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SETTING THE BAR

Midland Highs Slade Harrell was inspired to become a pole vaulter after watching the event in the Olympics. Harrell's dream was realized Thursday at the District 3-6A Championships at Memorial Stadium.

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Midland could be removed from Drought Watch List

TCEQ to consider change next week; city would be second to be removed from list

By Brandon Mulder
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The Texas Commission of Environmental Quality next week will consider removing the city of Midland from the Drought Watch List — a list of public water systems that have not secured long-term water sources for drinking water use. The city's water system has been on the list since 2012.

After the completion of the T-Bar Ranch water pipeline system last summer, Midland secured "a 50-year sustainable supply," according to an email from a TCEQ official. The pipeline siphons between 4 million to 10 million gallons of water a day from an underground aquifer 67 miles east in Winkler County.

T-Bar Ranch now supplies Midland with just below 30 percent of its potable drinking water supply. Other sources include groundwater from the Paul Davis Well Field in Martin County (roughly 8 percent) and surface water from the Colorado Municipal Water District (roughly 63 percent), which pulls water from the district's ever-dwindling reservoirs, according to data from Holly Rosas-McGrath of the city's water utility.

The pipeline project hasn't gone unnoticed by the TCEQ. The commission notified city officials that the Emergency Drinking Water Task Force will discuss next week removing Midland from the list.

The watch list currently includes more than 1,100 systems — roughly a quarter of all water systems in the state, according to data from the TCEQ. Midland would be the second public water system to be removed from the watch list, following a public system in Harrison County in East Texas.

The watch list was established in 2009 by the commission, and by the 2013 legislative session, lawmakers required every public water utility to self-report the sustainability and capacity of its water sources.

A NIGHT OF HONORS

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Joe de Compiegne, president of the Petroleum Museum board of trustees, right, congratulates Howard Parker during the Petroleum Museum Hall of Fame induction ceremony Thursday at Midland Center. Parker was inducted along with his partner Joe Parsley, Clarence Scharbauer Sr., William Lee Hanley Jr. and Paul Davis Sr. For more photos from the event, see Monday's Names & Faces section.

House passes bill to repeal estate tax

By Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House voted Thursday to repeal the federal tax on estates, a politically volatile issue that affects few inheritances.

Republicans refer to it as the "death tax." They say it prevents small business owners and family farmers from passing businesses on to their heirs.

"Can you imagine working your whole life to build up a family-owned business and then upon your death Uncle Sam swoops in and takes nearly half of what you spent a lifetime building up for your children and grandchildren?" asked Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, who sponsored the bill.

"It is at its heart an immoral tax," he said.

Democrats say repealing the tax is a giveaway to the rich, since the only families that pay it have many millions in assets. The bill now goes to the Senate where Democrats appear to have enough votes to block it.

The White House has threatened to veto the bill in part because it would add $269 billion to the budget deficit over the next decade.

"This proposed repeal of the estate tax is nothing more than a massive unfunded tax break for a small sliver of America's wealthiest families," said Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash. "What are they doing? Shoveling a quarter of a trillion dollars out the door to the richest."

The vote was 240-179.

The House also passed a bill to make permanent a deduction for state and local sales taxes that expired at the beginning of the year. The White House threatened to veto that bill in part because it would have added $42 billion to the budget deficit over the next decade.

The federal tax rate on estates is 40 percent, but big exemptions limit the share of estates that pay it to fewer than 1 percent.

This year, the exemption is $5.43 million for a single person. Married couples can exempt up to $10.9 million. Larger estates pay taxes only on the amounts above these thresholds.

A total of 5,400 estates are expected to pay the tax this year — out of about 2.6 million deaths, according to the nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation, which provides official estimates for Congress. That's 0.2 percent of all deaths in the U.S.

Republicans say that some business owners get hit with the tax because they have valuable assets that don't necessarily generate a lot of cash. They cite family farms, which may sit on valuable land but don't generate enough money to pay hefty estate taxes unless heirs sell some or all the land.

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Ted Cruz's father rallies for son at pro-life event

■ Speech is part sermon, part campaign rally

By Joseph Basco
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In a speech that was part church sermon, part campaign rally, the Rev. Rafael Cruz, father of 2016 Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz, quoted from the Bible and spoke of an immoral America before urging people to vote for his son at a pro-life dinner Thursday evening.

Cruz was the guest speaker at a Texas Right to Life dinner at Midland Country Club. Members of his audience were pro-life Midlanders who paid at least $150 for dinner.

Cruz, much like his son, made clear how far right he lies on the political spectrum.

Not one to keep the church and state separate, Cruz said during his speech that America was the only country that was founded on the word of God.

He then traced the disintegration of America to the years 1962 and 1963, when prayer and Bible reading were banned from public schools.

"Here is the sad thing," said Cruz, a pastor. "The church remained silent. Their excuse: It was a political issue."

Cruz then urged the audience to speak to others about their pro-life stances, noting how people have become "too busy" to be politically involved.

"Let me tell you, we are on the brink of seeing destruction in this country," Cruz said. "And this country is worth saving."

Cruz mentioned his son for the first time a half hour into his speech and five minutes before the end. He said he told Ted a dozen times that when he lost freedom in Cuba, he had a place to come to. But if the freedom is lost here in America, there is no place to go.

Cruz, who fled Cuba in 1957, arrived in Texas where he raised his family. The story of chasing freedom and working to maintain it, especially the story of Rafael Cruz, is a tale routinely told by his son.

While Ted Cruz was courting voters in Iowa, his father was in Midland and stumped by the end of his speech.

Rafael Cruz urged the audience to be politically active for a "strong, pro-life, constitutional candidate" who challenges those who don't have the same viewpoints.

"If the righteous are not voting, if the righteous are not even running for office, what is left?" Cruz said. "The wicked electing the wicked."

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Friends in 'disbelief' over judge's weapons indictment

By Ciara O'rourke, Tony Plohetski and Sean Collins Walsh
Austin American-Statesman

GEORGETOWN — Timothy L. Wright, a Williamson County Court-at-Law judge indicted this month on federal weapons charges, developed a lifelong passion for hunting and guns after he moved to Georgetown in 1970.

Having lost the use of his right arm to a childhood bout with polio, Wright taught himself to wield shotguns with one hand to shoot quail and to rest rifles on mounts for deer hunting.

The Austin American-Statesman reported in recent years, he had become a regular at gun shows, selling and exhibiting guns under the name of his side business: Gun Addicts. His son said Wright planned to become more involved in the gun trade after his retirement.

Now, Wright's hobby is the focus of a federal case that could end the legal career of a man who has won sweeping praise from prosecutors and defense attorneys alike as an impartial and fair judge and who has overcome personal adversity off the bench.

Earlier this month, a federal grand jury indicted Wright, 70, on nine counts stemming from gun sales, including knowingly selling guns to a felon, facilitating the smuggling of guns out of the country and lying to federal agents. The charges, following a March raid on his home, relate to three times in February that Wright allegedly sold guns to a person the indictment refers to as "J.C." Federal agents seized 51 guns from him.

The State Commission on Judicial Conduct has suspended Wright without pay, and his high-volume court is now being overseen by three visiting judges.

Wright pleaded not guilty to the charges on Tuesday. Jeff Senter, a lawyer for Wright, said last week that the judge knew "J.C." — "a permanent resident alien citizen of Texas," Senter said — but had no knowledge of his criminal status or intentions to smuggle guns.

From high school classmates in Dallas to longtime colleagues in Georgetown, many people who know Wright are in disbelief over the indictment. They described Wright as friendly and extroverted in his personal life and respected but approachable on the bench, where he handles misdemeanor cases such

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Army orders benefits for 2009 Fort Hood victims

Associated Press

FORT HOOD — Dozens of soldiers and surviving family members of the 2009 Fort Hood shooting are receiving additional Army pay that they felt was long overdue.

The announcement from Army Sec. John McHugh on Thursday comes a week after 36 Purple Hearts were awarded to victims and relatives of the deadliest shooting on a U.S. military base.

Thirteen people were killed in the attack and 31 others were injured.

McHugh said the Purple Heart recipients will receive extra hostile fire pay and other compensation. A group of soldiers are still seeking more money from the government in an ongoing lawsuit.

The Army spent years refusing Purple Hearts to Fort Hood victims because the Department of Defense contended the shooting was an act of workplace violence and not terrorism.

Associated Press

Lt. Gen. Sean B. MacFarland, left, salutes Cpl. Nathan Hewitt, center, as Sgt. Keara Torkelson, right, looks on during a Purple Heart ceremony Friday held at Fort Hood. Survivors and family members of those killed during the attack by Maj. Nidal Hasan in the 2009 Fort Hood shooting were awarded 44 medals, Purple Heart for soldiers and Defense of Freedom Medals for civilians.

Associated Press

Workers clean up after a tour bus for superstar country group Lady Antebellum caught on fire Thursday on eastbound I-30 in Garland. Singer Hillary Scott posted on the group's Facebook page that she, her husband, their tour manager and the driver were on the Dallas-bound bus when a tire caught fire. Scott says everyone safely evacuated, Garland police say the driver stopped the bus after the tire blew, and the vehicle caught fire on Interstate 30 just east of Dallas. Police confirm that nobody was injured.

Lady Antebellum tour bus catches fire along interstate near Dallas

Associated Press

GARLAND — A tour bus for superstar country group Lady Antebellum has caught fire along an interstate near Dallas, though no one was injured.

Singer Hillary Scott posted on the group's Facebook page that she, her husband, their tour manager and the driver were on the Dallas-bound bus when a tire caught fire Thursday.

Photos show the back of the bus badly burned. Scott says everyone evacuated, writing "EVERYONE IS SAFE AND SOUND."

Garland police say the driver stopped the bus after the tire blew on Interstate 30 east of Dallas, and the vehicle caught fire. Police confirm nobody was hurt.

Lady Antebellum is nominated for Vocal Group of the Year at Sunday's 50th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards. The show is being held at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, near Dallas.

Dallas sets up new vault for historic archives

■ Archived documents incldue JFK items

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dallas has a new vault to store historic city documents, including items from the 1963 JFK assassination.

Mayor Mike Rawlings helped dedicate the storage area in the basement of Dallas City Hall on Wednesday. It has protective lighting, controls for temperature and humidity, and more than doubles the previous archive space, according to The Dallas Morning News.

Some materials are from the Dallas police investigation of the fatal shooting of President John F. Kennedy. Rawlings looked at documents with the fingerprints of Lee Harvey Oswald, obtained after the assassin's arrest by Dallas police.

"Holy smokes," Rawlings said. "That's the original fingerprints. Could you imagine holding his hand down?"

City archivist John Slate called materials from the Dallas police investigation "easily the crown jewel of our collection."

Consolidating the archives will make the system more efficient for staffers and researchers, experts say. The documents, files, photos, maps and other records had been kept in various locations.

"This is a big event because we are able to finally combine all of the archives and historical materials for 150-something years of Dallas under one roof," Slate told those gathered outside the vault Wednesday.

Researchers and members of the public can view the documents by making appointments. The 12,000 or so digitized items are also available online through the Portal to Texas History maintained by the University of North Texas, the newspaper reported.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Police chief: No prejudgment in deadly shooting

Houston Police Chief Charles McClelland says the actions of two officers who fatally shot a man after a police chase shouldn't be prejudged while an investigation is still underway.

McClelland said Thursday the man's death is a "tragic loss" for his family, but he declined to comment further on the shooting until an investigation is complete.

The man was identified Thursday by the Harris County Sheriff's Office as 41-year-old Frank Shephard.

Shephard led authorities on a chase that ended when he crashed into two vehicles. Investigators say the police officers shot Shephard after they feared he was reaching into his car for a weapon.

Sheriff's office spokesman Deputy Thomas Gilliland says no weapon was found.

The investigation's results will be turned over to a Harris County grand jury.

SAN ANTONIO

Decaying Christmas tree pulled from manhole

No presents were found underneath a Christmas tree that a San Antonio utility crew recently pulled from an open manhole.

Utility spokeswoman Anne Hayden said the tree had been disrupting sewage flow.

The San Antonio Express-News reports workered with the San Antonio Water System removed the decaying, 6-foot tree after it was found sticking several inches out of the manhole near an intersection.

DALLAS

Kids taken from home-based church where police say boy died

Authorities say five children have been removed from a Dallas-area home that served as a church where leaders helped starve a 2-year-old boy to rid him of a "demon."

Texas Child Protective Services told The Dallas Morning News that the children taken from the Balch Springs home range in age from 1 to 13.

Balch Springs police say a church leader, 49-year-old Aracely Meza, told the boy's parents to feed him only water for 25 days, believing it would save him, then held a ceremony to try to resurrect him shortly after he died last month.

Police believe the boy's parents took his body to their native Mexico without reporting the death.

Meza is jailed on a charge of injury to a child causing serious bodily injury by omission.

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IRS: Texas businessman, late brother owe $3B

Associated Press

DALLAS — The IRS wants $3.2 billion to cover back taxes that it says are owed by a prominent Texas businessman and his late brother who the IRS says hid income by setting up overseas trust funds.

The Internal Revenue Service detailed its claim in documents filed Wednesday in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Dallas. It seeks to recover more than $2 billion in unpaid income taxes, interest and penalties from Sam Wyly and more than $1.2 billion from the estate of his brother, Charles Wyly.

Stewart Thomas, a lawyer for the Wylys, called the IRS claims "unfair and absurd."

"The IRS has known about these transactions for over 20 years, but they never informed the Wylys that they owe a penny of additional tax," Thomas said.

Sam Wyly filed for bankruptcy in October, five months after a civil jury in New York found the brothers had engaged in a 13-year fraud that involved creating a web of offshore trusts and subsidiaries to hide stock sales.

A federal judge in February approved Securities and Exchange Commission fines of $198 million against Sam Wyly and $101 million against the estate of his brother, who died in a car crash in 2011.

At the time of the bankruptcy Sam Wyly listed assets of $100 million to $500 million.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Man arrested for throwing puppies into oncoming traffic

A 36-year-old Midland man was arrested Thursday after allegedly throwing two puppies into downtown Midland traffic, according to the Midland Police Department.

Police responded just before 7 a.m. to the 400 block of West Texas Avenue after hearing reports of a man tossing dogs under passing cars, the department first reported on its social media page. After speaking with witnesses, police arrested Ernesto Aranda Jr. on misdemeanor cruelty to animal charges.

"A witness on scene told officers the man threw this little one into the back windshield of their vehicle," the department states.

One of the dogs ran off before it could be moved to a shelter, but MPD spokeswoman Geena Martinez said a police officer is considering adopting the other puppy, which was "shaken but not hurt" and "getting lots of love from officers."

Aranda was held Thursday evening on a $500 bond for the misdemeanor charge, according to Midland County Sheriff's Office records.

PHOTOS, FROM TOP: Midland Police Department officer Brad Robertson holds a puppy that was thrown into downtown Midland traffic early Thursday morning. Officers arrested 36-year-old Midlander Ernesto Aranda Jr. on misdeameanor cruelty to animal charges. The puppy was "shaken but not hurt" and "getting lots of love from officers," according to the Midland Police Department's Facebook page. ***Photos courtesy of the Midland Police Department***

MPD: Man keys car, causes thousands of dollars in damage

A 19-year-old Midland man was arrested Wednesday afternoon for allegedly keying a Chevrolet Corvette, which resulted in more than $2,500 worth of damages, according to court documents.

Arballo

Alexander R. Arballo was held Thursday on a $7,500 bond for a state felony charge of criminal mischief.

The vehicle was being driven by a woman whom Arballo knew. He called her while she was inside a local restaurant and threatened to smash the vehicle's window if she refused to talk with him, according to his arrest affidavit.

When she left the restaurant, she discovered that the vehicle had been keyed on the trunk and driver's side, according to the affidavit. Estimates of the damages allegedly range from $2,500 to $3,000.

The vehicle's owner advised officers that the woman had ongoing harassment issues with Arballo, according to the affidavit.

Arballo allegedly denied involvement. The vehicle's owners had saved several text messages from Arballo in reference to the incident; the texts were shown to officers as evidence, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the state felony, Arballo could face up to two years in prison.

JUDGE

From 2A

as DWI and assault.

"It's shocking," said Austin attorney Gene Anthes, who has represented clients before Wright. "I can't imagine that he would knowingly sell to a felon or knowingly sell firearms to someone who might take them out of the country."

Wright spoke briefly with the American-Statesman to confirm biographical details but declined to comment on issues related to the indictment. Wright explained that Gun Addicts was a name he used when legally showing and selling guns; he ended the conversation when asked if "J.C." was a customer of the business.

Last June, Wright filed with the state to reserve the business name Gun Addicts Inc. He never incorporated the business, and the name reservation expired in October.

"I paid the money and reserved the name and never acted on it," Wright said. "I just decided that I didn't need a corporation. When you incorporate, you create an entity, another tax return and all that stuff."

Round Rock lawyer W. Todd Ver Weire filed the paperwork for the name reservation. Ver Weire said he has a record of the transaction but doesn't recall any details about the planned business. Ver Weire, who has represented clients before Wright and knew him personally, declined to comment on the indictment.

The judge's son, Todd Wright, said guns were a hobby for his father, who has traveled to South Africa on safari. Many of the confiscated guns, the son said, are heirlooms and collectibles, not guns that were bought to be sold.

"He is not a gun-running Mexican criminal," Todd Wright said. "In private conversations, he says that he is completely innocent and that his paperwork and his records (for gun sales) are impeccable ... He has followed it to the letter of the law."

The son of a plumber, Timothy Lane Wright was born in Dallas and grew up in its South Oak Cliff neighborhood. As a child, he was stricken with polio and was a long-term patient at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

The disease crippled the right side of Wright's body and left him without the use of his right arm, which he often keeps tucked into his pocket. Unable to play football, Wright became a manager for the football team at South Oak Cliff High School and was elected to the student council as treasurer.

"He's very outgoing, funny and could make you laugh at almost anything," said Virginia "Peaches" Walker, a South Oak Cliff classmate who has kept in contact with Wright. "Everybody liked him, and over the years he has become a very strong Christian and does a lot of good work."

After leaving Dallas for what was then North Texas State University, Wright married and had a son while he was enrolled in school. He had a daughter with his first wife after the family moved to Georgetown and, years later, another daughter with his second wife.

Wright's mother died around the time he graduated high school, and his father died a few years later while Wright was at Baylor Law School; both died from cancer.

At Baylor Law School, Wright served as an editor of the law review and the president of an honors society, according to his online biography. Classmates admired the way he handled his disability, said Fort Worth lawyer Darrell Keith, who graduated with Wright.

"I was always amazed that he seemed that he could do more with one arm than the rest of us could do with both arms," he said. "These are very serious charges, and these charges — for the Tim Wright that I knew and respected — would be totally out of character."

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EL PASO

Grand jury indicts dad of ex-Los Angeles officer

A grand jury in El Paso has indicted a father accused of helping his rookie Los Angeles police officer son flee after an off-duty slaying in California.

Victor Solis of Lancaster, California, was indicted Wednesday on a charge of making a false statement to the FBI in El Paso.

His son, Henry Solis, is sought on a murder charge in the March 13 shooting death of Salome Rodriguez outside a nightclub in Pomona, California.

Investigators believe Victor Solis helped his 27-year-old son slip into Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, on March 14.

The indictment returned in El Paso says the father told investigators that he was alone going into Mexico. Prosecutors say FBI photos show father and son going through the Paso Del Norte Port of Entry.

HOUSTON

Son, 26, charged with killing parents at their home

Houston police say a 26-year-old man has been charged in the shooting deaths of his parents whose bodies were found in their bedroom.

Houston City Jail records show Kenneth Ballinas was being held without bond Thursday on capital murder charges.

Investigators are trying to determine a motive for Wednesday's killing of 53-year-old Oscar E. Ballinas and 50-year-old Eva A. Ballinas.

Dispatchers received a 911 call about a shooting at a house. Police say the suspect, who waited at the scene for officers to arrive, told investigators that he shot his parents while they were in bed.

Investigators didn't immediately say who called for help.

Online jail records do not list an attorney for Ballinas to comment on his case.

NEW MEXICO

Life in prison sentence sought for murder suspect

CARLSBAD — Prosecutors say they're seeking a life prison sentence without parole for a Texas man accused of killing his Dallas-area girlfriend last year in southeastern New Mexico.

A jury trial for 33-year-old Robert Glenn Earley is scheduled to begin April 28 in Carlsbad.

Earley faces felony charges of murder, tampering with evidence and kidnapping in the death of 30-year-old Emily Rebecca Lambert.

She was killed while in New Mexico to visit Earley, an oil field worker. Her body was found behind a ranch building near Loving on March 4, 2014.

Lambert was a teacher in Garland and the mother of two young daughters.

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■ "Pillow Talk" film screening, 7:30 p.m. Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

■ Jay Leno for Phyllis and Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series, 8 p.m., Chap Center. midland.edu.

■ SciFriday show: "Jurassic Park," 8:15 p.m. at Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org.

■ "West Side Story" at Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

■ "Buying the Moose" Maverick Players production at VFW Hall. 522-5225.

■ Robert Earl Keen at Best of the Basin barbecue cookoff and concert benefiting Bynum School, CAF. bynumschool.org.

New movies in Midland

■ **At Tall City 14:** "Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2," "Monkey Kingdom," "Unfriended," "Woman in Gold"

■ **At Cinergy Cinemas:** "Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2," "Unfriended"

■ **At Big Sky Drive-In:** "Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2"

Community calendar

■ Silver Spur Trade Shows Spring Gun & Blade show is planned for Saturday and Sunday at the Horseshoe Pavilion. Hours are 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is $6; children under 12 are free. Retired law enforcement officers get in free and active military members and NRA members get $1 off. There's two-for-the-price-of one admission the first hour each day.

For more information, go to www.midlandgunshow.com.

■ The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) group will be holding a Forget Me not fundraiser at the Furr's restaurant locations in Midland and Odessa. The fundraiser will take place 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today through Sunday.

The Forget Me Nots are made by veterans, and the proceeds will go directly to helping local veterans in need, according to local DAV chapter commander Paul Reed.

Lake levels

	Contents (Acre-feet)	Percent Full
Thomas	89.706	44.72
Spence	9.028	1.75
Ivie	74.177	13.37
Totals	172.851	13.59

Source: Colorado River Municipal Water District

Watering schedule

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

Even-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. until midnight.

Odd-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays from 6 p.m. until midnight.

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

The washing outdoor surfaces ban is still in effect.

Source: City of Midland

Gas prices

■ **Cheapest gas in Midland:** $2.09 (Sam's Club, Tradewinds/SH 191)

■ **Cheapest gas (non-membership store):** $2.12 (Texaco, Briarwood/Northcrest, Murphy USA Midland/Briarwood, Stripes, Midland Briarwood)

■ **Most expensive gas:** $2.49 (Greenwood Country Store, FM 307/SCR 1083)

■ **Most common price:** $2.35

■ **Cheapest in West Texas:** San Angelo $2.03, Midland $2.09, Lubbock $2.09, Abilene $2.14, Odessa $2.18

	Midland-Odessa	Texas
Thursday	$2.302	$2.234
Last week	$2.257	$2.221
Last month	$2.323	$2.231
Last year	$3.504	$3.477

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Retail gasoline prices up penny across Texas, nationally

COPPELL — Retail gasoline prices across Texas and nationally have risen a penny this week.

AAA Texas on Thursday reported the statewide price at the pump was $2.23 per gallon. Drivers across the country are paying an average $2.41 per gallon.

The association survey found Dallas has the most expensive gasoline in Texas this week at an average $2.30 per gallon. Beaumont has the cheapest gasoline at $2.13 per gallon.

AAA experts say retail gasoline figures remain heavily influenced by the global price of crude and the ability of domestic refineries to manage maintenance.

Source: Associated Press

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 9-1-9
Pick 3 day: 3-1-4
Pick 3 evening: 1-6-5
Pick 3 night: 0-7-8
Daily 4 morning: 5-9-2-3
Daily 4 day: 8-4-0-4
Daily 4 evening: 3-3-9-3
Daily 4 night: 6-4-1-9
Cash Five: 4-20-24-25-37
All or Nothing morning: 4-7-10-11-12-13-16-17-18-21-23-24
All or Nothing day: 2-3-4-6-9-12-13-14-17-18-19-23
All or Nothing evening: 2-3-4-5-7-8-10-13-15-19-20-22
All or Nothing night: 2-3-4-6-11-14-15-18-21-22-23-24

A BRIEF SCARE

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Fire Department responded at Coleman High School Thursday afternoon when one of the heating/cooling units outside caught fire. Charles Johnson, who lives two blocks way, said he heard a loud noise, drove to the school and saw kids being evacuated. He said he saw black smoke coming from the side of the building where there was an air conditioning unit. No one was believed to have been in danger, Midland ISD Police Department Chief David Colburn said in a press release.

DPS challenge: Finish criminal investigation and clear our name

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Going on the attack over a controversial private defense contractor on the Texas-Mexico border, state officials Thursday challenged public corruption prosecutors to finish a criminal investigation and clear their name.

The request came in a letter from Department of Public Safety Director Steve McCraw to the same public integrity unit that former Gov. Rick Perry stripped of state funding in 2013.

Travis County Assistant Attorney District Gregg Cox, the head of that Austin-based prosecution unit, has said his office was forced to sideline a possible investigation into Abrams Learning and Information Systems after Perry's veto because of thin resources.

"We are at a loss why it would take so long to conduct an investigation of this contract," McCraw wrote to Cox. "Surely, this case would have been more important than gas tax or insurance investigations."

Cox did not immediately return a message seeking comment Thursday.

Bill to move public integrity unit hits snag

House Democrats are stalling efforts to transfer public corruption cases in Texas following the indictment of former Republican Gov. Rick Perry.

Outnumbered Democrats on Thursday used legislative maneuvering to temporarily block a bill that would put the Texas Rangers in charge of investigating criminal allegations of political wrongdoing.

The bill was pulled down on a point of order but is expected to return next week. Democrats vowed to keep fighting.

Many Republicans this session are bent on uprooting the state's Public Integrity Unit out of Travis County, which is a Democratic stronghold. Perry vetoed funding for the office last year after the district attorney refused to resign following a drunken driving arrest.

Perry was later indicted on abuse-of-power charges. That case remains pending.

House tax plan heads to full vote

For the first time ever, Texas lawmakers could cut sales taxes under a House Republican bill that is now headed for a full vote.

Republican Rep. Dennis Bonnen says his proposal that sailed out of a committee Thursday would save the average family of four about $172 a year. But that plan differs from the Senate, which wants to cut property taxes for homeowners instead.

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott this week stayed mum over which method of tax cuts he prefers, saying he'll leave it up to lawmakers.

Negotiations over tax cuts are likely to cause the most tension in the final six weeks of the session.

■ Capitol Almanac

House relaxes barber rules

No reason to get your hair in a wad anymore, Texas brides.

That is the message some lawmakers hoped to send Thursday when the House gave preliminary approval to let cosmetologists and barbers work outside salons or shops without fear of violating state law.

Hairdressers and stylists are currently prohibited from operating outside a licensed facility. That hasn't stopped cosmetologists from fixing hair at special events on the sly.

Democratic Rep. Celia Israel says her bill will help cosmetologists operate at events like drag shows and weddings without worrying that their license will be revoked.

The bill awaits final approval in the House and Senate.

On deck

The House is in this morning. The Senate is off until Monday.

Quote of the day

"Value every life, even if people make a mistake." — Grammy winner John Legend, visiting the Texas Capitol to urge lawmakers to stop tough-on-crime policies and reduce prison populations.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Rafael Cruz, father of Ted Cruz, speaks with Lu Ingram, Cindy Marshall and Melissa Conway on Thursday before a dinner and speech for Texas Right to Life at Midland Country Club.

SPEECH

From 1A

Mike Banschbach, a Midlander who attended the dinner, compared Ted Cruz to Rand Paul, another Republican candidate who officially has announced his intent to run. When asked how they differ on pro-life issues, Banschbach compared where they lie on the political spectrum.

"If Paul acts as a true Libertarian, as he should, then he's not going to be as publicly as strong as he should on life issues," Banschbach said.

In almost every instance, Cruz is pro-life. He is for abortion in instances when the mother's life is in danger because of the pregnancy. As for Paul, he previously had the same stance, but has recently deflected answering his viewpoint on abortions for rape or incest pregnancies.

TIRZ approves five agreements worth $720,800

■ Close to $60,000 remains for downtown revitalization fund

By Joseph Basco
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In one of its final meetings before sunset, the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone board of directors approved Wednesday five separate incentive agreements for downtown revitalization projects, including mixed-use buildings and food truck parks.

The TIRZ board allocated $720,800 of the $780,256 remaining as of Wednesday.

Initially the board thought TIRZ had roughly $500,000 remaining, but members indicated on Wednesday that Midland County will be paying the $200,000 it owes.

After the five agreements were approved Wednesday, $59,496 is left for distribution at future meetings. John Love III, TIRZ board chairman, said funds are being kept in the TIRZ account for the next few months should other matters surface. Eventually, the remaining funds will augment one of the five agreements approved Wednesday, he said.

The City Council is to vote on all of the TIRZ agreements.

In August, City Council set a one-year expiration for the TIRZ, which means it received its last influx of property tax revenue around that time. The TIRZ, which was established in 2001, received annual property tax revenue from downtown buildings that otherwise would have gone toward taxing entities such as the city of Midland and Midland County.

The five projects are the Vaughn Building, a food truck park and farmers market, redevelopment of the downtown Subway, an advertising firm and First United Methodist Church.

■ **Vaughn Building: $400,000**

The largest slice of the pie went to the Vaughn Building development, a 12-story mixed-use property proposed to have office, retail, residential and parking space.

The project is a renovation of the vacant building at the intersection of North Big Spring Street and West Texas Avenue.

Yalcin Demirbas, president of Innova Development, the developer of Vaughn Building, said in November the incentive funds are to be used for asbestos removal and parking ramps.

During that time, Demirbas also said, because the urban living lifestyle is in demand, the Vaughn Building can remind new Midlanders of that lifestyle.

On Wednesday, Demirbas said the development team is still committed to doing the project despite the oil downturn.

Construction is estimated to cost $13 million.

Once developers receive a construction permit, it will take 12 to 16 months for completion.

■ **Midland Food Truck Park and Farmers' Market:$175,000**

The second largest allocation went to the food truck park and farmers market concept that has been in the works by the Midessa Mobile Food Vendors Association but is now in development by the Downtown Midland Management District.

On Wednesday, Dan Rush of the DMMD board presented the proposed food truck park with a farmers market that is in the works at a vacant lot north of Susie's South Forty Confections on South Marienfeld Street. The project will retain the design that the association revealed in August.

Though DMMD, through a 501(c)3 or 501(c)4, will own the development, the mobile food vendor association will be operating the food truck park.

Midland Super Block, owners of the site, will donate the land, he said.

"Three years ago, this was just an empty parking lot," Rush said of the super block. "We got the first part in, which was Susie's (South Forty.) Now, we could end up having a park. ... In five years this could go from an empty parking lot generating very little tax revenue to something very viable."

Rush told the board that DMMD seeks between $220,000 and $464,500 for the $1.02 million project.

"This would increase pedestrian traffic downtown, especially with Santa Rita Hotel and some of the other projects going on," Love said. "I know our downtown merchants would be appreciative of it."

■ **Subway Redevelopment: $90,000**

Duke Edwards of White Star Energy, and owner of three downtown buildings including Basin Burger House, is renovating the retail strip at the intersection of North Big Spring Street and West Louisiana Avenue so that it increases visibility of the downtown Subway and fixes the deterioration of the existing strip.

Edwards said a 4,000-square-foot retail strip is planned to replace the existing one that houses the sandwich shop at the intersection. The new building will face north, matching the face of Basin Burger House. Subway plans to be in the new building, Edwards said. The new retail strip will also have two additional retail spaces.

The incentive dollars are being used to remove the asbestos from the existing retail building, Edwards said. Incentive funds are also going toward alley paving between the new retail building and Basin Burger House and sidewalk paving in front of the new building.

The total cost for the project is $800,000.

■ **Other TIRZ funds approved Wednesday:**

SHK The Advertising Firm: $30,800

First United Methodist Church: $25,000

REPEAL

From 1A

"The super rich? They don't pay this tax. They have a legion of lawyers and tax planners. They have charitable trusts and foundations," Brady said. "These are family-owned, hard-working, risk-taking, determined Americans who are building their business, their farm, their ranch. These are not, as we will hear today, the Paris Hiltons and robber barons of the Teddy Roosevelt days."

The deduction for state and local sales taxes helps people who live in the nine states without a state income tax on wages.

House Republicans say the measure is about fairness because people in states that have incomes taxes can deduct those taxes on their federal returns.

The vote was 272-152.

These seven states have no state income tax: Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Wyoming. Also, New Hampshire and Tennessee tax income from interest and dividends, but not wages.

The deduction is one of dozens of temporary tax breaks that are routinely extended every year or two. House Republicans are working to make selected ones permanent.

Tennessee plan to make Bible 'official' book derailed

By Lucas L. Johnson II
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Bible usually unites Republicans in conservative Tennessee, but lately it is proving to be — as an epistle writer put it — more powerful and sharper than a double-edged sword.

Legislators here are deeply divided over a proposal to make the holy text an official state book, with some saying it's far too sacred to be trivialized like the state fruit (tomato), the state amphibian (Tennessee cave salamander) and several state songs ("Tennessee Waltz" and "Rocky Top").

Conversely, others believe the Bible is an integral part of the state's history, or don't want to appear to be against it. And then there are a host of constitutional questions to consider.'

Despite those problems, House lawmakers on Wednesday voted 55-38 in favor of the plan. On Thursday, the proposal was derailed when the Senate voted 22-9 to send it back to a committee that has been closed, effectively killing it for the year.

Some legislators may have felt compelled to support the measure or face political repercussions down the road.

"I think some of these state legislators probably just don't want to give their opposition an issue to run with," Vanderbilt University political science professor John Geer said. "Imagine if you can attack somebody for not supporting the Bible; that could be an issue to come back to haunt you."

Associated Press

State Sen. John Stevens, R-Huntingdon, third from lefet, and other senators bow their heads during the prayer before the Senate floor session in Nashville, Tenn., on Thursday. State lawmakers were grappling over constitutional and theological concerns over a bill seeking to make the holy Bible the official book of Tennessee.

Tennessee's attorney general, Herbert Slatery, warned in a legal opinion earlier this week that the bill would violate separation of church and state provisions of both the federal and state constitutions. Similar proposals in Mississippi and Louisiana failed for those reasons.

Senate Majority Leader Mark Norris said the legal problems were his biggest hang up.

"The attorney general's opinion raises legal issues that were not discussed," he said of the bill, which previously passed the Judiciary Committee.

Other opponents worried about putting the Bible on par with innocuous state symbols, which are listed in the Tennessee Blue Book, the definitive almanac of state government.

