District 2-5A play, while Abilene Cooper fell to 7-9 and 3-4.

Roper said that Ray Calhoun, who has been Lee's hottest hitter in district play, along with Hunter Coleman and Griffin Quintero each had back-to-back RBI singles during that big fifth inning.

Calhoun was 3-for-4 on the day with two RBI, and Quintero was 2-for-4 with two RBI. Also, catcher Jon Schwalbach was 3-for-4 with three RBI in the victory.

Lee added three more runs in the sixth to complete the victory as they were down 5-1 after four innings.

On the mound, sophomore right-hander Blake Blessie pitched the complete game, giving up five runs on 11 hits with five strikeouts and no walks.

"We are really starting to get some baserunners on and we got them on by having six- and seven-pitch at-bats, we were grinding it out," Roper said. "We got some baserunners on and the meat of our lineup produced, I'm proud of our kids."

Lee will take on Amarillo Tascosa at 1 p.m. Saturday in Amarillo.

LEE 10, ABILENE COOPER 5

Lee	010 003 0	—10	11 1
Cooper	200 300 0	—5	11 3

Blake Blessie and Jon Schwalbach, Nicholson, Jenkins (6), Rust (6) and Hurst. W — Blessie. L — Nicholson. 2B — Cooper: Nicholson, Hurst.
Record: Lee 7-11, 1-6 in District 2-5A; Abilene Cooper 7-9, 3-4
Next: Lee at Amarillo Tascosa, 1 p.m. Saturday; Abilene Cooper at Abilene High, 1 p.m. Saturday

MHS

From 1C

the fourth with a pair of uncharacteristic errors by shortstop Gilbert Sanchez.

Overall the Bulldogs had five errors, but one in the fourth didn't cost them a run.

"We weren't ready to play, obviously," Midland High coach Barry Russell said. "Those first two innings were about as bad as they could be. We just kind of muddled through it."

In the third, though, the Bulldogs offense found some life. Jackson Lancaster drew a leadoff walk and Kohl Fritschen followed with a single to left, and two batters later Barker hit his double to cut the lead to 4-2.

"That was big," Russell said. "At that time we were just looking for anything. It was a big play, it knocked in a couple of runs and got us on the board and got us going."

Sanchez, who was 2-for-4 on the day, then singled home Barker to cut the lead to 4-3.

The Bulldogs tied the game in the fourth when Sean Grebeck scored on a double steal, and then Barker drove in Austin Wade with a single to left.

Midland High broke the game open with five runs in the fifth as Braden Rushton and Travis Wilbanks drove in runs with doubles, and Fritschen and Wade also had RBI in the big inning.

"We just weren't ready to play the first two innings and were just behind from the get go," said Barker, who is hitting .500 in 2-5A play this season. "It was just a lack of concentration pre-game, and we needed to do better with that."

The runs were enough for Lancaster to recover from a rough start, which included him dropping an infield pop up in the second inning. The senior, though, pitched six innings and allowed four runs, one earned, on five hits with six strikeouts.

"After the first two innings, to their credit they regrouped," Russell said of his team. "I explained to them it's a boxing match, and they got the standing 10 count the first two rounds, and to our credit we didn't duck and hide."


James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Braden Scrivner puts the ball in play against Abilene High on Tuesday at Zachery Field.

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MIDLAND HIGH 10, ABILENE HIGH 4

Abilene High	001 000 0	—4	6 3
MHS	003 250 x	—10	12 5

Derek Scott, Eli Rodriguez (5), Mark Burrow (5) and Conner Nicholas. Jackson Lancaster, Sean Grebeck (7) and Dos Dorsey. W — Lancaster. L — Scott. 2B — MHS: Ethan Barker, Gilbert Sanchez, Lance White, Braden Rushton, Travis Wilbanks. RBI — Abilene High: Brok Nelson. MHS: Barker 3, Sanchez, Rushton, Wilbanks, Kohl Fritschen.
Records: Midland High 14-6, 8-0 in District 2-5A; Abilene High 9-7, 5-2
Next: Abilene Cooper at Abilene High, 1 p.m. Saturday; Odessa Permian at Midland High, 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 4

2-5A Baseball Standings

Team	Overall W	Overall L	District W	District L
Midland High	8	5	8	0
San Angelo Central	9	3	6	1
Abilene High	6	7	5	2
Abilene Cooper	6	7	3	3
Odessa Permian	4	5	3	4
Abilene Cooper	3	4	2	5
Lubbock Coronado	2	5	1	6
Odessa High	2	6	0	6
Lee	1	8	0	7
Odessa Permian	1	8	0	8

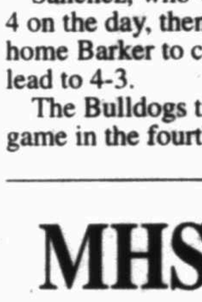
Tuesday's Scores
Midland High 10, Abilene High 4
Lee 10, Abilene Cooper 5
Amarillo Tascosa 14, Odessa Permian 4
San Angelo Central 1, Lubbock Coronado 0
Saturday's Games
San Angelo Central at Odessa Permian, Noon
Odessa High at Lubbock Coronado, Noon
Lee at Amarillo Tascosa, 1 p.m.
Abilene Cooper at Abilene High, 1 p.m.

MHS wins slugfest against Odessa High

Lady Bulldogs	16
Lady Bronchos	9

From staff reports

ODESSA — The Midland High softball team won a slugfest with Odessa High, 16-9, on Tuesday in a District 2-5A game at the Ratliff Softball Complex.


Betcher


Warren

The Lady Bulldogs and Lady Bronchos combined for 26 hits as Midland High scored eight runs in the fourth inning to take 13-0 lead.

But Odessa High didn't go away easily as the Lady Bronchos scored three runs in the bottom half of the fourth to keep the game going, and then added five in the bottom of the seventh to make it interesting.

Courtney Warren and Sydney Betcher each hit home runs for the Lady Bulldogs. Midland High is now 13-6 overall and 6-3 in District 2-5A, while Odessa High fell to 11-6, 5-4.

The Lady Bulldogs will host Abilene High at 4:30 p.m. Friday in the first of two games in two days. Midland High will face rival Lee at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

2-5A Softball Standings

Team	Overall W	Overall L	District W	District L
Lubbock Coronado	9	0	22	2
Lee	5	2	12	6
Midland High	6	3	13	6
Odessa Permian	6	3	14	6
Odessa High	5	4	12	6
Abilene High	4	4	9	9
San Angelo Central	3	6	7	8
Abilene Cooper	1	8	5	12
Amarillo Tascosa	0	9	3	15

Tuesday's Scores
Abilene High 5, San Angelo Central 4
Odessa Permian 11, Abilene Cooper 0
Lubbock Coronado 20, Amarillo Tascosa 0, 5 innings
Midland High 16, Odessa High 9
Friday's Games
Abilene High at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.
Lee at Amarillo Tascosa, 4:30 p.m.
Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central, 4:30 p.m.
Lubbock Coronado at Odessa High, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Midland High at Lee, 2 p.m.
Abilene High at Odessa Permian, 2 p.m.
Abilene Cooper at Odessa High, 2 p.m.
Amarillo Tascosa at San Angelo Central, 2 p.m.

MIDLAND HIGH 16, ODESSA HIGH 9

Midland High	005 800 3	—16	13 3
Odessa High	000 310 5	—9	13 8

Stefani Baeza, Kendra Evans (5) and Courtney Warren. Elva Castillo, Lindsey Wagner (4), Elva Castillo (4), Kristin Dees (4) and Tristan Castillo. W — Baeza. L — Castillo. 2B — MHS: Leandra Lopez. OHS: Hope Deanda. 3B — MHS: Aubre Rowley. HR — MHS: Courtney Warren, Sydney Betcher. OHS: Elva Castillo.
Records: Midland High 13-6, 6-3 in District 2-5A; Odessa High 11-6, 5-4.
Next: Abilene High at Midland High, 4:30 p.m. Friday; Lubbock Coronado at Odessa High, 6:30 p.m. today

SPORTSBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

Bills great Jim Kelly expects more cancer surgery

BUFFALO — Hall of Fame quarterback Jim Kelly is expected to have surgery again following the recurrence of cancer that his wife described as aggressive and "starting to spread."

Doctors for the 54-year-old former Buffalo Bills star are leaning toward surgery Thursday or perhaps April 1 at a New York City hospital, brother Dan Kelly told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Kelly's doctors in Buffalo said March 14 the cancer was found to have returned when Kelly had follow-up tests after surgery last June to remove cancerous cells from his upper jaw.

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Tuesday, April 8th - 6:30 PM
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HIGHSCHOOLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Baseball

BIG SPRING 5 GREENWOOD 3, 10 innings

Big Spring scored a pair of runs in the top of the 10th inning to take a 5-3 victory in 10 innings against Greenwood in a District 4-3A game on Tuesday at the Greenwood High School baseball field.

The Rangers jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the third inning when Braydin Moreland hit an inside-the-park home run. The Steers, though, battled back to score three runs of their own in the sixth inning to the game.

Greenwood fell to 14-7 overall and 0-3 in District 4-3A as it lost its second extra inning game in three district contests. Big Spring is now 10-10 and 1-2.

Moreland was 1-for-3 with three RBI and Javier Vizcaino was 2-for-5 on the night for the Rangers.

Greenwood will take on Snyder at 7 p.m. Friday in Snyder.

BIG SPRING 5, GREENWOOD 3, 10 INNINGS

Big Spring ..... 003 000 002 0 —5 4 2
Greenwood ..... 003 000 000 0 —3 6 3

Franco and Yanez. Victor Urias, Jorden Holmes (6), Braydin Moreland (9) and Cole Dicke. W — Franco, L — Moreland. 2B — BSHS: B. Brotman, HR — Greenwood: Moreland.

Records: Greenwood 14-7, 0-3 in District 4-3A; Big Spring 10-10, 1-2

Next: Greenwood at Snyder, 7 p.m. Friday

Softball

GREENWOOD 17 BIG SPRING 7, 5 innings

The Greenwood softball team had a 10-run third inning and took advantage of six Big Spring errors in a District 4-3A run-rule victory at Greenwood High School.

Kambree Ebenstein led the Rangerettes' offense as she was 3-for-4 with a two-run home run, double and five RBI. Jaden Shoults was 2-for-4, while Shawnda Price was 2-for-3 with two doubles for Greenwood (10-11, 3-1). Kassie Maddox also had a three-run home run.

Maddox also got the win in the circle as she also had six strikeouts and a walk.

Greenwood next travels to play Snyder at 5 p.m. Friday.

GREENWOOD 17, BIG SPRING 7

Big Spring ..... 020 41 —7 6 6
Greenwood ..... 14(10) 2x—17(3 3

Y. Feliz, M. Sarmiento (3) and M. Oliva. Kassie Maddox and Priscilla Acosta. W — Maddox. L — Feliz. 2B — GHS: Kambree Ebenstein, Jaden Shoults, Shawnda Price 2 HR — GHS: Ebenstein, Maddox

Records: Greenwood 10/11, 3-1

Next: Greenwood at Snyder, 5 p.m. Friday

UTPBROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

FALCONS SPLIT TWINBILL WITH USW

ODESSA — The UTPB baseball team split a doubleheader with University of the Southwest on Tuesday, losing the first game 3-1 before winning 10-2 in the second game at Roden Field.

In the first game, Southwest scored all of its runs in the fourth inning as an infield error to start the inning led to all of the runs being unearned in the frame.

UTPB only run, in the second inning, was unearned as well as an infield error led off that frame.

Ethan Blucher (2-2) took the loss as he allowed the three unearned runs on six hits with one strikeout and one walk.

The Falcons (15-15) had 14 hits in the win as Ryne Head was 3-for-4 with three RBI to lead the UTPB offense. Andrew Grifol, Trey Cochran and David Fetkenher each added two hits fer the Falcons.

Hector Arrellano (2-2) got the win on the mound.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MAVERICKS 128 THUNDER 119

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored seven of his 32 points in overtime, leading the Dallas Mavericks to a 128-119 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Tuesday night.

Nowitzki also had 10 rebounds and six assists. In Dallas' loss to Brooklyn on Sunday, he was 2 for 12 from the field in his worst shooting performance of the season.

Kevin Durant led Oklahoma City with 43 points. He has scored at least 25 in 36 consecutive games in the longest such streak since Michael Jordan's 40-game run during the 1986-87 season.

Dallas had seven players score in double figures. Jose Calderon went 6 for 8 from 3-point range and finished with 22 points.

Russell Westbrook scored 23 for Oklahoma City. All of his points came in regulation, when he played 31:50.

CAVALIERS 102 RAPTORS 100

CLEVELAND — Dion Waiters scored 24 points and Luol Deng added 19 as the Cleveland Cavaliers prevented Toronto from getting closer to a playoff spot with a 102-100 win over the Raptors on Tuesday night.

