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Inside

In Midland, little support for possible bullet ban

MCSO sergeant: 'The bad guys would still obtain what they would use against us'

By Brandon Mulder
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Recent debate concerning a potential regulation against the commercial sale of certain kinds of ammunition has sparked ire nationwide among gun enthusiasts. The regulation would ban what is known as "armor-piercing" ammunition used in concealable weapons in order to protect law enforcement officers. Locally, however, law enforcement officers and gun users scoff at such a regulation.

The White House, in conjunction with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, is proposing to ban 5.56 mm rounds from the commercial market. This caliber, commonly known as the M855 cartridge, has become popular because of its usability in some pistols and is widely used in AR-15-style rifles. A concealable weapon such as a pistol poses a threat to law enforcement when it's loaded with bullets that can penetrate an officer's protective soft armor vest, according to the ATF.

As defined by the Law Enforcement Officers Protection Act in 1986, armor-piercing ammunition contains a core within the bullet's casing made of harder metals such as tungsten, steel and depleted uranium. Lead, however, is a popular projective core not defined by the act as an armor-piercing ammunition and has been determined to be used primarily in rifles for sporting purposes. But because these bullets are being seen more and more often in pistols, lawmakers and the ATF are pushing to add lead-core bullets to the list.

However, the issue is made complex by the ever-shifting division between what is classified as a rifle versus a pistol.

"It's not that pistols are being converted to fire this round; it's that rifles are being converted to what is legally defined as a pistol," said Danny Anderson, assistant manager at S&K Arms. "AR-15 pistols are basically rifles; they're rifles without a buttstock on it. Legally, it's classified as a pistol, but as far as being anything remotely concealable, it's not."

Any rifle round can penetrate a police officer's soft armor, no matter the composition of the bullet, Anderson said. Pistols and handguns fire rounds at about 1,200 feet per second, while rifles fire rounds from

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Brandon Mulder/Reporter-Telegram

Seen here at S&K Arms on Wednesday are an AR-15 short-barrel rifle above and an AR-15 pistol below. Both use 5.56 mm rounds, which the ATF is considering banning because they are considered armor-piercing ammunition.

STUCK IN WINTER

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Frozen cactus in an alley near the intersection of Camp Street and West Industrial Avenue, photographed Saturday.

Winter weather notes

Cold front arrives

Here is how the weather changed by more than 20 degrees in seven hours on Wednesday.

Time	Temperature	Wind chill
10:53 a.m.	53	—
11:53 a.m.	46	39
12:53 p.m.	40	31
1:53 p.m.	38	28
2:53 p.m.	36	25
3:53 p.m.	34	20
4:53 p.m.	32	19
5:53 p.m.	31	17

Freezing, again

Wednesday marked the 35th day in 2015 that temperatures dropped to freezing levels.

Weather forecast

Snow is likely before 7 a.m. today. Skies will be cloudy through mid-morning, then become mostly sunny, with a high near 35 degrees.

Chance of precipitation is 70 percent. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch is possible.

Tonight will be partly cloudy, with a low around 24.

There is no rain in the seven-day forecast.

Impacted

Midland ISD canceled all after-school programs and activities Wednesday.

Make-up days

Midland ISD has set make-up days because the cancellations that took place Feb. 23 and Feb. 27.

Those dates are April 3 and May 25.

Source: National Weather Service

Municipal court judge to retire after 30 years

By Joseph Basco
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Municipal Court Judge Robin Smith will retire April 15, ending his 30-plus years of work in the courthouse at 406 E. Illinois Ave.

During that time, Smith was named Judge of the Year by the Texas Municipal Courts Association. He also adapted the municipal courthouse to new technologies.

Smith

The courthouse under Smith was the first in Texas to display a person's rights on a TV screen before a person sees a judge. Before that change, the person would have to appear before the judge and then the judge would explain all the rights, Smith said.

But in those three decades that he presided, Smith noted how much the job differed then compared to now.

"It's just time to move on," Smith said on Wednesday. "It's been interesting, and it's been fun, but the business has changed, if you call it a business."

Smith spoke about how court costs used to be $20 or $25 when he started in the 1980s, but now the costs are in the $100 range. So now, the court has added banking and accounting functions, because sometimes people can't afford the high fines, Smith said.

Associate Judge Sharon Hatton will be the new presiding judge effective April 16, as approved by City Council on Feb. 24. Hatton has worked at the courthouse for 22 years.

Smith said Hatton knows how the courthouse works and will continue the

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Senate fails to override Obama's veto of pipeline bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Wednesday failed to override President Barack Obama's veto of a bill to construct the Keystone XL pipeline, the first of many confrontations between the Republican-controlled Congress and the White House this year over energy policy.

The 62-37 vote is expected to be one of many veto showdowns between Republicans and Obama in his final term. Already, the White House has issued more than a dozen veto threats on legislation.

Proponents of the Keystone bill have said since its introduction that they didn't have the two-thirds of the Senate vote needed to override Obama's veto. They fell four votes short. But they've already been discussing other ways to force the pipeline's approval, either by attaching it onto must-pass spending bills or other, broader, energy legislation.

"If we don't win the battle today, we will win the war because we will find another bill to attach this pipeline to," said Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., the chief sponsor of the bill, before the vote.

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell pleaded with Democrats for more support of a bill that he said advanced the president's own priorities.

"If you're interested in jobs and infrastructure and saving your party from an

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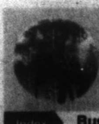

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Gasoline	$2.332	▲ $0.023

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Obituaries

Armando Delval

Armando Delval, 50, of Midland, passed away on February 28, 2015 at his residence. He was born to Daniel Delval and the late Margarita Gonzalez on August 27, 1964 in Balleza, Chihuahua Mexico.

Armando is survived by his children, Alejandra Arellano, Daniel Delval, and Erik Delval; grandchildren, Nathan Delval, Maggie Delval, Melanie Delval, Daniel A. Delval, Ian Arellano, and Mason Arellano; his father, Daniel Delval Lozano; brothers, Rafael Delval and José Luis Delval; sisters, Leonor Alcocer, Elodia Sánchez, Elizabeth Adams, and Cristina Matos.

Armando was a loving son, father, brother, husband, grandfather, and friend. We will always remember him for his constant service to others.

Viewing will be today from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home followed by a receiving of friends from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. also at the funeral home.

A funeral service is set for Friday, March 6, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with President Fernando Rascon officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven North.

The Delval-González Family extends its sincere thanks to the funeral services, family and friends for their support, contribution and accompaniment.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

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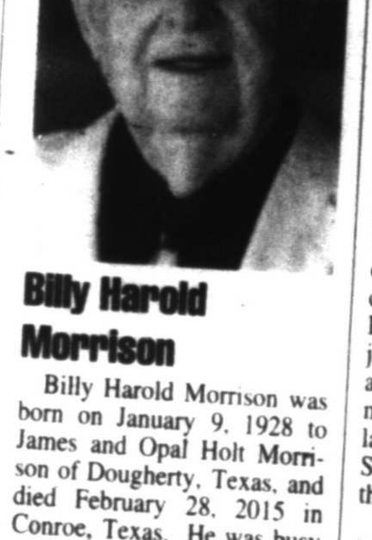

Billy Harold Morrison

Billy Harold Morrison was born on January 9, 1928 to James and Opal Holt Morrison of Dougherty, Texas, and died February 28, 2015 in Conroe, Texas. He was busy and wasn't finished yet, but he got a promotion upstairs.

Billy was a true Renaissance man, curious and knowledgeable about 1000 different things. If it was worth collecting, he collected it. If it was worth reading about, he read it. And if it was interesting enough, he remembered it. And he just might put it in a poem. So watch yourself.

He had a life-long love affair with his homemade chili and jalapeno cornbread, his sister Virginia's sour pickles, his niece Kay's date loaf, ice cream, and Christmas.

Billy graduated from Floydada High School in 1945 at age 17, and had to wait until 1946 (age 18) to join the Navy because his father wouldn't sign early entrance papers. He served as a signalman on the USS Antietam CV-36 and spent 2 glorious years swabbing the deck and trading cigarettes with his best friend and fellow Seaman First Class, Jimmy Clack.

Thanks to the GI Bill, Billy entered the Texas Western College (now University of Texas at El Paso) and received his Geology degree in 1952. He rode with a friend to Midland, Texas to start his career as an Oil Scout with the University Lands. There he met his main squeeze, Donna Sue Raybon, and they married in 1953, a beautiful union that produced two daughters, Kim and Virginia, and lasted 55 years, ending with Donna's passing in 2008. He spent inordinate amounts of time knowing where his daughters were at any given moment, just to make sure they were safe. "Call me when you get home," was a given.

Billy worked his way up the oil and gas ladder with various companies, including Cabot Corporation working in Midland and Calgary, Alberta, Diamond Shamrock Oil & Gas, moving the family from Calgary, to Amarillo, then Houston, Texas, and Northern Natural Gas Co. (InterNorth) in Houston, with several moves back and forth to his beloved Midland, where he and Donna "retired" in 1988.

Retirement to Billy meant life got really busy. He continued to be a rock hound and dabble in geology, and he was a proud member of the NRA. He made frequent trips to Floyd County to check on the Cages and his cotton farm. And he made golf clubs for friends and family in his spare time.

In 2005, he and Donna moved to April Sound to be near their family, and Billy enjoyed his investment club, the Veterans Group at Storage 105, and the Men's Club at April Sound. He was also honored to join many fellow World War II veterans on the Lone Star Honor Flight #5 to Washington, D. C. in 2010. He wrote two books, one about his hometown, Dougherty, Texas A Little Gem on the Caprock, and a genealogy book, Billy H. Morrison, Ancestors and Decendants.

And Billy was a poet. He wrote many, many poems in his later years, including his annual Christmas poem that we all looked forward to.

Traveling, whether across Texas hundreds of times and the lower 48 many times with his sisters in tow, Virginia and Bet, to visit his brother J.D. in Fort Worth, or on a cruise ship through the Panama Canal last fall with his companion Sue Mullins, was always an adventure and brought new stories to tell.

Above all, Billy loved his family. He doted on his daughters Kim Morrison Sepolio and Virginia Morrison, son-in-law Tony, Tony's brother Cedric, his gadget and tool buddy, and his precious grandsons, Eric and Scott, whom he adored. He was also mutually loved by his many nieces and nephews that he always kept in touch with and visited as often as he could. He made his grandson Eric especially proud when he became an Aggie in his Eighties by taking a spy class at Texas A&M with his friend Buzz Montgomery.

His one regret was that he didn't play a musical instrument and had never written a country and western song, but perhaps one day Scott, our UNT percussion ace, can carry out that wish. Yes, Billy probably would have joined the CIA and played in a bar in Nashville if he had more time. And taken one last trip to Kerrville to see Steve Lan Clack, the closest thing he had to a son.

Lastly, the family would like to thank Dr. Glen Berwick for his kindness and support during Billy's later life and final days. He was there when we needed him the most to hold our hands and answer our questions, often nonsensical, at all hours of the day and night.