"We don't need to put the Bible beside salamanders, tulip poplars and 'Rocky Top' in the Tennessee Blue Book to appreciate its importance to our state," Senate Speaker Ron Ramsey said in a statement.

Gov. Bill Haslam and House Speaker Beth Harwell, both Republicans, were also against it.

"I think it is unconstitutional and ... I really think it demeans the holy word of God by making it just a book with historical significance," she said.

Democratic Rep. Johnny Shaw, a pastor, said the legislation made him uncomfortable, but for political reasons, he found it difficult not to support.

"It was hard for me to say I won't sign a piece of legislation to make the Bible the state book," he said.

Religion has surfaced as a point of contention in the state Legislature.

In 2011, a bill was proposed to make it a felony to follow some versions of the Islamic code known as Sharia. It would have given the state's attorney general authority to designate an entity a "Sharia organization" if he found the group knowingly adhered to Sharia.

Muslims feared the measure was too broad and that it would outlaw central tenets of Islam, such as praying five times a day toward Mecca, abstaining from alcohol or fasting for Ramadan.

The legislation was amended to strip out any reference to a specific religion and it passed.

The Senate sponsor of the Bible proposal made one last-ditch, impassioned plea for his colleagues not to kill the bill, to no avail.

"My purpose for bringing this legislation is to memorialize the role ... the Bible has played in Tennessee's history," Sen. Steve Southerland said.

Study: High school smoking fell as e-cigarette use boomed

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Teen smoking hit a new low last year while the popularity of electronic cigarettes and water pipes boomed, a government report shows.

The number of high school students who tried e-cigarettes tripled in one year — to more than 13 percent. Water pipes or hookahs were used by 9.4 percent.

But smoking of traditional cigarettes plummeted to 9.2 percent from more than 13 percent. That means smoking in high school is now less common than e-cigarette or hookah use.

The decline in cigarette smoking "is very dramatic and very encouraging," said Robin Koval, president of Legacy, an anti-smoking organization.

The report released Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention mirrors the results of another government-funded study issued in December.

The CDC report is based on a national survey of about 22,000 students at middle schools and high schools, both public and private. Similar trends were found for middle school but at lower levels of use.

Students were asked whether they had smoked or used a tobacco product in the previous 30 days; those who said yes were deemed current smokers.

Besides cigarettes, the report found continuing declines in the use of cigars, chewing tobacco and snuff among high school students.

CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden this week described the findings as "alarming." He said the decline in use of most tobacco products was more than offset by the growth in nicotine-laden e-cigarettes and hookahs.

Some public health experts say the CDC is taking an unusually hard stand against e-cigarettes, at a time when scientists are still trying to determine how harmful they are. They started selling in the U.S. in 2006 and are often described as a less dangerous alternative to cigarettes.

"The CDC has been very one-sided on the e-cigarette issue," said Kenneth Warner, a University of Michigan public health professor who is a leading authority on smoking and health.

E-cigarettes are battery-powered devices that produce an odorless vapor that typically contains nicotine and flavorings.

Scientists say nicotine is harmful for the developing brain. Frieden said e-cigarettes are a new way of introducing kids to nicotine — and potentially hooking them on tobacco products in the future.

"The idea that kids are better off using e-cigarettes is just the wrong way of thinking about it," he said.

Driver who hit toddler starts events that leave 4 dead

By Gretchen Ehlke
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Damani Terry just wanted to join a group of girls dancing in a park across the street. The 2-year-old stepped into the road — right into the path of an oncoming van.

The van hit the toddler, and the driver jumped out to check on the badly injured boy, setting into motion a chain of events that included an uncle fatally shooting his own nephew and a stranger and then taking his own life. In the end, four people were dead.

It all started Sunday as Archie Brown Jr. drove his van through the northwest side of Milwaukee on an errand to Home Depot.

Brown hit Damani and leaped from the vehicle to attend to the toddler. Damani's 15-year-old brother, who had been celebrating a birthday in a nearby house, ran to his brother after witnessing the accident.

At that point, police said, the boys' uncle, Ricky Chiles, took the law into his own hands, emerging from a home into the street with a gun. He fired at the 40-year-old Brown, striking him and hitting Chiles' teenage nephew, who witnesses said was attempting to help when he was shot.

Brown died at the scene, alongside Damani. The teenager, Rasheed Chiles, died at a hospital.

"This sad example is what we get when we have folks who decide it's their responsibility to use their guns to redress their grievances," Milwaukee Police Chief Edward Flynn said Thursday at a news conference.

Mayor Tom Barrett earlier in the week called Brown's shooting an "assassination."

"Someone got angry," Barrett said. "Someone took a gun and basically assassinated this gentleman."

On Thursday, Ricky L. Chiles III shot himself as police and federal marshals closed in on him at a motel in the Chicago suburb of Lyons, where he was staying with his girlfriend.

"I'm glad it's over, but I think he took a ... cheap way or a cowardly way out," Brown's father, Archie Brown Sr. of Milwaukee, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Thursday.

"He was afraid of man's justice, but he decided to go and meet God's justice," Brown said.

Brown, a 68-year-old minister who goes by the name Prophet Brown, said he forgives Chiles for what he did, "but I'm not saying it's an easy process."

The shootings are part of a spike in violence in Milwaukee in 2015. The city has counted 43 homicide victims so far this year, compared with 14 at the same point last year.

Associated Press

A flock of turkeys is shown at a Minnesota poultry farm. The country's poultry industry may have to live with a deadly bird flu strain for several years, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief veterinary officer said Thursday on a visit to Minnesota, the state hit hardest by outbreaks that have cost Midwest producers more than 2 million turkeys and chickens.

USDA veterinarian: Bird flu outbreak could be 'devastating'

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The nation's poultry industry may have to live with a deadly bird flu strain for several years, which would be "devastating," the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief veterinary officer said Thursday.

Dr. John Clifford also said that while new cases should drop to close to zero once the weather warms up and kills off the virus, there's "very likely" to be a resurgence this fall when the wild waterfowl that are natural carriers of avian influenza fly south for the winter.

Clifford spoke on a visit to Minnesota, the state hit hardest by outbreaks that have led to the death of more than 2.5 million turkeys and chickens in the Midwest since early March. He said the fact that the highly pathogenic H5N2 virus has already appeared as far east as southern Ontario means there's an uncomfortable risk of it spreading to the East Coast where much of the U.S. broiler chicken industry is based.

"If it sticks around and continues it's going to be very devastating to our poultry industry and our international markets, trade markets, as well as the loss domestically," Clifford said in an interview with The Associated Press. "That's why we have to really use this time appropriately to do all that we can to determine how best we can address and prevent introductions in the future."

Authorities have confirmed H5N2 outbreaks at nearly 40 commercial poultry farms in the Midwest, including 26 in Minnesota. All were turkey operations except for one chicken farm in Wisconsin. On Thursday, officials said four more Minnesota farms and two more in Wisconsin had been struck.

Officials say there's no risk to public health or the food supply. Economists don't expect the outbreaks to affect retail prices much because the birds that have been killed by the virus itself or euthanized to stop its spread represent a little more than 1 percent of the 235 million turkeys produced in the U.S. last year.

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Clinton's problem is her political age

■ Hillary has been around so long it's hard to imagine she suddenly has passion for 'the little guy' or has developed new persona

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Washington Post Writers Group

See Hillary ride in a van! Watch her meet everyday Americans! Witness her ordering a burrito bowl at Chipotle — which she did wearing shades, as did her chief aide Huma Abedin, yielding security-camera pictures that made them look (to borrow from Karl Rove) like fugitives on the lam, wanted in seven states for a failed foreign policy.

There's something surreal about Hillary Clinton's Marie Antoinette tour, sampling cake and commoners. But what else can she do? After Barack Obama, she's the best known political figure in America. She has papal name recognition. Like Napoleon and Cher, she's universally known by her first name. As former queen consort, senator and secretary of state, she has spent a quarter-century in the national spotlight — more than any modern candidate.

She doesn't just get media coverage; she gets meta-coverage. The staging is so obvious that actual events disappear. The story is their symbolism — campaign as semiotics.

This quality of purposeful abstractness makes everything sound and seem contrived. It's not really her fault. True, she's got enough genuine inauthenticity to go around — decades of positioning, framing, parsing, dodging — but the perception is compounded by the obvious staginess of the gigantic political apparatus that surrounds her and directs her movements.

Why is she running in the first place? Because it's the next inevitable step in her career path. But that's not as damning as it seems. It can be said of practically every presidential candidate.

The number of conviction politicians — those who run not to be someone but to do something — is exceedingly small. In our lifetime: Ronald Reagan. And arguably, Barack Obama, although with him (as opposed to Reagan) a heavy dose of narcissistic self-fulfillment is admixed with genuine ideological conviction.

Hillary Clinton's problem is age, not chronological but political. She's been around for so long that who can really believe she suddenly has been seized with a new passion to champion, as she put it in Iowa, "the truckers that I saw on I-80 as I was driving here"?

Or developed a new persona. She will, of course, go through the motions. Her team will produce a "message," one of the most corrosive, debased words in the lexicon of contemporary politics — an alleged synonym for belief or conviction, it signifies nothing more than a branded, marketing strategy.

She will develop policies. In Iowa, she'd already delivered her top four, one of which is to take unaccountable big money out of politics. This is rather precious, considering that her supporters intend to raise $2.5 billion for 2016 alone and that the Clinton Foundation is one of the most formidable machines ever devised for extracting money from the rich, the powerful and the unsavory.

She will try to sell herself as champion of the little guy. Not easy to do when you and your husband have for the last 25 years made limo-liberal Davos-world your home. Hence the van trek to Iowa, lest a Gulfstream 450 invade the visual.

Clinton's unchangeability, however, is the source of her uniqueness as a candidate: She's a fixed point. She is who she is. And no one expects -- nor would anyone really believe — any claimed character change.

Accordingly, voters' views about her are equally immutable. The only variable, therefore, in the 2016 election lies on the other side, where the freedom of action is almost total. It all depends on who the Republicans pick and how the candidate performs.

Hillary is a stationary target. You know what you're getting. She has her weaknesses: She's not a great campaigner, she has that unshakable inauthenticity problem and, regarding the quality most important to getting elected, she is barely, in the merciless phrase of candidate Obama in 2008, "likable enough."

But she has her strengths: discipline, determination, high intelligence, great energy. With an immense organization deploying an obscene amount of money. And behind that, a Democratic Party united if not overly enthusiastic.

That's why 2016 is already shaping up as the most unusual open-seat presidential race in our time: one candidate fixed and foregone, the other yet to emerge from a wild race of a near-dozen contenders with none exceeding 20 percent.

So brace yourself for a glorious Republican punch-up, punctuated by endless meta-coverage of the Democrats' coronation march. After which, we shall decide the future of our country. Just the way the Founders drew it up.

OUR VIEW

Youth deserve a chance to weigh in on city's future

Wanted: Ideas about what Midland could be from today's youth.

This community is hearing from everyone when it comes to making Midland a better place.

Leaders of the city's top businesses and foundations are meeting regularly to see what solutions are possible for today's biggest problems.

The Midland Chamber of Commerce has put together a program called Midland First to gauge what is needed as the population continues to grow and challenges come before us.

The city of Midland is drafting its own long-term plan that will be the guide for city leaders and decision-makers to use for development. It's called Tall City Tomorrow.

These programs are all worthwhile and can lead to a bigger and better community. However, we hope that these groups don't forget to seek input from a relatively quiet, albeit large group of Midlanders — our youth.

Today's younger leaders deserve the opportunity to weigh in on how to make Midland better tomorrow, next decade and well into the future. The reality is that the community needs the best and brightest to go off to college and come back and call Midland home.

So, the Reporter-Telegram is calling on younger Midlanders who are interested to step forward and let us know your thoughts. What matters to you and your peers? From education to activities, if we are talking about improving this community — or at least preparing it for the next 20 to 30 years — what would you like to see? Many of you might not be able to vote, but you should have a say, and we will reserve column inches for those who are interested.

Contact Editor Stewart Doreen at sdoreen@mrt.com if you are interested.

Laurels

■ For 8-year-old Riley Hardin, who on Saturday will be testing for his Poom second-degree black belt in taekwondo. The Midland youth, who started taekwondo when he was 6, spends 10 hours a week at Midland Taekwondo Training Center and often helps other students, according to an article in Tuesday's Culture section. Good luck, Riley. May you have continued success in the martial arts.

■ For a generous reader who contributed more than $360 to Managing Editor Mary Dearen's fundraising efforts. Dearen is walking in the annual Autism SHARE Walk on April 25, and her donation will include change she has found during her daily walks since last year's event ($33.29 to date). In response to Dearen's fundraising appeal, one long-time reader donated change she has collected over the past two years. Dearen took the change to a financial institution to be counted and left with $369.54. This donor (who wishes to remain anonymous) is but one an example of Midland's philanthropic spirit. Her contribution is appreciated. Anyone else want to contribute? Contact Dearen at 687-8852 or mdearen@mrt.com.

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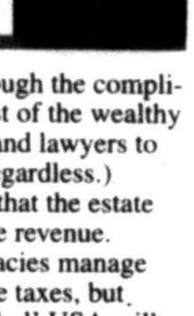
Estate tax vote leads to hysterics

■ Democrats worry that someone, somewhere, might be passing on wealth to his or her heirs



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Prepare for the rise of the landed nobility. Democracy as we've known it was nice while it lasted, but House Republicans have signaled the beginning of its end with a vote to repeal the estate tax.

Or so you would believe, based on the hysterics on the left over the proposed end of a minor, inefficient tax that is evidently the fragile keystone of our system of government and way of life.

"Repealing the estate tax will surely sow the seeds of a permanent aristocracy in this country," according to Rep. Jim McDermott of Washington. His colleague, Rep. Ron Kind of Wisconsin, denounced the rise of "a caste system where birth equals outcome."

The unhinged reaction to the House vote -- the Senate won't pass repeal, and President Barack Obama would veto it if it got to his desk -- is based on the Democrats' profound worry that someone, somewhere, might be passing on wealth to his or her heirs.

That they consider this a bizarre, threatening act that should be restrained as much as possible by the force of government speaks to their disconnection from human nature, not to say basic justice.

From time immemorial people have sought to better their lot in life, in part to provide for their children and grandchildren. By any reasonable standard, this is a praiseworthy and unselfish motivation. In what perverse world is it a criticism to say of someone at his death, "It's such a shame — he saved too much money to pass on to his kids and their families"?

Democrats look at such an elemental human act and see, firstly, a dastardly blow for wealth inequality (because not everyone is blessed with such parents and grandparents), and, secondly, a taxable event. The estate tax is the vehicle for these impulses.

At 40 percent, the U.S. has the fourth-highest marginal tax rate on estates of any developed country. But the exemption is high, $5,430,000, to keep the tax from ensnaring families who aren't plutocrats, but have built successful businesses and farms.

This means the revenue haul is relatively insignificant, at $20 billion a year, although the compliance costs are high. (The wealthiest of the wealthy deploy a battery of tax specialists and lawyers to shield their assets from taxation, regardless.)

Other countries have concluded that the estate tax simply isn't a good way to raise revenue. Some Scandinavian social democracies manage to do without estate and inheritance taxes, but we're supposed to believe the good ol' USA will be utterly bereft without one. (Both Sweden and Norway eliminated theirs in recent years.)

The utility of the estate tax is really as a symbolic totem of the redistribution of assets that the left considers ill-gotten gains.

Dana Milbank of The Washington Post huffs that reducing the bite of the estate tax, "does little to prevent a permanent aristocracy from growing — and abolishing it entirely turns democracy into kleptocracy." A kleptocracy? That is the corrupt rule of a self-serving elite. In this case, the alleged corruption consists of families keeping their own wealth within the family.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., has said that repealing the death tax means "helping the wealthiest people in the country." *Helping*. Is it really such untoward assistance to allow you to control to whom your wealth goes upon your death?

Most Americans would answer "no," which is why the estate tax is persistently unpopular even though its reach is relatively small. Liberals tend to be puzzled by public opinion on this question. "Like it or not," blogger Kevin Drum has written by way of explanation, "I think that most people simply have an instinctive feeling that you should be able to bequeath your money to whoever you want."

Of course they do. It takes a peculiar ideology indeed to think the opposite and to consider someone's death as an occasion to strike a blow for social justice.

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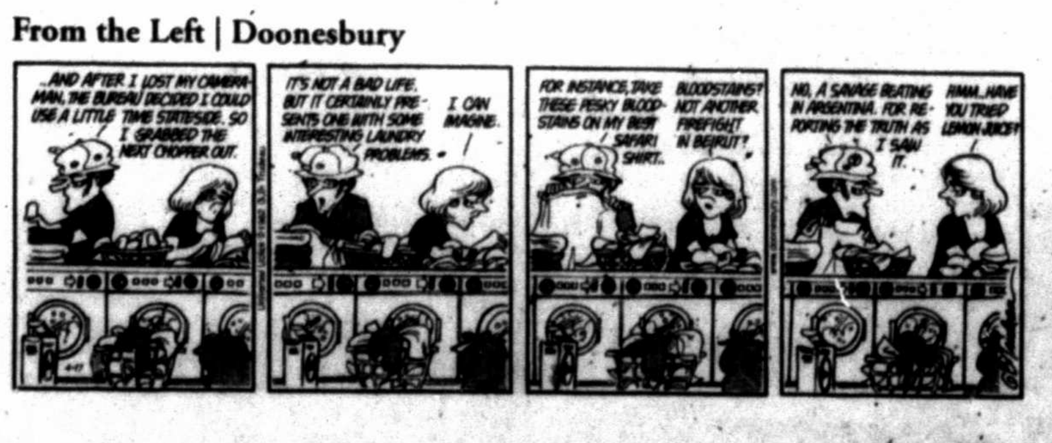

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Obama signs overhaul of how Medicare pays doctors

By Jim Kuhnhenn and Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ending years of last-minute fixes, President Barack Obama on Thursday signed legislation permanently changing how Medicare pays doctors, a rare bipartisan achievement by Democrats and Republicans.

The bill overhauls a 1997 law that aimed to slow Medicare's growth by limiting reimbursements to doctors. Instead, doctors threatened to leave the Medicare program, and that forced Congress repeatedly to block those reductions.

Obama signed the legislation Thursday in front of reporters and photographers, sitting alone and coatless in balmy spring weather on the patio of the White House Rose Garden. The Senate passed the bill two days ago; the House approved it in March.

Obama praised Republican House Speaker John Boehner and House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi for negotiating the legislation.

He said the new law helps Medicare by giving assurance to doctors about their payments.

"It also improves it because it starts encouraging payments based on quality, not the number of tests that are provided or the number of procedures that are applied but whether or not people actually start feeling better," Obama said. "It encourages us to continue to make the system better without denying service."

The bill blocked a 21 percent cut in Medicare payments that was due to take effect this month. It also revamps how physicians will be paid in the future, by providing financial incentives for physicians to bill Medicare patients for their overall care, not individual office visits.

Noting the unusual bipartisan nature of the bill, Obama said, "I hope this becomes a habit."

In Congress, Boehner praised Pelosi for "her indispensable leadership in helping tackle these challenging issues."

"It was achieved by working together to find common ground," Boehner said Thursday at a ceremonial appearance with Pelosi, who's more typically his legislative antagonist.

Obama said he planned to hold a reception for lawmakers next week to salute them for their work. He said he wanted to sign the bill promptly to avoid reduced reimbursements to doctors.

As the measure neared passage, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services said that without action, it would start making payments at the lower rates on Wednesday.

But the agency said Thursday it was already making most payments at the new full rates, even ahead of the president's signature.

That's a different scenario than federal officials and lawmakers described earlier this week, when Senate and House leaders were fending off 11th-hour objections and shepherding the legislation to final congressional approval.

PHOTO: President Barack Obama signs the bill H.R. 2 Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 on Thursday in the Rose Garden of the White House. The president signed legislation permanently changing how Medicare pays doctors, a rare bipartisan achievement by Democrats and Republicans. The bill overhauls a 1997 law that aimed to slow Medicare's growth by limiting reimbursements to doctors. Instead, doctors threatened to leave the Medicare program, and that forced Congress repeatedly to block those reductions.
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Q&A: Who is this flying man with message for Congress?

By Tamara Lush
Associated Press

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At his home in Ruskin, Fla., Doug Hughes puts address labels on half of the 535 letters to Congress that he delivered via gyrocopter.

RUSKIN, Fla. — Many questions surround the political stunt of a postal worker charged Thursday with violating national airspace and operating an unregistered aircraft by landing his gyrocopter on Capitol Hill.

Who is he?

Doug Hughes, 61, delivers the U.S. mail in a quiet suburb of Tampa, Florida, where he lives with his wife and 12-year-old daughter. He's also an amateur pilot and occasional blogger, expressing his frustration over the influence of money in politics.

What was he flying?

Hughes described his 250-pound gyrocopter, which looks and sounds something like a lawnmower, as nothing more than "a flying bicycle" that could be shot down by a Boy Scout with a BB gun. He said he assembled it from a kit and put the U.S. Postal Service logo on its tail to help make a point about delivering a message to Capitol Hill.

What was his message?

Hughes expressed hopes that his flight, which ended with his immediate arrest by Capitol Police, would persuade people to press for stronger campaign finance restrictions. He said he was carrying 535 letters on the subject, one for each member of "a sold-out Congress."

What inspired him to take such risks?

A mix of family tragedy and public policy, it seems. Hughes wrote that he committed himself to lead a more meaningful life while grieving his son's suicide. He also expressed dismay that Americans don't pay more attention to people like Lawrence Lessig, the Harvard University professor whose online Rootstrikers campaign is struggling to inspire a mass movement to reform Washington.

Police don't even let kids fly kites near the White House or Capitol. What Hughes did has prompted investigations by the U.S. Secret Service, the Homeland Security Administration, the Federal Aviation Administration, the FBI and other agencies.

What was he thinking?

"No sane person would do what I'm doing," Hughes told The Tampa Bay Times before his flight. "I have carefully planned it so that nobody will get hurt, including me, especially me."

Isn't it irresponsible to provoke a response by federal agencies focused on preventing terror attacks?

"I'm not suicidal," Hughes wrote. "Terrorists don't announce their flights before they take off. Terrorists don't broadcast their flight path," he told the Times, describing himself as a kind of showman-patriot, a mix of revolutionary hero Paul Revere and legendary circus owner P.T. Barnum.

So the government knew he was coming?

Just who knew what when was under investigation Thursday, but Hughes had been discussing his plan in the broad strokes for years. Tipped to the scheme, the Secret Service said it interviewed Hughes as part of a "complete and thorough investigation" two years ago. Hughes laid out his plans on his website, and wrote that he even tried to warn the president. "My flight is not a secret. Before I took off, I sent an Email to info@barackobama.com. The letter is intended to persuade the guardians of the Capitol that I am not a threat and that shooting me down will be a bigger headache than letting me deliver these letters to Congress," he wrote.

Still, government snipers were ready to shoot Hughes down if he came much closer to the House and Senate. Now he could face years in prison and the loss of his postal worker's job. He wrote that he didn't even tell his wife about his plans, even though all this must affect her as well.

Was he prepared to pay these and other consequences?

Hughes answered this one on his website before taking off: "Civil Disobedience is not without risk, consequence and cost. Thoreau made that clear in his essay, and I accept the price, whatever it may be."

Jeb Bush: Campaign decision 'in relatively short order'

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — Jeb Bush said Thursday he will make up his mind "in relatively short order" whether to seek the Republican nomination for president in 2016.

The former Florida governor is going to New Hampshire to attend events called Politics and Pies in Concord on Thursday and Politics and Eggs in Manchester on Friday. He'll also speak at a GOP meeting Friday in Nashua with many potential rivals.

"Typical day in New Hampshire, apparently," Bush told reporters earlier Thursday in Mississippi, where he attended a bill signing ceremony with Republican Gov. Phil Bryant.

Bush said he's not concerned that several other hopefuls are ahead of him in launching their campaigns.

"I'm on a journey to kind of measure support," Bush said. "Other people's processes are not really that relevant to me. I'll make up my mind in relatively short order. I'm excited about just the possibility of being in a position to consider it."

He said his family supports his exploration of a presidential bid.

"In a campaign, no matter if it's running for governor or running for president or anything else, you've got to go earn it," Bush said. "You've got to go earn people's respect and persuade people that your ideas are better, that you have leadership skills to make it happen. You've got a heart for people. Those are the things that matter. Who's winning, who's losing? Who cares?"

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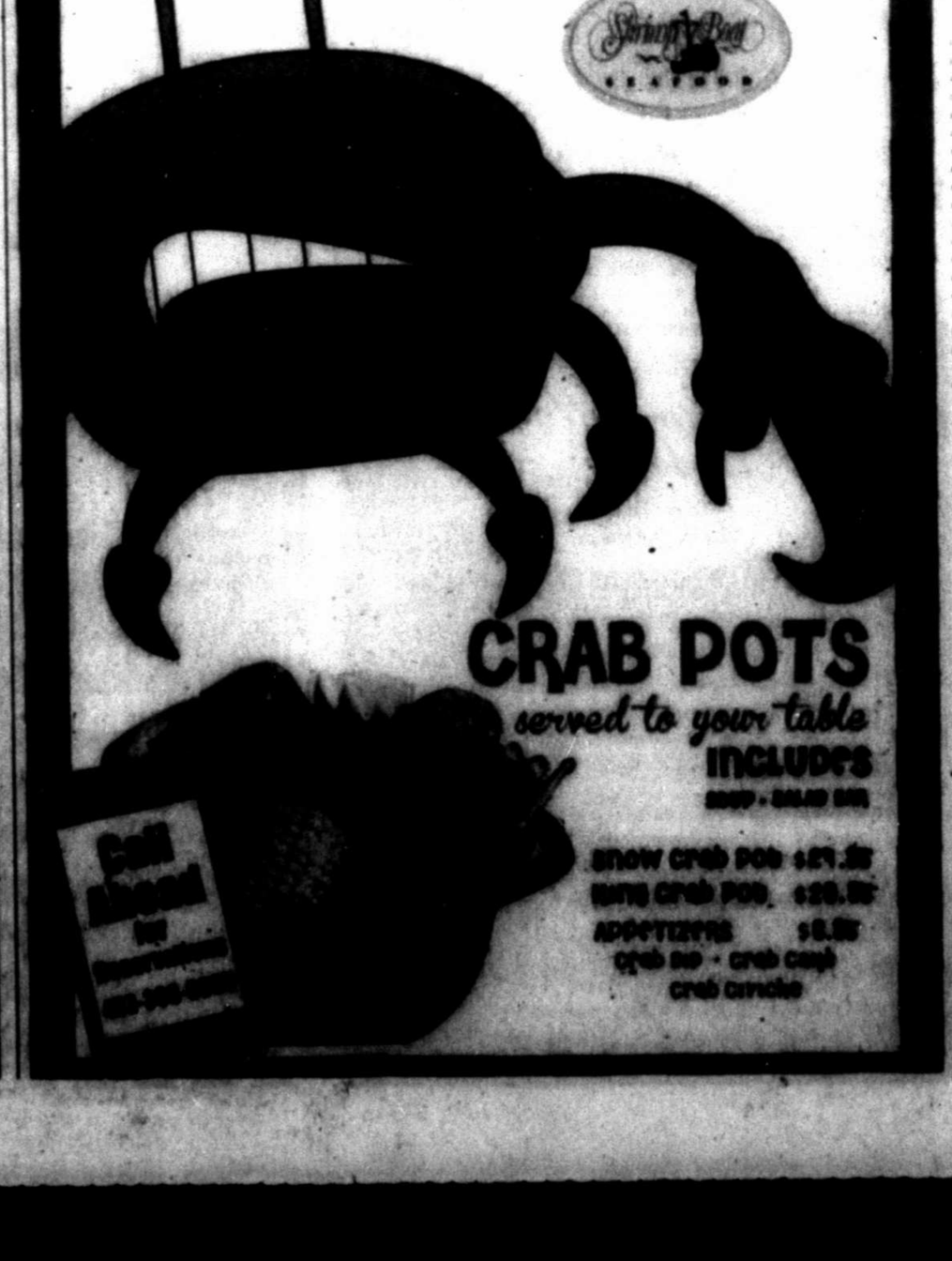

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WINE, WOMEN AND SHOES Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center benefit is this week at Midland Center.

COMING SOON

CHRISTIAN CONCERT Trip Lee, Derek Minor and Social Club to play Midland First Assembly of God.

See more calendar items on Page 4B.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

HAMMER IT HOME Funders and supporters of Habitat for Humanity recently gathered to hammer in the first nails and sign studs for the first home in the Cloverdale Road project. See photos on Page 6B.

FIREHOUSE RAFFLE Firehouse Subs and Bad Boy Blast are partnering to support local volunteer fire departments. BBB will sell raffle tickets 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at the restaurant. Firehouse Subs will upgrade a sandwich to a combo for anyone who purchases a ticket. Fire trucks will be on display for kids.

CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK Stripes Convenience Stores will be selling $1 Miracle Balloons through May 5 to raise money for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

FIGHT HUNGER SPARK CHANGE Walmart recently launched its Fight Hunger. Spark Change. nationwide campaign. Customers can make a donation to West Texas Food Bank at the register during checkout through May 3.

IN NEED

SPARE CHANGE Managing Editor Mary Dearen is preparing for the 2015 Autism SHARE Walk, set for April 25 at Grande Communications Stadium. Her donation will include change she finds during her daily neighborhood walks.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the cause can contact Dearen at mdearen@mrt.com or 687-8852. You also may make a contribution at her walk fundraising page. Google "2015 Autism SHARE Walk" and type in Mary Dearen under participant.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS Compass Hospice is looking for volunteers. Call Stacie DeMoss at 704-5211 or email sdemoss@compasshospice.com.

MENTORS NEEDED Big Brothers Big Sisters is in need of school-based mentors. Volunteers meet with a child for one hour a week at an elementary school. For more information, call 687-0195.

NEW HOME FOR A GROWING CHURCH

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TOP: Pastor Scott Sheppard, with One Hope Church of Christ, shows some of the artwork done by parishioners in the education wing as renovations continue in the new buildings, on Thursday. **ABOVE:** Sheppard talks about the food pantry the church runs out of one of the new buildings they purchased recently.

Church plans hospital ministry in former bookstore building

■ One Hope Church of Christ still seeks homes for remaining books

By Steve Kuhlmann
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While a shopping center changing hands is not too surprising, it's not often that the organization buying it is a church. One Hope Church of Christ, which bought the shopping center that previously housed local bookstore Miz B's Books, is hoping to move into its new property by the end of May.

The young church's pastor, the Rev. Scott Sheppard, said the church chose the location for one very specific reason: Its proximity to Midland Memorial Hospital.

"We really want to be a ministry to the hospital," said Sheppard, adding many of the church's members have had personal experiences with family members in long-term hospital stays. "There is really not a good place for you in a hospital for long-term care. You end up sleeping on the floor in the corner or out in your car. It gets very expensive when you start to think about meals and things like that. We're a block and a half from the hospital, and we want this to be a refuge for folks like that."

After it's renovated, Sheppard said the standalone building on the corner of the church's new property will serve as a resource for the loved ones of long-term hospital patients. The facility will include a shower, washer and dryer, Internet services, tables and couches and a kitchen area with crock pots, microwaves and easily prepared foods.

"I personally have been there and done that with one of my children," Sheppard said. "What a blessing that would have been in our life if we had that."

In addition to offering services to the hospital, Sheppard said the church is currently operating a food pantry — equipped to served 60-80 families at a time — and is planning to open a clothes closet after renovations to the center have been completed.

The section of the building that previously housed Miz B's will be converted into the church's auditorium. While the church is excited to get started, Sheppard said there is one obstacle that must be addressed before work can begin — books.

Sheppard said while the owner of Miz B's packed up and took the majority of the store's books, "thousands" still remain. Although it hasn't had much luck so far, Sheppard said the church is offering the books for free. He is still hopeful someone will find a use for them.

The remaining segments of the building will be repurposed for youth education, Bible study, a clothes closet and the food bank. The church also plans to install a playground and picnic area on the side of the side of the building that will be open to the community.

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Community and Senior Services announces name change

■ Nonprofit's new name is Senior Link Midland

By Steve Kuhlmann
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After more than three decades of service in Midland, Community and Senior Services announced this morning it will be adopting the new name Senior Link Midland — a name Executive Director Jody Sneed said provides an accurate description of the nonprofit's purpose.

"We link seniors to Midland, and that is something that we have always done," Sneed said. "We have linked seniors to services that we have available, and if they need something that we don't provide, we're able to link them to that other resource. We link them to each other, and we link them to the community through the services that our volunteers provide."

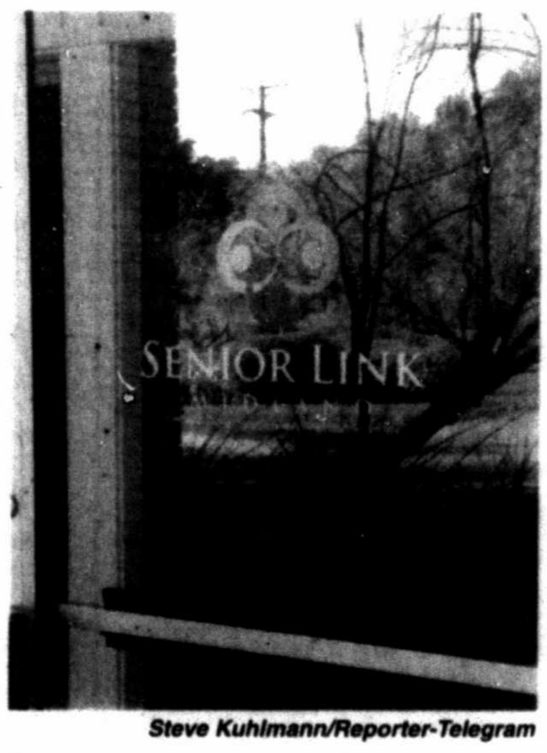
The nonprofit — which is best known for operating the local Meals on Wheels program — is hoping that with the name change, it will have the opportunity to reach those who may not be aware of the several other services it provides.

"Many people, when they heard Community and Senior Services, they thought we were a government agency," Sneed said. "For the majority of longtime Midlanders that were familiar with the CSS, they usually knew it by the initials and not the full name and really just knew us for Meals on Wheels and the Texas Sized Garage Sale, which benefits Meals on Wheels."

Although the newly christened Senior Link Midland and its staff are excited for the changes to come, Sneed said the process of transitioning the nonprofit — updating policies, procedures and technology — has not been an easy one.

"When you've been doing things the same way over a period of decades, change doesn't come easy," Sneed said. "We've been working hard, moving on multiple fronts for the last 18 months just to get ahead of where we think we need to be."

One such front is in helping to modernize the senior centers and some of the nonprofit's programs for the incoming group of seniors who are different from the previous generation in some key ways, said Sneed.



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Senior Link Midland's new logo seen on the door of their office.