The Cavs blew a 21-point lead, but made just enough plays down the stretch to snap a five-game losing streak at home.

They did it without All-Star point guard Kyrie Irving, who missed his fifth straight game with a strained biceps tendon.

Kyle Lowry scored 22 for the Raptors, who had a chance to tie it in the final seconds but guard Greivis Vasquez lost his footing and committed a turnover with 1.9 seconds left.

Toronto led 95-94 with 6:45 remaining, but went just 1 of 9 from the floor and scored five points the rest of the way.

Tristan Thompson added 15 points and 13 rebounds for Cleveland.

The Raptors are closing in on their first postseason appearance since 2008, but the Atlantic Division leaders hardly looked ready.

MAGIC 95 TRAIL BLAZERS 85

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tobias Harris had 25 points and 11 rebounds, and the Orlando Magic beat the Portland Trail Blazers 95-85 on Tuesday night to stop a nine-game losing streak.

Nik Vucevic added 22 points and 10 boards for the Magic, who led by just eight at the half but used scoring spurts in the third and fourth quarters to put the game away. Victor Oladipo had 13 points and six assists.

Robin Lopez led Portland with 20 points and 13 rebounds.

The Blazers, who entered the night in fifth place in the West, have lost three straight. They were without forward LaMarcus Aldridge, who missed his seventh consecutive game with a lower back contusion.

The Magic closed the third quarter on an 11-2 run and increased their lead to 19 in the opening minutes of the fourth.

Harris was the most active for Orlando in the final quarter, scoring eight points. The Blazers were finally able to string together some baskets and cut the lead down to 11 points on a 3-pointer by Wesley Matthews with 2:31 to play.

But the Magic were able to close out the game from the foul line.

TUESDAY IN THE NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	39	31	557	—
Brooklyn	37	32	536	1½
New York	29	41	414	10
Boston	23	47	329	16
Philadelphia	15	56	211	24½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	48	21	696	—
Washington	36	34	514	12½
Charlotte	34	37	479	15
Atlanta	31	38	449	17
Orlando	20	52	278	29½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	51	20	718	—
Chicago	40	31	563	11
Cleveland	28	44	389	23½
Detroit	26	44	371	24½
Milwaukee	13	58	183	38

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	54	16	771	—
Houston	48	22	686	6
Memphis	42	28	600	12
Dallas	43	29	597	12
New Orleans	30	40	429	24

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	52	19	732	—
Portland	45	27	625	7½
Minnesota	34	35	493	17
Denver	32	39	451	20
Utah	23	48	324	29

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	50	21	704	—
Golden State	44	27	620	6
Phoenix	42	29	592	8
Sacramento	25	45	357	24½
L.A. Lakers	23	46	333	26

x-clinched playoff spot

Tuesday's Scores

Orlando 95, Portland 85
Cleveland 102, Toronto 100
Dallas 128, Oklahoma City 119, OT
New York at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games

Phoenix at Washington, 5 p.m.
Brooklyn at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Miami at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Denver at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Memphis at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S BOX SCORES

MAVERICKS 128, THUNDER 119

OKLAHOMA CITY (119): Durant 15-27 8-8 43, Ibaka 5-9 0-2 10, Adams 1-1 0-0 2, Westbrook 8-18 5-6 23, Roberson 0-1 0-0 0, Jackson 5-11 1-1 11, Butler 4-10 0-0 10, Fisher 5-9 0-0 13, Collison 3-7 1-2 7. Totals 46-93 15-19 119

DALLAS (128): Marion 5-11 0-0 11, Nowitzki 11-23 8-8 32, Dalembert 5-6 0-0 10, Calderon 7-10 2-2 22, Ellis 6-15 5-7 17, Carter 4-11 4-6 16, Harris 2-4 1-1 5, Blair 0-1 2-2 2, Wright 1-3 1-2 3, Crowder 4-6 0-0 10. Totals 45-90 23-28 128

Oklahoma City	**24**	**36**	**29**	**22**	**8 — 119**
Dallas	**28**	**31**	**25**	**27**	**17 — 128**

3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 12-33 (Durant 5-11, Fisher 3-6, Butler 2-6, Westbrook 2-6, Jackson 0-4), Dallas 15-38 (Calderon 6-9, Carter 4-9, Crowder 2-4, Nowitzki 2-8, Marion 1-4, Harris 0-1, Ellis 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 42 (Collison, Westbrook 7), Dallas 59 (Nowitzki 10). Assists—Oklahoma City 27 (Westbrook, Jackson 8), Dallas 27 (Calderon 8). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 30, Dallas 22. A—19,607 (19,200)

CAVALIERS 102, RAPTORS 100

TORONTO (100): Ross 5-12 2-2 16, Johnson 6-9 0-0 12, Valanciunas 2-6 0-0 4, Lowry 8-18 3-7 22, DeRozan 5-16 3-7 13, Vasquez 4-13 4-4 16, Salmons 1-4 2-2 5, Hansbrough 0-0 0-2 0. De Colo 1-1 0-0 3. Hayes 2-4 2-2 6. Novak 1-5 0-0 3. Totals 35-88 16-26 100

CLEVELAND (102): Deng 7-13 3-4 19, Thompson 3-4 9-10 15, Hawes 4-10 2-2 11, Jack 6-9 1-3 13, Waiters 10-19 3-4 24, Dellavedova 0-2 0-0 0, Varejao 4-8 3-4 11. Gee 1-4 2-2 4. Zeller 1-1 3-4 5. Totals 36-70 26-33 102

Toronto	**17**	**28**	**36**	**19**	**— 100**
Cleveland	**26**	**33**	**29**	**14**	**— 102**

3-Point Goals—Toronto 14-32 (Vasquez 4-7, Ross 4-10, Lowry 3-7, De Colo 1-1, Salmons 1-1, Novak 1-5, DeRozan 0-1), Cleveland 4-13 (Deng 2-4, Waiters 1-2, Hawes 1-3, Jack 0-1, Varejao 0-1, Gee 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 48 (Johnson 9), Cleveland 56 (Thompson 13). Assists—Toronto 30 (Lowry 10), Cleveland 27 (Deng, Waiters 7). Total Fouls—Toronto 24, Cleveland 22. Technicals—Lowry, A—15,497 (20,562).

MAGIC 95, TRAIL BLAZERS 85

PORTLAND (85): Batum 3-9 0-0 6, Wright 3-11 0-0 8, Lopez 9-13 2-3 20, Lillard 5-17 7-8 17, Matthews 5-13 4-4 18, Williams 1-6 0-0 3, Barton 3-8 1-2 7, Robinson 1-4 0-0 2, Claver 1-4 0-0 2, McCollum 0-0 0-0 0, Leonard 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 32-86 14-17 85.

ORLANDO (95): Harkless 2-5 0-0 5, O'Quinn 3-8 0-0 6, Vucevic 10-18 2-3 22, Oladipo 5-16 3-3 13, Affalo 3-9 4-5 10, Harris 10-15 3-4 25, Lamb 3-4 2-5 11, Moore 0-3 1-2 1, Nicholson 1-3 0-0 2. Price 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 37-85 15-22 95.

Portland	**26**	**16**	**23**	**20**	**— 85**
Orlando	**23**	**27**	**29**	**16**	**— 95**

3-Point Goals—Portland 7-26 (Matthews 4-8, Wright 2-6, Williams 1-4, Claver 0-1, Batum 0-3, Lillard 0-4), Orlando 6-17 (Lamb 3-4, Harris 2-3, Harkless 1-2, Nicholson 0-1, Moore 0-1, Oladipo 0-3, Price 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Portland 53 (Lopez 13), Orlando 59 (Harris 11). Assists—Portland 17 (Barton 4), Orlando 19 (Oladipo 6). Total Fouls—Portland 14, Orlando 16. A—17,896 (18,500).

SPORTSDEATHS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

Bills owner Ralph Wilson dies at 95

BUFFALO — During his 95 years, Buffalo Bills owner Ralph Wilson went from fan to "Foolish Club" member to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, enjoying every step along the way.

The NFL lost the person regarded as the league's "conscience" on Tuesday, when Wilson died at his home around 1:40 p.m. Bills president Russ Brandon announced Wilson's death at the NFL owners meetings in Orlando, Fla.

His death resonated among the owners — from old to new. Wilson played an integral role in establishing the modern game, and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2009.

In 1959, Wilson founded the Bills in helping establish the upstart American Football League, whose owners were dubbed "The Foolish Club" for having the chutzpah to challenge the NFL. Some five years later, Wilson played an influential role in setting the framework of the two leagues' merger.

"Ralph Wilson was a driving force in developing pro football into America's most popular sport," NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said. "Ralph always brought a principled and common-sense approach to issues."

Patriots owner Robert Kraft released a statement saying how grateful he was for how Wilson welcomed him to the NFL, adding: "I will miss him."

The last surviving member of the original AFL owners, Wilson died at his home in Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich., said Mary Mazur, spokeswoman for the Wayne County medical examiner's office. He had been receiving home hospice care.

Wilson had been in failing health since having hip surgery in 2011. Though he spent much of his time at his home in suburban Detroit, he attended Hall of Fame induction weekends. He was a regular at Bills home games since founding the franchise, but had not been there since going to one game in 2010.

Wilson gave up daily oversight of the club on Jan. 1, 2013, when he relinquished the president's title to Brandon.

"No one loves this game more than Ralph Wilson," Brandon said. "It's very tough. What he's meant to the entire organization. He's our leader, our mentor, our friend. How he loves his players and loved our community. Special guy. They just don't make them like Ralph Wilson."

Wilson earned a well-established reputation for loyalty to fans and the stands he took against franchise relocation.

Though he butted heads several times with late Oakland Raiders owner Al Davis, it did not affect their friendship.

As Davis said in 2009: "There were a lot of guys saying (Steelers owner Dan) Rooney was the conscience. But certainly, Mr. Wilson was more of a conscience of the league."

Wilson also earned the respect of his former players.

"I'm broken-hearted," Bills receiver-turned-broadcaster Steve Tasker said. "I had a lot of respect for him and I owed a lot of my success professionally and personally to him and this organization. I never forgot that, and I never will."

Wilson's Bills have never won a Super Bowl. They came close in the early 1990s, when the Marv Levy-coached and Jim Kelly-quarterbacked teams won four consecutive AFC championships, but lost each time.

The Bills have not made the playoffs since 1999 and their 14-year postseason drought ranks as the NFL's longest active streak.

In 2010, with the Bills 0-5, Wilson began an interview with The Associated Press with an apology. "I want to apologize for this phone system," Wilson said, with a familiar chuckle. "It's almost as bad as my team."

The future of the team is now in the hands of Brandon and Wilson's second-in-command, Bills treasurer Jeffrey Littmann. For the meantime, the Bills are expected to be placed in a trust before eventually being sold.

NORTH CAROLINA

Wife of NASCAR Hall of Famer Richard Petty dies

RANDLEMAN — Lynda Petty, the wife of NASCAR Hall of Famer Richard Petty, died Tuesday after battling cancer for several years. She was 72.

Petty Motorsports spokesman Jeff Dennison said in a statement that Petty was surrounded by her family when she died at her home in Level Cross. He said she had been fighting cancer for the past several years.

Lynda Petty helped start the Racing Wives Auxiliary, a benevolent fund for injured members of the NASCAR community. The group was formed by the wives of drivers, crews and sponsors.

"Through the years, Lynda became an integral part of the NASCAR landscape. We have lost a true friend, who will be missed each and every day," said NASCAR chairman and CEO Brian France.

Besides her husband, Lynda Petty is survived by son Kyle, two daughters, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

"It was no secret that she was the cornerstone of the Petty family; a woman of humility and extraordinary strength," said Austin Petty. Lynda and Richard's grandson and chief operating officer of Victory Junction, a camp for children with chronic medical conditions or serious illnesses.

"While we mourn her death, we also celebrate her life and the profound impact she had on those who knew her," Austin Petty said.

A private memorial service is scheduled for Reverie Place in Randleman. No date or time was given.

NFL office can help refs with replays

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The NFL officiating department will help referees rule on instant replay reviews starting next season.

League owners passed a rule Tuesday allowing referees to consult with director of officiating Dean Blandino and his staff to help determine whether a call should be upheld or overturned. NFL officials said the change should speed up the process.

Blandino and other staff will be monitoring the games from league offices in New York, and they will immediately begin reviewing challenges before the referee even gets to his monitor. They can make recommendations on what replays to look at, but the referee still will make the final decision.

Rich McKay, Falcons president and co-chairman of the influential competition committee, called it "kind of a proof of concept to see how this works. We feel pretty comfortable with it, though."

"What we do like is we take the true experts in replay, those in New York, to be able to communicate with the referees who have the ultimate decision," McKay said. "We just think we get a more consistent decision-making process."

Blandino said the new process will be faster and make more eyes available to help in the reviews.

"We'll be reviewing all the angles the network is providing, in essence finding what is the best reviewable aspect, and getting a baseline for the referee," he said. "Then we will begin the communication process with the referee once he is done speaking to the coach and announcing the challenge.