Donations in Billy's memory can be made to either to the Floyd County Historical Museum, P.O. Box 304, Floydada, TX 79235 or Taking Care of Texas (*takingcareoftexas.org*).

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at Metcalf Funeral Directors. A private family interment at Houston National Cemetery will take place at a later date.

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Billy R. McDonald

Billy R. McDonald was born May 18, 1937 in Grosbeck, Texas to Fate McDonald and Era Jones McDonald. He was the thirteenth child of 16 children.

He attended school in Grosbeck before the family moved to Midland in 1957. He met and married the love of his life, Doris Jean Carter, and they were blessed with six children.

During Billy's lifetime, he was employed with many jobs, including The Scharbauer Hotel, First National Bank, and retired from the Hilton Hotel. If you went by his house, you would always find him sitting in the back yard or in his car; he would be sleep, but would be quick to tell you he is mediating.

Watching TV was his passion, especially "Dem Cowboys." He loved talking about the good old days, and hanging out with Gene Bryant, Ella Jean Haynes (both deceased), Robert Dee and Ocie. John Bess and Milton Rose would keep him laughing. Billy would say to his kids, "Take care of home, 'cause nobody can do it better than you."

He took great pride in his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He didn't mind bragging on them or letting them know he was still the man, and if you thought you were grown, he would quickly remind you, "You ain't ever going to be older or know more than I do, so get back in your place."

Billy reunited with his father, mother, eight brothers, five sisters, and a great grandchild, Kameron, whom he will see for the first time.

To cherish his memories he leaves his wife, Doris McDonald of Midland, Texas; children, Doresta "Gail" Andrews of Midland, Janice Denise McDonald and Sheila Yvonne McDonald of Dallas, Texas, Pamela Rena McDonald of Carrollton, Texas, Johnny Ray McDonald of McKinney, Texas, and Ray Earl McDonald of Dallas. He leaves his brother, Joe McDonald; and sister, Carrie Mae Perry, both of Dallas.

He also leaves 15 grandchildren, Chiquasta, Dyjuana, Whitney, Shantal, D'Raveon, Brittany, D'Mydric, Jasmine, Tyric, Jaray, Desharay, Keyauna, D'Andre, My'ijaquan, and Perry, and nine great-grandchildren, Jer'Quaylon, Anaya, Ja'niyah, A'Liyagh, Nevaeh, Taylor, Ja'Zyrehia, Tyric Jr., Jariyah, and one on the way.

To further cherish his memories, he leaves a host of nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and many other relatives, family, and friends.

Visitation will be Friday, March 6, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Funeral service is set for Saturday, March 7, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel; Reverend Alvin Mills will officiate. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

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Joe Calvin Mills

Joe Calvin Mills, 77, passed away on Monday, March 2, 2015.

Joe Mills was born on October 13, 1937 to Mark Henry and Ida Mae Mills. He graduated from A&M in 1962, with a Master's Degree in Urban and City Planning.

Joe is preceded in death by two sons.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Mills; two sons; and five grandchildren.

A visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2015 at Ellis Funeral Home.

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

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Joey Shawn Lewis

Joey Shawn Lewis, 48 of Midland, Texas, passed away February 25, 2015 in Alpine, Texas. Memorial services will be held at Solid Rock Fellowship, 4601 W. Interstate 20, Midland, Texas on Friday, March 6, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., with Brother Eddy Elliott presiding.

Joey was born September 30, 1966 in Stanton, Texas to Barbara and Rodney Lewis. After high school graduation, Joey served in the United States Army; he returned to Midland and attended MC, receiving his license in Plumbing/Heating/AC. He had recently decided on a new career path and had started classes in Alpine this semester. He liked to fish, hunt and spend time with friends.

He was preceded in death by his birth mother, Joyce Johnson; and a sister, Rebeca Ann Raper.

He is survived by his only child, Bayli Jo Lewis; his parents, Barbara and Rodney Lewis; sisters, Karen Ann Baily of Midland and Joyce Renea McArthur of Spur, Texas; brothers, Les Mullins and Stoney Mullins of Midland; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Boy Scouts of America.

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

Nicholas Terrazas

Nicholas Terrazas, 68, of Midland passed away on March 2, 2015 in Midland. A Rosary will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland. Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, March 6, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Midland, with Monsignor James Bridges officiating.

Nicholas was born on September 13, 1946 to Fred and Antonia Terrazas in Big Spring, Texas.

He was a husband, brother, father, grandfather, father-in-law, uncle, and friend to many. He will be remembered for loving music, baseball, and his boys.

He left Midland and moved to Dallas, Texas in 1971. He worked for Southwestern Bell from 1972 to 1993 performing many functions. He moved back to Midland in 1994 where he was an entrepreneur in taxes, mobile phones, and insurance.

He is preceded in death by his father, Fred Terrazas on January 26, 2012, and his mother, Antonia Terrazas on August 20, 2007. He is also preceded by his brother, Raymond Terrazas on August 11, 2005.

He is survived by his wife, Adela Terrazas of Midland; sons, Timothy Terrazas and wife, Adrienne of Rogers, Arkansas; Richard Terrazas of Houston, Texas; stepchildren: daughter, Janice Aguirre and husband, Gilbert of Midland, daughter, Marisela Tarango of Midland, son, Steven Ybarra of Midland.

He is also survived by his brother, Fred "Lucky" and Marta Terrazas, Jr., sister-in-law, Mrs. Raymond (Socorro) Terrazas, Albert and Mary Terrazas, Pascual and Yolanda Martinez, Lupe and Joann Perez, and Raymond and Linda Flores. He is blessed with 11 grandchildren.

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Death Notices

Allen Kenneth Coffey

Allen Kenneth Coffey, 29, passed away on February 28, 2015 in Midland, Texas.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at CrossWay Church.

Robert "Bob" J. Touchstone

Robert "Bob" J. Touchstone, 81, of Midland, died Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

He is survived by wife, Carolyn; and daughters, Laurie Hall and Leslie Keene.

The family will receive friends at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Sunday, March 8, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Services are scheduled on Monday, March 9, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Crossroads Fellowship Chapel in Odessa, followed by interment at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Nathaniel Brown

Nathaniel Brown of Stanton, Texas passed away on Saturday February 28, 2015.

Funeral services will be held at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel Friday March 6, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. Burial will be held at Evergreen Cemetery, immediately following the services.

Nathaniel Brown is survived by his wife, Winnet Young; daughters, Audrey Brown, Della Applewhite, Theresa Gandy, and Demetrice Williams; and sons, Bobby Lee Brown, Vernon Brown, Elvin Brown, Lloyd Brown, and Quincy Brown.

Novis Faye Moore

Novis Faye Moore, 92, of Midland, passed away on March 3, 2015. A visitation will be held 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Friday, March 6, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Midland. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 7, 2015 at First Assembly of God. Graveside services are pending.

Survivors include daughters, Sharon Blythe, Lana Coon and Janie Dyer.

Samuel "Sammy" Delgado, Jr.

Samuel "Sammy" Delgado, Jr., 35, of Midland, passed away Friday, February 27, 2015.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at Acres West Funeral Chapel, 8115 W. University Blvd, at 10:00 a.m., with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Sammy is survived by his wife, Jessica (Rodriguez) Delgado; father, Samuel Delgado; mother, Lidia Delgado; son, Samuel Ryan Delgado, III; daughter, Destiny Marie Sanchez; one brother; and one sister.

Jack Ellert Ellison

Jack Ellert Ellison, 87, was born in Quinlan, Oklahoma on September 6, 1927 and passed away on March 3, 2015 in Midland, Texas.

A visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2015 at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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Report: Texas truancy policies are flawed, inconsistent, unfair

By Evan Ruth Moravec
Associated Press

"There is absolutely no research to support the way that we handle truancy in Texas. We've met with parents who have actually lost jobs because they've had to show up to court."

Deborah Fowler, Texas Appleseed

AUSTIN — Texas' truancy policies are a "flawed and inequitable patchwork" that led to the criminal prosecution of 115,000 children for not going to school in 2013, and the state prosecutes twice as many teens for truancy than all other states combined, according to a nonprofit advocacy group.

Texas Appleseed released a report today recommending that the Texas Legislature lighten laws that address truancy, defined as an unexcused absence from school. The research and advocacy group also called for decriminalizing truancy, which is now a Class C misdemeanor.

Under state law, students as young as 12 can be ordered to appear in court with at least one parent for missing three days of school during a four-week period. Schools must file a charge against students who have more than 10 unexcused absences within six months.

The majority of cases are handled in an adult criminal court, though about 1,000 cases in 2013 were classified as complaints of "conduct in need of supervision" and handled in the juvenile system. Only in Texas and Wyoming are truancy cases handled in adult criminal courts.

"There is absolutely no research to support the way that we handle truancy in Texas," said Deborah Fowler, executive director of Texas Appleseed. "We've met with parents who have actually lost jobs because they've had to show up to court."

Fowler said recent numbers show a truancy decline in Texas, consistent with juvenile crime trends nationwide. But she said Texas prosecutes at least twice as many teens for truancy than all other states combined.

About 80 percent of students sent to court for truancy come from low-income families, the report states. While Latino students make up 52 percent of student enrollment in Texas, they represent 64 percent of truancy cases filed. African-American students represent 13 percent of enrollment, yet make up 20 percent of truancy cases. Students with special-education needs represent 8.5 percent of enrollment, but 13 percent of truancy cases, the report found.

"A flawed and inequitable patchwork of truancy policies and practices in Texas schools and courts disproportionately harm economically disadvantaged children, African-American and Hispanic students and those with disabilities," the group said in a statement accompanying the report.

The report also found that school districts have much discretion in how to handle students who don't go to school. Judges can issue fines up to $500, and students who are unable to pay can be arrested once they turn 17, at which point they enter Texas' adult criminal system.

According to Texas' Legislative Budget Board, 160,000 criminal complaints were filed with justices of the peace and criminal misdemeanor courts in 2014.

Even before the report, Texas lawmakers filed more than a dozen bills to change how the state handles students who don't go to school. Decriminalizing the act already has the support of Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Nathan Hecht and the Texas Judicial Council, the policy-making arm of the Texas judiciary, which recommended the change to lawmakers this year.

"The point of the truancy law is to get the kid back in school," Hecht said in a recent interview following his State of the Judiciary speech to lawmakers.

He recommended programs that try to solve the problems causing children to miss school "instead of dragging them to court."

New sports training facility plans to open by mid-2016

By Rye Druzin
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A new athletic training facility likely will join the ranks of Midland's gyms before the middle of 2016.

D1 Sports Training said on its website that it's "The place for the athlete" and has co-owners such as Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning and former NFL quarterback Tim Tebow. It is an all-inclusive training facility complete with an indoor turf field, basketball and volleyball courts, a weight-lifting facility and medical and orthopedic offices.

Natalie Ewers, director of athlete communication, said D1 looks at everyone who walks through their doors as an athlete, regardless of age or athletic ability.

She said the facility's clientele includes the 7-year-old just getting into sports, the 18-year-old trying to play at the collegiate level and the adult who's never played a group sport but wants to start working out.