"The people that are just now turning 65 have a much different approach to the golden years as compared to the people that are already in their 70s and 80s now," Sneed said. "They will probably never refer to themselves as a senior citizen. It's very much a generational view of where they are in life as opposed to their parents that embraced that title. It's not that they look down on it, they just say that it's just not who they are."

An important update Sneed said is coming is making sure the senior centers are WiFi ready for the incoming "younger senior citizens that are more technologically literate."

Beyond that, Sneed said Senior Link has hired a new program coordinator who will be working with both seniors and the senior centers to "bring the community in."

Senior Link will also be actively seeking ways to reach out to not only seniors, but their families and loved ones as well to ensure they are aware of its message and the services it provides.

"One big aspect of raising community awareness will be through social media," Sneed said. "Many of our current clients are not on Facebook, but their kids, grandkids

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Senior Link Midland is more than Meals on Wheels

Although it is best known for its Meals on Wheels program, nonprofit Senior Link Midland has far more than that to offer. While Meals on Wheels alone has more than 1,200 volunteers, other programs — such as those in the nonprofit's Senior Corps — boast nearly 900 as well.

Here are just a few of the programs Senior Link offers through its Senior Corps:

Foster Grandparents

For its Foster Grandparents program, Senior Link recruits active, low-income seniors to be assigned to a classroom where they mentor three to four at-risk students in exchange for a small monthly stipend. Foster grandparents help the students with homework, reading and even just encouragement. Active in 18 Midland schools and agencies, according to Senior Link, foster grandparents put in nearly 48,000 hours of service during 2014.

Senior Companions

A sister program to Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions also recruits active, low-income seniors to provide in-home respite care to homebound seniors in exchange for a small monthly stipend. Senior companions allow caregivers the opportunity to take a break and get out of the house for some much needed time to themselves. According to Senior Link, senior companions provided nearly 48,000 hours of service to more than 100 elderly clients in 2014.

RSVP

The RSVP program matches active seniors 55 and older with the various volunteer needs of 60 nonprofits throughout Midland. From stuffing envelopes to working with the Red Cross or the Bush Tennis Center, RSVP volunteers can be seen working all across town said Jody Sneed, Senior Link executive director. According to Senior Link, the nearly 700 seniors involved in the program put in almost 100,000 hours of service in 2014.

For more information on Senior Link Midland, its programs or how to get involved, visit seniorlinkmidland.org.

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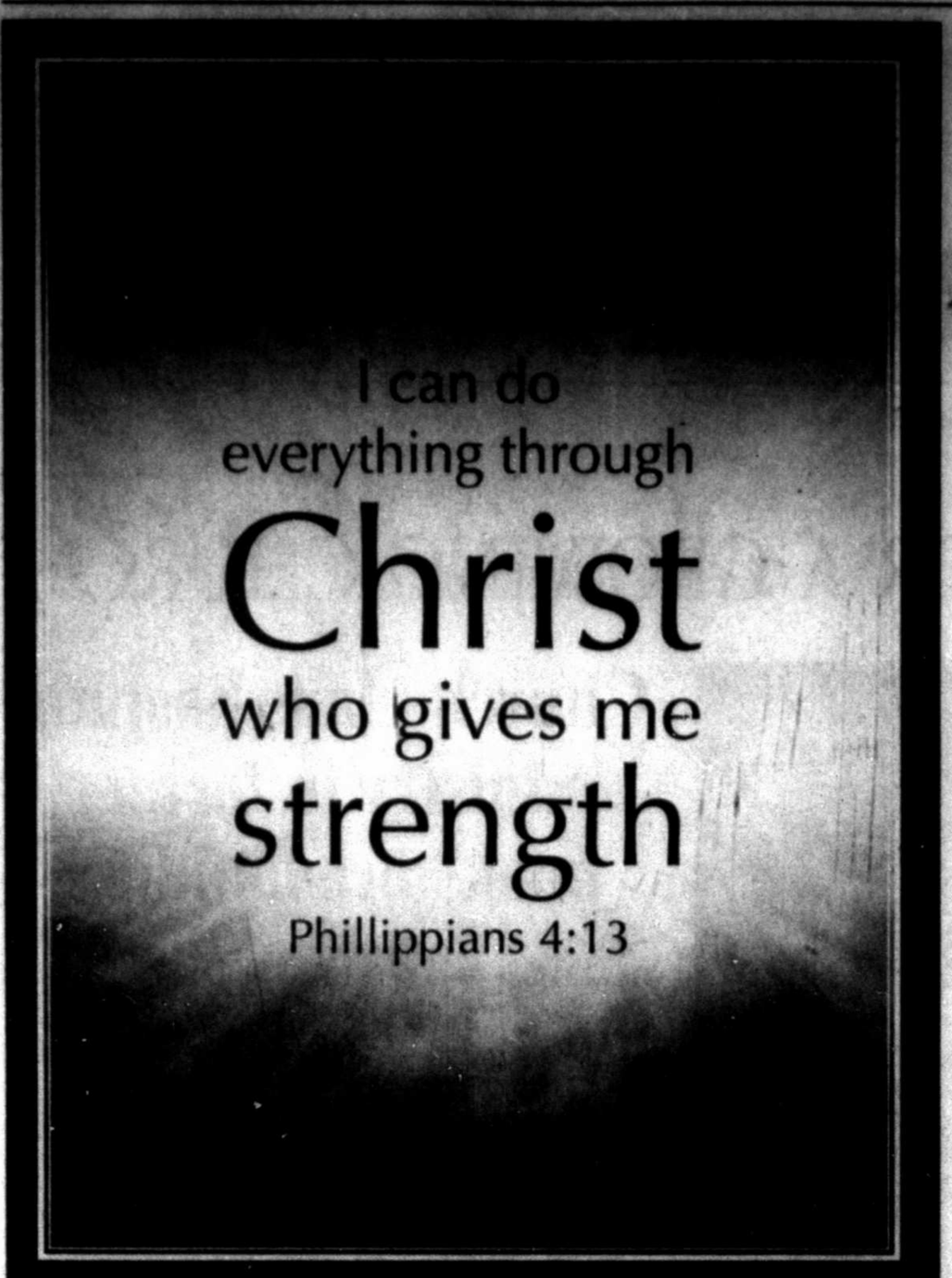

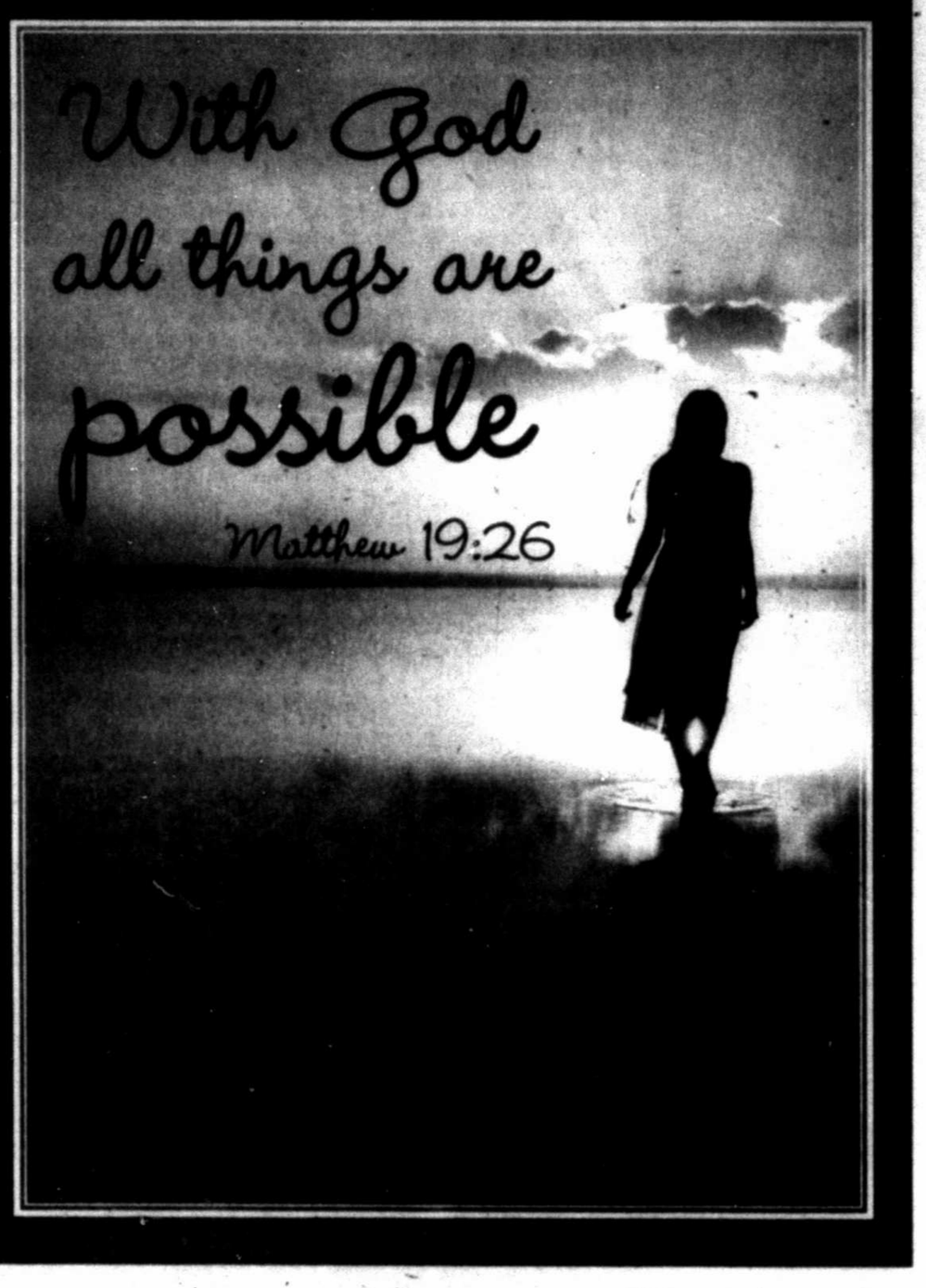

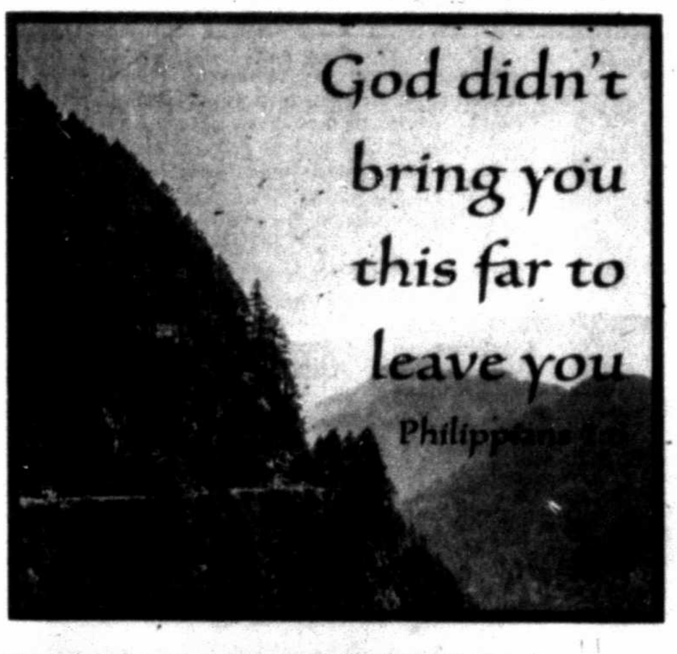

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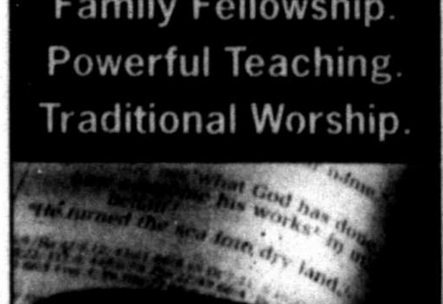

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Alamo Heights Baptist Church
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432-697-3101

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432-682-9474

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1410 S. Calhoun St
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432-681-8200

Cuthbert Ave. Baptist Church
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432-694-6075

Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church
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Grace Covenant Church
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432-553-1053

Hope Line Baptist Church
4406 Mockingbird Lane
432-695-6365

Ebenezer Baptist Church
2400 N. Tyler
432-686-9923

Emmanuel Baptist Church
(Iglesia Bautista Emanuel)
1800 Cherry Ln
432-686-8209

Fannin Terrace Baptist Church
2800 Mogford
(432) 682-5272

First Baptist Church
2104 W. Louisiana Ave
432-683-0900

Goodwill Baptist Church
1508 S. Main
432-684-4831

Greater Ideal Baptist Church
411 S. Tyler
432-682-8169

Greater Mt. Zion Baptist
1700 Cloverdale
432-685-1301

Greater New Hope Baptist
2400 E. New York
432-684-6893

Greenwood Baptist Church
9501 FM 307
432-685-1249

Hillcrest Baptist Church
5200 W. Illinois
432-520-7733

Macedonia Baptist Church
201 S. Carver
432-682-7120

Midland Korean Baptist Church
5001 Sinclair Ave.
432-413-9593

Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist
303 E. Shandon
432-682-4931

Mt. Rose Baptist Church
211 N. Tyler St.
432-682-4777

New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist
1801 N. Carver
432-682-6457

Northwestern Baptist Church
3901 Mockingbird Lane
432-369-0612

Ranchland Heights Baptist
3203 S.C.R. 1211
432-697-4471

Second Baptist Church
3125 Travis
432-694-9856

Southwest Baptist Church
8006 Hwy. 191
432-561-8885

Stonegate Fellowship
6000 W. Wadley
432-694-5100

Tall City Baptist Church
3500 Anetta Drive
432-694-7515

Temple Baptist Church
4301 Thomason Dr
432-694-3634

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1000 E. Gist
432-682-7812

Valley View Baptist Church
5500 FM 1213
432-682-4633

Victory Fellowship
3500 Anetta
432-563-2353

West Kentucky Baptist Church
1507 W. Kentucky Ave.
432-684-5458

Westside Baptist Church
4201 W. Illinois
432-697-1521

Wilshire Park Baptist
801 S. Bentwood
432-694-7787

Kelview Heights Baptist Church
402 W. Scharbauer Drive
432-682-3842

Bible
Calvary Chapel of Midland/Odessa
Highway 191 & FM 1788
432-561-9141

Colonial Bible Church
5711 Whitman
432-686-2612

Midland Bible Church
5900 Whitman Dr.
432-684-9722

Catholic
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
1301 E. Garden Lane
432-682-2581

San Miguel Archangel Catholic Church
1100 Camp Street
432-570-0952

St. Ann's Catholic Church
1906 W. Texas Ave
432-682-6303

St. Michael The Archangel Traditional Catholic Church
3001 W. Golf Course Rd
432-686-7709

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4601 Neely Avenue
432-520-7394

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401 S. Main
432-686-0427

Christian Church of Midland
2608 Neely
432-684-7681

Community of Christ
3603 Douglas
432-694-7720

St. Paul CME Church
409 S. Lee
432-682-0010

Christian Disciples of Christ
Church on the Journey (Disciples of Christ)
1001 Andrews Highway
432-413-8326

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
1301 W. Louisiana
432-682-2541

Memorial Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
1001 Andrews Hwy.
432-694-5321

Christian and Missionary
Alliance Fellowship Community Church
5206 N. Midland Dr.
432-699-6068

Christian Science
Christian Science Church
1001 W. Tennessee
432-682-8197

Christian Science Reading Room
Mission Square, 4400 N. Big Spring St., Ste. A-10
432-682-8476

Church of Christ
Andrews Hwy. Church of Christ
4603 Andrews Hwy.
432-694-2394

Church of Christ in Greenwood
9501 FM 307
432-685-1249

Eastside Church of Christ
611 S. Webster
432-684-4733

Fairmont Park Church of Christ
3813 N. Midland Dr.
432-699-7064

Iglesia de Cristo
1501 E. Cherry Lane
661-3233, 634-1948

Iglesia de Cristo (En Espanol)
902 Midkiff Road
432-272-3724, 432-262-3969

Gardendale Church of Christ
4448 Morning Glory Rd.
432-366-0042

Golf Course Road Church of Christ
3500 W. Golf Course Rd
432-694-8836

Lamesa Rd. Church of Christ
3409 N. Lamesa Rd.
432-685-0885

Lee Street Church of Christ
101 N. Lee Street
432-684-4786

Main Street Church of Christ
101 W. Parker
(432) 570-1212

North "A" Church of Christ
505 San Angelo St.
432-682-8653

Northside Church of Christ
1511 N. Fort Worth St.
432-682-1553

Westway Church of Christ
1701 Hughes St.
432-889-6987

Westside Church of Christ
4410 W. Illinois Ave
432-694-3614

Woodcrest Church of Christ
1401 Woodcrest Drive
432-689-0955

Charismatic
Communidad Alabare, Community of Praise
1100 Dayton Rd
432-682-8433

Midland Christian Fellowship
(The Joyful Church)
2301 W. Indiana

Redeemer Christian Fellowship
3000 Franklin Street
432-683-1370

Church of God
Church of God
5300 Thomason Dr
432-694-7586

Church of God in Christ
Alexander Temple Church of God in Christ
200 N. Tyler
432-684-5466

Faith Temple Church of God in Christ
1605 N. Terrell
432-684-5253

Holy Trinity Church of God in Christ
1301 E. Cowden
432-682-9271

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
4805 Gateway St. & 2101 Tarleton St.
432-694-4716

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Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity
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432-683-4207

St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church
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Living Way Church Foursquare
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100 West Oak
432-352-9524

Full Gospel
Living Hope Church
2911 CR 1140
432-693-6398

Voice of Victory - A Word Church
1508 S. Main St.
432-686-7566

Redeemer Christian Fellowship
3000 Franklin Street
432-683-1370

Hindu
Hindu Association of West (HAWT)
4401 Cardinal Lane
432-520-4298

Inter-Denominational
Midland Center for Spiritual Living
1908 W. Wall, Ste. D-Midland, Texas
432-684-4230

Sovereign Grace Church
(formerly Christian Life Center)
2901 W. Kansas
432-683-4506

West Texas Cowboy Church
12144 E. Hwy 158, Gardendale, TX
432-488-8588

Jewish
Temple Beth El
1501 N. Grandview, Odessa, TX
432-550-5111

Lutheran
Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church
3800 Bluebird Lane
432-694-4971

Grace Lutheran Church
3000 W. Golf Course Rd
432-697-3221

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

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

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

Midland Lutheran Church
2705 W. Michigan
432-694-1373

Our Savior Lutheran Church
3309 Neely
432-694-4517

Messianic
Beit Haderekh
13370 Hwy 191, Odessa, TX
432-264-8976

Methodist United
Resurrection United Methodist Church
9541 W. 57th St., Odessa, TX
432-385-1212

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LifeHouse Fellowship
3300 Thomas Avenue
432-262-LIFE

Manna For Life Ministries
1312 S. Jackson, Odessa, TX
432-221-4072

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

New Harvest Fellowship Church
4010 North County Road 1130
(432) 853-9830 and (432) 894-6281

The Cowboy Church of the Permian Basin
3900 N. FM 1788
432-563-0028

Apostolic Assembly in the Faith Christ Jesus
2309 S. Fort Worth
432-686-8526

Beacon Light Outreach Ministries
410 S. Lee
432-599-0793

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

Christian Tabernacle Church
10807 W. CR 145
432-262-5072

Church in the Wind
1001 Austin St.
432-556-2062

Crossway Church Adult
1000 Upland
432-528-8541

Destiny by Grace Christian Worship Center
3303 S. Hwy 349
432-556-6638

Faith Apostolic Church
4001 W. Illinois Ave.
432-520-5371

Faith Country Church
Exit 143 off I-20 E. to FM 1208, 5 miles
432-458-3580

Footprints Redemption Church
6005 E Hwy 80 (Bus I-20)
432-664-9113

Greater Grace Temple Christian Faith Center
Midland Center Room 3
866-544-7223

Harvest Time Church
8300 State Hwy 191
432-563-5683

Heart of Worship Baptist Fellowship
1306 E. Taylor
432-337-9372

Iglesia de Dios 70 Dias
405 E. Stokes
432-684-8541

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

New Day Christian Fellowship
4200 W. Illinois, Suite 280
432-694-4233

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

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

Salvation Army Church
3500 Park Lane
432-683-3614

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

St. Paul C.M.C. Church
409 S. Lee Street
432-682-0010

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

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

Templo Jerusalem
1205 S. Belmont
432-683-4806

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

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

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

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

Pentecostal Assemblies of the World
Jesus Name United Pentecostal Church
3110 W. C.R. 116
432-694-8702

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

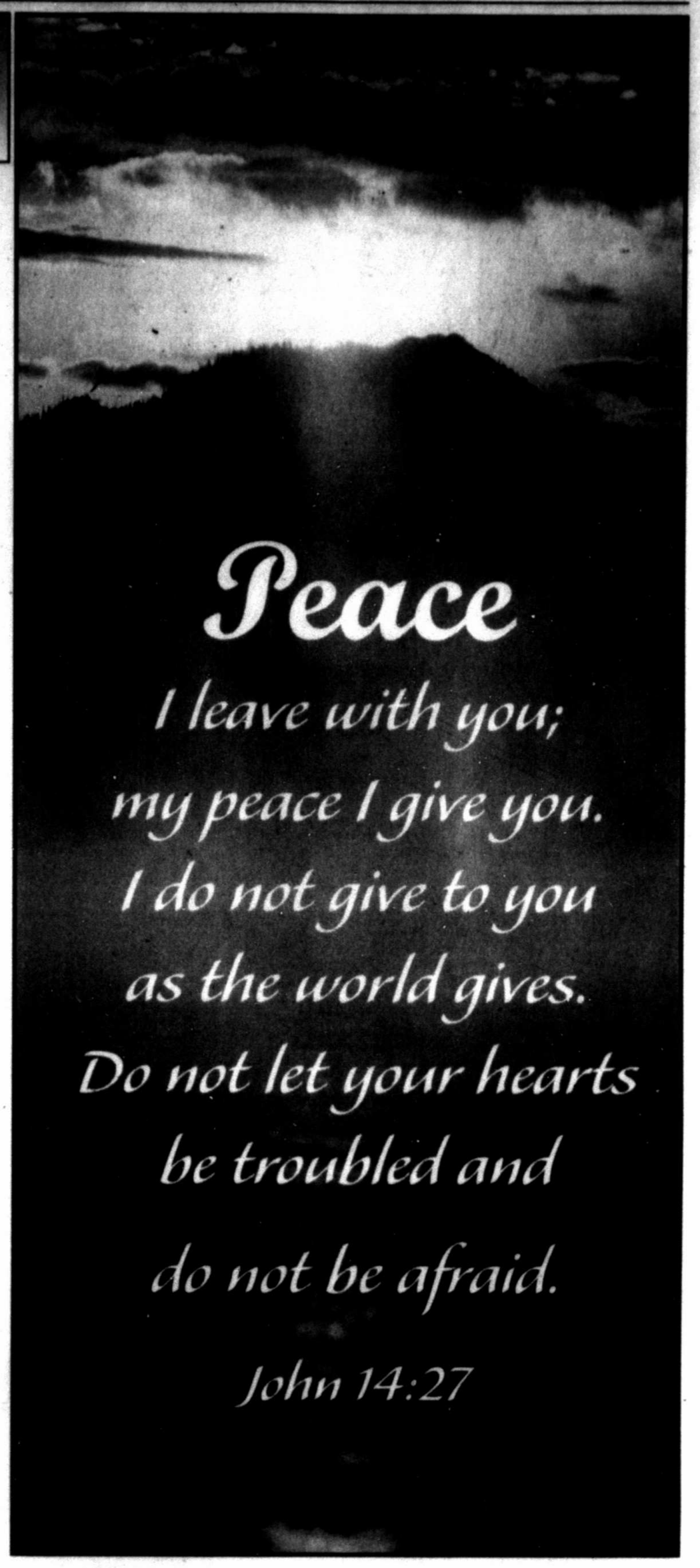
Seventh Day Adventist
Seventh Day Adventist Church
3114 Travis
432-694-2746

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

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

Grace Covenant Church
5711 Whitman
432-553-1053

Unitarian Universalist
Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland
3301 Neely
432-694-4308



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Obituaries

Gerald Donald Kabler

1942 - 2015

Mr. Gerald Kabler, 72, of Anderson, died Wednesday evening, April 8, 2015, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

A celebration of Gerald's life with military honors will take place 11:00 a.m. Monday, April 20, 2015 at his home located at 10425 County Road 208, off of FM 1774 between Anderson and Plantersville. Arrangements are with Lindley-Robertson-Holt Funeral Home of Navasota, Texas.

Gerald was born May 21, 1942 in Kingsville, Texas to Oliver Edgar and Clara Marie Davis Kabler. A 1962 graduate of Victory High School, Gerald followed by serving in the United States Army, 2nd 16th Infantry Regiment during the Vietnam War as a Ranger.

Gerald was a retired oil field worker, having spent most of that time living and working in Midland and Odessa for Tester Basin and Chemical Weed Control. Upon retirement, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, watching old black and white movies, especially westerns, and keeping up the news. He was a strong supporter of the 2nd 16th Infantry Wounded Warriors.

Survivors include his daughter, Debra Whatley (*ddwhatley@gmail.com*) and her husband Steven, his grandchildren, Christa Hoover and Ashley Daigle, and great grandchildren, Jaxon Hoover, Ellie Hoover and Etta Daigle.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorials in Gerald's name to the 16th Infantry Regiment Association Wounded Warriors at 16thinfassn.org or Doug Meeks, Treasurer, 1745 Belmonte Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32207 or a favorite charity.

You are invited to sign the guestbook and leave condolences for the family at *www.lindleyrobertsonholt.com*.

Nancy Maude Keeling Sparks

Nancy Maude Keeling Sparks passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2015 after a brief illness. She was born December 19, 1931 in Hugo, Oklahoma to parents Sibyl Templeton Cox and Claude Ray "Jerry" Keeling.

Nancy grew up in Norman, Oklahoma and had a knack for music. She attended the University of Oklahoma, where she played the bass in the OU Concert Band, as well as piano. She met the love of her life there, James W. Sparks, and they were married on January 26, 1951.

Jim and Nancy moved to Montana and New Mexico, finally settling in Midland in the late 1950's. Nancy was the treasurer of the Midland Symphony Guild, a member of Geo Wives, and president of Green Tree Country Club Women's Association. She was also a member of Memorial Christian Church. She taught piano lessons for many years, loved to travel, and loved spending time with her family.

Nancy is survived by her children, James M. Sparks and wife Judy Jordan, Glenda A. Sparks, and David A. Sparks and wife Carol Teague Sparks; three grandchildren, Ashley Sparks, Wesley B. Sparks, and Haley E. Sparks; and great grandchild, Trinity K. Elliot.

A celebration of her life will be on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Memorial Christian Church at 1001 Andrews Hwy.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Memorial Christian Church Food Pantry. Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*.

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Death Notices

Christina Noelle Gonzales-Armendariz

Christina Noelle Gonzales Armendariz, 28 of Midland, was called home by our Lord on Wednesday, April 15, 2015.

Christina was born on December 16, 1986 in Tucson, AZ to Ernest and Maria Gonzales. She is survived by her husband, Javier Armendariz; children, Dominic and Cylas Armendariz; parents, Ernest and Maria Gonzales; brother, Steve Gonzales; sister, Melissa Gonzales-Bird.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2015. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Midland.

Librado "Lee" Hinojos

Librado "Lee" Hinojos, 65, of Midland, died April 14, 2015.

He is survived by his son, Joseph Hinojos; daughters, Ariana M. Hinojos and Lori A. Jackson; and by one brother and three sisters.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at American Heritage Chapel.

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

RELIGONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

TENNESSEE

State plan to make Bible 'official' book derailed

NASHVILLE — The Bible usually unites Republicans in conservative Tennessee, but lately it is proving to be — as an epistle writer put it — more powerful and sharper than a double-edged sword.

Legislators here are deeply divided over a proposal to make the holy text an official state book, with some saying it's far too sacred to be trivialized like the state fruit (tomato), the state amphibian (Tennessee cave salamander) and several state songs ("Tennessee Waltz" and "Rocky Top").

Conversely, others believe the Bible is an integral part of the state's history, or don't want to appear to be against it. And then there are a host of constitutional questions to consider.

Despite those problems, House lawmakers on Wednesday voted 55-38 in favor of the plan. On Thursday, the proposal was derailed when the Senate voted 22-9 to send it back to a committee that has been closed, effeetively killing it for the year.

Some legislators might have felt compelled to support the measure or face political repercussions down the road.

"I think some of these state legislators probably just don't want to give their opposition an issue to run with," Vanderbilt University political science professor John Geer said.

NORTH CAROLINA

Evangelist Graham could be immortalized inside US Capitol

RALEIGH — The North Carolina House has decided it wants the Rev. Billy Graham honored with a statue on Capitol Hill.

The chamber voted Thursday on a bill officially asking a congressional committee to approve the likeness of the Charlotte-born evangelist inside the U.S. Capitol. It would replace the statue of former Gov. Charles Aycock, whose legacy has been diminished recently by ties to North Carolina's white supremacy movement.

LINK

From 1B

and families are. So we're trying to adapt and promote to them what we have available for their families and their loved ones. We want to tell people all the needs that we meet."

While a new Facebook page for Senior Link is still being prepared, Sneed said the nonprofit's new website, seniorlinkmidland.org, will launch today with a mirror website in Spanish.

"We want to make sure that we are serving everybody that needs services," Sneed said. "We just want to start opening that door as wide as we can and start letting folks know that we are here to help them."

As for the nonprofit's home, Sneed joked that "the national pastime of Midland is raising money for your favorite charity" and said the nonprofit was incredibly grateful for all of the Tall City's support throughout the years.

"Midland has been very generous to us when times are good as well as when times are bad, both with volunteers and with financial support," Sneed said. "We're very fortunate to be in Midland and what we want to do is make sure that people here, especially if they're new to Midland, understand what we do, how we can help the community, how we can help seniors and how they can get involved."

ONE HOPE

From 1B

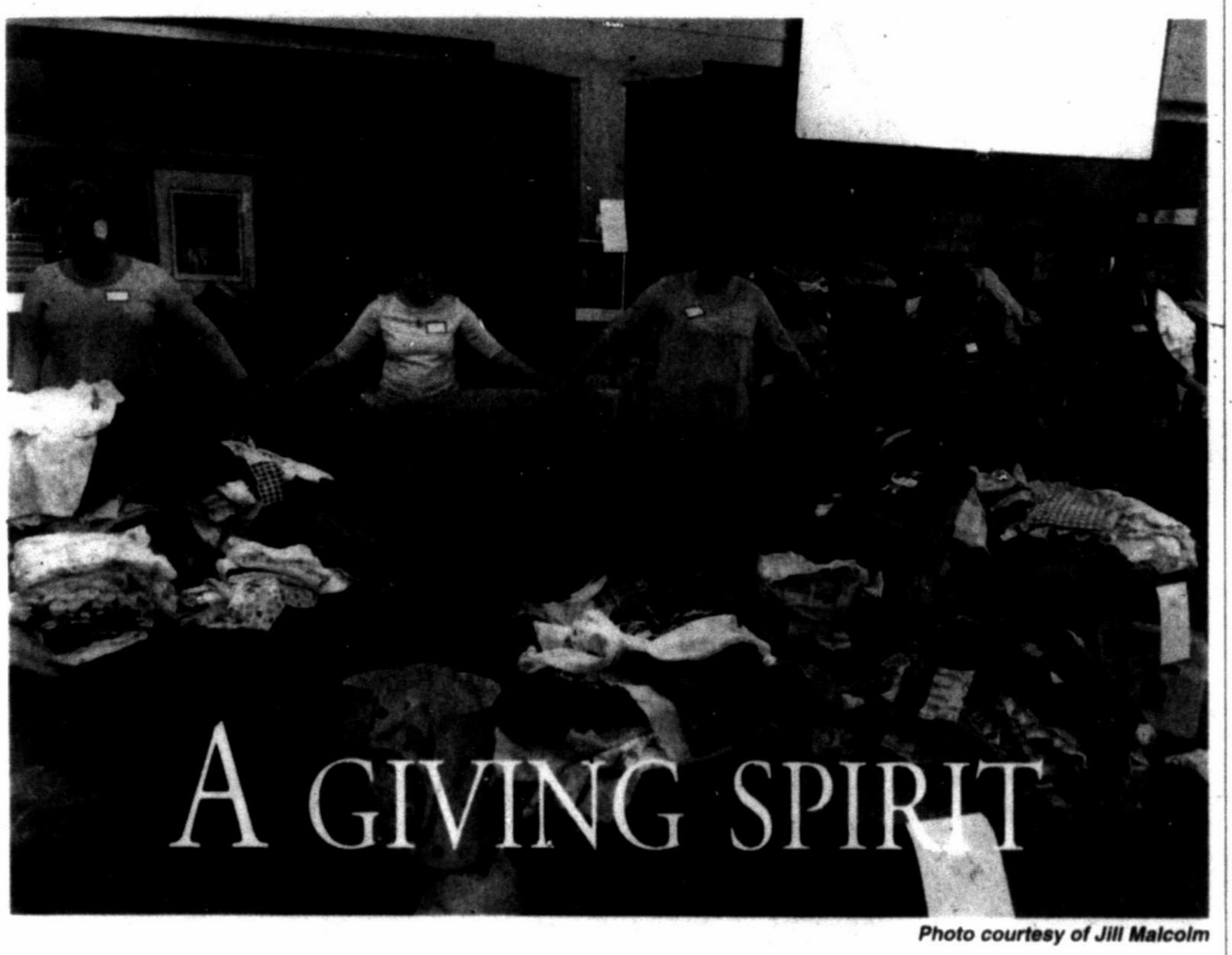
"We have several things coming; we're just not over here yet to implement them," Sheppard said. "Once we are, there will be quite a bit of effort to reach into the community because that's what we're here for."

Before helping to found One Hope Church of Christ in May of 2014, Sheppard — a pastor of more than 30 years — spent nearly 16 years at Midland's Fairmont Park Church of Christ "in just about every position they had."

Until it is ready to move into its new home, Sheppard said the church will continue to meet at the Palmer Drug Abuse Program facility where it has rented space since it was founded.

"We just want to try to minister to this area over here," Sheppard said. "We're excited to get over here so we can really get started."

For more information on One Hope Church of Christ and the services it has available, visit onehopecoc.com or call 528-9099.



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Volunteers with 3:11 Ministries pause in prayer Wednesday at Holy Trinity Church as they sort throught thousands of donated items for today's Days of Giving event. Local school counselors have handed out tickets to Midland families to come to the event and shop for free.

CALENDAR

Today

Film screening "The Hunting Ground" film screening and discussion hosted by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at the Permian Basin department of psychiatry, 6 p.m. at TTUHSC at the Permian Basin Auditorium in Odessa. ttuhsc.edu/odessa.