"Consistency is what we are striving for in officiating and this will definitely help us in that area."

One coach, Cincinnati's Marvin Lewis, a member of the competition committee, believes the entire procedure has been upgraded.

"By consulting with New York, they can speed up the review process while they talk to the referee," Lewis said. "They can tell the referee: 'Here are the shots all set for you to look at.'"

Blandino wasn't sure this change would lead to more challenges, noting that coaches will still lose a timeout for an incorrect challenge.

Players no longer will be allowed to dunk the football over the crossbar of the goalposts in celebration.

Blandino said the NFL is making a clarification of the rules for mutual respect and sportsmanship.

Blackhawks top Stars, move closer to playoff berth

By Matt Carlson
Associated Press

Blackhawks	**4**
Stars	**2**

CHICAGO — Andrew Shaw and Duncan Keith each had a goal and an assist, and the Chicago Blackhawks held on for a 4-2 win over the Dallas Stars on Tuesday night.

Kris Versteeg and Marian Hossa also scored for Chicago, which needs just one more point to clinch a playoff berth for the sixth straight season. Patrick Sharp added two assists to help Chicago finish 4-1 against Dallas in the Central Division rivals' regular-season series.

Ryan Garbutt scored twice for the Stars, who fell three points behind Phoenix for the final Western Conference playoff berth.

Chicago's Corey Crawford made 25 saves, while Dallas' Kari Lehtonen blocked 38 shots.

Dallas's Tyler Seguin set up Garbutt's goal in the second period to extend his point streak to 10 games. He has seven goals and 10 assists during the run.

Blackhawks top prospect Teuvo Teravainen didn't record a point in his NHL debut. The 19-year-old forward was Chicago's first-round draft pick in 2012 and led his team in Finland, Jokerit, in scoring this season.

Chicago played its third game without star forward Patrick Kane, who is on long-term injured reserve and may miss the rest of the regular season.

Dallas had several good chances early, including Garbutt's breakaway just over 2 minutes in. Crawford stopped his close-in rising shot with a glove save.

Chicago took charge as the period progressed. Lehtonen stopped Jonathan Toews on two point-blank chances in the final minutes.

Shaw swept in a rebound of Patrick Sharp's shot from the blue line with a highlight-reel effort with 18 seconds left in the first to open the scoring. Shaw was knocked to the ice by Dallas defenseman Trevor Daley in the crease, but backhanded in the loose puck as he fell to his knees and while facing away from the net.

Versteeg was credited with a goal at 4:12 of the second that made it 2-0.

After Dallas' Antoine Roussel failed to clear the puck, Versteeg slid a pass toward Hossa who was cruising in down the slot. Rousell reached with his stick to break up the pass, but deflected the pucks past Lehtonen.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Boston	72	49	17	6	104	230	153
Montreal	74	41	26	7	89	180	164
Tampa Bay	72	39	24	9	87	214	180
Detroit	72	35	25	14	80	191	204
Toronto	74	36	30	8	80	218	231
Ottawa	72	29	29	14	72	205	243
Florida	73	27	28	18	72	178	207
Buffalo	72	20	41	11	51	138	212

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	73	48	21	4	100	247	180
N.Y. Rangers	73	49	22	2	100	224	170
Philadelphia	71	38	26	7	83	205	201
Columbus	72	37	29	6	80	204	196
Washington	73	34	27	12	80	212	218
New Jersey	72	31	26	13	75	175	187
Carolina	72	31	32	9	71	181	205
N.Y. Islanders	72	28	35	9	65	202	243

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-St. Louis	72	49	16	7	105	233	163
Chicago	73	42	16	15	99	244	188
Colorado	72	43	21	8	94	221	189
Minnesota	72	37	24	11	85	180	170
Dallas	72	34	27	11	79	205	207
Nashville	73	31	31	11	73	177	218
Winnipeg	73	32	32	9	73	202	219

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-San Jose	73	45	18	10	101	222	175
x-Anaheim	71	46	18	7	99	226	180
Los Angeles	73	42	25	6	90	182	155
Phoenix	73	35	26	12	82	202	207
Vancouver	73	35	30	10	78	176	198
Calgary	72	30	35	7	67	183	211
Edmonton	72	25	36	9	59	176	226

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

x-clinched playoff spot

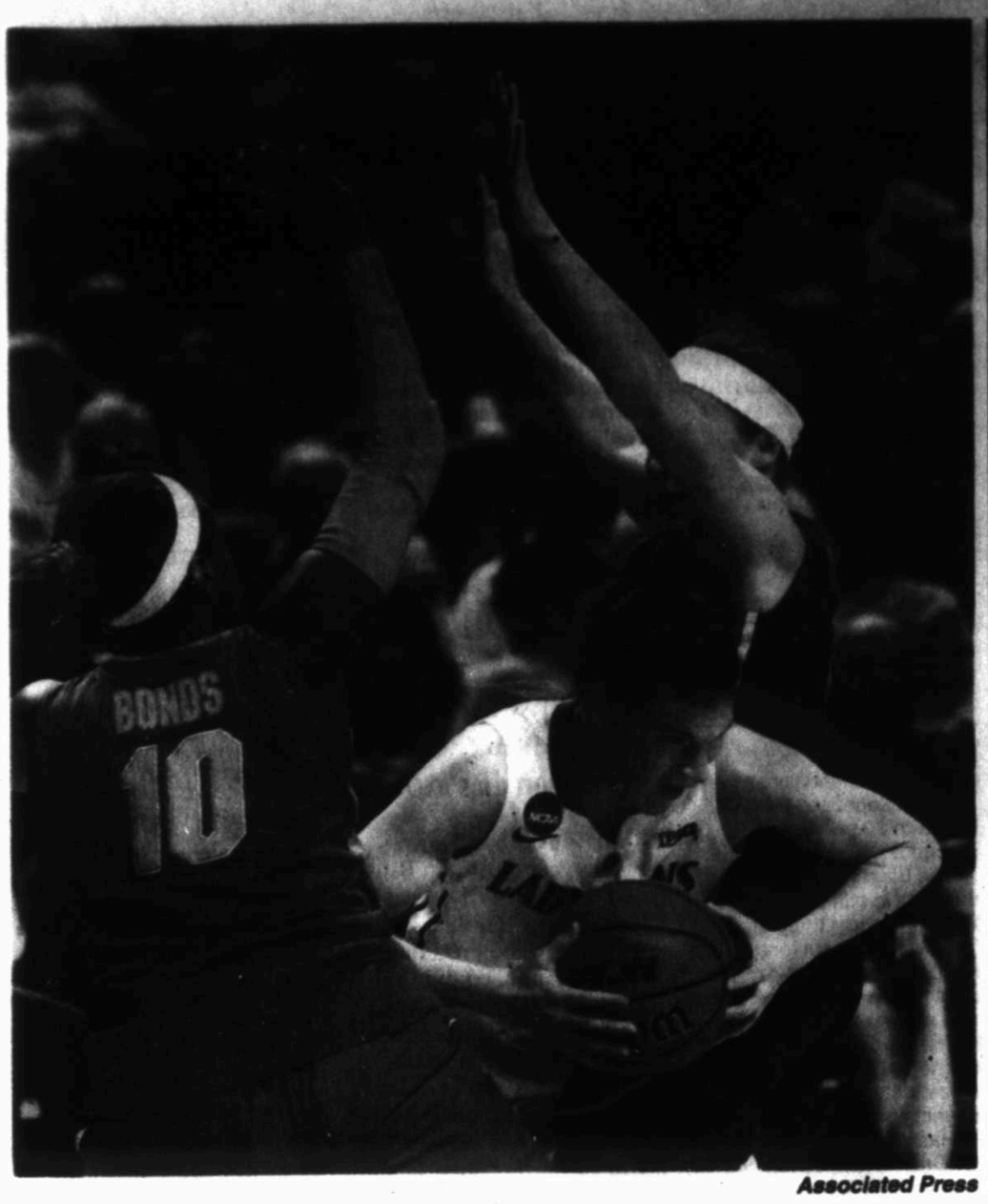
Tuesday's Scores

Los Angeles 5, Washington 4, SO
Florida 3, Ottawa 2, SO
Colorado 5, Nashville 4, SO
St. Louis 6, Toronto 3
Phoenix 5, Pittsburgh 2
N.Y. Islanders 5, Carolina 4
Montreal 2, Buffalo 0
Columbus 4, Detroit 2
Chicago 4, Dallas 2
San Jose at Edmonton, late

Today's Games

Vancouver at Minnesota, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 9 p.m.

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Associated Press

Florida's Jaterra Bonds (10) and Carlie Needles defend as Penn State's Maggie Lucas, center, tries to get between them during the first half of a second-round game in the NCAA women's tournament, Tuesday in State College, Pa.

TOURNAMENTROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NORTH CAROLINA 62
MICHIGAN STATE 53

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Freshman Diamond DeShields had 24 points and a season-high 12 rebounds to help North Carolina beat Michigan State 62-53 on Tuesday night in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Fellow rookie Allisha Gray added 10 points for the fourth-seeded Tar Heels (26-9), who led by nine at halftime then dominated the opening minutes of the second half to turn the game into a rout. North Carolina ran off 14 straight points to blow the game open, with DeShields scoring twice during that flurry to build a 57-31 lead with 11½ minutes left that allowed the Tar Heels to coast to the Stanford Regional's round of 16.

The Tar Heels pressured the fifth-seeded Spartans (23-10) and turned the game into the up-and-down pace they wanted. They finished with a 17-4 edge in fast-break points and 15 points off turnovers in a huge improvement from their first-round struggles against UT Martin.

The Tar Heels had reached the regional semifinals just once in the past five seasons, losing in the second round last year and missing the tournament in 2012. Now they're heading west to face the Oregon State-South Carolina winner on Sunday.

Jasmine Hines matched her season high with 16 points while Tori Jankoska had 14 for the Spartans, who just couldn't keep up with DeShields and the Tar Heels. The Spartans shot just 32 percent in the first half to trail 36-27, and then went 1 for 16 to start the second half — including a 9½-minute stretch of 15 straight misses — to watch the Tar Heels speed out of sight.

Redshirt freshman Aerial Powers, who had a huge performance in the first-round win against Hampton, struggled all day and finished with two points on 0-for-5 shooting for Michigan State.

The teams entered Tuesday's game coming off very different first-round games. Michigan State dominated Hampton to win by 30 points, with Powers going for 26 points and setting a program tournament record with 18 rebounds.

North Carolina, meanwhile, had to rally from 18 down after halftime to beat UT Martin 60-58.

PENN STATE 83
FLORIDA 61

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Maggie Lucas and Dara Taylor each scored 22 points to send Penn State into the Sweet 16 with a 83-61 win over Florida on Tuesday night.

The third-seeded Lady Lions (24-7) will play at No. 2 Stanford (30-3) on Sunday.

Lucas, the two-time Big Ten player of the year, surpassed the 2,500 career-point milestone and led the Lady Lions to the NCAA tournament regional semifinal for the second time in three seasons.

Ariel Edwards added 16 points for Penn State. The Lady Lions are in the Sweet 16 for the 13th time.

Kayla Lewis led the 11th-seeded Gators (20-13) with 20 points and nine rebounds. Jaterra Bonds scored 14.

Led by Lucas and Taylor, the Lady Lions controlled the game from the opening tip, and gave the home crowd one more big win to savor.

Edwards hit a jumper and Taylor drove for a layup, giving the Lady Lions a 15-point lead to start the second half and force Florida into a timeout.

Lucas soon hit her third 3 of the game and her fourth was a big one that put them up 56-36. Lucas, PSU's emotional leader, pumped her first and directed an exuberant shout toward the fans.

She swished a free throw early in the second half for her 2,500th career point.

Lucas also picked up her fourth foul with 7:50 left in the game and the Lady Lions ahead by 16. She took a seat for about 3 minutes. She could have sat out the rest of the game. Coach Coquese Washington rested against the scorer's table for a good look at the finishing touches of the rout.

Lucas got her due in her final home game, leaving for the final time to a standing ovation. She clapped her hands, waved her arms and pointed to the fans before hugging her teammates.

The Gators, who surprised No. 6 Dayton in the first round, could never dig out of a cold start, missing 10 of 13 shots to open the game. Much like how they put away Wichita State in the opener with a 17-0 run, the Lady Lions used an early 11-0 spurt to build a lead they would never surrender.

Needles hit a pair of 3s to straighten out the offense and Florida chipped the deficit to six. Gators coach Amanda Butler, though, let her emotions get the best of her in a big game, waving her arms in protest over a call and was whistled for a technical.

Lucas, a 95 percent free-throw shooters, hit both free throws to help send the Lady Lions into halftime with a 43-32 lead.