"We're just going to train every part of you so that you're well-rounded and that you're in good shape."

The turf field will serve as the main place for D1's classes, which can be specific training for teams or for classes such as D1's Boot Camp. Ewers said that having the training and therapy under one roof allows for a smoother transition for athletes who are working on rehabilitation after injuries or to address issues that may have arisen on the field.

D1 also offers training for school sports teams and can send athletic trainers to the teams, Ewers said. But she stressed that D1 is not just for the hard-training athlete, but also can accommodate those who want to get into shape.

"It's really the place for the family," Ewers said. "Not only do we want to develop these athletes and young men and women physically and get them into the best shape that they can possibly be in, but we want to develop them in terms of their character and give them good morals and give the kids good lessons."

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CAPITOL ALMANAC

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Highlights from the state Capitol on Wednesdsay:

Road funding

The Texas Senate approved the first bill of the legislative session on Wednesday, with speedy passage of a plan to shift billions of dollars generated by vehicle sales taxes to building and maintaining roads strained by the state's booming population.

The proposed bill and state constitutional amendment will allow top Texas Republicans to keep campaign promises about bolstering badly needed transportation funding without raising taxes — thus avoiding the ire of their party's most-conservative wing.

Lawmakers are constitutionally barred from passing bills during the first two months of a session that began Jan. 13, but Gov. Greg Abbott fast-tracked bills on transportation infrastructure by making the issue one of his "emergency items."

The upper chamber passed the would-be law and constitutional amendment in a pair of 28-2 votes. They now go to the House.

Both were sponsored by the head of the Texas Senate Transportation Committee, Jacksonville Republican Robert Nichols. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who oversees the flow of legislation in the upper chamber, helped make the plan the first items considered — even more quickly than gun-rights proposals that have garnered more attention.

"I may be new, but I'm quick," Patrick, a tea party favorite who took office in January, quipped as the proposals cleared floor procedural hurdles.

Nichols said the plan could mean $2.5 billion annually for traffic-clogged roads, highways and bridges — though it prohibits spending on toll roads.

"It's huge," said Nichols, who said business groups have clamored for additional transportation funding as necessary to keep Texas' economy humming.

Taxes collected on vehicle sales currently flow into the state budget's general revenue. If passed by the House and approved by voters in a November 2016 referendum, Nichols' plan would divert tax collections over $2.5 billion and up to $5 billion annually for road infrastructure beginning in the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Senate spending plan

Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick wants to use billions of extra dollars on tax cuts and paying down debt without forcing lawmakers to make a politically unpopular vote to authorize more spending.

Patrick said Wednesday the proposal would free up nearly $5 billion that is otherwise off limits unless the Republican-controlled Legislature votes to bust a self-imposed spending cap. That option is politically toxic to most conservatives.

A Senate bill would instead put the onus on voters in November to decide whether the Legislature can spend additional money in economic boom times on tax cuts and debt reduction.

Gov. Greg Abbot has called for more than $4 billion in tax cuts but other needs are piling up. Those include an underfunded state pension system and health care for retired teachers.

Anti-discrimination campaign

Two proposed constitutional amendments that supporters say would protect Texans from government intrusion into their free exercise of religion are meeting resistance from a coalition led by a former adviser to George W. Bush that calls the measures discriminatory.

The Texas Wins campaign, announced Wednesday, is a multimillion-dollar effort chaired by Bush's former media adviser Mark McKinnon that counts among its supporters Mark Cuban, the owner of the NBA's Dallas Mavericks. It aims to tell stories of Texans who've faced discrimination to discourage lawmakers from supporting the amendments put forward by two Republican lawmakers.

Now starting to percolate through the Texas Legislature, Sen. Donna Campbell's proposal would prevent the government from burdening a person's free exercise of religion while a nearly identical proposal from Rep. Jason Villalba would also apply to a homeowners' association.

Both bills have been referred to their respective chambers' state affairs committees. If passed by the Legislature, the proposals would have to be approved by voters before becoming law.

"Some of these pro-discrimination bills, they really would give Texas a black eye," said Texas Wins spokeswoman Christina Gorczynski.

Special election

Gov. Greg Abbott has set an emergency special election for March 31 to fill Texas House District 124's vacant seat.

State Rep. Jose Menendez won a runoff election last month to replace Sen. Leticia Van de Putte.

Like Menendez, Van de Putte is a San Antonio Democrat, but left the upper chamber to run for mayor.

The special election will replace Menendez, who formally moved from the House to the Senate in a swearing-in ceremony Wednesday. Its winner will finish Menendez's two-year term.

The legislative session began Jan. 13 but has featured a series of special elections. Some senators left to assume new statewide elected posts, and House members replaced them in the Senate, thus creating more legislative vacancies.

On deck

The House reconvenes at 10 a.m. Thursday, but the Senate is adjourned until Monday.

Quote of the day

"We've never been in this position before in history." — Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, on the amount of money the Legislature has to work with this session.

GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed Feb. 23-27 by district Judges George D. Gilles, Elizabeth B. Leonard and Rodney W. Satterwhite:

Abdoulaye Dia, 44, burglary of a habitation, deferred adjudication, three years community supervision, fine, 180 hours community service, complete anger management program.

Alvaro Fuentes Jr., 38, possession of a controlled substance, deferred adjudication, three years community supervision, fine, pay restitution, 180 hours community service, 180 days driver's license suspension, TAIP.

Brigit Jasmine Govea, 20, deadly conduct, revoke two years TDCJ.

Adam Christopher Hall, 31, possession of a controlled substance, four years deferred, $1,500 fine, court cost, 150 hours community service, TAIP.

Sharna Faye Hickey, 44, possession of a controlled substance, two years TDCJ.

Raytodric Wadret Hutchinson, 21, evading arrest with a vehicle, adjudicate and revoke, 180 days state jail.

James Edward Lee, 43, tampering with physical evidence, deferred adjudication, three years community supervision, fine.

Randy Carrasco Lopez, 17, burglary of a building, deferred adjudication, five years community supervision, pay restitution, 250 hours community service, obtain high school diploma, complete life skills course.

Johnny Collazo Mancha, 42, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon count I, four years deferred, $750 fine, court cost, 150 hours community service, complete anger management course; aggravated assault with a deadly weapon count II, four years deferred, $750 fine, court cost, 150 hours community service, complete anger management course.

Ruben M. Martinez, 34, driving while intoxicated for third or more time, four years TDCJ.

Germy Jamal Miller, 25, possession of a controlled substance, three years TDCJ, 180 days driver's license suspension.

Jarron Scott Richardson, 34, driving while intoxicated, four years TDCJ, $60 restitution, 365 days driver's license suspension; possession of a controlled substance in penalty group I, revoke supervision, one year state jail, driving while intoxicated, revoke supervision, four years TDCJ.

Roberto Carlos Reyes, 28, possession of a controlled substance, three years deferred, fine, court cost, TAIP.

Gilbert Michael Tabares, 60, theft of property more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, extend supervision two years, 25 hours community service, TAIP.

Gary Castillo Vasquez, 25, possession of a controlled substance, deferred adjudication, five years community supervision, fine, pay restitution, 300 hours community service, TAIP.

Austin Cole Warnick, 24, theft of a firearm, revoked five years TDCJ suspended for five years probation, $1,500 fine, court cost, 200 hours community service.

Note: *TDCJ = Texas Department of Criminal Justice, TAIP = treatment alternative to incarceration program, CRTC = court residential treatment center, ISP = intensive supervision parole*

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Wichita Falls plans to use river for municipal water

Associated Press

WICHITA FALLS — A North Texas city dealing with lingering drought plans to use the Wichita River as a municipal water source.

The Wichita Falls Times Record News reported it's included in the long-range plan for securing water usage rights for Wichita Falls.

Rights to the river are co-owned by the city and Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 2. The water is currently only available for irrigation, but an amendment would allow for municipal and industrial use.

Wichita Falls, which relies on reservoirs, remains under a Stage 5 drought catastrophe. Outdoor watering is banned. The city of more than 100,000 last year began reusing treated wastewater in a state-approved recycling process to bolster drinking supplies. Demand for city water has dropped 45 percent, according to City Manager Darron Leiker.

Still, the city's reservoirs are projected to run dry by August 2016, according to the Texas Water Development Board. The area needs drinking water for about 150,000 people, and supplies from local reservoirs have plummeted from nearly 90 percent capacity before the drought began in late 2010 to about 20 percent capacity in late June.

Public Works Director Russell Schreiber said that the rights to the river would give them access to 15 million gallons of water per day.

Because of the drought, however, only about 2 million gallons is likely to be taken.

Schreiber said Tuesday that using the river was discussed during a recent water projects workshop.

Wichita Falls Mayor Glenn Barham asked Schreiber at the workshop if the water would be processed through the reverse osmosis treatment system. Schreiber responded that the water would be thoroughly treated and tested for public consumption.

"We might have some difficulty treating that water. But at least it would be water, and it would be wet," he said.

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The largest city in Texas is Houston. It is also the fourth largest city in the United States.
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Psalm 97:11
Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Storytime for birth-2 years, 9:30 a.m. today at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

■ Storytime for ages 2-6, 10:30 a.m. today at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

■ Pool and Spa Show at the Horseshoe. midandhorseshoe.com.

■ Family Science Night: Science Does a Body Good, 6-8 p.m., Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

■ Midland Archeological Society program review of Texas Archeological Society Field Schools, 7 p.m., Sibley Nature Center. sibleynature-center.org.

Support groups and club meetings today

■ Children's Service League, 9:30 a.m., Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center; Brooke Mueller, 498-2053

■ Newcomers Club, 10 a.m.; Stephanie Sparkman at 684-8065 or Freida Robertson at 218-7239.

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ,5:30-7:30 p.m., Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave. 694-8643

■ Permian Basin Needle Arts Chapter of Embroiderer's Guild of America, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble; Paula Millhollon, 520-3250.

■ West Texas Iris Society, 7 p.m., Community & Senior Services Center, 3301 Sinclair Ave. For more information, call 352-5483.

■ Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m., University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union; Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50gigs.net; odessachess@cableone.net.

CDBG meetings

The city will continue public meetings to discuss the use of funds for the improvement of low- to moderate-income areas of Midland.

City officials are preparing its new consolidated plan, which sets priority levels for various needs of these areas and will be a guide on the future use of Community Development Block Grant funds.

The city will receive $656,282 CDGB funds for the 2015-16 program year. More meetings to discuss the distribution of these funds are scheduled for:

■ 7 p.m. today at Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane; and

■ 1:30 p.m. March 17 at City Hall Council Chamber, 300 N. Loraine St.

An online survey is available at www.midlandtexas.gov/CDBGsurvey.

For more information, call 685-7472 or 685-7408.

MLK Center's spring break camp

The city's Parks and Recreation Division is hosting MLK Adventures Spring Break Camp 1-5 p.m. March 9-13 at the MLK Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. The camp is for kids ages 6 through 12. Fee is $10 a day or $40 for the entire week.

Scheduled activities include arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor sports, cooking class and board games. To register, visit the center 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 685-7355 or email Joey Jolly at jajolly@midlandtexas.gov.