Concert Robert Earl Keen at Best of the Basin barbecue cookoff and concert benefiting Bynum School, 6 p.m. at CAF. bynumschool.org.

Saturday

Garage sale Children's Service League garage sale benefiting Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center. 889-6362.

Fundraiser Tossin for the Ticos Washers Tournament to benefit Costa Rican mission trip, 10 a.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. holycrossmidland.org.

Outdoors Basin PBS Explore the Outdoors, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at I-20 Wildlife Preserve. basinpbs.org.

Race Walk MS: Permian Basin for National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 9 a.m. at Sherwood Park in Odessa. nationalmssociety.org.

Meeting 12th annual Ladies Brunch, 10 a.m.-noon at Wilshire Park Baptist Church. 694-7787.

Fundraiser The Sharks to benefit Eastern European Mission, 7 p.m. at Golf Course Road Church of Christ. gcrcc.org.

Fundraiser 41st annual Crystal Ball benefiting High Sky Children's Ranch, at Petroleum Club. highsky.org.

Monday

Meeting How Diabetes Affects the Body free lecture series, 6 p.m. Monday and April 27 at Casa de Amigos. 682-9701.

Tuesday

Fundraiser Wine, Women & Shoes benefiting Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center, 6-9 p.m. at Midland Center. winewomenandshoes.com/midland.

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The Wine, Women & Shoes fundraiser takes place 6-9 p.m. Tuesday.

Wednesday

AFP meeting with Larry Hostetler on "Fundraising Ethics," 11:30 a.m. at Fischer Community Room, Atmos Energy. ryan@mctmidland.org.

Thursday

Meeting Precept Upon Precept Bible study, 9:15 a.m. at First Baptist Church. storrie@grandecom.net.

April

Walk 6th Annual Permian Basin Autism SHARE Walk, 9 a.m. April 25 at Scharbauer Sports Complex. spc.convio.net/autism-shapewalk.

Clothing and food drive, 9 a.m.-noon April 25 at Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. mbcmidland.org.

Concert Trip Lee, Derek Minor and Social Club, 7 p.m. April 26 at Midland First Assembly of God. firstagmidland.com.

Fundraiser Uptown Midland Business & Professional Women Bunco Fundraiser, 6 p.m. April 30 at Garden View Beer Garden. 687-1777.

Concert An Evening with Casting Crowns, 7 p.m. April 30 at Ace Arena in Andrews. whatyeshuacando.com.

Fundraiser National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Dinner of Champions honoring Steven H. Pruett, April 30 at The Petroleum Club. 634-8530.

May

Concert Aphasia Awareness Concert featuring Fleetwood Mask — Fleetwood Mac tribute band, 8 p.m. May 1 at Cimarex Energy Pavilion at Grande Stadium. aphasiawtx.org.

Golf Midland Memorial Hospital fourth annual golf tournament benefiting Be the Change, 1:30 p.m. May 2 at Hogan Golf Course. midland-memorial.com.

Show & Lunch Midland Need to Read Style Show & Luncheon, 11:30-1 p.m. May 7 at Midland Country Club. midland-needtoread.org.

Race Running for the Mission — Family 5K Run/Walk benefiting Mission Center Adult Day Service, 8:30 a.m. May 16 at Midland Shared Spaces. 230-0988.

Walk/Run/Swim for Hunger appreciation dinner and auction to benefit Jubilee Center, May 17 at Hogan Park. jubileemidland.org.

Meeting Be The Spark. Start A Fire, 6 p.m. May 24 at First Baptist Church. unspokenmusic.com.

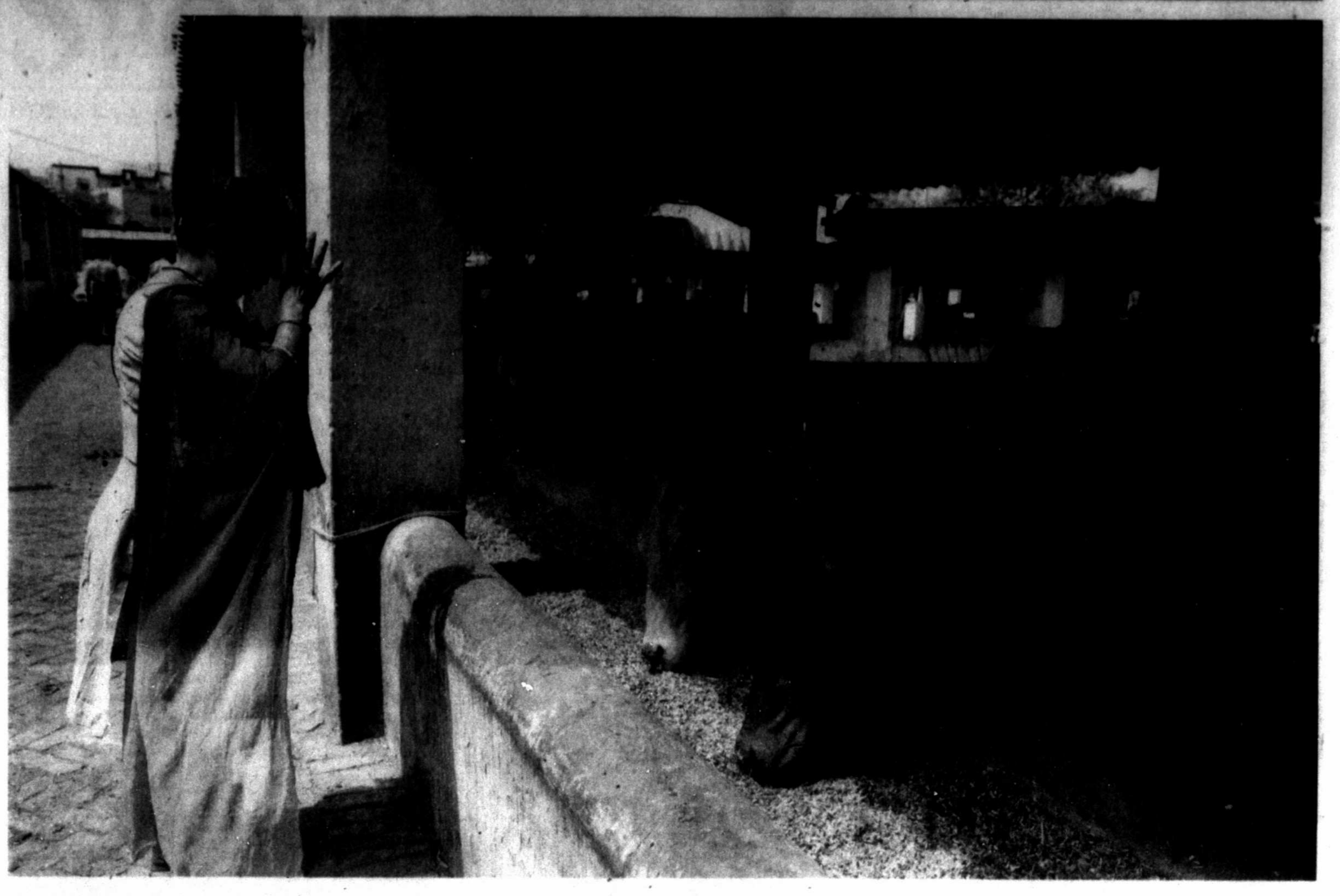
AFP meeting with Permian Basin Area Foundation on "Organization Overview," May 27 at Fischer Community Room, Atmos Energy. ryan@mctmidland.org.

June

Golf Pumpjack Paradise golf and entertainment with Bill Engvall and Tracy Byrd benefiting Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center, June 13 at Midland Country Club. 498-2053.

Pastor anniversary celebration, June 14 at Macedonia Baptist Church. 682-7120.

To include your event on this calendar, email Megan Buck at mbuck@mrt.com.



India's die-hard Hindus push to ban beef in blow to poor

By Nirmala George
Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Every morning just before dawn, hundreds of trucks loaded with buffaloes trundle into New Delhi's sprawling slaughterhouse complex where young men rush to unload the bellowing cargo. Skidding on heaps of fresh dung, they pull the animals out of the trucks, herding them for the daily auction and eventual slaughter. The work is hard and the money at the end of it, poor.

But the business is big. Despite Hindu beliefs that cows are sacred — and the fact that their slaughter is banned in most of the country — India is the world's fifth-largest consumer and second-largest exporter of beef. The meat, which in India comes from bulls and buffaloes, is widely eaten in some communities, particularly by low-caste Hindus and millions of Muslims and Christians.

With the victory of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party last year, hard-line Hindu groups are pushing to expand the slaughter ban to include all types of cattle, male or female. Meat traders, many of whom have carried their trade for generations, are worried about their jobs.

"This is a political decision," said Mohammed Aqil Qureshi, president of the Buffalo Traders Welfare Association in Ghazipur, the New Delhi neighborhood where the slaughterhouse complex is located. "They want to gratify the Hindus and harass the Muslims."

A beef ban would hit the poor the most, Qureshi said.

"This is poor people's food and is a key source of nutrition for millions of people," he said.

Beef is far cheaper than most meat in India, often just half the price of chicken, making it a key food for people struggling with poverty.

Fears among meat traders grew last month when India's second-most-populous state, Maharashtra, extended the slaughter ban to include bulls. While buffalo was not mentioned in the new law, buffalo meat quickly disappeared from most of the state's butcher shops, amid fears of communal violence if it was confused with cow meat.

The ban carries a stiff punishment: Bail is not allowed and anyone convicted of selling or possessing beef faces a five-year jail term and a $200 fine, a huge sum for poor Indians.

Within days of the ban, the red-meat business in Mumbai, the state capital, was forced underground, leaving restaurants and eateries scrambling for alternatives. Meat traders in Maharashtra have challenged the ban in court, saying tens of thousands of people have lost their jobs.

The state's decision did not come as a surprise. During his election campaign, Modi promised a countrywide ban on cow slaughter, and that has emboldened Hindu hardliners.

Other states ruled by Modi's party have promised to follow Maharashtra's example. The government in Haryana state, bordering New Delhi, is considering laws making cow slaughter comparable to murder. Offenders would face a life term for killing a cow or bull if the state adopts the planned legislation.

Many Hindus regard the cow as the living symbol of their religion. Hindu welfare organizations run "gaushalas," or cow shelters, in many cities where abandoned cows found wandering the streets are given food and shelter. Feeding a cow is seen by many Hindus as a way to appease the gods and get one's wishes fulfilled.

"Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna," chanted Minu Aggarwal, a housewife, as she fed soaked lentils and leafy greens to a cow at a New Delhi shelter. The chant means "Lord Krishna," a popular Hindu god.

As she bent down in obeisance near the animal, a shelter worker touched her head with the cow's tail — a blessing, Aggarwal said.

Pankaj Bansal, a New Delhi businessman feeding pieces of bread to a cow nearby, praised the bans.

"The cow is our mother," he said. "The ban should be imposed all over the country."

In recent decades, as millions of Indians traveled abroad for study and work, tastes have slowly changed. Today, many restaurants and small eateries serve steak and kebabs made from buffalo meat. Many people who in the past would not have eaten the meat at home in deference to strictly vegetarian parents and older relatives now openly broil buffalo meat.

Economists say a complete ban on cow slaughter could prove counterproductive as farmers would abandon their animals once they stop giving milk. Worse, farmers may consider it economically impossible to keep cows altogether if they must feed the animals for the rest of their lives, said Harish Damodaran, an economic analyst.

"The cow has a future only in the states that at least permit selective culling," Damodaran wrote in the Indian Express newspaper, bolstering his argument with figures that showed farmers switching to buffaloes in states that did not allow cow slaughter.

"Is the government going to tell us what we can eat and what we cannot eat? It's like telling people they can't eat sugar. This ban won't work."

Danish Qureshi, trader in Ghazipur

The ban could also spell disaster for India's beef exports, which have grown quickly over the past decade, increasing annually in recent years at 17-19 percent. This year, exporters were expecting a 25 percent increase. They hope they won't be hit hard, but they are anxious.

"With such a ban, meat exports are going to suffer badly," said an official at the state-run Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority. He spoke on condition of anonymity as he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Nearly $5 billion worth of buffalo meat was exported in 2013, with most headed to Southeast Asia and Persian Gulf countries.

"It's not just meat exports, but leather and leather goods, tallow, bone meal and other animal product exports that will also suffer," said D.B. Sabharwal, director of Allanasons, India's biggest exporter of buffalo meat.

For many Indians, a ban would be an unwelcome government intrusion into their personal lives.

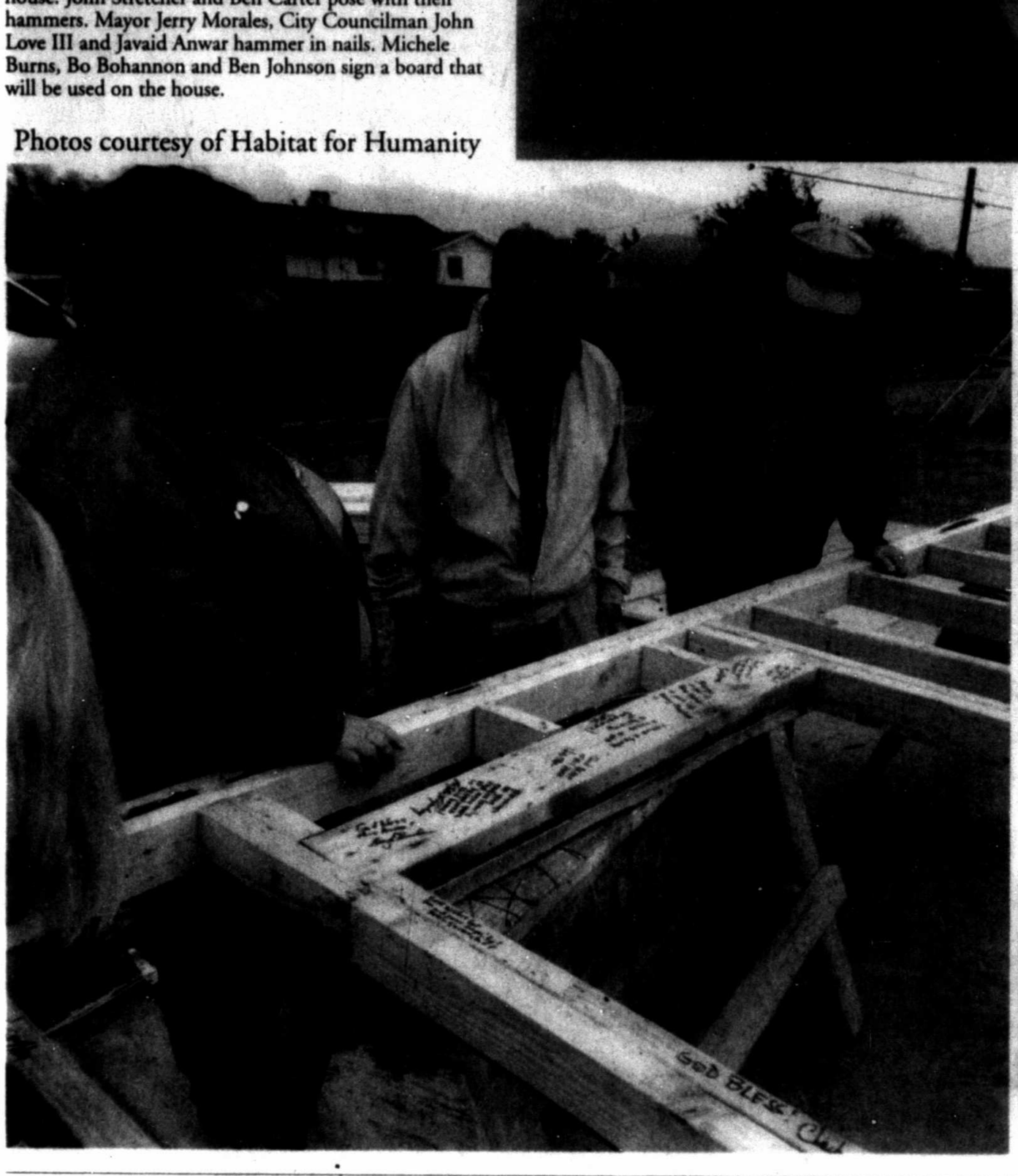
"Is the government going to tell us what we can eat and what we cannot eat? We've been eating beef for generations," said Danish Qureshi, a young trader at Ghazipur. "It's like telling people they can't eat sugar. This ban won't work."

Photos: **TOP:** A devout Hindu Vinod Chopra offers prayers after feeding cows at a shelter for cows in New Delhi, India, on April 2. Cows have traditionally been revered in India as Hindus consider the animal sacred. As a resurgent Hindu majority pushes for a nationwide ban on slaughtering cows, the meat industry is scrambling to survive and come up with a way to continue providing beef to the hundreds of millions within the country who still eat it despite the religious taboo. **MIDDLE:** Buffalo calves lie in front of a truck used to transport them at Ghazipur slaughterhouse complex in New Delhi, India, on April 2. **LOW:** A worker drags a buffalo after it is unloaded from a truck at Ghazipur slaughterhouse complex in New Delhi, India, on April 2. ***Photos by Associated Press***

A NEW HOME

Funders and supporters of Habitat for Humanity gathered Monday morning to hammer in the first nails and sign the studs of the first home being built in the Cloverdale Road development. The Don Hellinghausen Memorial Home is sponsored by Framing Square Lumber, ConocoPhillips, Helen Greathouse Charitable Trust and the J. Roberts Jones Charitable Trust. Clockwise from right: Russell and Katherine Jones hammer in nails on one of the boards used to build the house. John Stretcher and Ben Carter pose with their hammers. Mayor Jerry Morales, City Councilman John Love III and Javaid Anwar hammer in nails. Michele Burns, Bo Bohannon and Ben Johnson sign a board that will be used on the house.

Photos courtesy of Habitat for Humanity



Basin PBS hosts free event to get kids outdoors

From staff reports

Basin PBS is hosting a free event for children and parents Saturday at I-20 Wildlife Preserve. PBS, the Wildlife Preserve and Sibley Nature Center will provide activities for families from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event is part of Basin PBS' Explore the Outdoors initiative to encourage children and families to go outdoors and explore nature.

"Basin PBS is proud to provide Permian Basin families with fun and engaging activities to help kids explore their environment, and parents with educational tools and resources to plan their own outdoor adventure," said Stephanie Rivas, Basin PBS board member.

Saturday's event includes a guided nature walk for families, nature journal for kids to fill out, and feeder craft. Lunch will be provided by Double Dave's pizza.

Other Explore the Outdoors activities such as nature-themed games are available at pbskids.org/outdoors, and PBS KIDS will be airing outdoor-themed episodes of "Wild Kratts," "Dinosaur Train" and "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood" in conjunction with the initiative.

For more information, go to basinpbs.org.

Photos courtesy of Basin PBS

A child enjoys one of the events from the Explore the Outdoors event that was held April 6 at Museum of the Southwest. Basin PBS' Explore the Outdoors will again be held Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at I-20 Wildlife Preserve and Sibley Nature Center. The event encourages children and families to experience the outdoors and explore nature.

Retired Pope Benedict XVI celebrates 88th birthday with pint

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Retired Pope Benedict XVI celebrated his 88th birthday Thursday with a party and a pint of beer.

Photos released by the Vatican newspaper Thursday showed the German pope toasting a group of Bavarians in the Vatican gardens accompanied by his older brother, Monsignor Georg Ratzinger, and his longtime private secretary.

Pope Francis celebrated Mass in Benedict's honor Thursday morning, saying he hopes God "supports him and gives him much joy and happiness."

In recent interviews on the eve of the birthday, Benedict's secretary, Monsignor Georg Gaenswein, said the retired pope feels his age and thinks about his own mortality.

"The emeritus pope thinks about death and is preparing for his death," Gaenswein said in an interview with Mediaset television this week. "It's a Christian art, because preparing for one's death means preparing to meet God."

Ratzinger became the first pope in 600 years to step down, saying he didn't have the strength of body or spirit to carry on. Gaenswein told La Repubblica newspaper Thursday that he tried to persuade him to stay, but that Benedict was firm and serene in his decision.

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HS BASEBALL NOTEBOOK

MCS soldiers on, keeps winning despite injuries

By Will Korn
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Midland Christian baseball coach Mike Munguia said it's been a "weird" year for the Mustangs.

"I've never had near this many injuries," Munguia said. "It's been weird."

It seems like every week, the Mustangs (17-9, 9-1 in TAPPS 1-4A) have another ailing player. But one might not be able to from their recent play that MCS is beat up. The Mustangs have won eight straight games in district play and are now in a two-way tie for first place with Fort Worth Christian.

"We're finding ways to win without playing our best," Munguia said. "We're just trying to get healthy and get through these next two weeks."

MCS is in great position for another playoff berth. The Mustangs have five games remaining on their district schedule, with three of them at the friendly confines of Christensen Stadium.

In terms of the playoff chase, MCS needs to finish as one of the district's top four teams in order to extend its season past April 24. But Munguia said he feels good about his team's playoff chances, all things considered.

"We're in good shape," Munguia said. "Right now with where we're at, we want to get into the playoffs, get healthy, play hard and have fun."

The Mustangs will play Fort Worth Southwest Christian in a two game series in Fort Worth. The first game is set for 6 p.m. today and the second game is slated for 11 a.m. Saturday.

MHS FACES CRITICAL HOME CONTEST AGAINST ODESSA HIGH

The Midland High baseball team has a pretty important home game against Odessa High on Saturday.

"It's a big one," Russell said. "It's the start of the second half (of the district 3-6A season) and they've (OHS) beat us once. They're in front of us and have a one game lead on us. For tie-breaker purposes, we've got to at least have a split in the series with them. It's not going to put us in (to the playoffs) or knock us out, but it's going to have implications in both directions."

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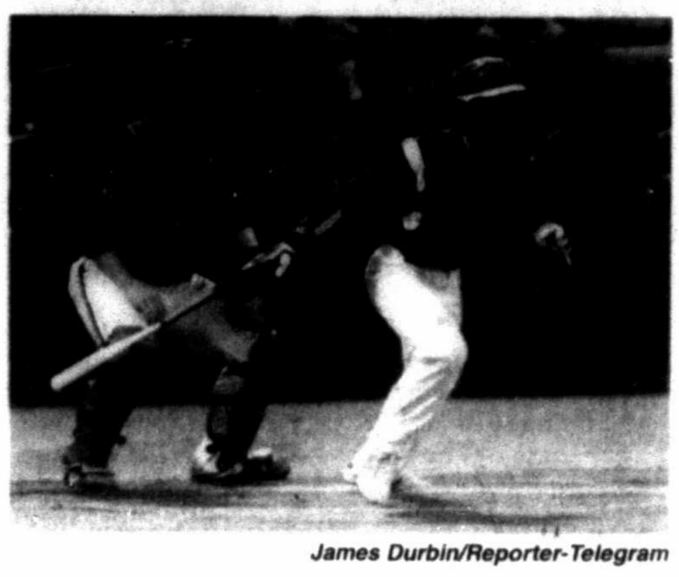

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Christian's Nolen Hester, right, puts the ball in play against Fort Worth Christian on March 20 at Christensen Stadium.

A vaunted vault

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Slade Harrell competes in the pole vault during the District 3-6A Track and Field Championships on Thursday at Memorial Stadium. Harrell won the pole vault event with a height of 13 feet.

MHS' Harrell flies to 1st place finish in pole vault

By Christopher Hadorn
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As a seventh grader, Midland High's Slade Harrell was inspired to become a pole vaulter after watching the event in the Olympics.

Harrell, now a senior, had been a fixture on the MHS pole vault team for four years, but he was still seeking his first medal at the district meet.

One of Harrell's dreams was finally realized on Thursday afternoon when he won the boys pole vault at the District 3-6A Championships at Memorial Stadium. Harrell equaled San Angelo Central runner-up Josh Sanchez with a height of 13 feet, but the former captured the title on misses.

With Harrell's first-place showing, the Bulldogs track program kept the district pole vault title in house after Kaleb Slack achieved the feat in 2014.

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See more from the District 3-6A meet.

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"I wanted to fly," Harrell said of why he chose the pole vault. "Everybody says 'whoa,' I couldn't do that. And there is no way, how do you do that?' And I thought, 'that was awesome.' I liked being different."

Harrell's win qualified him for the District 3-6A/4-6A Area Meet, which will be held April 24 at Abilene Christian University. Harrell will be joined by sophomore teammate Ryan Giddens, who earned an area berth with a fourth-place finish (12-0).

One of the amazing aspects about the Bulldogs pole vaulters is they have virtually taught themselves how to surmount the bar. It's remarkable considering the pole vault is a technical skill with a high degree of difficulty.

Yes, Harrell and the MHS pole vaulters get direction from coach Eddie DeLucas, part-time coach John Klattenhoff and Slack, now a graduate, but a lot of times they are on their own.

Harrell and Giddens have watched film of Olympians and top collegians to get better.

"YouTube videos, that's it pretty much," Harrell said. "Just fully understanding the vault and then whenever you can look at your own video, making

Please see HARRELL/4C

NFL reinstates Adrian Peterson from suspension

By Jon Krawczynski
Associated Press

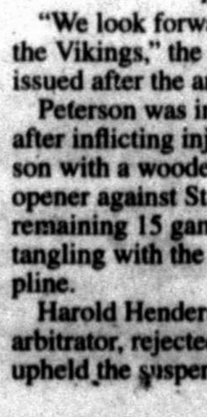
MINNEAPOLIS — Adrian Peterson has been cleared to return to the NFL. Now all that remains to be settled is where he will play next season.

Commissioner Roger Goodell sent the Minnesota Vikings star a letter on Thursday advising him of his reinstatement. Peterson missed most of last season while facing child abuse charges in Texas.

Goodell wrote that Peterson will have to fulfill all the obligations of his plea deal that reduced a felony charge to a misdemeanor.

Goodell also told Peterson he would have to continue attending counseling while adhering to the league's new personal conduct policy to avoid further discipline.

"Any further violation of the personal conduct policy by Peterson would result in additional discipline, which could include suspension without pay or banishment from the NFL," the league said.



Peterson

Peterson's agent has said the star running back wants to play elsewhere next season. But the Vikings say they have no plans to trade him.

"We look forward to Adrian re-joining the Vikings," the team said in a statement issued after the announcement.

Peterson was indicted on abuse charges after inflicting injuries on his 4-year-old son with a wooden switch. He played the opener against St. Louis, then sat out the remaining 15 games of the season while tangling with the league over the discipline.

Harold Henderson, a league-appointed arbitrator, rejected Peterson's appeal and upheld the suspension in December. The NFLPA's petition in federal court to overrule Henderson was granted by U.S. District Judge David Doty, who ordered the appeal back to the NFL for re-arbitration. The league promptly appealed Doty's decision to a higher court.

The 8th Circuit Court of Appeals won't hear that case for months; so those proceedings will be merely for principle in the ongoing dispute between NFL owners and players over protocol and fairness of the personal conduct policy.

The league essentially tabled Peterson's suspension in February after Doty's ruling, putting him back on the exempt list to allow the Vikings to communicate with him, but the announcement Thursday means he's finally in the clear to take the field again.

The question, then, is what colors he'll be wearing this fall.

Despite several cordial meetings with

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Sivalls, McCray win state TAPPS 3A title

From staff reports

WACO — Midland Classical Academy's boys doubles team of Max Sivalls and Marshall McCray won the TAPPS 3A state title on Thursday and helped the Knights enjoy a very successful tournament.

Sivalls

McCray

In addition to Sivalls and McCray winning the state crown, the MCA girls took second place out of 14 teams in the overall team standings, while the MCA boys took third place overall in the team standings.

MCA coach Tracy Sivalls said the girls team, consisting of Alissa Beattie, Elleri Haest, Kelsie Kennedy, Beth Ann Holmes and Paige McAninch, helped the program to its best finish ever at the state tournament.

The boys team consisted of Max Sivalls, McCray, Will Wineinger and Sterling Armstrong.

Sivalls and McCray started the day by defeating a team from Sugarland Logos.

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Lady Chaps get ready for rival OC

By Oscar LeRoy
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In the past, injuries have been detrimental to the progress and success of the Midland College softball team. But this year the Lady Chaparrals have found a way to overcome those injuries and still be one of the best teams in the country.

Houkamau

A big reason for that success, according to head coach Tommy Ramos, is that several players have stepped up this season, especially the sophomores.

Two of those players who have stepped up have been super-utility sophomore Tyneesha Houkamau and sophomore outfielder Melissa Zuniga.

Zuniga

The No. 4-ranked Lady Chaparrals (41-4, 16-4 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) will need to have players step up this weekend when they face rival and 20th-ranked Odessa College (31-15, 14-6) in a key four-game, home-and-home series.

"Melissa has got to be Melissa," Ramos said. "She's been hitting and playing well. And Ty's been playing well, whether she's pitching, catching or playing first, she's been consistent,

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THURSDAY'S SCORE
Midland 8, Northwest Arkansas 3

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DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY
WHAT'S ON TV
AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL
Carlton vs. Essendon, 10:30 p.m., FS2
BOXING
Tony Harrison vs. Pablo Munguia, 9 p.m., ESPN2
Murat Gassiev vs. Felix Cora Jr, 9 p.m., FS1/FOXDEP
Dennis Hogan vs. Tyrone Brunson, 9 p.m., CBSSN
COLLEGE BASEBALL
St. John's at Creighton, 6 p.m., FS1
Cal State Fullerton at Maryland, 6 p.m., BTN
Vanderbilt at South Carolina, 6 p.m., SEC
California at UCLA, 6 p.m., P12/P12 BAY/P12 LA
Texas at Kansas, 6 p.m., ESPN3
Arkansas at Texas A&M, 6:30 p.m., SEC+
Grand Canyon at New Mexico State, 7 p.m., FSSW+/FCSP
Arizona State at Washington, 9 p.m., P12
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Minnesota at Michigan State, 3 p.m., BTN
California at UCLA, 4 p.m., P12/P12 BAY/P12 LA
Baylor at Oklahoma, 6:30 p.m., FSSW/FCSC
Iowa State at Texas, 6:30 p.m., LHN
Alabama at Auburn, 7:30 p.m., ESPNU
GOLF
Champions: Greater Gwinnett Championship, First Round, 11 a.m., GOLF
PGA: RBC Heritage, Second Round, 2 p.m., GOLF
LPGA: LOTTE Championship, Third Round, 6 p.m., GOLF
HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
Jordan Brand Classic: East vs. West, 7 p.m., ESPN2
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Chic. White Sox at Detroit, Noon, MLB
Baltimore at Boston, 6 p.m., MLB
LA Angels at Houston, 7 p.m., ROOT
Texas at Seattle, 9 p.m., FSSW
MEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE
Colgate at Army, 6 p.m., CBSSN
MEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Hawaii at BYU, 8 p.m., BYUtv
UCLA at Stanford, 9 p.m., P12 BAY/P12 LA
MEN'S SOCCER
Ligue 1: Nantes vs. Olympique de Marseille, 1:25 p.m., beIN
Bundesliga: Eintracht Frankfurt vs. Borussia Monchengladbach, 1:30 p.m., GolTV
La Liga: Levante US vs. RCS Espanyol, 1:45 p.m., beIN2
MLS: San Jose at New York Red Bulls, 6 p.m., UniMas/UDN
Liga MX: Monarcas Morelia vs. Cruz Azul, 7:25 p.m., ESPNDEP
Liga MX: Jaguares de Chiapas vs. CD Tiburones Rojos de Veracruz, 8:25 p.m., UDN
Liga MX: Club Tijuana vs. CD Guadalajara, 9:25 p.m., ESPNDEP
A-League: Western Sydney Wanderers vs. Adelaide United, 2 a.m., FS2
A-League: Brisbane Roar vs. Melbourne Victory, 4:30 a.m., FOXSOCP
MOTORSPORTS
F1: Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix, Practice 1, 10 a.m., NBCSN
Sprint Cup: Food City 500, Practice, 11 a.m., FS1
XFINITY: Bristol, Practice, 12:30 p.m., FS1
XFINITY: Bristol, Final Practice, 2:30 p.m., FS1
Sprint Cup: Food City 500, Qualifying, 3:30 p.m., FS1
NHL
East Quarterfinals, Game 2: NY Islanders at Washington, 6 p.m., NBCSN
East Quarterfinals, Game 2: Ottawa at Montreal, 6 p.m., CNBC
West Quarterfinals, Game 2: Chicago at Nashville, 8:30 p.m., NBCSN
West Quarterfinals, Game 2: Calgary at Vancouver, 9 p.m., CNBC
RUGBY
Super League: St. Helen's vs. Leeds, 1:30 p.m., FOXSOCP
NRL: Titans vs. Panthers, Midnight, FOXSOCP
NRL: Storm vs. Roosters, 4:30 a.m., FS2
WHAT'S ON RADIO
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Texas at Seattle, 9 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

WOMEN'S COLLEGE TENNIS
UTPB at Cameron University, 9:30 a.m.
JUNIOR COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Midland College at Odessa College (DH), 1 p.m.
JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL
Midland College at New Mexico Junior College, 2 p.m. (DH)
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
Midland Christian at FW SW Christian
Trinity at Lubbock Christian, 6 p.m.
Midland Classical at Amarillo San Jacinto, 5 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL
Greenwood at Pecos, 5:30 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL TRACK
District 3-6A Meet, Memorial Stadium
District 4-4A Meet, Andrews
TAPPS 1-4A Meet, Fort Worth

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL — Named John McHale Jr. special assistant to the commissioner.
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Sent RHP Jake Petricka to Charlotte (IL) on an injury rehabilitation assignment.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Recalled INF Ryan Goins from Buffalo (IL). Designated RHP Todd Redmond for assignment.
National League
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Recalled LHP Felipe Rivero from Syracuse (IL). Optioned RHP Taylor Jordan to Syracuse.
American Association
AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Signed OF Logan Vick, INF Danny Stienstra and RHP Billy Petrick.
FARGO-MOOREHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed INF Mikey Reynolds and 1B Chris Duffy.
LAREDO LEMURS — Released RHP Joan Montero.
Can-Am League
SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed LHP Joe Testa.
Frontier League
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed C Jose Barraza.
NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Signed RHP Victor Beriguete.
RIVER CITY RASCALS — Traded C Joe Staley to Sioux Falls (AA) for a player to be named. Released 3B Blaise Fernandez.
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Signed RHPs John Bengard, Kyle Vazquez, Ben Carlson, Tanner Wilson and Tim Giel, OFs Chris Knott and Tanner Mathis and 3B Sam Meade.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL — Reinstated Minnesota RB Adrian Peterson, effective April 17.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Agreed to terms with LB Paul Posluszny on a one-year contract extension.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Re-signed K Kai Forbath.
Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed DB Keon Lyn.
HOCKEY
American Hockey League
AHL — Suspended Oklahoma City RW Steve Pinizzotto for three games for his actions in a game on April 14 and Binghamton LW Darren Kramer for two games for his actions in a game on April 15.
GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Announced Detroit (NHL) assigned LW Tyler Bertuzzi to the team.
HAMILTON BULLDOGS — Signed G Brandon Whitney to an amateur tryout contract.
MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS — Released D Scott Ford from his professional tryout contract.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
MLS — Announced Vancouver MF Pedro Morales has lost his appeal of a red card and will be suspended one match. North American Soccer League
ATLANTA SILVERBACKS — Signed D Josh Hughes.
CAROLINA RAILHAWKS — Signed S Mamadee Nyepon.
COLLEGE
EAST TENNESSEE STATE — Named Jason Shay and Brooks Savage men's assistant basketball coaches.
NICHOLS — Named Chris Colvin director of athletics.
XAVIER — Promoted men's assistant basketball coach Travis Steele to men's associate head basketball coach.

