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Former Midlander petitions for truck safety

Karth family lost 2 teens after fatal May 2013 wreck involving tractor-trailer

By Rachael Gleason
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A former Midlander who lost two daughters in a deadly wreck last May is calling for more truck safety with an online petition.

The U.S. Department of Transportation estimates 4,000 people die each year in wrecks involving tractor-trailers. Marianne Karth, who formerly worked for the Midland County Public Library, lost two young daughters while traveling May 4 from their home in Rocky Mount, N.C., to Texas for four graduations and a wedding.

Karth slowed for traffic on Interstate 20 in Georgia when a tractor-trailer struck the family's vehicle, causing it to spin. The tractor-trailer hit the vehicle again, sending it backward and underneath another semitruck.

AnnaLeah, 17, and Mary, 13, were seated in the back and died as a result of catastrophic injuries, according a press release from the Truck Safety Coalition.

Marianne and her 15-year-old son, Caleb, were taken to an Athens, Ga., hospital, where Caleb initially was treated for a concussion and Marianne treated for a fractured rib and lung injuries, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

"We didn't expect this to happen to us," Karth said. "But we'd like to make a difference."

The family, which moved to Midland in 2007 from Michigan and became active at Grace Lutheran Church, Midland College and Family Promise of Midland, is asking for signatures on a petition honoring her daughters and seeking rules for truck safety improvements.

"After the accident, we became aware of truck safety problems that affected our circumstances," Karth said.

Last September, Karth joined North Carolina Truck Safety advocates Jennifer Tierney and Jackie Novak for a meeting with U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx in Washington, D.C., according to the coalition.

"At the meeting, Secretary Foxx promised us that DOT would make tangible progress on these truck safety issues in a short period of time," she said.

Karth asked for the following improvements:

■ **Raise minimum levels of insurance required for truck drivers.**

The current federal insurance requirement is currently set at $750,000, but Karth said that's not enough.

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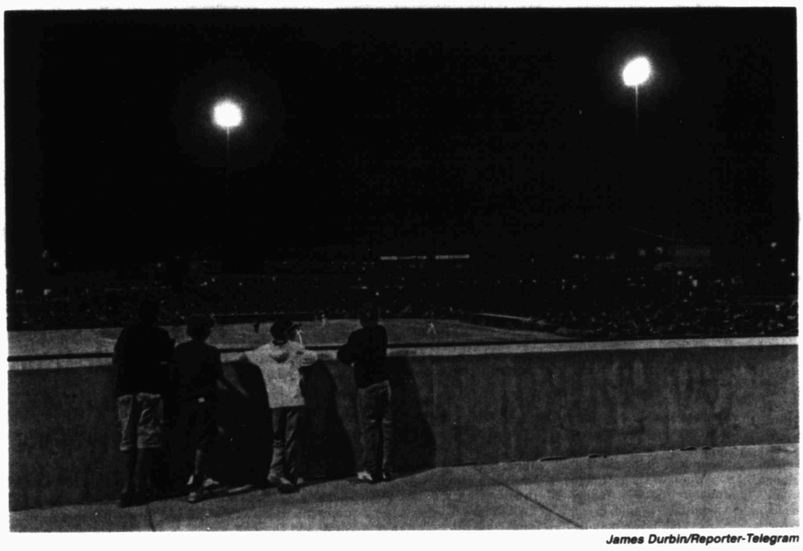

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Children look on during the RockHounds season opener against the Arkansas Travelers on Thursday at Security Bank Ballpark.

There is no off-season for RockHounds personnel

By Cale Ottens
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Thursday was the RockHounds' home opener, but as far as the 22 people who work for the team year-round are concerned, baseball never really went away.

The business of baseball requires hours of labor throughout the entire year, even when the players are resting during the off-season, said RockHounds General Manager Monty Hoppel.

So after the Opening Day starting pitcher, Drew Grainer, took the mound to start the 2014 season, the RockHounds staff finally began to wind down from their own "busy season."

"We truly are a year-round business," Hoppel said. "Most of our revenue is generated during the off-season."

Jamie Richardson has worked for the RockHounds, a private business, since 1997 and is now the assistant general manager in charge of marketing and tickets. He said the sign advertisements throughout the stadium are the most expensive items the organization sells, but ticket sales are most important.

"It's kind of the life-blood of everything," Richardson said. "If people aren't at the game, (selling signs) really doesn't matter. If I'm going to sell a sign, I want those people to have seats, also."

Despite Midland's economic growth and population influx in recent years, Richardson said the RockHounds have remained steady with its season ticket sales. The overall sales have not grown nearly at the rate of the population, he

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More 'Hounds

Find out how the RockHounds fared in their season-opening game in Sports on Page 1C, and be sure to check out more photos from Opening Day at mrt.com.

Fort Hood victim's mom, 77, had just met daughter

Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — The mother of a 37-year-old Illinois soldier killed during an attack at Fort Hood says she was reunited less than two weeks earlier with a daughter she gave up for adoption at birth.

Mary Muntean of Effingham, Ill., told The Associated Press that she was still celebrating that reunion when she got a call telling her that her son, U.S. Army Sgt. Timothy Owens, was killed Wednesday in the attack at Fort Hood. He was one of four soldiers — including the gunman — killed. An additional 16 were wounded.

Muntean told the AP she has heart problems and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Her 54-year-old daughter sought her out, and the two met on March 23, she said.

"She finds one child and loses another," said Betty Goodwin, Muntean's niece and Owens' cousin.

Sitting on her recliner on Wednesday, Muntean saw news on television of the attack at Fort Hood.

Unable to reach her son, she called his new wife, Billie Owens, who first said he was in the hospital. Before long, Owens' wife called back, and Muntean had her worst fears confirmed.

"She said, 'Mom, I want to tell you how sorry I am. Tim's gone.'" Muntean said. "I broke down. I'm 77 years old and I can't hardly take this."

Goodwin said Muntean was told by Owens' wife that he was shot in the chest.

Owens' cousin, Glen Welton of Effingham, said Owens grew up with military

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Midland emergency personnel respond to a rollover crash Thursday at the intersection of Lamesa Road and Garden City Highway.

MPD: Man in critical condition after rollover

By Cale Ottens
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A Midland man was in critical condition Thursday at Midland Memorial Hospital after he was ejected from a car, which then landed on top of his body, according to the Midland Police Department

Thomas Rismiller, 42, reportedly was traveling westbound in a Ford Taurus on Cloverdale Road at about 5 p.m. when he crashed into a Chevy Silverado. He had failed to yield to the right of way at a stop sign at the Lamesa Road intersection, according to Sara Higgins, MPD public information officer.

Rismiller fled the scene, driving south on Lamesa Road. He tried to turn east onto Garden City Highway while there was a red light, Higgins said.

While making the turn, Rismiller cut a corner and crashed into a Ford van and a Kia Forte, forcing him to lose control of the car, which caused it to roll over, she said.

Rismiller was ejected from the Taurus, which then landed on top of him, Higgins said.

No other injuries were reported and MPD is still investigating the crash, Higgins said. No charges have been filed at this time.

MPD: Stein Mart employee steals from store

From staff reports

A Midland woman is suspected of stealing more than $4,000 worth of merchandise from Stein Mart, a discount clothing and houseware store near Midkiff Road and Loop 250.

Amy V. Hernandez, 25, was arrested Wednesday after a Stein Mart supervisor told the Midland Police Department that he believed Hernandez and another employee were giving merchandise away to friends without charging them while earning money on the side, according to an arrest affidavit.

Hernandez

The other employee's name is being withheld because she is a minor.

Hernandez reportedly told an MPD officer that the other employee had taught her how to delete items from a purchase transaction after scanning them, the report said.

She told police that she would scan items and later delete the transaction while still allowing the customer — who was always a friend or family member — to still leave with the merchandise. People would later pay Hernandez after she got off work, the affidavit said.

The woman told police that she was not doing well financially and was pregnant at the time. She added that she did this for several weeks, starting in December until she left the company on maternity leave in January, the document said.

Police charged Hernandez for theft valued between $1,500 and $20,000, a state felony. She was released from jail after posting a $30,000 bond.

If convicted, Hernandez could face up to two years in prison.

SHOOTING

From 1A

dreams.

"He was one of those kids who wanted to wear camouflage and wanted to wear bomber jackets and sunglasses," said Welton, himself a National Guard veteran of Iraq. "It took him a few years before he got himself in."

Owens dropped out of high school in 1995, according to his mother and school records. She said he earned his GED diploma after joining the Army in 2004.

Welton said he ran into Owens last year at a funeral and the two figured out they had served in Iraq at the same time. Welton was there from 2005-06.

A photo from that day shows Welton with his arm around Owens, who wore his Army dress uniform, including a beret, and a pair of dark sunglasses.

"He had grown into a man. The military had made him a complete man," Goodwin said. "I sure know he cleaned up pretty with his uniform."

Owens was one of Muntean's four children. A younger son died eight years ago after a lifelong disability, Goodwin said.

Family said Owens had been previously married and had children from that marriage.

A trauma center outside the base said the conditions had improved for three people who sustained critical injuries in the attack. Dr. Matthew Davis, trauma director at Scott & White Memorial Hospital, expressed optimism nobody else would die from their injuries. Several patients were released from the hospital Thursday.

One of the wounded was identified as Maj. Patrick Miller, a 32-year-old Iraq War veteran from western New York, the state's Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Thursday. Miller, who lives with his wife outside Austin, is a native of Allegany in Cattaraugus County. Information on his condition hasn't been released.

Efforts to contact Miller's family members by phone and email on Thursday weren't initially successful. His parents, Carole and Dr. John Miller, were en route to Texas on Thursday, according to local media reports.

Associated Press

This undated family photo provided by Glen Welton shows U.S. Army Sgt. Tim Owens, left, of Effingham, Ill., with his cousin Glen Welton. Owens was one of three people killed by a shooter at Fort Hood on Wednesday. The shooter, identified as Ivan Lopez, also wounded 16 others before shooting himself, according to authorities.

Argument may have preceded deadly Fort Hood attack

Associated Press

FORT HOOD — The soldier who killed three people at Fort Hood may have argued with another service member prior to the attack, and investigators believe his unstable mental health contributed to the rampage, authorities said Thursday.

The base's senior officer, Lt. Gen. Mark Milley, said there is a "strong possibility" that Spc. Ivan Lopez had a "verbal altercation" with another soldier or soldiers immediately before Wednesday's shooting, which unfolded on the same Army post that was the scene of an infamous 2009 mass shooting.

However, there's no indication he targeted specific soldiers, Milley said.

Lopez never saw combat during a deployment to Iraq and had shown no apparent risk of violence before the shooting, officials said.

The 34-year-old truck driver from Puerto Rico seemed to have a clean record that showed no ties to extremist groups. But the Army secretary promised that investigators would keep all avenues open in their inquiry of the soldier whose rampage ended only after he fired a final bullet into his own head.

"We're not making any assumptions by that. We're going to keep an open mind and an open investigation. We will go where the facts lead us," Army Secretary John McHugh said, explaining that "possible extremist involvement is still being looked at very, very carefully."

South Texas man gets prison in weapons case

Associated Press

LAREDO — A South Texas man who owns sporting goods and weapons stores has been sentenced to more than five years in prison for trying to export hundreds of assault gun magazines to Mexico.

A federal judge in Laredo on Wednesday sentenced 42-year-old Arturo Gonzalez. He was convicted Jan. 9 of three weapons counts in an investigation going back to 2012.

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Menu Madness

Thursday's results

■ Manny's Italian Village def. Taste of Chicago

■ Shogun Steakhouse def. Smiling Moose Deli

Today's matchups

■ Chitos Mexican Restaurant vs. Graham's Pharmacy

■ King and I vs. Casa Madrid

Go to mrt.com to vote for your favorites.

Things to do

■ Science Extravaganza, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Midland College. midland.edu.

■ Photos with the Easter Bunny, Midland Park Mall. simon.com/kidgits.

■ Storytime for children age 3 to 5, 10:30 a.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. 685-7376.

■ Michael Hilburn at First Fridays at First Baptist Church's fellowship hall. 683-0644.

■ Paul Cauthen and David Beck of Sons of Fathers at Artizen. talltownes.com.

■ Freeride at The Bar. thebarmidland.com.

■ "Pippi Longstocking" at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

■ Star Party at dusk at Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org.

Club meetings today

Permian Toastmasters 1509, noon, Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 208 S. Marienfeld St.; Celeste Perez, 682-2960 or celeste@midlandhcc.com.

Community calendar

■ Betenbough Homes is hosting Easter Open House 6-8 p.m. today at its Legends Park model home, 5603 Champions Drive. Children can have their photo taken with the Easter bunny and do crafts projects. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, visit www.betenbough.com or call 218-8646.

■ Aspen Dental Service, 4400 N. Midland Drive, will be participating in "Day of Service" on Saturday. The clinic will be offering free basic dental care to those in need.

Appointments are required. To make an appointment, call 844-229-0077.

■ Choose Life Midland will have its next movie night at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Choose Life Midland building, 2500 W. Ohio Ave. Choose Life Midland will show "Ben-Hur" with a brief intermission. No admission is required; popcorn and refreshments provided.

Gas prices in Midland

■ **Cheapest gas:** $3.29 (Texaco, I-20/FM 1788; Pilot, FM 1788/I-20)

■ **Most expensive:** $3.49 (Big Spring/Dorman)

■ **Most common price:** $3.45

■ **Cheapest prices in West Texas:** Lubbock $3.20. Odessa $3.27. San Angelo $3.27. Midland $3.29. Abilene $3.32.

	Mid-Od	Texas
Thursday	$3.410	$3.377
Last week	$3.352	$3.361
Last month	$3.244	$3.209
Last year	$3.529	$3.506

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Water usage

March 26	18,157,000 gallons
March 27	19,080,000 gallons
March 28	16,578,000 gallons
March 29	19,247,000 gallons
March 30	22,215,000 gallons
Monday	16,015,000 gallons
Tuesday	20,375,000 gallons
Wednesday	19,842,000 gallons

The average CRMWD delivery to the city of Midland in March was 12,615,452 gallons. The current average in April is 18,196,500 gallons.

Source: City of Midland

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 8-3-9
Pick 3 day: 2-5-0
Pick 3 evening: 9-7-9
Pick 3 night: 7-1-3
Daily 4 morning: 2-5-7-9
Daily 4 day: 8-0-1-9
Daily 4 evening: 4-4-2-8
Daily 4 night: 8-1-7-6
Cash Five: 10-19-24-28-37
Texas Two Step: 13-21-24-34. Bonus: 10
All or Nothing morning: 04-05-06-07-09-11-14-16-18-20-21-22
All or Nothing day: 01-02-03-05-07-08-10-11-12-13-17-24
All or Nothing evening: 02-06-07-10-14-15-16-17-18-22-23-24
All or Nothing night: 04-05-06-07-11-15-16-19-20-21-22-23

Today in history

In 1859, "Dixie" was performed publicly for the first time by Bryant's Minstrels at Mechanics' Hall in New York.

In 1949, 12 nations, including the United States, signed the North Atlantic Treaty in Washington, D.C.

In 1960, Elvis Presley recorded "Are You Lonesome Tonight?" in Nashville for RCA Victor.

In 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was shot and killed while standing on a balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn. (James Earl Ray later pleaded guilty to assassinating King, then spent the rest of his life claiming he'd been the victim of a setup.)

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger roared into orbit on its maiden voyage. (It was destroyed in the disaster of January 1986.)

Today's birthdays: Author-poet Maya Angelou is 86. Country singer Steve Gatlin (The Gatlin Brothers) is 63.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ODESSA

1 dead, 1 wounded in parking lot shootings

Gunfire during an altercation outside a West Texas motel has left one man dead and another wounded.

Odessa police said the shootings happened early Thursday in the parking lot of a Studio 6 motel.

Cpl. Steve LeSueur said nobody has been arrested as investigators tried to determine what sparked the deadly disturbance.

LeSueur identified the man who died as 36-year-old Dewayne Green of El Paso. Police said 40-year-old Spencer Johnson suffered a leg wound and is hospitalized in fair condition. LeSueur had no hometown for Johnson and wasn't sure why either man was in Odessa.

LeSueur said police believe the two men knew each other. Investigators had no information on whether the men were motel guests.

Associated Press

Softball-size hail pummels Denton

Savage thunderstorms kept North Texas on edge Thursday, spawning a reported tornado in one town and pummeling a college town with hail as large as softballs.

There were no early reports of injuries.

Severe winds reported as an apparent tornado Thursday night tore through the town of Farmersville, 35 miles northeast of Dallas. A Collin County sheriff's dispatcher in nearby McKinney said utility poles were toppled, roofs damaged and tree limbs downed.

Earlier, an afternoon train of severe thunderstorms pummeled the college city of Denton with grapefruit-sized hail. The National Weather Service reported hail of 3 1/2-inch diameters and larger fell along U.S. 380 north of downtown Denton about 4 p.m. Thursday. Denton city spokeswoman Lindsay Baker broken windows and windshields and other hail damage were widespread.

HUNTSVILLE

Serial killer executed with new drug supply

A serial killer was put to death Thursday in Texas after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected his lawyers' demand that the state release information about where it gets its lethal injection drug.

Tommy Lynn Sells, 49, was the first inmate to be injected with a dose of newly replenished pentobarbital that Texas prison officials obtained to replace an expired supply of the powerful sedative. When asked if he wanted to make a statement before his execution, Sells replied: "No."

As the drug began flowing into his arms inside the death chamber in Huntsville, Sells took a few breaths, his eyes closed and he began to snore. After less than a minute, he stopped moving. He was pronounced dead at 6:27 p.m. — 13 minutes after being given the pentobarbital.

Terry Harris, whose 13-year-old daughter, Kaylene Harris, was fatally stabbed by Sells in 1999 in South Texas, watched as Sells was executed, saying the injection was "way more gentle than what he gave out."

"Basically, the dude just took a nap," the father told reporters later outside the prison.

CORPUS CHRISTI

Crews continue to remove oil from Texas shoreline

Authorities say more than 119,000 pounds of oil-soaked sand and debris have been removed from island shorelines tainted by the spill nearly two weeks ago when two vessels collided in the Houston Ship Channel.

Officials representing the U.S. Coast Guard and other agencies said Thursday that about 465 workers were removing oil from the Texas shoreline.

They were focusing Thursday on a 9-mile stretch of Matagorda Island along the Gulf of Mexico. But workers also were concentrating to the south on Mustang Island and Padre Island.

Crews also have recovered dozens of dead birds along with the carcasses of two dolphins and two freshwater turtles.

A ship punctured an oil barge March 22 near Texas City. The oil stream extended into the Gulf of Mexico and then southward along the Texas coast.

KILLEEN

Neighbors: Accused shooter's wife was distraught

The neighbor of a man accused of killing three people before committing suicide at a Texas military base says she ran into him hours before the incident, and he seemed to be cheerful and having a good day.

Twenty-one-year-old Shaneice Banks says she lives downstairs from Ivan Lopez, identified by a U.S. congressman as the shooter, and his wife, Karla. Banks says she ran into Lopez when he came home for lunch.

Banks said she asked him how his day was going and he told her that his day was "going pretty good" and that he would see her when he came home from work.

When the shooting erupted, Banks said Lopez's wife tried repeatedly to call him, breaking down in tears when TV news identified him as the shooter.

FORT WORTH

Man gets 45 years for assault during carjacking

A Dallas man has been sentenced to 45 years in prison for forcing a woman he carjacked and held at gunpoint to perform a sex act on him.

Prosecutors in Tarrant County on Thursday announced the penalty for 27-year-old Ousmane Wangare. A Fort Worth jury in December convicted Wangare of aggravated sexual assault in the 2012 incident that began at an Arlington car wash.

Authorities said three men approached the Navy veteran and her friend, an airman stationed in Shreveport, La., and tried to rob the pair before forcing the couple to leave with them.

Wangare, who was sentenced Wednesday by a judge, must serve at least half of the 45-year term before being eligible for parole.

A second suspect faces charges. The third suspect remains at large.

AUSTIN

Suspected trespasser dies after ravine fall

A suspected trespasser at a Central Texas archaeological site has died after falling about 60 feet into an Austin ravine while being chased by a game warden.

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department spokesman Mike Cox said the incident happened Wednesday in an area not accessible to the public. Another man was detained on possible trespassing and other charges.

Cox said two men were located at the site, which has been known to yield Native American items, and one ran away but ended up falling into the ravine. The injured man was transported to an Austin hospital, where he later died.

The area is part of an 80-acre site called the Lancaster Tract that's owned by the city.

Names of the two men haven't been released.

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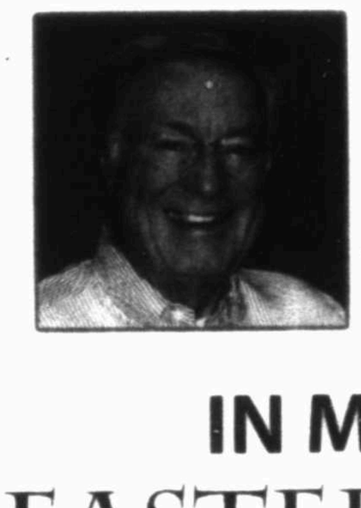

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said.

"There's growth, but it's not to the extent that someone may think that it is," Richardson said. "You're only going to have a few people who think buying 70 tickets is a good idea."

Most people visit the recently renamed Security Bank Ballpark only on specific nights. The most popular games are on "Thirsty Thursdays," when drinks are half price; Saturday nights when a firework display will follow the game; and other games that feature a giveaway, he said.

The business of baseball is not as glamorous or profitable as most might expect, Hoppel said.

"Don't think we're rolling in the dough. That's not how it is in minor league baseball," he said.

Even though Midland has had a franchise for 43 years, the team hasn't always been profitable, Hoppel said.

"(The RockHounds have) lost money; we've made money. It's gone back and forth," he said. "Just because there's a good economy doesn't mean you have more business."

With the population growth has also come more amenities like the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center and Cinergy Cinemas and Entertainment, which Hoppel said competes with RockHounds games and can result in smaller than expected turn-outs.

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RockHounds pitcher Nate Long waits on the call Thursday from an umpire after tagging the Arkansas Travelers' Shawn O'Malley out at home plate at Security Bank Ballpark. Thursday was Opening Day for the 'Hounds, but for the personnel behind the scenes, there is no off-season. "We truly are a year-round business," General Manager Monty Hoppel said. "Most of our revenue is generated during the off-season."

In general, however, a minor league team's affiliation with a major league baseball team helps draw larger crowds than traditional independent teams, he said.

"It's everything to say you're affiliated with a team where the players are going to the major leagues," Hoppel said. "These players, they're going to be on TV."

The RockHounds are the Double-A affiliate of the Oakland Athletics, who pays its contracted players' salaries.

The only thing that could bring even more people to the stadium is if the RockHounds were affiliated with the Texas Rangers, Hoppel said, noting the Arlington-based team's large Midland fan base.

"As much as we like the A's, you would like a team in your state," he said.

But the biggest issue the organization faces is getting people to attend the games after they purchase tickets, he said.

Along with ticket sales, revenue from concession sales are among the most vital elements to the RockHound's business model, Hoppel said. Unused tickets can only hurt the profit margin.

To combat the issue, the RockHounds have recently implemented new strategies to create more revenue streams. The team will occasionally buy back some of the 22 suites in the stadium from season-long suite holders who don't plan to use them for a particular game.

Each suite costs $750 per game and includes 22 tickets, but there ceases to be any additional opportunities to make more money when no one shows up to the game. Reselling the suites to parties that want to attend a particular game has really helped the team financially, Hoppel said.

The organization owns the Sockers FC. Plus, the RockHounds started to market the entire Scharbauer Sports Complex, which also includes Grande Communications Stadium, about 3 1/2 years ago, Hoppel said. The city of Midland owns the complex and pays the RockHounds $99,000 a year for the marketing service.

The additional sources of revenue help the RockHounds, but operational expenses have also increased with Midland's population boom, he said.

It costs about $100,000 to maintain the field throughout the season. And the RockHounds paid more than $481,000 to the city last fiscal year. That money was from suite sales — because the city owns six of the 22 suites and gets 80 percent of the revenue — plus money earned from renting out the complex, concession sales from other events and some of the revenue from signs around the complex that the city owns, Hoppel said.

On top of that, the RockHounds pay the city $50,000 each year, plus $4,170 a month in rent, based on the current lease agreement. The deal is set to last until 2022 with two five-year renewal options, according to Tina Jauz, the city's director of community services.

Jauz said she has never seen the RockHound's financial statements and cannot comment on its profitability, but she and the city believe it's still a good partnership.

"We feel very fortunate to have them in our city," she said. "Look at the area around the complex and how it has developed over the last 10 years. It's an area where people want to be right now."

PETITION

From 1A

"So often, that doesn't always cover the cost of resulting accidents," she said, noting the insurance limits haven't been raised in more than 30 years.

■ **Improve under-ride guards, which prevent vehicles from sliding under trucks.**

Tractor-trailers are required to have guards that hang down to prevent vehicles from sliding underneath.

The semitruck involved in Karth's wreck had a guard, but that didn't stop the family's vehicle from sliding underneath.

"Too often, due to the design or improper maintenance or installation, the guard won't withstand the crash," Karth said. "We want to see those guards made as strong as possible."

■ **Decrease driver fatigue and monitor hours with electronic logging devices.**

A rule proposed last month by the transportation department would require tractor-trailer drivers to log their hours electronically instead of through paper logbooks.

Impaired — including fatigued — driving was a factor in more than 12 percent of wrecks involving tractor-trailers or buses in 2012, according to the department.

But Karth, who said log books were not discovered after the family's fatal wreck, worries it could take months for the department to move through the rule-making and public comment process.

"What we're asking is that process be moved along as quickly as possible," she said. "As far as we're concerned, with 4,000 deaths per year from truck crashes, it could save lives."

Last June, the transportation department also passed regulations that limit the average work week and require drivers to take 30-minute breaks after their first eight hours of a shift.

Violators face fines up to $11,000 per offense and civil penalties up to $2,750 per offense, according to the department.

"We were shocked to learn that the rules and improvements for these safety issues are long overdue for implementation," said Karth in a prepared statement.

As of Thursday, the online petition had more than 10,400 signatures — many more than Karth ever imagined.

"It seems to have touched a nerve," she said.

After the petition ends April 30, the family will print each signed petition and place them in envelopes.

On May 5, one year after the fatal wreck, Karth will bring them to Washington, D.C., and hold a press conference promoting truck safety improvements in honor of AnnaLeah and Mary.

The past year has been difficult, but Karth said the family appreciates the friends and family in Midland who helped after the wreck. One family friend set up a fund to help with funeral and travel expenses.

"We really are so thankful for all the support we got from individuals, the church and Midland College," she said. "It helped."

More information

How to sign the petition

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■ To print out a petition, go to annaleahmary.com/petition.pdf
■ Visit the memorial website: annaleahmary.com
■ For more information, visit trucksafety.org/annaleah-mary-karth-petition

Honoring traffic fatality victims

■ The Midland Victims Coalition is putting victims of road crashes in the spotlight during its annual National Crime Victims' Rights Week event next week. The event starts at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Midland County Courthouse.

Reaching Latinos: Media vies for a winning formula

Associated Press

MIAMI — Reaching the nation's 55 million Latinos has become gospel for mainstream media giants, but capturing this fast-growing, mostly U.S.-born audience is proving tricky to networks and websites. For every success story there is a flop.

Take CNN's latest attempt at a Spanish-language broadcast targeting U.S Latinos. The broadcaster is no newcomer to the Spanish-speaking world, for decades reaching Latin America with CNN en Espanol. But the company said it axed its CNN Latino domestic Spanish-language service after one year because it failed "to fulfill our business expectations."

NBC's attempt at a website called NBC Latino folded in January after 16 months, despite producing thousands of original stories. Even the much-heralded Fusion — a joint venture of Univision and ABC — is still experiencing growing pains, shedding several programs in its first year and restructuring its nightly news show from five days a week to one.

One challenge: Many in the audience today are second- and third-generation Latinos, and often they eschew a Latino-only box, even as they crave more stories that include them.

"I don't want to be force-fed all this Latin stuff," explained 36-year-old Alain Amejeira, an air conditioning technician in South Florida whose parents came from Cuba. "I'm Alain. I'm not Alain the Cuban guy who needs only Cuban news."

MSNBC Executive Producer Chris Pena saw the challenges firsthand in guiding NBC Latino. From the start, he said, there was debate whether to create a stand-alone site for English-speaking Latinos.

"The idea was to provide Latinos with other types of coverage, aspirational stories that reflected the ideals of immigrants," Pena said, adding some of the original stories produced there ended up on the main NBC news website. "If NBC Latino had not been out there reporting on some of those stories, they probably would not have been reported."

NBC has since rolled its Latino content into a page within its broader revamped news site, albeit with fewer reporters but wider distribution.

Survivors have emerged and show staying power, Fusion among them. Among Latino-focused websites and TV networks born in recent years, several are still standing: HuffPost Latino Voices; VOXXI's independent news site for Latinos, Fox News Latino, focusing on the domestic English-speaking Latino market; and Mundo Fox with world news in Spanish.

Then there's the long-running NPR program Latino USA, in its 20th year. It expanded to an hour-long magazine last year after host Maria Hinojosa decided to produce the show independently.

In recent months, the popular website Buzzfeed also has noticeably upped the caliber and number of its Hispanic-related stories. "There's more to come. We're still trying to figure it out," Buzzfeed's Adrian Carrasquillo said.

The Washington, D.C.-based Latinum Network marketing group puts Hispanic buying power at upward of $1.2 trillion annually, based on U.S. Census and Commerce Department statistics. That complex market is only growing.

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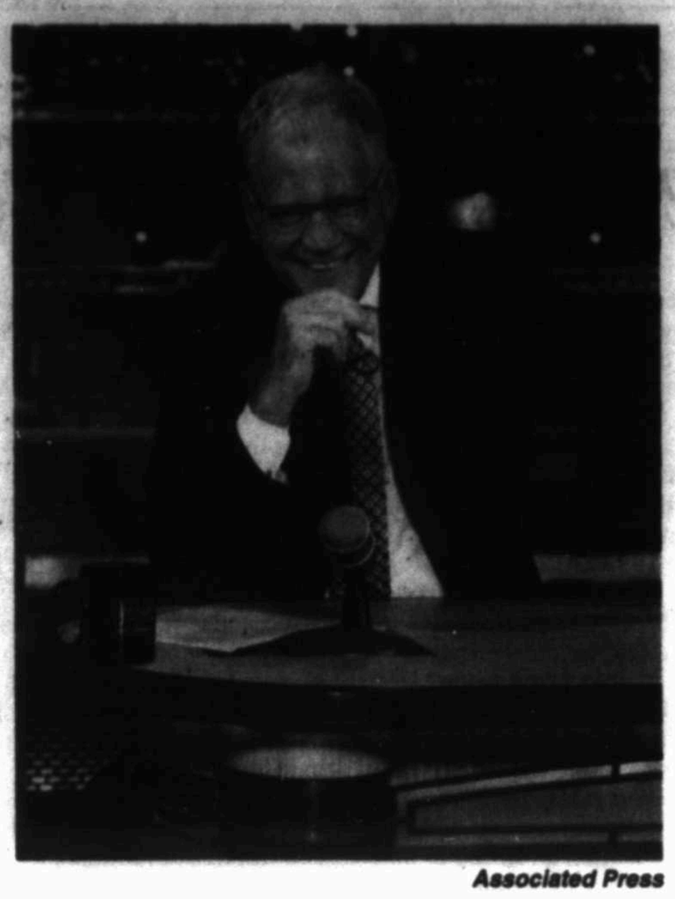
David Letterman to retire from 'Late Show' in 2015



"Late Show" host David Letterman appears during an April 23, 2012, taping of his program in New York. Letterman says he plans to retire next year as host of "Late Show." During a taping of his show Thursday,, Letterman said he has informed his CBS bosses that he will step down in 2015, when his current contract expires. He told his audience he expects his departure will be "at least a year or so" from now. A possible replacement is Craig Ferguson, of the "Late Late Show," which Letterman produces. Photo courtesy CBS.

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NEW YORK — David Letterman is retiring next year as host of "Late Show."

During a taping of Thursday's show, Letterman said he has informed CBS that he will step down in 2015, when his current contract expires.

He specified no end date, telling his audience he expects his exit will be in "at least a year or so, but sometime in the not too distant future — 2015, for the love of God — (band leader) Paul (Shaffer) and I will be wrapping things up."

Referring to CBS chairman Leslie Moonves as "the man who owns this network," Letterman said: "I phoned him just before the program, and I said 'Leslie, it's been great, you've been great, and the network has been great, but I'm retiring.'"

Along with his network, Letterman thanked "all of the people who have worked here, all of the people in the theater, all the people on the staff, everybody at home, thank you very much.

"What this means now," he cracked, "is that Paul and I can be married."

Letterman, who turns 67 next week, has the longest tenure of any late-night talk show host in U.S. television history, already marking 32 years since he created "Late Night" at NBC in 1982.

After losing the "Tonight Show" throne to rival candidate Jay Leno in 1993, he jumped to CBS to start "Late Show."

"For 21 years, David Letterman has graced our network's air in late night with wit, gravitas and brilliance unique in the history of our medium," said Moonves. "It's going to be tough to say goodbye. Fortunately, we won't have to do that for another year or so. Until then, we look forward to celebrating Dave's remarkable show and incredible talents."

Leno retired from "The Tonight Show" earlier this year, making way for "Late Night" host Jimmy Fallon to take over that NBC institution.

Leno held the ratings leadership for most of his two-decade duel with Letterman, but Dave remained the overwhelming critical favorite, pushing forward in a "Tonight Show" tradition forged by Johnny Carson and, before him, Jack Paar and Steve Allen.

"Late Show" won a prime time Emmy in 1994. Letterman earned a Peabody Award in 1992.

In an interview with Howard Stern in January, Letterman said that Leno's departure would have no impact on how much longer he might stay as host of "Late Show."

"I would do it forever if it were up to me," said Letterman, before adding a wry aside: "Sometimes, it isn't up to me."

In the wings as a likely heir is Craig Ferguson, host of "The Late Late Show." It has followed Letterman, who produces it, since 2005.

FireChat ignites new way to communicate on phones

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A new mobile messaging application called FireChat is empowering nearby smartphone users to stay in touch even when there's no cellular service or Internet connection.

In just two weeks since its release on the iPhone, FireChat already has provided a flicker of hope for people pining for more effective, secure and affordable ways to communicate. That's because the free messaging app harnesses a technology called wireless mesh networking, which might someday allow myriad devices to connect like links in a chain.