Clarification

In a story in Wednesday's edition about the city preparing for more cold weather, a sentenced was edited and the meaning was changed. The sentence should have read:

"However, because brinewater has become a popular ingredient for hydraulic fracturing in the area, Johnson said competition for obtaining brinewater has increased."

Correction

An online gallery of felony DWI arrests incorrectly included Kelly W. Copeland, who was arrested Feb. 28 on a misdemeanor driving while intoxicated charge. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

MRT on the radio

Editor Stewart Doreen discusses local news at 9:40 a.m. Thursdays on KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1).

Lottery

Note: Complete lottery results were not available before press time Thursday because of an early deadline. Visit txlottery.org or your local lottery ticket retailer for Wednesday's late drawings.

Pick 3 morning: 9-6-5
Pick 3 day: 3-7-7
Pick 3 evening: 2-5-7
Daily 4 morning: 1-6-9-3
Daily 4 day: 3-7-5-8
Daily 4 evening: 6-6-5-1
All or Nothing morning: 1-4-5-6-9-16-17-18-19-21-23-24
All or Nothing day: 1-2-3-5-6-11-13-14-16-18-19-22
All or Nothing evening: 1-3-4-7-11-13-14-15-16-17-18-24

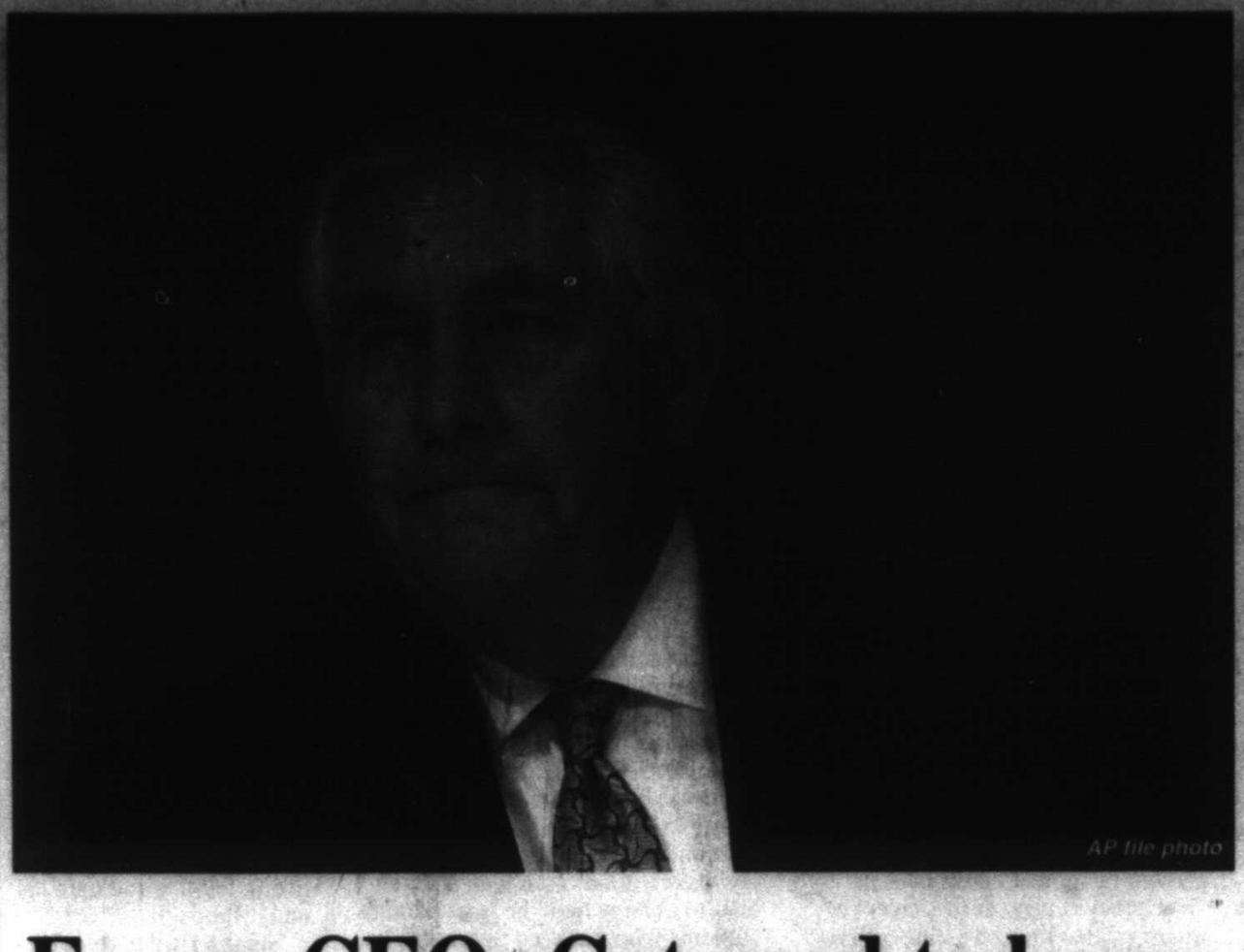
Today in history

In 1946, Winston Churchill delivered his "Iron Curtain" speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri.

In 1955, Elvis Presley made his television debut on "Louisiana Hayride" carried by KSLA-TV Shreveport (although audio recordings exist, there is no known video footage of this appearance).

In 1960, Elvis Presley was discharged from the U.S. Army.

In 1982, comedian John Belushi was found dead of a drug overdose in a rented bungalow in Hollywood; he was 33.



AP file photo

Exxon CEO: Get used to lower oil prices; global supply high

By Jonathan Fahey
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Exxon Mobil CEO Rex Tillerson expects the price of oil to remain low over the next two years because of ample global supplies and relatively weak economic growth.

"People need to kinda settle in for a while," Tillerson said at the company's annual investor conference in New York.

In a presentation to investors outlining its business plans through 2017, Exxon assumes a price of $55 a barrel for global crude. That's $5 below where Brent crude, the most important global benchmark, traded on Wednesday. It's about half of what Brent averaged between 2011 and the middle of last year.

The price of oil plunged in the second half of 2014 when it became apparent that production was outpacing global demand. The rise in U.S. production last year of 1.5 million barrels per day was the third largest in the history of the global oil industry, according to a recent report from BP. Meanwhile, weakening economic conditions in China, Japan and Europe slowed the growth in oil demand.

BP CEO Bob Dudley made remarks similar to Tillerson's in a recent call with investors. The CEOs comments reflect an increasingly common industry view that new sources of oil around the globe, relatively slow growth in demand, and large amounts of crude in storage will keep a lid on prices for the foreseeable future.

"When you have that much storage out there, it takes a long time to work that off," Dudley said.

The U.S. Energy Department reported Wednesday that U.S. oil supplies have grown to 444.4 million barrels, the highest level at least 80 years.

Tillerson cautioned that geopolitical turmoil could unexpectedly send prices higher. But he said that if tensions calm, much more oil is ready to hit the market.

Production in Libya has been erratic in recent years because of political upheaval there. Production in Iran, once OPEC's second largest exporter, has been depressed in recent years because of Western sanctions. Those sanctions could be eased if current talks over Iran's nuclear program make progress.

"I see a lot of supply out there," Tillerson said.

Exxon will be adding to that in the coming years, despite the low prices.

Exxon told investors Wednesday that 16 new production projects will begin producing oil and gas through 2017, helping the company increase production to 4.3 million barrels per day, up from 4 million barrels per day last year.

The company said it expects to spend less to develop new projects over the next three years, but mainly because prices that its suppliers charge have fallen considerably with the price of oil — not because it is cutting back exploring for oil and gas.

PIPELINE

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extreme mistake, then join us," he said. "Vote with us to override a partisan veto and help the president pursue priorities he's advocated in the past."

But two Democrats, Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island and Sen. Edward Markey of Massachusetts, said at a news conference after the vote that further attempts to pass the project would be futile, especially given the failed attempt to overturn Obama's immigration policies using a bill to fund the Department of Homeland Security.

The senators called the push on Keystone "politically delusional" and a "waste of time."

"The Republican pipe dream to pass this pipeline through Congress is over," Markey said. "The Senate today said the president should get to keep his prerogative."

Obama has repeatedly resisted Congress' attempts to force his hand. His veto of the bill, the third of his presidency, said that the bill circumvented longstanding and proven processes for determining whether cross-border pipelines serve the national interest and cuts short consideration of its effects.

The $8 billion project would transport oil extracted from Canada's tar sands to pipelines linked to Gulf Coast refineries.

Environmentalists have framed the pipeline as a test of Obama's commitment to address climate change, arguing that it would open up a path for tar sands oil to get to market. Republicans have pushed the pipeline as a job-creating infrastructure project that will supply the U.S. with oil from a friendly neighbor, rather than unstable regimes.

The State Department's analysis found that the oil would be harvested regardless of whether the pipeline is built, a conclusion that the EPA said needed to be re-examined given low oil prices. The same review said the pipeline would create thousands of jobs during construction, but ultimately it would require 35 permanent employees.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NORTH CAROLINA

Truck crew says carsickness led to $4.8M heist of gold bars

WILSON, N.C. — The crew of a truck carrying a load of gold bars had just pulled off the interstate in North Carolina when, the two men told police, a seemingly ordinary episode of carsickness turned into a multimillion-dollar heist.

Three days later, authorities said they were suspicious that Sunday's roadside robbery might have been an inside job.

As soon as the guards stopped on the shoulder because one of them wasn't feeling well, three robbers drove up in a cargo van and confronted them at gunpoint, yelling "Policia!" and ordering the crew to lie on the ground. The robbers tied their hands behind their backs and marched them into nearby woods, authorities said.

The thieves then set out orange traffic cones while they gathered up 275 pounds of gold bars worth $4.8 million and fled, leaving the two guards stranded along Interstate 95 as drivers zoomed by.

On Wednesday, authorities released search warrants in which detectives raised questions about the initial accounts of the heist.

"The fact that the truck was robbed immediately upon pulling over at an unannounced stop is suspicious in and of itself," one of the warrants stated, adding that the truck had no external markings indicating the cargo. The warrant said the suspects tried to steal the truck but could not get it started, indicating they did not know how to operate a commercial truck.

OHIO

Teacher jailed for showing class violent movie

COLUMBUS — A former substitute teacher convicted of showing a movie including graphic sex and violence to a high school class was sentenced on Wednesday to 90 days in jail.

Sheila Kearns, who was convicted in January of four felony counts, apologized in court, saying she hadn't watched the movie before showing it to her Spanish classes at Columbus' East High School in April 2013. The movie, "The ABCs of Death," consists of 26 chapters, each depicting some form of grisly death and representing a letter of the alphabet, such as "E is for Exterminate," "O is for Orgasm" and "T is for Toilet."

Kearns, who showed the movie during five periods of the class, was convicted of disseminating matter harmful to juveniles. The Columbus Dispatch reported the judge placed her on probation for three years but made the jail time a condition of probation.

Kearns, 58, contended she was unaware of the movie's content. Her attorney said she never would have knowingly showed it.