FISHING REPORT

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 63-66 degrees; 9.88 feet low. Black bass are fair on Senkos, Rat-L-Traps, shakyheads and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs under a slip cork. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.
ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 62-67 degrees; 19.3 feet low. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.
COLORADO CITY: 23.15 feet low. No report available.
FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 61-66 degrees; 16.83 feet low. Black bass are fair on flukes, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and live minnows. Catfish are fair on cut bait.
HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 62-67 degrees; 30.5 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on drop shot rigs, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and live shad.
NASWORTHY: No report available.
OAK CREEK: Water stained; 61-66 degrees; 25.77 feet low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs under a slip cork. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.
O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 62-67 degrees; 44.85 feet low. Black bass are fair on shallow running crankbaits, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs (moving shallow). Catfish are fair to good on live bait.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 62-66 degrees; 14.28 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, split shot weighted flukes and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on Road Runners. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on live shad and nightcrawlers.
SPENCE: 75.12 feet low. No report available.
STAMFORD: 17.35 feet low. No report available.
SWEETWATER: Water off color; 62-67 degrees; 28.5 feet low. No report available.
WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 61-67 degrees; 29.52 feet low. No report available.
SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water murky; 65-69 degrees; 28.75 feet low. Black bass are good on crankbaits, jerkbaits, soft plastics, and jigs. Striped bass are fair on slabs, small crankbaits, and spoons. White bass are good on slabs, small crankbaits, and minnows. Crappie are fair on live minnows up Devil's River in the trees. Catfish are fair on cheesebait, shrimp, and nightcrawlers over baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

REGIONALGOLFROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boys

MUSTANGS CAPTURE I-4A TITLE

LUBBOCK — The Andrews boys golf team won the Region I-4A title on Thursday with a dominating 21-stroke win at Shadow Hills Golf Course.

The Mustangs shot a 295-289—584 to finish 21 shots ahead of Monahans to win the team title. Andrews, Monahans (605) and Decatur (606) qualified for the state tournament, which will be held April 27-28 at Onion Creek Golf Club in Austin. Andrews is the defending state champion.

Andrews medalist Landon Mack also qualified for the state tournament as an individual as he finished in a tie for third place with a 146 total.

REGION 1-4A TOURNAMENT
Shadow Hills Golf Course, Lubbock
Thursday's final round results
x-state tournament qualifier

Team standings — 1. x-Andrews 295-289—584; 2. x-Monahans 305-300-605; 3. x-Decatur 306-300—606; 4. Stephenville 319-321—640; T-4. Big Spring 324-316—340; 6. Graham 323-318—641; 7. Bridgeport 329-323—652; 8. Borger 335-319—654; 9. Snyder 328-330—658; 10. Perryton 327-336—663; 11. Godley 342-325—667; 12. Kennedale 344-339—683; 13. Iowa Park 353-337—690; 14. Burkburnett 374-366—740; 15. Clint, 461-470—931; 16. Fabens 463-416—879.

Individual standings — 1. Drew Jones, Decatur, 68-66-134; 2. Ivan Armendariz, Andrews, 70-73—143; 3. T-3. x-Landon Mack, Andrews, 76-70—146; T-3. x-Luke Wimmer, Seminole, 76-70—146; T-3. x-Tyler Bilbo, Abilene Wylie, 74-72—146; T-6. Michael Hunt, Sweetwater, 72-75—147; T-6. Logan Upton, Andrews, 76-71—147; 8. Ty Wright, Godley, 76-71—148; 9. Bracston Parker, Andrews, 72-77—149; T-10. Jacob Lair, Monahans, 74-76—150; T-10. McKenna Rochell, Andrews, 77-73—150; T-10. Tyler Bryan, Big Spring, 75-75—150

Area team results

Andrews (295-289—584): Bracston Parker 72-77—149; Austin Lavato 80-72—152; Ivan Armendariz 70-73—143; McKenna Rochell 77-73—150; Logan Upton 76-71—147

Monahans (305-300—605) — Blane Heflin 81-80—161; Dante Griner 77-74—151; Jacob Lair 74-76—150; Cameron Eddings 78-75—153; Joey Kirk 76-75—151

Big Spring (324-316—640): Tyler Bryan 75-75—150; Sam Harris 76-79—155; Nolan Otto 87-81—168; Nolan Dominguez 86-85—171; Ryan Dimidjian 92-81—173

Girls

DELAGARZA FINISHES IN 15TH

ARLINGTON — Midland High freshman Faith DeLaGarza shot at 82 on Thursday to finish in a tie for 15th at the Region I-6A Tournament at Rolling Hills Country Club.

DeLaGarza finished with 75-82—157 total and finished 12 shots behind the leaders and six shots behind the third and final individual state qualifier.

Lee's Alexis Adkisson withdrew after shooting a first-round 105.

Odessa Permian finished ninth in the team standings with a 696 total, and Odessa High was 13th with a 732. Coppell won the title with a 598, followed by Allen (600) and Southlake Carroll (616).

REGION 1-6A TOURNAMENT
Rolling Hills Country Club, Arlington
Thursday's final round results

Team standings — 1. Coppell 304-294—598; 2. Allen 298-302-600; 3. Southlake Carroll 304-616; 4. Plano West 316-315—631; 5. Byrdon Nelson 320-327—647; 6. Midlothian 327-330—657; 7. Fort Worth Paschal 341-324—665; 8. Arlington Martin, 337-330-667; 9. Odessa Permian 350-346—696; 10. Denton Guyer 351-33—681; 11. El Paso Coronado 341-350—397; 12. Mansfield 354-359—713; 13. Odessa High 367-365—732; 14. Amarillo High 362-381—743; 15. Wolfforth Frenship 382; 16. El Paso Eastwood 380-386—766

Individual standings — T-1. Sol Lee, Coppell, 76-69—145; T-1. Grace Do, Coppell, 75-70—145; T-1. Amber Park, Allen, 70-75—145; T-4. x-Camille Enright, Plano West, 74-73—147; T-4. Malak Bouraeda, Carroll, 70-77—147; T-6. Julie Houston, Allen, 75-74—149; T-6. x-Alexandra Batista, Byron Nelson, 71-78—149; 8. Chathra Katameni, Coppell, 76-74—150; T-9. x-Libby Winans, Plano East, 77-74—151; T-9. Christina Gilchrest, Carroll, 76-75—151

REGION I-3A TOURNAMENT
At Shady Oaks Golf Course, Baird
Par 70
Thursday's final results
x-state tournament qualifier
GIRLS

TEAM STANDINGS — 1. x-Sonora, 347-346—693; 2. x-Alpine, 373-361—734; 3. x-Childress, 371-365—736; 4. Jim Ned, 374-390—764; 5. Clyde, 390-392—782; 6. Shallowater, 403-393—796; 7. Kermit, 412-403—815; 8. Muleshoe, 422-398—820; 9. Spearman, 418-404—822; 10. Comanche, 423-412—835; 11. Brady, 419-423—842; 12. Wall, 433-419—852; 13. Stanton, 455-466—921; 14. Lubbock Roosevelt, 467-457—924; 15. Brownfield, 475-464—939; 16. Eastland, 501-470—971.

TOP 10 INDIVIDUALS — 1. Darby Ramsdell, Sonora, 74-76—150; 2. x-Landry Allyn, Jim Ned, 77-79—156; 3. x-Summer Pearson, Shallowater, 79-80—159; 4. x- Kaitlin Cox, Brady, 79-184—163; 5. Arin Knight, Breckenridge, 81-83—164; 6. Kendalyn Ferguson, Childress, 85-81—166; 7. Logan Tounget, Ballinger, 87-80—167; 8. Holly Sparks, Sonora, 85-85—170; 9. Madison Gore, Comanche, 89-87—176; 9. Janae Latimer, 89-87—176

Stanton (455-466—921): Kayli Inman 115-105—220; Skyler Church 114-107—221; Amber Peterson 118-118—236; Desiree Khongraj 108-136—244; Kaitlyn Patrick 145-137—282.

COLLEGESIGNINGS

BY WILL KORN

DAIJA STANFORD
College: Collin College, Plano, NJCAA
High School: Lee
Sport: Girls basketball
Position: Guard
Height: 5-foot-1
Why she picked Collin College: "I went to go visit and it was amazing. When I walked in there, I had the feeling that this is going to be great. Their program is amazing."

Stanford

Lee coach Monica Ramirez on Stanford: "Both of those kids (Stanford and Bri'An Washington) really love basketball. Although I've only known them for two years, I can absolutely tell you that I know they both started playing when they were very little. You can tell by their skill set and you can tell by how often they're in the gym that they started playing this game when they were tiny tots. They will without a doubt be very successful."

Notables: Stanford was named to the All-District 3-6A first team in her senior, sophomore and freshman seasons and earned District 2-5A MVP honors in her junior season. ... She played varsity in all four years of her high school career and her speed helped front a strong Lady Rebel offense this season. ... Stanford will be joining a Collin College women's squad that is coming off a North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference title with 13-1 conference record last season.

BRI'AN WASHINGTON
College: Cisco Junior College, Cisco, NJCAA
High School: Lee
Sport: Girls basketball
Position: Guard
Height: 5-foot-7
Why she picked Cisco Junior College: "Just feeling welcomed when I got there. It's nice and small, so I like that. The girls are really nice."

Lee coach Monica Ramirez on Washington: "I know that I was a different type of coach for them (Washington and Stanford). All that they have put in during the past two years, all the sweat, tears, the pain and the hard work that comes with success, today is the day that helps them realize that was all worth it."

Washington

Notables: Washington was named the District 3-6A MVP in her senior season and to the All-District 2-5A first team her junior year. ... Her spectacular play down the stretch of the season helped to lead Lee to an 18-11 overall record and a 9-1 district record. ...The Lady Rebels advanced to the area round of the Class 6A state playoffs, where they fell to state powerhouse Amarillo High. ... Washington will join a Lady Wranglers team that went 15-15 overall and 6-8 in the NTJCAC last season.... Washington and Stanford will face each other in conference play next season.

NOTEBOOK

From 1C

The Bulldogs (16-5, 2-3 in District 3-6A) will be looking to exact revenge on the Bronchos (13-10, 3-2 in District 3-6A) after dropping the district opener to Odessa High, 5-4, in Odessa on March 28.

First pitch is set for noon Saturday at Zachery Field.

MHS has been an up-and-down team so far in district play. Scoring runs hasn't been the problem for the Bulldogs, but rather mental discipline on defense has. Making the routine plays has often been a challenge for MHS and those miscues have usually allowed the opposition to make something seemingly out of nothing.

"We've got to quit being the poltergeist team," Russell said. "We're looking good for five innings, and then all of the sudden the poltergeist, and we're the 'Bad News Bears' and we can't make a play."

The Bulldogs will need to shore things up defensively if it wants to stay in the playoff hunt for the next five games.

"We've just got to win some games," Russell said. "I told the kids, 'You've got five games that you're guaranteed. That's it. We've got two more games at Zachery. That's it. We've got our work cut out us and fighting for our playoff lives right now.'"

LEE SEARCHING FOR AN END TO ITS SLUMP

Momentum is paramount to a successful high school baseball team.

Lee head coach Brian Roper knows this all too well.

"High school baseball is such a game of momentum and emotions," Roper said. "I think much more so than maybe higher levels of baseball where kids can keep things in check and stay off that emotional roller coaster."

But momentum is a luxury that the Rebels (9-9-1, 1-4 in District 3-6A) simply don't have right now, as they currently on a four-game losing streak in district play. That slide has sent them down to fifth place in the standings, just one game ahead of last-place Permian, which Lee beat, 9-5, in the district opener.

Lee had a great opportunity to turn things around on Tuesday, when it played San Angelo Central on the road. The Rebels held a 4-2 lead in the third inning against the Bobcats' ace Davis Martin. But Martin settled down and worked his way to a complete game with 10 strikeouts, as Central rallied for the 7-4 victory to remain undefeated in district play.

Roper has said that part of the reason his team has gone through this slump is that the Rebels' bats have gone silent at times. And even when they have produced, they haven't necessarily been hot at the right times in a game.

"Two-out hits," Roper said. "It's one thing we've really struggled with here for three years now. "That two-out hit to extended that inning and drive to somebody in with two outs, it has just avoided us. The game is won and lost with two outs."

The Rebels will look to rebound when they take on Permian at 1 p.m. Saturday at McCanlies Field in Odessa.

GREENWOOD SLIPPING, BUT PLAYOFF HOPES STILL ALIVE

The Rangers are not off to the kind of start they wanted to be in the district standings.

After blowing a 7-5 lead and eventually losing to first-place Seminole, 12-8, at home on Tuesday, the Rangers (6-16, 2-4 in District 4-4A) have slipped to fifth place.

Still though, Greenwood is only two games behind second-place Andrews (7-16, 4-2 in District 4-4A) with four left to play.

Thanks to a road-heavy first half of the district schedule, the Rangers get three of their last four games at home. That could be a big factor in determining whether or not they'll be in the playoffs.

Greenwood will take on Pecos at 7 p.m., today in Pecos, before traveling back home for its last three games.

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PETERSON

From 1C

Vikings officials, Peterson's public stance on returning to the only NFL team he has ever played for has been uneasy at best.

In his statement the day of Doty's ruling, Peterson thanked fans, the NFLPA, the union's lead lawyer and his agents but never mentioned the Vikings. One of his agents, Ben Dogra, took the stance a step further in March by declaring that Peterson no longer wanted to return to Minnesota, setting up a stare-down of sorts between the two sides.

"You make tough choices in life. We clearly understand he's under contract with the Vikings. After several discussions and much thought, I believe that it's not in his best interest to resume his career in Minnesota," Dogra said last month. "It might be best for all parties involved for him to resume his career elsewhere."

Vikings general manager Rick Spielman has told Dogra he doesn't plan to release Peterson, who recently turned 30.

"They have not given us one compelling reason why it's in his best interest to remain as part of the Minnesota Vikings," Dogra said.

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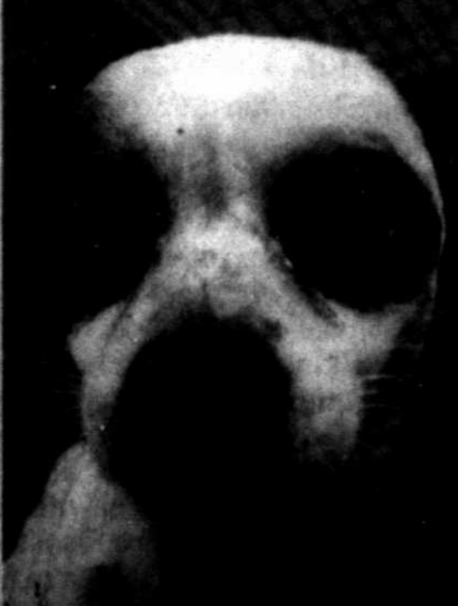

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MCBASEBALLCAPSULE

BY OSCAR LEROY

MIDLAND COLLEGE VS. NEW MEXICO JC

When/where: Doubleheaders of 7 and 9 innings beginning at 1 p.m. (CDT) today, Ray Birmingham Thunderbird Field, Hobbs, New Mexico, and at 1 p.m. Saturday, Christensen Stadium

Records: Midland College 24-18, 17-7 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; New Mexico Junior College 31-12, 19-5

Last WJCAC series: Midland College 3, El Paso Community College 1; New Mexico Junior College 4, New Mexico Military Institute 0

Notes & quotes: This is a big series in WJCAC play as the Thunderbirds come in with a two-game lead over the third-place Chaparrals in the standings. "Any time you play a first-place team we're excited," MC coach David Coleman said. Coleman added that NMJC's pitching has been outstanding, while OF Jacy Cave (.433, 13 HR, 48 RBI) and SS Brandon Grieger (.438, 3 HR, 31 RBI) have been two of the best hitters in the WJCAC and both make the NMJC offense go. ... Coleman believes that MC's success will be determined by how its hitters do against NMJC's pitching. "I don't think we need to be a whole lot better than last week (against El Paso Community College), we just need to be more consistent with our at-bats," Coleman said. "I thought we gave away a few innings offensively last week." ... Because of injuries to Daniel Crooks (shoulder) and Shane Browning (elbow), MC's pitching rotation is in a state of flux with only LHP Tucker Davidson (2-0, 7.71 ERA) and RHP Aaron Rumfield (3-3, 4.96) scheduled to start today. Coleman said Saturday's starters will depend on who's available out of the bullpen. ... In addition to Crooks and Browning, Coleman said the team has probably more players in the training room than in the dugout. OF Christian Whigham and DH Gilbert Sanchez are dealing with hip injuries, while INF/OF Blaine Prescott continues to deal with a hamstring injury. Coleman admitted that Prescott's injury could take all year to heal.

Next: New Mexico Military Institute at Midland College (DH), 3 p.m. April 24; Odessa College at New Mexico JC (DH), noon April 24

WJCAC Baseball

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico JC	19	5	31	12
Howard College	18	6	32	11
Midland College	17	7	24	18
Odessa College	14	10	23	20
Frank Phillips	12	12	14	21
Luna CC	10	14	15	24
Clarendon College	9	15	17	23
New Mexico Military	9	15	16	26
El Paso CC	6	18	18	26
Western Texas	6	18	10	32

Last weekend's WJCAC series
Midland College 3, El Paso Community College 1; Odessa College 2, Frank Phillip College 2; Howard College 4, Western Texas College 0; New Mexico Junior College 4, New Mexico Military Institute 0; Clarendon College 2, Luna Community College 2

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

Young Rangers work in progress

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — With a new manager and one of the youngest rosters in the majors, the Texas Rangers are clearly a work in progress.

That comes as no surprise to manager Jeff Banister, whose team finally got a break Thursday after being one of only four teams to play 10 days in a row to open the season.

"The question was asked (out of spring training) about what I felt. I said then that there would be some inconsistencies, asking hitters to do different things and given the experience in some of the areas," Banister said. "It's going to be a work in progress, and these guys are still grinding it and working on it."

Losing ace pitcher Yu Darvish to Tommy John elbow ligament replacement surgery during spring training certainly didn't help. Then left-hander Derek Holland pitched only one inning in the home opener before a left shoulder issue that has sidelined him for at least two months.

As clearly evident in the 4-6 start, there will be plenty of ups-and-downs for the team whose roster has an average age of 27.

The Rangers split a season-opening four-game series at Oakland, including a 10-0 loss followed by a 10-1 win the next day. They went 2-4 on their first home stand, which wrapped up Wednesday with a 10-2 loss to the Los Angeles Angels — after an 8-2 win the previous night.

Texas' .210 batting average is tied for 26th in the majors with Seattle, where the Rangers open a three-game series Friday night.

"We talk about hitters finding rhythm, controlling the strike zone," Banister said. "I feel we're trending in the right direction with the mindset. We've got to get the mindset and the physical side of it to push through and match up."

PRINCE'S POWER OUTAGE: Slugger Prince Fielder was 10th in the majors with a .400 batting average through the first 10 games. But of his 16 hits, he has only two doubles and no home runs. "Getting hits is always better than making outs," Fielder said. Several of Fielder's hits have been to the left field, going the opposite way with teams using drastic defensive shifts against him. "Obviously, when I'm up there I see the hole sometimes," he said.

LADY CHAPS

From 1C

and that's what we need."

Zuniga, a sophomore from Anaheim, California, has developed into a pretty good hitter this season, as she is batting .416 with four home runs and 28 RBI.

"With my swing I have a dip problem, and I feel like I've been focusing more on staying down on the ball trying to hit it hard. I think it's working out for me," she said.

Zuniga added that it helps hitting in a lineup loaded with good hitters.

"If somebody is not on their 'A' game, the other person will pick them up right after," she said. "After that, we'll get more consistent with our hitting. If someone gets on and then another hitter will get another hit or bring them in."

Houkamau has followed her fabulous freshman season with a strong sophomore year. In addition to hitting a team-best .539 to go with three homers and 44 RBI, the Auckland, New Zealand, native has stepped into the pitcher's circle with recent injuries to Dominique Lozano Alcocer and Kaitlyn Durrett to post a 7-0 record with a team best 0.85 earned run average.

"I've been a pitcher all my life so going in the circle is not a problem for me," she said. "I don't mind being there. I think that's why I love the game so much, because there are so many different positions, and I can play other positions, so stepping up is not a problem."

Both players know that the Lady Chaps will have to step up as a team against an Odessa College squad that is always dangerous in WJCAC play.

"The last few weekends we've had to make a lot of adjustments, and our preparation hasn't been quite like it was before, and our energy hasn't been as high," Houkamau said. "So I think going into this weekend, our energy will be a lot better, and it will be more consistent. We've had a few injuries but I think it's good that we've been able to pick it up with all those injuries."

Zuniga is confident her team will be ready.

"We played a close game in our last series (against Western Texas), but with this team, once we realize we're down, we pick it up right then and there," she said. "If we come out hard and go and get it, we'll be fine."

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WJCAC Softball

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
x-Midland College	16	4	41	4
x-Howard College	16	4	35	10
x-Clarendon College	15	5	24	18
x-Odessa College	14	6	31	15
Western Texas	9	11	19	19
Luna CC	5	15	9	18
El Paso CC	3	17	16	27
Frank Phillips	2	18	3	37

x-clinched regional tournament berth

Last weekend's WJCAC series
Midland College 4, Western Texas College 0; Howard College 4, Odessa College 0; El Paso Community College 2, Frank Phillips College 2; Clarendon College 4, Luna Community College 0

This weekend's WJCAC series
Midland College vs. Odessa College; Howard College at Western Texas College; Clarendon College at El Paso Community College; Frank Phillips College at Luna Community College

NO. 4 MIDLAND COLLEGE VS. NO. 20 ODESSA COLLEGE

When/where: Doubleheader at 1 p.m. today, Odessa College softball field; doubleheader at 1 p.m. Saturday, Midland College softball field

Records: Midland College 41-4, 16-4 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference: Odessa College 31-15, 14-6

Last WJCAC series: Midland College 4, Western Texas College 0; Howard College 4, Odessa College 0

Notes & quotes: This series could go a long way to determining seeding at the Region V West Tournament in Lubbock on May 1-3 as MC is in a tie for first place in the standings with Howard College, while OC is fourth, a game behind Clarendon and two behind the co-leaders. ... MC coach Tommy Ramos said they don't normally try to put too much emphasis on a series, but playing OC is always huge. "When you're playing a team like Odessa, you have to make sure you come in with the right attitude and energy, otherwise it could be a lopsided series," he said. "Odessa always plays well, and I expect them to play well. That's why they're always one of the best teams in conference. We're going to have to show up and play and bring our best effort." ... Ramos added some of the keys will be to have well-rounded production at the plate and play better defensively. "We have to clean it up," he said. "We've got to stop making those simple mistakes and make the routine plays."

Next: Clarendon College at Midland College (DH), 1 p.m. April 24; Frank Phillips College at Odessa College (DH), 2 p.m. April 24

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

TWINS 8 ROYALS 5

MINNEAPOLIS — Kennys Vargas and Kurt Suzuki each hit a two-run homer, powering the Minnesota Twins past the Kansas City Royals 8-5 Thursday for their first series win this season.

Tommy Milone (2-0) picked up his second straight victory for the Twins, recovering from a rough start to log 5 1-3 innings.

RAYS 4 BLUE JAYS 2

TORONTO — Chris Archer struck out 11 in seven shutout innings, pinch-hitter Tim Beckham had two-run homer in the sixth and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-2 on Thursday night.

It was the second pinch-hit homer of the season for Beckham, making him the first rookie in Tampa Bay history with two pinch-hit long balls — and the first Rays player since Willy Aybar in 2010 to hit two in a season.

National League

CARDINALS 4 BREWERS 0

ST. LOUIS — John Lackey threw seven scoreless innings and Matt Carpenter doubled twice, helping St. Louis over Milwaukee.

Lackey (1-0) gave up five hits, struck out eight and walked one.

NATIONALS 5 PHILLIES 2

WASHINGTON — Doug Fister pitched effectively into the seventh inning, Yunel Escobar and Michael A. Taylor each hit a homer, and the Washington Nationals beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-2 on Thursday night.

Ryan Zimmerman added a two-run double for Washington which, after averaging 2.4 runs through its first seven games, has 22 runs and 28 hits over its last three.

METS 7 MARLINS 5

NEW YORK — Lucas Duda got three more hits and the New York Mets overcame Giancarlo Stanton's blast and Ichiro Suzuki's ballet to beat the Miami Marlins 7-5 Thursday night for their fifth straight win.

The Mets lost a replay challenge that took nearly six minutes, but posted their longest winning streak since May 2013.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES & LINESCORES

STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	6	3	.667	—
Tampa Bay	6	4	.600	1/2
Baltimore	5	4	.556	1
Toronto	5	5	.500	1 1/2
New York	3	6	.333	3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	8	1	.889	—
Kansas City	7	2	.778	1
Chicago	3	5	.375	4 1/2
Cleveland	3	5	.375	4 1/2
Minnesota	3	6	.333	5

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	5	5	.500	—
Houston	4	5	.444	1/2
Los Angeles	4	5	.444	1/2
Texas	4	6	.400	1
Seattle	3	6	.333	1 1/2

Thursday's Scores
Minnesota 8, Kansas City 5
Tampa Bay 4, Toronto 2

Today's Games
Chicago White Sox (Samardzija 0-1) at Detroit (Price 1-0), 12:08 p.m.
Atlanta (Teheran 2-0) at Toronto (Hutchison 1-0), 6:07 p.m.
Baltimore (U. Jimenez 1-0) at Boston (J. Kelly 1-0), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Warren 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Karns 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Kluber 0-1) at Minnesota (Pelfrey 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Weaver 0-2) at Houston (R. Hernandez 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (Gray 1-0) at Kansas City (Guthrie 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (Gallardo 1-1) at Seattle (Happ 0-0), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	7	3	.700	—
Atlanta	6	3	.667	1/2
Washington	4	6	.400	3
Miami	3	7	.300	4
Philadelphia	3	7	.300	4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	5	3	.625	—
St. Louis	5	3	.625	—
Cincinnati	5	4	.556	1/2
Pittsburgh	3	6	.333	2 1/2
Milwaukee	2	7	.222	3 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	7	2	.778	—
Los Angeles	6	3	.667	1
San Diego	6	4	.600	1 1/2
Arizona	4	5	.444	3
San Francisco	3	7	.300	4 1/2

Thursday's Scores
St. Louis 4, Milwaukee 0
Washington 5, Philadelphia 2
N.Y. Mets 7, Miami 5
Arizona at San Francisco, late

Today's Games
San Diego (Shields 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Hammel 1-0), 1:20 p.m.
Milwaukee (Nelson 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Locke 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (O'Sullivan 0-0) at Washington (Scherzer 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Teheran 2-0) at Toronto (Hutchison 1-0), 6:07 p.m.
Miami (Phelps 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Colon 2-0), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 0-1) at St. Louis (Wacha 1-0), 7:15 p.m.
Colorado (K. Kendrick 1-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 0-1), 9:10 p.m.
Arizona (Collmenter 0-2) at San Francisco (Peavy 0-1), 9:15 p.m.

THURSDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
TWINS 8, ROYALS 5

Kansas City ... 201 000 002 — 5 10 1
Minnesota ... 022 100 03x — 8 14 2

J. Vargas, Frasor (4), C. Young (5), Madson (8) and S. Perez; Milone, Stauffer (6), A. Thompson (6), Fien (7), Duensing (9), Perkins (9) and K. Suzuki. W — Milone 2-0. L — J. Vargas 1-1. Sv — Perkins (2). HRs — Kansas City, Cain (2). Minnesota, K. Vargas (1), K. Suzuki (1).

RAYS 4, BLUE JAYS 2

Tampa Bay ... 001 012 000 — 4 8 0
Toronto ... 000 000 011 — 2 4 1

Archer, Geltz (8), Jepsen (8), Boxberger (9) and Rivera; B. Wilson, Aa. Sanchez, Loup (6), Estrada (7) and Ru. Martin. W — Archer 2-1. L — [illegible]

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CARDINALS 4, BREWERS 0

Milwaukee ... 000 000 000 — 0 6 1
St. Louis ... 000 002 11x — 4 11 1

Fiers, [illegible] (6), Jeffress (7), W. Smith (8), Thornburg (8) and Lucroy; Lackey, Walden (8), Belisle (9) and Molina. W — Lackey 1-0. L — Fiers [illegible]

NATIONALS 5, PHILLIES 2

Philadelphia ... 001 100 000 — 2 5 0
Washington ... 100 112 00x — 5 6 1

Harang, L. Garcia (7), Papelbon (8) and Ruiz; Fister, Thornton (7), Barrett (8), Storen (9) and W. Ramos. W — Fister 1-0. L — Harang [illegible]. Sv — Storen (3). HRs — Washington, Escobar (1), M. Taylor (2).

METS 7, MARLINS 5

Miami ... 200 101 100 — 5 7 0
New York ... 000 032 20x — 7 9 1

Cosart, A. Ramos (6), Dunn (7), S. Dyson (7) and Realmuto; Gee, R. Montero (6), Blevins (7), Torres (8), Familia (9) and d'Arnaud. W — Blevins [illegible]. Sv — Familia (4). HRs — Miami, Stanton (1), Prado (1). New York, Flores (1).

WEDNESDAY'S LATE LINESCORES
DODGERS 5, MARINERS 2

Seattle ... 000 101 000 — 2 8 1
Los Angeles ... 311 000 00x — 5 9 1

T. Walker, Leone (1), Farquhar (7) and Zunino; B. Anderson, P. Rodriguez (6), Hatcher (7), Baez (8), Howell (9) and Grandal. W — B. Anderson [illegible]. L — T. Walker [illegible]. HRs — Seattle, N. Cruz (4).

PADRES 3, DIAMONDBACKS 2

Arizona ... 200 000 000 — 2 9 0
San Diego ... 010 001 01x — 3 9 0

C. Anderson, Delgado (7) and Pacheco; Morrow, Benoit (8), Kimbrel (9) and De. Norris. W — Benoit [illegible]. L — Delgado [illegible]. Sv — Kimbrel [illegible]. HRs — Arizona, Goldschmidt (3). San Diego, Upton (1).

ROCKIES 4, GIANTS 2

Colorado ... 310 000 000 — 4 6 1
San Francisco ... 100 000 010 — 2 7 1

Matzek, B. Brown (7), Logan (8), Ottavino (9) and McKenry; Lincecum, Kontos (6), Y. Petit (8), Romo (9) and H. Sanchez. W — Matzek 1-0. L — Lincecum 0-1. Sv — Ottavino (2). HRs — Colorado, Arenado (1). San Francisco, McGuffy (1).

'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROCKHOUNDS 8, NATURALS 3
at Arvest Ballpark, Springdale, Arkansas

HITTERS OF THE NIGHT: RockHounds second baseman and catcher Bruce Maxwell each went 3-for-4 and each drove in two runs. Walsh added a double. Teammates Chad Pinder and Ryon Healy each went 2-for-4.

PITCHERS OF THE NIGHT: RockHound right-hander Chris Jenson improved to 2-0 on the year as he allowed three runs on seven hits with one walk and four strikeouts. ... Midland Christian grad Reid Redman was again stellar in relief for the Naturals as he pitched 2 1/3 scoreless innings, did not allow a hit and struck out one. He lowered his ERA to 2.57.

HIGHLIGHTS: The RockHounds took a 6-0 lead with a four-run fifth inning. Matt Olson had the big hit as he connected for his third home run of the year with a blast to right field. ... After the Naturals answered with three runs in the bottom of the fifth, thanks in part to an Ethan Chapman two-run homer, the RockHounds answered with a two run sixth. Healy had an RBI double and Walsh added an RBI double.

NOTES: The win by the RockHounds snapped a four-game losing streak ... Midland is now 3-4 on the season. ... The game began a three-game series at Arvest Ballpark.

Texas League
First half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	6	1	.857	—
Tulsa	4	3	.571	2
Northwest Arkansas	2	5	.286	4
Springfield	1	6	.143	5

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi	6	1	.857	—
Frisco	3	4	.429	3
Midland	3	4	.429	3
San Antonio	3	4	.429	3

Thursday's Scores
Midland 8, Northwest Arkansas 3
Corpus Christi 8, Springfield 0
Tulsa 4, San Antonio 1
Frisco 2, Arkansas 0

Today's Games
Tulsa at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at Northwest Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Frisco at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 8, NATURALS 3

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	NW Arkansas	ab	r	h	bi
Crocker lf	4	0	0	0	Adams cf	4	1	2	0
Angle cf	4	1	0	0	Franco 4	0	3	1	
Pinder ss	4	2	2	0	Bonifacio rf	4	0	0	0
Olson 1b	3	1	1	2	Bianucci dh	4	0	0	0
Healy 3b	4	2	2	1	Dozier 3b	4	0	1	0
Walsh 2b	4	2	3	2	Liddi 1b	3	0	0	0
Oberacker dh	4	0	1	0	Coleman ss	3	1	1	0
Maxwell c	4	0	3	2	Nessy c	4	0	0	0
Brugman rf	5	0	0	0	Chapman lf	4	1	1	2
Totals	36	8	12	7	Totals	34	3	8	3

Midland ... 011 042 000 — 8
NW Arkansas ... 000 030 000 — 3

DP — NW Arkansas 1. LOB — Midland 10, NW Arkansas 6. 2B — Walsh (4), Pinder (1), Healy (2), Coleman (2). 3B — Franco (1). HR — Olson (3), Chapman (1). CS — Pinder (2), Adams (2). SH — Oberacker.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Jensen W, 2-0	5.2	7	3	3	1	4
Hall	1.1	1	0	0	1	1
Dull	2.0	0	0	0	0	2
NW Arkansas						
Sparkman, L, 0-2	1.1	1	0	0	1	1
Williams	0.0	3	4	4	2	0
Selman	1.2	2	2	2	3	1
Redman	2.1	0	0	0	0	0
Culver	1.0	2	0	0	0	1

Williams pitched to 5 batters in the 5th.
WP — Sparkman.
T — 3:01. A — 6,673.

NHLPLAYOFFROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

RANGERS 2 PENGUINS 1

NEW YORK — Derick Brassard and Ryan McDonagh scored in the first period and Henrik Lundqvist made the goals stand up as the New York Rangers won the opener of their playoff series with the Pittsburgh Penguins 2-1 Thursday night.