The technique might someday be used to tie together thousands of devices with built-in radios and make it possible to be online without having to pay for the access. It could also enable online communications in remote areas or disaster zones without Wi-Fi or cellular signals. Furthermore, the conversations in these so-called "off-the-grid" networks can't be easily hacked into by spies and mischief makers or shut down by governments trying to stifle free speech.

"We trying to create networks built by the people for the people," said Micha Benoliel, CEO of Open Garden, maker of the FireChat app.

Open Garden, a San Francisco startup with just 10 employees, is taking another step toward its ambitious goal with Thursday's release of a FireChat app for Android phones.

FireChat could be an even hotter commodity on Android given the demographic differences between that platform's user base and the typical iPhone owner. The app already has been installed on more than 1 million iOS devices.

Many smartphones running on Google Inc.'s free Android software are cheaper than Apple Inc.'s iPhone. That has made Android phones the top-selling mobile devices in less affluent countries, including in regions where Internet access is inadequate or expensive.

Google is among the big Internet companies intrigued with mesh networking's potential to bring more of the world online.

Sundar Pichai, Google's executive in charge of Android, has touted mesh networks as a way to connect wearable computers, such as the company's Glass eyewear. Mesh networks also could be used to bring a wide variety of everyday appliances online, helping to build an Internet of things instead of just websites.

FireChat's reach so far is limited. When connecting off the grid, iPhone app users have only been able to send text and photos to other FireChat users within a range of 30 to 100 feet.

Later this year, Open Garden plans to upgrade FireChat's iPhone app so off-the-grid users will be able to hopscotch through a daisy chain of devices to extend the reach of a local network. If this works, a FireChat user sitting in the right-field bleachers of a baseball game would be able to text with a friend on the other side of the stadium if enough other iPhone users in the ballpark also are on FireChat.

This extended range will be available immediately on FireChat's Android app because Open Garden released a mesh networking app for that operating system nearly two years ago.

FireChat's iPhone app piggybacks on an often overlooked feature called the Multipeer Connectivity Framework that Apple Inc. included in its latest mobile operating system, iOS 7, released last September. Apple said more than 80 percent of people using its mobile devices rely on iOS 7.

For now, Android phones and iPhones with the FireChat app won't be able to engage in off-the-grid conversation. Open Garden, though, believes it will eventually be able to make mesh networking work on phones running on different operating systems.

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Secretary of State Kerry begins another folly

■ As leader of the state department, he has been a disaster; no need to look farther than the Middle East

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

Washington Post Writers Group

When has a secretary of state been involved in so many disastrous, self-initiated negotiations? First, John Kerry convenes — against all advice and holding no cards — Geneva negotiations to resolve the Syria conflict and supposedly remove Bashar al-Assad from power. The talks collapse in acrimony and confusion.

Kerry's response? A second Geneva conference that — surprise! — breaks up in acrimony and confusion.

Then, even as Russian special forces are taking over Crimea, Kerry goes chasing after Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov — first to Paris, then Rome, then London — offering a diplomatic "offramp." Lavrov shrugs him off. Russia annexes Crimea.

The crowning piece of diplomatic futility, however, is Kerry's frantic effort to salvage the Arab-Israeli negotiations he launched, also against all odds and sentient advice. He's made 12 trips to the region, aiming to produce a final Middle East peace within nine months.

It is month nine. The talks have gone nowhere. But this has been a fool's errand from Day One. There never was any chance of Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas concluding a final peace.

Now in the 10th year of a four-year term (there never was a re-election — he just stayed in office), Abbas doesn't have the legitimacy. With half of Palestine (namely Gaza) controlled by his rejectionist mortal enemy Hamas, he doesn't have the authority.

And he doesn't have the intention. Abbas openly refuses to (a) recognize Israel as a Jewish state; (b) yield the so-called right of return (that would flood Israel with millions of Palestinians, destroying the state demographically) and (c) ever sign any agreement that ends the conflict once and for all.

Any one of these refusals makes a final peace impossible. All three make the entire process ridiculous. Kerry has given up trying to get a final agreement. He's given up on even getting a "framework agreement." He's reduced to simply trying to keep the moribund talks going.

At a price, of course. For Israel. It is supposed to keep releasing imprisoned terrorists simply to keep the Palestinians at negotiations that they themselves say have achieved nothing.

Abbas wants to call off the farce so he can go to U.N. agencies for recognition — a strategy of achieving statehood without negotiations with Israel that contradicts every agreement the Palestinians have signed since the 1993 Oslo Accord.

For their part, the Israelis are tired of the diplomatic Ponzi scheme in which they are required to release terrorists to keep Abbas at the table. Until when? Until every murderer has been freed — at which point Abbas will go to the U.N. anyway?

To keep stringing along the Israelis, some genius decided to dangle Jonathan Pollard. What's he got to do with anything? Why is he being offered as an incentive for Israel to accept otherwise unacceptable conditions?

Normally, the United States facilitates agreements by offering Israel compensation for the security risks it takes upon giving up territory, because the Arabs either cannot or will not offer security guarantees of their own. Thus the U.S. might try to re-establish the military balance with advanced weaponry or access to timely intelligence.

But Pollard? He is an American traitor who is up for parole next year anyway. It has long been a mistake for Israel to agitate for his release. He disgracefully betrayed his country. What kind of corrupt and cynical quid pro quo is this?

One that Abbas is trying to make irrelevant. On Tuesday, he essentially turned over the negotiating table by signing on to 15 U.N. and international conventions as the "State of Palestine," thus publicly undermining the essence of the U.S. peace process and humiliating the hapless secretary of state. Kerry will likely ignore the insult and carry on regardless. Uselessly.

Instead of trying to stave off Abbas' U.N. bid with the release of Palestinian terrorists and an American spy, perhaps the administration could simply stop fighting Congress, which developed a far more effective method. Under law, any U.N. agency that recognizes "Palestine" has its U.S. funds cut off.

The Obama administration keeps trying to restore funding for UNESCO, which in 2011 defied the U.S. in recognizing Palestine. What kind of signal is this to the rest of the world? Financial sanctions are precisely the kind of pressure that can support diplomacy. Yet this administration seems intent on removing sanctions that might thwart Palestinian moves toward unilateral statehood, the latest Palestinian strategy for getting land without offering peace.

After all, that would be diplomacy with teeth. So 19th century.

OUR VIEW

Texas Tech athletics presence in Midland is welcomed

Laurels

■ **For Texas Tech University.** If you think Texas Tech is trying to strengthen its regional presence, you are not alone. It is, and the school is doing a great job of it. Thank you to Texas Tech athletics and the football program for having a practice/scrimmage session in Midland on Saturday. Then on Tuesday, the baseball team made its presence felt with a game at the sports complex. Thank you to those local donors who helped make the Tech athletic events in Midland a reality. Thank you also to Texas Tech for including Midland and the Permian Basin more in what you do. We expect both sides will benefit greatly.

■ **For Ruth Sloan.** We were sad to hear the Midland County Elections administrator is retiring and has worked her last Election Day. Sloan, a 20-year veteran of the county's elections office, continued the legacy of an elections office that is a pleasure to work with and proves election after election that it knows what it is doing. We believe our elections office is as good as you will find, and Sloan, who was the administrator for a decade, has been a big reason for that. Ruth, enjoy your retirement. It's well-deserved.

■ **For Related Cos.** The New York City-based real estate firm that purchased 20 apartment complexes in Midland and Odessa last month will honor the 10 percent discount to teachers under contract with Midland ISD. Any help we can offer residents in terms of rising apartment rents is a good thing. It is good to see Related does support the "hometown heroes."

■ **For Zachary Chesworth.** The Midland Police Department officer was among those honored at the department's recent annual awards banquet. He received the Medal of Valor for his actions in a shooting incident last November. We can't begin to imagine what Chesworth was experiencing when he had to use deadly force against an armed burglary suspect. But we agree with the city's public information officer, who said Chesworth "displayed great courage" and went above and beyond the call of duty. Congratulations, Officer Chesworth, and thank you for helping to keep Midlanders safe.

■ **For the West Texas Drillers.** Congratulations to Harold Fuller and the team for their efforts to bring awareness to bullying. Last weekend, the Drillers defeated Skyforce, 14-0, to improve to 6-0 on the season. More importantly, they put together an anti-bullying rally that featured a concert with a lineup including Abi Ann, Kenton Duty, Justin Langston and Brian Milson. It was a stand to stop bullying, and they deserve credit for the rally. The Drillers' next home game is April 12 (military appreciation night).

■ **For the Midland RockHounds.** The boys of summer are at it again, so we encourage all Midlanders, including the new residents of our city, to take in a game.

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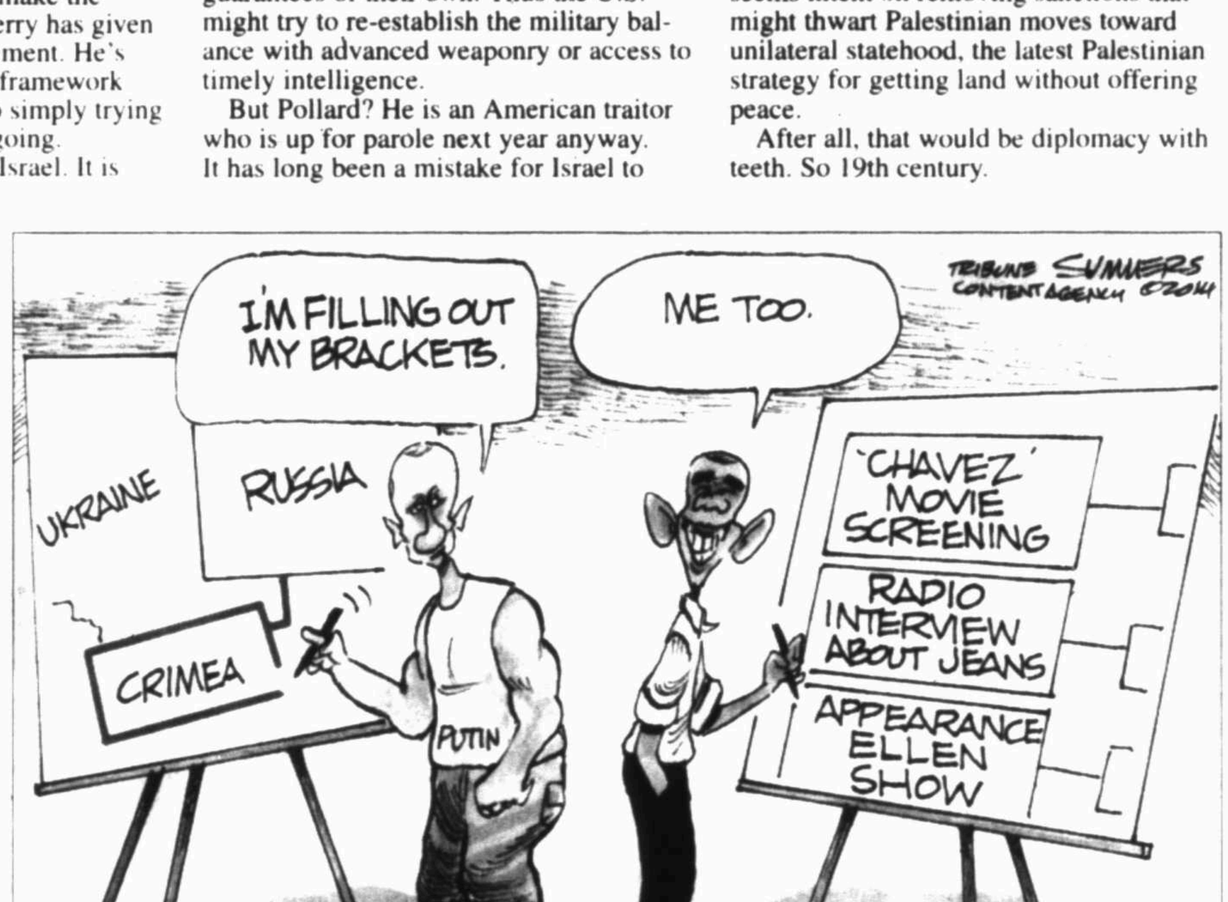

First Amendment is such a nuisance

■ The Supreme Court did what it was supposed to do, striking down the limit on the aggregate amount a donor can give to candidates and political-party committees

RICH LOWRY

Washington Post Writers Group

Every time the Supreme Court rules in favor of the First Amendment in a campaign-finance case, the left recoils in disgust.

The court's 5-4 decision in McCutcheon v. FEC is the latest occasion for the rending of garments and gnashing of teeth. The court struck down the limit on the aggregate amount a donor can give to candidates and political-party committees, ruling it incompatible with First Amendment protections for political expression.

The left pronounced itself outraged. Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., who has $11 million in his campaign treasury despite being a senator for life, called the decision "another step on the road to ruination."

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., who has enough of a fundraising surplus that he bought jewelry for his donors from his granddaughter, resorted to a thunderous non sequitur in denouncing the decision: "All it does is take away people's rights because, as you know, the Koch brothers are trying to buy America."

The First Amendment is for strippers, flag burners, pornographers, funeral protesters and neo-Nazis, but not for people trying to give money to political parties or candidates.

In his decision for the court, Chief Justice John Roberts noted that contributing to a candidate is political participation just like volunteering for a campaign or urging others to vote. "Money in politics may at times seem repugnant to some," Roberts writes, "but so too does much of what the First Amendment vigorously protects."

The decision in McCutcheon should have been a slam-dunk. Campaign-finance law limits how much a single donor can give in an election cycle to $5,200 for a federal candidate and $64,800 for a party committee.

The court let these so-called base limits stand on grounds that under the landmark Buckley v. Valeo decision, direct contributions to candidates hold the greatest possibility for creating corruption.

But if you accept the base limits, the aggregate limits on the total anyone can give to candidates in a single cycle ($48,600) and to party committees and PACs in a single cycle ($74,600) make no sense. By the logic of the law, if a contribution to one candidate of $5,200 or less is not corrupting, there should be no fear that a donor giving a couple of dozen candidates that amount will be corrupting. Each of the candidates is receiving the proscribed amount or less.

Once a donor hits the aggregate limit, though, it functions as an outright ban on further donations to candidates or parties — even though these donations aren't corrupting. This is an impingement of his political rights without any upside of preventing graft.

The critics of the decision object to it partly on egalitarian grounds: Very few donors have the resources to contribute enough to bump up against the aggregate limits, so the decision gives disproportionate influence to a few people.

A free political system always has such disparities. Should Thomas Paine have been silenced, since his incredible rhetorical powers made him more influential than other pamphleteers? Should The New York Times be shuttered, since it exercises more power than almost anyone else in New York?

At the root of the left's opposition to McCutcheon, and Citizens United before it, is that it reduces governmental control over the political process. That control is taken, ipso facto, to be a good thing.

If the First Amendment gets in the way, so much the worse for the First Amendment. Remember: The position of the Obama administration in oral arguments over Citizens United was that the government could ban books printed by corporations. Nancy Pelosi, the House minority leader, has proposed amending the First Amendment to give the government more latitude to limit political expression.

In his decision, Roberts writes "that the First Amendment 'is designed and intended to remove governmental restraints from the arena of public discussion, putting the decision as to what views should be voiced largely into the hands of each of us.'" For those lamenting the decision, that is precisely the problem.

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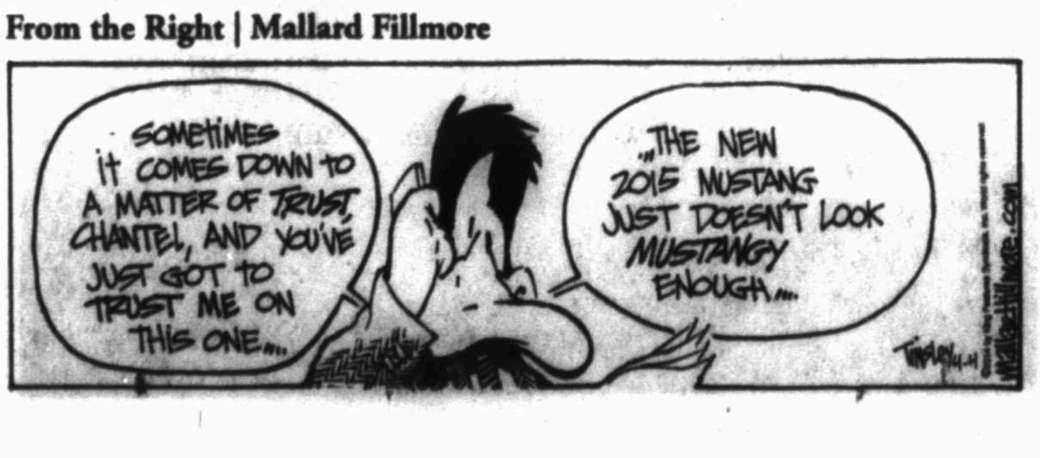

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

White House: 'Cuban Twitter' not a covert program

The White House says a "Cuban Twitter" communications network created by the U.S. government was a "development" program and not a covert operation.

Spokesman Jay Carney said he is not aware of individuals in the White House who were aware of the program, but he also said President Barack Obama does support efforts to expand communications in Cuba.

The Associated Press has learned that the communications network was built with secret shell companies and financed through foreign banks.

Carney said the government does take steps to be discreet when working in "non-permissive environments" including Cuba. He said those steps are taken to protect "practitioners and the public."

Lawmakers again move to freeze their paychecks

With the approval ratings of Congress still in the gutter, House leaders are engineering another freeze in lawmakers' automatic cost-of-living pay hike.

The move would freeze congressional salaries at $174,000 a year and is attached to legislation to fund Congress' budget, which was approved by a House Appropriations panel Thursday. Lawmakers haven't received a pay hike since January 2009.

Bipartisan reforms enacted in 1989 gave lawmakers a big pay increase in exchange for dropping the much-criticized practice of accepting money from outside interest groups for speeches.

That legislation also awarded lawmakers annual cost-of-living pay increases, which also meant that lawmakers no longer had to cast politically toxic votes to raise their pay.

Congress accepted the annual COLA for some years in the 1990s and for most of the 2000s but has voted to deny itself the raise for five consecutive years.

The scheduled 1.6 percent hike would give lawmakers a raise of about $2,800.

The congressional salary is generous but many lawmakers make but a fraction of the money than do the lobbyists who meet with them. And steep housing prices in the Washington area can be a hardship for lawmakers who opt to rent an apartment. In fact, more than a few lawmakers sleep in their offices during the three nights a week they typically are in Washington.

Senate panel votes to release torture report

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate Intelligence Committee voted Thursday to release parts of a hotly contested, secret report that harshly criticizes CIA terror interrogations after 9/11, and the White House said it would instruct intelligence officials to cooperate fully.

The result sets the stage for what could be the fullest public accounting of the Bush administration's record when it comes to waterboarding and other "enhanced interrogation techniques."

The panel voted 11-3 to order the declassification of almost 500 pages of the 6,300-page review, which concludes the harsh methods employed at CIA-run prisons overseas were excessively cruel and ineffective in producing valuable intelligence.

Even some Republicans who agree with the spy agency that the findings are inaccurate voted in favor of declassification, saying it was important for the country to move on.

"The purpose of this review was to uncover the facts behind the secret program and the results, I think, were shocking," Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., the committee chairwoman, said. "The report exposes brutality that stands in sharp contrast to our values as a nation. It chronicles a stain on our history that must never be allowed to happen again."

The intelligence committee and the CIA are embroiled in a bitter dispute related to the three-year study. Senators accuse the agency of spying on their investigation, and deleting files. The CIA said Senate staffers illegally accessed information. The Justice Department is reviewing competing criminal referrals.

As a result of the vote, the CIA will start scanning the report's contents for any passages that could compromise national security. That has led to fears in the committee that a recalcitrant CIA might sanitize key elements of their investigation, and demands for President Barack Obama to ensure large parts of the report aren't blacked out.

Obama, said Sen. Mark Udall, D-Colo., should "hold onto the redaction pen himself."

Associated Press

This 2013 handout image courtesy of Gehry Partners LLP shows the planned Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial in Washington.

Federal panel rejects design for Eisenhower Memorial

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal commission that oversees plans for monuments in the nation's capital voted Thursday to reject the current design for a memorial honoring President Dwight D. Eisenhower, sending the concept back to its architects for revisions.

The National Capital Planning Commission voted 7-3 to endorse its staff's report opposing the current design. The objections focus primarily on the scale and placement of columns that would hold large stainless steel tapestries framing a memorial park honoring Eisenhower.

One concern is preserving views of the nearby U.S. Capitol between the massive columns.

Architect Frank Gehry has designed large metal tapestries depicting the Kansas landscape of Ike's boyhood home held up by 80-foot-tall limestone columns. Statues of Eisenhower as president and World War II general would stand at the park's center. Gehry did not attend the meeting Thursday.

Eisenhower's family has opposed the design's large scale and the inclusion of metal tapestries. The 34th president's granddaughter Susan Eisenhower listened to the debate Thursday but did not testify. Other critics have opposed the project citing Gehry's style and a preference for more classical architecture.

L. Preston Bryant Jr., the planning commission's chairman, voted to oppose the current design but also voted to bring the project back every two months with updates on its progress.

"There is widespread agreement on the need for an Eisenhower Memorial," he said.

The commission's vote Thursday was its first formal action on Gehry's design and is the first major rejection that could force changes in the design. Gehry's concept has won support at the separate U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, which also must approve the design.

Now the design is caught between the two federal agencies, said Daniel Feil, the Eisenhower project's executive architect.

House GOP moves against health care law

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans renewed their election-year assault on President Barack Obama's health care law Thursday, their opposition undimmed just days after Obama celebrated news that more than 7 million Americans had signed up for coverage under the law.

The GOP-led chamber voted 248-179 to change the law's definition of full-time work from 30 hours a week to 40 hours a week. The result would be that fewer workers would get employer-sponsored health coverage and hundreds of thousands more people would be uninsured, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Midland, voted to pass the bill.

Republicans said the change would restore the traditional definition of full-time work while providing needed relief to businesses that are struggling with increased costs from the health care law. Businesses say they are being forced to cut worker hours, limit full-time jobs and drop health coverage because of the law, which requires businesses with 50 or more full-time workers to provide health coverage or pay penalties.

It was the House GOP's 52nd vote to change, repeal or otherwise uproot Obama's health law. Eighteen Democrats joined with all Republicans in approving the bill, named the Save American Workers Act of 2013.

In rancorous debate on the House floor, Democrats accused Republicans of being obsessed with attacking the health law, while Republicans ridiculed Democrats for trying to change what they called a commonly understood definition of full-time work.

"We all know 30 hours isn't full time but that's what Obamacare says," said Rep. Tim Griffin, R-Ark. "Even in France a full-time job is 35 hours a week."

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CONCERT Musica Sacra's "An Evening for Meditation and Reflection" featuring the Sergei Rachmaninoff "Vespers," 7 p.m. Sunday in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church. 684-7821

COMING SOON

PRAYER GATHERING The second Awake 7:14 conference is coming up this month at Midland Center.

RACE "Run a K for United Way," is scheduled for April 12 in downtown Midland.

See more calendar items on page 5B.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

HABITAT HOME Concho Operating Group to build a home for Habitat for Humanity. Local petroleum company Concho Operating Group has donated the funds to build an affordable home. Concho employees will be donating their time over the next several weekends to make this home a reality in the Sparks Park neighborhood.

SPARE CHANGE Reporter-Telegram Managing Editor Mary Dearen is collecting change she finds on her daily walks. This year, Dearen is raising funds for SHARE — Sharing Hands: A Respite Experience, a local nonprofit that supports parents of kids with special needs. She plans to participate in the fourth annual Autism SHARE Walk, which is April 26 at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Anyone who would like to add to Dearen's collection of pennies, nickles, dimes and quarters can contact her at 687-8852 or mdearen@mrt.com.

IN NEED

RUN OR DYE Volunteers and participants are needed for the Run or Dye 5K benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters, April 19 at Scharbauer Sports Complex. Call 687-0195.

KIDS FIRST Centers for Children and Families is in need of volunteers for its Kids First program, a supervised visitation and exchange program for conflicted families. For more information, call 570-1084 or visit centerstx.org.

Nonprofit, charitable and religious organizations are constantly in need of volunteers, funds and resources. If you know of an organization in need, email mbuck@mrt.com and we'll help spread the word.

CHRISTMAS IN ACTION

Tim Fischer\Reporter-Telegram

Cameron Kroese scrapes off the old shingles as Eric Carr helps toss them off the roof March 29 as they and others from First Baptist Church replace the roof on a Christmas in Action home on East Maple Avenue.

MARC kicks off capital campaign with $12 million goal

By Megan Lea Buck
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With two adjacent office buildings constructed in the mid-20th century and a booming population that needs the services it provides to children and adults with disabilities, MARC is kicking off a capital campaign. The nonprofit hopes to raise about $12 million to construct a new building at its "A" Street location just west of where the two office buildings currently sit. When construction is complete, the two existing buildings will be destroyed and replaced with a parking lot.

"MARC is 54 years old and we began as a group of parents who got together and said our kids can learn," said Jean Jones, marketing director. "We've always been about meeting the needs of kids with disabilities."

The tag line for the capital campaign reflects that mission: "Essential spaces for essential services benefiting families in the greater Permian Basin."

Serving more than 120 clients in its residential and vocational programs, the MARC office no longer meets the requirements of the nonprofit, Jones said.

"We just don't have the space to accommodate all the kids right now," Jones said of MARC's autism program. "In the residential program, we fill beds as soon as they're empty."

The new building will include professional and executive offices, board rooms and training rooms, a child development center and space for the Autism Resource Center.

Started in 2012, the Autism Resource Center provides behavioral therapy and resources to children who have been diagnosed with a disorder on the autism spectrum.

A recent report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates 1 in 68 children will be diagnosed with a disorder on the autism spectrum. The chance of an autism spec-

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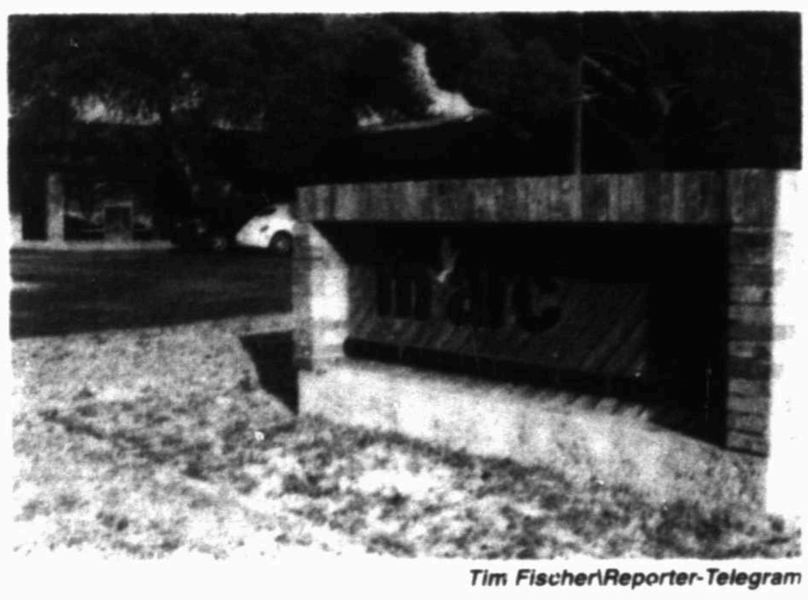

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MARC is starting a capital campaign to replace its office buildings in Midland

Big Boy's Toys to feature Big & Rich

MARC's ninth annual Big Boys' Toys fundraiser will feature country stars Big & Rich with special guest Cowboy Troy. Trace Adkins, originally scheduled to perform at the event, is unable to attend because of personal circumstances.

Big & Rich and Cowboy Troy will play among a display of exotic cars, April 12 at the Horseshoe.

"The fundraiser is very car-centric," said Karmen Hendrix Bryant, event chairwoman.

MARC Marketing Director Jean Jones said the event started as a car show and expanded over the years. The first Big Boys Toys in 2005 attracted 200 people. Organizers are expecting more than 1,000 this year.

"This promises to be the largest fundraising event we've ever had," Jones said.

Big Boys' Toys will include a steak dinner catered by The Barn Door, an open bar and live and silent auctions. Dress code is casual.

Sponsorships range from $250 for individual reserved seating to $10,000 for a table for 10 with meet-and-greet invitations and other perks.

Concert-only tickets are $45 in advance and $55 at the door.

The event supports MARC's residential, vocational and autism programs.

Bible-based conference to explore how to experience joy

By Ragini Venkatasubban
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What is real joy? According to Chris Coursey, director of Life Model Works, a nonprofit organization dedicated to uncovering connections between neuroscience, Scripture and joy, it's about building relationships with other people.

"A joyful person keeps relationships bigger than problems," he said. "When they see people, they're content. They have a lot of peace. … (They're) authentically glad to be with other people."

To help Midlanders uncover real joy, Life Model Works will hold its first "Joy Starts Here!" conference in Midland next weekend. The two-day conference will take place 7-9 p.m. April 11 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 12 at Midland Shared Spaces, 3500 N. "A" St.

Registration is free for April 11 and $60 per person for April 12. Group rates and continuing education credits are also available. For more information or to register, visit www.joystartshere.com/midland.

Coursey will lead the event, addressing three main issues — What is real joy? Why is it that joy is so elusive? And what can we do to experience it?

What keeps many people from experiencing real joy is our tendency to create "pseudo joys," Coursey said. These can include TV, movies, sugar, pornography, drugs, alcohol, substances and addictions — anything that temporarily satisfies the need for joy but never fully satisfies it.

"If I'm not having genuine joy in my life and my relationships, I'm looking for other things to meet that need," he said — which is where "pseudo joys" come in.

Coursey and Jim Martini, CEO of Life Model Works, will address joy by drawing on lessons from the Bible and the latest developments in neuroscience. Though it's a Bible-based course, both say the teachings

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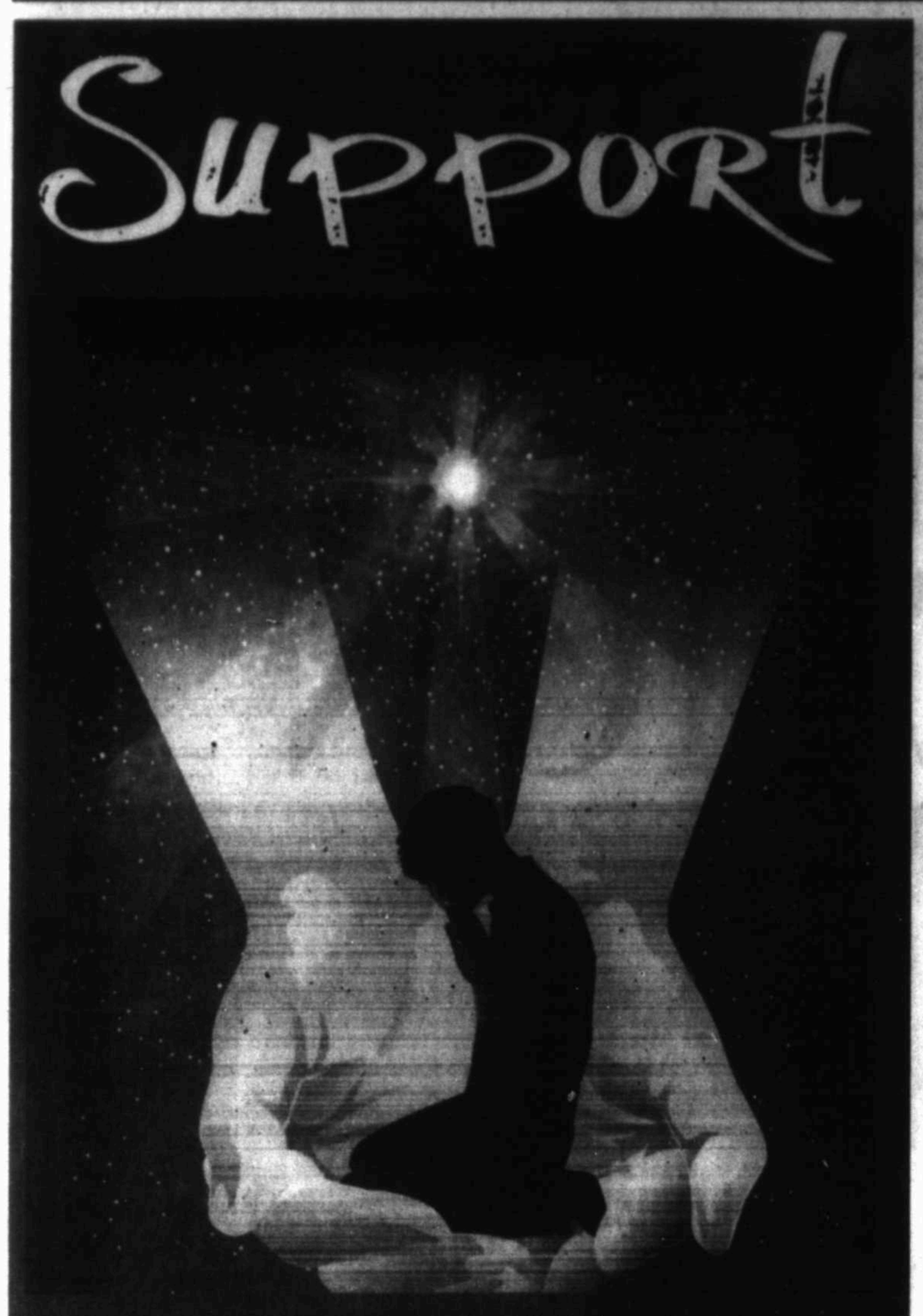

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

Psalm 46:11 (KJV)

When life throws you a major curveball, like the loss of a job, home or relationship, it can be hard to recover. You may not feel like you can go on, but fortunately, God is there. When all appears to be lost, you can count on God to comfort you and give you the strength to carry on.