But a student testified Kearns watched the 129-minute movie. The student said the movie was "disturbing" and said students in the class went "crazy" while watching it.

An assistant principal who saw the DVD movie playing in the classroom confiscated it.

Prosecutors said the movie's title should have tipped off Kearns that she should check it out before showing it to her students, who ranged in age from 14 to 18.

Jurors watched the movie, which rates 4.7 out of 10 stars on the IMDb website, before convicting Kearns. After the conviction, the jury foreman said it wasn't proved at trial that Kearns was aware of the movie's content the first time she showed it but she would have known by the second, third, fourth and fifth showings.

NEVADA

State pulls teens from rural juvenile camp after riot

RENO — The state of Nevada has removed all youths in its custody from a rural juvenile rehabilitation center where a riot erupted over the weekend — the fourth uprising there in four months, a state official said Wednesday.

All four youths who had been housed at the privately owned center under the jurisdiction of the Nevada Division of Child & Family Services were sent to other facilities after the most recent outbreak of violence at the Rite of Passage-Silver State Academy near Yerington about 70 miles southeast of Reno, said Chrystal Main, the division's social services chief.

"My agency has no children there effective (Tuesday) or the day before. We removed them after the latest uprising," Main told The Associated Press.

Main declined to specify whether they were removed out of concern for their safety or if they had been involved in the uprising that sent one staff member to the hospital and hurt three others.

The Nevada agency "wanted to ensure our youth were in the most appropriate placement," she said.

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2,500 to 3,000 feet per second, he said.

This blurring in definition is an attempt by gun manufacturers and consumers to circumvent certain legalities, in the view of some lawmakers. Legal paperwork, additional background checks and a $200 fee must be collected before someone can obtain a short-barreled rifle — a style often preferred by gun owners. In order to obviate such steps, manufactures have begun selling rifles without buttstocks, which is classified as a pistol.

But this potential law, originally designed to protect peace officers through the 1986 law, is a backdoor route to gun control, according to some people.

So far, 100 members of Congress have signed and submitted a letter to ATF director B. Todd Jones, illustrating how the proposed ban interferes with Second Amendment rights.

"This round is amongst the most commonly used in the most popular rifle design in the America, the AR-15. Millions upon millions of M855 rounds have been sold and used in the US, yet the ATF has not even alleged — much less offered evidence — that even one such round has ever been fired from a handgun at a police officer," the letter reads. "The idea that Congress intended LEOPA to ban one of the preeminent rifle cartridges in use by Americans for legitimate purposes is preposterous."

Sgt. Ken Colston, a range manager with the Midland County Sheriff's Office, doesn't believe the round in question has ever posed a problem to law enforcement.

"It wouldn't matter if they didn't sell it at stores (or) at the gun shows. The bad guys would still obtain what they would use against us," Colston said. "(This law) is designed to where they can do away with all ammunition, and then eventually they'll get the guns, which is against the Second Amendment. They get one passed, and they're just going to keep going."

A defiant Alabama regains ground against gay marriage

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Alabama's stand against same-sex marriage regained ground Wednesday after the state's highest court ruled that its ban remains legal, despite federal court pressure to begin issuing licenses to gays and lesbians.

But advocates said they're not giving up either — and that the justices in Montgomery will find themselves on history's losing side.

The Alabama Supreme Court ordered county probate judges to uphold the state ban pending a final ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court, which hears arguments in April on whether gay couples nationwide have a fundamental right to marry and whether states can ban such unions.

Stuck between the state's highest court and a series of federal rulings, many probate judges were at a loss early Wednesday. Mobile County, one of the state's largest, initially announced that it wouldn't issue licenses to anyone, straight or gay.

By mid-day, gay rights advocates couldn't find a single county still granting licenses to same-sex couples.

Dean Lanton said he and his partner, Randy Wells, had planned to wed in Birmingham on Aug. 12, the anniversary of their first date, but now might have to get married out of state because of the decision.

"It was a punch in the gut. It was out of the blue," said Lanton, 54. "It's just Alabama politics, déjà vu from the 1960s."

SMITH

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trend of innovation and new ideas, including computer system upgrades and solutions to get defendants to appear on time.

"The best advice I can probably give her would be to think through any kind of changes she needs to make, and she'll do fine," Smith said. "It's not like she's coming from the outside and never done this before, so she's in good shape."

After retiring, Smith will still be active in some capacity. He said he's going to continue working on the new Municipal Court building project. The two-story, $15 million project is currently scheduled to be completed in the middle of 2016. The new courthouse has been in the works since 2001.

But other than that, Smith will have some free time to do what he pleases.

"I'm going to travel, relax and maybe have a little bit of fun," Smith said about his retirement plans.

Not-so-sweet recommendation

UN: World eats too much sugar; cut to 5-10 percent of diet

By Maria Cheng
Associated Press

LONDON — New guidelines from the World Health Organization are enough to kill anyone's sugar high. The U.N. health agency says the world is eating too much sugar and people should slash their intake to just six to 12 teaspoons per day — an amount that could be exceeded with a single can of soda.

So, put down that doughnut. And while you're at it, skip the breakfast cereal, fruit juice, beer and ketchup.

The guidelines, released Wednesday, finalize draft advice first released last year and are focused on the added sugars in processed food, as well as those in honey, syrups and fruit juices. The advice does not apply to naturally occurring sugars in fruit, vegetables and milk, since those come with essential nutrients.

"We have solid evidence that keeping intake of (added) sugars to less than 10 percent of total energy intake reduces the risk of overweight, obesity and tooth decay," Francesco Branca, director of WHO's nutrition department, said in a statement.

Experts have long railed about the dangers of sugar and studies suggest that people who eat large amounts of the sweet stuff are at higher risk of dying prematurely from heart problems, diabetes and cancer, among other conditions.

To meet the lower threshold set by the new guidelines, Americans, Europeans and others in the West would have to slash their average sugar intake by about two-thirds.

Americans get about 13 percent of their calories from added sugar, or 268 calories a day, the equivalent of about 18 teaspoons. One teaspoon of sugar is about 15 calories. In Europe, sugar intake ranges from about 7 percent in Hungary and Norway; to 17 percent in Britain to nearly 25 percent in Portugal.

Some experts said the 10 percent target was more realistic for Western countries than the lower target. They said the 5 percent of daily calories figure was aimed mostly at developing countries, where dental hygiene isn't good enough to prevent cavities, which can lead to serious health problems.

Last month, a U.S. government advisory committee recommended that sugar be limited to 10 percent of daily calories, marking the first time the U.S. has called for a limit on added sugars. The Agriculture and Health and Human Services departments will take those recommendations into account when writing the final guidelines, due by the end of the year.

WHO had previously suggested an upper limit for sugar consumption of around 10 percent, but issued the 5 percent guidance based on the presumed additional health benefits from cutting intake even further, though it said it had no solid evidence to support that.

"To get down to 5 percent, you wouldn't even be allowed to have orange juice," said Tom Sanders, a professor of nutrition and dietetics at King's College London who wasn't part of the WHO guidelines.

He said it shouldn't be that difficult for most Europeans, Americans and others in the developed world to get their sugar intake to 10 percent of their diet if they limit things like sugary drinks, cereals, beer, cookies and candy.

"Cake is lovely, but it's a treat," Sanders said.

The Sugar Association slammed the new recommendations, arguing the advice was based on "poor quality, weak and inconsistent data." It noted WHO itself acknowledged the evidence for the 5 percent target was "very low quality."

The International Council of Beverages Associations echoed those concerns and said beverage makers can help people cut back on sugar through smaller portion sizes, as well as no- and low-calorie drinks and providing nutritional information on labels.

Coca-Cola, for example, has been more aggressively marketing its "mini cans" and has launched a reduced-calorie version of its namesake soda called Coca-Cola Life that's sweetened with a mix of sugar and stevia, a natural sweetener. Companies have also been working on new technologies to reduce sugar. Senomyx, based in California, makes ingredients that interact with taste receptors to block or amplify sweetness. They have no taste or smell and are listed as artificial flavors.

Last year, the U.S. proposed new nutrition labels that would be required to list any sugars added by manufacturers.

Sugar is just one of a number of ingredients that have come under attack, such as salt and trans fat. However, WHO pointed out that when it comes to sugar, most people don't realize how much they're eating because it's often hidden in processed foods not considered sweet. For example, one tablespoon of ketchup has about 4 grams (1 teaspoon) of sugar and a single can of soda has up to 40 grams (10 teaspoons).

"The trouble is, we really do like sugar in a lot of things," said Kieran Clarke of the University of Oxford, who said the global taste for sugar bordered on an addiction. "Even if you are not just eating lollies and candy, you are probably eating a fair amount of sugar."

Clarke noted that there's added sugar even in pasta sauces and bran cereals. She said fruit juices and smoothies were common dietary offenders, because they have very concentrated amounts of sugar without the fiber benefits that come with eating the actual fruit.

Clarke welcomed the new WHO guidelines but said people should also consider getting more exercise to balance out their sweet tooths.

"If you do enough exercise, you can eat almost anything," she said. "But it's very hard to avoid large amounts of sugar unless all you're eating is fruits and vegetables."

How much sugar is in that? 7 foods with added sugar

Here are seven examples of foods that might have added sugar or another sweetener like high-fructose corn syrup as an ingredient:

SALAD DRESSING: Picking a salad over a ham sandwich seems like a virtuous choice. But the amount of sugar it comes with can vary depending on the dressing you put on top of it. Wish-Bone's Deluxe French salad dressing, for instance, lists 4 grams (about 1 teaspoon) of sugar per serving (2 tablespoons).

SOUP: A cup of soup of soup is comforting thought, but even savory varieties can have sugar. A can of Progresso's Rich & Hearty Beef Pot Roast has 4 grams (about 1 teaspoon) of sugar per serving, with a can containing two servings.

YOGURT: Another seemingly healthful choice that can come with lots of sugar. Some of the sugar is naturally occurring from the dairy, but companies add sweeteners too. A container of Chobani's 0 percent fat Greek yogurt in black cherry flavor lists 17 grams (about 4 teaspoons) of sugar.

BREAD: That toast you're about to smother with jam might've already been a little sweetened. A store brand of enriched white bread at the convenience store chain Duane Reade listed 2 grams (about half a teaspoon) of sugar for per serving (2 slices)

PEANUT BUTTER: It depends on the variety you pick, but peanut butter can come with added sugar too. Skippy's Super Chunk variety lists 7 grams (almost 2 teaspoons) of sugar per serving (2 tablespoons).

CEREAL: Most people know that cereal has sugar, especially the varieties for kids. In some cases, you might be surprised that there isn't much difference between options. Special K with Red Berries, for instance, has 9 grams (more than 2 teaspoons) per serving (1 cup), while Frosted Flakes has 10 grams (more than 2 teaspoons) of sugar per serving (3/4 cup).

FROZEN MEALS: In case it wasn't clear by now, just because it's not dessert doesn't mean it doesn't have added sugar. California Kitchen's BBQ Chicken microwavable pizza has 7 grams (almost 2 teaspoons) of sugar in a single-serving pie.