New York shut down Pittsburgh's top threats, Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin, for a fourth straight victory over the Penguins in the postseason. The Rangers won the final three games of a second-round series last year, rallying from a 3-1 deficit.

In compiling the best record in the NHL, the Rangers finished 15 points ahead of Pittsburgh in the Eastern Conference. But after the first period, these were two very even teams, with Lundqvist and Penguins goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury particularly outstanding. Lundqvist finished with 24 saves, while Fleury was far busier in making 36.

Blake Comeau scored in the second period for Pittsburgh.

Game 2 is in New York on Saturday night.

RED WINGS 3 LIGHTNING 2

TAMPA, Fla. — Pavel Datsyuk scored twice and Petr Mrazek had 44 saves in his NHL playoff debut to help the Detroit Red Wings beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 3-2 in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference series Thursday night.

Datsyuk scored on two of the first four shots the Red Wings got against Tampa Bay's Ben Bishop. Luke Glendening's short-handed goal gave Detroit a 3-1 lead early in the third period.

Mrazek, named Detroit's starter for Game 1 over veteran Jimmy Howard, gave up a short-handed goal to Brian Boyle in the first period and a late goal to Nikita Nesterov that enabled the Lightning to pull within 3-2.

Tampa Bay outshot the Red Wings 46-14, but went 0 for 7 on the power play — failing to even get a shot off on the

NHL PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Montreal 1, Ottawa 0
Wednesday, April 15: Montreal 4, Ottawa 3
Today: Ottawa at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 19: Montreal at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22: Montreal at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
x-Friday, April 24: Ottawa at Montreal, TBA
x-Sunday, April 26: Montreal at Ottawa, TBA
x-Tuesday, April 28: Ottawa at Montreal, TBA

Detroit 1, Tampa Bay 0
Thursday, April 16: Detroit 3, Tampa Bay 2
Saturday, April 18: Detroit at Tampa Bay, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21: Tampa Bay at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Thursday, April 23: Tampa Bay at Detroit, 6 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 25: Detroit at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-Monday, April 27: Tampa Bay at Detroit, TBA
x-Wednesday, April 29: Detroit at Tampa Bay, TBA

N.Y. Rangers 1, Pittsburgh 0
Thursday, April 16: N.Y. Rangers 2, Pittsburgh 1
Saturday, April 18: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Monday, April 20: N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22: N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
x-Friday, April 24: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
x-Sunday, April 26: N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, TBA
x-Tuesday, April 28: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, TBA

N.Y. Islanders 1, Washington 0
Wednesday, April 15: N.Y. Islanders 4, Washington 1
Today: N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 19: Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 11 a.m.
Tuesday, April 21: Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
x-Thursday, April 23: N.Y. Islanders at Washington, TBA
x-Saturday, April 25: Washington at N.Y. Islanders, TBA
x-Monday, April 27: N.Y. Islanders at Washington, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

St. Louis vs. Minnesota
Thursday, April 16: Minnesota at St. Louis, late
Saturday, April 18: Minnesota at St. Louis, 2 p.m.
Monday, April 20: St. Louis at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22: St. Louis at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
x-Friday, April 24: Minnesota at St. Louis, TBA
x-Sunday, April 26: St. Louis at Minnesota, TBA
x-Wednesday, April 29: Minnesota at St. Louis, TBA

Chicago 1, Nashville 0
Wednesday, April 15: Chicago 4, Nashville 3, 2OT
Today: Chicago at Nashville, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 19: Nashville at Chicago, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21: Nashville at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
x-Thursday, April 23: Chicago at Nashville, TBA
x-Saturday, April 25: Nashville at Chicago, TBA
x-Monday, April 27: Chicago at Nashville, TBA

Anaheim vs. Winnipeg
Thursday, April 16: Winnipeg at Anaheim, late
Saturday, April 18: Winnipeg at Anaheim, late
Monday, April 20: Anaheim at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22: Anaheim at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
x-Friday, April 24: Winnipeg at Anaheim, TBA
x-Sunday, April 26: Anaheim at Winnipeg, TBA
x-Tuesday, April 28: Winnipeg at Anaheim, TBA

Calgary 1, Vancouver 0
Wednesday, April 15: Calgary 2, Vancouver 1
Today: Calgary at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Sunday, April 19: Vancouver at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21: Vancouver at Calgary, 9 p.m.
x-Thursday, April 23: Calgary at Vancouver, TBA
x-Saturday, April 25: Vancouver at Calgary, TBA
x-Monday, April 27: Calgary at Vancouver, TBA

TENNIS

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6-0, 6-1, in the semifinals.

In the finals, Sivalls and McCray faced the Beaumont Legacy team of John Herr and Peter Williams and they won that match, 6-2, 6-2. Tracy Sivalls said his doubles team took control from the beginning at the net and pushed Legacy back. Coach Sivalls added that Max and McCray dominated in their service games:

"Max and Marshall played as a team and worked together," Tracy Sivalls said. "Marshall held his own and made huge impact on the court. It was fun to watch."

The championship was sort of a rematch as Sivalls defeated Herr to win the boys singles title in the state tournament two years ago. Sivalls finished his high school career with only two losses in four years on the varsity. He leaves MCA as a four-time district champion and three-time state champion.

The MCA girls doubles team of juniors Holmes and Tracy Fu finished as the state runner-up as they lost to the Sugarland Logos team of Hope Nash and Kaelyn Hall, 7-5, 6-2 in the finals.

Holmes and Fu defeated a team from Houston St. Thomas, 6-4, 6-2 to reach the championship match.

MCS GIRLS FINISH 3RD IN TAPPS 4A TOURNAMENT

The Midland Christian girls placed third as a team in the TAPPS 4A state tournament behind Austin St. Michael's Academy and Tyler Grace Prep Community.

The girls doubles team of Mackenzie Stubbs and Ashley Hedrick made it to semifinals but lost to the team of Brennan Foreman and Hannah Harrod of Austin St. Michael's, 6-4, 6-3.

The girls doubles teams of Faith McKinney and Bailey Warpula, and Mackenzie Stubbs and Ashley Hedrick both made it to the quarterfinals.

Boys singles player Jacob Ramos made it to quarterfinals.

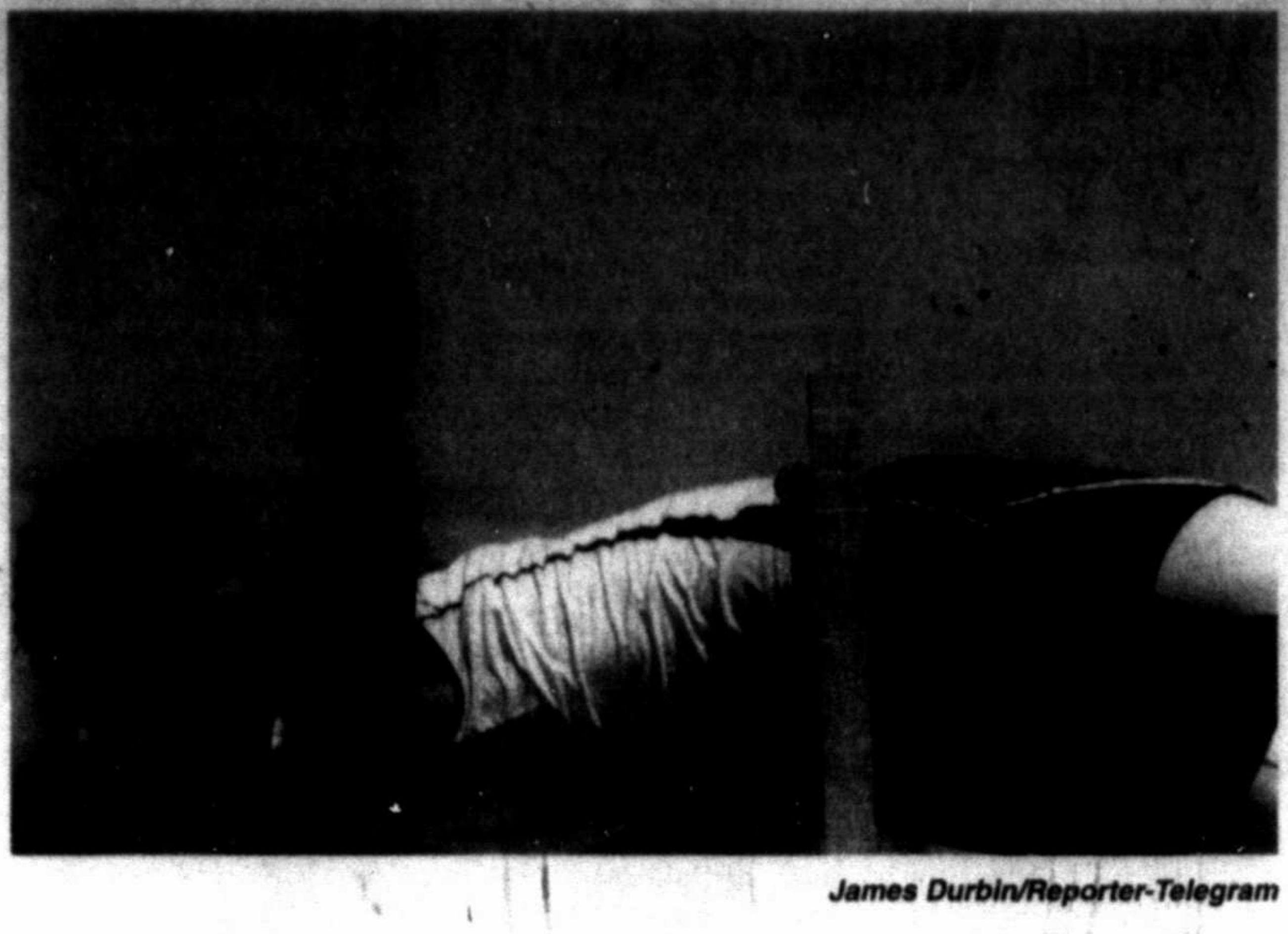
TAPPS 4A STATE TOURNAMENT
at Waco Regional Tennis Center

Boys singles
First round
Ryan Ramos (Midland Christian) def. Jacob Mink (Austin St. Dominic) 6-1, 6-2
Quarterfinals
Perry Clements (Tyler All Saints) def. Ramos (Midland Christian) 6-4, 6-2

Boys doubles
First round
Phillip Kitt-Alec Kitt (Bullard Brook Hill School) def. Tristan Tannich-Ryan Adams (Midland Christian) 6-1, 6-2

Girls singles
First round
Daniella Alvarez (Austin St. Michael's Academy) def. Madelyn Hammond (Midland Christian) 6-0, 6-1

Girls doubles
First round
Faith McKinney-Bailey Warpula (Midland Christian) def. Paris Hanna-Meredith Kirkland (Corpus Christi Incarnate Word) 6-2, 6-0
Mackenzie Stubbs-Ashley Hedrick (Midland Christian) def. Emily Thompson-Kaitlyn Balcombe (Frisco Legacy Christian Academy) 6-2, 6-1
Quarterfinals
Lauren Birtcher-Payton Leihgeber (Tyler All Saints) def. McKinney-Warpula (Midland Christian) 6-0, 6-1
Stubbs-Hedrick (Midland Christian) def. Grace Simmons-Cagle Crossett (Austin Hyde Park) 6-2, 6-3
Semifinals
Brennan Foreman-Hannah Harrod (Austin St. Michael's) def. Stubbs-Hedrick (Midland Christian) 6-4, 6-3



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Midland High's Courtney McMaryion competes in the high jump during the District 3-6A Track and Field Championships on Thursday at Memorial Stadium.

McMaryion makes up for long jump with win in high jump

By Christopher Hadorn
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Midland High sophomore Courtney McMaryion had won two straight golds in the long jump entering Thursday's District 3-6A Track and Field Championships at Memorial Stadium.

McMaryion placed fourth in the long jump (20-7), qualifying him for the District 3-6A/4-6A Area Meet on April 24, but it wasn't the performance he was hoping for.

Following the shortcoming, McMaryion was motivated to make a splash in the high jump, which is typically his lesser event.

McMaryion did just that by leaping 6 feet, 6 inches to win the high jump.

McMaryion's previous personal record in the high jump was 6 feet, 2 inches so he set a new best with a 6 feet, 4 inches and then followed it with an even better mark.

"I was a little bit surprised, but it makes me feel I can do a lot more now than I thought I could," McMaryion said.

Amazingly, McMaryion hadn't even attempted a 6-6 jump in practice before.

"I cleared 6-2, my first PR, then after that, I was pretty excited," McMaryion said. "But then knowing it was a little bit higher, I got a little bit nervous. But just knowing I had my coaches there with the motivation, I was able to push myself to get there."

■ Notebook

LEE FRESHMAN ENJOYS SUDDEN ASCENT

Two weeks ago, Lee freshman Emily Ray was running on the girls junior varsity team.

Lady Rebels head coach Mike Connelly approached her and offered her a spot on the varsity team in the 3,600 meters. Ray was up to the challenge.

On Thursday, Ray qualified for the District 3-6A/4-6A Area Meet with a fourth-place finish (13:36.13) in the 3,600.

"I was very overwhelmed," Ray said. "I was really nervous. I just gave it my best and I just tried to have a good mentality."

Connelly called Ray's feat his team's biggest accomplishment during the first day of the district meet. Ray made her varsity debut last week with a top three finish in the 3,600 at the Greenwood meet.

GAINEY ADVANCES IN HER LAST TRY

Lee senior Kindal Gainey competes in only one event, the high jump.

So Thursday was Gainey's last chance for the Lady Rebel to earn a district medal and advance to the area meet, feats she had never accomplished before.

Gainey arose to the occasion with a second-place showing in the high jump (5-2).

"It feels really good because that's what I wanted to accomplish today to get to area my senior year and that's what I did," Gainey said.

Gainey and teammate Kristian Ruiz set personal records with their leaps of 5 feet, 2 inches. Ruiz placed third on misses.

"I did miss at 4-10 one time and I got really nervous because I really wanted this, but once I got to 5-foot, I wasn't really nervous anymore," Gainey said.

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comparisons and you can tell what you're doing wrong and how you can get up higher every time. Yeah, coaching helps, but you don't have coaching, you have to take it in your own hands.

"That was always my homework, just YouTube, watching the pros, just slowing it down because it's always just physics. Every little movement is done on purpose, nothing is an accident in the pole vault. You see the guys that do it right, there's a reason they're doing everything right. There's a reason why they are moving through the air the way they are."

Slack said the MHS pole vault practices are relaxed affairs that are centered around having fun and hanging out with friends.

MHS girls head coach Hil Ochoa calls the group their "own breed" and lets them direct their own practices.

The Bulldogs pole vaulters are as dedicated as any faction on the boys and girls team.

"They spend almost every day from 3:30 to 6:30. I've got to run them out of here," Midland High boys head coach Jeff Streun said. "They're always vaulting."

"We will practice out here, around 3-3 1/2 hours every day until no one else is here," Giddens said.

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District 3-6A Track and Field Championships
Thursday-Friday, at Memorial Stadium
Thursday's results
(Top four in each event qualify for District 3-6A/4-6A Meet April 24 in Abilene)

BOYS

Team standings through day one

1. Abilene High 55, 2. Midland High 3[illegible], 3. San Angelo Central 33.5, 4. Odessa High 27, 5. Odessa Permian 17, 6. Lee 14.5

Individual results (finals only)

Running events

3,200: 1. Zac Cabrera, San Angelo Central, 9:54.45, 2. Aaron Ramirez, Odessa High, 10:00.4[illegible], 3. Ruben Guerra, Midland High, 10:03.07, 4. Kelton Reynolds, Abilene High, 10:03.89, 5. [illegible], Odessa High, 10:11.09, 6. Chad Schmidt, Midland High, 10:12.00

Field events

High jump: 1. Courtney McMaryion, Midland High, 6-6, 2. Dwayne Amoya, Odessa High, 6-4, 3. Reese Chidress, Abilene High, 6-4, 4. Collin McDonald, San Angelo Central, 6-4, 5. DeVaughn Coleman, Abilene High, 6-2, 6. Denim Rogers, Lee, 6-0

Long jump: 1. Robert Thomas, Odessa Permian, 21-5 3/4, 2. Reese Chidress, Abilene High, 21-5, 3. Denim Rogers, Lee, 21-1 1/2, 4. Courtney McMaryion, Midland High, 20-7, 5. Chase Blaylock, Odessa High, 20-3 1/2, 6. Jaden Coates, San Angelo Central, 20-3 1/4

Pole vault: 1. Slade Harrell, Midland High, 13-0, 2. Josh Sanchez, San Angelo Central, 13-0, 3. Beau Lassatai, San Angelo Central, 12-0, 4. Ryan Giddens, Midland High, 12-0, 5. Stephen Ford, Abilene High, 11-6, 6. Jeremy Reyes, Odessa High, 10-6

Shot put: 1. Ronnell Wilson, Abilene High, 49-11, 2. Qua'shawn Washington, Abilene High, 48-10 1/4, 3. Brian McClure, Odessa High, 48-5, 4. Cameron Cross, San Angelo Central, 47-11 1/2, 5. Paxton Hefling, Midland High, 45-8, 6. Jesus Olivares, Odessa Permian, 44-8

Discus: 1. Ronnell Wilson, Abilene High, 155-04, 2. Michael Marsh, Lee, 149-7, 3. Jesus Olivares, Odessa Permian, 149-6, 4. Qua'shawn Washington, Abilene High, 148-1, 5. Dillon Springer, Midland High, 147-1, 6. David Brown, Abilene High, 147-1

GIRLS

Team standings through day one

1. Odessa Permian 51, 2. Abilene High 38, 3. Lee 32, 4. San Angelo Central 29, 5. Odessa High 26, 6. Midland High 10

Running events

3,200: 1. Ashton Endsley, Abilene High, 11:10.16, 2. Mariah DeLeon, Abilene High, 12:38.72, 3. Cassidy Reddell, Odessa Permian, 13:09.92, 4. Emily Ray, Lee, 13:36.13, 5. Shannon Smith, Midland High, 13:40.81, 6. Ashlyn Starr, San Angelo Central, 13:47.24

Field events

High jump: 1. Akor Maywin, Odessa Permian, 5-6, 2. Kindal Gainey, Lee, 5-2, 3. Kristian Ruiz, Lee, 5-2, 4. Krista Epley, Midland High, 5-2, 5. Kayie Thomason, Odessa High, 5-0, 6. Lexia Forester, Odessa Permian, 5-0

Triple jump: 1. Jasmine Brown, Odessa High, 36-4 1/2, 2. Bri'An Washington, Lee, 36-1, 3. Heavyn Burnett, Lee, 35-5 3/4, 4. Akor Maywin, Odessa Permian, 35-3 1/2, 5. Katrina Garcia, Odessa High, 34-4 1/4, 6. Allie Holdridge, San Angelo Central, 34-3 1/2

Pole vault: 1. Myra Carrion, Abilene High, 10-7, 2. Sarah Gallaher, San Angelo Central, 9-6, 3. Ally Arnold, San Angelo Central, 9-0, 4. Cheyenne Vinita, Abilene High, 9-0, 5. Jazmin Diaz, San Angelo Central, 8-6, 6. Abryl Olivas, Odessa High, 8-6

Shot put: 1. Brilyn Daniels, San Angelo Central, 38-6, 2. Larissa Arenivas, Odessa High, 36-9, 3. Tamisha Cotton, Abilene High, 36-3 1/2, 4. La Tasha Griffin, Odessa Permian, 35-2 3/4, 5. Kiairah Franklin, Odessa Permian, 34-9 1/2, 6. Maya Wood, Odessa High, 34-5 1/2

Discus: 1. Kiairah Franklin, Odessa Permian, 119-7, 2. Caleyha Brown, Odessa Permian, 114-6, 3. Dakota Langston, Odessa Permian, 114-6, 4. Shira Reece, Midland High, 112-10, 5. Maya Wood, Odessa High, 110-3, 6. Kassidy Kypfer, San Angelo Central, 99-11

Today's schedule

9 a.m. — boys triple jump, girls long jump
2:30 p.m. — Girls 400-meter relay, boys 400-meter relay
2:45 p.m. — Girls 800-meter run, boys 800-meter run
3:10 p.m. — Girls 100-meter hurdles
3:20 p.m. — Boys 110-meter hurdles
3:30 p.m. — Girls 100-meter dash, boys 100-meter dash
3:50 p.m. — Girls 800-meter relay, boys 800-meter relay
4:15 p.m. — Girls 400-meter dash, boys 400-meter dash
4:45 p.m. — Girls 300-meter hurdles, boys 300-meter hurdles
5:05 p.m. — Girls 200-meter dash, boys 200-meter dash
5:25 p.m. — Girls 1,600-meter run, boys 1,600-meter run
6:05 p.m. — Girls 1,600-meter relay, boys 1,600-meter relay

Pacquiao fights back at Mayweather's jabs

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Manny Pacquiao intends to put on a show when he faces Floyd Mayweather Jr. in 2 1/2 weeks.

He really hopes Mayweather is also coming to fight, for the fans' sake — and maybe for his own strategic purposes as well.

Pacquiao radiated confidence and excitement Wednesday at the Wild Card gym in Hollywood before his latest workout in preparation for their bout May 2 in Las Vegas.

With the most anticipated fight in recent years looming ever closer, both boxers kept their public comments civil and mostly respectful this week. But Pacquiao laughed when told that the defense-minded Mayweather had called him "a very reckless fighter" on Tuesday.

"Reckless fighter? That's how people like me and love me, because they like an exciting fight," Pacquiao said. "We call this boxing, (and) boxing is more punching. We talk about punching."

Pacquiao (57-5-2, 38 KOs) has rarely skimped on excitement during his remarkable career as an eight-division champion, but the Filipino congressman realizes he is facing the greatest defensive fighter of their era. Mayweather (47-0, 26 KOs) has been nearly unhittable for most of his opponents during his perfect career.

But Pacquiao hopes Money realizes that the best way to get paid is to put on a fight worth seeing. After all, they're counting on fans to pay a record $99.95 for the pay-per-view, a figure described by no less than Pacquiao promoter Bob Arum as "ostentatious consumerism" if a fan bought it to watch all by himself.

And if Pacquiao is trying a bit of psychological trickery, it isn't very subtle: He didn't even try to hide the fact that a brawl would be his best chance to win.

"If he (does) that, that's good for me," Pacquiao said. "I like that. We'll see. That's what I want, and that's definitely what the fans want — action."

Unlike Mayweather, Pacquiao knows what it's like to be knocked out and to get back up. Pacquiao lost both of his bouts in 2012 and ended his fourth fight with Juan Manuel Marquez face-down on the canvas in the sixth round.

Warriors? Cavs? Spurs again? No clear NBA Finals favorite

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

Sweet-shooting Stephen Curry and the Golden State Warriors have the best record, an unmatched home-court advantage, and the understanding that means nothing now.

"We had a great home record and did some historic things, but that doesn't get you any extra points in the playoffs," Curry said.

The Warriors (67-15) were the NBA's best this season. LeBron James has been on top before, though never in Cleveland. And don't forget the Spurs, even though you have to look far down the West standings to find them.

When the NBA postseason opens this weekend, there will be plenty of championship contenders but perhaps no clear favorite.

"I got no idea who's going to win the championship. This is the most convoluted I've ever seen the NBA as far as, I've got no idea," Hall of Famer and TNT analyst Charles Barkley said.

With James gone from Miami, so are the days of penciling in one half of the NBA Finals matchup. The Heat reached the last four finals, winning two of them, before James returned to Cleveland last July.

The Cavaliers don't even have the best record in the Eastern Conference, finishing in second place behind Atlanta. But they have rolled through the second half of the season so easily that it's hard not to consider this No. 2 as the one.

"We have an opportunity to do something special and that kicks off this weekend," James said.

The Cavaliers start Sunday against Boston, a familiar foe for James and the one that ended his last postseason in a Cavaliers uniform.

The playoffs begin Saturday with four games: Washington visits Toronto in the opener before the Warriors, 39-2 at home during the regular season, host Anthony Davis and the New Orleans Pelicans. After that come two short trips: Milwaukee travels to Chicago and Dallas heads to Houston.

On Sunday, Atlanta hosts Brooklyn, Portland visits Memphis, and the Los Angeles Clippers welcome San Antonio for the opener of what appears to be the marquee first-round series.

The Spurs' beautiful basketball overwhelmed James and the Heat in last year's finals and carried them to 21 wins in their final 25 games this season — and couldn't put a dent in their deficit in the West standings. They ended up with the No. 6 seed after losing in New Orleans on the final night of the regular season, with a 55-27 record that was a game worse than the Clippers, who surged to a 56-26 finish with seven straight victories.

"We'd love to have been in the 2 or 3 seeds — whatever it may be — and started at home," the Spurs' Tim Duncan said. "But we have been on just about every route possible throughout the years. This will be another journey, and hopefully it will be a fun one."

That's what the Warriors want. And with an MVP favorite in Curry, another All-Star in the backcourt in Klay Thompson and a deep bench, they have everything needed to make it happen.

"It's time to go and we are ready," Curry said.

Some other things to watch in the playoffs:

ROSE'S RETURN: Derrick Rose's injury problems began in the opener of the 2012 postseason when he tore his ACL. He returned from his latest surgery to help the Bulls finish with four straight victories to earn the No. 3 seed in the East.

HOW HEALTHY?: The winner of the Trail Blazers-Grizzlies series would be in line to meet the Warriors, and either would be a threat if healthy. But Marc Gasol, Mike Conley and Tony Allen of Memphis limped to the finish, Arron Afflalo joined Wesley Matthews on the sideline in Portland, and it's hard to tell which team is in good enough shape to survive this series.

TEXAS TWO-STEP: The reward for James Harden and the Rockets after earning the No. 2 seed? A matchup against a Dallas team that won 50 games. The Rockets outscored the Mavericks just 402-398 in their four meetings, and Dallas had double-digit leads in three of them.

NBA playoff schedule

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlanta vs. Brooklyn
Sunday, April 19: Brooklyn at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22: Brooklyn at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 25: Atlanta at Brooklyn, 2 p.m.
Monday, April 27: Atlanta at Brooklyn, TBD
x-Wednesday, April 29: Brooklyn at Atlanta, TBD
x-Friday, May 1: Atlanta at Brooklyn, TBD
x-Sunday, May 3: Brooklyn at Atlanta, TBD

Cleveland vs. Boston
Sunday, April 19: Boston at Cleveland, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21: Boston at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Thursday, April 23: Cleveland at Boston, 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 26: Cleveland at Boston, Noon
x-Tuesday, April 28: Boston at Cleveland, TBD
x-Thursday, April 30: Cleveland at Boston, TBD
x-Saturday, May 2: Boston at Cleveland, TBD

Chicago vs. Milwaukee
Saturday, April 18: Milwaukee at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Monday, April 20: Milwaukee at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 23: Chicago at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 25: Chicago at Milwaukee, 4:30 p.m.
x-Monday, April 27: Milwaukee at Chicago, TBD
x-Thursday, April 30: Chicago at Milwaukee, TBD
x-Saturday, May 2: Milwaukee at Chicago, TBD

Toronto vs. Washington
Saturday, April 18: Washington at Toronto, 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, April 21: Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 24: Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 26: Toronto at Washington, 6 p.m.
x-Wednesday, April 29: Washington at Toronto, TBD
x-Friday, May 1: Toronto at Washington, TBD
x-Sunday, May 3: Washington at Toronto, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Golden State vs. New Orleans
Saturday, April 18: New Orleans at Golden State, 2:30 p.m.
Monday, April 20: New Orleans at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 23: Golden State at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 25: Golden State at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 28: New Orleans at Golden State, TBD
x-Friday, May 1: Golden State at New Orleans, TBD
x-Sunday, May 3: New Orleans at Golden State, TBD

Houston vs. Dallas
Saturday, April 18: Dallas at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21: Dallas at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, April 24: Houston at Dallas, 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 26: Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
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x-Thursday, April 30: Houston at Dallas, TBD
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L.A. Clippers vs. San Antonio
Sunday, April 19: San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22: San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Friday, April 24: L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
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Portland vs. Memphis
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Monday, April 27: Memphis at Portland, 9:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, April 29: Portland at Memphis, TBD
x-Friday, May 1: Memphis at Portland, TBD
x-Sunday, May 3: Portland at Memphis, TBD

LA Clippers' Jordan prepared if Spurs send him to line again

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — After DeAndre Jordan learned the Clippers had drawn the San Antonio Spurs in the first round of the playoffs, the Los Angeles center must have thought about just going straight to the free throw line.

A first-round matchup between two NBA powers with more than 55 victories apiece has plenty of subplots, but Jordan's 39.7-percent free throw shooting could end up being one of the biggest.

Intentionally fouling Jordan is a now-common practice for Clippers opponents in close games, and the defending champion Spurs proved two months ago that they're not above such tawdry strategies. In the teams' most recent regular-season meeting Feb. 19, Spurs coach Gregg Popovich raised the practice to a high art, sending Jordan to the foul line a jaw-dropping 28 times.

"It's happened all season, and I feel like a lot of the games that they've done it, we've won," Jordan said Thursday before the Clippers' first playoff practice at their training complex. "I'm not really worried about it. When it does happen, which I know it will, I'll just go to the line and shoot the basketball. It's not something that I'm dreading, but I'm prepared for it. I'm ready."

Jordan missed 18 of those season-high 28 free throws in a game that lasted nearly three full hours, keeping San Antonio close in the fourth quarter. Yet the Clippers still won 119-115, even without Blake Griffin in their lineup.

"I hate doing it, but it's a rule," Popovich said after that game.

Jordan's stat line from that night indicates both the utility and folly of Hack-a-DJ: He went 5 for 14 at the line in the fourth quarter, but finished with a career-high 26 points and grabbed 18 rebounds.

Jordan has evolved from a raw athlete into the NBA's rebounding champion and one of the world's top defensive players, but his growth hasn't included an improvement at the foul line. He was fifth in the NBA with 471 free-throw attempts during the regular season, an average of 5.7 per game, but couldn't even crack the 40-percent mark.

After being fairly unwilling to talk about it in previous seasons, Jordan has overcome his embarrassment about his free-throw struggles, openly acknowledging his weakness as an area to be exploited by opponents.

"A lot, probably," Jordan said when asked how many free throws he'll have to shoot to eliminate the champs.

"But that's fine," he added. "I shot a lot during the season anyway, so I've got a lot of practice."

Clippers coach Doc Rivers hasn't decided how to handle the strategy late in close games against the Spurs, but he knows it will be a problem until the NBA outlaws the practice.

"They're going to do it, so we're just going to have to make the game-to-game decisions," Rivers said. "The league this year, I've got a strong feeling next year we won't have to deal with this. And I don't even know if that's the right answer. I know it looks better for the fans, but we'll just deal with it game by game."

Jordan knows he must keep his temper in check when the Spurs begin fouling him, but emotions often run hot for the high-flying, free-flowing Clippers. While they're all aware of the importance of avoiding fourth-quarter technical fouls, the Clippers can't deny they're not the same as the cool, clinical Spurs.

"If we all just play with a straight face out there, I think a lot of people would wonder if we really cared," Paul said. "I think we just play. We've got to be who we are."

Rivers has picked up his share of technical fouls as well, but still agrees with Paul.

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KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	The Amazing Race Teams of two race the globe for a cash prize. (N)				Blue Bloods "Excessive Force"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	MASH "Big Mac"	M*A*S*H "Payday"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Hogan's Heroes	Twilight "The Fear"	The Odd Couple	The Odd Couple	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason		Perry Mason: ...
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	★★ Bad Teacher (2011, Comedy) Jason Segel, Justin Timberlake, Cameron Diaz.				Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Mission: M25	All About Us	Update News	Sondra Baras	Light of the Southwest		Best of Week		Update News	BAS Presents	Walking	Y.Salamanca
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KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Wash. Week (N)	Charlie Rose (N)	Am. Masters "Jascha Heifetz: God's Fiddler"		Voces on PBS "Children of Giant" (N)			Katmai: Alaska's	Tavis Smiley (N)	Tavis Smiley
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FLIX	340	65		165		(5:15) All the Way		★★ Mighty Joe Young Bill Paxton.				★★ Yours, Mine and Ours			★★ Blaze Paul Newman.		
HBO	300	68	14	14		(:15) 2 Days	Another Me (P)			Game of Thrones		Bill Maher (N)		Vice (N)	Bill Maher		Vice
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:30) Fast and Furious 6			(:45) ★★★★ X-Men: Days of Future Past					2 Days /(:15) Boxing		(:15) Boxing Classics	
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(5:45) The Fault in Our Stars				Jersey Boys ('14, Bio) John Lloyd Young.				(:15) ★★ Tammy Melissa McCarthy.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:45) ★★ Pacific Rim ('13, Act) Idris Elba.					★★★ Full Metal Jacket				Naked in Space	
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SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(:15) ★★ Failure to Launch				Knock Knock, It's Tig Notaro			Nurse J.	Premature Alan Tudyk.			NurseJ.
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:20) Catch Hell		★★ Godsend ('04, Hor) Robert De Niro.				★★ Grosse Pointe Blank John Cusack.				The Station Agent	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Criminal Minds "The Fight"		Criminal Minds "A Rite of Passage"		Criminal Minds "A Thousand Words"		Criminal Minds "Exit Wounds"		Criminal Minds "The Internet Is Forever"		Criminal Minds "A Rite of Passage"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) Ocean's El...		★★ Jurassic Park III Sam Neill.				★★ Van Helsing ('04, Act) Kate Beckinsale, Hugh Jackman.					
BET	58	26		40		(5:30) Being	Being "Signing Off"		KeyshiaC	★★ Welcome Home, Roscoe Jenkins					Xperim.	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		(4:30) TBA		★★ How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days					★★ How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days				
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Coffee Addiction		Shark Tank		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		Death Row Stories	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Bering Sea Gold		Dredged Up (N)		Bering Sea Gold (N)		Arctic Rescue (N)		Bering Sea Gold		Arctic Rescue	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Liv/Mad	Dog Blog	Jessie (N)	Girl (N)	Dog Blog	Gravity	Gravity	Austin	Girl	I Didn't	Liv/Mad	Girl
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(5:00) SportsCenter		Playoff Preview (N)		SEC "Shaq & Dale" (N)		Grantland Presents		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Grantland Basketball		H.S. Basketball Jordan Brand Classic (L)				Boxing Friday Night Fights Card TBA (L)				Baseball Tonight (L)	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★★ The Little Mermaid Jodi Benson.				★★★★ Happy Feet Two Elijah Wood.				The 700 Club		Boy MW	Boy MW
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	Diners...	Diners, Dr.	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Maver-icks (N)	NCAA Softball Baylor vs. Oklahoma (L)				Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field Seattle, Wash. (L)					
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(4:30) 21 Jump St...		★★★ The Amazing Spider-Man ('12, Act) Emma Stone, Andrew Garfield.							The Amazing Spider-Man		
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	The Waltons		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		H.Hunt	House	H.Hunt	House	Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens (N)		Hangar 1: UFO (N)		(:05) Eng. Disasters		Ancient Aliens	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Bring It!		Bring It!		Bring It! (N)		Jump! "Tricks of the Trade" (N)		Bama State Style "Shaking the Tree"		Bring It!	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary	
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SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Lights	Give Up	Cops	Cops
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TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:45) Hollywood		★★★ Green Dolphin Street ('47, Rom) Lana Turner.					★★★★ Royal Wedding			(:15) Scaramouche	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Avenida Brasil		Tierra de reyes		Dueños paraiso (SF)		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Tierra de reyes	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Say Yes Dress	Say Yes to the Dress	19 Kids & Count "Duggars Say I Do"		Say Yes-Dress (N)	Bride By Design	Bride By Design	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Bride By Design	Bride By Design	Say Yes-Dress
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(4:45) ★★★ Red ('10, Act) Bruce Willis.		Justice "Devoted (Okaloosa, FL)" (N)		★★ Limitless (2011, Mystery) Anna Friel, Bradley Cooper.				Justice "Devoted (Okaloosa, FL)"		Grimm "The Show Must Go On"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Home Videos		Fam.Feud	(:35) Feud	(:10) Ray	Queens	(:25) King of Queens		Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern "Fizbo"	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern "Benched"	Modern Family	Modern "Hawaii"	Modern Family	NCIS: Los Angeles "Overwatch"	
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Jordan Spieth struggles in 1st round after Masters win

By Pete Iacobelli
Associated Press

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — It's been quite some time since Jordan Spieth had to explain a performance this poor.