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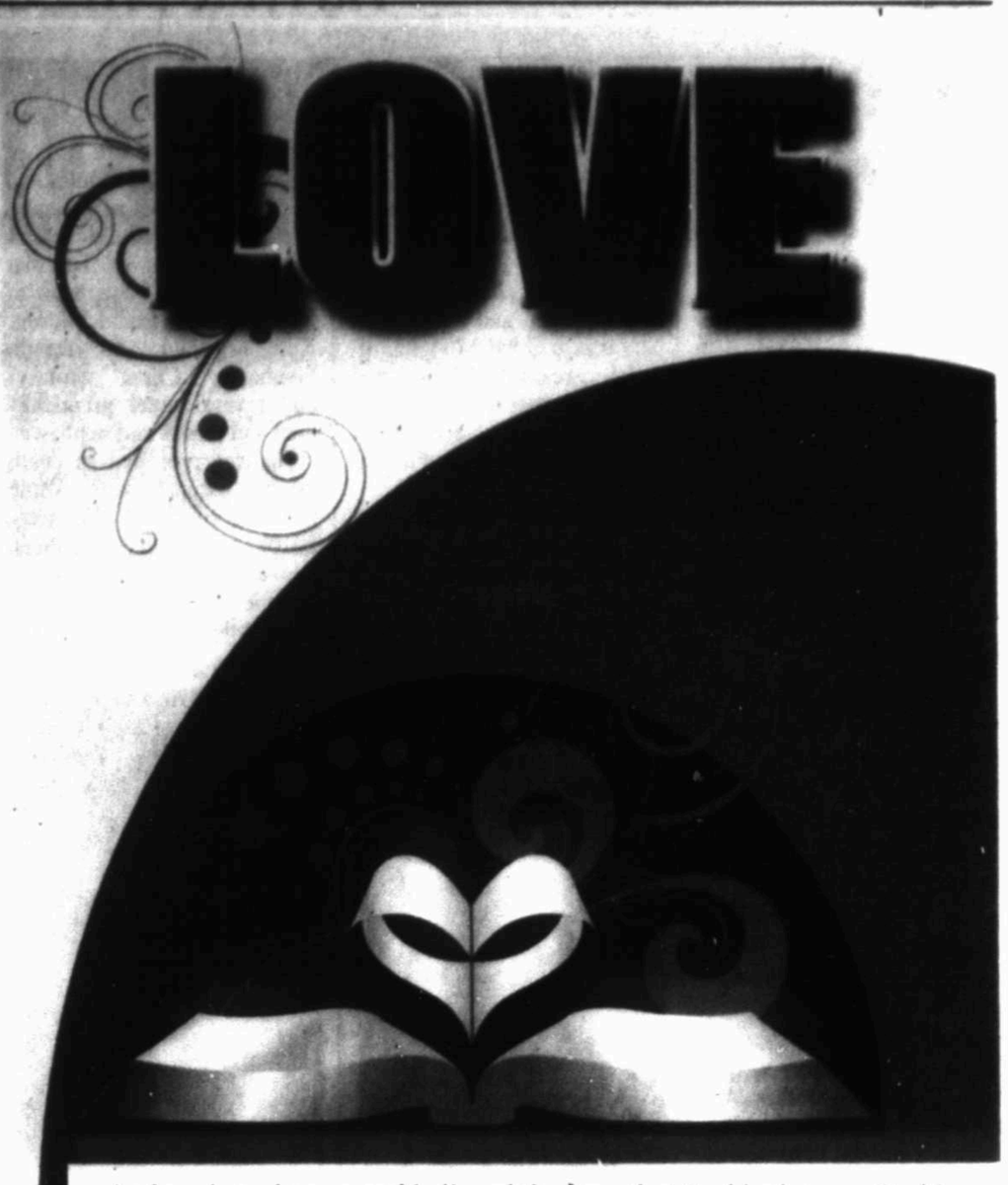

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1 John 4:16 (KJV)

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God has for you? If you do, you have
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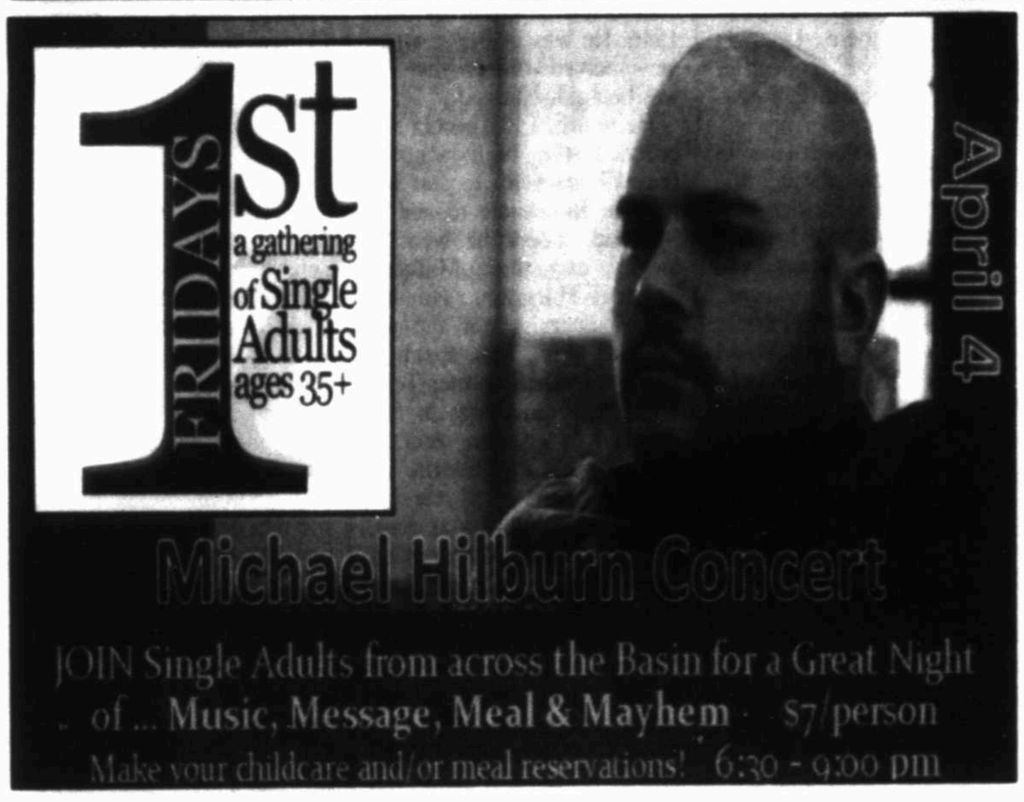

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Obituaries

Billie Wood

Billie Wood, 94, left this earth surrounded by family to go be with our Father on Tuesday, April 1, 2014. She was born on June 17 in a log cabin in May, Texas, during the midst of the Great Flu epidemic that swept the nation three times in 1919, leaving up to 55 million people dead.

When the doctor arrived three days later, Billie weighed 2 1/2 lbs. Her mother, Annie Lee Saunders Smith, had the flu that was circulating, so Billie was laid upon a pillow away from her momma so as not to catch it. Her father Edgar Causey Smith and sisters would put her in a shoe box and set her close to the fire burning stove to stay warm. The doctor never thought Billie or her mother would survive, so they never even filled out a birth certificate for the little baby weighing 2 1/2 lbs. Billie did survive, as did her mother.

Billie's lineage goes back to General Stonewall Jackson and President Andrew Jackson.

She married Raymond Evans Wood in Roby, Texas on October 18, 1937. Billie and Raymond farmed and ranched in Sylvester and Sweetwater, Texas. In 1950, they moved and settled in Midland, Texas to continue farming.

She enjoyed sewing and made many clothes for herself, grandchildren and great granddaughter. She tried her hand at all crafts and made many crocheted blankets to pass down to her great grandchildren which are deeply treasured. Billie went to work at J.C. Penny and eventually retired from there. Later in life, she enjoyed collecting dolls, and had close to a couple hundred.

Billie was preceded in death by her parents; her sister Lorena Pursley; her husband Raymond; and her two nieces, Francis Haynes, and Pat Morris.

She is survived by her only child, Wayland Lee Wood and wife Eloise; granddaughter, Stacy Yadon; grandson, Leland Wood and wife Angel; granddaughter, Teresa Garrett and husband Mark; seven great grandchildren, Kristen and Chase Yadon, Tyler and Colten Garrett, Raney, Kason and Cody Wood; and five great great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held on Friday, April 4, 2014 at Ellis Funeral home from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The funeral service will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m., with pastor Mike Hanks officiating.

She loved her only son, and he loved and adored her. She was a Good Momma, also an awesome "Mama" and deeply cherished.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

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

Ellis Funeral Home
Funerals & Cremations
Dignity 801 Andrews Hwy. (432) 683-3535

James W. "Tuck" Stephens

James W. "Tuck" Stephens, 90, passed away on Wednesday April 2, 2014 at an assisted living center in Houston.

A graveside service, with military honors, will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday April 5, at the Tuscola Cemetery, Ryan Goodwind officiating, directed by Fry-Bartlett Funeral Home, Tuscola. A visitation will be held on Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Tuck was born on June 7, 1923 in Buffalo Gap to Walter and Gladys (Maxwell) Stephens. He attended school in Tuscola before joining the United States Army in 1943. He married Annie Anderson in 1942 before the Army shipped him to Europe.

Tuck served in the European theater during World War II, took part in the libration of Germany and the occupation of Germany until 1946. He was in Berlin when he received orders that he was being discharged.

He returned to Tuscola and coached the high school's football team for a year before he and Annie moved to Midland, where he went to work at the Midland Reporter-Telegram. He became supervisor of the paper's carriers. Tuck spent 25 years with the Reporter Telegram before moving to San Angelo, where he went to work for Model Uniform. He spent the next 25 years in San Angelo, retiring as a supervisor with Model Uniform.

Tuck and Annie moved to Victoria where he enjoyed fishing but mainly living for his love, Annie, and his sons.

He is survived by two sons, Mike Stephens of Highlands, Steve Stephens and wife of Bernadette of Katy; two sisters, Cora Lee Ross of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, and Peggy Bob Yawn of Tuscola; two brothers, Billy Mack "Bud" Stephens of Tuscola, and Glen "Red" Stephens of Snyder; seven grandchildren, Kyle, Jim Paul, Ann, Brandi, Stephanie, Chris, Stormy; and several great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Annie Lorraine Stephens (February 2010), son Jerry Stephens (November 2000) sisters, Maxine Pierson, Inez Pierson, brother, Rudy "Whizzer" Stephens.

Josefina Vasquez Galindo

Funeral services for Josefina Vasquez Galindo, 47, of Midland will be Saturday, April 5, 2014, at 12:00p.m. at the Jackie Warren Funeral Home Chapel.

Josefina was born December 9, 1966, in Midland, TX and attended the public schools of Midland, TX. She is preceded in death by her parents and a brother.

Josefina is survived by sons, Juan Galindo, Martin and Anna Galindo, and David Galindo, all of Midland, Texas; two daughters, Janie and Newel and Janette and John, all of Midland, Texas; two brothers, Monoco Garcia and Jesus Garcia.

Internment will be in Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Patricia Ann Davis

Patricia Ann Davis, 66, of Mt. Vernon, Texas, passed away on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at her home. She was born on March 30, 1948 in Clarksville, Texas to the late Douglass and Leona Moore Duffee.

She was employed with AT&T.

Visitation will be on Saturday, April 5, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, April 6, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bates-Copper-Sloan Funeral Home, with Brother Don Duffee officiating. Burial will follow at the Rock Hill Cemetery.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Hazel Hearron, and by her brother, J.D. Duffee.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Marisa and Sonny Rogers; a son, Scott Sommers; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Donnie and Tonia Duffee, Edward and Johnnie Duffie, and Woody and Ann Duffee; a sister-in-law, Sonnyia Duffee; and by three grandchildren, Hayden and Eric Summers, and Meagan Rogers.

Bates-Copper-Sloan Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, Texas is in charge of the arrangements.

Rebecca Unger Currier

Rebecca Unger Currier of Kyle, Texas passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Saturday, March 29, 2014.

Memorial Services will be held at Sheppard of the Hills Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas on April 6, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

A Columbarium Service will be held in Midland, Texas at First Presbyterian Church; date and time is pending.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Seton Family of Hospitals.

Mahlaya Da'Nae Woodruff

Mahlaya Da'Nae Woodruff, 5, of Coahoma, died Sunday March 31, 2014, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born January 7, 2009, in Big Spring to Krystal and Curtis Woodruff. She was a Pre-K student at Coahoma Elementary.

She is survived by her parents, Krystal and Curtis Woodruff of Coahoma; two brothers, Keno Woodruff of Coahoma and Gio Woodruff of Big Spring; grandparents, George Herrera and his wife Olivia of Loraine, Vernon Ausbie of Colorado City; great grandparents, Claudio and Louisa Lopez of Sand Springs, and Carmen Herrera of Coahoma; a number of aunts and uncles, including Kimberly Ybarra and her husband Matt of Big Spring, and Greg Smith and his wife Magan of College Station; and a number of other relatives.

She was preceded in death by one sister, KiAna Vanderbilt; her grandmother, Diane Herrera; and her uncle Anthony "Bubba" Herrera, who all died in the same accident.

She was also preceded in death by her grandmother, Norma Jean Woodruff; and her great grandfather, Luis Herrera.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Pay your respects online at *www.myersandsmith.com*.

Questions about death notices or online Guest Books? Email: obits@mrt.com

Marshall Floyd Bales

Marshall Floyd Bales, 91, of Midland passed away on Saturday, March 29, 2014 surrounded by his family. Funeral Services will be held Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Interment will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in Seminole.

Floyd was born on December 11, 1922 to Mary Louella and Isaac Bales in Idalou, Texas. He served as a tank destroyer commander in World War II. He married the true love of his life, Sue Bales, and raised his family in Denver City. He was a truck driver for several trucking companies before retiring from Vulcan Materials Company. He moved to Midland in 1995. He loved His God, wife, and family. He is finally home.

He is survived by his wife, Sue Bales of Midland, Texas; son, Morris Bales and wife Ellen of Fischer, Texas; son, Donald Bales and wife Clara of Midland, Texas; son, Earl Bales and wife Loretta of Neosho, Missouri; daughter, Sue Ann Locke and husband Tony of Midland, Texas; daughter, Sharon Campbell and husband Ken of Big Lake, Texas; daughter, Carol Bradley and husband Stephen of Calgary, Canada; 13 grandchildren, and 20 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, sisters, and granddaughter, Kim Bales.

Memorial donations can be made to Hospice of Midland, PO Box 2621, Midland, Texas, 79702 and Meals on Wheels, 3301 Sinclair Avenue, Midland, Texas, 79707.

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

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

Death Notices

Andrea Olivas Flores

Andrea Olivas Flores, 66, passed away on Wednesday, April 2, 2014.

She is survived by her husband, Manuel Flores Monje; six sons, Ernesto Flores, Alberto Flores, Heriberto Flores, Guadalupe Flores, Omar Flores and Jesus Manuel Flores; eight daughters, Teresa Flores, Ruby Flores, Gloria Mendez, Lorena Flores, Elidia Castillo, Amparo Corralez, Delia Carrasco, and Anna Flores; 40 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; and by other family members.

Rosary was said at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 3, 2014 at Acres West 24 Hour Chapel. Funeral services will be at a later date in Ojinaga, with burial to follow at Jardines Del Eden in Ojinaga, Mexico.

Billie Norman Campbell

Billie Norman Campbell, 87, died on Monday, March 31, 2014. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at North A Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; a daughter, Elizabeth Doyle; six sons, David Campbell, Rickey Campbell, Steven Campbell, Jon Campbell, Byron Campbell, and James Campbell; two granddaughters; eleven grandsons; and by other family members.

Doyle R. White

Doyle R. White, 75, died Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He is survived by one son, Rick White; one stepdaughter, Julie Torres; daughter-in-law, Rebecca Dominguez; five grandchildren; and by other family members.

Nancy "Cay" Groff

Nancy "Cay" Groff, 59, passed away on April 2, 2014.

Survivors are husband Terrance Groff; father, Herbert O'Neal; sons, Joe Ramirez, John Ramirez, and Damien Groff; daughters, Heather Groff and Amy Mars; 10 grandchildren; and by other family members.

Memorial Services will be 3:00 p.m. Friday, April 4, 2014 at Acres West Funeral Chapel.

Sandra Cross Cox

Sandra Cross Cox, 75, died Sunday March 30, 2014. Funeral Services were at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 3, 2014, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial was at Trinity Memorial Park.

She is survived by her husband, Fern Cox; four children, Mitchell Gross, Jana Williams, Craig Gross, and Blake Gross; nine grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; and by other family members.

Victor "Vic" Grabowski

Victor "Vic" Grabowski, 93, passed away on Wednesday, April 2, 2014.

Services will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

He is survived by his daughter, Sandra Nobles; son-in-law, Joseph Kozlik; grandchildren and great grandchildren; and by other family members.

Latest religious movies lack depth and grace

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

Part of this year's Lenten discipline for many religious people has been to see two bad religious movies, "Noah" and "God's Not Dead." Both left me longing for the comparative moral simplicity and integrity of "The Wolf of Wall Street."

In "Noah," the main character is a brooding, misanthropic vegan. One hopes that Russell Crowe, a fine actor, does not end up being typecast a la Charlton Heston. There just aren't many parts for brooding, misanthropic vegans. The movie itself consists of tedium, punctuated by anachronism, sanctimony and animated rock people. It contains just enough spiritual pretention to make you wonder afterward if you have missed something important. You haven't. The movie's guiding philosophy — civilization bad, nature good — is as complex as the one in Disney's "Pocahontas." With worse music and more cannibalism.

But while "Noah" tries (and fails) to reconceptualize religion, the surprise hit, "God's Not Dead," positively discredits it. This movie is an extended exercise in evangelical wish fulfillment. (Freud is evidently not dead, either.) The plot: Fresh-faced Christian lad bests abusive, atheist philosophy professor at his own game, and then the professor converts just before he dies. Along the way, a Muslim girl gets beaten by her father and converts, and a liberal blogger gets cancer and converts. Everyone is a willing, pliant participant in a vivid fantasy, vaguely bringing to mind a very different kind of film.

The main problem with "God's Not Dead" is not its cosmology or ethics but its anthropology. It assumes that human beings are made out of cardboard. Academics are arrogant and cruel. Liberal bloggers are preening and snarky (well, maybe the movie has a point here). Unbelievers disbelieve because of personal demons. It is characterization by caricature.

And it raises a sobering question: Do evangelicals actually view their neighbors this way, as moral types and apologetic tools? Not in my experience. Most evangelical leaders and laymen I know would recognize that the line between good and evil (to paraphrase Solzhenitsyn) runs, not between groups, but within every heart — and that grace often moves in subversive and unpredictable ways. In general, evangelical lives are better than their art.

Here evangelicals could learn from Catholic writers whose art was often better than their lives. Evelyn Waugh comes to mind. In "Brideshead Revisited," the working of grace leaves everyone — Sebastian dying at his monastery, Charles and Julia forgoing their love — both shattered and transformed. In Graham Greene's "The Power and the Glory," a bad priest — the alcoholic father of an illegitimate child — unknowingly re-enacts the Passion and becomes a saint and martyr while believing himself a failure. In Flannery O'Connor's "Revelation," Mrs. Turpin — respectable, upright, odious — is granted a vision of souls climbing toward heaven in which the respectable come last and "even their virtues were being burned away."

All these would make for good Lenten reading, and time better spent than at the movies. Good religious art — or good art by religious people — does not shape a fantasy world to conform to pious platitudes. It finds hints of grace among the ruins of broken lives, where most of us can only hope to find it. Art is only truly religious when it is fully human.

Consider the ending of "God's Not Dead," in which the atheist professor, hit by a car, professes faith to two fortuitously arriving pastors who are cheerful about the securing of his eternal fate. All's well that ends well — though a man had died of internal bleeding on the rainy pavement.

Compare this to Lord Marchmain's tortured slide toward death near the end of "Brideshead Revisited." Since Marchmain is a lapsed Catholic of "irregular life," Charles resists the arrival of a priest for the Last Rites as an example of "superstition and trickery." But finally, at the bedside of the dying man, with the priest in attendance, Charles prays, "O God, if there is a God, forgive him his sins, if there is such a thing as sin." And then, more simply, "God forgive him his sins."

When Marchmain makes the sign of the cross, Charles reflects: "Then I knew that the sign I had asked for was not a little thing, not a passing nod of recognition, and a phrase came back to me from my childhood of the veil of the temple being rent from top to bottom."

A skeptic prays for a libertine, and both find grace. Which is more like art, and more like grace.

Islamic group gets OK to cut crosses off church

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — A city board on Thursday gave a Muslim group the go-ahead to remove six crosses from the roof and spires of a century-old former Catholic church so the now-vacant Gothic structure can be used as a mosque.

More than 200 people had signed an online petition calling on the Syracuse Landmark Preservation Board to deny an application by North Side Learning Center, the church's new owner, to remove the crosses and build a six-foot chain-link fence.

Before the vote to allow the church alterations, Chairman Don Radke said the board cannot interfere with a decision that involves religious freedom.

About a dozen people who spoke at the meeting were evenly divided for and against the church conversion, The Post-Standard reported.

Petition-signers, who included some local residents and former church parishioners, had argued that the former Holy Trinity Catholic Church was a neighborhood landmark built by German immigrants 100 years ago and removing the crosses would deface the architecture.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse closed the church in 2010.

A report by the nonprofit Onondaga Citizens League last summer said more than 7,200 refugees have resettled in the Syracuse area over the past 10 years, with the majority from Burma, Bhutan and Somalia.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

TODAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 5:30 every Friday during Lent at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church. stnicksmt.org

SPEAKER AND CONCERT Emily Edwards and Michael Hilburn, 6:30-9 p.m. at First Fridays at First Baptist Church. 683-0644

SATURDAY

SPEAKER David Rubin Shiloh Israel Children's Fund, 7 p.m. at Beit HaDerekh Messianic Congregation. 264-8976

SUNDAY

CONCERT Musica Sacra's "An Evening for Meditation and Reflection" featuring the Sergei Rachmaninoff "Vespers," 7 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church. 684-7821

LENTEN SERIES Meditation and Prayer, 5-6 p.m. at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. holytrinity.org

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

COMING SOON

APRIL

CONFERENCE The Joy Starts Here with Jim Wilder, April 11-12 at Midland Shared Spaces. joystartshere.com/midland

RACE "Run a K for United Way," April 12 in downtown Midland.

CONCERT AND AUCTION Big Boys' Toys featuring Big & Rich with Cowboy Troy, April 12. Benefiting MARC.

LECTURE SERIES 55th annual West Texas Lectureship with speakers and music, April 12-17 at Lee Street Church of Christ. 520-7777

HEALTH FAIR Hindu Association of West Texas Midland Odessa Health Fair, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. April 12 at 4401 Cardinal Lane. 520-4298

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. April 13 at First Christian Church. 682-2541. fccmidland.org

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE, 8 a.m. Rite I and 10:30 a.m. Rite II April 13 at Christ Church Anglican. ccanglican.com

FRIENDS DAY "Life is Better with Friends," 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. April 13 at Macedonia Baptist Church. 682-7120

PRAYER GATHERING Awake 7:14 conference, April 13-16 at Midland Center.

FILM Sibley/Basin PBS Film Series "Adventures in Birdwatching," noon April 14 at Sibley Nature Center. Sack lunch encouraged. sibleynaturecenter.org

FILM SCREENING "Uncommon" with talk by Erik Estrada, 6:30 p.m. April 15 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church and 7 p.m. April 16 at Calvary Assembly of God. www.uncommonfilm.com

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Youth-led Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m. April 16 at Christ Church Anglican. ccanglican.com

MAUNDY THURSDAY service, 7 p.m. April 17 at Christ Church Anglican. ccanglican.com

CLAY SHOOT Dawson Blast Clay Shoot to benefit West Texas Food Bank, April 18 at Jake's Clays. Register with kristen@dawson3d.com

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, 7 p.m. April 18 at Christ Church Anglican. ccanglican.com

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE "The Prayer Path" a Christ-centered labyrinth experience, noon-9 p.m. April 18 at First Christian Church. 682-2541. fccmidland.org

EGG HUNT Easter Eggstravaganza with First Christian Church, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. April 19 at Hill Park. 682-2541. fccmidland.org

EGG HUNT Easter Outreach with Midland First Assembly, 3-6 p.m. April 19 at Hogan Park. 684-4613. firstagmidland.com

EGG HUNT Easter Egg Hunt, 11 a.m. April 19 at Calvary Assembly of God. calvarymidland.com

RACE Run or Dye 5K benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters, April 19 at Scharbauer Sports Complex. 687-0195

EASTER VIGIL, 7 p.m. April 19 at Christ Church Anglican. ccanglican.com

EGG HUNT Family Easter Egg Hunt and Butterfly Release, 9:45 a.m. between 8 a.m and 10:30 a.m. services April 20 at Christ Church Anglican. ccanglican.com

FUNDRAISER Wine, Women and Shoes benefitting Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center, April 22 at Midland Center. winewomenandshoes.com/midland

WALK/RUN Permian Basin Autism SHARE Walk, April 26 at UTPB campus. sharewtx.org

CHURCH MEETING with Daniel A. Mooney, 7 p.m. April 27-May 3 at Manna For Life Ministries in Odessa

MAY

75TH ANNIVERSARY Children's Service League's Diamond Jubilee, 6 p.m. May 1 at the Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center. mcrc1.org

SPEAKER Kris Swiatocho, May 2 at First Fridays at First Baptist Church. 683-0644

SPEAKER Concho/Sibley Brown Bag Series featuring William Wren, special assistant to the superintendent of McDonald Observatory in Texas' Davis Mountains, May 7 at the Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org

GOLF TOURNAMENT Basic Energy and Fletco Services present Golf Fore Kids' Sake to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters, May 12 at Green Tree Country Club. bbbsmidland.org

GOLF TOURNAMENT AND DINNER Farm to Fairway Barbecue Dinner and Auction Golf Tournament, May 16 at Hogan Park. Benefits Jubilee Center of Midland. 520-0671

RACE The Color Dash 5K run to benefit The Life Center, May 31 at Scharbauer Sports Complex. midlandlifecenter.org

MARC

From 1B

trum diagnosis for boys is 1 in 42.

To offer more resources for families with children diagnosed on the autism spectrum, MARC's new facility will include office space for the area's only developmental behavioral pediatrician.

In addition to its autism program, MARC provides leisure activities, residential services and vocational programs for its clients.

MARC Industries provides earned income opportunities for clients through its Hydro-Licious tomatoes sold at the Midland Downtown Farmers Market and used at local restaurants, its upscale consignment store The Marc-et, a lawn maintenance program and its secure shredded document service MARC Mix.

To better represent what the nonprofit has become, MARC will undergo a rebranding along with the new construction.

"A good word for (the rebranding) is metamorphosis," Jones said. "We've changed into something bigger and each time it's included more people in different areas."

The new logo features a color spectrum in place of the "A" in MARC, representing the spectrum of disabilities.

The nonprofit's website will also get a facelift.

Pointing to the large brick and wooden sign marking the building to passers-by on "A" Street, Jones noted the logo has remained unchanged since the nonprofit was founded.

"Because we're going to have a new building, I thought it was time for something new — something fresh and something new," she said. "It will all be new."

Joy

From 1B

don't require any faith commitment.

"It's completely based on brain science, so everything we do is going to benefit anyone, regardless of their religious view or lack thereof," Martini said.

The biblical connections include Bible verses that mention joy, as joy is a common topic in Jesus' teachings, Coursey said. The conference will discuss these teachings and incorporate exercises to make people practice gratitude and remember joyful moments.

"We can define joy, and we can give examples for joy, but ultimately, joy is an experience," Coursey said. "We like to lay a foundation of what joy is and what joy is not, but ultimately, the goal is to give people experience with joy."

One of the best ways to cultivate real joy is to practice gratitude daily, he said.

"If people can start thinking about — 'What am I thankful for today? Who am I thankful for today?' — that's going to go a long way to really prime people for building more joy in their lives," Coursey said.

Attendees are encouraged to take the "JoyQ" assessment on Life Model Works' website before the conference. The online quiz evaluates a person's joy level. It can be found under the "Resources" tab on www.joystartshere.com.

RELIGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Bishops celebrate Mass along Mexico border

NOGALES, Ariz. — A delegation of Roman Catholic leaders has celebrated Mass on Arizona's border with Mexico to mourn those who have died trying to enter the U.S. and to pray for immigration reform.

Several hundred people attended the ceremony Tuesday and a few dozen people peered through the border fence from Mexico to watch the Mass. Catholic clergymen offered Holy Communion through the fence to people in Mexico.

The Catholic leaders earlier did a tour of Nogales to see spots where immigrants come into the country. The church leaders on Monday walked along a notorious section of border, an area that once was one of the most popular crossing points for drug and immigrant smugglers.

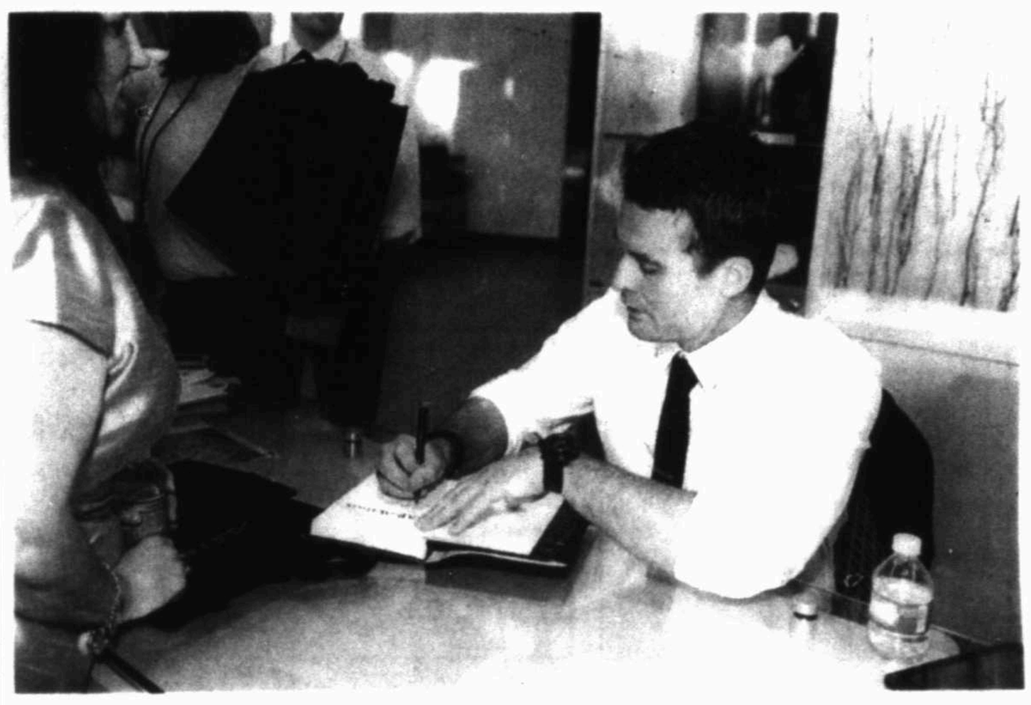
Crowe meets Anglican leader after 'Noah' premiere

LONDON — The pope said no but the leader of the world's Anglicans was happy to meet Russell Crowe, star of the Biblical epic "Noah."

Crowe was denied a private audience with Pope Francis when he was promoting the movie in Rome last month. But Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby met the actor at the cleric's Lambeth Palace home Tuesday, the day after the movie's British premiere, to discuss faith and spirituality.

Director Darren Aronofsky's film is a box-office hit in the U.S. but some Christian conservatives have complained it takes liberties with the biblical account of the flood. It has been banned in parts of the Muslim world where it's taboo to depict a prophet.

Welby's office said the archbishop had seen "Noah" and found it "interesting and thought-provoking."



Courtesy of Lamont Media Consulting Group

Tanner McElroy signs a copy of his book "War of Wings" at a book launch March 29 at the Dallas Arboretum.

Tech grad releases Christian fantasy novel

■ 'Dallas' star promotes book at Dallas Arboretum event

By Kim Smith
Special to the Reporter-Telegram

Josh Henderson, who plays John Ross Ewing on the TNT show "Dallas," was at a book launch March 29 at the Dallas Arboretum to help promote his friend, Tanner McElroy, who launched his first book, "War of Wings." More than 200 people attended this red carpet gala. The cocktail event was complete with special cocktails, a beautiful view of White Rock Lake, celebrities, young artists and the Dallas media.

There was no discussion of oil prices. Henderson was clearly there to promote McElroy's book "War of Wings," which portrays the battles of Lucifer and Michael in heaven before Lucifer's descent.

"There is not a religious agenda, and the book is in the genre of dark fantasy fiction ... it is a good message," McElroy said. "Some see a hopeless end while others see an endless hope."

His source of inspiration are epic stories like Homer's "Illiad" and the "Odyssey," which created an imaginary world where one can disappear, along with "Ben Hur," "Star Wars," "Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit."

Henderson said he read "War of Wings" in one day and could not put it down. McElroy will be traveling throughout various cities promoting his book.

The author and the actor were casual and kind to be photographed with every interested guest. Their families were also there to celebrate their hard work and vision. As a Texas Tech graduate, McElroy has ties to West Texas.

Kayti Nica Raet, reviewer for "Reader's Favorite" called the book a "prequel to Genesis."

"It is told in alternating points of view between Gabriel — an archangel who at this point is a bit of a wild child, shirking most of his responsibilities, eating fruit and complaining that Heaven is too perfect ... and Lucifer, a cherub who is as well-known in Heaven as he is in our more contemporary times."

Raet said the book is a "perfect read for fans of 'Left Behind' and other Christian fantasy." John Edgell commented his book highlights angels, "but discusses the fallen characteristic of humanity — the flaws of humanity such as selfishness, anger, rage, resentment and the like."

"Gabriel is initially rather selfish and somewhat lazy, and he has a short fuse when it come to his temper — not very angelic," he said.

McElroy lives in Dallas, where he is already working on the second novel in the series, "War of Wings: The Reign," and finishing up a non-fiction debut "The Stitches," about his experience with baseball and heartbreak. A former professional baseball player with the Texas Rangers, McElroy is a member of the Screen Actors Guild, Romance Writers of America and the Writers' League of Texas.