CONNECTICUT 91
ST. JOSEPH'S 52

STORRS, Conn. — Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis had the third triple-double in UConn history as the Huskies moved into their 21st straight NCAA regional semifinal with a 91-52 rout of Saint Joseph's on Tuesday night.

Mosqueda-Lewis had 20 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists, to lead five players in double figures for the top-ranked Huskies (36-0), who won their 42nd straight game.

Breanna Stewart added 21 points and 11 rebounds, and Bria Hartley also chipped in 20 points for the defending national champions, who are trying to win a record ninth NCAA tournament.

Erin Shields and Sarah Fairbanks each had 12 points to lead Saint Joseph's which finished the year at 23-10. Natasha Cloud had 10 and six assists for the Hawks.

UConn will face 12th-seeded BYU in Lincoln, Nebraska on Saturday. The Cougars upset Nebraska in the second round, sparing the Huskies a date with the Cornhuskers on their home court.

Mosqueda-Lewis connected on eight of her 14 shots, and was 3 of 5 from 3-point range.

Stefanie Dolson added 17 points and six rebounds. She had UConn's other triple-double this season, scoring 26 points, grabbing 13 rebounds and dishing out 11 assists in a win over Oregon in November.

TOURNAMENT GLANCE

Men

NCAA Tournament Glance
EAST REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 20
At First Niagara Center
Buffalo, N.Y.
UConn 89, Saint Joseph's 81, OT
Villanova 78, Milwaukee 53
At Spokane Arena
Spokane, Wash.
Harvard 81, Cincinnati 57
Michigan State 83, Delaware 79
Friday, March 21
At PNC Arena
Raleigh, N.C.
Memphis 71, George Washington 66
Virginia 70, Coastal Carolina 59
At The AT&T Center
San Antonio
North Carolina 79, Providence 77
Iowa State 93, North Carolina Central 75
Third Round
Saturday, March 22
At First Niagara Center
Buffalo, N.Y.
UConn 77, Villanova 65
At Spokane Arena
Spokane, Wash.
Michigan State 85, Harvard 73
Sunday, March 23
At PNC Arena
Raleigh, N.C.
Virginia 78, Memphis 60
At The AT&T Center
San Antonio
Iowa State 85, North Carolina 83
Regional Semifinals
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Friday
UConn (28-6) vs. Iowa State (28-7), 6:27 p.m.
Michigan State (28-8) vs. Virginia (30-6), 8:57 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 30
Semifinal winners

SOUTH REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 20
At First Niagara Center
Buffalo, N.Y.
Dayton 60, Ohio State 59
Syracuse 77, Western Michigan 53
At The Amway Center
Orlando, Fla.
Pittsburgh 77, Colorado 48
Florida 67, Albany (N.Y.) 55
Friday, March 21
At Scottrade Center
St. Louis
Stanford 58, New Mexico 53
Kansas 80, Eastern Kentucky 69
At Viejas Arena
San Diego
Stephen F. Austin 77, VCU 75, OT
UCLA 76, Tulsa 59
Third Round
Saturday, March 22
At First Niagara Center
Buffalo, N.Y.
Dayton 55, Syracuse 53
At The Amway Center
Orlando, Fla.
Florida 61, Pittsburgh 45
Sunday, March 23
At Scottrade Center
St. Louis
Stanford 60, Kansas 57
At Viejas Arena
San Diego
UCLA 77, Stephen F. Austin 60
Regional Semifinals
At FedExForum
Memphis, Tenn.
Thursday
Dayton (25-10) vs. Stanford (23-12), 6:15 p.m.
Florida (34-2) vs. UCLA (28-8), 8:45 p.m.
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 29
Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 20
At The Amway Center
Orlando, Fla.
Saint Louis 83, N.C. State 80, OT
Louisville 71, Manhattan 64
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Michigan 57, Wofford 40
Texas 87, Arizona State 85
Friday, March 21
At PNC Arena
Raleigh, N.C.
Mercer 78, Duke 71
Tennessee 86, UMass 67
At Scottrade Center
St. Louis
Wichita State 64, Cal Poly 37
Kentucky 56, Kansas State 49
Third Round
Saturday, March 22
At The Amway Center
Orlando, Fla.
Louisville 66, Saint Louis 51
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Michigan 79, Texas 65
Sunday, March 23
At PNC Arena
Raleigh, N.C.
Tennessee 83, Mercer 63
At Scottrade Center
St. Louis
Kentucky 78, Wichita State 76
Regional Semifinals
At Lucas Oil Stadium
Indianapolis
Friday, March 28
Michigan (27-8) vs. Tennessee (24-12), 6:15 p.m.
Kentucky (26-10) vs. Louisville (31-5), 8:45 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 30
Semifinal winners

WEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 20
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Wisconsin 75, American 35
Oregon 87, BYU 68
At Spokane Arena
Spokane, Wash.
North Dakota State 80, Oklahoma 75, OT
San Diego State 73, New Mexico State 69, OT
Friday, March 21
At The AT&T Center
San Antonio
Baylor 74, Nebraska 60
Creighton 76, Louisiana-Lafayette 66
At Viejas Arena
San Diego
Arizona 68, Weber State 59
Gonzaga 85, Oklahoma State 77
Third Round
Saturday, March 22
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Wisconsin 85, Oregon 77
At Spokane Arena
Spokane, Wash.
San Diego State 63, North Dakota State 44
Sunday, March 23
At The AT&T Center
San Antonio
Baylor 85, Creighton 55
At Viejas Arena
San Diego
Arizona 84, Gonzaga 81
Regional Semifinals
At The Honda Center
Anaheim, Calif.
Thursday, March 27
Wisconsin (28-7) vs. Baylor (29-11), 6:47 p.m.
San Diego State (31-4) vs. Arizona (30-4), 9:17, p.m.
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 29
Semifinal winners

National Invitation Tournament Glance
Second Round
Friday, March 21
At Dallas
Second Round
Friday, March 21
Belmont 82, Robert Morris 71
Saturday, March 22
Louisiana Tech 79, Georgia 71
Sunday, March 23
Clemson 50, Illinois 49
Minnesota 68, Saint Mary's (Calif.) 55
Southern Miss 71, Missouri 63
Monday
Florida State 101, Georgetown 90
SMU 80, LSU 67
Arkansas (22-11) at California (20-13), late
Quarterfinals
Tuesday
Clemson 73, Belmont 66
Minnesota 81, Southern Miss 73
Today
Louisiana Tech (29-7) at Florida State (21-13), 6 p.m.
Arkansas-California winner at SMU (25-9), 8 p.m.

CBSsports Basketball Invitational Glance
First Round
Tuesday, March 18
Siena 66, Stony Brook 56
Wednesday, March 19
Penn State 69, Hampton 65
Old Dominion 72, South Dakota State 65
Texas A&M 59, Wyoming 43
Princeton 58, Tulane 55
Illinois State 77, Morehead State 67
Fresno State 81, UTEP 56
Radford 86, Oregon State 82
Quarterfinals
Monday
Siena 54, Penn State 52
Old Dominion 82, Radford 59
Illinois State 62, Texas A&M 55
Princeton (21-6) at Fresno State (18-16), late

Collegeinsider.com Tournament Glance
Second Round
Friday, March 21
Towson 83, ETSU 77
Saturday, March 22
VMI 106, IPFW 85
Ohio 56, Wright State 54
Yale 71, Holy Cross 66
Columbia 69, Eastern Michigan 56
San Diego 77, Sam Houston State 72
Pacific 89, Texas A&M Corpus Christi 60
Monday
Murray State 86, Nebraska-Omaha 62
Quarterfinals
Today
VMI (21-12) at Ohio (24-11), 6 p.m.
Yale (17-13) at Columbia (21-12), 6 p.m.
San Diego (18-16) at Pacific (17-15), 9 p.m.
Thursday
Towson State (25-10) at Murray State (20-11), 7 p.m.

NCAA Div. II Basketball Tournament Glance
Third Round
Monday, March 17
At San Bernardino, Calif.
Cal State Chico 81, Cal State Stanislaus 80
Tuesday, March 18
At New Haven, Conn.
S. Connecticut 78, Saint Anselm 72
At Menlato, Minn.
Central Missouri 60, NW Missouri St. 59, OT
At Lakeland, Fla.
Tuskegee 80, Delta State 59
At Denver
Metro State 78, Midwestern State 56
At Springfield, Mo.
Drury 71, Michigan Tech 57
At East Stroudsburg, Pa.
West Liberty 89, East Stroudsburg 82
At Aiken, S.C.
S. Carolina Aiken 84, Montevallo 73
Quarterfinals
At Evansville, Ind.
Today
S. Connecticut vs. Central Missouri, 11 a.m.
Tuskegee vs. Metro State, 1:30 p.m.
Drury vs. West Liberty, 5 p.m.
Cal State Chico vs. S. Carolina Aiken, 7:30 p.m.

NAIA Division I Men's Basketball Glance
At Municipal Auditorium
Kansas City, Mo.
First Round
Quarterfinals
Saturday
Emmanuel 94, Cal State San Marcos 89, OT
St. Gregory's 84, Freed-Hardeman 82
Vanguard 93, Georgetown (Ky.) 85
MidAmerica Nazarene 86, St. Catharine (Ky.) 73
Semifinals
Monday
Emmanuel (32-3) vs. St. Gregory's (24-9), late
Vanguard (30-6) vs. MidAmerica Nazarene (26-10), late
Championship
Tuesday
Vanguard 70, Emmanuel 65

Women

NCAA Basketball Tournament Glance
LINCOLN REGIONAL
Saturday, March 22
At Durham, N.C.
At Durham, N.C.
Duke 87, Winthrop 45
DePaul 104, Oklahoma 100
At Los Angeles
Nebraska 74, Fresno State 55
BYU 72, N.C. State 57
Sunday, March 23
At Storrs, Conn.
Saint Joseph's 67, Georgia 57
UConn 87, Prairie View 44
At College Station
James Madison 72, Gonzaga 63
Texas A&M 70, North Dakota 55
Second Round
Monday
At Los Angeles
BYU 80, Nebraska 76
At Durham, N.C.
DePaul 74, Duke 65
Tuesday
At Storrs, Conn.
UConn 91, Saint Joseph's 59
At College Station
James Madison (29-5) vs. Texas A&M (25-8), late
Regional Semifinals
At Lincoln, Neb.
Saturday, March 29
UConn-Saint Joseph's winner vs. BYU (28-6), 3:30 or 5:30 p.m.
DePaul (29-6) vs. James Madison-Texas A&M winner, 3:30 or 5:30 p.m.
Monday, March 31
Regional Championship
Semifinal winners, 8:30 p.m.

STANFORD REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 22
At Ames, Iowa
Florida State 55, Iowa State 44
Stanford 81, South Dakota 62
Sunday, March 23
At Seattle
South Carolina 73, Cal State Northridge 59
Oregon State 80, Wichita State 56
At Chapel Hill, N.C.
Michigan State 91, Hampton 61
North Carolina 65, UT-Martin 58
At State College, Pa.
Penn State 82, Wichita State 56
Florida 85, Dayton 69
Second Round
Monday, March 24
At Ames, Iowa
Stanford 63, Florida State 44
Tuesday
At Seattle
South Carolina (26-4) vs. Oregon State (24-10), late
At Chapel Hill, N.C.
North Carolina 82, Michigan State 53
At State College, Pa.
Penn State 83, Florida 61
Regional Semifinals
At Stanford, Calif.
Sunday, March 30
South Carolina-Oregon State winner vs. Michigan State-North Carolina winner, 3:30 or 5:30 p.m.
Stanford (30-3) vs. Florida-Penn State winner, 3:30 or 5:30 p.m., Regional Championship
Tuesday, April 1
Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

NOTRE DAME REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 22
At Toledo, Ohio
Arizona State 69, Vanderbilt 61
Notre Dame 93, Robert Morris 42
At West Lafayette, Ind.
Oklahoma State 61, Florida Gulf Coast 60, OT
Purdue 84, Akron 55
At Lexington, Ky.
Kentucky 106, Wright State 60
Syracuse 59, Chattanooga 53
At Waco
California 64, Fordham 63
Baylor 87, Western Kentucky 74
Second Round
Monday
At Toledo, Ohio
Notre Dame 84, Arizona State 67
At West Lafayette, Ind.
Oklahoma State 73, Purdue 66
At Lexington, Ky.
Kentucky 64, Syracuse 59
At Waco
Baylor 75, California 56
Regional Semifinals
At Notre Dame, Ind.
Saturday, March 29
Notre Dame (34-0) vs. Oklahoma State (25-8), 11 a.m or 1 p.m.
Kentucky (26-8) vs. Baylor (31-4), 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.
Regional Championship
Monday, March 31
Semifinal winners, 6:30 p.m.