The Masters champion had a post-Masters letdown in the opening round Thursday, shooting 3-over 74 to end his run of 16 straight rounds under par. He blamed it all on himself — and not the two-day celebratory media tour in New York this week.

"I didn't drive the ball well, didn't particularly strike my irons well. My chipping and putting weren't there," he said. "It was just an off day."

And the sort of performance that stands in stark contrast with how Spieth played the past month. He won the Valspar Championship, finished second at the Texas Open and lost a playoff in the Houston Open before capturing the green jacket and his first major championship at Augusta National.

It was a lot to ask of anyone to come back just as strong, let alone a 21-year-old who hadn't gone through it before.

"No excuses. I just didn't have it today," he said.

He better have it on Friday if he hopes to hang around for the weekend. Spieth stands eight shots behind Graeme McDowell and Matt Every, tied for the top at 5-under 66.

"Got a good feeling about tomorrow," Spieth said. "Feel like I got some swings in, got in somewhat of a rhythm and can at least go out and feel the shots."

Don't bet against the young Texan.

He got into Sea Pines Resort late Tuesday night after some 25 appearances and interviews in New York, including an appearance with David Letterman and seeing the view atop the Empire State Building. He acknowledged his preparation this week had suffered.

Spieth was greeted by a large gallery on the first tee, crowds five and six deep stretching cellphones to snap pictures and get video footage. "Way to go, Jordan," someone shouted after his tee shot.

The applause continued throughout the round and, while Spieth appreciated the sentiment, had difficulty concentrating on his game.

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Bo Van Pelt 35-34—69
Joost Luiten 34-35—69
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Cameron Tringale 35-37—72
Nicholas Thompson 38-35—73
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Luke Donald 35-38—73
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Jason Bohn 36-37—73
Brian Stuard 35-38—73
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Charles Howell III 38-37—75
Woody Austin 37-38—75
Jeff Maggert 39-36—75
Robert Garrigus 36-40—76
Jonathan Byrd 37-39—76
John Huh 39-38—77
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano 37-40—77
Brandt Snedeker 39-38—77
Scott Verplank 36-41—77
Chez Reavie 35-42—77
Andrew Svoboda 35-42—77
Corey Conners 38-39—77
John Faidley 40-37—77
Camilo Villegas WD

European

Shenzhen International Leading Scores
Thursday
At Genzon Golf Club
Shenzhen, China
Purse: $2.5 million
Yardage: 7,145; Par: 72 (36-36)
First Round, Leading Scores

Huang Wenyi, China 32-34—66
Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Thailand 31-36—67
Felipe Aguilar, Chile 34-33—67
Peter Uihlein, United States 36-31—67
Byeong Hun An, South Korea 32-35—67
Darren Fichardt, South Africa 37-31—68
Shiv Kapur, India 34-35—69
Matt Ford, Britain 33-36—69
Rafa Cabrera-Bello, Spain 38-31—69
Matteo Manassero, Italy 34-35—69
Marco Crespi, Italy 34-35—69
Andy Sullivan, Britain 35-34—69
Ross Fisher, Britain 33-36—69
Romain Wattel, France 33-36—69
Anthony Wall, Britain 33-36—69
Garth Mulroy, South Africa 37-32—69

Also

Bubba Watson, United States 35-35—70
Davis Lipsky, United States 34-39—73

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LEVEL

Each set of letters below is arranged alphabetically, and the ? is in the correct alphabetical position. Figure out what letter the ? represents, and then rearrange the letters to spell a six-letter word. For example, in HH?RTY the ? could be an H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q or R. Here it represents an M, which can be combined with the other letters to spell RHYTHM. We've placed the last letter as a hint.

A D E O ? W
☐☐☐☐☐ D

A ? H M O T
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A ? G M O T
☐☐☐☐☐ T

Yesterday's Answer: PIANO, PLAIN, PLANT, PLATE, LETUP, FLUTE; MERRY, REDRY, DECRY, CRIED, CHIDE, CHILD

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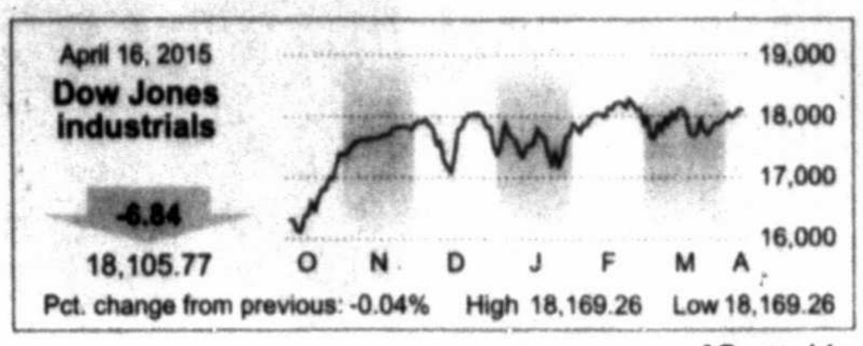

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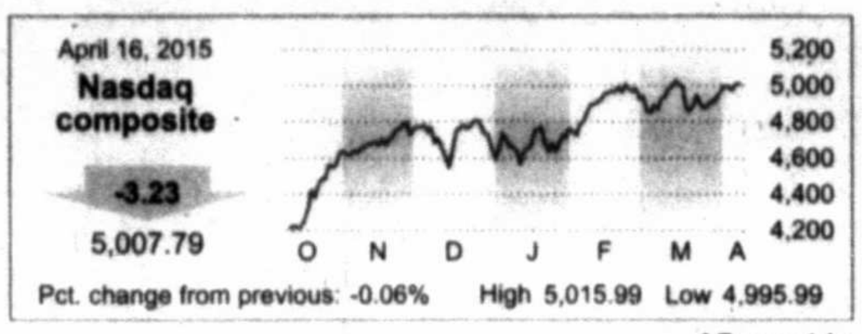

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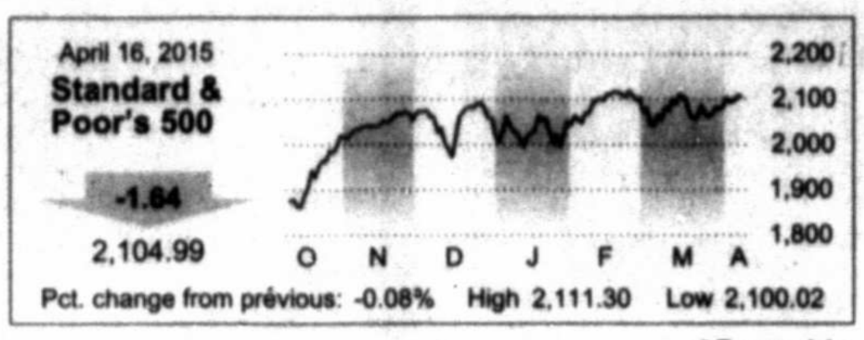

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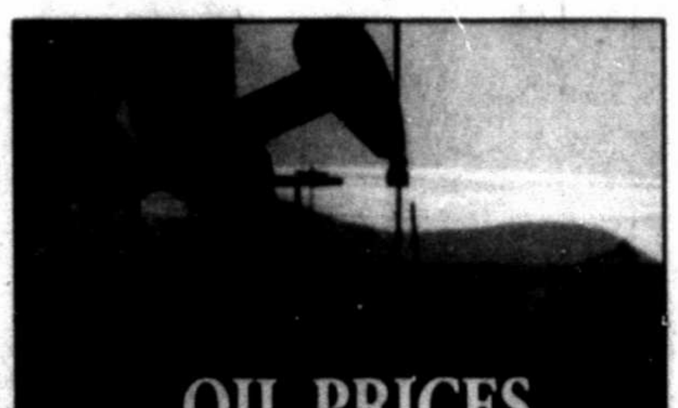

OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Thursday:	$56.71
Previous:	$56.39

POSTED

Thursday:	$53.25
Previous:	$53.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Thursday:	$48.80
Previous:	$48.55

NATURAL GAS

Thursday:	$2.684
Previous:	$2.610

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1033091	15.79	+.15
Petrobras	737735	8.68	-.22
CSVLgCrde	723331	3.45	+.13
S&P500ETF	603205	210.37	-.06
GenElec	602564	27.28	-.18

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChinaNepst	2.57	+.36	+16.3
TCP Intl n	3.45	+.41	+13.5
Cemig	4.86	+.54	+12.5
Koppers	22.65	+2.17	+10.6
PhilipMor	84.96	+6.83	+8.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
XuedaEd	2.97	-.71	-19.3
CSVInvNG	7.20	-.75	-9.4
GoldFLtd	4.02	-.35	-8.0
Argan	32.68	-2.86	-8.0
SunTr wtA	9.95	-.85	-7.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,367
Declined	1,739
Unchanged	131
Total issues	3,237
New Highs	76
New Lows	11
Volume	3,396,344,333

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
GranTrra g	73855	3.73	+.19
BarcGSOil	62869	12.08	+.19
Globalstar	35395	3.21	.04
iShIndia bt	18023	32.70	.40
NwGold g	17906	3.49	.08

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AstenasB n	10.20	+1.13	+12.5
IssuerDir	7.59	+.71	+10.3
ActiniumP	3.22	+.30	+10.3
AvalonHld	2.90	+.23	+8.6
InfuSystem	3.15	+.20	+6.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Inuvo	2.31	-.58	-20.1
KelsoTch g	3.57	-.30	-7.8
Medgen wt	3.15	-.24	-7.1
IncOpR	6.86	-.51	-6.9
inTestCorp	4.46	-.28	-5.8

DIARY

Advanced	221
Declined	179
Unchanged	22
Total issues	422
New Highs	9
New Lows	8
Volume	116,572,946

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
ApldMatl	327358	21.88	-.67
Cisco	295445	28.60	+.35
Intel	284355	32.87	+.04
Apple Inc s	274528	126.17	.61
SiriusXM	253983	3.94	.01

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MediciNova	4.96	+1.45	+41.3
Identive rs	12.40	+3.45	+38.5
ChGer h rs	4.03	+1.07	+36.1
Travelzoo	13.57	+3.29	+32.0
Netflix	562.05	+86.59	+18.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NatHlTr n	19.01	-5.56	-22.6
ForceFldE	4.74	-1.31	-21.7
Athersys	2.18	-.45	-17.1
PernixTh h	8.34	-1.63	-16.3
Novogen h	6.94	-.96	-12.2

DIARY

Advanced	1,277
Declined	1,429
Unchanged	177
Total issues	2,883
New Highs	119
New Lows	21
Volume	1,635,463,875

Etsy stock makes market debut, surges 87.5 percent

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The place where you can buy handmade dresses and crocheted dog costumes has a new hot seller: its own stock.

Shares of arts and crafts retailer Etsy surged in opening trading on the Nasdaq on Thursday. After pricing at $16 late Wednesday, the stock opened at nearly double that level and hit a high of $35.73 in morning trading. The stock finished at $30 per share, up 87.5 percent for the day and valuing the company at $3.33 billion.

The healthy stock surge showed that Wall Street has a big appetite for a well-known retail brand, even one that doesn't yet make a profit. Thursday was one of the biggest days for initial public offerings so far this year, with party-store operator Party City and electronic trading firm Virtu Financial also making big debuts.

"It's been a very slow IPO market so far this year, and investors have been on the sideline waiting for a new name, especially a new name that's familiar," said Sam Hamadeh, CEO of research firm Privco.

Founded in 2005, Brooklyn-based Etsy sells anything from a $110,000 antique desk from the 1800s to a $20 handmade antler pendant and everything in between. In 10 years, it's grown from a scrappy start-up offering craftspeople a way to sell necklaces and needlepoint online to a marketplace of 54 million members that generated $1.93 billion in sales in 2014.

While it doesn't make a profit — it reported a loss of $15.2 million in 2014 — it has a very loyal customer base and room for revenue growth. The company said 78 percent of people who bought items on the site in 2014 were return customers.

And although it has a reputation for being a grassroots site, its revenue model is becoming more like Alibaba, the Chinese e-commerce powerhouse. In addition to taking a small percentage of each transaction made on Etsy, it is increasingly offering services like marketing and payment processing to its sellers. About 42 percent of its revenue in 2014 came from services.

"We think that it's a very interesting company, and investors are going to like the growth they see," said Kathleen Smith, IPO exchange-traded fund manager at IPO research firm Renaissance Capital.

Etsy is a B Corporation, a for-profit company with a stated social mission certified by a nonprofit organization called B Lab. That could make for a tricky balancing act of keeping its socially conscious ethos alive while satisfying stockholder demands. But it could help that some shareholders will be Etsy sellers themselves — Etsy planned for 5 percent of the shares sold to be set aside for individual investors, including people who use its site. And it is using $300,000 of the proceeds from the debut to fund Etsy.org, a website established to promote entrepreneurship for women in disadvantaged communities.

One stock buyer was Juan Donado from Brooklyn, an Etsy seller who was among those the company invited to sell their wares in a popup market in Times Square Thursday. Donado is from Colombia, and he and his wife, Anna, currently employ four people in Bogota to make hand-painted, fair trade wooden figures for toys, wedding cake toppers and other uses.

They have been Etsy sellers since 2008, and the Etsy store has been their main source of income since 2011. Donada said he has never bought stock before but researched IPOs thoroughly before taking the plunge. He bought 160 Etsy shares on the morning of the IPO.

"Chad (Dickerson, Etsy's CEO) was talking about how he wants to lift up sellers," he said when asked what he likes about Etsy that's different from other companies. "We want to do the same thing. ... The more work we get, the more we can pass on to (his employees)."

New York-based Etsy is trading on the Nasdaq under the "ETSY" ticker.

Party City stock soars

Shares of Party City jumped nearly 22 percent in their stock market debut Thursday.

The Elmsford, New York, company designs, sells and makes balloons, invitations, costumes and other party goods. It operates about 900 stores and sells its products in other retailers.

Party City raised about $372 million in its initial public offering, selling 21.9 million shares at $17 per share.

The stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "PRTY."

Shares of Party City Holdco Inc. rose $3.70 to close at $20.70 Thursday.

Biggest IPOs so far this year

1. Columbia Pipeline Partners LP: The Houston-based natural gas pipeline operator raised nearly $1.1 billion in February. Its stock is up more than 16 percent since its IPO price of $23 per unit.

2. Inovalon Holdings Inc.: The health technology company, which is based in Bowie, Maryland, raised $600 million in February. The stock is down 7 cents from its IPO price of $27 per share.

3. InfraREIT Inc. (Tied): The real estate investment trust owns electric transmission and distribution assets in Texas. It raised $460 million. Its shares are up 39 percent since its January IPO price of $23 per share.

3. GoDaddy Inc. (Tied): The Web hosting company raised $460 million in March. Shares of the company, which is based in Scottsdale, Arizona, are up 24 percent from its IPO price of $20 per share.

5. Summit Materials Inc.: The Denver construction materials company raised $400 million in March. Its stock is up about 23 percent since its IPO price of $18 per share.

Stocks down slightly

Netflix soared, big corporations turned in quarterly results, and investors welcomed new companies into the market. There was plenty of news, but major indexes finished the day just short of where they started.

Stocks drifted lower at the start of trading, followed oil prices higher in the early afternoon, then flipped back to slight losses in the last hour before the closing bell.

David Lebovitz, global market strategist at J.P. Morgan Asset Management, said investors are trying to figure out if the recent run of uninspiring economic news will hit corporate profits. At the same time, big banks and other corporations have turned in better results than Wall Street expected this week.

"There's a bit of a tug of war right now," Lebovitz said. "So far, it looks like the earnings season is off to a decent start."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index edged down 1.64 points, a fraction of a percent, to 2,104.99.

The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 6.84 points, less than 0.1 percent, to 18,105.77, and the Nasdaq composite lost 3.23 points, also less than 0.1 percent, to 5,007.79.

Netflix said it added 4.9 million subscribers in the first three months of the year, better than any other quarter since the company started streaming video eight years ago. All told, Netflix finished March with 62 million subscribers around the world. Traders drove the company's stock up $86.59, or 18 percent, to $562.05, the biggest gain in the S&P 500.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $57.98 Down 0.76

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $125.57 Up 0.53

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $5.39 Up 0.07

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $83.32 Up 0.91

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $12.83 Up 0.41

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.46 Down 0.19

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $25.49 Up 0.33

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $28.57 Down 0.51

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.42 Up 0.52

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $21.28 Down 0.14

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88	28	32.75	.14	-2.5
Abraxas	...	6	3.81	-.07	+29.6
AdaDvsEq	1.18e	...	14.11	+.03	+3.1
AMD			2.87	+.17	+7.5
AlcatelLuc			3.96	.06	+11.5
Alcoa	.12	21	13.45	+.11	-14.8
AlonUSA	.40a	29	15.90	+.15	+25.5
Ambev	.24e		6.32	+.04	+2.4
Amgen	3.16	25	166.87	+1.40	+4.8
Anadarko	1.08	...	93.94	-.60	+13.9
Apache	1.00	...	70.81	-.59	+13.0
Apple Inc s	1.88	17	126.17	.61	+14.3
ApldMatl	.40	23	21.88	-.67	-12.2
ATMOS	1.56	18	54.27	-.50	-2.6
AutoData	1.96	29	85.38	-.38	+2.4
Avon	.24		8.80	-.14	-6.3
AxionPw h			.03	-.01	-96.7
BP PLC	2.40	35	42.55	+.13	+11.6
BabsCCInv	1.20		15.69	.01	-1.3
BakrHu	.68	17	68.23	.69	+21.7
BkofAm	.20	24	15.79	+.15	-11.7
B iPVixST			21.52	-.46	-31.7
BasicEnSv			8.90	-.39	+27.0
BerkHa A	...	17	214350.00	-325.00	-5.2
BlkHillsCp	1.62f	18	50.94	-.52	-4.0
BrMySq	1.48	53	63.68	+.25	+7.9
BrownFA	1.26	30	94.94	+.56	+8.2
BrownFB	1.26	30	93.26	+.22	+6.2
CVS Health	1.40	26	101.17	-.56	+5.0
Cameron	...	13	50.55	-.88	+1.2
Caterpillar	2.80	14	84.34	-.12	-7.9
Celestic g	...	13	11.70	-.11	-.3
Cemex	.52t	...	10.09	+.02	-1.0
CntryLink	2.16	26	35.28	-.91	-10.9
ChesEng	.35	8	15.87	-.15	-18.9
Chevron	4.28	11	110.16	-.25	-1.8
Chicos	.31f	...	17.35	-.10	+7.0
Cimarex	.64	23	128.69	-.75	+21.4
Cisco	.84f	17	28.60	+.35	+3.5
Citigroup	.04	25	54.02	+.81	-.2
ClayEng	...	16	57.98	-.76	-9.1
CocaCola	1.32f	25	40.60	+.20	-3.8
ColgPalm	1.52f	30	70.08	+.20	+1.3
ConAgra	1.00	...	37.38	-.19	+3.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConchoRes	...	26	125.57	+.53	+25.9
ConocoPhil	2.92	13	69.01	-.39	-.1
CrackerB	4.00	23	141.91	+.03	+.8
CSVLgNGs			2.30	+.20	-42.2
CSVLgCrde			3.45	+.13	-29.4
CSVixSht			1.20	.05	56.5
CrosTim	2.52e	8	21.43	-.04	+23.7
DCP Mid	3.12f	14	39.86		-12.3
DTE	2.76	15	80.94	.54	-6.3
Dataram h			2.18	+.02	+28.2
DeltaAir	.36	15	44.99	+.79	-8.5
DenburyR	.25	4	9.41	.03	+15.7
DevonE	.96	17	66.59	-.36	+8.8
DxGldBull			11.64	.46	+4.3
Disney	1.15f	24	108.10	+1.12	+14.8
DowChm	1.68	17	49.75	-.36	+9.1
EMC Cp	.46	20	26.05	.17	-12.4
EOG Rescs	.67	18	98.00	+.04	+6.4
EmpDist	1.04	16	24.56	-.23	-17.4
Energen	.08	29	69.46	.20	+8.9
EngyTsfr	3.98f	34	55.73	.08	-14.3
EnPro	.80	81	68.55	-.21	+9.2
EntPrdPt s	1.50f	23	34.30	+.27	-5.0
Ericsson	.39e		12.75	.01	+5.4
Etsy n			30.00		
ExterranH	.60	26	36.10	-.21	+10.8
ExxonMbl	2.76	12	87.73	-.35	-5.1
Facebook		75	82.31	-.40	+5.5
FiatChry n			16.29	-.20	+40.7
FordM	.60	20	15.94	-.13	+2.8
FrptMcM	.20m		20.83	+.16	-10.8
GATX	1.52f	13	59.71	-1.05	+3.8
GabMultT	1.06e	...	9.42	-.01	-5.9
GAInv	3.50e	...	35.66	+.21	+1.9
GenElec	.92	18	27.28	-.18	+8.0
GtPlainEn	.98	17	26.66	-.14	-6.2
HalconRes	...	...	1.90	-.03	+6.7
Hallibrtn	.72	11	47.83	-.43	+21.6
HorizPhm	...	...	30.97	+1.47	+140.3
iShBrazil	1.38e	...	35.28	+.04	-3.5
iShJapan	.15e	...	13.03	+.03	+15.9
iShChinaLC	1.04e	...	52.23	+.89	+25.5
iShEMkts	.88e	...	43.46	+.34	+10.6
iS Eafe	2.26e	...	66.81	+.18	+9.8

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShR2K	1.59e		126.48	-.07	+5.7
IntegrysE	2.72	21	72.37	-.30	-7.0
Intel	.96	14	32.87	+.04	-9.4
InterDig	.80		51.28	+.40	-3.1
JPMorgCh	1.60	12	63.81	-.40	+2.6
JohnJn	2.80	18	99.79	-.81	-4.6
Keycorp	.26	14	14.40	+.21	+3.6
KimbClk	3.52f	27	107.68	+.07	-6.8
KindMorg	1.92f	48	43.68	+.25	+3.2
LegacyRes	2.44		12.83	+.41	+12.2
Lubys	...	...	5.37	...	+18.0
MktVGold	.12e		19.74	-.24	+7.4
McDnlds	3.40	20	95.63	-.81	+2.1
Merck	1.80	14	57.84	-.61	+1.8
MeritMed	...	35	19.08	-.18	+10.1
MexcoEn			5.46	-.20	+.5
MicronT		9	28.01	-.16	-20.0
Microsoft	1.24	17	42.16	-.10	-9.2
Molycorp			.78	-.17	-11.4
Nabors	.24	13	15.33	-.17	+18.1
NatGrid	3.48e	...	67.24	+.71	-4.8
NOilVarco	1.84	9	55.30	-.70	-15.8
Netflix			562.05	+86.59	+64.5
NokiaCp	.51e		7.77	-.07	-1.1
NA Pall g			.05	-.05	-60.4
NvMAd	.79a	...	13.69	+.02	+.2
NvPMI	.82a	...	13.72	-.03	-1.8
NuvPI	.82a	...	13.87	+.03	+.1
NSTFI3	.59a	...	14.62	-.02	+2.7
NTXQI	.65a	...	14.32	-.06	-1.0
OcciPet	2.88	14	81.37	-.14	+.9
ParTech	...	...	3.98	-.15	-35.3
ParkDrl	...	13	4.41	-.07	+43.6
PartyCity n	...	...	20.70	...	
PattUTI	.40	20	21.75	-.74	+31.1
PeabdyE	.01m	...	5.29	+.11	-31.7
PennaRE	.84f	...	22.16	...	-5.5
Prmian	.87e	9	8.87	+.04	-7.1
PetrbrsA	.85e	...	8.58	-.21	+13.2
Petrobras	.46e	...	8.68	-.22	+18.9
Pfizer	1.12f	25	35.19	-.02	+13.0
PhilipMor	4.00	18	84.96	+6.83	+4.3
PioNtrl	.08	28	180.23	+.29	+21.1
PlainsAAP	2.74f	23	51.08	+.63	-.5
PwShs QQQ	1.49e	...	107.69	-.15	+4.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Praxair	2.86f	22	121.24	-.26	-6.4
PrmEgy	...	6	51.03	+1.02	-29.8
PUltVixST			10.58	-.46	-57.9
PrUltCrude			9.27	+.24	-10.6
ProctGam	2.57	25	83.50	-.01	-8.3
RangeRs	.16	24	60.96	-.44	+14.1
RegionsFn	.20	12	9.70	-.01	-8.1
RiteAid		21	8.21	-.07	+9.2
Rowan	.40		20.39	-.65	-12.6
RoyDShllA	3.76	12	63.26	+1.09	-5.5
SpdrDJIA	3.55e		180.91	+.03	+1.7
S&P500ETF	3.94e		210.37	-.06	+2.3
SabnR	4.12e	10	41.69	+.23	+16.5
SanderFm	.88a	7	80.77	+.49	-3.9
SanDisk	1.20	21	67.91	-3.21	-30.7
SandRdge	...	5	2.25	+.06	+23.6
Schlmbrg	2.00	22	91.89	-.11	+7.6
SeadrillLtd	...	1	12.26	-.33	+2.7
SigmaAld	.92	33	138.30	-.08	+.8
SiriusXM	...	44	3.94	-.01	+12.6
Smucker	2.56	21	117.98	-.10	+16.8
Sprint			5.10	+.06	+22.9
SP Engy	1.94e	...	82.51	-.19	+4.2
SPDR Fncl	.41e	...	24.46	+.04	-1.1
SP Util	1.51e	...	44.26	-.29	-6.3
SunocoL s	1.60f	76	42.61	+.11	+2.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
TaiwSemi	.50e	...	23.24	-.27	+3.8
TelefEsp	.97e	...	14.57	...	+2.5
Tesoro	1.70f	13	85.12	+1.79	+14.5
TevaPhrm	1.35e	20	63.49	-2.48	+10.4
3M Co	4.10f	22	165.89	-.55	+1.0
Torchmrk s	.54f	14	56.68	+.27	+4.6
Transocn	3.00	...	18.60	-.30	+1.5
TriContl	.78e	...	21.91	+.01	+2.3
Twitter	...	...	52.03	+.73	+45.1
TylerTech	...	70	124.63	-.24	+13.9
UBWV	1.28	20	37.61	+.02	+.4
US OilFd	...	...	19.94	+.23	-2.1
Vale SA	.60e	...	6.02	-.17	-26.4
Vale SA pf	.60e	...	5.01	-.10	-31.0
ValeroE	1.60f	8	58.26	+1.15	+17.7
VirtuFin n	...	...	22.18	...	...
VulcanM	.40f	51	82.75	-1.06	+25.9
WalgBoots	1.35	35	89.52	-2.02	+17.5
WellsFargo	1.40	13	54.81	...	...
WstnRefin	1.20	8	43.92	+1.22	+16.3
WhitingPet	...	9	35.89	-1.26	+8.8
WmsCos	2.32f	79	52.08	+.26	+15.9
XcelEngy	1.28f	17	34.30	-.19	-4.5
Xerox	.28f	15	12.92	-.19	-6.8
Yahoo	...	6	45.78	+.05	-9.4

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,288.63	15,855.12	Dow Jones Industrials	18,105.77	-6.84	-.04	+1.59	+10.34
9,310.22	7,346.24	Dow Jones Transportation	8,708.36	+3.55	+.04	-4.72	+14.07
657.17	524.82	Dow Jones Utilities	585.29	-3.61	-.61	-5.31	+7.79
11,196.98	9,886.08	NYSE Composite	11,169.76	-1.31	-.01	+3.05	+6.05
5,042.14	3,946.03	Nasdaq Composite	5,007.79	-3.23	-.06	+5.74	+22.27
2,119.59	1,815.80	S&P 500	2,104.99	-1.64	-.08	+2.24	+12.88
1,543.48	1,269.45	S&P Midcap	1,534.24	-3.43	-.22	+5.63	+13.53
22,391.88	19,160.13	Wilshire 5000	22,324.91	-14.17	-.06	+3.02	+12.57
1,278.63	1,040.47	Russell 2000	1,272.90	-2.45	-.19	+5.66	+11.86

TODAY: Mostly sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny	MONDAY: Mostly sunny	TUESDAY: Mostly sunny	WEDNESDAY: Sunny
High: 79 Low: 53	High: 80 Low: 53	High: 79 Low: 52	High: 76 Low: 55	High: 76 Low: 56	High: 79 Low: 56

Local almanac

The record high for April 16 is 96 set in 1937. The record low is 31 set in 1999.

Weather Why

Q: Is Doppler radar effective?

Very much so, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "It's the most advanced weather radar system there is," he said. "The unique aspect of Doppler radar is that it allows us to look inside a storm. We can project rainfall amounts and detect the movement of storms, even tornadoes, better than ever, and this gives meteorologists a method to give the public advance warnings, sometimes even up to an hour. Up until the 1980s, many weather stations used radar technology that was used in the 1940s and 1950s. Doppler radar eventually replaced all of those. Today, there are 160 Doppler sites around the U.S., and most of these are operated by the National Weather Service. The rest are used by the Federal Aviation Administration or by the Department of Defense."

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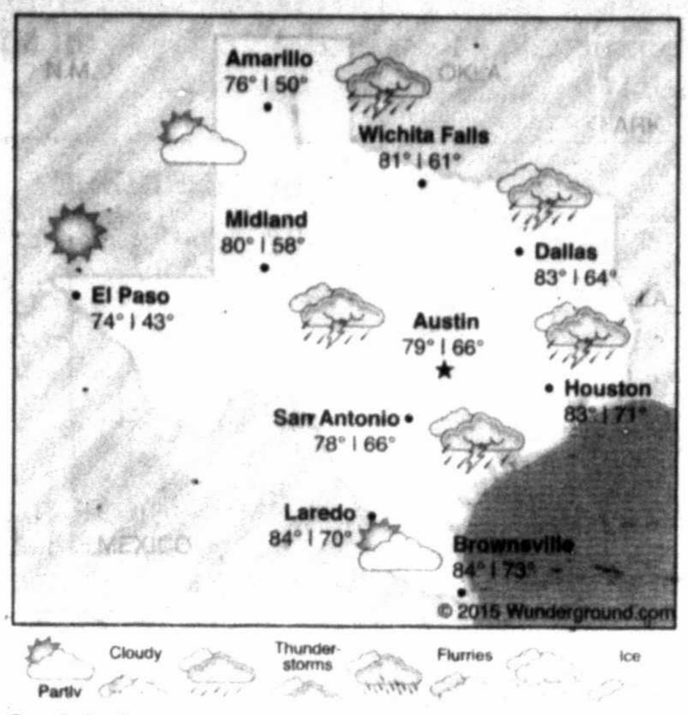


Precipitation

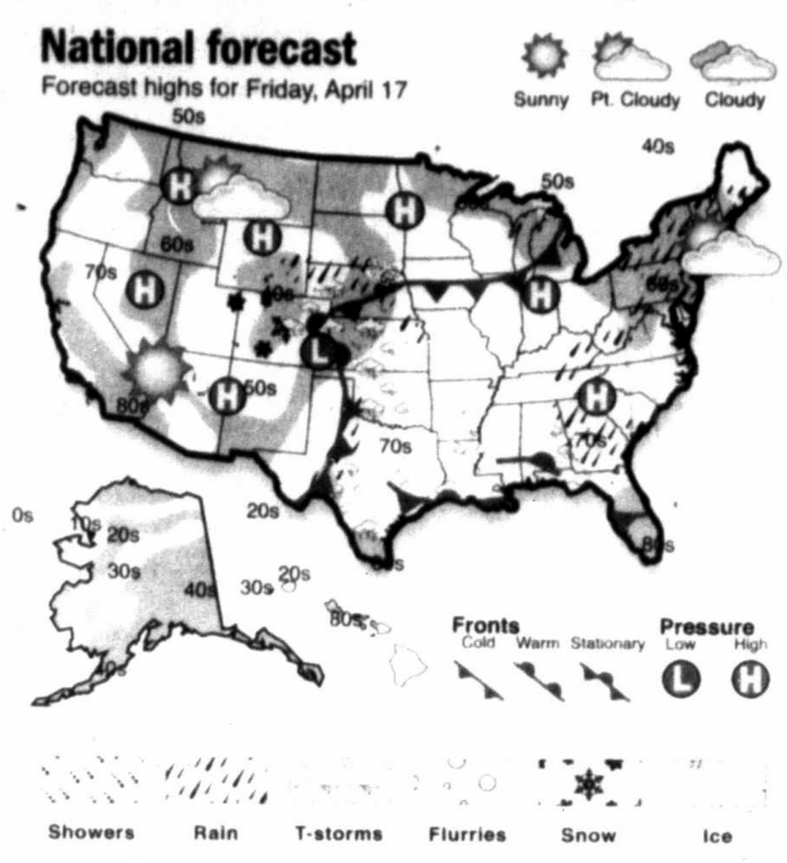
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Thursday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.07 in.
Year total	5.19 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.21 in.

Thursday's temperatures

High	81
Low	59
Normal high	79
Normal low	49
Sunrise	7:18 a.m.
Sunset	8:19 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Friday, April 17



Friend's food criticism is hard for couple to swallow

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: My wife and I have a friend, "Jonah," whom we love dearly, but he has no filter. He's college-educated, has a white-collar job and is over 50. The problem is, anytime we invite him for dinner or take food items to his house, he makes horrible remarks about my wife's cooking, particularly when it's a holiday party based on my wife's Slavic heritage.