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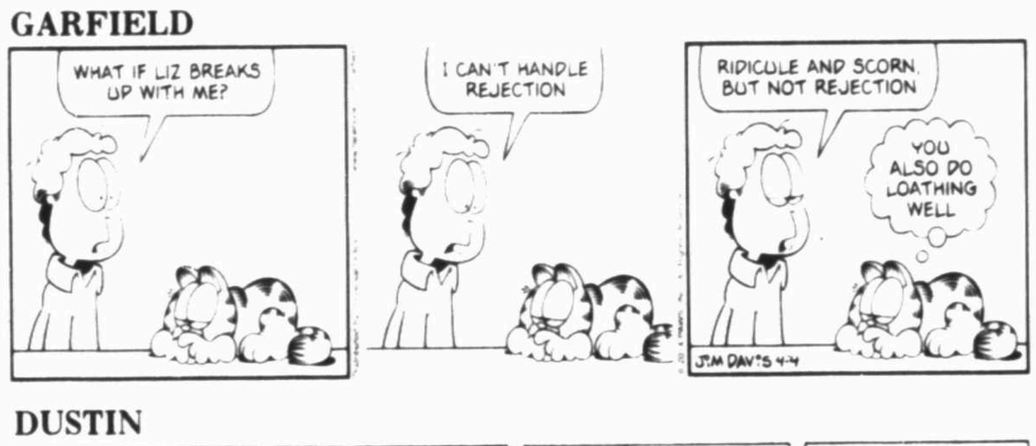

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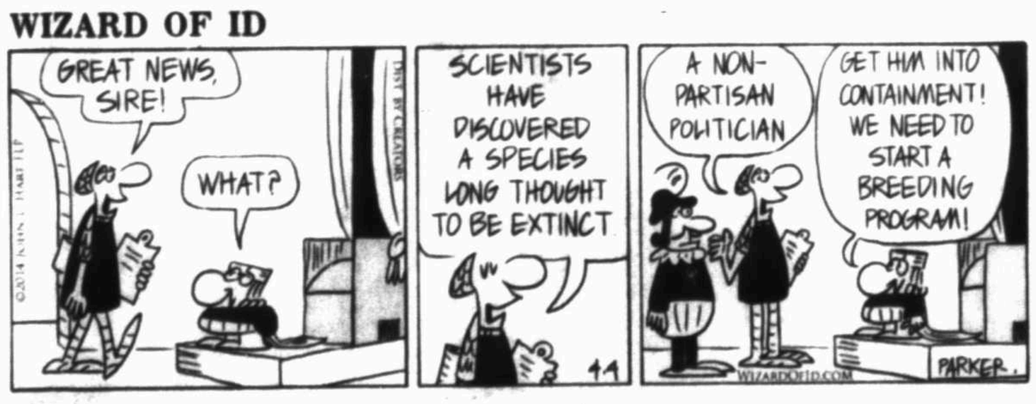

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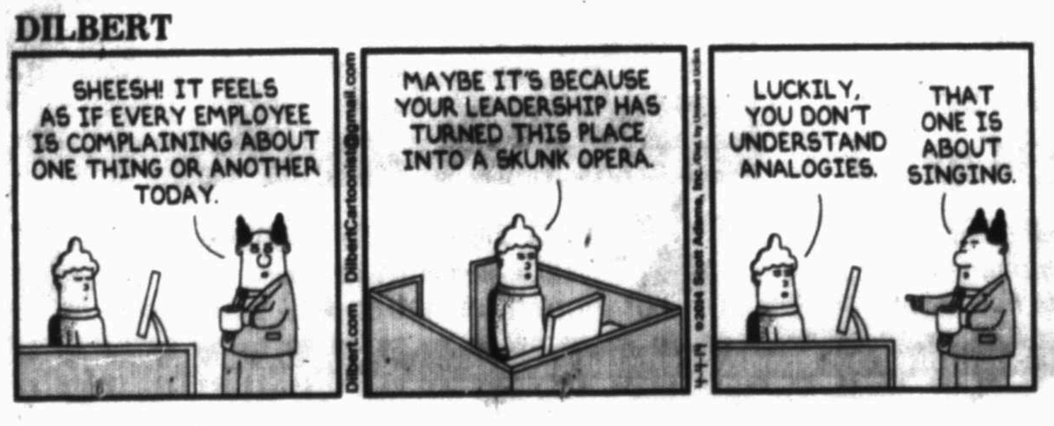

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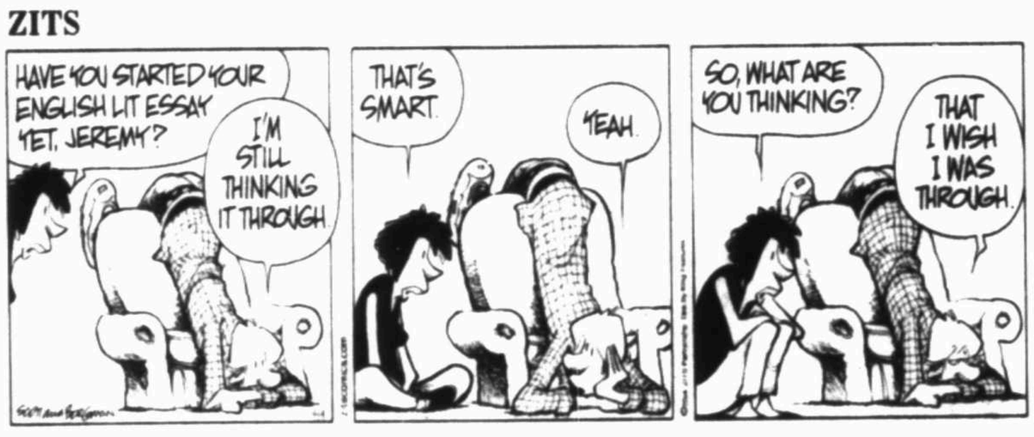

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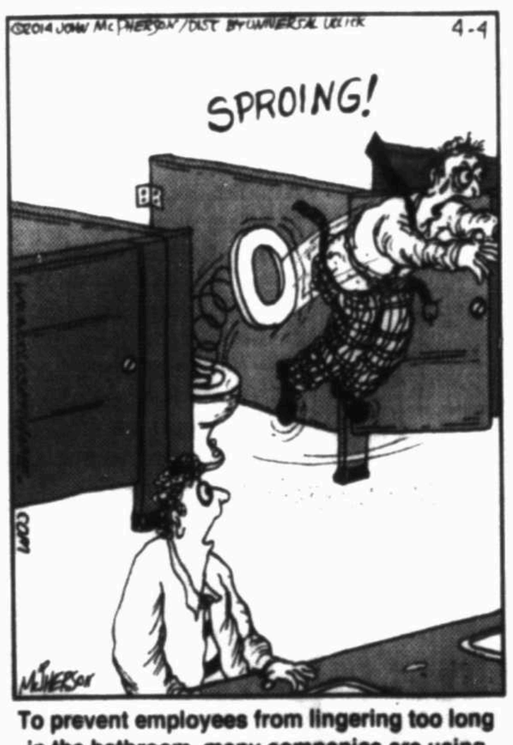

To prevent employees from lingering too long in the bathroom, many companies are using the new timer-operated Ejecto-Seats.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"IT WAS A TELE-MARGARETER!"

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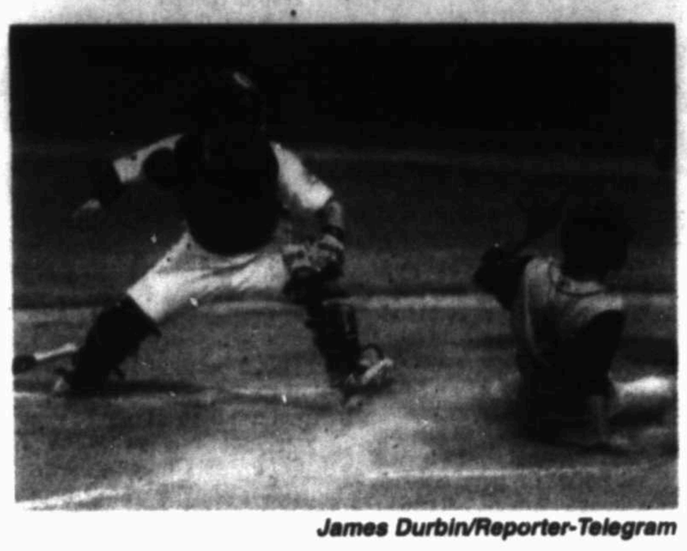
FAMILY CIRCUS

"I did rise, Mommy, but it's gonna be a while before I shine."

Travelers shell RockHounds on opening day



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Arkansas' Kyle Hudson (3) easily scores ahead of Midland catcher Beau Taylor who races over in an attempt to lay the tag on him Thursday at Security Bank Ballpark.

By Oscar LeRoy
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The good news for the Midland RockHounds is that it's only one game out of 140. The bad news is that it was a rough opening night and tougher night for the RockHounds' pitching staff.

The Arkansas Travelers feasted on RockHound pitchers as they pounded out 22 hits in a 20-7 victory over Midland on a windy Thursday night at Security Bank Ballpark.

Texas League President Tom Kayser, who was in attendance, said he couldn't remember a TL team getting off to such a good start in 22 years as the head of the league.

Travelers	20
RockHounds	7

It's safe to say that this wasn't what the RockHounds were expecting coming into the 2014 season, but this was a nightmarish beginning as the Travelers looked like they were a murderer's row of hitters as each batter had at least a hit and a run scored.

Leading the onslaught was third baseman Caleb Cowart, who was 5-for-6 with a double, home run and five RBI.

There was no indication that this game was going to turn into a rout when Midland starter Drew Granier (0-1) had a perfect top of the first.

But then in the second, things imploded for the RockHounds as the Travelers got seven hits and walked twice for a 7-0 lead, chasing Granier after 1 2/3 innings.

Dusty Coleman (3-for-4) cut the Travelers' lead to 7-2 in the bottom of the second when he connected for a two-run homer to left field.

Then after the Travelers scored a run in the top of the third, the RockHounds made things very interesting when they rallied for four runs to cut it to 8-6 against Arkansas starter Mark Sappington, the No. 5 rated prospect in the Angels organization. The big hit came from Jefry Marte with a two-run double to right.

But as soon as it looked promising for the RockHounds, the wheels

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Drawing attention

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High sophomore Adrienne Almodova has scored 15 goals this season for the Lady Dawgs and another eight assists. The Lady Bulldogs will play Keller Central in a Class 5A area round game.

Sophomore Almodova emerges as a leader

By Len Hayward
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Adrienne Almodova stands just barely more than 5-feet tall. But on the soccer field, the Midland High midfielder gains the attention of a player who is much bigger.

There was a certain amount of surprise last season when as a freshman Almodova found space and made teams pay for it with goals from nearly everywhere around the 18-yard box.

What may be different about Almodova in her sophomore season with the Lady Bulldogs is just being a year older. Yes, she's still giving opposing defenders fits with her ability to score (15 goals) and create scoring opportunities for others (8 assists) from her center midfielder position. But as a sophomore, Almodova has become a leader on a team that is hitting its peak at the right time of year.

Midland High (12-5-3) will take on Keller Central (14-8-1) at 6 p.m. today in a Class 5A area round game at Wylie High School's Bulldog Stadium in Abilene.

The game

CLASS 5A AREA ROUND GIRLS SOCCER MIDLAND HIGH VS. KELLER CENTRAL

When: 6 p.m. today
Where: Wylie's Bulldog Stadium, Abilene
Records: Midland High 12-5-3, Keller Central 14-8-1
Last Game: Midland High 2, El Paso Coronado 1, OT; Keller Central 3, Arlington Martin 1
Next Game: Winner will play Keller-San Angelo Central winner, Class 5A regional quarterfinals

"She coaches, she's one of my coaches on the field," Midland High girls coach Ryan Dunlevy said. "The style of play that she has this year versus last year is different. Last year, she had tunnel vision, but this year she has opened it up and sees a lot more. It's really kind of helped us orchestrate our offense through her a lot of times."

Almodova's freshman year certainly had plenty of highlights as she found her way on the team and in the midfield for a team with playoff aspirations. Almodova played plenty of minutes during the district season, but the season didn't end quite like both her and Dunlevy wanted.

Almodova didn't play in Midland High's playoff game against El Paso Socorro last year as a commitment to her Metroplex-based club team conflicted with the game's date. Dunlevy described it as a miscommunication, but that has since been resolved.

"This year I made some arrangements that I could come and make it through the playoffs," said Almodova, who also plays for a club called Liverpool. "You've got big games going on through club as well as the playoffs, and you want to be there for both teams. You are dedicated to

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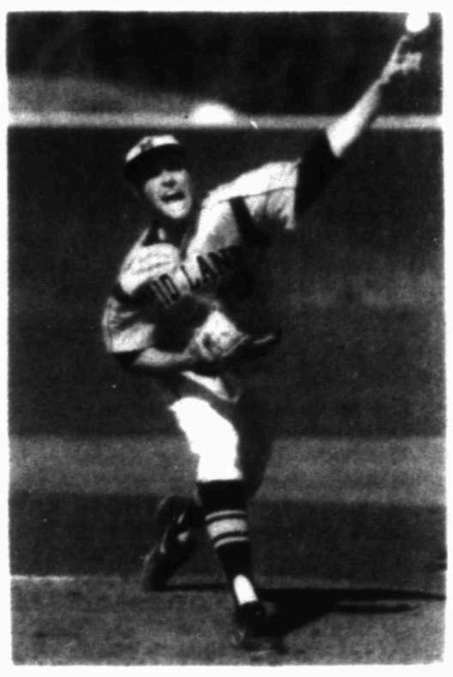
■ BASEBALL INSIDER



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Jackson Lancaster pitches against Abilene High on March 25 at Zachery Field.

Pitching could be taxed with long stretch going forward

By Len Hayward
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Ask any District 2-5A baseball coach this week about pitching, and you might get nine different answers.

Some coaches are playing coy and not revealing who they will pitch as today begins a stretch of games where some teams will play five contests in eight days.

Others, though, simply just aren't sure because one decision could affect their team for the next two weeks. The District 2-5A baseball season will begin the second half today, and it's certainly starting with a bang.

Eight of the nine teams will play two games this weekend. Then eight teams will play again on Tuesday followed by a slate of back-to-back games for some teams next weekend.

It's a college-type schedule, and a team's fate in the playoff race could depend on their results over the next eight days.

Making some type of plan for pitching can be done, but then again, that plan can go away after one bad inning on Friday.

"Your plan can get shot out in

Please see PITCHING/3C

Minnesota edges SMU to win NIT title

By Mike Fitzpatrick
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Austin Hollins hit a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 46.1 seconds left and Minnesota won the NIT championship Thursday night, beating SMU 65-63 to give the Pitino family its latest postseason tournament title.

Hollins scored 19 points and Andre Hollins had 14 for the Golden Gophers (25-13), who took home the trophy for the third time. They also won the National Invitation Tournament in 1993 and '98, though the second one was vacated because of an NCAA rules violation involving player eligibility.

"We made some big-time plays," coach Richard Pitino said. "Austin made a big-time 3. We gutted it out. That is a very good team. They're a really good team. They deserve to be in the NCAA tournament. I'm really proud of our guys. I'm so happy for our seniors. They get to walk off this court with a win."

With Pitino's famous father, Rick, sitting near his son's bench at Madison Square Garden, Minnesota made up for a blowout loss to Stanford in the NIT final two years ago and finished with a flourish in its first season under the 31-year-old Pitino.

Golden Gophers	65
Mustangs	63

"It was a character win," Richard Pitino said.

After his dad, the Hall of Fame coach at Louisville, was knocked out of the NCAAs last week when the defending champion Cardinals were beaten by rival Kentucky in the Sweet 16, it was left to the younger Pitino to bring home a title in April.

That's exactly what he did, defeating SMU and Hall of Fame coach Larry Brown — old enough to be his grandfather.

"I think it's one of the highlights of my life," Rick Pitino said on the court as his son's team cut down the net. "He's a brilliant young man."

Nic Moore had 17 points and Nick Russell added 15 for the Mustangs, who led by seven with less than 6 minutes to play.

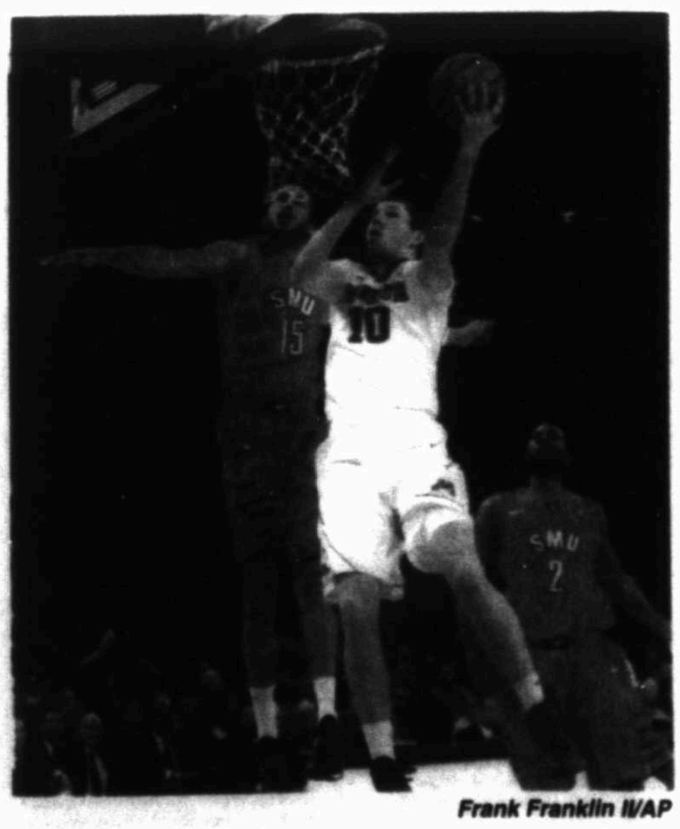
Andre Hollins hit three of four free throws in the final 16.3 seconds to keep help keep Minnesota in front. DeAndre Mathieu scored all 13 his points in the second half for the Gophers.

Austin Hollins was selected the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

"Ah, man it feels great," he said. "It's a blessing to be able to finish the season on a win. Few teams get to do that."

The 73-year-old Brown has turned things around in two seasons at SMU, and his latest reclamation project was the favorite going into the NIT after being one of the last teams snubbed by the NCAA tournament.

Minnesota also shrugged off the disappointment of being left out of the 68-team field. Both schools received a No. 1 seed in the NIT and made the most of it, winning three home games apiece to advance to New York.



Frank Franklin II/AP

Minnesota's Oto Osenieks (10) drives past SMU's Cannen Cunningham (15) and Shawn Williams (2) on Thursday in the final of the NIT in New York.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV

AHL

Charlotte at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

AUTO RACING

Formula One, practice for Bahrain Grand Prix, 10 a.m., NBC Sports Network

NASCAR, Nationwide Series, pole qualifying for O'Reilly Auto Parts 300, 3 p.m., Fox Sports 1

NASCAR, Sprint Cup, practice for Duck Commander 500, 5 p.m., Fox Sports 1

NASCAR, Nationwide Series, O'Reilly Auto Parts 300, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2

BOXING

Middleweights, Curtis Stevens (26-4-0) vs. Tureano Johnson (14-0-0); champion Amir Mansour (20-0-0) vs. Steve Cunningham (26-6-0), for USBA heavyweight title, 9 p.m., NBC Sports Network

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Alabama at Texas A&M, 6:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus

GOLF

LPGA, Kraft Nabisco Championship, second round, part I, 11 a.m., TGC

PGA Tour, Houston Open, second round, 2 p.m., TGC

LPGA, Kraft Nabisco Championship, second round, part II, 5 p.m., TGC

MLB

Regional coverage, Milwaukee at Boston or Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs 1 p.m., MLB Network

Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs, 1:15 p.m., WGN

Regional coverage, N.Y. Yankees at Toronto or St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m., MLB Network

NBA

Denver at Memphis, 6 p.m., ESPN

Oklahoma City at Houston, 8:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL

Washington at New Jersey, 6 p.m., NBC Sports Network

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Dick's Sporting Goods National Tournament, boys' semifinal, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2

Dick's Sporting Goods National Tournament, boys' semifinal, 3:30 p.m., ESPN2

TENNIS

WTA, Family Circle Cup, quarterfinal, Noon, ESPN2

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY

TEXAS LEAGUE

Arkansas at RockHounds, 7 p.m.

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL

New Mexico Military Institute at Midland College, 3 p.m. (DH)

JUNIOR COLLEGE SOFTBALL

El Paso Community College at Midland College, 1 p.m. (DH)

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Odessa Permian at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.
Lee at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m.
Monahans at Greenwood, 7 p.m.
Midland Christian at Grapevine Faith, 6 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF

District 4-3A Tournament, Abilene
District 6-A Tournament

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF

District 6-A Tournament

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Lee at Odessa High, 6:30 p.m.
Odessa Permian at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.
Monahans at Greenwood, 5 p.m.
Midland Christian at Fort Worth Christian, 4 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Class 5A Area, MHS vs. Keller Central, 6 p.m., Abilene Wylie

COLLEGE BASEBALL

UTPB at St. Mary's, 3 p.m. (DH)

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

UTPB at Oklahoma Panhandle State, 2 p.m. (DH)

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Lee at Saginaw Chisholm Trail Meet

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

District 4-3A Tournament, Big Spring
District 2-3A Tournament, Seminole

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

DISTRICT 4-3A TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Figure 7 Tennis Center
Big Spring
Thursday's Results
Boys Singles
First Round

Weston Conder. Abilene Wylie def. Lane Richardson. Greenwood. 6-2, 6-0. Zac Bax. Sweetwater def. Jesus Dominguez. Monahans. 6-2, 7-5. Mason Tabor. Snyder def. Landon Day. Greenwood. 6-3, 7-6 (7-1)

Quarterfinals

Gabe Benitez. Snyder (1) def. Conder. 6-0, 6-1. Bryan Voss. Sweetwater (4) def. Kieran Atherton. Big Spring. Henry Touchton. Abilene Wylie (3) def. Bax. 6-0, 6-0. Tabor def. Garrett Miller. Big Spring (2). 6-4, 6-3.

Semifinals

Benitez def. Voss. 6-2, 6-1. Touchton def. Tabor. Snyder

Today's Matches
Final

Benitez vs. Touchton

Third-place Match

Tabor vs. Voss

Girls Singles
First Round

Selena Castillo. Big Spring def. Brittany Robinson. Greenwood. 6-0, 6-0

Quarterfinals

Sabrina Lin. Abilene Wylie (1) def. Megan Redmond. Monahans. 6-1, 6-0. Castillo def. Shawnee Williams. Snyder (4). 5-7, 7-6 (7-4). Megan Parnell. Big Spring (3) def. Hannah Vasquez. Monahans. 6-1, 6-3. Morgan Schackmuth. Abilene Wylie (4) def. Skylar Thompson. Greenwood

Semifinals

Schackmuth def. Parnell. 6-1, 6-3

Boys Doubles

Gngg-Turner. Big Spring def. Stacy-Valdez. Sweetwater. 6-1, 6-2. Humphries-Torres. Monahans def. Louis-Maldanado. Snyder. 6-4, 4-6, 6-4

Quarterfinals

Robertson-Thompson. Abilene Wylie (1) def. Campos-Stefuli. Snyder. 6-1, 6-0. Kevin Campbell-Brandon Elliott. Greenwood (4) def. Gngg-Turner. 6-1, 6-1. Deshazo-Yost. Abilene Wylie (3) def. Humphries-Torres. 6-3, 6-0. Avant-Hughes. Big Spring def. Elliott-Merryman. Greenwood. 6-4, 6-1

Semifinals

Roberson-Thompson def. Campbell-Elliott. 6-1, 6-1. Deshazo-Yost def. Avant-Hughes. 5-7, 6-1, 6-4

Today's Matches
Final

Roberson-Thompson. Abilene Wylie vs. Deshazo-Yost. Abilene Wylie

Third-place

Campbell-Elliott. Greenwood vs. Avant-Hughes. Big Spring

Girls Doubles
Quarterfinals

McMillan-Zulio. Abilene Wylie (1) def. James-McWilliams. Snyder. 6-0, 6-0. Cherry-Medellin. Sweetwater def. Baxley-Olivo. Big Spring. 6-2, 6-1. Corn-Smyser. Abilene Wylie def. Rodarte-Smith. Snyder. 6-0, 6-1. Marshall-Redlin. Big Spring def. Quesada-Young. Greenwood. 6-0, 6-0

Semifinals

McMillan-Zulio def. Cherry-Medellin. 6-2, 6-0. Corn-Smyser def. Marshall-Redlin. 6-0, 6-0

Today's Matches
Final

McMillan-Zulio. Abilene Wylie vs. Corn-Smyser. Abilene Wylie

Third-place

Cherry-Medellin. Sweetwater def. Marshall-Redlin. Big Spring

Mixed Doubles
First round

Campos-Shaw. Snyder def. Chappell-Hinojosa. Greenwood. 6-1, 6-2

Quarterfinals

Smyser-Tadvick. Abilene Wylie def. Campos-Shaw. 6-2, 6-1. Baker-Walker. Big Spring def. Perez-Poe-Shoemaker. Sweetwater. 6-0, 6-1. Doege-Garcia. Monahans def. Knapp-McConnell. Greenwood. Klemmer-Patel. Abilene Wylie def. Blount-Newton. Big Spring. 6-1, 6-0

Semifinals

Smyser-Tadvick def. Baker-Walker. 6-2, 6-0. Klemmer-Patel def. Doege-Garcia. 6-1, 6-3

Today's Matches
Final

Smyser-Tadvick. Abilene Wylie def. Klemmer-Patel. Abilene Wylie

Third-place

Baker-Walker. Big Spring vs. Doege-Garcia. Monahans

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with C George Kottaras on a minor league contract and assigned him to Columbus (IL).

DETROIT TIGERS — Claimed LHP Mike Belfiore off waivers from Baltimore.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Reinstated LHP Brian Duensing from paternity leave. Optioned RHP Michael Tonkin to Rochester (IL).

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Voided the March 29 option of INF Jake Elmore to Sacramento (PCL) and placed him on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 28. Assigned OF Michael Taylor and INF Hiro Nakajima outright to Sacramento.

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed INF-OF Sean Rodriguez on paternity leave. Recalled INF Vince Belnome from Durham (IL).

National League

NEW YORK METS — Placed OF Chris Young on the 15-day DL. Activated 2B Daniel Murphy from paternity leave.

American Association

AMARILLO SOX — Signed OF Jason Martin.

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed OF TJ Mihalopulos.

LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed RHP Eric Brooks and LHP Ryan Carpenter.

SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed 1B AJ Kirby-Jones and INF Stephen Branca. Released LHP Jack Van Laur and INF Anthony Trajano.

Atlantic League

LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed RHP Saul Rivera and C Brian Peacock.

Can-Am League

ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed INF Steve Hylator and RHP Connel Flynn.

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Released LHP Garrett Bullock.

Frontier League

FRONTIER GREYS — Signed 1B Logan Pierce.

JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed 2B Marquis Riley.

NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Signed LHP Kody Gordon and RHP Alan Oaks.

RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed 3B Taylor Ard. Released 2B Brian Aandoruud.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Signed RHP Stewart Brass, INF Ryan Cavan, and LHP Trent Howard.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

CHICAGO BULLS — Waived F Erik Murphy.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS — Announced Mary Wilson is the controlling owner.

CHICAGO BEARS — Agreed to terms with T Eben Britton on a one-year contract.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed S Daniel Manning.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Re-signed FB John Kuhn to a one-year contract.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Re-signed CB Elbert Mack.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed WR Kevin Cone to a one-year contract. Named Ryan Grove athletic trainer.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed S Patrick Chung.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Signed C Jorgen Hus.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with OL Eric Olsen on a one-year contract.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed QB Colt McCoy. Canadian Football League.

EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed DE Willie Jefferson.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

NHL — Suspended Montreal D Douglas Murray for three games, without pay, for an illegal check to the head of Tampa Bay D Michael Kostka during a game on April 1.

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Recalled D Nathan Beaulieu from Hamilton (AHL).

NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Assigned D Marc Cantin from Bridgeport (AHL) to Stockton (ECHL).

American Hockey League

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Signed F Josh Holmstrom to an amateur tryout contract. Released F Brock Montpelit.

GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Announced assistant coach Spiros Anastas will become hockey coach at the University of Lethbridge in Alberta after the conclusion of the team's Calder Cup playoff run.

HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Signed D Justin Baker to an amateur tryout contract.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer

MLS — Rescinded the fine and one-game suspension for the red cards issued for violent conduct to Portland D Michael Harrington and FC Dallas MF Je-Vaughn Watson in the 40th minute of a March 29 game. SEATTLE SOUNDERS — Loaned MF David Estrada to Atlanta (NASL).

COLLEGE

BOSTON COLLEGE — Named Jim Christian men's basketball coach.

KANSAS — Announced junior G Lamarcus Cole will transfer to Prairie View A&M.

LOUISIANA TECH — Agreed to terms with men's basketball coach Michael White on a six-year contract extension.

MISSOURI — Suspended junior F Zach Price indefinitely from the men's basketball team after being arrested on suspicion of assault.

NORTH CAROLINA — Announced junior F James Michael McAdoo will enter the NBA draft.

ST. JOHN'S — Granted F Chris Obekpa a release to pursue transfer options. Announced G Max Hooper has been granted permission to pursue postgraduate studies elsewhere.

TENNESSEE — Announced basketball G Quinton Chievous has decided to transfer.

HSSOFTBALLCAPSULES

BY LEN HAYWARD

DISTRICT 2-5A
ODESSA PERMIAN
AT MIDLAND HIGH
ABILENE COOPER
AT MIDLAND HIGH

When/where: vs. Permian, 4:30 p.m. today; vs. Abilene Cooper, 2 p.m. Saturday, both games at Audrey Gill Sports Complex

Records (entering Friday): Midland High 15-6, 8-3 in District 2-5A; Odessa Permian 16-6, 8-3; Abilene Cooper 5-13, 1-9

Last district game: Midland High 2, Lee 0; Odessa Permian 7, Abilene High 4; Odessa High 2, Abilene Cooper 0

Last meeting: Odessa Permian 5, MHS 2 on March 4; MHS 3, Abilene Cooper 0 on March 17

Notes: The Lady Bulldogs will take a six-game district winning streak into this weekend's games, and will have the advantage of playing both games at home. Midland High's victory against Lee on Saturday not only gave the Lady Bulldogs a season sweep of their rival, but also moved them into second place in the standings. MHS will have to get hot to have a chance to catch first-place Lubbock Coronado, but a win today against Permian could move it into second place alone. ... Midland High coach Shawnda Vines said Stefani Baeza will likely pitch against the Lady Panthers today. Baeza rebounded from a rough outing against Abilene High last Friday to give up five hits in a shutout to Lee on Saturday. ... In the first meeting between these two teams, MHS took a 2-0 lead in the first inning but then was shut down the rest of the game by Permian hurler Elizabeth Craig. Craig allowed one hit in the victory.

Next: Midland High at Lubbock Coronado, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday; Odessa High vs. Odessa Permian, 7 p.m. Tuesday; Amarillo Tascosa at Abilene Cooper, 4:30 p.m.

District 2-5A Standings
SOFTBALL

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Lubbock Coronado	10	2	23	1
Odessa Permian	8	3	16	6
Midland High	8	3	15	6
Lee	7	4	13	8
Odessa High	6	5	12	7
Abilene High	4	6	9	11
San Angelo Central	3	7	8	9
Abilene Cooper	1	9	5	13
Amarillo Tascosa	0	11	5	17

Saturday, March 29
Midland High 2, Lee 0
Odessa Permian 7, Abilene High 4
Odessa High 2, Abilene Cooper 0
San Angelo Central 11, Amarillo Tascosa 0

Today's Games
Odessa Permian at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.
Lubbock Coronado at Abilene High, 4:30 p.m.
Abilene Cooper at San Angelo Central, 4:30 p.m.
Lee at Odessa High, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Abilene Cooper at Midland High, 2 p.m.
Abilene High at Lee, noon; continuation of suspended game from March 15
Odessa Permian at Lubbock Coronado, 2 p.m.
Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa High, 2 p.m.

District 4-3A Standings
SOFTBALL

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Snyder	5	0	22	4
Greenwood	3	2	10	12
Abilene Wylie	3	2	13	9
Big Spring	2	3	11	11
Monahans	2	3	13	8
Seminole	0	5	9	11

LEE AT ODESSA HIGH
ABILENE HIGH AT LEE

When/where: at Odessa High, 6:30 p.m. today, Ratliff Softball Complex, Odessa; vs. Abilene High, noon Saturday, Gene Smith Field

Records (entering Friday): Lee 13-9, 6-3 in District 2-5A; Odessa High 13-7, 6-5; Abilene High 9-11, 4-6

Last district game: Midland High 2; Lee 0

Last meeting: Lee 3, OHS 2, 9 innings on March 4

Notes: The Lady Rebels have an interesting weekend ahead of them, and it's a weekend that will have an impact on their playoff chances. Lee will take on Odessa High today in a game that is a rematch of an extra-inning contest from early March. Lee won that game in nine innings at Gene Smith Field. On Saturday, Lee will face Abilene High, twice, sort of. At noon, the Lady Rebels and Lady Eagles will finish their suspended game from March 15. Lee was leading 3-0 after three innings of that game before it was stopped because of rain. After that game is finished, the two teams will play their regularly scheduled 2-5A contest at 2 p.m. ... Lee had five hits in its loss to rival Midland High last Saturday, while senior pitcher Kylee Olivas was effective in the circle. Olivas gave up four hits in seven innings, but one of those hits was a run-scoring double by Courtney Warren. .... Lee coach Wes Overton said he is not sure who will pitch today's game against Odessa High, or will pitch on Saturday.

Next: San Angelo Central at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday; Odessa High vs. Odessa Permian 7 p.m. Tuesday; Odessa High at Abilene High, 2 p.m. April 12

DISTRICT 4-3A
MONAHANS
AT GREENWOOD

When/where: 5 p.m. today, Greenwood HS softball field

Records: Greenwood 10-12, 3-2 in District 4-3A; Monahans 13-8, 2-3

Last district game: Snyder 13, Greenwood 3; Big Spring 10, Monahans 8

Last meeting: Monahans 7, Greenwood 5 on March 14

Notes: The Rangerettes begin the second half of District 4-3A play looking to rebound after a loss to district-leading Snyder last Friday. Greenwood was tied with the Lady Tigers at 3 through four innings, but then errors and Snyder's hitting broke the game open in the fifth and sixth innings. The Lady Tigers scored five runs each in the fifth and sixth innings. ... Monahans has struggled since its district-opening win against Greenwood on March 14, losing three of its next four district games.