LOUISVILLE REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 22
At Knoxville, Tenn.
Tennessee 70, Northwestern State 46
St. John's 71, South Florida Cal 68
Sunday, March 23
At College Park, Md.
Maryland 90, Army 52
Texas 79, Pennsylvania 61
At Iowa City, Iowa
Louisville 88, Idaho 42
Iowa 87, Marist 65
At Baton Rouge, La.
LSU 98, Georgia Tech 78
West Virginia 76, Albany (N.Y.) 61
Second Round
Monday
At Knoxville, Tenn.
Tennessee 67, St. John's 51
Tuesday
At College Park, Md.
Maryland 89, Texas 64
At Iowa City, Iowa
Iowa vs. Louisville (31-4), 9:35 p.m
At Baton Rouge, La.
LSU (20-12) vs. West Virginia (30-4), late
Regional Semifinals
At Louisville, Ky.
Sunday, March 30
Tennessee (28-5) vs. Texas-Maryland winner, 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.
Iowa-Louisville winner vs. LSU-West Virginia winner, 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.
Regional Championship
Tuesday, April 1
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

National Invitation Tournament Glance
Second Round
Saturday, March 22
Indiana 72, Marquette 69
Colorado 79, Southern Utah 68
Sunday, March 23
George Washington 76, Villanova 66
South Florida 75, Stetson 56
Northwestern 88, IUPUI 52
South Dakota State 62, Creighton 51
Seton Hall 75, Princeton 74
Minnesota 77, SMU 70
Monday
Michigan 68, Duquesne 52
Rutgers 63, Harvard 52
Auburn 82, Old Dominion 59
Bowling Green 76, St. Bonaventure 65
Mississippi State 74, Southern Miss. 66, 2OT
San Diego 60, Montana 51
UTEP 76, Saint Mary's (Calif.) 64
Washington (18-13) at Oregon (16-15), late
Third Round
Thursday
George Washington (23-10) at South Florida (21-12), 6 p.m.
Northwestern (17-15) at Indiana (20-12), 6 p.m.
Michigan (20-13) at Bowling Green (29-4), 6 p.m.
Auburn (19-14) at Mississpi State (21-13), 7 p.m.
Minnesota (22-12) at South Dakota State (24-9), 7 p.m.
Friday
Colorado (19-14) vs. UTEP (26-7), 8 p.m.
March 26-28
San Diego (24-8) vs. Washington-Oregon winner
Quarterfinals
March 29-31
Colorado-UTEP winner vs. San Diego–Washington-Oregon winner TBA
Minnesota-South Dakota State winner vs. Northwestern-Indiana winner, TBA
Michigan-Bowling Green winner vs. Seton Hall-Rutgers winner, TBA
Auburn-Mississip State winner vs. George Washington-South Florida winner, TBA

BAYLOR

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when the Bears didn't make postseason play.

After considering early entry into the NBA draft last year, Jefferson opted instead to return. He hoped for more a more significant part in the postseason.

"This was definitely one of the main reasons I wanted to come back, to be able to experience more of the NCAA tournament on a level like this," he said. "To just be out there and the entire atmosphere is something that every team works hard for throughout the whole season."

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WEDNESDAY PRIME TIME — MARCH 26, 2014

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Nightly	Wheel of Fortune	Castle (N)	Castle "Always Darkest" (N)	The Bachelor "Finale" (N)	Nashville (N)	News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:05) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	News	Tonight	Survivor: Cagayan	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Route 66"		CSI: Crime "Lolo the Money and Run"	CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) Late Late (N)
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Extra (N)	Wheel of Fortune	Arrow "Bird of Prey" (N)	The 100 "Earth Skills" (N)	Rules of Engage.	Seinfeld	Community	Community	"70s "Dine and Dash"	That '70s Show
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	5	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	American Idol "Finalists Perform" The top finalists take the stage. (N)			Modern Family	Modern Family	The Arsenio Hall Show		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Mami Erlan	Jean-Claude	Update News	Dollars & Sense	Light of the Southwest				Dr. Nik Wadge	HaYasod	Jean-Claude	Dr. William
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News/Wet 9 at 6 p.m.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Chicago P.D.		News-Wet 9	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Late Night
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	9	PBS NewsHour		Nature "What Plants Talk About"		Nova "Cold Case JFK"		Secrets of the Dead (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	De Que Te Quiero Te Quiero		Por Siempre Mi Amor		La Que La Vida Me Robo		Que Pobres Tan Ricos		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Una familia con suerte	
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million...	Law:Cl "Consumed"		Law & O: Cl "Wont"		My News	Milliqn..	30 Rock	Sunny	Access H.	Insider
FLIX		340	65		165		(:30) Return to ...		(:30) ★★★ Buffalo Soldiers						★★★★ Trainspotting		(:45) ★★ Cocktail Tom Cruise	
HBO		300	68	14	14		★★ The Great Gatsby ('13, Dra) Leonardo DiCaprio.						Girls		Doll&Em	Doll&Em	Bill Maher	Girls	Movie
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	(5:30) ★ Lois Versus		Whoopi Goldberg		Thrones	Making	Girls		★★ Mr. Myself and Irene Jim Carrey.			★ 42	
HBO3		304	70	16	102		(5:30) ★ French Kiss		The Sopranos		★ A Good Day to Die Hard		Making		★★★ Gangster Squad Sean Penn.				
MAX		310	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:45) ★★ Life of Pi ('12, Fant) Irfan Khan, Suraj Sharma.					★★ The Comforting Patrick Wilson.		★★ The Conjuring		(:55) Zane	Lingerie	
MAX2		312	72	18	122		(4:30) ★ Beautiful C...		★★ Jack the Giant Slayer Nicholas Hoult.				S. Back	(:50) Guide	(:20) ★★★ Payback ('99, Act) Mel Gibson."				
PLEX				96			(5:15) ★ The Phantom		★★ Robocop 3					(:05) ★★★ Pharaoh's Army Chris Cooper.	(:25) ★ The Island on Bird Street				
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	(5:30) ★ Some Girls ...		Shameless		Lies		★ Quartet Maggie Smith.		(:15) ★ The Master Joaquin Phoenix.				
TMC		336	67	22	136	26	(5:15) ★ Pretentious		★ ★★★ Diana and Confused Jim Allnick.						★★★★ The Perks of Being a Wallflower		★ Silver Linings Pl...		
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty "Life of Si"	Duck Dynasty "Stand by Me" (N)		Wahlbu-rgers	Wahlbu-rgers	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(5:00) ★ Blood Dia...		★★★★ Jaws ('75, Hor) Richard Dreyfuss, Roy Schneider.						★★★ Jaws 2 ('78, Hor) Roy Scheider.				
BET		58	26		40		Being Mary Jane		Game	Together	★ Killing Mary Jane		SoulMan		Game	Game	Wendy Williams		
BRAVO		65	63		41		(5:30) ★ How to Los...		Beverly Hills		Flipping "Road Trip"		Flipping Out (N)		Watch (N)	Flipping Out		Beverly	
CNBC		46	45		39	72	(4:00) TBA		American Greed		American Greed (N)		Money Talks (N)		Money Talks		American Greed		
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		Death Row Stories		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Survivorman (N)		Ice Cold Gold (N)		Survivor "Waterkmi"		IceGold "In the Red"		
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Dog Blog	Jessie	★ 16 Wishes Kendall Cross.		DogBlog		Liv/Mad	A.N.T.	Gravity	GoodLuck	★ The Thirteenth ...		
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	NBA Countdown		NBA Basketball Miami Heat vs. Indiana Pacers (L)						NBA Basketball Memphis Grizzlies vs. Utah Jazz (L)				
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball NIT Tournament (L)						NCAA Basketball NIT Tournament (L)				SportsCenter	Olbermann	
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	Melissa	Melissa	Melissa	Daddy (N)	★★ Three Men and a Baby Tom Selleck.				The 700 Club		Daddy	Daddy	
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Restaurant		Save My Bakery (N)		Restaurant		Restaurant (N)		Diners...	Diners...	Restaurant		
FSSW		37	48	50	45	29	Big 12 Showcase	NCAA Baseball Preview of Texas - Pan America vs. TCU (L)						MLB Season Preview "Texas Rangers"	Stars Insider		WPT Poker Grand Prix de Paris		
FX		31	31	59	64	69	Movie	★★★★ Iron Man 2 ('10, Act) Robert Downey Jr..					The Americans (N)		(:15) The Americans		"The Deal"	The Amer	
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	The Waltons		Waltons "The Medal"		Middle	Middle	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls	
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	Buying and Selling		Buying and Selling		Property Brothers (N)		House(N)	House (N)	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		Vikings		American Pickers		
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Bring It! "The Wig is Off"		Preacher "Father, Forgive Me"		Preacher "Papa Don't Preach" (N)		Bring It! (N)		Bring It! "The Wig is Off"		Preacher "Father, Forgive Me"		
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		
NBCSN		38	39				Rivals	NHL Live!	NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers vs. New York Rangers (L)					Overtime	Rivals	NHLTop10	NHLTop10	NHLTop10	
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Sam, Cat	Witch Way	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	★★ The Expendables ('10, Act) Eric Roberts, Jet Li.					★★ Rambo ('08, Act) Sylvester Stallone.				Movie	
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	★★★ Man In Black ('97, SCI-FI) Will Smith.						★★★ Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End ('07, Adv) Johnny Depp.					Movie	
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Calzone"	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Deal With It	Conan		Pete Holmes		Conan
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:15) ★ Rhinol		★★★★ Little Women June Allyson.						(:15) ★★★★ Meet Me in St. Louis Judy Garland.			Movie	
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		La impostora		En otra piel		Camella la texana		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	En otra piel		
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	The Little Couple		600-lb "Supersized: Chuck's Story" (N)		Hoarding "The Stench is Amazing" (N)		The Girl With Half A Face		Hoarding "The Stench Is Amazing"		The Girl With Half A Face		
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Kill the Messenger"		Castle "Love Me Dead"		Castle "One Man's Treasure"		Castle "The Fifth Bullet"		(:05) Dallas "D.T.R."		(:05) The Mentalist "Red Badge"		
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	Gilligan	Gilligan	Gilligan	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Hot In	SoulMan	SoulMan	Queens	Queens		
USA		26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Damned If You Do"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Psych "The Break-Up" (P) (N)		Psych "The Break-Up" PShow" (N)		(:05) Psych	(:45) Modern	(:10) Psych "The Break-Up"		
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Rules "Liz Moves In".	Rules "Catering"	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Parks/Rec "Bailout"	Parks and Rec	

SPRINGTRAINING

FROM WIRE REPORTS

RANGERS 5
INDIANS 0

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Robbie Ross gave a strong audition in his bid to join the Texas rotation, pitching seven shutout innings that led the Rangers over the Cleveland Indians 5-0 Tuesday.

Ross allowed just four hits, striking out eight and walking three.

Michael Choice hit his fourth home run, connecting off Indians starter Josh Tomlin.

Tomlin is competing with Carlos Carrasco for the fourth spot in the rotation. Danny Salazar will start the fifth game.

DODGERS

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As of Tuesday, the average salary projected to be between $3.95 million and $4 million, with the final figure depending on how many players are put on the disabled list by the time opening-day rosters are finalized at 3 p.m. Sunday. That translates to a rise of 8 to 10 percent from last year's opening average of $3.65 million and would be the largest increase since 2006 or possibly even 2001.

"I'm not surprised. With the type of revenues clubs are enjoying these days, the average salaries are going to go up," New York Mets general manager Sandy Alderson said.

Illustrating the rate of escalation, the opening-day average was $1.07 million when Derek Jeter first reached the major leagues in 1995, broke the $2 million mark in 2001 and spurted past $3 million in 2008.

"I think it's great. I think it just shows the game is growing, fan interest is there," said Jeter, the Yankees captain who is retiring at the end of this season. "The business of baseball seems like it's booming pretty good right now."

The average U.S. wage in 2012 was $42,498, according to the Social Security Administration, the latest figure available and an annual increase of 3.12 percent.

Following Greinke on the highest-paid list are Philadelphia's Ryan Howard and Cliff Lee at $25 million, the Yankees' CC Sabathia at $24.3 million, and Seattle's Robinson Cano and Texas' Prince Fielder at $24 million each.

The AP's figures include salaries and prorated shares of signing bonuses and other guaranteed income for players on active rosters, disabled lists and the restricted list. For some players, parts of deferred money are discounted to reflect current values.

Payroll figures factor in adjustments for cash transactions in trades, signing bonuses that are the responsibility of the club agreeing to the contract, option buyouts, and termination pay for released players.

For instance, the Yankees are receiving $18.6 million from the Los Angeles Angels to cover most of the $21 million due to outfielder Vernon Wells, who has been released, and $13 million from the Chicago Cubs to pay most of the $18 million owed outfielder Alfonso Soriano. The Mets' payroll include buyouts to Johan Santana ($4.9 million present value) and Jason Bay ($2.7 million present value).