Associated Press

McDonald's chicken gets new standard: No human antibiotics

By Candice Choi
Associated Press

NEW YORK — McDonald's says it plans to require chicken suppliers to stop using antibiotics important to human medicine within two years.

The company said its suppliers will still be able to use a type of antibiotic called ionophores that keeps chickens healthy and isn't used in humans. Later this year, McDonald's also said it will no longer serve milk from cows treated with a particular artificial growth hormone.

Many cattle, hog and poultry producers give their livestock antibiotics to make them grow faster and ensure they are healthy. The practice has become a public health issue, with officials saying it can lead to germs becoming resistant to drugs so that the drugs are no longer effective in treating a particular illness in humans.

Chipotle and Panera already say they serve chicken raised without antibiotics, but the announcement by McDonald's is notable because of its size; the company has more than 14,000 U.S. locations. Chipotle has nearly 1,800 locations, while Panera has almost 1,900 locations.

"This really does move the ball quite a bit," said Gail Hansen, a senior officer with the antibiotic resistance project with The Pew Charitable Trusts. Hansen said that ionophores, the antibiotics that will be allowed by McDonald's, are not considered medically important for humans.

Hansen noted the poultry industry had already been moving away from the use of antibiotics used in human medicine, which likely made the decision by McDonald's easier.

McDonald's noted that while suppliers can still use medically important antibiotics to treat sick animals, those animals would not be used in its food supply Marion Gross, senior vice president of McDonald's North America's supply chain, said the change will cost the company more but noted the increase won't necessarily be passed on to customers because several factors are used to determine restaurant prices.

"I think you will hear more from us as it relates to our food," Gross added.

The announcement comes as McDonald's Corp. struggles to transform its image amid intensifying competition from smaller rivals positioning themselves as more wholesome alternatives.

The company has long battled negative perceptions about its food, but that has become a bigger vulnerability as more people shift toward options they feel are made with ingredients that are higher quality or meet standards on social responsibility.

After seeing customer visits to U.S. stores decline two years in a row, McDonald's had recently hinted that changes could be on the way. Franchisees were told of the upcoming chicken and milk announcement Tuesday at a "Turnaround Summit" in Las Vegas.

Scott Taylor, a McDonald's franchisee who was at the conference, said ingredients are "becoming more and more important" to customers and that McDonald's has suggested more changes could be in store.

In a statement, chicken supplier Tyson Inc. said it looks forward to working with McDonald's to meet its new standards. Tyson noted it has reduced the use of antibiotics effective in humans by more than 84 percent since 2011. The National Chicken Council also said in a statement that chicken producers have been working to phase out the use of antibiotics important in human medicine to promote growth in animals.

Caroline Smith DeWaal, food safety director at the Center for Science in the Public Interest, said McDonald's plan to sell milk produced without rBST was also a good step because the artificial growth hormone can cause health problems in dairy cows.

As McDonald's fights to hold onto customers, the company has also made a number of leadership changes. The pressures reached the top of the company in late January, when McDonald's said CEO Don Thompson would be replaced by Steve Easterbrook, its chief brand officer.

The CEO change officially took effect this week, and Easterbrook was at the franchisee summit in Las Vegas.

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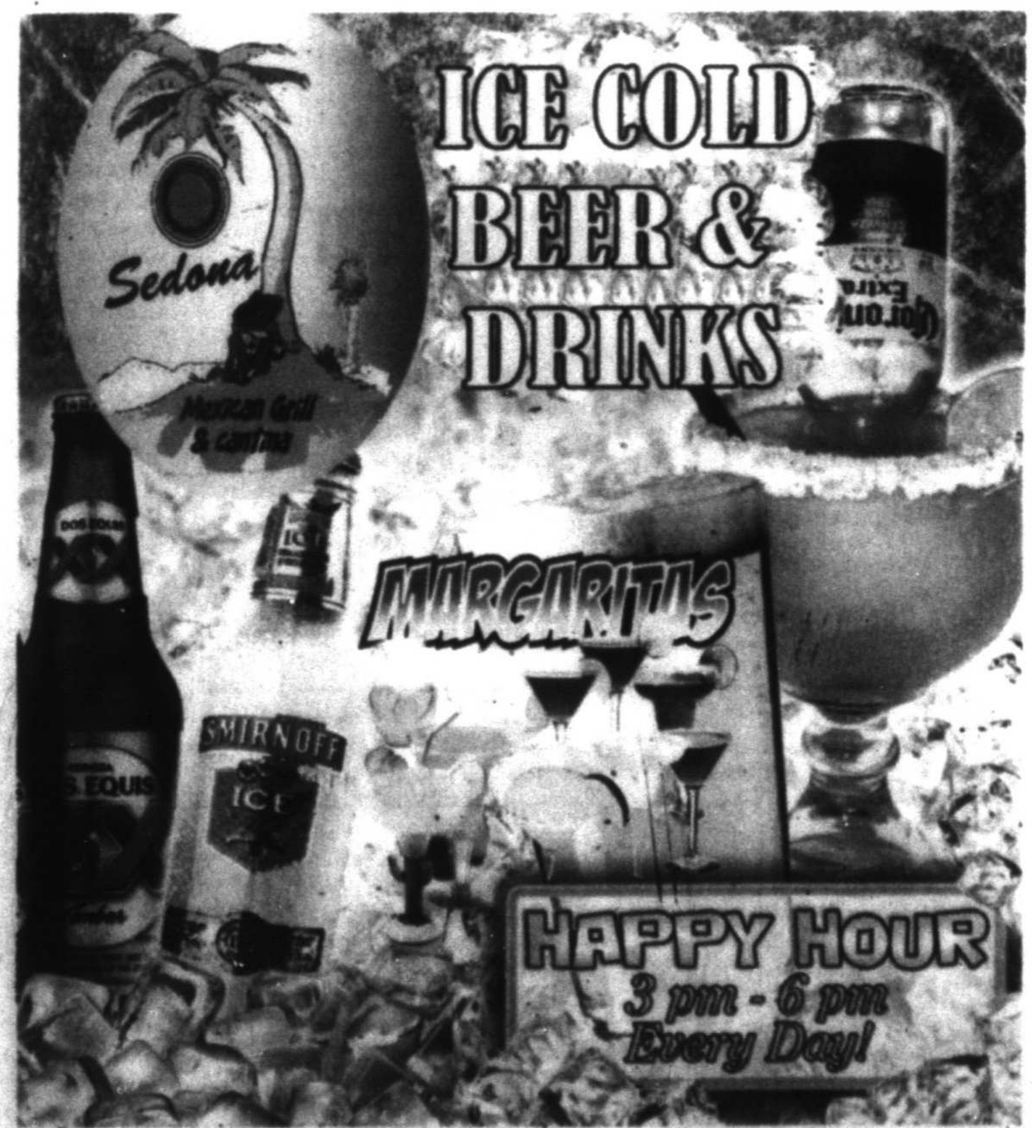

Latest media 'pile-on' catches conservatives

■ Journalists take up pastime of beating the dead elephant

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You'll have to excuse some of my journalism colleagues. They're not themselves lately.

When someone is attacked by a mob of critics, we're not supposed to pile on additional and unnecessary criticism.

It used to be unseemly to beat a dead horse; now it's how too many in the Fourth Estate spend much of their time — especially if the horse is really an elephant.

All too often the folks who get piled on by the media are conservatives and Republicans.

People like Fox News' Bill O'Reilly. In a previous incarnation as a reporter for CBS News many years ago, O'Reilly was sent to cover foreign conflicts in Argentina and El Salvador. Current and former journalists have accused the cable news host of exaggerating, even lying, about his experiences there.

O'Reilly was also a reporter for a Dallas television station, where he attempted to look into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. CNN — whose weekly news program "Reliable Sources" has dedicated two shows to O'Reilly's foibles — obtained a tape recording that seems to contradict an item that he mentioned in his best-selling book "Killing Kennedy."

I don't get it. Why is this even a story? O'Reilly was once a journalist, but that suit doesn't fit him very well anymore.

Last month, the person at the bottom of the pile was Rudy Giuliani, who learned that Pat Benatar was right. Love really is a battlefield. During a Feb. 18 dinner for Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, the former New York City mayor acknowledged that what he was about to say was horrible. But he foolishly said it anyway.

"I do not believe, and I know this is a horrible thing to say, but I do not believe that the president loves America," Giuliani told a private gathering. "He doesn't love you. And he doesn't love me. He wasn't brought up the way you were brought up and I was brought up, through love of this country."

What Giuliani said was repugnant, but the reaction by the media was excessive.

After a barrage of columns, editorials, analyses and commentary, Giuliani tried to explain what he meant in an op-ed in the Wall Street Journal.

"My blunt language suggesting that the president doesn't love America notwithstanding," he wrote, "I didn't intend to question President Obama's motives or the content of his heart."

What did we learn from all this? Not much. Print, broadcast and online media turned a nothing story into a feast that lasted two weeks.

In the age of 24-hour news channels, networks have to fill air time. And if you have to feed the beast by making mountains out of molehills, or rehashing stories without additional facts, then so be it.

I'm not sure what you call this, but you shouldn't call it journalism. Maybe that is what's happened here: The world of media and the world of journalism have finally parted ways.

Folks are supposed to become journalists so they can — as the saying goes — comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.

I chose this line of work because I wanted to stand up for the little guy. Had I wanted to protect the big guy, I might have become a high-priced lobbyist, corporate lawyer or investment banker.

And, in this spirit, the journalism profession has an unspoken code that dictates that if we stumble upon an angry mob on top of someone, we're not supposed to align with the mob, jump in the fray and inflict more pain.

Yet, these days, journalists are quick to pile on. And it seems that the goal isn't to merely discredit the person being attacked but to destroy him.

How did we get here? More importantly, how do we get back?

Sometimes, it's journalists who are at the bottom of the pile.

The day before NBC News anchor Brian Williams was suspended for exaggerating, even lying, about his experience reporting from Iraq, the hosts of MSNBC's "Morning Joe" defended their friend and colleague.

"We all make bad mistakes," host Joe Scarborough said. "Let he who is without sin, cast the first stone."

Meanwhile, co-host Mika Brzezinski acknowledged that the scandal hit close to home.

"This is in our house and it's very painful," she said. "I'm kind of horrified by the pile-on that I'm seeing out there. I guess it's part of the game and Brian would know that, too. But it's hard."

It's time for a new game.

GUEST VIEW

High school graduates must pass all state tests

Beaumont Enterprise

Many elected officials are backing away from mandatory exams for high school students for two reasons. One is that an overemphasis on rigid tests does not reflect the larger goals of public education. This is welcome. Another is the embarrassing fact that many kids are failing these tests, so to placate some students and parents the once-lofty standards are being scaled back. This is not so welcome.

For that reason, the Legislature should not support a proposal to let students graduate from Texas high schools even if they haven't passed all of their end-of-course state exams. A bill by Sen. Kel Seliger would give students their diplomas anyway as long as they pass all of their regular classes and a local school committee agrees.