Next: Greenwood at Sweetwater, 5 p.m. Tuesday; Monahans at Abilene Wylie, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday

TAPPS 1-4A
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN AT
FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN

When/where: 4 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. Saturday, Fort Worth Christian School, North Richland Hills

Records: Midland Christian 25-12, 4-0 in TAPPS 1-4A; Fort Worth Christian 14-8, 1-1

Last district game: Midland Christian 12, FW Southwest Christian 0; Fort Worth Christian def. Arlington Pantego, no score available

Notes: Midland Christian will look to stay undefeated in district play taking on its rival this weekend. The Lady Mustangs have won their four district games by a combined score of 52-3, including two shutouts. MCS pitcher Maddy Garcia had the win in all four games, and will likely start today's first game against the Lady Cardinals. ... The Lady Mustangs won a slugfest with Coahoma, 15-9, on Tuesday where two longtime school records were broken. MCS had 32 hits, which broke a school record set in 1994. Adriana Berzoza was 6-for-6, which broke the school record of five, which was held by five players and last tied in 2007.

Next: Midland Christian at Lubbock Christian, 6 p.m. Tuesday; Fort Worth Christian at Poetry Community Christian School, 5 p.m. Tuesday

GIRLSSOCCERPAIRINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

CLASS 5A
BOYS
BI-DISTRICT

Abilene Cooper (T2, 12-4-5) 2, El Paso Franklin 1
Arlington Sam Houston (F3) 2, Richland 1, OT
Arlington High (R3) 3, Southlake Carroll 2
Amarillo Tascosa (W2, 16-2-4) 3, El Paso Socorro 1
Flower Mound Marcus (R5, 16-1-4) 3, Irving High 1
Waco Midway (W8) 2, South Grand Prairie 1, OT
Grand Prairie (R7) 2, Temple 1
Flower Mound High (F5, 11-4-5) 2, Irving Nimitz 1, SO
El Paso El Dorado (T1) 2, Midland High 1, SO
Arlington Martin (W3, 16-1-6) 1, Keller Central 0, SO
Arlington Lamar (T3, 10-10-2) 1, Keller Fossil Ridge 0, SO
El Paso Eastwood (W1) 3, Lee 0
Colleyville Heritage (R6) 3, Lewisville Hebron 1
Duncanville (W7, 19-1-2) 7, Killeen Ellison 1
Mansfield High (T7, 12-8-1) 3, Belton 2
Coppell (W5, 17-1-2) 3, Grapevine 1

Area

Abilene Cooper (T2, 12-4-5) vs. Arlington Sam Houston (F3, 11-7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sam Houston HS, Arlington
Arlington High (R3) vs. Amarillo Tascosa (W2, 16-2-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Memorial Stadium, Wichita Falls
Flower Mound Marcus (R5, 16-1-4) vs. Waco Midway (W8), 7 p.m. Friday, RL Anderson Stadium, Mansfield
Grand Prairie (R7) vs. Flower Mound (F5, 11-4-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Irving ISD Schools Stadium
El Paso El Dorado (T1) vs. Arlington Martin (W3, 16-1-6), 6 p.m. Friday, Grande Communications Stadium
Arlington Lamar (W3, 16-1-6) vs. El Paso Eastwood (W1), 4 p.m. Friday, Grande Communications Stadium
Colleyville Heritage (T3, 10-10-2) vs. Duncanville (W7, 19-1-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Cravens Field, Arlington
Coppell (W5, 18-1-2) 4, Mansfield 0

GIRLS
BI-DISTRICT

Odessa High (T2, 11-6-5) 4, El Paso Socorro 0
Southlake Carroll (W4, 20-1-1) 5, Arlington Lamar 0
Keller Timber Creek (T4) 2, Arlington High 0
Odessa Permian (W2, 16-2-3) 4, El Paso Montwood 0
Flower Mound Marcus (R5, 12-4-5) 3, Euless Trinity 0
Belton (W8) 4, Mansfield Timberview 1
Mansfield High (R7, 22-1-1) 7, Temple 1
Coppell (F5, 12-4-7) 1, Grapevine 0
Midland High (R2, 12-8-3) 2, El Paso Coronado 1, OT
Keller Central (F4, 14-8-1) 3, Arlington Martin 1
Keller (R4, 13-3-4) 6, Weatherford 0
San Angelo Central (F2, 12-7-2) 2, El Paso Franklin 1
Flower Mound High (T5, 8-8-1) 4, Colleyville Heritage 1
Midlothian (W7) 3, Harker Heights 0
Hewitt Midway (R6) def. South Grand Prairie
Lewisville Hebron (W5, 16-2-2) 6, Hurst L.D. Bell 2

Area

Odessa High (T2, 11-6-5) vs. Southlake Carroll (W4, 20-1-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
Keller Timber Creek (T4) vs. Odessa Permian (W2, 16-2-3), 5 p.m. Friday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
Flower Mound Marcus (R5, 13-4-5) 1, Belton 0
Coppell (F5, 13-4-7) 1, Mansfield 0
Midland High (R2, 12-6-3) vs. Keller Central (F4, 14-9-1), 6 p.m. Friday, Wylie Bulldog Stadium, Abilene
Keller (R4, 13-3-4) vs. San Angelo Central (F2, 12-7-2), 3 p.m. Friday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
Flower Mound (T5, 8-8-1) vs. Midlothian (W7), 7 p.m. Friday, Dragon Stadium, Southlake
Hewitt Midway (R6) vs. Lewisville Hebron (W5, 16-2-2), 6 p.m. Friday, Midlothian HS

ALMODOVA

From 1C

both teams. It's becoming easier this year."

Dunlevy added: "We came back this year with a renewed commitment. We sat down and talked and everything was set and ready to go."

Almodova's presence this season has certainly been big in a number of ways for the Lady Bulldogs. But for Almodova herself, she feels more comfortable playing this year than as a freshman.

She senses a better team chemistry this season, and a better comfort level with second-year coach Dunlevy. Dunlevy is demanding and has a rigorous off-season program that players constantly talk about, but Almodova said they all know what to expect now.

"This year I feel like I'm actually part of a team compared to last year," Almodova said. "I did kind of feel like an outsider and this year we are all in the family. It doesn't matter if you are a freshman or a senior."

The maturity level is something Dunlevy has noticed, but on the field may be where he's seen as much improvement. Even with her stature, Almodova is becoming a player opposing teams are trying to stop, but Dunlevy said Almodova is embracing the role of being a facilitator as much as a scorer.

Almodova's plan is simply to win, and it doesn't matter how that happens.

"She is setting people up a lot better this year than last year, hands down," Dunlevy said. "And in turn for that, the number of goals she's scored has gone up significantly because whenever you come on as a freshman and you play very, very well people take notice and you start to draw attention."

It's the type of attention Almodova is surprised to have, but is also willing to take it on to help her team win.

"My mentality is to win," Almodova said. "It's something I've had for a while. It's a group effort. If one person doesn't have the mentality to win or to become something, it kind of sets the whole team down. We are all one."

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ROCKHOUNDS

From 1C

came off again for the RockHound pitchers as Arkansas struck for nine runs in the fourth as the Travelers sent 13 batters to the plate, had eight hits and two walks against relievers Nate Long and Blake Hassebrock for a 17-6 lead.

The RockHounds used a total of six pitchers on the night, with the best outing coming from Seth Frankoff, who pitched two scoreless frames and struck out two.

In addition to Cowart's big night, Alex Yarbrough, Michael Snyder, Shawn O'Malley and Andrew Heid each had a three-hit night for the Travelers.

For the RockHounds, Addison Russell -- the A's top-rated prospect -- was 3-for-5 with a double, run scored and stolen base in his Double-A debut.

'HOUND BITES: Infielder Antonio Lamas has been added to the RockHounds roster to replace Tyler Ladendorf, who was promoted to Triple-A Sacramento on Wednesday. ... Former longtime Christensen Stadium groundskeeper Lee Velarde was honored before the game for being a Texas League Hall of Famer. ... Addison Russell's first hit in Double-A was a weird one as he popped it up to second base but Travelers 2B Alex Yarbrough lost it in the wind and it dropped for an infield single. ... Midland's Dusty Coleman got the second pop-up single of the game in the third when the ball drifted first foul on the first base side before drifting back and dropping fair for an RBI.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: The RockHounds host Arkansas in the second game of a three-game series at 7 p.m. today at Security Bank Ballpark. Midland is expected to start RHP Zach Neal against Travelers LHP Michael Roth.

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Texas League

First half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	1	0	1.000	—
Tulsa	1	0	1.000	—
NW Arkansas	0	0	.000	1/2
Springfield	0	1	.000	1

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	1	0	1.000	—
Frisco	0	0	.000	1/2
Corpus Christi	0	1	.000	1
Midland	0	1	.000	1

Thursday's Scores
Arkansas 20, Midland 7
Tulsa 5, Corpus Christi 4, 11 innings
Northwest Arkansas at Frisco, ppd., rain
San Antonio 7, Springfield 4

Today's Games
NW Arkansas at Frisco, 4:05 p.m., 1st game
Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.
NW Arkansas at Frisco, 7:05 p.m., 2nd game
Corpus Christi at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Springfield, 7:10 p.m.

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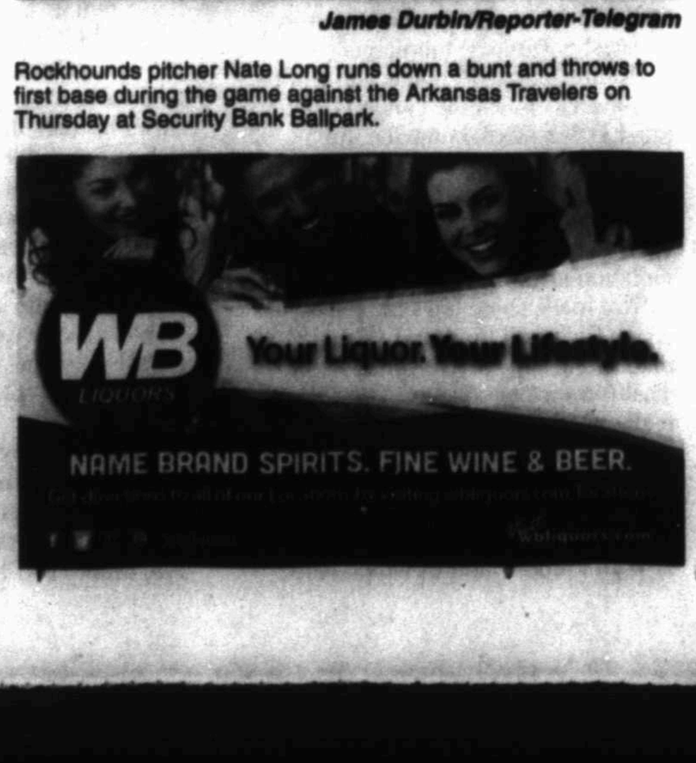
Rockhounds pitcher Nate Long runs down a bunt and throws to first base during the game against the Arkansas Travelers on Thursday at Security Bank Ballpark.



HSBALL

BY LEN HAYWARD

THIS WEEKEND'S GAMES
DISTRICT 2-5A
ODESSA PERMIAN AT MIDLAND HIGH
MIDLAND HIGH AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

When/where: vs. Permian, 4:30 p.m. today, Zachery Field; at San Angelo Central, Noon Saturday, Nathan Donsky Field, San Angelo.

Records: Midland High 14-6, 8-0 in District 2-5A; Odessa Permian 2-17, 1-7; San Angelo Central 14-5, 7-1

Last district game: Midland High 10, Abilene High 4 on March 25; San Angelo Central 12, Odessa Permian 0

Last meeting: MHS 7, Odessa Permian 2 on Feb. 25; MHS 2, San Angelo Central 1, 8 innings on March 4

Next: Midland High at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday; Abilene Cooper at Odessa Permian, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday; Amarillo Tascosa at San Angelo Central, 4:30 p.m. April 11

LEE AT ODESSA HIGH
ODESSA PERMIAN AT LEE

When/where: at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m. today, Pressley Field; vs. Odessa Permian, 1 p.m. Saturday, Ernie Johnson Field

Records: Lee 7-12, 1-7 in District 2-5A; Odessa High 8-11, 2-6; Odessa Permian 2-17, 1-7

Last district game: Amarillo Tascosa 7, Lee 4; Abilene High 6, Abilene Cooper 0; San Angelo Central 12, Odessa Permian 0

Last meeting: Odessa High 8, Lee 3 on Feb. 25; Abilene High 9, Lee 5 on March 8

Next: Abilene High at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday; Midland High at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday; Abilene Cooper at Odessa Permian, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday

DISTRICT 4-3A
MONAHANS AT GREENWOOD

When/where: 7 p.m. today, Greenwood HS baseball field

Records: Greenwood 14-9, 0-4 in District 4-3A; Monahans 11-8, 1-3

Last district game: Snyder 6, Greenwood 3; Big Spring 4, Monahans 3

Next: Greenwood at Sweetwater, 7 p.m. Tuesday; Monahans at Abilene Wylie, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday

TAPPS 1-4A
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN AT GRAPEVINE FAITH

When/where: 6 p.m. today, 9 a.m. Saturday, Oak Grove Ballfield Complex, Grapevine

Records: Midland Christian 24-9, 6-0 in TAPPS 1-4A; Grapevine Faith 10-12, 6-0

Last district game: Midland Christian 9, Fort Worth Christian 5; Grapevine Faith 14, FW Southwest Christian 1

Next: Arlington Grace Prep at Midalnd Christian, 11 a.m. April 12; Grapevine Faith at Arlington Pantego Christian, 7 p.m. Wednesday

District 2-5A Standings

BASEBALL

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland High	8	0	14	6
San Angelo Central	7	1	14	6
Abilene High	6	2	10	7
Amarillo Tascosa	5	3	14	5
Abilene Cooper	3	5	7	9
Lubbock Coronado	3	5	9	9
Odessa High	2	6	8	11
Lee	1	7	7	12
Odessa Permian	1	7	2	17

Saturday, March 29
San Angelo Central 12, Odessa Permian 0
Lubbock Coronado 12, Odessa High 11, 9 innings
Amarillo Tascosa 7, Lee 4
Abilene High 6, Abilene Cooper 0

Today's Games
Odessa Permian at MHS, 4:30 p.m.
Lee at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m.
San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper, 4:30 p.m.
Abilene High at Amarillo Tascosa, 5 p.m.

Saturday's Games
MHS at San Angelo Central, Noon
Odessa Permian at Lee, 1 p.m.
Odessa High at Abilene High, 1 p.m.
Abilene Cooper at Lubbock Coronado, 1 p.m.

District 4-3A Standings

BASEBALL

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Abilene Wylie	4	0	17	2
Snyder	3	1	13	6
Sweetwater	2	2	15	5
Big Spring	2	2	11	10
Monahans	1	3	11	8
Greenwood	0	4	14	9

Friday, March 28
Snyder 6, Greenwood 3
Big Spring 4, Monahans 3
Abilene Wylie 4, Sweetwater 3

Today's Games
Monahans at Greenwood
Abilene Wylie at Big Spring
Snyder at Sweetwater
All games at 7 p.m.

TAPPS 1-4A Standings

BASEBALL

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
MCS	6	0	24	9
Grapevine Faith	6	0	10	12
FW Christian	6	2	17	9
Art. Grace Prep	2	4	5	9
Art. Pantego	2	4	18	8
FW SW Christian	2	6	7	13
Lubbock Trinity	0	8	3	14

HS baseball stats

Midland High
(14-6, 8-0)
Note: District games only
Hitting

Player	Avg.	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO
A. Wade	.521	23	10	12	6	1	1	0	4	0
E. Barker	.500	20	5	10	4	1	0	0	2	4
J. Lancaster	.412	17	0	7	5	2	0	0	3	6
B. Rushton	.375	24	7	9	3	1	0	0	5	6
T Wilbanks	.333	18	5	6	6	4	1	0	11	2
K. Fritschen	.307	26	3	8	5	2	0	0	0	10
B. Scrivner	.300	10	2	3	1	0	1	0	2	2
L. White	.276	29	6	8	12	5	0	1	0	5
G. Sanchez	.250	28	7	7	4	0	2	0	3	7
J. Raughton	.250	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
B. Houser	.222	18	4	4	2	1	0	0	2	4
G. Edmondson	.000	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
S. Grebeck	.000	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
M. Gohr	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
R. Goodrum	.000	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**.333**	**225**	**62**	**75**	**50**	**17**	**5**	**1**	**32**	**49**

Pitching

Player	W	L	S	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
J. Lancaster	5	0	0	1.58	31.0	21	12	7	14	34
L. White	2	0	0	0.54	13.0	7	1	1	6	10
S. Grebeck	1	0	1	1.27	12.0	8	2	2	2	9
Totals	**8**	**0**	**1**	**1.25**	**56**	**37**	**15**	**10**	**22**	**53**

Lee
(7-12, 1-7)
Note: District games only
Hitting

Player	Avg.	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO
J. Schwalbach	.450	20	2	9	4	1	0	0	3	6
D Mize	.375	8	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	7
R. Calhoun	.345	29	5	10	3	4	0	0	0	5
H Coleman	.300	21	8	7	1	0	0	0	8	2
B. Blessie	.269	26	3	7	5	1	0	0	2	8
G. Quintero	.250	20	2	5	5	1	0	0	2	4
A. Maddox	.200	15	1	3	4	0	0	0	1	5
G. Chalker	.179	29	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	9
T.Martinez	.143	7	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
E. Mata	.077	26	3	2	1	0	0	0	3	7
B. Roper	.071	14	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
M. Escajedo	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
M. Martinez	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	**.244**	**217**	**38**	**53**	**24**	**8**	**0**	**0**	**20**	**59**

Pitching

Player	W	L	S	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
B. Blessie	1	2	0	5.18	17.0	29	21	15	2	14
M. Escajeda	0	1	0	3.32	6.1	13	8	3	2	12
E. Mata	0	4	0	4.67	27	33	26	18	10	21
Arriaga	0	0	0	0.00	0.1	0	0	0	1	0
Maddox	0	0	0	0.00	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	**1**	**7**	**0**	**4.87**	**51.2**	**76**	**54**	**36**	**14**	**48**

PITCHING

From 1C

the first inning, and then you've got to change it quick," said Amarillo Tascosa coach Jason Patrick, whose team will play one game this weekend — today against Abilene High.

Midland High and Lee will each play two games this weekend, and both will have a split between home and away contests. The Bulldogs, who are in first place in the district at 8-0 and 14-6 overall, will face Odessa Permian (1-7 in 2-5A) at home today and then take on San Angelo Central (7-1 in 2-5A) on Saturday.

Lee (7-12, 1-7) faces Odessa High (2-6) today and then Odessa Permian (1-7) on Saturday.

Midland High coach Barry Russell said the hardest part about figuring out who will pitch is that a decision for today could affect the team next week.

"It's very taxing," Russell said. "I've called (MHS pitching coach) Danny Neighbors three times in the last three evenings, asking, 'What do you think now?'"

Russell said one of three hurlers — Sean Grebeck, Lance White or Jackson Lancaster — could pitch today's game against Permian, and any one of those three could pitch in Saturday's big game against San Angelo Central.

Russell added there could be a fourth starter thrown in there if needed over the next week.

"If you set up for this weekend, you are setting up for the next seven games which is ridiculous, but it's the way it's got to be," Russell said. "We are really stuck right now on that."

The best part for teams in playoff contention is the fact that they get a chance to throw another potential pitcher into a high pressure situation to prepare for the playoffs. Class 5A coaches love the three-game series in the playoffs, which means teams will need a third starter somewhere along the line.

"That third guy has to have some game experience," Patrick said.

One thing is for sure, the next eight days could determine a lot about the playoff chase in District 2-5A. It could become clearer, or it could become so murky that it might take more than just the regular season to clear it up.

"Our district is so tough and it's so good, that every game prepares you for the playoffs," San Angelo Central coach Patrick Penry said. "Even our bottom three teams, they can beat you at any time."

MHS BACK IN GAME MODE

It's been more than a week since Midland High has played in an actual game, so Bulldogs coach Barry Russell said the team did some intrasquad scrimmages this week working around state-mandated testing. Russell said it also offered him an opportunity to get some other pitchers some work.

Along with Lancaster, Grebeck and White possibly pitching over the next week, he added that Gilbert Sanchez could see some time on the mound.

MHS has a one-game lead in the 2-5A standings over San Angelo Central.

LEE GETS CHANCE TO PLAY A BUNCH

Rebels coach Brian Roper said a positive for his squad over the next week is the fact that they get to play a bunch of games in a short amount of time. Lee will play five games over the next eight days, and he said that anytime a team can play games it's a chance to get better.

Roper said he's seeing the Rebels find their offensive groove over the last week. Lee won its first district game against Abilene Cooper last Tuesday, and then had 10 hits in a 7-4 loss to Amarillo Tascosa against two of the district's better pitchers in Raymond Salazar and Texas Tech signee Tucker Davidson.

Lee's team batting average has improved from .151 after two games in district play to .244 heading into this weekend.

"Those were two pretty good arms we saw Saturday," Roper said. "There were some guys that weren't swinging the bats early in the year and are now. We've seen improvement."

Roper said that Blake Blessie will pitch today's game against Odessa High, but he's not sure who will take the mound for Saturday's game against Odessa Permian.

"I haven't even looked past (today)," Roper said.

MCS HITS THE ROAD

Midland Christian will look to stay undefeated in TAPPS 1-4A with what could be one of its toughest road trips of the season. The Mustangs (23-9, 6-0 in TAPPS 1-4A) will take on Grapevine Faith in a pair of games this weekend in the Metroplex. The Lions are also 6-0 in district.

The Mustangs haven't had much trouble during district play so far, including sweeping a pair of games from Fort Worth Christian last weekend at Christensen Stadium.

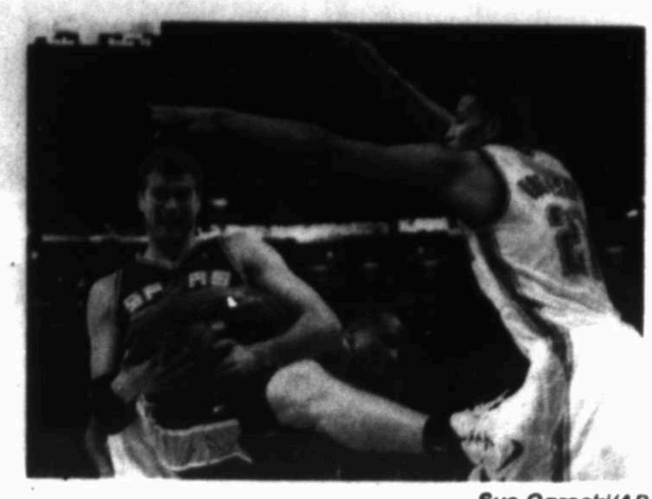
GREENWOOD BACK TO WORK

Probably the best part about Greenwood's 0-4 start to District 4-3A play is that it is still in the playoff race. With four teams qualifying for the playoffs out of the six-team district, if the Rangers (14-9, 0-4 in District 4-3A) can win some games in the second half of district play they could punch their playoff ticket.

Greenwood, though, hasn't been blown out in any of its four losses, either. The Rangers lost games in extra-innings to Sweetwater and Big Spring, and took state-ranked Abilene Wylie to the seventh inning. Greenwood will finish the second half of 4-3A play at 7 p.m. today against Monahans at home.

"I talk to them every game about digging," Greenwood coach Stephen Rodriguez said. "We've dug ourselves in a hole, but it's not a hole we can't get out of. The hole is about waist deep, but it's not something we can't get out of. It's not like it's 10 feet over our heads."

Rodriguez said that Victor Urias or Javier Vizcaino will pitch today for the Rangers.



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San Antonio center Tiago Splitter fights for control of the ball with Oklahoma City forward Serge Ibaka and forward Andre Roberson (21) during the third quarter of Thursday's game in Oklahoma City.

Thunder halts Spurs' winning streak

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

Thunder	106
Spurs	94

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant scored 28 points to help the Oklahoma City Thunder defeat San Antonio 106-94 on Thursday night, ending the Spurs' winning streak at 19 games.

Russell Westbrook scored 27 points and Serge Ibaka added 11 points and 12 rebounds for the Thunder, who won the matchup between the top two teams in the Western Conference. Oklahoma City is three games behind with eight games remaining.

Durant scored at least 25 points for the 39th consecutive game, the longest streak since Michael Jordan did it 40 consecutive times during the 1986-87 season. He reached 25 on a free throw with 3:31 remaining.

Patty Mills scored 21 points and Kawhi Leonard and Tim Duncan each added 17 for the Spurs. San Antonio had won its previous four games by an average of 23.5 points.

Spurs reserve Manu Ginobili didn't play. He was not listed on the injury report, and coach Gregg Popovich did not explain why Ginobili was out.

Oklahoma City trailed 51-43 in the second quarter before Westbrook drained a 3-pointer, then made a layup with 2.6 seconds left in the first half to cut the deficit to 51-48 at halftime.

The Thunder continued their surge in the second half. Rookie Andre Roberson hit a 3-pointer gave the Thunder a 57-56 lead. A lob from Reggie Jackson to Durant for a dunk gave Oklahoma City a 75-65 lead.

NBA STANDINGS AND BOX

STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	49	32	.575	
x-Brooklyn	45	34	.541	2
New York	33	43	.434	11½
Boston	23	52	.307	20
Philadelphia	16	59	.213	27
Southeast Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
y-Miami	52	22	.703	
x-Washington	39	36	.520	13½
Charlotte	37	38	.493	15½
Atlanta	32	42	.432	20
Orlando	23	54	.280	31
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
x-Indiana	53	22	.691	
x-Chicago	41	34	.547	11½
Cleveland	31	47	.398	23
Detroit	27	48	.360	25½
Milwaukee	15	61	.196	37½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
y-San Antonio	58	17	.774	
Houston	49	25	.662	9
Dallas	44	31	.587	14
Memphis	44	31	.587	14
New Orleans	32	43	.427	26
Northwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
x-Oklahoma City	57	18	.760	
Portland	49	27	.645	8
Minnesota	37	37	.500	18
Denver	33	42	.440	22½
Utah	25	52	.325	31
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
y-L.A. Clippers	54	21	.720	
Golden State	46	29	.613	7½
Phoenix	44	31	.587	9½
Sacramento	27	46	.370	25½
L.A. Lakers	21	53	.284	31½

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Thursday's Scores
Oklahoma City 106, San Antonio 94
Dallas 97, L.A. Clippers 89

Today's Games
Denver at Memphis, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Utah, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S BOX
THUNDER 106, SPURS 94

SAN ANTONIO (94): Leonard 8-15 0-0 17, Duncan 5-11 1-4 11, Splitter 3-5 0-0 6, Parker 7-12 2-16, Green 4-9 1-2 11, Diaw 4-6 0-0 8, Bonneth 3-10 1-1 8, Mills 8-13 0-0 21, Ayres 1-2 0-0 2, James 0-1 0-0 0, Joseph 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 38-86 9-12 94.

OKLAHOMA CITY (106): Durant 11-26 5-6 28, Ibaka 5-11 1-2 11, Perkins 0-0 0-0 0, Westbrook 10-21 6-6 27, Roberson 2-2 0-0 5, Butler 1-5 1-2 4, Adams 2-4 1-2 5, Collison 2-4 4, Jackson 5-8 0-0 14, Fisher 1-3 3-3 6, Lamb 1-3 0-2 2, Jones 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-81 20-27 106.

San Antonio	**24**	**27**	**20**	**23—94**
Oklahoma City	**22**	**26**	**32**	**26—106**

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 9-22 (Mills 3-7, Green 2-5, Leonard 2-5, Bonneth 1-4, Parker 1-1, Diaw 0-2), Oklahoma City 6-18 (Jackson 2-2, Roberson 1-1, Fisher 1-3, Butler 1-4, Westbrook 1-4, Durant 1-4, Fisher). Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 49 (Duncan 8), Oklahoma City 48 (Ibaka 12). Assists—San Antonio 18 (Parker, Leonard 3), Oklahoma City 18 (Westbrook 6). Total Fouls—San Antonio 18, Oklahoma City 16. Technicals—Duncan, Perkins, Westbrook A—18,203. 18,203.

COLLEGEBASKETBALL

FROM WIRE REPORTS

TOURNEY SCORES AND SCHEDULES

Men

FINAL FOUR
At AT&T Stadium
Arlington
National Semifinals
Saturday
UConn (30-8) vs. Florida (36-2), 5:09 p.m.
Kentucky (28-10) vs. Wisconsin (30-7), 7:49 p.m.

National Championship
Monday, April 7
Semifinal winners, 8:10 p.m.

National Invitation Tournament Glance
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Championship
Thursday
Minnesota 65, SMU 63

College Basketball Invitational Glance
Championship Series
(Best-of-3)
(x-if necessary)
Siena 61, Fresno State 57
Fresno State 89, Siena 75, series tied 1-1
Saturday: Fresno State (21-17) at Siena (19-18), 10:30 a.m.

Collegeinsider.com Tournament Glance
Championship
Thursday
Murray State 65, Yale 57

Women

NCAA Basketball Tournament Glance
FINAL FOUR
At Nashville, Tenn.
National Semifinals
Sunday
Notre Dame (36-0) vs. Maryland (28-6), 5:30 p.m.
UConn (38-0) vs. Stanford (33-3), 8 p.m.

National Championship
Tuesday
Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.

National Invitation Tournament Glance
Semifinals
Wednesday, April 2
Rutgers 62, South Florida 52
UTEP 66, South Dakota State 63

Championship
Saturday
Rutgers (27-9) at UTEP (29-7), 2 p.m.

NHLSTANDINGS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Boston	77	52	18	7	111	246	165
x-Montreal	77	43	27	7	93	200	192
x-Tampa Bay	77	42	26	9	93	227	206
Detroit	76	36	26	14	86	205	215
Toronto	76	38	32	6	84	227	244
Ottawa	76	32	30	14	78	219	252
Florida	77	27	42	8	62	184	254
Buffalo	76	21	46	9	51	146	226

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Pittsburgh	77	49	23	5	103	237	191
N.Y. Rangers	77	43	30	4	90	208	184
Philadelphia	76	39	26	9	87	213	213
Columbus	76	39	30	7	85	212	203
Washington	76	34	29	13	81	217	231
New Jersey	76	32	28	+16	80	186	198
Carolina	77	34	32	11	79	195	212
N.Y. Islanders	76	31	35	10	72	212	250

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-St. Louis	76	52	17	7	111	243	169
x-Colorado	75	48	21	6	102	230	204
x-Chicago	77	43	19	15	101	251	202
Minnesota	77	39	28	12	90	191	194
Dallas	76	37	28	11	85	220	216
Winnipeg	76	34	34	10	78	216	230
Nashville	76	33	32	11	77	190	229

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Anaheim	76	50	18	8	108	247	193
x-San Jose	77	48	20	9	105	237	188
x-Los Angeles	77	45	26	6	96	195	162
Phoenix	77	36	28	13	85	207	218
Vancouver	77	34	32	11	79	185	209
Calgary	77	32	38	7	71	198	227
Edmonton	77	26	42	9	61	190	257

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

Thursday's Scores
Chicago 3, Minnesota 2, SO
Columbus 2, Philadelphia 0
Carolina 4, Dallas 1
Toronto 4, Boston 3, OT
Calgary 4, Tampa Bay 1
St. Louis 2, Buffalo 1
Pittsburgh 4, Winnipeg 2
N.Y. Rangers at Colorado, late
Los Angeles at San Jose, late

Today's Games
Montreal at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Washington at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Calgary at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Nashville at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

MCBASEBALL/SOFTBALLCAPSULES

BY OSCAR LEROY

BASEBALL
NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE

When/where: Doubleheaders beginning at 3 p.m. today and noon Saturday, Christensen Stadium

Records: Midland College 14-18, 2-14 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; NMMI 14-22, 8-8

Last WJCAC series: Howard College 4, Midland College 0; El Paso Community College 2, New Mexico Military Institute 2

Notes & quotes: Midland College needs to start piling up the wins as it occupies the cellar in the WJCAC standings by three games. ... The Chaparrals were swept by No. 3 Howard College in a four-game WJCAC series last weekend. It was the third time MC has been swept in a series (New Mexico JC and Frank Phillips were the others). ... The good news for MC is that it bounced back on Tuesday with an 11-3 non-conference victory over Western Texas College. "We have a resilient group and we've had a great week of practice," MC coach David Coleman said. "I think we played really good (Tuesday night) against Western Texas and I'm looking forward to (today)." ... NMMI is coming off a series split against El Paso Community College. ... Coleman said the Broncos are a talented team and are much improved, compared to previous seasons. "I picked them fourth in the conference in the preseason poll," Coleman said. "From playing them this fall, Coach (Chris) Cook has done a great job of upgrading his athletic talent and bringing in top not pitchers." ...NMMI freshman LHP Jeremy Mortensen (3-2, 2.61) ranks 13th in the NJCAA with 60 strikeouts in 51 2/3 innings. ... MC has changed its starting rotation for the weekend as sophomore RHP Brandon Courville (2-4, 3.20) now is the No. 1 starter, followed by freshman RHP Aaron Rumfield (0-0, 3.86) for today's games. Then on Saturday, MC will start sophomore RHP Michael Broaig (2-2, 5.77) followed by sophomore RHP Jayden O'Dell (1-2, 4.15). ... The Broncos are near or at the bottom of the WJCAC in both team ERA (6.73, which is last) and team batting average (.300, which ranks 8th). MC meanwhile is third in ERA (4.95) and sixth in hitting (.308). ... Coleman said his team has made some adjustments offensively and will look to take advantage of its speed. "We're going to be more aggressive offensively and maybe try to bunt more," he said. "We're going to try to create a few more scoring opportunities. We may run into a some outs, but we're going to be more aggressive." ...The Chaps are dealing with a few injuries as INF Nikko Velarde (hamstring) continues to be out and will be joined by JoJo Collazo (hamstring) on the bench. INF Blaine Prescott (hamstring) and OF Brent Stewart (shoulder) are also questionable.