SPRING TRAINING STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Tampa Bay	15	6	.714
Cleveland	17	8	.680
Seattle	16	10	.615
Baltimore	12	8	.600
Los Angeles	15	10	.600
New York	15	10	.600
Detroit	12	12	.500
Oakland	12	12	.500
Toronto	12	13	.480
Kansas City	11	13	.458
Chicago	8	13	.381
Minnesota	8	13	.381
Boston	9	15	.375
Houston	9	15	.375
Texas	9	15	.375

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Miami	17	10	.630
San Francisco	16	10	.615
Pittsburgh	13	9	.591
Arizona	11	9	.560
Colorado	14	12	.538
New York	14	12	.538
Washington	14	12	.538
St. Louis	10	12	.455
Cincinnati	12	15	.444
Milwaukee	12	15	.444
Chicago	12	16	.429
San Diego	9	12	.429
Atlanta	11	17	.393
Los Angeles	6	10	.375
Philadelphia	8	15	.348

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

Tuesday's Scores

Minnesota 4, Baltimore 1
Atlanta 12, Detroit 3
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 2
Washington 7, N.Y. Mets 3
Miami 6, St. Louis 5
Pittsburgh 22, Toronto 5
Colorado 4, Chicago White Sox 1
Texas 5, Cleveland 0
San Francisco 5, Milwaukee 4
Cincinnati vs. Oakland at Phoenix, late
L.A. Angels vs. Chicago Cubs (ss) at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., late
Seattle vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., late
Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., late

Today's Games

Baltimore (ss) vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Miami vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Washington vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

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Each set of 10 tiles below contains two common five-letter words. The letters of the first five-letter word are adjacent (but not in order). Find them and rearrange them to spell a word. Cross out those letters and imagine that the five remaining letters are now consecutive. These remaining five letters can now be rearranged to spell the second word.

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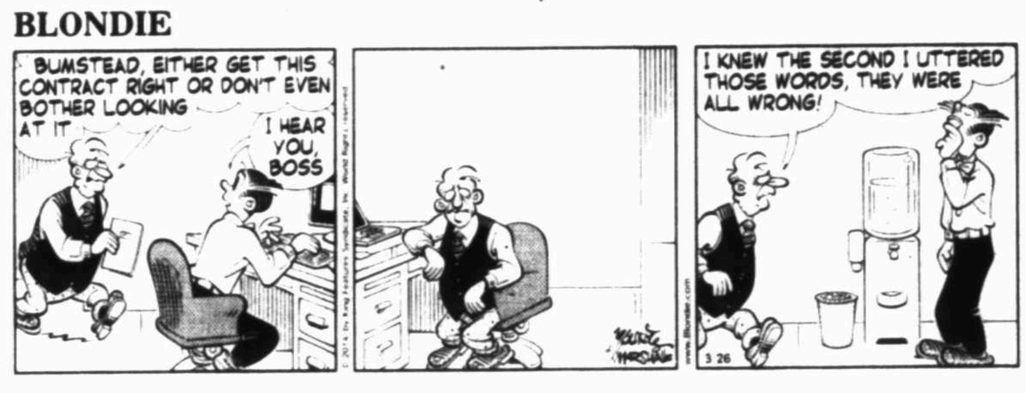
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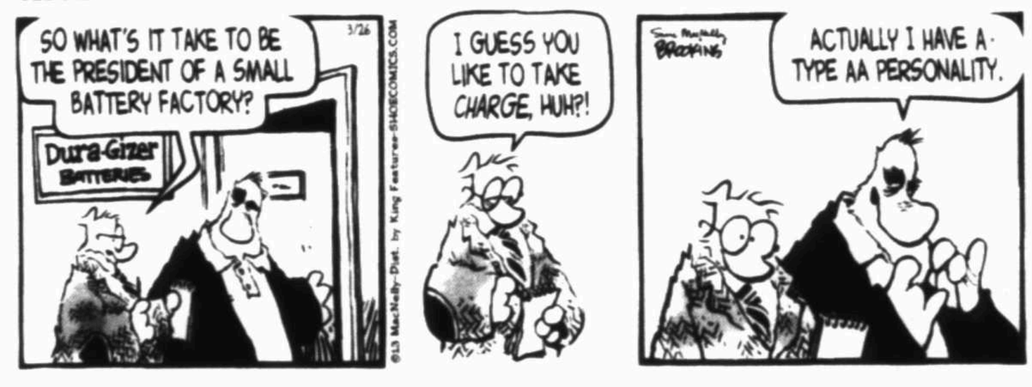
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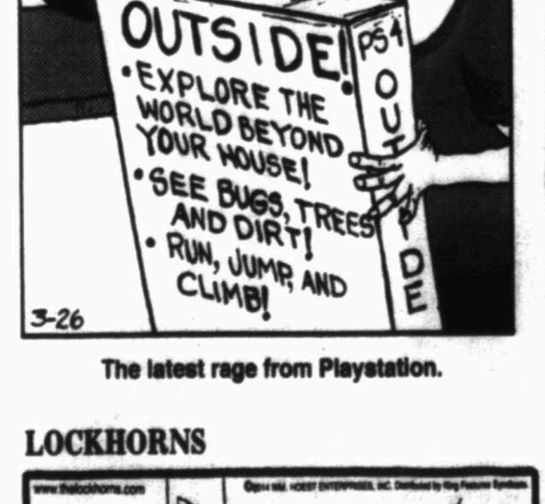


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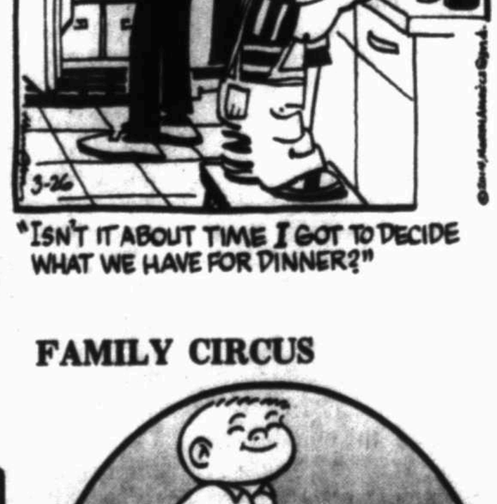
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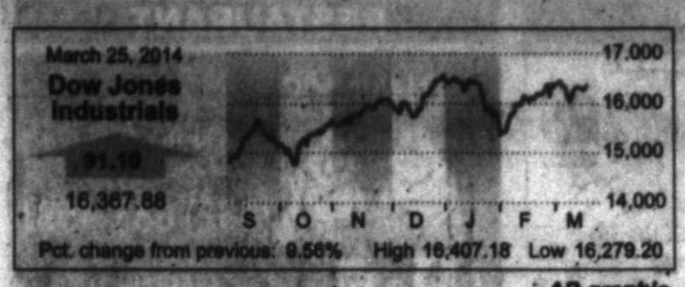
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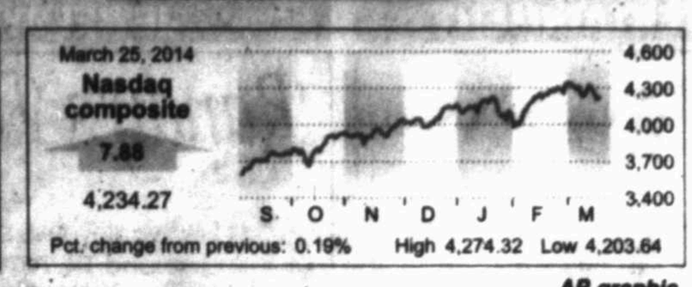
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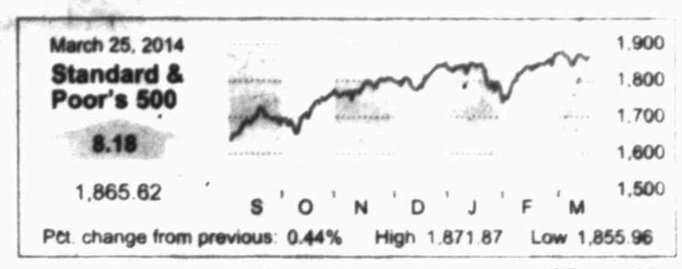
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An engineer of the FGSZ Ltd, Hungary's natural gas transporting company, checks the pressure in the pipelines forwarding natural gas from underground storage facilities for the country's capital at a gas receiving station Jan. 14, 2009, in Vecses, Hungary. The United States, with its abundant supplies of natural gas, would seem to have an easy answer to Europe's fears that a strong response to Russia's rapid takeover of Ukraine's Crimea region could prompt Vladimir Putin to shut down gas lines that keep European homes warm, factories humming and electricity flowing.

Oil slides

The price of oil slipped slightly on Tuesday as the market weighed potentially weaker global economic growth against continued disruptions of Libyan crude supplies.

Benchmark oil for May delivery fell 41 cents to close at $99.19 in New York. Brent crude, used to set prices for international varieties of crude used by many U.S. refineries, rose 7 cents to close at $106.99 in London.

U.S. and Brent crude have hovered in narrow ranges over the past week as supply and demand concerns have balanced each other out. Global supplies have tightened somewhat as Libyan crude exports have fallen, but the world may need less oil if economic growth in China and Russia slows.

Energy analyst Jim Ritterbusch wrote in a report Tuesday that trading patterns were sending off "signals of a balanced oil market."

The U.S. and other Group of Seven countries vowed to launch coordinated sanctions on key parts of the Russian economy, which could include the energy industry, if Russian President Vladimir Putin presses further into Ukraine after the annexation of the Crimean Peninsula. While that could eventually reduce Russian oil production, it could also reduce Russian demand for diesel, gasoline and jet fuel if the sanctions crimp the Russian economy.

Gold rises

Gold for April edged up 20 cents to $1,311.40 an ounce. The price of silver fell 9 cents, or 0.4 percent, to $19.98 an ounce.

April platinum dropped $10.30, or 0.7 percent, to $1,420.90 an ounce.

Senate hears pleas for gas exports to Europe

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Calls to begin U.S. natural gas exports to Europe to counter Russian influence across the continent grew louder Tuesday amid concerns that Russia will move deeper into Ukraine.

Lithuania's energy minister, Jaroslav Neverovic, pleaded in emotional terms for U.S. help, saying his country is "100 percent" dependent on Russia for natural gas and has to pay 30 percent higher prices for it than other countries in Europe.

"This is not just unfair, this is abuse," Neverovic told the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Lawmakers from both parties used the hearing to urge the Obama administration to speed up natural gas exports as a hedge against the possibility that Russia could cut off its supply of gas to Ukraine and other countries.

Four Central European nations — Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and the Czech Republic — made formal requests for U.S. exports as Moscow moved to annex part of the Ukraine. Concerns about energy security threaten the region's residents on a daily basis, ambassadors to the four countries said in letters to House and Senate leaders.

Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., the Senate committee's new chairman, said U.S. exports of liquefied natural gas, or LNG, would be a "powerful geopolitical tool" to pressure Russian President Vladimir Putin to lower gas prices across Europe.

The U.S. does not export natural gas to Europe, although it does export some gas to Mexico, Canada and Japan.

"We all know real competition in real open markets drives efficiency and lowers prices for everyone," Landrieu said. "The last thing Putin and his cronies want is competition from the United States of America in the energy race. Tyrants and dictators throughout history have had many reasons to fear revolutions, and this U.S. energy revolution is one they should all keep their eyes on."

Landrieu's energy-producing state is home to several proposed terminals to export LNG, including the only project that has won final approval. The terminal at Sabine Pass, La., is scheduled to begin operations late next year. Other proposed terminals would not begin sending fuel overseas until 2017 at the earliest.

"It's about the signal that is sent, even if (the natural gas) can't get there" right away, said Sen. Lisa Murkowski, of Alaska, the senior Republican on the energy panel.

Landrieu is among nine U.S. officials barred from entering Russia in retaliation for economic sanctions imposed by the Obama administration in response to Russia's annexation of the Ukrainian peninsula of Crimea. She called that "a badge of honor" and said it encouraged her to redouble efforts to increase U.S. energy production and exports, including LNG.

Ukraine is heavily dependent on Russian natural gas, and previous disputes between Ukraine and Russia have led to cuts in supply. Russian state gas company Gazprom has warned that it will stop the flow if Ukraine doesn't pay off a nearly $2 billion debt.