No one should doubt the enormous pressure that these local committees will come under to let failing students graduate. This is the exact kind of "social promotion" that led to the move for verifiable standards in the first place.

And how long would it be before some lawmaker proposes letting kids graduate even if they have failed just one of their regular classes?

Two years ago the Legislature scaled back the number of mandatory state exams from 15 to five. That's reasonable. Now, seniors must pass standardized exams in English I, English II, algebra, biology and U.S. history. That's reasonable too, and lawmakers should not abandon these lesser requirements.

A high school diploma has to stand for something. It should mean that the student has met certain academic standards and acquired basic knowledge in several disciplines. A standard like this will give the student a good chance at a successful career and life, and prepare them for college or technical training.

Students generally meet the standards put before them, whether they are high or low. Those standards shouldn't be unfairly high, but they would be unfairly low if bills like this are approved.

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Netanyahu goes looking for war

■ Israeli prime minister's speech has Democrats fuming, puts U.S. in a tough place

DANA MILBANK

Washington Post Writers Group

Nancy Pelosi looked as if she might charge the well of the House and confront Benjamin Netanyahu personally.

When the Israeli prime minister, in his controversial address to Congress on Tuesday, suggested that the deal the Obama administration is negotiating with Iran only seeks to "delay the inevitable" of a nuclear-armed Iran, the House Democratic leader shook her index finger, balled her hand into a fist and spoke angrily to her neighbor, Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer.

Netanyahu declared that the still-incomplete framework is "a very bad deal. We are better off without it." Pelosi held out her hands, palms up, and muttered. She looked over her shoulder to see which Democrats had applauded.

When Bibi went on to say that the alternative to this deal is not war but "a much better deal," Pelosi sat forward in her seat, licking her lips. And when Netanyahu said abandoning the nuclear talks, though "the difficult path," will "make all the difference for the future of my country," Pelosi appeared to be struggling to contain herself.

"I was near tears throughout the prime minister's speech," she said in a statement later, "saddened by the insult to the intelligence of the United States ... and saddened by the condescension toward our knowledge of the threat posed by Iran."

Her agitation was not difficult to comprehend. It's a rare thing for Congress to declare war — and rarer still to do it at the request of a foreign leader.

It wasn't literally a war declaration, of course, just symbolic applause from Republicans, and several Democrats, for Netanyahu's bid to scuttle U.S. negotiations with Iran. But if Netanyahu were to succeed in ending talks, and if Iran weren't to return to the negotiating table as Netanyahu predicts it will, the actions will have obligated the United States to go to war.

Netanyahu is a brilliant speaker, and his call to arms was a tour de force — managing to enlist both Elie Wiesel and Moses in his bid to sabotage negotiations.

"My friends, standing up to Iran is not easy. Standing up to dark and murderous regimes never is," he said. "With us today is Holocaust survivor and Nobel Prize winner Elie Wiesel. Elie, your life and work inspires to give meaning to the words, 'never again.' And I wish I could promise you, Elie, that the lessons of history have been learned."

Netanyahu later mentioned a bas-relief of the prophet Moses above the gallery, saying "Moses gave us a message that has steeled our resolve for thousands of years. ... 'Be strong and resolute, neither fear nor dread them.'"

Netanyahu basked in the lengthy applause as he took his time shaking hands while walking down the center aisle. His speech, printed in about 48-point font on an inch-thick stack of paper, was poetic ("millions of Israelis were protected from thousands of Hamas rockets because this Capitol Dome helped build our Iron Dome") and was packed with applause lines.

But for all his oratorical skill, Netanyahu could not paper over the partisan divide worsened by his visit, which had been arranged without consultation with the White House. According to a count by the Hill newspaper, at least 56 Democrats skipped the speech in protest. And though there weren't empty seats (Republican Reps. Darrell Issa, John L. Mica, Michael C. Burgess and Thomas Massie, among others, sat on the Democratic side), several Democrats who did attend (Emanuel Cleaver II, Gerald E. Connolly, Henry Cuellar, Frank Pallone Jr. and others) sat out most of the ovations.

"I deeply regret that some perceive my being here as political," Netanyahu told the lawmakers — a version of the "I'm sorry you feel that way" non-apology.

Netanyahu briefly made Republicans squirm, as when he told the legislators he would "always be grateful to President Obama" for the many secret ways in which the American president has helped Israel. Democrats leaped to applaud, and after a long delay about a dozen Republicans grudgingly joined them.

But he quickly turned his fire on Obama, saying the deal his administration was negotiating would "all but guarantee" that Iran gets nuclear weapons. The prime minister demanded more favorable terms. "If Iran threatens to walk away from the table — and this often happens in a Persian bazaar — call their bluff," he counseled. "They'll be back, because they need the deal a lot more than you do."

And if Bibi is wrong? No problem for him: The Israeli leader will have committed the United States to war with Iran.

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WASHINGTON

Obama signs Homeland Security funding bill into law

President Barack Obama has signed a law funding the Homeland Security Department through the end of the budget year.

The president signed the bill Wednesday afternoon in the Oval Office with a small group of photographers present. The White House wouldn't permit reporters to attend.

The House voted 257-167 Tuesday to approve the bill after a messy fight in Congress. Republicans wanted to use the legislation to repeal Obama's executive actions on immigration. Congress extended funding for one week just ahead of last Friday's deadline, then Republicans relented Tuesday and approved full-year funding without the immigration conditions.

WASHINGTON

House passes Amtrak bill that could boost Northeast service

In a rare burst of bipartisanship, the House moved Wednesday to boost Amtrak's popular service between Boston and Washington while giving states a greater say in the local routes they help subsidize.

The bill was approved by a vote of 316 to 101. Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Midland, voted against the bill.

The measure authorizes $7.2 billion in federal subsidies for passenger rail, including $1.7 billion a year over four years in subsidies for Amtrak. That's nearly the same as current spending levels, disappointing Amtrak supporters who had urged a significant increase to help the railroad address its deteriorating infrastructure and aging equipment.

But in a compromise between Democrats and Republicans, the bill separates Amtrak's Northeast Corridor service between Boston and Washington from its long distance routes. That would allow Amtrak to use profits from the money-making corridor for improvements that could speed up trains and enhance service on the route. Amtrak officials have long complained that they've had to use Northeast Corridor profits to subsidize 15 unprofitable long-distance routes around the country.

The bill would also give officials in 19 states "a seat at the table" with Amtrak when deciding changes and budgets for service in their states, said Rep. Bill Shuster, R-Pa., chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. And it directs Amtrak to make changes in the financial information it provides state and local governments and the public so that the information is more "transparent," he said.

WASHINGTON

GOP education chairman anticipates vote on education bill

The Republican chairman of the House education committee said Wednesday he was blindsided by conservative opposition to his rewrite of the No Child Left Behind education law and will take the next week to try to clear up misconceptions.

GOP House leaders late last week abruptly canceled a scheduled vote on the bill when it became uncertain whether it would pass given conservative concern about the federal role in education. House Democrats widely opposed the bill, but a similar one had passed in 2013 with much less consternation by rank and file Republicans.

The bill by Rep. John Kline, R-Minn., chairman of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, would keep annual testing requirements in schools, but it gives states and districts more freedom in the way they spend federal money and set rules to identify and fix failing schools.

AP file photo

On Jan. 23, 2013, then-Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton testifies on Capitol Hill about the deadly September attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya, that killed Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans.

House committee subpoenas Benghazi emails

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A House committee investigating the Benghazi, Libya, attacks issued subpoenas Wednesday for the emails of Hillary Rodham Clinton, who used a private account exclusively for official business when she was secretary of state — and also used a computer email server now traced back to her family's New York home.

The subpoenas from the Republican-led Select Committee on Benghazi demanded additional material from Clinton and others related to Libya, spokesman Jamal D. Ware said. The panel also sent instructions to technology companies instructing them to preserve any relevant documents in their possession.

The development on Capitol Hill came the same day AP reported the existence of a personal email server traced back to the Chappaqua, New York, home of Clinton. The unusual practice of a Cabinet-level official running her own email server would have given Clinton — who is expected to run for president in the 2016 campaign — significant control over limiting access to her message archives.

The practice also would complicate the State Department's legal responsibilities in finding and turning over official emails in response to any investigations, lawsuits or public records requests. The department would be the position of accepting Clinton's assurances she was surrendering everything required that was in her control.

Congress said it learned last summer about Clinton's use of a private email account to conduct official State Department business during its investigation of the Benghazi attacks on a U.S. mission in which four Americans died.

"It doesn't matter if the server was in Foggy Bottom, Chappaqua, or Bora Bora," House Speaker John Boehner said. "The Benghazi Select Committee needs to see all of these emails, because the American people deserve all of the facts."

The chairman of the Benghazi committee, Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., told reporters: "I want the documents. Sooner rather than later."

Democrats called it a fishing expedition.

"Everything I've seen so far has led me to believe that this is an effort to go after Hillary Clinton, period," said Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland, the top Democrat on the committee.

The questions about Clinton's email practices left the Obama administration in an awkward position. At one point, the State Department directed reporters to contact Clinton, who has not publicly commented about her emails. The White House said it was her responsibility to make sure any emails about official business weren't deleted from her private server.

Meanwhile, the AP said it was considering legal action under the Freedom of Information Act against the State Department for failing to turn over some emails covering Clinton's tenure as the nation's top diplomat after waiting more than one year. The department has never suggested that it doesn't possess all Clinton's emails.

It was not immediately clear exactly where Clinton's computer server was run, but a business record for the Internet connection it used was registered under the home address for her residence as early as August 2010. The customer was listed as Eric Hoteham.

An aide to then-first lady Clinton was identified in a 2002 congressional report as Eric Hothem, whose name is spelled differently than in the Internet records. Hothem, a financial adviser in Washington, was not available to take a phone call when reached at his office Wednesday. He was a special assistant to Clinton as far back as 1997, and considered one of the family's information technology experts.

Clinton email policy violated Obama administration guidance

By Nedra Pickler
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even if Hillary Rodham Clinton's use of a private email server to conduct official business as secretary of state was not illegal, it violated Obama administration guidance and undermined his pledge of historic transparency.

Clinton's reliance on hdr22@clintonemail.com for electronic communication as the nation's top diplomat ignited another political controversy for the presumptive Democratic presidential front-runner, who is no stranger to scandal. It was a puzzling and risky decision for a political figure who is vulnerable to criticism about trying to operate outside the rules.

Clinton has yet to explain why she took the unusual step of using her own server and eschewing a State Department email address. Her silence has left the White House that vowed to run the most open government in history in the awkward position of having to answer for her electronic secrecy.

For the second day in a row Wednesday, Clinton's emails dominated the White House press briefing. Press secretary Josh Earnest carefully avoided direct criticism of Clinton while making it clear that administration policy is for government emails to be used for official business.

Associated Press

White House press secretary Josh Earnest speaks during his daily news briefing at the White House on Wednesday, where he answered questions about former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's use of email.

"Very specific guidance has been given to agencies all across the government, which is specifically that employees of the Obama administration should use their official email accounts when they're conducting official government business," Earnest said. He added if there are occasions when personal email is used for government business, a copy should be sent to the government account so the message can be properly preserved for inquiries from the public, historians and Congress.