Next: Howard College at Midland College, 6:30 p.m. Monday; NMMI at New Mexico JC (DH), noon April 11

WJAC baseball

Team	WJCAC W	WJCAC L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico JC	14	2	17	11
Frank Phillips	13	3	19	11
Howard College	11	5	26	6
El Paso CC	8	8	14	18
NMMI	8	8	14	22
Odessa College	7	9	17	14
Clarendon College	6	10	11	13
Luna CC	6	10	10	21
Western Texas	5	11	10	21
Midland College	3	14	14	18

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

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

WJCAC Softball

Team	WJCAC W	WJCAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa College	11	1	29	9
Howard College	9	3	28	10
Luna CC	8	4	12	16
Frank Phillips	7	5	12	23
Midland College	5	7	18	17
Clarendon College	5	7	11	23
Western Texas	2	10	7	23
El Paso CC	1	11	4	25

Last weekend's WJCAC series results
Last weekend's series results
Odessa College 4, Midland College 0;
Howard College 4, Western Texas College 0; Frank Phillips College 3, Luna Community College 1; Clarendon College 4, El Paso Community College 0

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

Last WJCAC series: Odessa College 4, Midland College 0; Clarendon College 4, El Paso Community College 0

Notes & quotes: Midland College will look to bounce back from a tough weekend as the Lady Chaparrals not only got swept in a four-game series by rival Odessa College, but committed a ton of errors in the process. In the series' opening game, MC committed 12 errors in a 22-12 loss. ... MC coach Tommy Ramos said his team has been working to cut down on those mistakes in practice. ... The Lady Chaps are not helped by key players being out of the lineup with injuries. Both outfielders Kelcey Gomez (ankle) and Melissa Zuniga (knee) will likely be out this weekend as well as infielder Naomi Posada (knee). "We're just going to take it one day at a time and do the best with who we've got," Ramos said. "This weekend we're just trying to focus on cutting down our mistakes and how we play as a team. El Paso has been very competitive but they're dealing with a few things as well. We're just going to focus on us and how we play." ... Ramos said his team have had a couple of days of good practice with good energy and effort. "Now we just have to bring that to the game," he said. ... EPCC is coming off a weekend in which the Tejanas were swept by Clarendon College in a four-game series. EPCC has lost six straight coming in to this weekend.

Next: Frank Phillips College at Midland College (DH), 1 p.m. Friday, April 11; El Paso CC at Western Texas College (DH), 1 p.m. April 11

SOFTBALL
EL PASO CC
AT MIDLAND COLLEGE

When/where: Doubleheaders beginning at 1 p.m. today and noon Saturday, Midland College softball field.

Records: Midland College 18-17, 5-7 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; EPCC 4-25, 1-11

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

RED SOX 4 ORIOLES 2

BALTIMORE — David Ortiz had three of Boston's 12 hits off Wei-Yin Chen, and the Red Sox got an effective pitching performance from Felix Doubront and four relievers.

Xander Bogaerts also had three hits for the Red Sox, who took two of three in the season-opening series between AL East rivals. Boston finished with 14 hits, 12 of them singles.

Matt Wieters had three hits for the Orioles, and Chris Davis had two hits and scored twice.

Doubront (1-0) allowed two runs and six hits in 5 2/3 innings, and Boston's bullpen maintained its 0.00 ERA with 3 1/3 innings of three-hit relief. Koji Uehara needed only seven pitches to retire the side in the ninth for his first save.

Chen (0-1) gave up four runs in 5 2/3 innings.

RAYS 7, BLUE JAYS 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Chris Archer threw six solid innings, Evan Longoria hit a three-run homer and Tampa Bay split a four-game series with Toronto.

Archer (1-0) allowed two runs and four hits in his first start since he agreed to a $25.5 million, six-year deal Wednesday. The contract includes club options for 2020 and 2021 that could raise the value to $43.75 million.

Longoria tied Carlos Pena for first on the Rays' career home run list with 163 on his seventh-inning shot off Esmil Rogers that put Tampa Bay ahead 7-2.

Toronto's Brandon Morrow (0-1) gave up four runs and seven hits over five innings in his first start since May 28.

TWINS 10 WHITE SOX 9

CHICAGO — Chris Colabello had a career-high six RBIs, Oswaldo Arcia hit a go-ahead triple and Minnesota avoided a season-opening sweep.

Trailing 9-8 heading into the ninth, the Twins scored twice off Chicago closer Matt Lindstrom (0-1), who blew his first save chance in two opportunities. Trevor Plouffe hit a tying RBI single with two outs before Arcia's triple off the wall in center gave Minnesota a 10-9 lead.

Glen Perkins picked up his first save after squandering Minnesota's lead Wednesday. He got Paul Konerko to ground to third to end the game, giving manager Ron Gardenhire his 999th career win.

Caleb Thielbar (1-0) allowed Marcus Semien's go-ahead homer in the eighth.

National League

CARDINALS 7 REDS 6

CINCINNATI — The St. Louis Cardinals overcame another long delay and Todd Frazier's two homers on Thursday, holding on to beat the Cincinnati Reds 7-6 and take two of three in their season-opening series.

The first pitch was delayed 3 hours, 42 minutes because of rain. The Cardinals then emerged from their two-game hitting slump by knocking Homer Bailey (0-1) out of the game in the fifth inning. Jhonny Peralta homered to get it going.

Lance Lynn (1-0) gave up Jay Bruce's two-run homer and Frazier's solo shot during five innings.

GIANTS 8 DIAMONDBACKS 5

PHOENIX — Angel Pagan hit a three-run home run in San Francisco's five-run eighth inning and the Giants rallied to beat Arizona in a game that was halted briefly in the top of the first due to a swarm of bees in the outfield.

Paul Goldschmidt and Mark Trumbo each hit two-run home runs and Arizona led 5-3 after seven, but the Giants teed off on reliever Will Harris (0-1) in the eighth to take three of four games from the Diamondbacks.

Brandon Belt hit his third home run of the series and Brandon Hicks had a pinch-hit solo shot for the Giants.

Jean Machi (2-0) got one out for the victory.

NATIONALS 8 METS 2

NEW YORK — Tanner Roark recovered from a shaky first inning as an emergency starter in place of ailing Jordan Zimmermann, and the Nationals rallied past the Mets for an opening three-game sweep.

Ryan Zimmerman tied his career high with four hits.

Zimmermann, 19-9 last year, was fine Wednesday but developed a fever overnight and was throwing up.

Roark (1-0) got just two swings and misses in the first two innings and fell behind in a 30-pitch first. He wound up allowing just the two runs and six hits in six innings with three walks and five strikeouts — including his final four batters.

Wheeler (0-1) gave up three runs and seven hits in six innings.

MARLINS 8 ROCKIES 5

MIAMI — Giancarlo Stanton singled home the go-ahead run with two outs in the eighth inning, capping a comeback to help the Marlins beat the Rockies.

Casey McGehee had two hits and three RBIs for the Marlins, who scored 27 runs while winning three of four games in the season-opening series.

The Marlins were 1 for 15 with runners in scoring position for the afternoon before Christian Yelich made the score 5-all in the eighth with a two-out RBI single off Matt Belisle (0-1).

A.J. Ramos (1-0) pitched a perfect eighth. Steve Cishek followed with a scoreless ninth for his 31st consecutive converted save opportunity, and his second this year.

CUBS 3 PIRATES 2

PITTSBURGH — Jason Hammel pitched two-hit ball into the seventh inning and the Cubs edged the Pirates for their first win of the season.

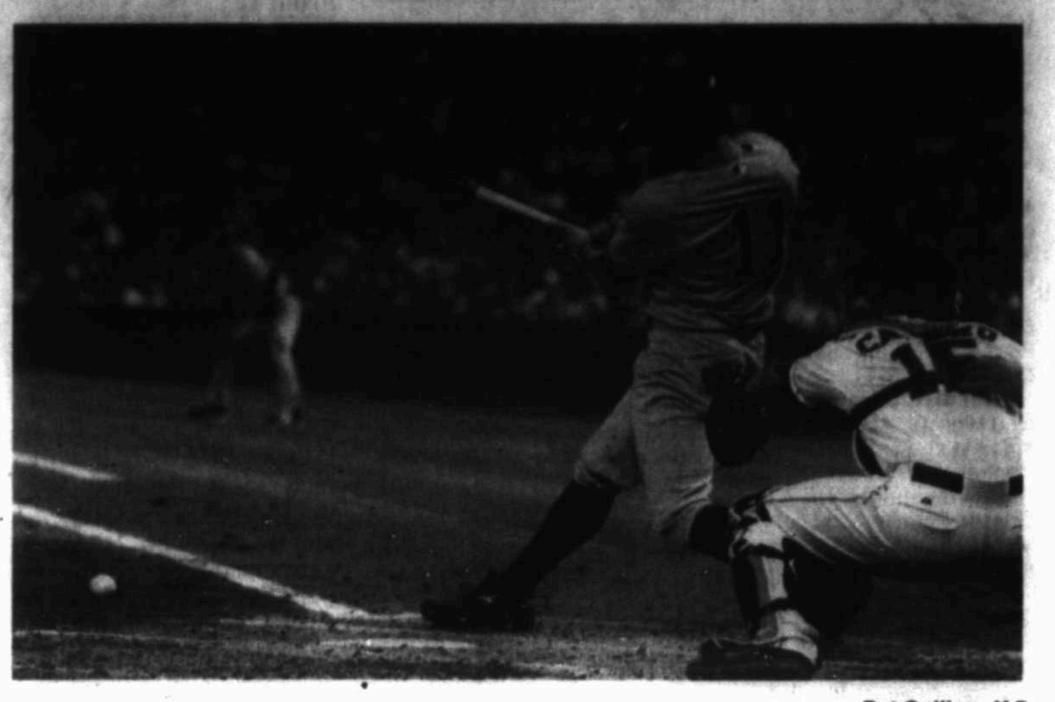
Hammel (1-0) allowed a run, struck out five and walked one in 6 2-3 innings to help the Cubs avoid their worst start in 17 years.

Emilio Bonifacio went 2 for 4 and scored twice to continue his torrid start. The Chicago center fielder hit 11 for 16 (.688) during the opening three-game series.

Solarte's 3 hits lead Yankees over Astros

Yankees 4
Astros 2

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press



Pat Sullivan/AP

New York's Brett Gardner (11) hits an RBI-single in front of Houston Astros catcher Jason Castro (15) in the third inning of Thursday's game in Houston.

HOUSTON — Rookie Yangervis Solarte had three hits and an RBI in his first major league start and Derek Jeter drove in a run to give the New York Yankees their first win this season, 4-2 over the Houston Astros on Thursday night.

Solarte singled in a two-run third inning which put New York up 2-1. He doubled in the fifth and scored on a single by Jeter to push it to 3-1.

Houston cut the lead to one in the bottom of that inning before Solarte came through again, this time with a single that drove in Ichiro Suzuki.

Solarte, the third baseman, also had a nifty defensive play when he grabbed a bullet hit right at him by Jose Altuve for the third out in the eighth.

Ivan Nova allowed six hits, two runs and walked five in 5 2-3 innings. He was helped by a defense which turned four double plays with him on the mound. David Robertson, who took over as closer for Mariano Rivera, pitched a perfect ninth for his first save.

Houston, the league's worst team the past three seasons, came back to earth after taking the first two games of the series. But Dexter Fowler continued to shine in his first season with the Astros, getting two singles to become the second player in franchise history — and first since Ken Caminiti in 1987 — to begin his Houston career with three straight multi-hit games.

Houston starter Brett Oberholtzer also went 5 2-3 innings, allowing five hits and three runs while fanning five.

Suzuki doubled with two outs in the seventh before scoring on the RBI by Solarte. Solarte's hit was a high pop-up which dropped right between three Astros players assembled directly in front of home plate.

Solarte doubled with one out in the fifth and scored on a two-out single by Jeter to make it 3-1. Jeter was thrown out trying to stretch the hit into a double.

Houston got within 3-2 when Jonathan Villar doubled and scored on a single by Fowler in the bottom of the inning. The fourth double play by the Yankees got the first two outs before Chris Carter grounded out to end the inning.

Oberholtzer retired the first seven batters he faced before running into trouble. Suzuki and Solarte hit consecutive singles before a third one by Brett Gardner scored Suzuki to tie it at 1-all.

Jeter walked and Carlos Beltran's sacrifice fly scored Solarte to give New York a 2-1 lead.

Fowler and Grossman hit back-to-back singles to start the first before Nova plunked Castro to load the bases. Altuve grounded into a forceout that left Castro out at second and scored Fowler to make it 1-0.

Carter walked to load the bases again, but the Yankees turned a double play to limit the damage. The Yankees also used double plays to get out of the third and fourth innings.

MLB STANDINGS, BOX AND LINESCORES

STANDINGS

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	2	1	.667	—
Tampa Bay	2	2	.500	1/2
Toronto	2	2	.500	1/2
Baltimore	1	2	.333	1
New York	1	2	.333	1

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	2	0	1.000	—
Chicago	2	1	.667	1/2
Cleveland	2	1	.667	1/2
Minnesota	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Kansas City	0	2	.000	2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	3	0	1.000	—
Houston	2	1	.667	1
Texas	2	1	.667	1
Oakland	1	2	.333	2
Los Angeles	0	3	.000	3

Thursday's Scores

Kansas City at Detroit, ppd., rain
Minnesota 10, Chicago White Sox 9
Boston 4, Baltimore 3
Tampa Bay 7, Toronto 2
N.Y. Yankees 4, Houston 2
Seattle at Oakland, late

Today's Games

Baltimore (M.Gonzalez 0-0) at Detroit (A.Sanchez 0-0), 12:08 p.m.
Milwaukee (Estrada 0-0) at Boston (Peavy 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Pelfrey 0-0) at Cleveland (Salazar 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (E.Johnson 0-0) at Kansas City (Guthrie 0-0), 3:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 0-0) at Toronto (Mc.Gowan 0-0), 6:07 p.m.
Texas (Saunders 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Richards 0-0) at Houston (Harrell 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (C.Young 0-0) at Oakland (Straily 0-0), 9:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	3	0	1.000	—
Miami	3	1	.750	1/2
Atlanta	2	1	.667	1
Philadelphia	1	2	.333	2
New York	0	3	.000	3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	2	1	.667	—
St. Louis	2	1	.667	—
Chicago	1	2	.333	1
Cincinnati	1	2	.333	1
Milwaukee	1	2	.333	1

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	4	1	.800	—
San Francisco	3	1	.750	1/2
San Diego	1	2	.333	2
Colorado	1	3	.250	2 1/2
Arizona	1	5	.167	3 1/2

Thursday's Scores

Chicago Cubs 3, Pittsburgh 2
St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 6
Miami 8, Colorado 5
Washington 8, N.Y. Mets 2
San Francisco 8, Arizona 5

Today's Games

Atlanta (Hale 0-0) at Washington (Jordan 0-0), 12:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Estrada 0-0) at Boston (Peavy 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (R.Hernandez 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 0-0), 1:20 p.m.
Arizona (Delgado 0-0) at Colorado (Nicasio 0-0), 3:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Vogelsong 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 1-0), 3:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Miller 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Cole 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Leake 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Mejia 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
San Diego (Stults 0-0) at Miami (Koehler 0-0), 6:10 p.m.

THURSDAY'S AL WEST BOX

YANKEES 4, ASTROS 2

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Gardnr cf-lf	4	0	1	1	Fowler cf	4	1	2	1
Jeter ss	3	0	1	1	Grsmnn lf	3	0	1	0
Beltran dh	3	0	0	1	JCastro c	1	0	0	0
Texeir 1b	4	0	0	0	Corprn c	1	0	0	0
ASorn lf	4	0	0	0	Altuve 2b	3	0	1	1
Ellsury cf	0	0	0	0	Carter dh	3	0	0	0
Cervelli c	4	0	0	0	Krauss 1b	3	0	0	0
Roberts 2b	3	0	0	0	MDhnr 3b	3	0	0	0
Suzuki rf	4	2	2	0	Presley rf	4	0	1	0
Solarte 3b	3	2	3	1	Villar ss	4	1	1	0
Totals	**32**	**4**	**7**	**4**	**Totals**	**29**	**2**	**6**	**2**

New York ..... 002 010 100—4
Houston ..... 100 010 000—2

DP—New York 4. LOB—New York 6, Houston 7. 2B—I.Suzuki (1), Solarte (1), Villar (1). SB—Altuve (2). CF—Beltran.

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Nova W, 1-0	5 2-3	6	2	2	5	1
Warren	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	2
Kelley	1	0	0	0	0	2
Robertson S, 1-1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Oberholtzer L, 0-1	5 2-3	5	3	3	1	5
Peacock	3 1-3	2	1	1	3	4

HBP—by Nova (J.Castro); by Peacock (Nova).

T—3:17. A—26,348 (42,060).

THURSDAY'S LINESCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TWINS 10, WHITE SOX 9

Minnesota ..... 003 020 212—10 9 1
Chicago ..... 010 034 010—9 13 1

Hughes, Swarzak (6), Duensing (6), Thielbar (8), Perkins (9) and Pinto; Quintana, N.Jones (7), Cleto (7), Belisario (8), Lindstrom (9) and Flowers. W—Thielbar 1-0. L—Lindstrom 0-1. Sv—Perkins (1). HRs—Minnesota: Pinto (1). Chicago: De Aza (3), A.Dunn (2), Semien (1).

RED SOX 4, ORIOLES 3

Boston ..... 011 101 000—4 14 0
Baltimore ..... 000 201 000—3 9 0

Doubront, Workman (6), Capuano (7), Tazawa (8), Uehara (9) and D.Ross; W.Chen, Meek (6), Britton (8) and Wieters. W—Doubront 1-0. L—W.Chen 0-1. Sv—Uehara (1).

RAYS 7, BLUE JAYS 2

Toronto ..... 000 200 000—2 5 0
Tampa Bay ..... 013 000 30x—7 11 0

Morrow, Rogers (6), Jeffress (7) and Navarro; Archer, B.Gomes (7), Jo.Peralta (7), H.Bell (9) and Hanigan. W—Archer 1-0. L—Morrow 0-1. HRs—Tampa Bay, Longoria (1).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CUBS 3, PIRATES 2

Chicago ..... 111 000 000—3 7 1
Pittsburgh ..... 000 000 200—2 6 0

Hammel, Russell (7), Grimm (7), Schlitter (8), Strop (9) and Jo.Baker; W.Rodriguez, Volquez (7), Morris (9) and T.Sanchez. W—Hammel 1-0. L—W.Rodriguez 0-1. Sv—Strop (1). HRs—Chicago, Ott (1).

CARDINALS 7, REDS 6

St. Louis ..... 020 110 300—7 11 1
Cincinnati ..... 300 000 300—6 10 0

Lynn, Choate (6), Siegrist (7), Neshek (7), Rosenthal (8) and Y.Molina; Bailey, Christiani (5), T.Bell (7), Ondrusek (7), Partch (8) and Barnhart. W—Lynn 1-0. L—Bailey 0-1. Sv—Rosenthal (2). HRs—St. Louis: Jh.Peralta (1). Cincinnati: Bruce (1), Frazier 2 (2).

MARLINS 8, ROCKIES 5

Colorado ..... 103 010 000—5 10 1
Miami ..... 101 001 14x—8 13 1

Morales, Kahnle (6), Belisle (8) and Rosario; Ja.Turner, Marmol (7), A.Ramos (8), Cishek (9) and Mathis. Saltalamacchia. W—A.Ramos 1-0. L—Belisle 0-1. Sv—Cishek (2). HRs—Colorado, Cuddyer (1).

NATIONALS 8, NATIONALS 2

Washington ..... 010 020 410—8 13 0
New York ..... 200 000 000—2 7 2

Roark, Detwiler (7), R.Soriano (9) and Leon; Wheeler, Rice (7), Familia (7), C.Torres (8), Germen (9) and d'Arnaud. W—Roark 1-0. L—Wheeler 0-1. HRs—Washington: Zimmerman (1).

GIANTS 8, DIAMONDBACKS 5

San Francisco ..... 100 100 150—8 9 0
Arizona ..... 200 002 100—5 9 0

Lincecum, Huff (7), Machi (7), Casilla (8), J.Lopez (9) and H.Sanchez; Posey, Arroyo, O.Perez (5), Collmenter (6), Harris (8), Rowland-Smith (8), Zeigler (9) and Gosewisch. W—Machi 2-0. L—Harris 0-1. HRs—San Francisco: Belt (3), B.Hicks (1), Pagan (1). Arizona: Goldschmidt (1), Trumbo (2).

JC women's basketball national tourney moving to Lubbock

Associated Press

The NJCAA Division 1 Women's Basketball National Championship will move from Salina to Lubbock, Texas, after the 2015 tournament.

Salina has been host of the tournament since the 1997-98 season. But the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce announced Thursday the tournament will move to Lubbock at least for 2016 through 2018. Various media reports have stated that the tournament will be held at the Rip Griffin Center at Lubbock Christian University.

Mary Ellen Leicht, executive director of the NJCAA, announced the decision in a news release.

Next year's national championship will be at the Salina Bicentennial Center March 16-21.

Marshall, McDermott take home AP yearly awards

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

ARLINGTON— Wichita State coach Gregg Marshall is growing accustomed to being center stage at the Final Four. He just wishes his team was with him this time around.

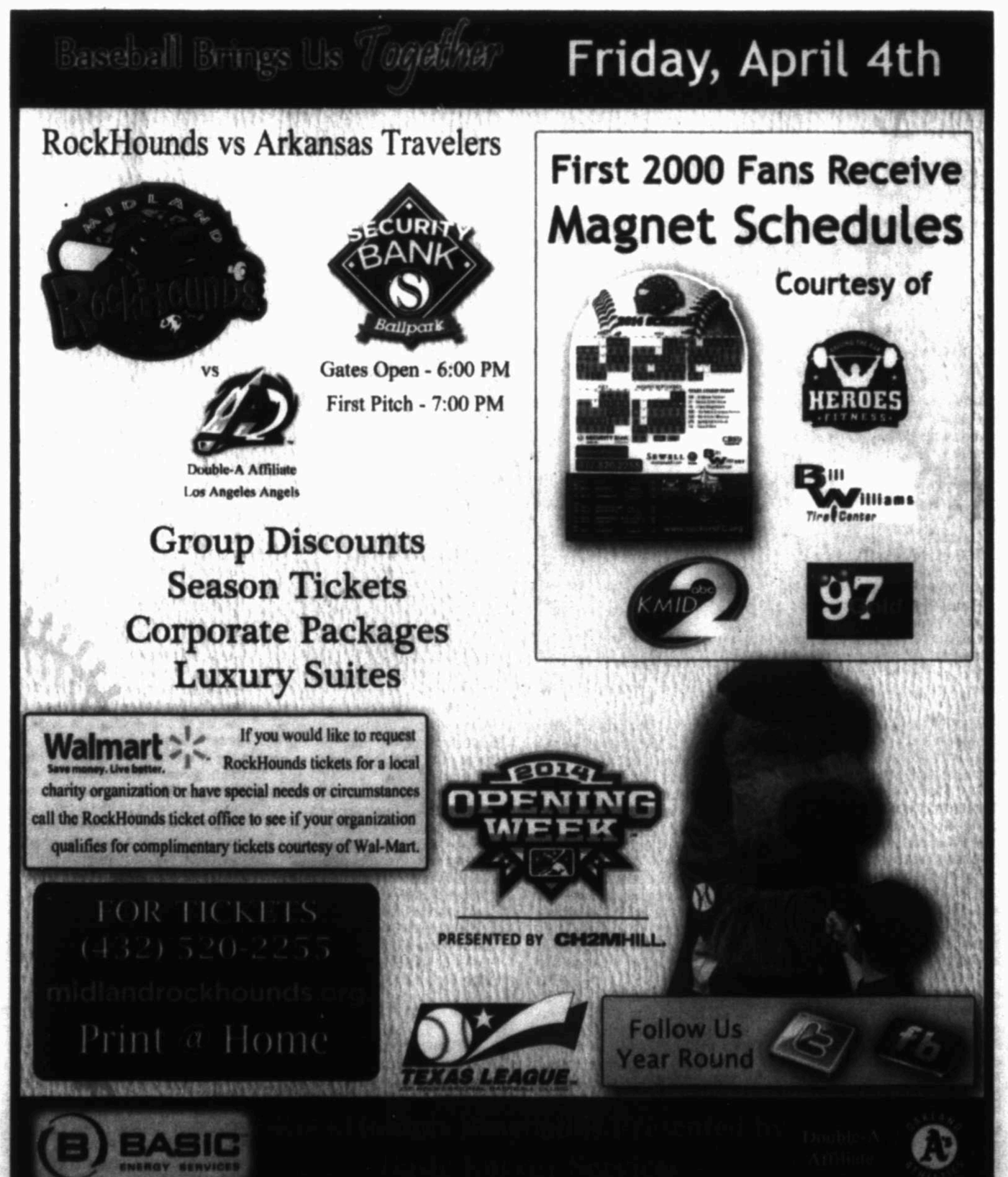
After leading the Shockers to the national semifinals a year ago, Marshall deftly guided them through a perfect regular season, earning a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament. While they were done in by Kentucky in the third round, by then the votes had already been tabulated.

Marshall was the runaway winner of the AP coach of the year award.

He accepted his hardware during a news conference Thursday at AT&T Stadium, where the Wildcats will play Wisconsin and UConn will meet Florida in the national semifinals Saturday night.

"I'm truly honored," Marshall said. "It's amazing what our young guys and our program were able to accomplish this year, with the tremendous win streak and the run they took us all on. I've been coaching for a long time, but when you have a group like this, they make it really special."

Speaking of special, Creighton star Doug McDermott was a near-unanimous pick as the AP player of the year after a senior season that left him the fifth-leading scorer in Division I history.



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Mickelson among leaders at Houston Open

By Kurt Voigt
Associated Press

HUMBLE — Phil Mickelson did more than prove to just himself that he's ready for next week's Masters on Thursday.

The five-time major winner showed to everyone that he's fully recovered from last week's muscle pull and likely to be a factor in this week's Houston Open as well.

Without so much as a practice round this week at the 7,441-yard Golf Club of Houston, Mickelson opened with a 4-under par 68 and was among the leaders following Thursday's opening round.

The bogey-free performance was a far cry from last week when Mickelson was forced to withdraw during the third round in San Antonio after pulling a muscle in his right side

"I'm surprised because I was worried about the Masters," Mickelson said. "I was certainly worried about Houston, but it healed a lot quicker. I felt great today; didn't feel any pain or discomfort and didn't even think about it."

Mickelson is three shots back of first-round co-leaders Bill Haas and Charley Hoffman, both who finished at 7 under. Hass had five birdies on his back nine, while Hoffman needed just 27 putts to earn a share of the lead.

Keegan Bradley and Matt Kuchar lead a group of five golfers at 6 under. J.B. Holmes, Erik Compton and Jim Renner are also at 6 under, with 10 golfers are at 5 under.

Of the 144 players in the field, 113 finished at even par or under on an overcast and occasionally misty day.

"The greens are absolutely perfect," Haas said. "... I think the scores are reflective on that. They were a little slower, but part of that, too, is the weather. It was like a little dewy mist out there all day, which played a part in the speed of the greens."

Mickelson and Bradley were part of a threesome with Webb Simpson, who also finished 4 under. All three players in the group navigated the course without a bogey in their morning rounds.

Former world No. 1 Rory McIlroy, playing in the afternoon and one of the five top-10 players in the world in the tournament, finished with a 2-under 70.

HOUSTON OPEN SCORES

Thursday
At Golf Club of Houston, The Tournament
Humble, Texas
Purse: $6.4 million
Yardage: 7,441; Par: 72 (36-36)

First Round

Bill Haas	30-35—65
Charley Hoffman	32-33—65
Keegan Bradley	34-32—66
Matt Kuchar	34-32—66
J.B. Holmes	32-34—66
Erik Compton	34-32—66
Jim Renner	33-33—66
Stewart Cink	35-32—67
Michael Thompson	31-36—67
Ben Curtis	34-33—67
Camilo Villegas	36-31—67
Justin Hicks	31-36—67
Sergio Garcia	34-33—67
Charl Schwartzel	32-35—67
Jhonnattan Vegas	34-33—67
Jason Gore	35-32—67
Shawn Stefani	33-34—67
Joe Ogilvie	33-35—68
Ernie Els	34-34—68
Webb Simpson	34-34—68
Phil Mickelson	34-34—68
Chris Kirk	35-33—68
Jonathan Byrd	34-34—68
Angel Cabrera	35-33—68
Rafael Gooden	33-35—68
Chris Stroud	34-34—68
Andrew Loupe	37-31—68
Michael Putnam	35-33—68
Cameron Tringale	35-33—68
Matt Jones	35-33—68
Bryce Molder	36-32—68
John Rollins	34-34—68
Steve Stricker	35-33—68
Davis Love III	35-33—68
Freddie Jacobson	35-33—68
Martin Flores	34-34—68
Brice Garnett	36-32—68
Brendan Steele	35-34—69
Paul Goydos	34-35—69
Greg Chalmers	34-35—69
Pedraig Harrington	35-33—69
Ryo Ishikawa	34-35—69
Kyle Stanley	35-34—69
Charlie Beljan†	35-34—69
Chad Collins	37-32—69
Peter Uihlein	34-35—69
Matteo Manassero	35-34—69
Brendon Todd	34-35—69
Trevor Immelman	34-35—69
Troy Matteson	34-35—69
Jeff Maggert	36-33—69
Hunter Mahan	34-35—69
Carl Pettersson	33-36—69
D.H. Lee	32-37—69
Sean O'Hair	34-35—69
David Lingmerth	35-33—69
Ben Martin	34-35—69
Jon Curran	33-36—69
Scott Langley	34-35—70
Ricky Barnes	34-36—70
Robert Allenby	35-35—70
Derek Ernst	35-35—70
Rickie Fowler	37-33—70
Brian Harman	36-34—70
Ryan Palmer	35-35—70
Ben Crane	34-36—70
Rory McIlroy	33-37—70
Jordan Spieth	35-35—70
Kevin Stadler	35-35—70
Ian Poulter	37-33—70
Justin Leonard	35-35—70
Lee Westwood	36-34—70
Graham DeLaet	35-35—70
Heath Slocum	35-35—70
Hudson Swafford	35-35—70
Brendon de Jonge	35-35—70
Kevin Chappell	35-36—71
James Hahn	35-36—71
Steven Bowditch	36-35—71
Jimmy Walker	36-35—71
Henrik Stenson	34-37—71
Brian Gay	36-35—71
David Toms	37-34—71
Peter Hanson	35-36—71
Kevin Kisner	36-35—71
Tyrone Van Aswegen	36-35—71
Nicholas Thompson	35-36—71
Roberto Castro	37-34—71
Luke Donald	36-35—71
Tommy Gainey	35-36—71
Mike Weir	35-36—71
John Huh	37-34—71
Martin Kaymer	35-36—71
Harrison Frazar	34-37—71
D.A. Points	35-36—71
Ted Potter, Jr	34-37—71
Aaron Baddeley	37-35—72
Josh Teater	37-35—72
Louis Oosthuizen	36-36—72
J.J. Henry	37-35—72
Sang-Moon Bae	33-39—72
Tim Clark	36-36—72
Andres Romero	34-38—72
Brian Stuard	35-37—72
John Mallinger	34-38—72
Daniel Summerhays	35-37—72
Charlie Wi	36-36—72
Seung-Yul Noh	35-37—72
Charles Howell III	35-37—72
Y.E. Yang	37-35—72
Stephen Ames	35-37—72
Jim Herman	35-37—72
John Peterson	37-35—72
Jason Kokrak	35-38—73
Morgan Hoffmann	38-35—73
Russell Henley	37-36—73
Kevin Streelman	36-37—73
Paul Casey	35-38—73
Jeff Overton	38-35—73
Stuart Appleby	39-34—73
Richard H. Lee	36-37—73
Brendan Grace	34-39—73
Bobby Gates	34-39—73
Brian Davis	40-34—74
John Merrick	36-38—74
Robert Garrigus	34-40—74
James Driscoll	37-37—74
Jamie Lovemark	37-37—74
Bubba Dickerson	37-37—74
Scott Gardiner	35-39—74
Bo Van Pelt	39-35—75
Scott Stallings	37-38—75
Lucas Glover	40-35—75
Johnson Wagner	39-36—75
Damon Clarke	39-36—75
Jonas Blixt	36-39—75
David Hearn	36-39—75
Luke Guthrie	39-37—76
Andrew Putnam	34-41—75
Nicolas Colsaerts	38-38—76
Geoff Ogilvy	40-36—76
Ted Purdy	40-36—76
Brad Landon	39-38—76

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Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. The BANANA BITES provide hints. Reuse the tiles for each grid.

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BANANA BITE: Lost & ?

BANANA BITE: One word means "longed for."

Yesterday's Answer (possible): PLEBE, REBEL, ELDER, LURED, UNDER, ROUND; OXIDE, OLDIE, IDEAL, TIDAL, ADULT, FAULT

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TODAY: Sunny High: 67 Low: 49

SATURDAY: Partly sunny High: 69 Low: 50

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 73 Low: 45

MONDAY: Mostly sunny High: 69 Low: 44

TUESDAY: Sunny High: 72 Low: 47

WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 80 Low: 53

Local almanac

The high on Friday reached 81, while the low dropped to 59. The record high for April 4 is 97 set in 2011. The record low is 29 set in 1987.

Weather Whys

Q: How do El Niño and La Niña change our weather?

In years when a La Niña occurs, there are often warmer and drier conditions in many areas, including Texas, said John Nielsen-Gammon, a weather expert at Texas A&M University. "In general terms, a La Niña period means drier weather patterns for Texas. There have been numerous studies on how El Niño and La Niña affect weather patterns, and specifically, hurricanes and their intensity. Some research indicates that the sorts of hurricanes that affect Texas are more common during La Niña periods than during a neutral or El Niño year. We do know that an El Niño can last up to 18 months and it can influence weather everywhere, so when one forms, there is naturally a lot of interest in what will happen."