Landrieu, House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and other lawmakers have been urging the Obama administration to clear the way for more exports amid a U.S. natural gas boom driven by improved drilling techniques, including hydraulic fracturing.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	980190	186.31	+.88
BkofAm	956592	17.21	-.16
iShEMkts	865965	39.81	+.45
iShR2K	454560	116.93	-.03
iShJapan	379596	10.97	+.05

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Coupons n	25.76	+2.75	+12.0
DB AgriSh	33.05	+3.23	+10.8
AllPhrr g	2.97	+.26	+9.6
DxRssaBull	14.48	+1.13	+8.5
CSVLgNGs	24.11	+1.77	+7.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSVInvNG	3.60	-.33	-8.4
DrxRsaBear	18.75	-1.73	-8.4
GlbGeo plA	4.51	-.39	-8.0
AmberRd n	15.50	-1.25	-7.5
ChiMYWnd	3.06	-.23	-7.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,813
Declined	1,263
Unchanged	127
Total issues	3,203
New Highs	85
New Lows	15
Volume	3,110,290,409

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
InovioPhm	103616	3.23	-.28
IsoRay	95600	2.06	-.31
Intellichk	83241	1.10	-.53
ReneuRxPh	50369	1.23	-.06
AlldNevG	48562	5.08	-.03

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
22ndCentry	3.22	+.53	+19.7
BovieMed	3.91	+.51	+15.0
ZBB En rs	2.50	+.27	+12.1
FstWW g	21.00	+1.80	+9.4
EnFuel grs	9.98	+.68	+7.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Arotech	6.25	+2.11	+51.0
PlugPowr h	8.48	+2.79	+49.0
BallardPw	5.40	+1.32	+32.2
BG Med	2.08	+.38	+22.4
Varonis n	43.78	+7.27	+19.9

DIARY

Advanced	226
Declined	170
Unchanged	32
Total issues	428
New Highs	4
New Lows	1
Volume	152,138,949

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	%Chg
SiriusXM	1807583	3.17	-.09	-2.8
Facebook	672352	64.89	+.79	+1.2
Cisco	528041	22.34	+.77	+3.6
Zynga	451977	4.84	+.14	+3.0
Microsoft	419884	40.34	-.16	-0.4

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Trovag un	15.05	-4.95	-24.8
Microvsn	2.03	-.36	-14.9
Sky-mobi	9.54	-1.46	-13.3
Cache	3.33	-.51	-13.3
CombiM wt	2.12	-.31	-12.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Orolog	.04	11	50.30	+.25	-3.5
ClayEng	...	...	97.50	+4.83	+19.0
CocaCola	1.22f	20	38.62	+.22	-6.5
CoigPalm s	1.44f	27	63.77	+.46	-2.2
Comcast	.90f	19	49.67	-.63	-4.4
ConAgra	1.00	16	30.25	+.14	-10.2
ConchoRes	...	50	119.64	+.16	+10.8
ConocoPhil	2.76	11	68.39	+.83	-3.2
Corning	.40	14	20.06	+.45	+12.6
CrackerB	3.00	19	97.37	-.23	-11.5
CSVInvNG	...	...	3.60	-.33	-59.3
CrosTim	2.57e	14	32.06	+.27	+8.0
DCP Mid	2.93f	35	48.85	-1.44	-3.0
DTE	2.62	19	72.19	+.25	+8.7
Dataram	...	...	3.28	-.02	+26.2
Dawson	.32	22	28.40	+.11	-16.0
DevonE	.96f	...	63.96	+.05	+3.4
DxSCBr rs	...	...	15.47	+.03	-8.8
Disney	.96f	22	79.55	+.06	+4.1
DowChm	1.48f	14	50.64	+.48	+14.1
EMC Cp	.40	21	28.18	+.28	+12.0
EOG Res	1.00f	24	191.57	+1.97	+14.1
EmpDist	1.02	16	24.15	+.11	+6.4
Energen	.60f	29	80.40	-.29	+13.6
EngyTsfr	3.68f	...	53.28	-.50	-6.9
EnPre	...	51	72.65	+.50	+26.4
EntPrPt	2.00f	24	68.52	+.52	+3.3
Ericsson	.43e	...	13.16	+.19	+7.5
ExtterranH	.80	23	43.30	+1.61	+26.8
ExxonMbl	2.52	10	94.91	+.27	-6.2
Facebook	...	...	64.89	+.79	+18.7
FordM	.50f	9	15.33	-.06	-.6
ForestOil	...	11	1.82	...	-49.6
FuelCellE	...	...	2.91	+.48	+106.4
GATX	1.32f	19	65.10	+1.80	+32.5
GasNatIT	.80	...	10.72	+.06	-13.6
GAInv	2.10e	...	36.15	+.21	-.3
GenElec	.88	19	25.70	+.29	-9.3
GenMotors	1.20	14	34.51	-.63	-15.6
GileadSci	...	40	73.03	+.90	-2.8
GlPlainEn	.92	16	26.70	+.12	+10.1
HalconRes	...	...	3.84	+.01	-.5
HalliBrtn	.60	20	59.14	+1.36	+16.5
HewlettP	.64f	12	32.56	+.93	+16.4
HimaxTch	.25e	79	11.86	-1.52	-19.4
iShBrazil	1.44e	...	42.68	+.52	-4.5
iShJapan	.13e	...	10.97	+.05	-9.6
iShChinaLC	1.02e	...	34.77	+.28	-9.4
iShEMkts	.86e	...	39.81	+.45	-4.7
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	66.04	+.71	-1.6
iShR2K	1.41e	...	116.93	+.03	+1.4
integrysE	2.72	16	58.29	+.29	+7.1
Intel	.90	14	25.46	+.34	-1.9
InterDig	.40	36	33.05	+.78	+12.1
ItauUnibH	.51r	...	14.02	+.15	+3.4
JPMorgCh	1.52	14	60.93	-.14	+4.9
JohnJn	2.84	20	97.38	+2.18	+6.3
KimbClk	3.38f	20	110.56	-.10	+5.8
KindME	5.44f	27	73.20	-.17	-9.2
KindMM	5.44f	40	70.86	+.22	-6.3
Kinross g	...	...	4.49	-.07	+2.5
LegacyRes	2.36f	...	25.23	-.01	-10.4
Lubys	...	...	6.05	-.14	-21.6
MktVGold	.19e	...	24.48	+.16	+15.9
McDnlds	3.24	17	95.91	-.27	-1.2
Merck	1.76	38	55.19	+1.41	+10.3
MerMMed	...	37	14.46	-.06	-8.1
MexcoEn	...	79	7.90	+.20	+14.5
MicronT	...	15	23.53	+.05	+8.2
Microsoft	1.12	15	40.34	-.16	+7.8
Nabors	.16	53	24.86	+.82	+46.3
NatGrid	3.17e	...	67.79	+.47	+3.8
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NSTPfB	.65e	...	13.55	+.02	+6.3
NTTIGI	.70e	...	13.48	-.02	+4.7
OcciPet	2.88f	13	94.65	+.79	-.5
Oracle	.48	16	38.40	+.22	+.4
PerTech	...	...	4.96	+.15	-9.0
ParkDrl	...	28	7.24	+.03	-10.9
PattUTI	.40f	24	30.77	-.14	+21.5
Penney	...	...	8.64	+.04	-5.8
PennaRE	.80	...	17.82	-.01	-7.2
Prmian	.96e	15	13.27	+.03	+3.2
PetbrsA	.82e	...	12.56	+.20	-14.5
Petrobras	.44e	...	12.17	+.20	-11.7
Pfizer	1.04f	16	31.82	+.33	+3.9
PloNtrl	.08	...	180.94	-.91	-1.7
PlainsAAP	2.46f	18	53.20	-.27	+2.8
PlugPowr h	...	...	8.48	+2.79	+447.1
PwShs QQQ	1.30e	...	88.51	+.29	+.6
Praxair	2.60f	22	131.35	-.40	+1.0
PrmEgy	...	11	52.30	...	+3.6
ProctGam	2.41	21	79.81	+.51	-2.0
RangeRs	.16	...	86.14	-.19	+2.2
RiteAid	...	...	6.67	+.15	+31.8
Rowan	...	16	32.83	+.25	-7.2
RoyDShltA	3.60	9	72.01	+.63	+1.0
SpdrDJIA	3.58e	...	163.39	+.95	-1.3
S&P500ETF	3.48e	...	186.31	+.88	+.9
SabnR	3.90e	13	49.16	-.10	-2.8
SanderFm	.80	11	77.15	+.36	+6.7
SandRidge	...	...	6.29	+.01	+3.6
Saplent	...	32	17.44	+.31	+.5
Schimbrg	1.60f	19	95.56	+2.33	+6.0
SigmaAld	.92f	23	92.79	-.36	-1.3
SiriusXM	...	53	3.17	-.09	-9.2
Smucker	2.32	18	95.94	-.27	-7.4
Sprint n	...	...	9.06	-.05	-15.7
SP HlthC	.84e	...	58.04	+.51	+4.7
SPDR Fncl	.34e	...	22.37	-.02	+2.3
SunocoLog	2.65f	27	86.24	+1.63	+14.3
Symantec	.60	16	19.06	-.03	-19.2
TaiwSemi	.50e	...	19.12	+.48	+9.6
TeleflEsp	.47e	...	15.36	-.06	-6.0
Tesoro	1.00	16	49.98	+.50	-14.6
3M Co	3.42f	20	134.06	+1.64	-4.4
Torchmark	.76f	14	78.77	-.06	+.8
TriContl	.65e	...	19.99	+.10	+.1
21stCFoxA	.25	...	32.51	+.24	-7.6
TylerTech	...	79	86.81	+.12	-13.0
UBWV	1.28	18	31.11	-.29	-1.1
Vale SA	.78e	...	13.32	+.20	-12.7
ValeroE	1.00f	11	54.37	+.24	+7.9
VangEmg	1.20e	...	39.49	+.61	-4.0
VerizonCm	2.12	12	47.22	+.21	-3.9
VulcanM	.20f	...	65.91	+.79	+10.9
Walgrn	1.26	23	66.42	+2.11	+15.6
WellsFargo	1.20	13	48.96	-.02	+7.8
WstnRefin	1.04f	15	39.45	-.34	-7.0
WhitingPet	...	16	69.56	+1.61	+12.4
WmsCos	1.61f	47	40.78	+.02	+5.7
XcelEngy	1.32f	16	30.02	+.29	+7.4
Xerox	.25f	12	11.05	+.07	-9.2
Yahoo	...	29	35.93	-.75	-11.2
Zynga	...	...	4.84	+.14	+27.4

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Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
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Closing Price $29.38 Up 0.04

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Closing Price $14.50 Down 0.01

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84f	10	34.72	+.26	-1.3
Abraxas	...	45	4.09	+.10	+25.4
AdamsEx	.84e	...	12.95	+.04	-.9
AMD	...	...	4.05	...	+4.7
Alcoa	.12	36	12.02	+.01	+13.1
AlonUSA	.24a	53	15.26	-.08	-7.7
AlphaNRs	...	...	4.34	-.18	-39.2
Amgen	2.44	18	120.63	-.65	+5.7
Anadarko	.72	53	83.12	+.34	+4.8
Annaly	1.35e	3	11.18	-.17	+12.1
Apache	1.00f	15	81.93	+1.16	-4.7
ApldMatl	.40	52	20.36	+.26	+15.2
ATMOS	1.48	17	45.91	-.20	+1.1
AutoData	1.92	26	76.66	+.23	-5.1
BG Med	...	...	2.06	+.38	+100.0
BP PLC	2.28	11	47.01	+.31	-3.3
BabcCClInv	1.20	...	15.49	+.18	+3.7
BakrHu	.60	25	62.74	+1.10	+13.5
BallardPw	...	...	5.40	+1.32	+256.4
BcoBrad pf	.23e	...	12.52	...	-.1
BkofAm	.04	17	17.21	-.16	+10.5
BkNYMel	.60	23	35.40	-.18	+1.3
B iPVix rs	...	...	43.81	-.56	+3.0
BasicEnSv	...	...	25.77	+.63	+63.3
BerkHa A	...	...	171865	87.00	+4.9
BlkHillsCp	1.56f	25	58.69	+.50	+8.0
BlackBerry	...	...	9.36	-.01	+25.8
BostonSci	...	24	13.28	+.42	+10.3
BrkMyBg	1.44	23	61.04	...	-4.0
BrownFA	1.16	32	88.13	-.09	+19.5
BrownFB	1.16	30	86.26	+.25	+16.8
CVS Care	1.10	20	74.95	+.60	+4.7
CabotOG s	.08	46	32.62	-.03	-15.8
Cameron	...	22	61.85	+.09	+3.9
Carnival	1.00	28	38.02	-1.96	-5.4
Caterpillar	2.40	18	98.59	+1.74	+8.6
Celestic g	...	19	10.43	+.38	+.3
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Chevron	4.00	11	117.06	+1.24	-6.3
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Cimarex	.64f	24	115.84	+.07	+10.4
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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
16,588.25	14,385.00	Dow Jones Industrials	16,367.88	+91.19	+.56	-1.26	+12.42
7,627.44	5,878.12	Dow Jones Transportation	7,549.00	+38.62	+.51	+2.01	+22.11
537.86	482.66	Dow Jones Utilities	524.53	+1.75	+.33	+6.92	+4.71
11,334.65	8,814.76	NYSE Composite	10,417.06	+55.00	+.53	+.16	+14.68
2,585.34	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,518.30	+19.35	+.77	+3.80	+4.90
4,371.71	3,154.96	Nasdaq Composite	4,234.27	+7.88	+.19	+1.38	+30.19
1,883.97	1,536.03	S&P 500	1,865.82	+8.18	+.44	+.93	+19.30
20,226.72	16,177.06	Wilshire 5000	19,993.22	+59.90	+.30	+1.18	+20.60
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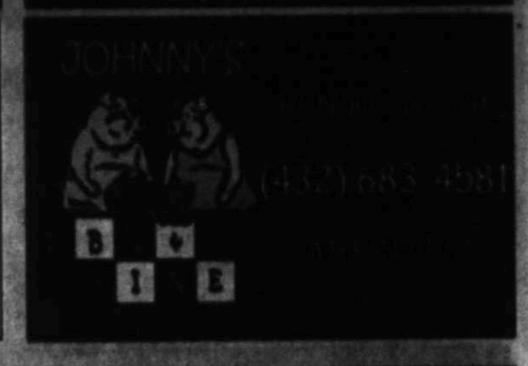
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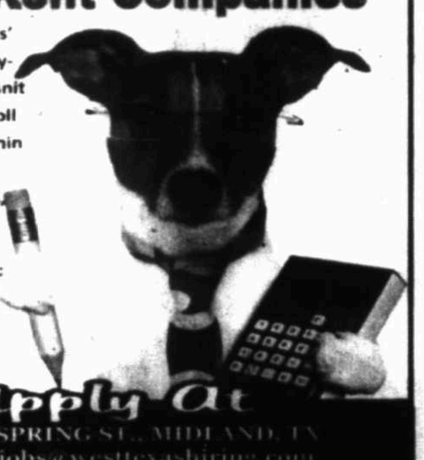
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Is seeking experienced receptionist for full time employment. Excellent wage and full benefits. Call 432-210-4172