My wife is a really good cook. No one else makes fun of these foods, many of which are common in the U.S., but Jonah makes negative comments every time. I have told him that it's rude, and so has my wife.

We would hate not inviting him to future parties with our usual crowd, but it gets me upset when he does this. My wife has actually prepared an alternative meal for him so he won't have to eat the "heritage-style" food. He even makes snide comments when I bring foods popular in other parts of the U.S.

Abby, do we continue inviting him or not? It is straining our friendship. — IN A FOOD FIGHT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR IN A FOOD FIGHT: Because Jonah has indicated that he doesn't like the food at your parties, stop inviting him. And because he doesn't appreciate the effort when you bring regional food to his home, stop doing that, too. If he asks why he wasn't included, feel free to give him an "unfiltered" answer. If you visit him, bring a generic house gift, such as nuts, a box of candy, a bottle of wine. If he doesn't accept it graciously, stop doing that, too.

With a "friend" like Jonah, it would be better to socialize at a restaurant that serves food he does like, or at an activity that doesn't revolve around food. I am amazed that you have tolerated his behavior this long.

DEAR ABBY: My wife has gained a little weight and has become self-conscious about how she looks. I have told her she's still beautiful. We haven't been intimate in three months and I think it's because she's afraid I won't like how different she looks without clothes.

I don't know how to tell her that my love for her isn't based on her physical beauty. It's based on who she is as a person. THAT'S what is beautiful to me. Do you have any feedback for me? — LOVING HER IN LOUISIANA

DEAR LOVING HER: Before jumping to conclusions about why you and your wife haven't been intimate, I think you should ask her directly. It might have nothing to do with her weight — and it could be something she should discuss with her gynecologist.

Of course, it never hurts to tell a woman that she's beautiful because of who she is in your eyes and that she always will be.

DEAR ABBY: My husband helps with the kids and with the housework. But he never remembers holidays and special occasions. We have been married 15 years.

I have talked to him about how hurtful this is, but it never helps. I want him to think about me and put some effort into getting me something. My friends say, "How can you complain? He helps you do housework!" What do you think? — WIFE OF AN IMPERFECT HUSBAND

DEAR WIFE: If the problem is that your husband doesn't know what to buy for you, offer some suggestions. If he simply can't remember the date — and some spouses don't — start "reminding" him a week in advance. If he still doesn't "pop," then appreciate the fact that you have a husband who tries every day to show you he loves you by making your life easier. Many women are not so lucky.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Creative play

North-South vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ K Q 6 4
Q 10 6 4
8 6
♣ A Q 4

WEST
♠ 5
9 3
K 10 9 5 4 3
♣ J 9 8 6

EAST
♠ 3
A K J 8 5 2
Q 7 2
♣ K 10 2

SOUTH
♠ A J 10 9 8 7 2
7
A J
♣ 7 5 3

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1	1♠	Pass	2♡
Dbl	4♠	Pass	Pass
All pass			

*Spade fit, invitational or better

Opening lead: Nine of

The opening heart lead was covered by the 10 in dummy, losing to East's jack. Seeing no future in hearts, East shifted to the two of diamonds. This shift to a low diamond told South that West held a high diamond honor.

East would not have led low holding both the king and queen. It was therefore certain that the king of clubs was offside. Declarer struggled to make a plan that could succeed despite the club king being poorly placed.

After considerable thought, South had his plan. He led the jack of trumps at trick three, overtaking it with dummy's king. The queen of hearts was led from dummy, covered by East, but instead of ruffing, South discarded his jack of diamonds. East continued with the queen of diamonds, ruffed high by South, who led the two of spades to dummy's six. Another heart was led, this time ruffed by South who then led a trump to dummy's queen.

Dummy's last heart was led, covered by East while declarer discarded a club. East was on lead with a surprise heart winner, but he wasn't happy about it. He had the unpleasant choice between yielding a ruff-sluff or leading a club into the board's ace-queen. Yuck! 10 tricks either way and South had his contract.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, April 17, 2015:

This year you decide to revive an area of your life, or perhaps you develop a new interest. Your creativity emerges and draws many people toward you. You also express yourself more openly. You will find that you are able to let go of certain control needs. Your charisma will help melt any resentment. If you are single, you could meet someone very special in the next few months. This person could have considerable impact on your life. If you are attached, the two of you love spending more time together. Your relationship intensifies as a result. ARIES can be feistier than you are.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Your efforts will come back in multiples. You carefully will express yourself with a child or loved one, and it will be well-received. Making plans could force a change to your schedule. Make it your pleasure. Don't lose your temper so quickly. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Remain sure of yourself. You might not like what is happening with a situation. When you let those involved hear your opinions, you should expect a strong reaction, no matter how you say what you are thinking. Making peace could be touch-and-go for a while. Tonight: Vanish.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You might not have a free moment with so much happening around you. You'll be delighted by the action, but at the same time you could feel pressured. When an associate notices how tense you are, he or she will try to alleviate the stress. Tonight: Only where the crowds are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You might not be up for taking on more responsibility, but you won't seem to have a choice. You could be wondering what your options are. Know that you can delegate certain tasks to others. A male friend could be challenging. Tonight: Avoid a power play at all costs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Your perspective will change if you detach. You might understand a loved one a lot better if you can tune in to your empathy and imagine what it would be like to walk in this person's shoes. Your positive approach will get warm results. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ One-on-one relating takes you to a new level of understanding. You'll feel good in the company of a dear friend with whom you can be totally open. Don't worry about a change in plans and/or another person's fiery outburst. Tonight: Dinner for two.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might have no choice but to defer to others, especially as they seem determined to have control. If you think someone is making a mistake, let this person know without making a scene. As a result, he or she will be more likely to accept the results. Tonight: Say "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Pace yourself and take a break. One-on-one relating will bring out the affection of an admirer. Be careful with how you approach this person, as he or she could be more intense than you might realize. Avoid an outburst, if possible. Tonight: Accept someone's offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Your naturally fiery personality might emerge when dealing with a new friend. Passion runs high between you, and one of you is likely to get irritated. Detach, and a new beginning becomes possible. Tonight: Avoid taking any risks right now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You will have to come to terms with a loved one's choices. You might be questioning this person's rationale, but understand that you probably can't change his or her mind. Relax. Just recognize how good you feel with this person around you. Tonight: Head home early.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You might wonder what would be the best way to proceed with a personal matter. With the help of a friend, figure out what the next step is. Pressure builds on the homefront. You'll discover how irritable a loved one is. Tonight: Favorite place with a favorite person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You tend to get into the moment, and it is then that your boundaries melt away. Be very careful with your spending. Even if someone proves that what he or she is offering is a sure deal, don't count on it. Speak your mind. Tonight: Keep to your budget.

BORN TODAY

Financier J.P. Morgan (1837), actress Jennifer Garner (1972), businesswoman Victoria Beckham (1974)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Year in which Saliens was born
6 Spunkmeyer of cookie fame
10 Sports
13 Key artery
14 Seattle's Place Market
15 Hazmat suit hazard
16 Nail the Miley Cyrus impression?
19 "Madam Secretary" star
20 "Family Feud" source
21 Stately tree
22 "___ the set of sun" "Macbeth"
23 Disney title girl from Hawaii
24 Permanently deleted electronic message?
30 Cinch
32 "Ah, broken is the golden bowl! the spirit flown forever" poet
33 GPS suggestion
34 Prod
35 Michaels et al
36 End notes?
38 Pay extension?
39 It goes around in winter
40 Antarctic transport
41 Minor trade adjustment?
45 Majestic quality
46 Playboy nickname
47 Kentucky Colonels' org
50 "The Caine Mutiny" Oscar nominee
53 Genealogical record
55 "The spasm preceded the other symptoms, Doc"?
57 Used to be
58 Hendrix hairdo
59 Royal ___: scheduled 2016 British Open site
60 Unmatched
61 The Taj Mahal, e.g.
62 Garden plant that thrives in shade

DOWN

1 Lackluster finish
2 Wooden pin
3 Vanilla treats
4 Key not used alone
5 Bass Islands locale
6 Wrote an essay, maybe
7 Polynesian carving
8 Turner of entertainment
9 Vacation area
10 Oregon State athlete, for short
11 Rather red
12 Legion
15 Lose illegally
17 Winner of six David di Donatello acting awards
18 ___ flim
23 Some August babies
25 Be selfish about, in a way
26 Low grade
27 Fox commentator who was the 1992 N.L. Rookie of the Year
28 Singer James
29 Try
30 Self-appointed expert
31 Online TV giant
35 Moreover
36 Common liquor purchase, once
37 Scary squeezer
39 Homburg, for one
40 Nobel, for one
42 "___ when that happens"
43 Buster?
44 Tough syndicate
48 Get drunk
49 Insurance giant
50 USAF stealth plane
51 Due
52 Prepare, as for action
53 Chicken
54 Early copter
56 One may be a CPA

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

W	I	O	L		B	A	G	E	L		M	E	S	S
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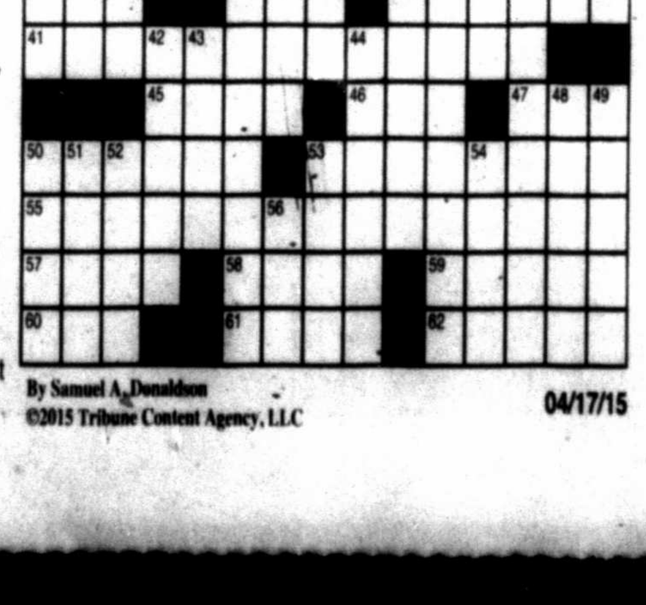

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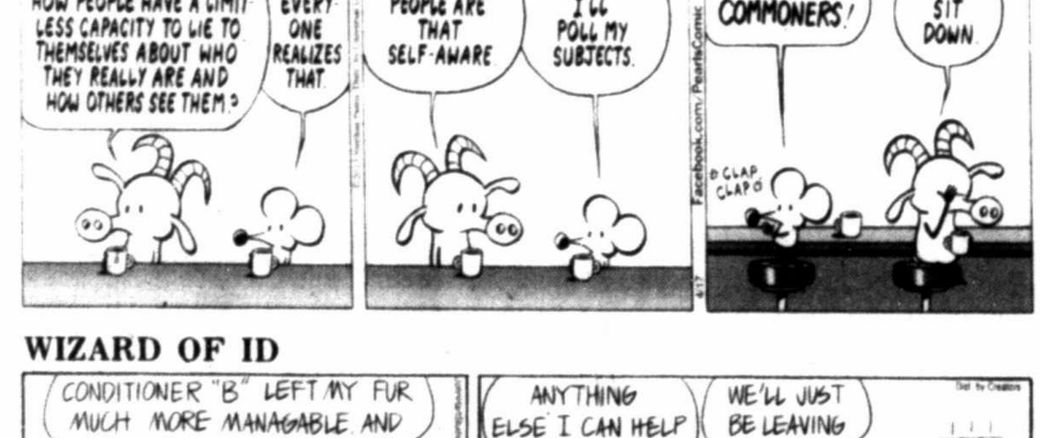

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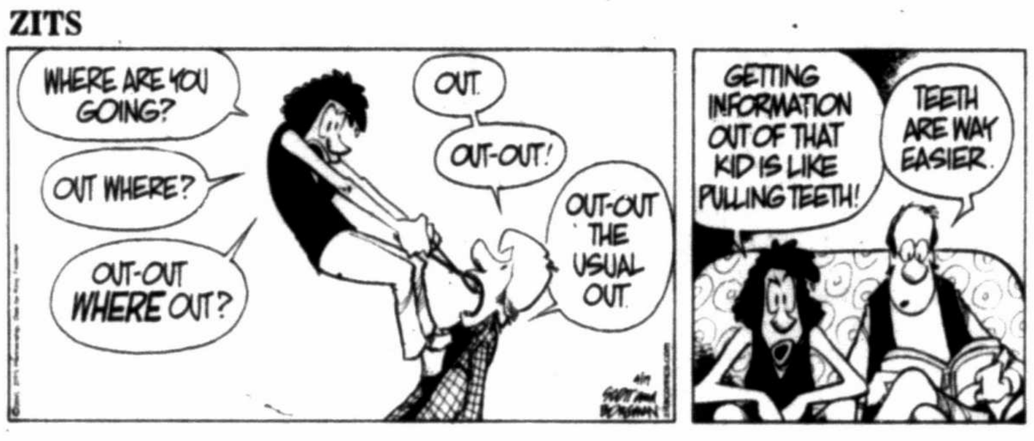


BABY BLUES

MUTTS

CLOSE TO HOME

"He's a Chihuahua/Great Dane mix."

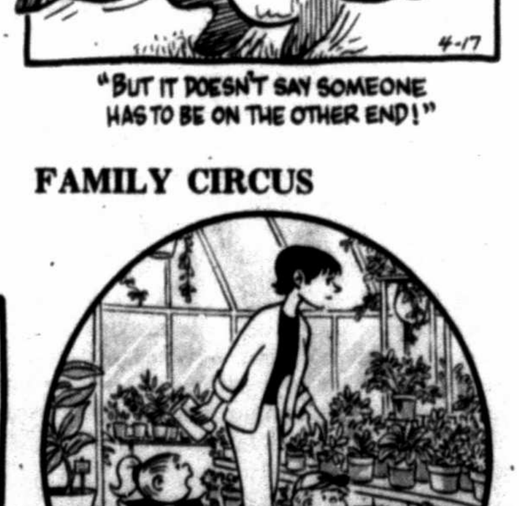
DENNIS THE MENACE

"BUT IT DOESN'T SAY SOMEONE HAS TO BE ON THE OTHER END!"

LOCKHORNS

"OH... THAT'S FOR LEROY'S STOMACH."

FAMILY CIRCUS



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COM Aquatics, Inc. is currently looking for energetic fitness instructors. We offer 60 fitness classes per week at our facility including land and aquatic classes. If you have a fitness background and are interested in teaching at our family focused, friendly environment please contact Tammy McAlister at 432.684.7755 ext. 108

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Construction Superintendent

Commercial construction superintendent needed for Big Spring area. Local applicants only. Must have minimum 5 years construction/project management experience, 30HR OSHA training, computer & communication skills required. Must pass pre-employment drug screen and criminal background check. Send resumes to: constructionhiring93@yahoo.com

EDUCATION & TRAINING

CHILD CARE WORKER

MRS. IRENE'S CHILD CARE FT/PT

Immediate openings Full and Part-time Child Care Worker. Wages start at $11 & $12/hour. Paid holidays and vacation. Apply in person at 1007 Austin St., Midland. Call 432-520-8888.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Division Order Analyst

Permian Crude Transport is seeking a Division Order Analyst to fill an immediate position. Candidate must be able to work with minimal supervision, have organizational skills, and have excellent attention to detail. As a Division Order Analyst you will be required to maintain oil lease ownership records in order to ensure the correct payment to land owners. Previous oil and gas related clerical experience and familiarity with the division order process preferred. Please contact Lacey or Adria at (432) 684-0020 or email us your resume at tbavousett@pctcrude.com.

Electrician, Mechanic and I&C

Ector County Energy Center (TX) - Invenergy LLC

Invenergy LLC is currently constructing the Ector County Energy Center, a natural gas-fired power generation plant, located in Goldsmith, TX.

O & M Technician candidates must possess a minimum of 3 years directly related experience in either electrical, instruments and controls, or mechanical industrial background. Candidates must be willing and capable of becoming multi-skilled and be part of a work team in a team environment. Each employee will perform both operations and maintenance. Invenergy will train extensively in the operations area to compliment your skills. To apply, please visit www.invenergyllc.com and click on "Career Opportunities."

Invenergy LLC is a developer, owner, and operator of renewable and clean energy generation facilities in North America and Europe. Invenergy is a highly-experienced leader in innovative clean energy solutions.

Safely Manager

Permian Crude Transport is a local crude oil hauling company with locations in West Texas and New Mexico. PCT is currently seeking to fill a Safety Manager position in Midland. Applicants must have effective communication skills with knowledge in oil and gas HSE, DOT laws and regulations, as well as, OSHA laws and regulations. PT&T offers top pay, vacation and paid holidays along with a benefits package including health, dental, vision, life insurance and a 401k with company match. Please call Lacey or Adria at 432-684-0020 or email resumes to tbavousett@pctcrude.com.

HEALTHCARE

Dental Front Desk Receptionist

Thomas Campagna, DMD

We are looking for an exceptional, experienced, reliable, **Dental Front Desk Receptionist**, experience with Eaglesoft required, Spanish a plus, to join our team, at Midland's premier dental practice. Please email: **info@smilemidland.com**, fax: **(432) 520-0720** or bring resume to: **3722 W. Loop 250 North, Midland, TX.**

LCDC

LCDC/LPC/Intern needed for Addiction medical clinic part time Monday-Friday, 8am-10:30am. Tx planning, case mgmt and therapy. Paid holidays, paid sick days, no health benefits. Midland/Odessa positions. Please send resume to 800-671-8364.

OTHER JOBS

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

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

Starting pay $10.00 per hour/after 60 days pay will be $11.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Midland Reporter-Telegram
HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

Starting pay $10.00 per hour/after 60 days pay will be $11.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifiting 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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HEALTHCARE

MIDLAND PLASTIC SURGERY CENTER

Is seeking qualified applicants for the following positions:

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- **BILLING AND COLLECTIONS**

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Please email joann@msa.bz or fax resume to 432-697-7089

Registered Dental Hygienist

Thomas Campagna, DMD **PT**

We are looking for an exceptional, experienced, **Registered Dental Hygienist**, full/ part time to join our team, at Midland's premier dental practice. Recent graduates encouraged to apply. Please email **info@smilemidland.com**, fax: **(432) 520-0720** or bring resume to: **3722 W. Loop 250 North, Midland, TX**

OTHER JOBS

Consultant Dietitians

Midland Market Street is looking for Consultant Dietitians to do Dietitian Store Tours in the Midland Market Street location. Must be Registered Dietitian to apply. 5-10 hours per month. Please, send resumes to Rhawkins@unitedtexas.com.

Janitorial & Custodial Positions

Nights and Weekends, part-time. Pay DOE. Background check required. Call 432-413-3850 Leave a message

CARTER'S

Office **Full-Time**
2101 W. Wadley #6 **Midland, TX 79705**

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Representatives

Now Hiring - Full Time and Part Time Representatives. Year round positions available with Frontline Promotions in the Midland area.

$10 per hour guaranteed, plus commissions. Frontline Reps earn up to $30 per hour. Paid weekly. Previous sales experience is good, but not necessary. Flexible schedule! Good people! GREAT pay! Must have reliable transportation to work.

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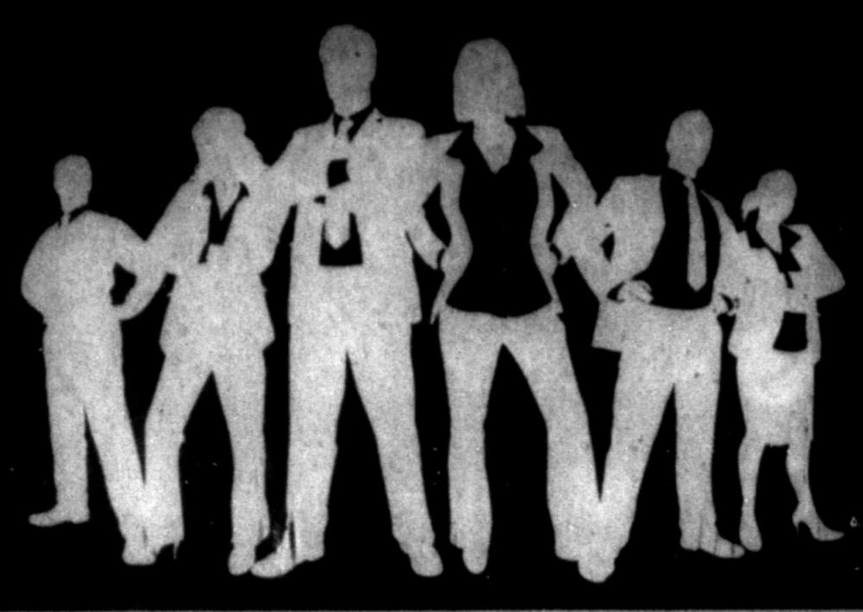

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RETAIL JOBS

Hiring All Positions

Worker's Choice Retail Store in Odessa (behind Music City Mall) is looking for candidates that are outgoing and energetic. Must have a genuine desire to deliver outstanding customer service. Retail experience is preferred but not required. Positions available are both FT and PT. Sales Associates pay starts at $10.50 an hour + monthly commissions + team bonuses. All other positions pay rates are commensurate with experience. If you are interested, please submit your resume to: **Williamson-Dickie Mfg. Co. Fax (817)877-5027 wdjobs@dickies.com** AA/EOE

SALES JOBS

Field Service Representative

WSI Enterprises, Inc. is looking for ambitious Field Sales Representative for the Permian Basin in Southern New Mexico. Successful candidate will be responsible for growing sales by cultivating current customers and recruiting new customers. Responsibilities include promoting products, providing technical support and ensuring customer satisfaction. Wellhead and rig experience preferred. Excellent Benefit Package to include: Medical, Dental, Vision, 401k, Company Paid Life, Short Term and Long Term Disability, 401k Match and Profit Sharing. Send resume to reports@wsienterprises.com

Sales Consultant

Alsco Linen & Uniform Rental Services is seeking a Sales Consultant in Midland, TX • Base Plus Commission and Benefits • 1st Year Avg. $55-70K • Auto Benefits • Sales experience required • Pre-employment drug screen and background check. Please go to www.alsco.com to complete the application online. EOC/MF/V/D

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CDL and non-CDL Drivers

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Septic Haulers needed. Good starting pay with Benefits. No CDL required, but preferred. Please apply in Person at 2201 S Midkiff, Midland TX or send resumes to permianseptic@gmail.com

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CERTARUS

Local Driver(s) – Midland / Odessa, Texas

Certarus USA Ltd ("Certarus"), a leader in the delivery of natural gas fuel, has an opening for a Regional Driver(s) to join their team in Midland / Odessa, Texas. Certarus is a private company with a focus on operations in key US shale plays and Western Canadian industrial operations.

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3. Must have an excellent driving record, pass DOT mandated physicals and drug & alcohol tests
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5. Proficient in the use of computer based programs and email
6. Must have a mechanically minded aptitude with the ability to troubleshoot and correct problems as they arise

Certarus offers a competitive compensation & benefits package and the ability to join a dynamic start-up within the oil & gas sector.

Qualified candidates should submit their resumes, in confidence, to the attention of:

Blake O'Steen
Regional Operations Manager
Certarus (USA) Ltd.
bosteen@certarus.com

Or by mail to:

Blake O'Steen
PO Box 10685
Midland, TX 79702

Class A CDL Driver

Garden City TX area, Agriculture, not oil field! Hazmat and tanker endorsement required. Mix, load/unload fertilizer delivery truck, forklift operation, lift heavy items, maintain equipment. Mon - Friday plus some weekends and evenings. Agriculture experience preferred. Company benefits and opportunity for advancement. Send Resume: rfrench@eco-drip.com, or Eco-Drip Irrigation, PO Box 460, Abernathy, TX 79311, or apply in person at 4650 Highway 158, Garden City, Texas.

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 432-563-1535 for interview or online @ www.rockwaterenergy.com

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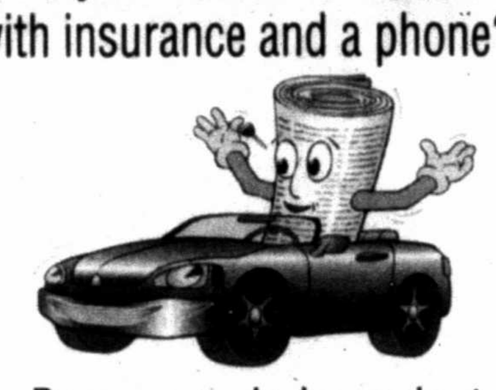

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ORDINANCE NO. 9414

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING LOT 4, BLOCK 1, WESTRIDGE ADDITION, SECTION 2, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A SHOPPING CENTER, TO BE USED AS AN O-1, OFFICE DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF BEAL PARKWAY, APPROXIMATELY 400 FEET NORTH OF WEST WALL STREET); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 9415

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR LOT 4, BLOCK 1, WESTRIDGE ADDITION, SECTION 2, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF BEAL PARKWAY, APPROXIMATELY 400 FEET NORTH OF WEST WALL STREET), BY PERMITTING A BUILDING TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT LIMIT; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); ORDERING RECORDATION BY THE CITY SECRETARY IN THE DEED RECORDS OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS; AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 9416

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING A 4.857-ACRE TRACT OF LAND WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED MF-1, MULTIPLEFAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, IN PART, AND 1F-3, ONE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, IN PART, TO BE USED AS AN LR-2, LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT; BY PERMITTING A 58.250-ACRE TRACT OF LAND WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED TH, TOWNHOUSE DWELLING DISTRICT, IN PART, AND 2F, TWOFAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, IN PART, TO BE USED AS A 1F-3, ONE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT; BY PERMITTING A 17.459-ACRE TRACT OF LAND WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED TH, TOWNHOUSE DWELLING DISTRICT, IN PART, AND 1F-3, ONEFAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, IN PART, TO BE USED AS A PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT; BY PERMITTING A 20.007-ACRE TRACT OF LAND WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED MF-1, MULTIPLE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, IN PART, AND 1F-3, ONE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, IN PART, TO BE USED AS AN LR-2, LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT; SAID TRACTS BEING OUT OF PAVILION PARK ADDITION, SECTION 2, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF MOCKINGBIRD LANE AND STONEBRIDGE DRIVE); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

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ORDINANCE NO. 9420

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING LOTS 22, 23, AND 24, BLOCK 5, NORTH PARK ADDITION, SECTION 17, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH ARE PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A SHOPPING CENTER, TO BE USED AS AN LR-2, LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF WEST LOOP 250 NORTH, APPROXIMATELY 260 FEET WEST OF WHITMAN DRIVE); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

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ORDINANCE NO. 9418

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING LOT 7A, BLOCK 1, CORPORATE PLAZA ADDITION, SECTION 17, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR AN OFFICE CENTER, TO BE USED AS AN AMENDED PLANNED DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF EDWARDS STREET AND CORPORATE DRIVE); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

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Legal & Public Notices

IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF NEVADA. Pioche, Nevada.
Case No. CV-0620014.

LACEE E. SAMSON, Plaintiff, against BENJAMIN E. PIERCE, Defendant - Action for Child Custody.

To the above-named Defendant: You are hereby summoned and required to serve an Answer and Notice of Appearance on the above-named court and the Plaintiff within 28 days after service of this summons. In the event of your failure to appear before the above-named, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief requested by the Plaintiff.

The nature of this action is to determine custody of the minor children between the Plaintiff and the Defendant.

Franklin Katschke, Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiff
PO Box 167
Panaca, NV 89042

General Announcements

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Business Center

Business Opportunity

BILL SEARS, former Athletic Coach at MHS, is active as a Petroleum Land Man in the Mountain Area. Contact him by mail: Bill Sears, PO Box 6331, Longmont, CO 80501. email sears37@msn.com or 720-494-7626 fax

SNOW CONE HUT for sale. (The one by Ski Skeller) Freezer, Machines, flavors, everything you need included. $12,500. 432-697-0427 10am-6pm

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FORD 2003 Taurus light gray, low mileage, rebuilt transmission installed. Must see! Asking $5,000 Comes with warranty. 432-349-0041

MAZDA, 1996, Miata convertible 82K miles. Very good condition! $5,100 Call 432-230-2437

MERCEDES 2011 C300 Benz sport sedan (red) 65,000 miles $18,000 Call 432-889-6828

MERCEDES CLASSIC 1975 Benz 450SL Best Offer 303-818-0923

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Pickup Trucks

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FORD 2012 F150, 4wd, SuperCrew Platinum, fully loaded, 82K miles, very good condition. $32,000. 432-853-2421

GMC 2008 Sierra SLT, 4 dr, Z71, red w/black leather, 81k miles. Garage kept. Reduced price. No owner finance. 432-557-7386

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FORD 2011 F550, Ext cab diesel, utility bed, auto crane, welder, compressor, 99K miles. $55,000 432-631-9868

Motorcycles

1986 HONDA Helix CN250 Scooter. Completely overhauled. Asking $1800. Cash or trade. Call 432-689-2429

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Motorcycles

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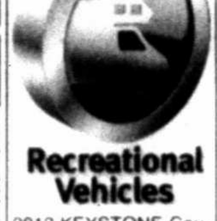

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ORDINANCE NO. 9419

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING LOT 3, BLOCK 2, WALLCO ADDITION, SECTION 3, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED LR-2, LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT, TO BE USED AS AN O-2, OFFICE DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF VETERANS AIRPARK LANE, APPROXIMATELY 700 FEET WEST OF NORTH BIG SPRING STREET); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF
RAYMOND K HORTON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of RAYMOND K HORTON, Deceased, were issued on March 10, 2015, in Cause No. P18222, pending in the Probate Court, Midland County, Texas. All persons having claims against this Estate being administered are hereby required to present same within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Claims should be addressed in care of "Representative, Estate of RAYMOND K HORTON, Deceased" and may be presented to the Representative at the following address:
Garon R. Horton
Horton & Archibald
1020 W. Ralph Hall Parkway, Suite 105
Rockwall, Texas 75032

Signed the 7th day of April, 2015

Garon Ray Horton

KAWASAKI 2006 Vulcan 1600 Classic. Warm weather is almost here! This bike is a must see! Beautiful red/ black, 1 female owner, very low mileage at 10,092. Genuine Kawasaki OEM tall windshield w/lower, hard leather saddle bags, Utopia backrest, new engine guards no yet installed. Perfect condition, meticulously maintained, garage kept. Runs perfect. Call Midland 432-250-4524. $5,825.

NEW TODAY!

KEYSTONE 2003 Cougar 5th wheel, has hitch, 28', with 1 large slide, plus upgrades, very clean, gently used. $8,990 432-694-9899

KEYSTONE, 2008, Cougar, RLS. Great condition. 302XB, 2 slides, asking $11,000. One owner, nonsmoker, no pets, low milage. Numerous features. For pics or more info, call or message 325-513-6998

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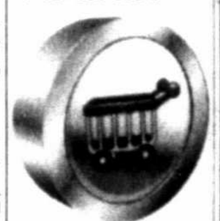

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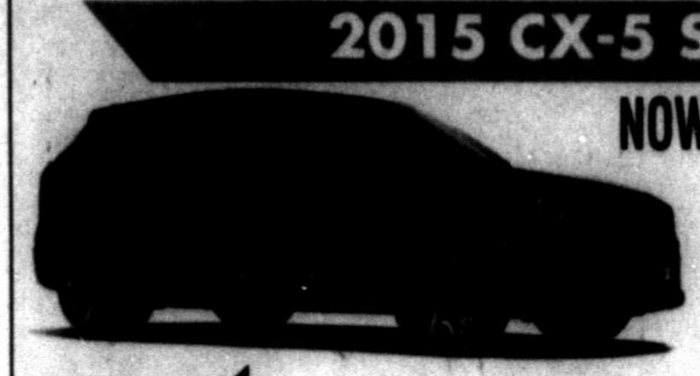

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79701

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1713 S Colorado St. Fri & Sat 8am-? Twin bedroom set, clothing, toys, tools, men's work clothes, vacuum, tablet, phone speakers, prepaid cell phones, Yamaha bike 2002 Nissan Altima and much more!

2411 W Cuthbert Saturday 7am-2pm. Tiller metal shelving, computer, toys, clothes, & lots more amazing stuff. No early birds!

4816 W Illinois. Friday and Saturday 8am-? Garage Sale Miscellaneous items.

Yard & Garage Sales

79701

805 W. Golfcourse Road Friday 10am-? & Saturday 8am-? Queen bedroom set, queen size headboard & footboard, men clothes, shoes & jeans, Disney Princess toddler bed, toy box table & chairs, girls bikes, 9' Christmas tree & decorations, lamps, girls clothes, pots & pans, household items & lots of miscellaneous.

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79703

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79705

1408 SPARKS Saturday 6am-noon. Furniture, clothes, electronics, & much more.

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79706

407 NOLAN Ryan Dr. Saturday, April 18th, 7am-12pm. Two family garage sale!! Furniture, baby items, clothing, shoes, purses, home decor, toys and much more!!

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79707

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4913 WOODHOLLOW Dr. Saturday April 18th, 8am-1pm. Dresser with mirror, TV stand, dryer, armoire, computer desk, small table with 2 chairs, home décor clothes and much more.

4949 RUSTIC Trail. Saturday 8am-12pm. Moving sale! Antique buffet, dining tables and 3 chairs. Other miscellaneous furniture. Women's, men's, children's clothes. Girl sizes 3T-5T, boy 12m-2T, lots of toys. Most clothes and toys in great condition!

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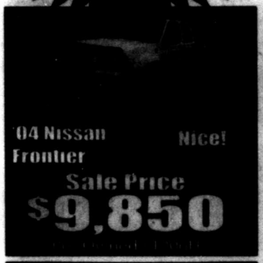

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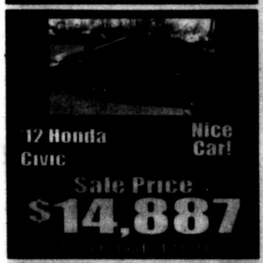

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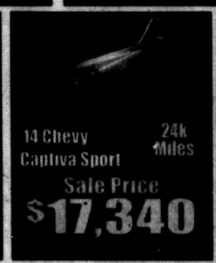

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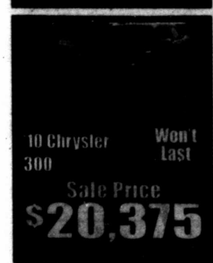

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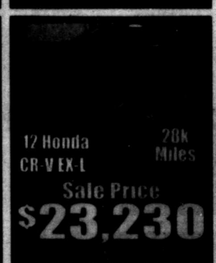

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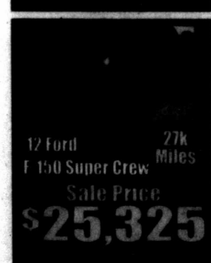

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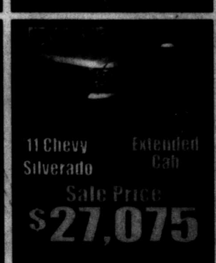

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