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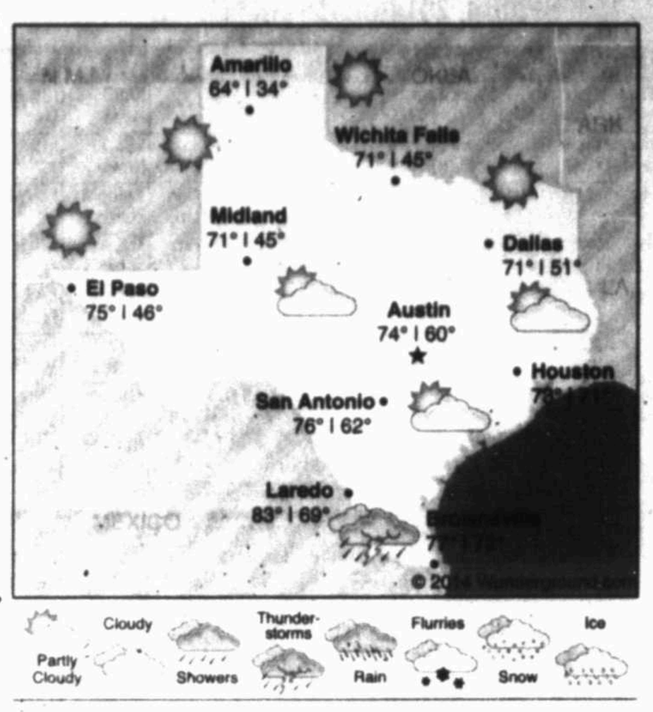
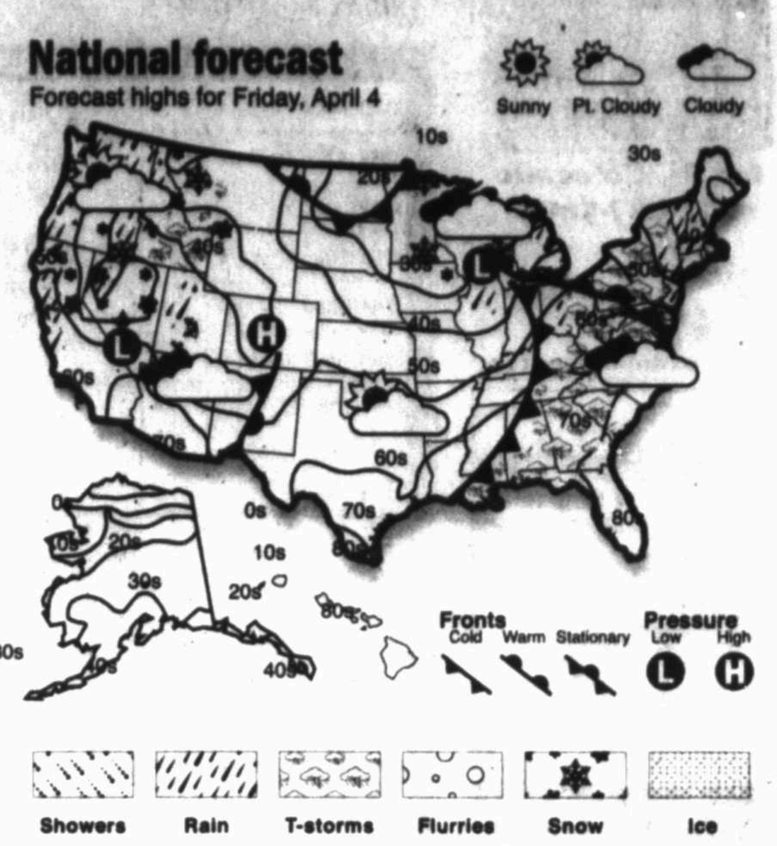


Precipitation	
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Thursday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	0.45 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.94 in.

Thursday's temperatures	
High	81
Low	59
Normal high	76
Normal low	45
Sunrise	7:33 a.m.
Sunset	8:10 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Friday, April 4



Romantic night out comes at cost for relationship

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 boyfriend and I have been together for two years. We recently spent a romantic night at a hotel, complete with dinner, drinks — the whole shebang — that he organized.

I know he was a little stressed about money because he mentioned it. He asked if I could shell out some money, which I did, and when the bill came, he asked me if I could shell out some more.

I was a little upset because I wasn't planning on spending that much. He says he is going to pay me back some of it, and now I just feel bad. I told him I didn't enjoy being put in that situation and things got awkward quickly.

Now I am the one apologizing, and I feel like I ruined our night. Am I being a brat? — NEW YORK READER

DEAR N.Y. READER: I don't think so. If your boyfriend couldn't afford to pay for the romantic evening, he should have discussed it with you beforehand so you wouldn't be put on the spot.

DEAR ABBY: I work at an elementary school, and I help out during lunch, keeping order and making sure the kids are not too loud. Two of their moms work here. The kids are bullies and have no respect for adults whatsoever.

When I try to discipline them or give them a time out, they go to their moms and accuse me of targeting them because they are black. Then the moms come to me and complain and ask me why I'm "targeting" them.

This is causing me a lot of stress. I can't allow them to bully other kids, but at the same time I don't want trouble with the parents. How can I approach this situation without it getting more complicated? — SCHOOLYARD MOM IN FLORIDA

DEAR SCHOOLYARD MOM: Because these women are preventing you from effectively supervising the children, which is your job, you should address this problem with the principal of the school.

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law watches my four kids so I can work outside the home. On the off chance that she can't, she tells me my brother-in-law will watch them. While I appreciate her gesture of trying to "cover her shift," my brother-in-law is irresponsible, suffers from severe depression and smokes pot.

I don't want to be rude, but I don't like her leaving my kids with him. Is there an OK way to tell her that, or do I need to stop being "overprotective" and suck it up? — MOMMY OF FOUR

DEAR MOMMY: It would not be rude to tell your mother-in-law that while you appreciate her watching your children, if for any reason she cannot do it, you would prefer to make your own arrangements for who will supervise them. If she asks you why, then be frank with her about your concerns — all of which are valid. That is not being overprotective; it is being conscientious.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ Q 4 2
♥ A K J 6 4 2
♦ 5
♣ A 8 4

WEST
♠ Void
♥ 7 3
♦ J 10 9 8 6 2
♣ J 7 6 3 2

EAST
♠ A J 9 7
♥ Q 10 8
♦ K 7 4
♣ Q 10 9

SOUTH
♠ K 10 8 6 5 3
♥ 9 5
♦ A Q 3
♣ K 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦*	Pass	6♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

*Two key cards, no spade queen

Opening lead: Jack of ♦

South was Andrew Robson, of Great Britain, on the short list of all-time British greats. He and his partner were using Key Card Blackwood, where the king of trumps is treated as a fifth ace.

Robson won the opening diamond lead with the queen and led a trump to dummy's queen, getting the bad news. East won his ace and returned a second diamond, tempting Robson to ruff in dummy. Robson, needing all of dummy's trumps to pick up the suit, won his ace in hand. Next came a heart to the board's ace and a trump back to hand, covering East's seven with the eight.

Declarer could return to dummy with the king of hearts and pick up the trumps, but that would leave him a trick short. The diamond loser in his hand would still be there at the end. Another option was a heart finesse, which would provide the needed trick if successful. Robson saw a better way. He led a heart to the king and ruffed a heart, establishing the suit. A club to ace was followed by the jack of hearts. Should East discard, Robson would pitch his diamond loser and draw trumps. When East ruffed, Robson over-ruffed, trumped his last diamond on the board, and led another heart.

East could only surrender, with a nod to Robson's perfect timing.

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 4, 2014:

This year you are full of surprises. You will receive your fair share of them, too. Sometimes you feel as though a friend, relative or boss expects you to respond to him or her at the drop of a hat. You could feel manipulated as a result. Try working through this issue together. If you are single, you could attract someone who is a lot like you. Being too similar could become irritating, though, and as a result, you might decide to move on. If you are attached, you often find your sweetie putting on war paint. Learn to air out problems when they begin, and both of you will be happier. GEMINI makes you laugh.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Return calls and make important decisions that surround your plans. Someone you look up to could cause a problem. Realize what is happening: The other party feels threatened and does not want to be dominated. Listen carefully to a suggestion. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ A lot has been happening, and you keep gaining new insights. Use some of your intuitive ability with your interactions. Listen to feedback that is heading in your direction, and focus on the risks of taking action. You will make an excellent decision if you do. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You're likely to attract someone who has a different point of view and a creative, unique approach. Go along with this person's suggestion. You have thought so much about a project that you easily could be blindsided and not see the obvious. Tonight: Start the weekend in style.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Know when to kick back and not push so hard. A partner and/or an associate could become unusually controlling. You know when to say "enough." Recognize your limits, and let others clearly know your boundaries. Tonight: Make it private.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You have an opportunity to make a popular decision. Do not hesitate, and move forward. Keep others posted — that is, if you want to continue this kind of support and interaction. You are more direct and fiery than you realize. Tonight: Go with tradition.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Pressure seems to build quickly, and it could put you in an uncomfortable situation. Be aware of what others think, especially someone you need to answer to. Avoid overspending when trying to straighten out a problem. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Confirm plans. You might need to make a long-distance call or two. Someone might not be as responsive as you would like. Is this a pattern? You might want to resolve the issue or perhaps make an adjustment to your plans. Tonight: Opt for something new.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ A partner might be demanding, as he or she seems to need a lot from you. It's up to you to decide whether this is manipulation. Express your irritation without upsetting the applecart. Avoid being standoffish or withdrawn. Tonight: A close encounter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Others do whatever they need to do to get your attention. You could be shocked by what goes on. Be careful with your funds, as someone you deal with might not be on the up and up. A friend could be too assertive for your taste. Tonight: So many invitations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Pace yourself, and establish some much-needed boundaries. What you do with a situation could impress others. Realize that you don't need to start a disagreement — you just need to support yourself in what you want. Be sensitive to the alternatives. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Be playful and forthright in what you do. Somehow, you will need to open up to the lighter side of life. You hear so many problems from so many people that you could start to feel down. Listen to what someone is sharing with you. Tonight: Time to frolic.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You'll want to accomplish more; however, a loved one could be very distracting. Listen to news with an open mind and a more caring attitude. Do not fall prey to someone's manipulation. Honor a change. Tonight: Say "yes" to being out and about.

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BORN TODAY

Musician Muddy Waters (1913), actor Heath Ledger (1979), author Maya Angelou (1928)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Biblical kingdom near the Dead Sea
5 Blue
8 Chew (out)
12 Old empire builder
13 Construction materials
16 Donald's address, in comics
17 Like a dotted note, in mus.
18 Bob preceder
19 Tiny fraction of a min.
20 See 4-Down
22 See 8-Down
24 Dander
25 Some tech sch. grads
26 Soweto's home: Abbr.
27 Great time, in slang
28 Rain cloud
30 Fair ones
32 Julius Caesar's first name
33 Said
34 Tandoori bread
35 See 30-Down
36 Grilling sound
39 Macduff and Macbeth
41 Charity, e.g.
43 Slipped past
45 Sunday best
46 Soccer star Freddy
47 __ Simbel, site of Ramses II temples
48 Michaels et al.
49 Galoot
50 See 51-Down
52 See 53-Down
54 "Was __ loud?"
55 Having no room for hedging
57 '20s tennis great Lacoste
58 Designer Saarinen
59 Cynical response
60 Leftover bits
61 40th st.
62 Whiz
63 "Over here!"

DOWN
1 Not where it's expected to be
2 Windsor resident
3 Scholarly milieu
4 With 20-Across, working again, aptly
5 Fine cotton threads
6 Awards named for a location
7 Kids' card game
8 With 22-Across, what red hair often does, aptly
9 Banner
10 Amtrak speedsters
11 Store with a star
14 Choruses
15 Queasy near the quay
21 Roman god
23 Earned
29 Squeeze plays involve them
30 With 35-Across, a financially sure thing, aptly
31 Pelé's first name
33 Jackson follower
35 1995 Will Smith/Martin Lawrence film
37 Running pair
38 Malicious types
40 Try, as a case
41 Record
42 Seer's challenge
43 Corrected, in a way
44 Dawn goddess
45 Prefix with carbon
46 Gallic girlfriends
48 Running back Haynes, first AFL player of the year
51 With 50-Across, do some self-examination, aptly
53 With 52-Across, trivial amount, aptly
56 Equinox mo.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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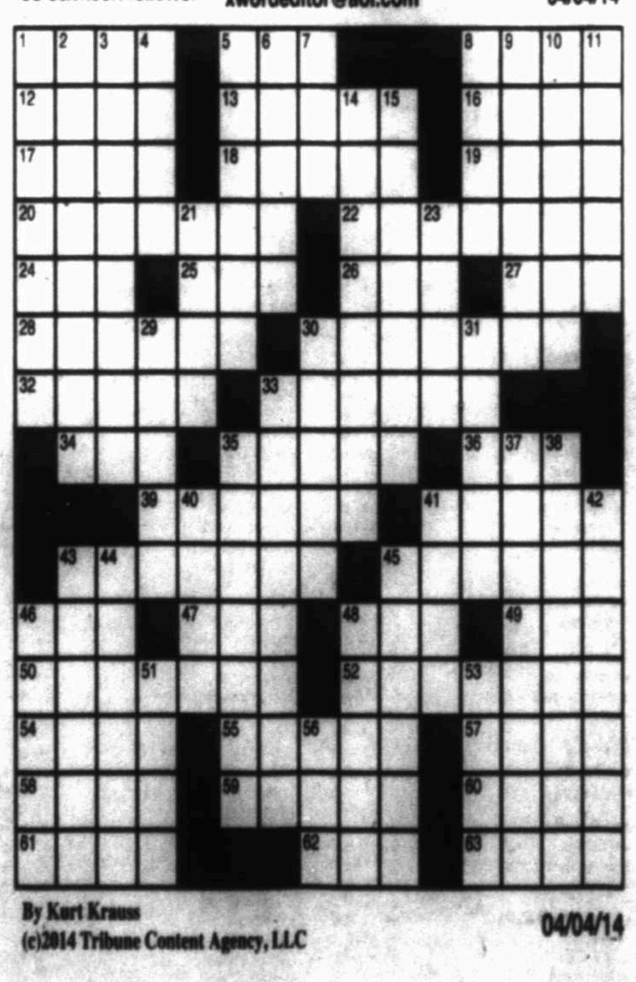

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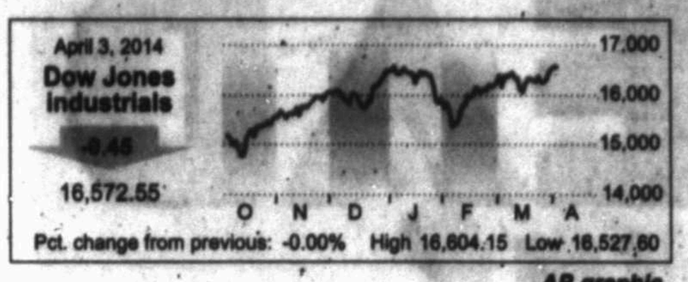

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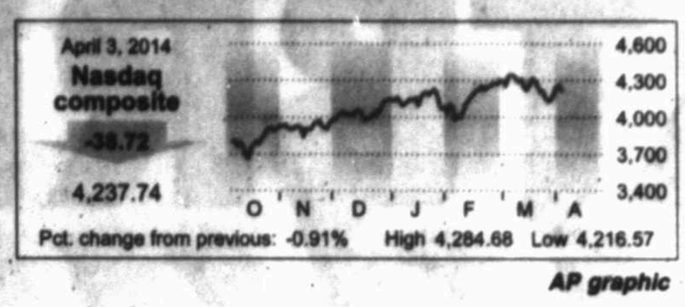

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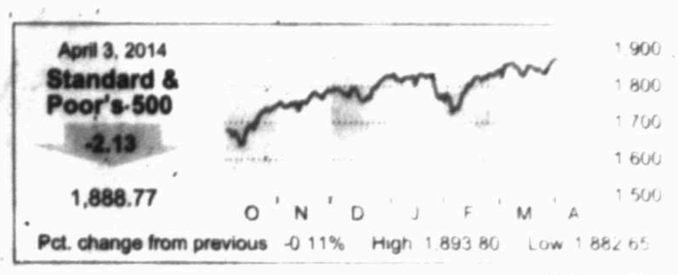

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Thursday: $100.29
Previous: $99.62

POSTED

Thursday: $96.75
Previous: $96.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Thursday: $88.05
Previous: $87.30

NATURAL GAS

Thursday: $4.470
Previous: $4.364

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDRMds	782255	41.41	-.16
S&P500ETF	705754	186.63	-.25
BkofAm	543434	17.15	-.08
Anadarko	439327	99.02	+12.55
SPDR Fncl	360057	22.39	-.04

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Anadarko	99.02	+12.55	+14.5
BardLgC	269.95	+22.88	+9.2
DirGMBear	23.76	+1.44	+6.5
BP GCrb	6.37	+.37	+6.2
Kellogg	66.39	+3.74	+6.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BarnesNob	19.12	-2.99	-13.5
NimbleSt n	33.76	-4.28	-11.3
ServcNow	54.66	-6.59	-10.8
Gigamon n	26.20	-3.09	-10.5
Castlight n	22.54	-2.24	-9.0

Diary

Advanced	1,257
Declined	1,817
Unchanged	129
Total issues	3,203
New Highs	164
New Lows	7
Volume	2,982,826,837

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
IsoRay	283890	3.09	-.03
RexahnPh	57720	1.24	-.04
InovioPharm	49593	3.33	-.14
CheniereEn	32693	55.88	-1.79
AltiNevG	23897	4.30	-.10

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VirnetX	15.48	+.78	+5.3
SL Ind	26.68	+1.23	+4.8
GastarExp	6.27	+.27	+4.5
eMagin	2.59	+.11	+4.4
Actinium P	12.99	+.51	+4.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Tofutti	3.75	-.60	-13.8
EnviroStr	3.01	-.25	-7.7
CortMatls	18.01	-1.50	-7.7
IncOpR	6.84	-.57	-7.7
RetractTc	3.45	-.25	-6.8

Diary

Advanced	162
Declined	246
Unchanged	24
Total issues	432
New Highs	7
New Lows	3
Volume	119,138,479

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Facebook	830597	59.49	-3.23
SiriusXM	750767	3.28	-.06
Intel	379904	26.41	+.52
Zynga	366222	4.15	-.17
MicronT	334216	24.00	-.35

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CatalystPh	2.40	+.19	+8.6
ProPhaseL	2.05	+.15	+7.9
IdealPwr n	8.89	+.63	+7.6
SuprtH pfA	5.22	+.35	+7.2
Energous n	14.85	+.97	+7.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SGOCO	2.87	-1.11	-27.9
Vanasis	2.29	-.42	-15.5
XTL Biph	4.32	-.63	-12.7
AkebiaTh n	19.15	-2.73	-12.5
Celladon n	9.70	-1.37	-12.4

Diary

Advanced	774
Declined	1,833
Unchanged	112
Total issues	2,719
New Highs	102
New Lows	21
Volume	2,014,444,020

Anadarko to pay $5.15 billion in environmental settlement

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The federal government on Thursday reached a $5.15 billion settlement with Anadarko Petroleum Corp., the largest ever for environmental contamination, to settle claims related to the cleanup of thousands of sites tainted with hazardous chemicals for decades.

The bulk of the money — $4.4 billion — will pay for environmental cleanup and be used to settle claims stemming from the legacy contamination.

The settlement resolves a legal battle over Tronox Inc., a spinoff of Kerr-McGee Corp., a company Anadarko acquired in 2006.

Kerr-McGee, founded in 1929, left behind a long legacy of environmental contamination: polluting Lake Mead in Nevada with rocket fuel, leaving behind radioactive waste piles throughout the territory of the Navajo Nation and dumping carcinogenic creosote in communities throughout the East, Midwest and South at its wood-treating facilities.

The company, rather than pay for the environmental mess it created, decided to shift the liabilities between 2002 and 2006 into Tronox. Kerr-McGee, meanwhile, kept its valuable oil and gas assets.

"Kerr-McGee's businesses all over this country left significant, lasting environmental damage in their wake," said Deputy Attorney General James Cole. "It tried to shed its responsibility for this environmental damage and stick the United States with the huge cleanup bill."

The settlement releases Anadarko from all claims against Kerr-McGee.

"This settlement ... eliminates the uncertainty this dispute has created, and the proceeds will fund the remediation and cleanup of the legacy environmental liabilities," said Anadarko CEO Al Walker.

The settlement funds will be paid into a trust that covers cleanup of contaminated sites in 22 states and the Navajo Nation. Among the dozens of locations targeted for cleanup under the settlement is a former chemical manufacturing site in Nevada that has led to contamination in Lake Mead, abandoned uranium mines in and around the Navajo Nation, and a Superfund site in Gloucester, N.J., polluted by thorium.

The U.S. initially sought $25 billion to clean up decades of contamination at dozens of sites. A U.S. bankruptcy judge in New York in December found Kerr-McGee had improperly shifted its environmental liabilities to Tronox and should pay between $5.15 billion and $14.2 billion, plus attorney's fees. Cole said at a news conference Thursday that the government decided that the $5.15 amount was more than enough to cover the damages.

"It provides us with recovery now as opposed to years and years down the road," he said.

Tronox said in a statement that the settlement means environmental cleanup can begin and that people harmed by the pollution can be compensated.

After the settlement's announcement, Anadarko's stock rose 15 percent, to $99.43.

Stocks still close to all-time high

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The stock market held close to its all-time high Thursday amid optimism that the economy is set to strengthen.

Stocks are on course for their best weekly gain in seven weeks after investors got more encouraging news on the economy. A survey showed that U.S. service firms increased their business more quickly last month as new orders rose. Separate reports earlier in the week had shown manufacturing strengthening, hiring picking up, and sales of cars and trucks rising.

The news came ahead of the government's monthly jobs report, which will be published today. Investors expect to see a strong pickup in hiring. Economists are forecasting that the U.S. economy added 200,000 jobs in March, according to FactSet. That would be the biggest gain in hiring since November.

"If you have a decent economy, a modestly growing economy, that's supportive of corporate earnings and stocks can continue to benefit from that," said John Fox, director of research at Fenimore Asset Management.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 2.13 points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,888.77. The index closed at an all-time high of 1,890 a day earlier after rising for four straight days. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 0.45 point, or less than 0.1 percent, to 16,572.55. The Nasdaq composite fell 38.72 points, or 0.9 percent, to 4,237.74.

Stocks started the day higher after getting a lift from a report on the U.S. service sector, a broad category of businesses that includes banks, transportation and construction.

The Institute for Supply Management's non-manufacturing index rose to 53.1 in March, up from 51.6 in February, indicating that growth in the service sector is picking up. The survey also showed hiring picking up.

However, by midmorning stocks started to drift lower. Investors seemed unwilling to place big bets on the market before Friday's key jobs report.

"Going into the employment report, a lot of people aren't anxious to open new positions," said J.J. Kinahan, chief strategist with TD Ameritrade. "They don't want to be taken by surprise."

Oil above $100

The price of oil rose as traders anticipated positive news in the monthly U.S. jobs report.

Benchmark U.S. crude for May delivery gained 67 cents Thursday to close at $100.29 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, used to set prices for international varieties of oil, rose $1.36 to $106.15 a barrel on the ICE exchange in London.

The Labor Department releases its March employment report Friday. Economists project that employers added 191,000 workers last month, according to a survey by FactSet. That would be an improvement from February, when employers added 175,000 positions.

"We are still viewing the non-farm payrolls report as a key determinant as to how the complex finishes this week," wrote Jim Ritterbusch, president of energy consultancy Ritterbusch and Associates, in a note to clients. "We feel that surprises are more apt to be favorable."

After Thursday's gain, oil is down 38 cents so far this week.

In other energy futures trading in New York:

- Wholesale gasoline added 5 cents to $2.91 a gallon.
- Natural gas jumped 11 cents to $4.47 per 1,000 cubic feet.
- Heating oil gained 4 cents to $2.91 a gallon.

Gold prices fall

Gold for June delivery fell $6.20 to settle at $1,284.60 an ounce on Thursday.

Silver for May lost 25 cents to $19.81 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $114.03 Up 1.69

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $125.85 Up 0.24

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $28.12 Up 0.01

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $67.91 Down 1.06

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $25.42 Down 0.02

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.20 Down 0.25

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $30.53 Up 0.31

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $16.65 Up 0.23

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84	11	35.63	+.26	+1.3
Abraxas	...	44	3.97	+.10	+21.7
AdamsEx	.54e	...	13.12	+.02	+.4
AMD	...	...	4.00	-.06	+3.4
Alcoa	.12	39	12.74	-.11	+19.8
AlonUSA	.24a	52	15.17	-.13	-8.3
Amgen	2.44	19	124.13	-1.85	+8.8
Anadarko	.72	63	99.02	+12.55	+24.8
Apache	1.00f	16	85.36	+1.13	-.7
ApldMatl	.40	53	20.84	+.05	+17.9
ArlasP	...	...	7.77	-.29	+13.9
ATMOS	1.48	18	47.79	+.39	+5.2
AutoData	1.92	26	77.37	-.30	-4.2
BP PLC	2.38	11	48.22	-.12	-.6
BakerHu	.80	26	65.64	-.08	+18.8
BkofAm	.20f	17	17.15	-.08	+10.1
B iPVix rs	...	...	40.99	-.05	-3.7
BasicEnSv	...	...	26.66	-.59	+68.9
BerkHa A	...	...	181862.87	00-472.00	+4.7
BthHlsCp	1.56f	26	57.95	-.10	+10.4
BlackBerry	...	...	8.22	+.01	+10.5
BrityGg	1.44	33	50.87	-.72	-4.3
BrownFA	1.16	33	80.50	+.41	+21.3
BrownFB	1.16	30	80.36	+.03	+18.2
CVS Care	1.10	20	75.24	+.47	+5.1
Cameron	...	22	63.75	+.41	+7.1
Caterpillar	2.40	19	102.55	-.08	+12.9
Celestic g	...	20	11.05	-.14	+6.3
Cemex	.45t	...	12.93	-.11	+9.3
CntryLink	2.16	...	33.49	+.31	+5.1
ChesEng	.35	39	26.62	+.17	-1.9
Chevron	4.00	11	119.04	-.31	-4.7
Chicos	.30	20	16.35	-.06	-13.2
Cimarex	.84f	25	116.70	-1.83	+11.2
Cisco	.76f	15	23.09	+.10	+3.7
Citigroup	.04	11	47.68	-.56	-8.5
ClayEng	...	...	114.03	+1.69	+39.1
CocaCola	1.22f	20	39.07	-.26	-7.6
ColgPalm s	1.44f	27	64.29	-.02	-1.4
Comcast	.80f	20	51.12	+.22	-1.8
ConAgra	1.00	18	31.49	+.26	-6.6
ConchoRes	...	82	125.85	+.24	+16.5
ConocoPhil	2.76	11	70.29	-.09	-.6
Corning	.40	16	21.59	+.23	+21.2
CrackerB	3.00	19	98.41	-.08	-10.6
CSVInvNG	...	...	3.47	-.18	-60.7
CrosTim	2.57e	13	31.00	+.10	+5.4
DCP Mid	2.93f	36	51.04	-.21	+1.4
DTE	2.62	20	74.65	+.24	+12.4
Dataram	...	...	2.96	-.29	+13.8
Dawson	.32	22	28.12	-.01	-16.9
DevonE	.96f	...	68.51	+.62	+10.7
DrxSCBear	...	...	15.24	+.42	-10.2
Disney	.88f	22	81.89	+.02	+6.9
DowChm	1.68f	13	49.98	-.34	+11.6
E-Trade	...	76	22.17	-1.54	+12.9
EMC Cp	.40	21	27.89	-.01	+10.9
EOG Res s	.50f	25	100.65	+1.54	+19.9
EmpDist	1.02	16	24.02	-.10	+8.9
Energen	.60f	29	82.26	-1.08	+16.3
EngyTsfr	3.68f	...	54.68	+.27	-4.5
EnPro	...	51	73.19	-.40	+27.0
EntPrPt	2.80f	25	70.67	+.18	+6.6
Ericsson	.40e	...	13.28	-.21	+8.5
ExternenN	.80	24	43.92	-.09	+28.4
ExxonMbl	2.52	11	97.93	-.02	-3.2
Facebook	...	99	59.49	-3.23	+8.9
FordM	.50f	9	16.39	-.07	+6.2
ForestOil	...	11	1.93	+.02	-46.5
FrontierCm	.40	47	5.69	+.10	+22.4
FuelCellE	...	...	2.51	-.05	+78.0
GATX	1.32f	19	58.49	-.21	+31.3
GabBiltIT	.88	...	10.97	+.05	-11.6
GAInv	2.10e	...	35.43	-.01	+.7
GenElec	.88	19	26.23	+.19	-6.4
GenMotors	1.20	15	35.44	+.56	-13.3
Genworth	...	16	16.23	...	+17.4
GileadSci	...	40	74.00	+.04	-1.5
GlPlainEn	.52	16	28.57	+.04	+8.8
Groupon	...	...	7.98	-.18	-32.2
HalconRes	...	...	4.41	+.06	+14.2
HalliBrtn	.60	21	59.80	-.13	+17.8
HeskettP	.64f	12	33.00	-.61	+17.9
iShBrazil	1.44e	...	45.68	-.56	+3.2
iShChinaLC	1.02e	...	35.75	-.09	-6.8
iShEMkts	.86e	...	41.41	-.16	-.9
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	67.57	-.19	+.7
iShR2K	1.45e	...	117.20	-1.20	+1.6
IntegrysE	2.72	16	59.33	+.11	+9.0
Intel	.90	14	26.41	+.52	+1.8
InterDig	.40	38	34.40	-.15	+16.6
IsoRay	...	...	3.09	-.03	+518.0
ItauUnibH	.51r	...	15.17	-.29	+11.9
JPMorgCh	1.60f	14	60.66	+.18	+4.4
JohnJn	2.64	20	98.26	+.03	+7.3
KimbClk	3.36f	20	109.75	+.25	+5.1
KindME	5.44f	28	76.07	+.76	-5.7
KindMM	5.44f	41	73.25	+.72	-3.2
LegacyRes	2.36f	...	25.42	-.02	-9.7
LaBrea	...	...	6.31	-.06	-18.3
MannKd	...	...	6.93	-.06	+33.3
MktVGold	.19e	...	24.07	-.25	+13.9
McDnlds	3.24	18	97.66	+.07	+.6
Merck	1.76	39	56.21	-.25	+12.3
MeritMed	...	36	14.83	+.02	-5.8
MexcoEn	...	72	7.20	-.25	+4.3
MicronT	...	15	24.00	-.35	+10.3
Microsoft	1.12	15	41.01	-.34	+9.6
Nabors	.16	51	24.17	-.42	+42.3
NatGrid	3.17e	...	68.00	-.62	+4.1
NOVInvco	1.04	14	78.16	-.29	-1.7
NokiaCp	...	...	7.62	-.01	-6.0
NvMAd	.80e	...	12.95	+.03	+6.5
NvPMI	.86	...	13.02	+.02	+5.3
NuvPI	.86	...	13.09	...	+6.2
NSTPB	.63e	...	13.49	-.02	+4.7
NTXQI	.70e	...	13.62	-.03	+6.0
Nvidia	.34	25	18.73	+.20	+16.9
OcciPet	2.88f	13	96.51	+.49	+1.5
OnSmcnd	...	27	9.75	+.25	+18.3
Oracle	.48	17	40.37	-.76	+5.5
Pandora	...	...	29.65	-1.59	+12.2
ParTech	...	...	4.99	+.02	-6.4
ParkDrl	...	27	7.09	-.26	-12.8
PetbUTI	.40f	24	31.06	-.16	+22.7
PennwRE	.80	...	18.03	-.09	-5.0
Pmian	.98e	15	13.39	...	+4.1
PetbrsA	.92e	...	13.48	-.24	-8.2
Petrobras	.44e	...	13.14	-.13	-4.6
Pfizer	1.04f	18	32.40	+.11	+5.8
PioNtrl	.08	...	192.76	-.35	+4.7
PlainsAAP	2.46f	19	56.72	+.31	+7.5
PlugPowr h	...	...	7.63	+.15	+392.3
PwShs QQQ	1.30e	...	88.73	-.71	+.9
Praxair	2.60f	22	131.23	-.38	+.9
PrmEgy	...	13	52.00	...	+3.0
ProctGam	2.41	21	80.10	-.03	-1.6
RangeRs	.16	...	87.82	+1.96	+4.2
RegionsFn	.12	14	11.06	-.01	+12.0
RiteAid	...	...	6.49	+.13	+28.3
Rowan	...	16	32.42	-.69	-8.3
RoyDShllA	3.60	10	73.18	+.05	+2.7
SpdrDJIA	3.58e	...	165.34	-.03	-.1
S&P500ETF	3.48e	...	188.63	-.25	+2.1
SabrR	3.86e	13	50.79	+1.14	+.5
SanderFn	.80	11	77.86	-.19	+7.6
SandRidge	...	...	6.53	+.14	+7.5
Sapient	...	32	17.30	-.26	-.3
Schlmbrg	1.60f	19	98.07	+.38	+6.8
Schwab	.24	37	27.37	-.53	+5.3
SigmaAld	.92f	23	94.71	-.41	+.7
SiriusXM	...	55	3.28	-.06	-6.0
Smucker	2.32	18	97.90	+.11	-5.5
Sprint n	...	...	9.40	+.01	-12.6
SPDR Fncl	.34e	...	22.39	-.04	+2.4
Staples	.48	13	12.10	+.11	-23.9
SunocoLog	2.65f	28	90.13	+.41	+19.4
TD Ameritr	.48a	25	32.02	-1.80	+4.5
TaiwSemi	.50e	...	19.94	-.10	+14.3
Tarena n	...	...	9.06	...	...
TeletEsp	.47e	...	15.90	+.11	-2.7
Tesoro	1.00	16	51.35	+.40	-12.2
3M Co	3.42f	20	136.14	+.14	-2.9
Torchmark	.76f	14	79.19	+.06	+1.3
TrfContl	.65e	...	20.18	+.01	+1.0
21stCFoxA	.25	...	33.74	+.15	-4.1
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VerizonCm	2.12	12	48.12	+.30	-2.1
VulcanM	.20f	...	66.34	+.62	+11.6
Walgrn	1.26	24	67.09	+.74	+16.8
WshRefin	1.04f	15	39.64	+.15	-6.5
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WmsCos	1.61f	47	40.60	...	+5.3
Windstrm	1.00	19	8.60	-.11	+7.8
XcelEngy	1.20f	16	30.28	+.06	+8.4
Xerox	.25f	13	11.77	+.27	-3.3
Yahoo	...	28	35.76	-.88	-11.6
Zynga	...	...	4.15	-.17	+9.2

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
16,588.25	14,434.43	Dow Jones Industrials	16,572.55	-.45	...	-.02	+13.46
7,714.77	5,878.12	Dow Jones Transportation	7,663.19	-12.32	-.16	+3.82	+27.85
537.86	462.66	Dow Jones Utilities	529.71	+1.91	+.36	+7.98	+3.45
11,334.65	8,614.76	NYSE Composite	10,596.48	-18.39	-.17	+1.91	+17.40
2,585.54	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,561.25	-11.18	-.43	+5.57	+7.41
4,371.71	3,154.96	Nasdaq Composite	4,237.74	-38.72	-.91	+1.46	+31.40
1,893.17	1,536.03	S&P 500	1,888.77	-2.13	-.11	+2.19	+21.08
20,542.56	16,177.06	Wilshire 5000	20,162.15	-60.22	-.30	+2.31	+22.66
1,212.82	898.40	Russell 2000	1,181.12	-11.69	-.98	+1.50	+27.60

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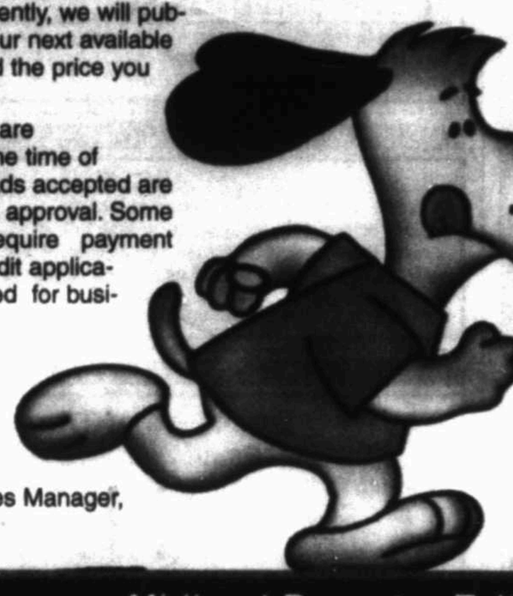

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:54 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Lamar Advertising - Chris Stokes for a Specific Use Permit with Term for a Billboard on the following property: On Lot 1, Block 2, West Industrial Park, Section 3, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the north side of State Hwy 191, approximately 750 feet east of Farm to Market Road 1788.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Request for Proposals will be received until 11:00 AM, May 12, 2014, in the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following:

RFP 7716-14:
Request for Proposals for wastewater plant upgrades and sale of reuse water for the Utilities Department.