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Residential Electrical Apprentice

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Mrs. Irene's Child Care FT/PT

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

CORNELL

10K BOP/LUBRICATOR and Hydrostatic Test Pump Operators/Helpers

Cornell Solutions, LLC, a fast growing Texas based oilfield service company is looking to grow its Permian Basin operation. We are looking for highly motivated individuals with the following qualifications.

- **Minimum 2 year experience with pressure control equipment (15K & 10K Lubricators, BOPs and Hydrostatic Test Pumps) or general oilfield experience**
- **Hold a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL)**
- **Be a resident or currently reside in the Midland/Odessa area**

Candidates meeting the requirements are invited to submit their resumes and qualifications by email to jason@cornellsolutions.net.

Available Positions

Rusty's Oilfield Services is hiring in Stanton. Lots of overtime, $1 raise at 90 days, Major Medical, safe drug free workplace, heavy trencher operator training, paint crews, welding shop, truck shop, uniforms, tools furnished, DL required. Call 432-634-9137

Field Service Technician

Production Lift Systems FT

Local oilfield service company seeking Field Service Technician. Two years production experienced required. Full benefits. Must have a valid driver's license and pass drug test. Apply at 14 East Industrial Loop Midland, TX 79701 or call 432-695-1200.

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE



Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person.

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

Experienced Field Service Tech

Wellhead supply company seeking experienced Field Service Tech. Prefer wellhead experience but will train someone with oilfield experience. Field Service Techs are responsible for safely installing, removing, repairing, assembling/disassembling and testing wellhead equipment in the shop and field. Requires knowledge of industry safety standards, valid drivers license, clean driving record and require background check, drug test and physical. Full time position with benefits. Send resume or request application: jobs@sunbeltoilfield.com. 432-332-8600.

Cactus Wellhead — Field Service and Shop Technicians in Midland, TX

Based in Houston, TX, Cactus designs, manufactures and installs wellhead equipment and Christmas trees. The company also offers a wide range of ancillary services such as equipment repairs, field service support and hydraulic fracturing (frac) equipment rentals.

Safety, career growth and professional on the job training are characteristics that set Cactus Wellhead, LLC above the rest.

We are looking to employ top talent with the drive to join a growing brand.

Field Service Technician: Must have Working knowledge of Wellhead Products, Customer Service Best Practices, Service Documentation and Record Keeping, Wellhead and Valve Equipment Compatibility, Wellhead and Valve Installation, Operation, and Maintenance, Field Equipment Repair, Equipment and Troubleshooting of Wellhead and other OEM Equipment.

Shop Technician: Inspect, operate and test completed products to verify functioning and conformance to requirements, position and/or align components for assembly, manually or using hoists; adjust, repair, rework, or replace parts and assemblies, remove rough spots and smooth surfaces to fit, trim or clean parts, and use of hand tools or power tools, and maintain and lubricate parts or components.

Cactus Wellhead, LLC offers a competitive compensation and benefits package which includes medical, dental, vision, matching 401K, life insurance, Company paid disability, and paid vacation.

Apply in Person ONLY
Starts Thursday, March 27th at 7:30AM
2610 E. Interstate 20
Midland, TX 79706
432-653-0306
Cactus Wellhead, LLC is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Flowback Personnel, Well Testers & CDL Drivers

WARRIOR ENERGY SERVICES now hiring experienced **Flowback Personnel, Well Testers, & CDL Drivers** in the Permian Basin. Please apply in person at **8290 Interstate Highway 20 in Midland, TX**

Help Wanted

Need **experienced Equipment Operator** with CDL for Oilfield Construction for a Big Spring family owned oil company. Competitive pay & benefits. Send resume to **PO Box 1870, Big Spring, Tx 79721** or call **432-813-7376**

HY-BON

Hy-Bon Engineering, a global industry leader since 1952, is currently in need of dedicated individuals for the following positions:

Purchasing Agent
Ideal candidate must be familiar with oilfield parts and products. Position requires heavy data entry with inventory system and accuracy is a must! Must be able to professionally communicate with vendors and have strong customer service skills.

Fabricator
Candidate must have knowledge of compressor packages, understand layout drawings and P&ID's. Installation of major components on skids, knowledge of pipe fitting 1" to 2" pipe, welding a plus.

Warehouse Person
Receipt of incoming materials and equipment, receive and stock inbound parts, pull parts for bill of materials. Moving and tracking of materials and parts from the receiving area to areas designated. General PC functions. Perform parts runs in Midland/Odessa area. Must have clean driving record.

Hy-Bon Engineering is a well-established company, offering full time employment and excellent benefits such as 401k with match, paid holiday, sick, and vacation time. Some other benefits include Insurance, a Tuition Reimbursement Program, and Uniforms. Wages are based upon experience. All applicants are required to pass drug and background tests.

Applications/Resume's can be mailed to P.O. Box 4185, Midland TX 79703, or can be emailed to: employment@HY-BON.com. www.HY-BON.com, Fax 432.697.2310

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2 RN Case Mgrs & LVN for Su Casa Home Health

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Dental Assistant

Kool Smiles FT/PT

Seeking a registered Dental Assistant for our Midland and Odessa offices. Apply at www.koolsmilesjobs.com

Full Time, LVN/Medical Assistant and FT or PT Receptionist for a physician's office. Must have good oral/written communication skills, dependable, organized, team player. Computer skills a must, experience in medical office environment is a plus. Competitive salary. Email resume to michiganprofessionals@aol.com

Part time Medical Assistants & Exp. Sonographer

Somno Systems is looking for part time medical assistants and sonographer with experience. Please send resume to **info@somnosystems.com**

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Neurosurgical practice (Midland) has immediate opening for a Texas licensed **PA or NP**. Call Beverly at 432-682-4307 to schedule interview

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Housekeepers & Laundry Attendants & Front Desk Clerks

LaQuinta Inn & Suites - Loop 250 & Hwy 191 FT/PT

Full time and part-time. Bilingual a Plus! Please Apply at LaQuinta Inn & Suites, Loop 250; Next to Kohl's

Immediate Openings

DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza has immediate openings for the following positions: • Front Desk Clerks • Night Auditors • Bartenders • Cocktail Servers Please apply to Human Resources, 117 W. Wall.

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE

Villa Chateau Apartments Full time Maintenance needed. Must have own tools. Drug screen/Background check done. Apply in person at: Villa Chateau Apts., 1603 N. Midkiff Rd, Midland. TX 79701. No phone calls please.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

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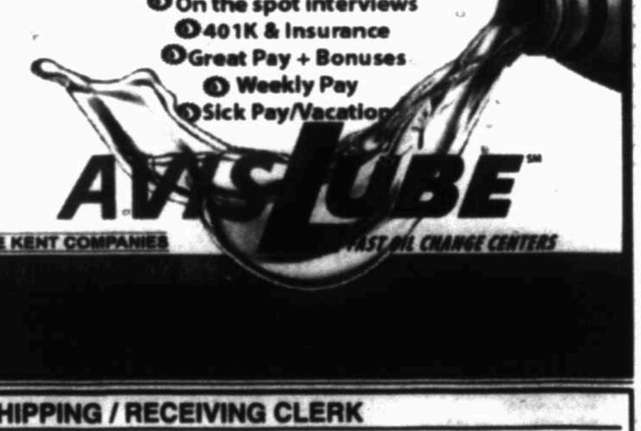
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United Casing, Inc.
Requirements: Knowledge of oilfield casing & tubing; 3-5 years experience; excellent data entry skills; knowledge of Microsoft applications (Word, Excel, Outlook). Must be able to work extended hours (weekends on-call) and handle high volume paperwork flow. Pay rate based on skills and experience. Send all inquiries and resumes to bquigley@unitedcasing.com or bring to 3610 E. Highway 158, Midland. Qualified Applicants Only.

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE



Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm - 4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

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- Pipe Inspection

Must have dependable transportation & phone.

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Midland, TX. 79705
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Now hiring **experienced** oilfield location **building operators** for motorgraders, **dozers, loaders, excavators and rollers**. **Heavy Equipment Operators** - $25 to $30 per hour. Apply online at **careers.milfordpipesupply.com**
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Resident Monitor, Full Time & Relief Cook, Administrative Clerk
Dismas Charities FT/PT
Midland, TX 79701
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SSC - Social Services Coordinator
Dismas Charities is now hiring full-time **Social Services Coordinator**. Apply at **www.dismas.com**.

Staff Members/ Gym/ Gameroom
The Boys & Girls Club of Midland seeking afternoon Staff Members/ Gym/ Gameroom PT, M-F 3-8. Call Michael between 1-3 or 6-8 only. 432-683-0050 or send resume to taylor@basinkids.org

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Salon Help
La Dolce Vita Salon and Day Spa FT/PT
Help wanted. Receptionist, Licensed Massage Therapist, Licensed Manicurist and Licensed Cosmetologist. Apply in person Tuesday through Friday at: 413 W. Wadley Ave. Midland, TX.

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Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

Qualifications & Skills:

- *Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment*
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Email us at dominos@clearwire.net
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Or apply at www.indeed.com
EOE
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Seeking candidates for Serving & bussing positions. Flexible hours, excellent working environment, 401K, paid vacation, health insurance. Apply in person, 3009 Racquet Club Dr. No phone calls please.

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Rednecks Drafthouse FT/PT
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SALES JOBS

Sales Person Full-Time
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Smoker's Outlet is looking for **Cashiers** in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid weekly. Go by your nearest **Smoker's Outlet** to apply.

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Oil & gas service company looking for motivated sales people in the Permian Basin. 3 years minimum exprience required. Benefits available. Pay based on experience. Email resumes to resumes@cardinaloilfieldservices.com or fax to 903-723-0047

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Qualifications Needed:
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- **Need to be familiar with internet communications equipment, e.g. modems, routers**
- **Basic working knowledge of computers and MS office software**
- **Ability and willingness to work with hand tools and electronic measurement instruments**
- **Must be willing to work alone and be a self starter**
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- **Must have a valid Texas driver's license**
- **Previous job references needed**

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Serious motivated Journeyman Electricians & Apprentice Electricians workers for well established contractor in West Texas family owned and operated company. Commercial & Residential installation. Serious callers only call 432-967-1098 or 432-634-0034.

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Two to Three Plumbers needed. Journeyman license required. 50% of job is supervision. Multifamily experience a plus. Please call 210-372-2491

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Fab Tech Drilling FT
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PRESSMAN
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Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
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Class A CDL Truck Drivers
Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call **432-563-1894** for interview or online @ **www.rockwaterenergy.com**

Delivery Driver/Counter & Warehouse Person
Must have clean driving record and a desire for long term employment. Apply in person **2910 W. Wall, Midland, TX.**

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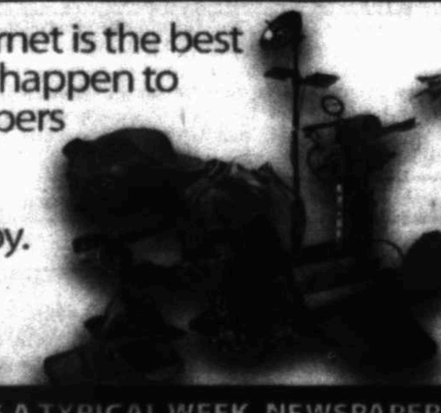
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