The RFPs will be available on or about 03/28/14. To receive a copy of the RFP, please contact the Purchasing Office at 432-685-7234 or purchasing@midlandtexas.gov. Proposals must be submitted by no later than 05/12/14 at 11:00 AM to the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Suite 330, Midland, Texas.

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code.

City of Midland, Texas

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

CHEVRON U.S.A. INC., 15 Smith Road, Midland, Texas, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit that amends injection intervals for the purpose of injecting fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the SAN ANDRES formation for the following well MABEE UNIT 483W. Injection well is located 22 miles SOUTHEAST from ANDREWS, in the MABEE FIELD, in Martin COUNTY, TEXAS. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4399 to 5800 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

Legal & Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:39 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Larry Miller for a zone change from PD, Planned Distrnct for a Shopping Center to an Amended Planned Distrnct on the following described property: On Lot 4, Block 2, Westridge Park Addition, Section 7, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located near the west side of N. Loop 250 West, approximately 700 feet south of Andrews Hwy.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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Legal & Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:36 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Troy T. Hunt Homes, Ltd. for a zone change from AE, Agriculture Estate District to PD, Planned District for Housing Development on the following described property: On a 3.03-acre tract of land out of Section 7, Block "X", H.P. Hilliard Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the east side of Holiday Hill Road, approximately 300 feet north of Mockingbird Lane.

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Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Request for Proposals will be received until 11:00 AM, April 16, 2014, in the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following:

RFP 7719-14:
Request for Proposals for Professional Turf and Landscape Maintenance Service for the Parks Division.

The RFPs will be available on or about 03/28/14. To receive a copy of the RFP, please contact the Purchasing Office at 432-685-7234 or purchasing@midlandtexas.gov; Proposals must be submitted by no later than 04/16/14 at 11:00 AM to the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Suite 330, Midland, Texas.

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code.

City of Midland, Texas

Legal & Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:42 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Dusty Evans for a zone change from AE, Agriculture Estate District to LR-2 Local Retail District on the following described property: On a 1.50-acre tract of land out of Section 8, Block "X", H.P. Hilliard Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located approximately 460 feet west of N. Midkiff Road and approximately 750 feet north of Mockingbird Lane.

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Legal & Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Amit Garg - Olivia Management, LLC, for a zone change from LR-2, Local Retail District to BP, I-20 Business Park District on the following described property: On a 5.70-acre tract of land out of Section 2, Block 39, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the northwest corner of the intersection of S. Lamesa Road and E. Interstate Hwy 20.

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Norman Lynn Koonce, Deceased, were issued on March 13, 2014, in Docket No. PI7798, pending in the County Court at Law of Midland County, Texas to Vivian Janet Koonce.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Midland, County, Texas. The mailing address is:

c/o W. Clayton Gaston
The Law Offices of Gaston & Strain
400 W. Illinois, Suite 1120
Midland, Texas 79701

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 26th day of March, 2014

The Law Offices of Gaston & Strain

By: W. Clayton Gaston
Texas Bar No. 07751300

ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE OF NORMAN LYNN KOONCE

General Announcements

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FOUND FEMALE DACHSHUND at Dollar & Gulf. 432-770-7719.

FOUND LHASA Apso mix on 3-27-14 near HEB. 432-349-2532.

FOUND YOUNG black dog with white chest. Appears to be mixed breed with some Border Collie or Lab and around 6 mos. to a year old. Very sweet and energetic. Call 432-352-0253 to identify.

LOST ENGAGEMENT ring & diamond wedding band, corner of A street & Missouri area. Large reward. 432-559-8314.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Audrey L. Walker, Deceased, were issued on January 14, 2014, in Docket No. PI7725, pending in the County Court at Law of Midland County, Texas to Gary P. Midkiff.

The residence of the Independent Administrator is in Midland, County, Texas. The mailing address is:

c/o W. Clayton Gaston
The Law Offices of Gaston & Strain
400 W. Illinois, Suite 1120
Midland, Texas 79701

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 26th day of March, 2014

The Law Offices of Gaston & Strain

By: W. Clayton Gaston
Texas Bar No. 07751300

ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE OF AUDREY L. WALKER

Legal & Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:33 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Leon Capital Group for a zone change from FD, Future Development District to O-2, Office District, LR-2, Local Retail District and MF-1, Multiple-Family Dwelling District on the following described property: On a 3.30-acre tract, on a 11.74-acre tract and on a 23.92-acre tract on Lot 7A, Block 3, Westridge Park Addition, Section 12, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Avalon Drive and Deauville Boulevard.

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NOTICE OF Sale of Personal Property to satisfy landlord's lien. Per Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, contents of units:
Unit #32 & 36 Joseph Reese
Unit #80 Elizabeth P. Salas
Unit #87 Christine Medrano
Greenwood Self Storage, located at 2 18 SCR 1083, Midland, TX 79706 on April 15, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. by silent auction.

Legal & Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Midessa Fire Extinguishers, Inc. for a Specific Use Permit Without Term for a Manufactured Home for the use of a Guard's Residence on the following property: On Lot 9, Block 3, Stockard Acres, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the east side of Goode Street, approximately 1050 feet south of W. Florida Avenue.

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:51 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Kathie Grozdanich - Wings N More for a Specific Use Permit with Term for the sale of all alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, in a restaurant on the following property: On Lot 3G, Block 6, Scotsdale Addition, Nineteenth Section, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the south side of W. Wadley Avenue, approximately 525 feet west of N. Midland Drive.

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Neurosurgical practice (Midland) has immediate opening for a Texas licensed PA or NP. Call Beverly at 432-682-4307 to schedule interview

RN for Su Casa Home Health
We are growing again! In need of full time, bilingual RN. Sign-On Bonus for RNs! Full benefits package. Call 432-520-2556 or apply online at www.sucasahomehealth.com.

TEXAS ONCOLOGY
Texas Oncology, P.A., an affiliate of US Oncology, the largest oncology network in the nation, has the following openings at the Allison Cancer Center:

Registered Physician Nurse – Full Time
Minimum of three years nursing experience
Experience in oncology environment preferred, but not required
Receptionist – Full Time
Medical Experience a plus, but not required

US Oncology offers competitive salaries and an excellent benefits package, including 401(k) and tuition reimbursement. Interested candidates should forward resume to:

Attn: Carmen Cross, Allison Cancer Center, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Pkwy, Suite 100, Midland, TX 79701, fax (432) 687-4251 or email Carmen.cross@usoncology.com. We are an equal opportunity employer.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Assistant General Manager
Looking for energetic person for the position of Assistant General Manager for a very busy hotel. Apply in person at 5716 Deauville Blvd, Midland, TX

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

SCSS
NOW HIRING!!
Security officers: $11.50 to $13.00 an hour
Security Supervisor: $13.50 to $15.00 an hour
Janitorial staff: $9.50 to $11.00 an hour

Contact Colton Walsh at 903-603-0743 or coltonwalsh776@yahoo.com

OTHER JOBS

Blazer Water Transfer
Employees Needed!
Looking for hard working individuals able to work long hours with good attitudes that ant to be part of a winning team.
YOU NEED
Valid Drivers License
Drug Free
Able to do physical labor
Good Attitude
CALL NOW! 432-202-3762
or email resume to morgan@blazerh2o.com
*Not hiring CDL water haulers

Exciting opportunity with a highly respected company in Petroleum Field Service. Excellent pay and advancement opportunity. Please note there will be some travel and you must be able to pass background check/drug test. Please email resume to resume@foleygrp.com

JOB FAIR
Wednesday, April 9
10am - 3pm
Midland Center, 105 N Main St

Over 60 businesses from all industries will be interviewing and hiring job seekers.

Call 687-8814 for more information.
Hosted by The Midland-Reporter-Telegram.

LANDSCAPING EMPLOYEE WANTED
Must be willing to work hard and have a valid drivers license. Call El Jardin 432-770-2399

Loretta's Answering Service
Now taking applications for telephone operators. Must type 35WPM, and willing to work evenings & weekends. No Nights. No experience needed, will train. Apply in person 10am-2pm, Monday-Thursday, 1300 S. Midland Dr.

Multiple Positions Available
Midland County has the following positions available:
***Elections Administrator *Network Administrator *Jailers *CJAC Coordinator *Equipment Operators *Detention Officer Juvenile *Supervision Officer Pretrial *Emergency Management Investigator *Probation Officers Juvenile *Part-Time Youth Services Library Clerk.**
Please see our website:
www.co.midland.tx.us/departments/hr/pages/Employment for more details and applications. To be considered you must send a completed application with job reference number to Midland County Human Resources Office, **500 N. Loraine St., Ste. 100 Midland, TX 79701** or **hr@co.midland.tx.us**

Petroleum Landman
Hilliard Energy F/T
Hilliard Energy has an opening for an oil and gas landman. Candidate must have a minimum of 2 years title and negotiations experience (running mineral, lease hold and surface title; acquiring leases and surface agreements), willingness to travel, and a clean driving record. To apply, send resume to **careers@mmbo.com** or for more info call 432-683-9100

Resident Monitor, Full Time & Relief Cook, Administrative Clerk
Dismas Charities FT/PT
Midland, TX 79701
Dismas Charities is hiring Full-time, Part-time & relief staff for the positions of Resident Monitor, Administrative Clerk and Full Time & Relief Cook (part-time, up to 25hrs/wk $9.64/hr + $3.81). Walk-in applicants are welcome at: 24 W. Industrial Loop.

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

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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CAREER FAIR

APRIL 9 · 10AM-3PM

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• Technology • Industrial

Shale Rental Equipment & Services Now Hiring

Be part of our new rental office opening soon! Brand new location and building. Business is booming and we need talented folks to join our team! Now hiring **CDL Drivers, Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Rental Yard Technicians and a Sales Assistant**. Call **432-288-2246** or stop by our location starting Monday at **8701 WCR 130 in Midland, TX 79706.** On site interviews! Competitive wages, promotional opportunities, & excellent benefits. EOE & DFW

SSC - Social Services Coordinator

Dismas Charities is now hiring full-time **Social Services Coordinator**. Apply at **www.dismas.com**.

Staff Members/ Gym/ Gameroom

The Boys & Girls Club of Midland seeking afternoon Staff Members/ Gym/ Gameroom PT, M-F 3-8. Call Michael between 1-3 or 6-8 only. 432-683-0050 or email to taylor@basinkids.org

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Emergency Shelter Administrator

Emergency Shelter Administrator: Full time position with benefits for a respected Child Placing Agency, High Sky Children's Ranch. Requires strong leadership skills, ability to develop a team, monitor a high volume documentation requirements, light travel and on call. Position requires a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree. Preference given to applicants with Master's in Social Work or related field. 2 years supervisory experience preferably in the Social Work field including a GRO or CPA setting. If you would like a full job description or to send a resume, contact Shawna Bowerman at shawnab@highsky.org. Position closes 4/21/14. No phone calls please.

Seeking Motivated Staff Person

High Sky Children's Ranch, Stay Together Program is seeking a dedicated individual interested in a career helping families and at-risk youth that are experiencing difficulties such as family conflict, runaway and truancy. Good salary, paid medical, retirement, vacation, holidays and travel. Bachelor's Degree in a related field & 1 year exp. working with children or families. 1 year of related exp. may be substituted for 1 year of college. Spanish speaking preferred. Call for app. at **432-694-7728** or print from **Highsky.org**

QA & QUALITY CONTROL

Quality Assurance/Quality Control Technician

T H Hill Associates, the Leader in third party monitoring services for the drilling side of the oil and gas industry is seeking qualified personnel to work as Quality Assurance/ Quality Control Technicians in the Midland/Odessa area. The following qualifications are highly desired: Experience in the inspection, assembly and testing of downhole drilling tools. Experience with NDT Inspection and Quality Assurance/ Control procedures. Experience in the enforcement of technical specifications and SOPs. Engineering & Industrial Technology experience. Technical writing skills, reliable transportation and a laptop computer are required. Position requires travel and overtime availability. Benefits include guaranteed hours, Medical, Dental, and Life Insurance, 401K opportunities and paid vacation. **Please email your resume to careers@thhill.com. For more information, please visit our website at** www.thhill.com

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

All Positions

Torino's Pizza Bar FT

Torino's is now hiring for all positions. Kitchen, Bartenders, Waitstaff and Bar backs needed. Apply in person @ 3303 N Midkiff Rd #110. Ask for **Teresa** 432-218-6943

CRACKER BARREL NOW HIRING!

Looking for more pay? Look no more. **We provide you with an exceptional** training program that rewards you with a raise at the completion of each level. That's up to 3 raises in your first year! We also offer great promotion opportunities, flexible scheduling, paid vacation, benefits and a 401K savings plan.

- **ALL COOKS** - starting up to $16 an hour
- **SERVERS** - No tip outs/ tip share
- **DISHWASHERS** - starting up to $12.50 an hour

Stop by **3108 North Loop 250 West Midland, TX 79707** or call **432-689-3137 www.crackerbarrel.com Cracker Barrel** EOE

Now Hiring

Lori's Cafe hiring Full Time Servers & Cooks ($12 starting, more with experience. Apply in person at 2201 W. Wall, Midland

Now Interviewing for Hourly & Salary Managers!

Genghis Grill is growing and our career opportunities are getting better by the day! We are currently looking for hourly and salary **Managers**. No early mornings or late nights, flexible schedules, and fun environment. We offer competitive salary and bonus structure along with a full benefits program. Send resume, cover letter and salary requirements to be considered to **dparra@genghisgrill.com**. Employment is contingent upon satisfactory results of a background check and drug screen. EOE

SWENSEN'S NOW HIRING DAY & EVENING SERVERS!

Excellent working environment! Now adding **DAY & EVENING SERVERS** to our Team. Come join a group that fosters membership, not just employment. Excellent pay. Will train. Closed Sundays. Apply at **Loop 250 & A Street** or call **432-967-9823** & speak to someone immediately

Waitstaff

Rednecks Drafthouse FT/PT

Redneck's is now hiring for Waitstaff. Apply in person @ 2215 N Midland Dr., Ste 24. Ask for manager on duty.

SALES JOBS

CASHIERS

Smoker's Outlet is looking for **Cashiers** in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid weekly. Go by your nearest **Smoker's Outlet** to apply.

FULL-PART TIME SALES ASSOCIATES

We are looking for **Insurance Associates** who possess these important qualities: *Cool under pressure, *Enjoy working hard, *Relate well to all kinds of people, *Energetic, *Dedicated to meet customers needs. P&C license preferred. Must have **customer service experience**. Bilingual a plus. Please fax your resume to: **432-570-6501** or **Mail to P O Box 6830**, Midland, TX 79708. Bring by **4410 N Midkiff, Ste D1F, Midland, TX 79705**.

CARTER'S

Sales Person **Full-Time**

2101 W. Wadley #6 **Midland, TX 79705**

Commission sales, must be able to multitask. Detail oriented, connect with customers, and love furniture. Bring resume to Carter's Furniture at 2101 West Wadley, Suite #6 Midland, TX 79705.

SALES JOBS

Outside B2B Sales Representative

A national safety and first aid company is currently seeking an **Outside B2B Sales Representative** to service customers and develop new business in the Permian Basin market. Major cities include Midland TX, Odessa TX, Hobbs NM, Carlsbad NM, Roswell NM Big Spring TX in and around these cities. As an Outside Sales Representative with Our company, you'll play an important role in our mission to keep workplaces safer, healthier and more productive. We strive to provide high quality first aid, safety, emergency and training products delivered in a way that meets each customers needs. Our products and services increase workplace safety and compliance, and drive preparedness for sudden cardiac arrest through our comprehensive AED programs. You'll enjoy uncapped commissions for doing work that's keeping our customer's employees safe and can save lives. We sell thousands of products and there is not a business that can't use something we sell. Our company as a business partner, our customers know they are prepared to handle anything from a minor injury to a major emergency. Specifically, the job includes: -closing business-to-business deals with companies of every size and in every industry -maintaining, building and creating lasting relationships with new and existing customers within your exclusive sales territory. Please send resume to **safetysales123@gmail.com**

Outside Sales

Outside Sales for **Great Plains Steel, Inc**. Midland TX/Odessa Surrounding Area Territory. Some Steel Knowledge Helpful. Company Car & Phone. Salary & Benefits + Quarterly Bonuses. Qualifying Health Insurance Plan, Life insurance, AFLAC, Retirement. Send resume to **Great Plains Steel**, Inc. P.O. **Box 2916, Lubbock, TX. 79408** or email to **jobs@greatplainssteel.com**

Sales Associate and Assistant Managers

Wood's Boots in Midland and Odessa are adding to our teams. We are looking for talented Sales Associates and Assistant Managers at multiple locations. Stop in today and pick up an application at any of our four locations.

SCIENCE & RESEARCH

LAB TECHNICIAN

Growing oilfield company looking for a **Lab Technician**. Laboratory experience is not required but preferred. Please send resumes to Justin Disney at **Justin.Disney@catalystoilfield.com**

SKILLED LABOR

Landscape Help

Hunter's Ridge Apartments FT

4201 Andrews Hwy.

Midland, TX 79701

Landscaping help needed. Apply in person to Hunter's Ridge, Midland

Licensed Commercial Plumber & Exp. Helpers

TMI Mechanical currently hiring **Licensed Commercial Plumbers & Experienced Helpers** for local jobsites. We offer top pay (**up to $28/hr DOE and we will pay additional for medical gas endorsements**). Paid medical, paid vacations and holidays. Must have good driving record. **Please call 432-686-0002** for interview.

Machinist

Wanted: Manual Machinist for engine lathe, for above ground wellhead equipment. Some experience required. Shop welder, for above ground wellhead equipment, all materials supplied. Pay DOE. Good Benefits, insurance, uniforms and paid holidays. Call 432-563-3443 or apply at Fullco General Machine 12915 West County Road 122, Odessa, between Midland/Odessa

Now Hiring

Oil field construction company hiring experienced heavy equipment operators and roustabouts for positions in Midland, Kermit, and surrounding areas. Paid time off and medical benefits. Please call 432-258-1339 for more information. Hablamos Espanol.

PRESSMAN

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: PRESSMAN for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses.

This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position requires: night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

Send resume and salary requirements to:

John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities

c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail:jmaddox@hearstnp.com

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REBUILD TECHNICIAN

Confidential FT

Immediate opening for a **Rebuild Technician.** This position is responsible for the inspection, cleaning, processing, repair and paperwork processing for all items in Rebuild Services, including tools, parts and upgrades. The ideal candidate will have mechanical and engine rebuild experience, with technical school training preferred. The company offers a comprehensive benefit package. If interested please send your resume to Box P-111 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701

Welders, Painters and Sandblasters

M & D Welding FT

Single hand contract needed. Oil field experience a plus & Drivers License a **must. Salary DOE. Please** call for application 432-520-3853 **or 432-638-8266.**

TECHNOLOGY

IT Assistant

Local oil and gas company seeking part-time or full-time job candidate to work under the direction of IT Specialist on routine user problems and assist with moderately complex applications. Duties include assisting with desktop support, troubleshooting desktop hardware/software problems and carrying out projects as assigned. Entry level IT skills required with general knowledge in network and hardware (server and workstations). Experience with different versions of Microsoft OS and Microsoft Office applications useful. Strong written and oral communication, interpersonal and custom service skills necessary. **Send resume to lynda@forl.com**

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Drivers

Currently taking applications for Class A CDL Drivers. Must pass DOT physical, drug & alcohol test. Must have valid TX Drivers License and clean driving record for the last 3 years. Company will provide a company cell phone, uniforms, health & dental insurance within 90 days and weeks' paid vacation after one year of employment. Serious applicants only may stop by 13431 County Rd 133 W, Odessa, TX between Faudree & Coors Rds, off Hwy 80 & County Road 1310.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Class A CDL Truck Drivers

Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call **432-563-1894** for interview, or online @ **www.rockwaterenergy.com**

Crane Operators

TNT Crane & Rigging is currently seeking Qualified Crane Operators. Need NCCCO Cert. Top Pay, Benefits and Bonuses. Please email Jharrison@tntcrane.com or call 432-242-4947 to discuss or apply at our EOE

Driver/Deisel Mechanic

Troy Vines, Inc FT

Drivers needed. Class A CDL required. Must have 5 years experience. Must have clean driving record. Apply in person at 1001 N Big Spring, Midland, TX 682-7031 for more info.

Hot Shot Drivers

Flatland Trucking, Inc needs experienced **Hot Shot Drivers** ASAP. Starting pay **$19-$23**, average **$4500-$6500** a month. Offer full benefits, bonus & commission. Must have Class A CDL, must live in Midland or Odessa & be able to be on call 24/7 on scheduled days. No relocations. For phone interview call Danielle **432-269-2162**. No walk-ins.

Mechanic and Helper Wanted

SOC Industries LLC Now hiring **experienced diesel mechanic and mechanic helper**. You will earn top wages and performance safety bonuses. Benefits include: paid health insurance, paid vacations, paid holidays and furnished uniforms. Must have valid TX DL. Apply in person at **2324 FM 715, Midland Texas 79706**. Fax resumes to 423-620-0035 or email resumes to **timgreer@socind.net**. No phone calls please.

Tandem Driver with Crew

Hiring full crew (Tandem Driver with Crew) for pumping unit set and repair. Top wages with benefits after 90 days. Must be able to pass a drug test. Interested parties contact Dillon @ 432-559-5552.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

General

NEWSPAPER STREET-CORNER SALES

Selling Newspapers On The Street Corners
(avg. income $50.00 - $100.00/day)

MUST BE AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD SUNDAYS ONLY
IF INTERESTED CALL TOMMY 967-2267

EARN UP TO $500 PER WEEK!

Do you have a reliable car with insurance and a phone?? Become an independent contractor delivering the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

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GARAGE SALES

CALL 682-6222 TODAY!!

Estate Sales

ESTATE SALE by Joseph and Team
728 Augusta (Midland)
Thursday & Friday 9am - 3pm, Saturday 9am - 12pm
This beautiful home is full of wonderful items including...
14k/sterling/costume jewelry, crystal, Old Country Roses china, Swarovski Crystal, Orrefors crystal, perfume including Lalique/Bvlgari/White Diamonds/Jaipur/Jean-Paul Gaultier etc., decorator items, collector Barbies/clothes, cd's/DVD's, silk rugs, lamps/lamp tables, floor lamps, artwork, wonderful designer clothes, hand crafted saris (some with genuine gold and silver thread), Thomasville dining room table/12 chairs/china cabinet buffet/side tables, grandfather clock, ig. dining room table/6 chairs, barstools, display cabinet, 2 lg. fridges, painted Bombay chest, wing back chair/ottoman, carved oriental table/seats, daybed, Heirloom mahogany high boy, king canopy bed/chest & mirror, Victorian style settee set/marble top tables, round entry table, ball & claw marble top table/mirror, king 4 post bed/dresser & mirror/night stands, white painted dresser mirror/night stands, dressing mirror, silk plants, tread mill, concrete lions/table & benches, and the usual household misc.
For pictures please go to...
http://www.estatesales.net/estate-sales/TX/Midland/79705/606681

★★ ESTATE SALE ★★
★★ by PATRICIA & TEAM ★★
10 STUTZ (off Ward)
Thursday April 3, 8:30am-4pm
Friday, April 4, 8:30am - 3:00pm
Saturday, April 5, 8:30am - 12:00pm
Cash, Visa, MC & Discover. No checks please

Queen size bed, oak drop leaf table, Small lawyers style book case, 140 year old oak wardrobe from the home of Pres. James Polk's relative, Beautiful oak kitchen cabinet ca 1898 from Kentucky, large chest of drawers cabinet table, large TV cabinet, maple desk and chair, two sofa tables, Mohagany drop leaf table, mirrors, lamps, glass ware, books, bar stools, end tables, chairs, Christian Dior set of dishes service for ten, Everett Grand Piano cal1886, Exadigm Wifi ready credit card machine, Tasco telescope, rugs, room dividers, art work, love seat, book cases, clothing, shoes, JVC television set and stand, glass top dining table, two Settees, Baldwin Cabaret with Furnmachine, office supplies, business center, Christmas, yard art, Craftsman lawn mower, patio furniture, yard tools, linens, fabric, Kenmore sewing machine, twin bed, Quilts, lots of kitchen items, fridge, freezer, lots in the garage. Too much to list.

Yard & Garage Sales

79701

ST. ANN'S PARISH YARD SALE
Where: St. Ann's gymnasium and adjoining parking lot
When: Saturday, April 5th from 8am to 1pm
Cost: $20.00 for spot to sell your goods.
Free admission for those who want to shop the sale.
A yard sale spot will include a single table and designated 12x12 space, along with sale admission for 2 adults. Sellers with items too large to transport into the gym may opt instead to reserve a 12x12 space in the adjoining gym parking lot.
Questions about the Mom's Club Yard sale should be directed to Danette (432)-425-6144 or Michele (432)-268-5696 or email to stannsmomsclub@yahoo.com Registration forms and payment to St. Ann's Catholic Church, 1906 W. Texas ST. Midland, TX. 79701

Estate Sales

1903 W Tennesee Ave, Saturday Only, 8am-1pm. Estate of 50 years. Furniture, dishes, books and a lot of misc.

Yard & Garage Sales

79701

1208 W. Louisiana 7am-2pm Saturday only! HUGE BACK-YARD Sale! Multiple Family Sale. King Bed Set, Appliances, Furniture, Home Décor, Boys Clothing, Men's & Women's Plus size clothing, Small Women's clothing and shoes. Too much to list!

1410 S. Lamesa Road Thursday 10am-? & Friday 9am-? Refrigerator, gas cook stove, Day bed & hide a bed, queen bed with triple dresser & night stand, Pillow top bedding, 5 new Goodrich tires (225xR75x16) lots of miscellaneous items. Too much to list. Parking on North, South & West of property. Do not block drive.

79703

3402 W. Golf Course Rd. HUGE CHURCH Garage Sale Saturday, April 5th 7am - 1pm Furniture, home decor, baby items, and much much more!

3516 W Louisiana Fri & Sat 4/4-5, 7am-2pm Furniture, fridge, dryer, clothes and misc.

3607 TANNER, Saturday only 9-? Lots of Men's FR clothing, baby bassinet for girl, clothes NB-6mo, antique collectible Avon cologne bottles, and more misc.

Yard & Garage Sales

79703

4801 THOMASON. Sat. only 8-1 Wii Fit, Apple TV, Large dresser w/mirror, night stand, floor cleaner, hard drives, womens and toddler clothing, lots of misc.

79705

1321 TERRA Ct. In-the Ally. Saturday April 5, 8am-1pm. Leather sectional, dinette table, recreational pool table, gently worn clothes and shoes - all seasons, and household items.

1619 EAST Pecan, Friday only, 8am-5pm. Kids clothes, towels, electric stove, and household goods.

2306 CAMARIE Ave Saturday 8:30am-? Lot of clothes, home decor, furniture, and baby stuff.

Yard & Garage Sales

79705

Miss Cayce's Christmas Store
Garage Sale on the Sidewalk!
Thursday April 3rd - Saturday April 5th 9am-6pm
Rock bottom prices on 2013 merchandise! Christmas trees, ornaments, ribbons, gifts, furniture, rugs, and much more! Bring your family & friends!
1012 Andrews Hwy (behind Westlake Ace Hardware, next to KC Nutty Roller)

2003 Oaklawn Dr. GARAGE SALE - Friday 7:30am - 11am; Saturday 7:30am - 2pm. Pre-Moving sale/ Cleaning out. Household items, dishes, furniture, baby & kids items, linens, office, miscellaneous. NO EARLY SALES!

201 BAYBERRY Parkway Friday and Saturday 8am-4pm. Electronics, gas grill, furniture, kitchen misc., southwestern pictures & decor, area rugs, collectibles, tools, camera, bedding, holiday decor, lots of misc.

2602 HUGHES Street - Friday and Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. craft items, bedding, furniture, home decor, books, freezer, 2011 Snapper 21" Commercial Walk mower

79706

3313 SCR 1223.5 Butterfield, off of south Midkiff. Friday & Saturday, 8am-? Furniture, tires, baby furniture and lots of clothes and miscellaneous

Yard & Garage Sales

79707

3302 FELDSPAR LN. CAF Colonel's Ladies Fund Raising Garage Sale. Fri & Sat April 4-5, 8am. Furniture, large appliances, electronic toys, printers, TVs, clothes & More!

3411 MEADOWRIDGE Lane, Friday & Saturday 8am-? Park in front. 3 family spring cleaning sale! New decorative items, kitchen, heaters, clothing, golf clubs, luggage, rugs, fan, too much to list.

4706 RUSTIC Trail Saturday 8:30am-12pm. Quilting items, sewing machine, serger, clothing, household items, decor items, and lots of misc.

Yard & Garage Sales

79707

3912 NORTHFIELD Ct. Saturday 8am-? Nice pool table $800, home decor items, china hutch, propane outdoor heater, boys clothing 8-20, books, kids electric scooter, lots of stuff!

4501 ST. Andrews Moving Sale Sat only April 5, 8-12. Furn. TV's, boy's and girls clothes, misc

DON'T MISS OUT!
The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at 12 noon
Please be sure to call 682-6222, by 11:30 am, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.

Area Sales

P B MASTER GARDENERS PLANT SALE
Saturday, April 5th
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Horseshoe Arena

Yard & Garage Sales

79707

5000 APPLE CREEK RD. Saturday from 8am to 2pm. Make this your first stop! Name brand clothing/shoes: Polo, Nikl, Coach, Dooney & Bourke for men, women, young boys and toddlers. Furniture, purses, luggage, jewelry, tons of toys, children's books, dishes, home decor and bedding. Too much more to mention.

5804 STERLING Pl. 8:00 a.m. to Noon Saturday only MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE sale in Grasslands Subdivision. Antiques, furniture, clothing, household goods and decor.

6209 Prairie Ridge Drive, Multi family sale Friday only 8am-2pm. Recliner, oversized chair, Captain's bed, Oak desk, Band saw, Bass amp/speaker, collector plates/ tea cups, household.

Classifieds Can! Call 432-682-6222

Let "Sure Sell" Work For You! Call 432-682-6222

Business Opportunity

The Barking Dog Interiors is **For Sale** including building, inventory & office equipment with exclusives lines. 10 years in business in Midland, TX. **432-638-2906**

OWNER RETIRING.
Well respected Art Gallery & Custom Picture frame shop for sale. Great opportunity. Inventory, office equipment, supplies, shop equipment and customer list. 432-694-8761

WOOFERS & TWEETERS BAR FOR SALE
Doing business in Midland for 12 years
For serious inquires only call after 6PM
432-522-2111

DVDNOW 250 Kiosk complete with over 200 recent movies in inventory and flat screen tv. Excellent opportunity in DVD rentals for extra income. Ideal in an apartment complex, man camp or store in a small community or town. $10,000 Excellent condition. Purchased for $25,000. Call 432-559-0748

Autos For Sale or Lease

Passenger Cars

2000 DODGE Stratus needs work. Will run $900 432-682-3614

2005 LEXUS LS 62K miles. Loaded. All service records. Recent Michelin tires. Just serviced $18,000. Call 432-296-1446

2008 BMW 335i 4dr Maroon, black interior. Twin Turbo straight 6. Excellent condition. Private Party sell. 87,300 miles, extended warranty is available. Asking $17,000. 432-894-8331

2008 CADILLAC DTS, great condition, 1 owner, garaged. See at 3930 Fairwood CT. $15,500. 432-553-3248, 432-683-7679

Passenger Cars

2008 HONDA Accord LX, fully loaded, 56K miles. Asking $14,000. Call 432-559-6050

2010 FORD Fusion SE V6, 97K miles, dark gray, excellent condition $8,300. 556-1901

BMW 2013 128-I Coupe, white with black leather, auto, 4 wheel drive, sport package, sunroof, push start, well maintained w/ all records, excellent condition, 14k mi, non smoker, 1 owner, under warranty, new tires. $28,500 OBO 432-770-1000

Buick 2008 LaCrosse, 4 door, V6, 106,000 mileage, satellite radio, no dents or dings. $8300. Call 432-694-3318

CADILLAC 2006 DTS 4 Dr sedan, leather, V8, FWD. We Finance bnbmidlandtx.com 683-6222

CAMARO 2002 T Top, V6, white, limited edition, excellent condition, low mileage $7,500. 432-638-6825, call after 5pm

CHEVY 2001 Monte Carlo Red, 2DR, Automatic, $4,000 Cash. 6 8 3 - 6 2 2 2. bnbmidlandtx.com

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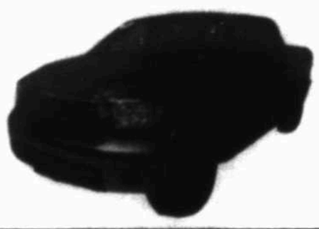

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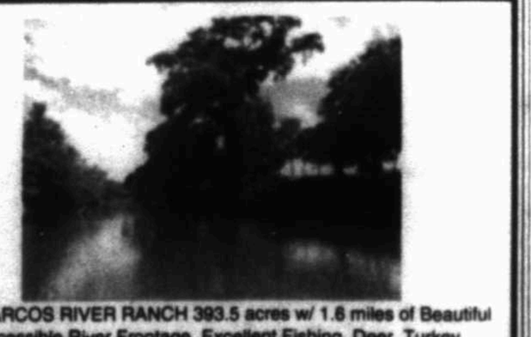

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