Yet Clinton wasn't using personal email on occasion, but exclusively, the New York Times reported this week. The Associated Press found that a business record used for her email server registered under the home address for her residence in Chappaqua, New York, as early as August 2010 under the name Eric Hoteham. That name doesn't appear in public records databases, but Clinton once employed an aide named Eric Hothem, who was not available for comment Wednesday.

President Barack Obama didn't sign a law requiring archiving of emails from government officials until last year, after Clinton left office. But in 2011, when she was still secretary amid Google's revelations that China tapped email accounts of U.S. officials, the White House said government officials should use government email accounts for official business.

"The administration policy that is effective here is that we — all of our work is conducted on work email accounts," said then-press secretary Jay Carney.

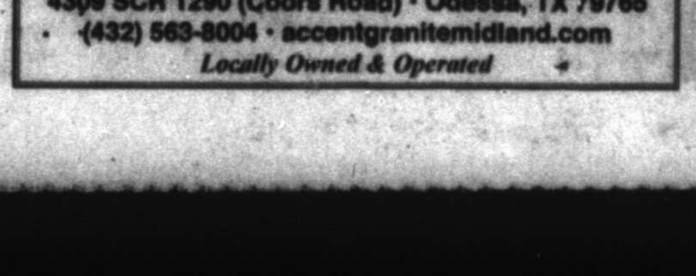
Last year, Clinton provided the State Department 55,000 pages of emails after the department asked her and other former secretaries for records that should be preserved. Yet her advisers alone decided what would be turned over and should not, without any outside control or clarity on the process they used.

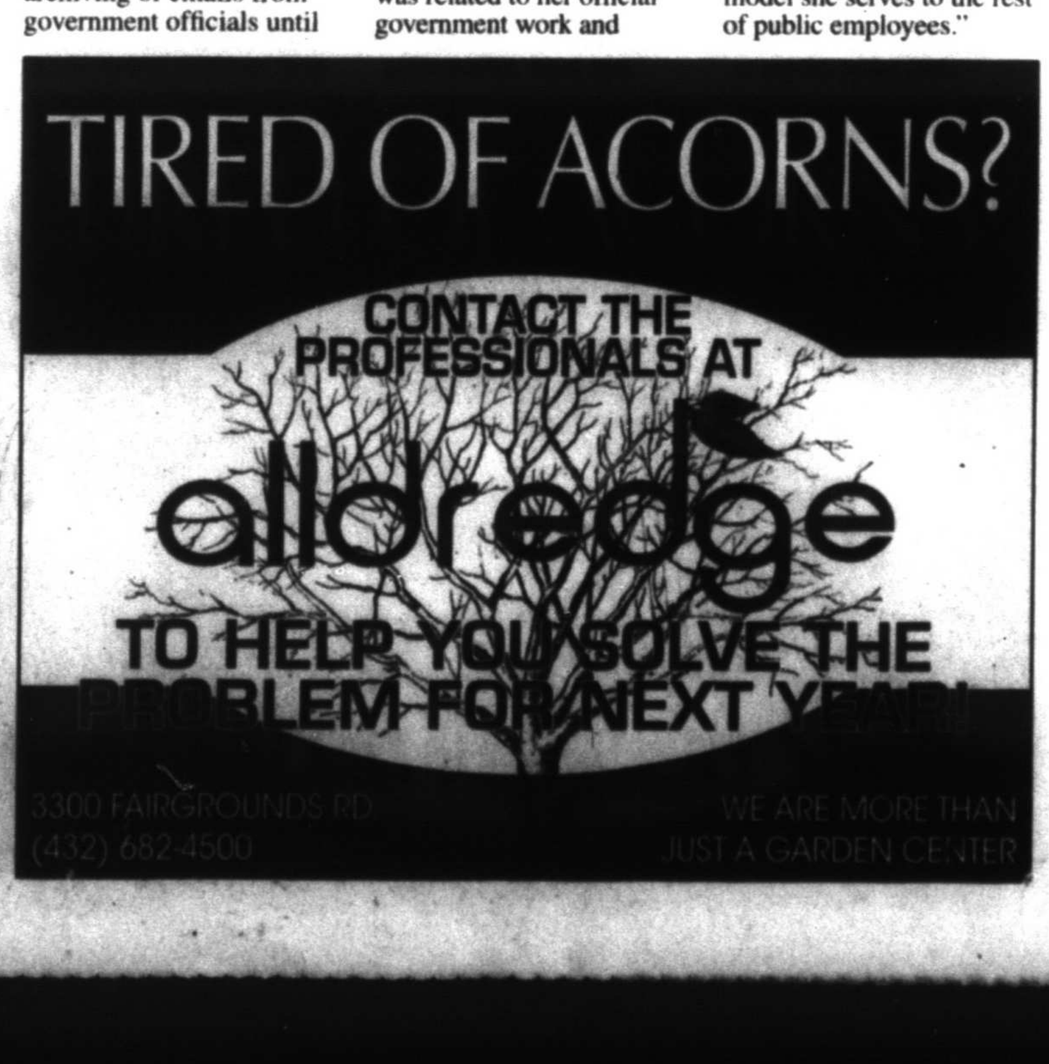
Earnest said "if in fact Secretary Clinton's team did what they say they did, and that is reviewed her email, collected all of her personal email that was related to her official government work and turned that over to the State Department so that they could properly preserve and maintain it, that would be consistent with the Federal Records Act. And that's the president's expectation."

Earnest also pointed out that the government runs a separate email system to exchange classified information, so classified information should never have been sent on an outside server.

Jerome Reisman, a New York-based attorney experienced in government ethics, said a private server gives the operator more control over their communications and makes it more difficult to subpoena electronic records as part of investigations. But he said the private server also has a greater chance of being exposed to hackers.

"This is not an issue necessarily of was it legal or was it illegal. It was wrong," Reisman said. "It is very important. It reflects on her character. It reflects on her role. It reflects on the model she serves to the rest of public employees."





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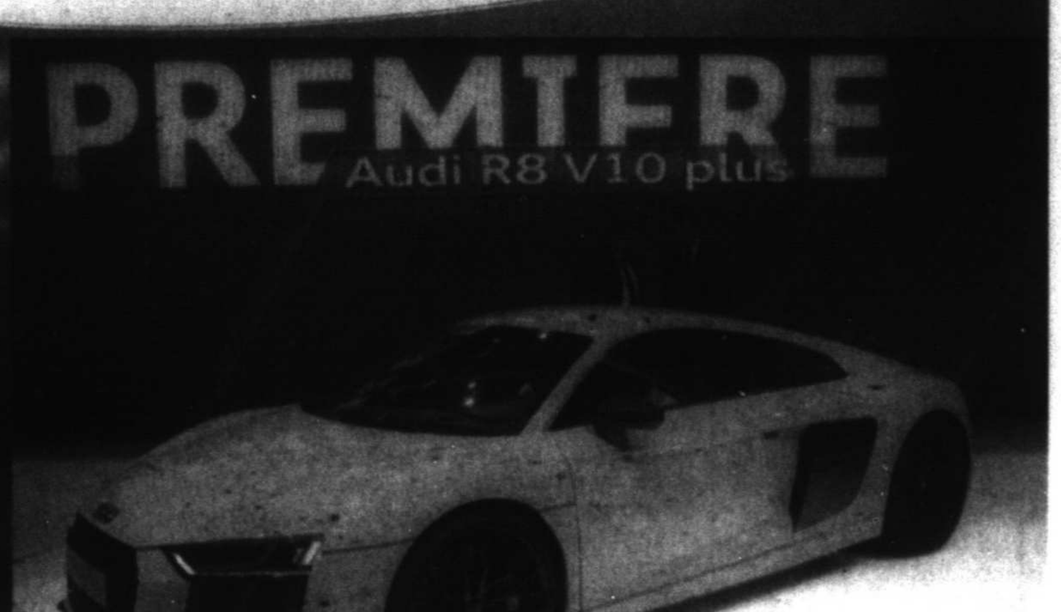

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Hot new rides revealed at Geneva auto show

Associated Press

GENEVA — Forget driverless cars, electric power or even green technology. There is no doubt what visitors are coming to see at the glamorous Geneva International Motor Show: supercars.

It is the high-end, impossibly expensive but seductively powerful sports cars that will get crowds gawking and cameras flashing when doors open to the public today.

There are new models from storied brands like Ferrari, Lamborghini and Mercedes but also prototypes from smaller manufacturers.

"There are an awful lot of fast cars and supercars on display this year," said Jim Holder, editor-in-chief of Autocar magazine. "What you see now is an industry that has got its swagger back and wants to show off a bit rather than put its hair shirt on about high miles per gallon and these slightly more mundane things."

Ferrari 488 GTB

The legendary sports car maker from Maranello, Italy, is sure to draw crowds with its 488 GTB. Drawing on the company's long racing history, its newly designed turbo-charged V8 engine accelerates the two-seater from 0 to 62 mph in 3 seconds flat. By comparison, the fastest and most powerful Corvette ever built, the Z06, does 0 to 60 mph in 2.95 seconds.

Ferrari CEO Amedeo Felisa vaunted the engine's characteristic Ferrari sound, the "deep, seductive soundtrack" in Ferrari's words. "It's the sound of a sports car," Felisa said in answer to questions from reporters who noted that Ferrari's turbo-charged California had lost that trademark scream.

Ferrari has even invented a new shade of its legendary red color for the 488's paintjob. Millions of tiny particles are suspended in the paint to give it extra glossiness.

Lamborghini Aventador LP 750-4 Superveloce

During a demo, the driver for the Superveloce (super-fast, in Italian) made sure to gun the engine and show off the metallic music made by its mighty 750 horsepower engine.

It has the classical Lamborghini design — low-slung, angular and lethal-looking with lots of expensive carbon-fiber materials. It can hit a top speed of 217 mph and its powerful brakes can bring it to a stop in only 30 yards from 62 mph.

It's not exactly environmentally-friendly, however — it puts out 375 grams of carbon dioxide per kilometer, compared with the fleet average limit of 130 grams, and consumes an average 14.7 miles per gallon.

Audi R8

The German luxury car maker from Ingolstadt in Bavaria unveiled its second-generation R8 supercar on its stand in Geneva.

With a V10 engine capable of 0 to 62 mph in 3.2 seconds, and an aluminum and carbon fiber chassis shared with the Lamborghini Huracan, the new R8 weighs 50kg less than its predecessor while being 40 percent more stiff, Audi says. Style cues from Audi's TT roadster are present, but the muscular angles and scooped out sides scream supercar.

European versions of the car will have optional laser-powered high beam headlights with cameras to help drivers see further. Audi is also introducing an electric version of the R8, with a battery pack capable of reaching a range of 276 miles and matching Tesla's Model S in performance.

Mercedes-Maybach S-600 Pullman

The new Mercedes-Maybach S-600 Pullman is a limousine of nearly unheard of luxury. With armour cladding as an option, the new Pullman is more than a meter longer than the next biggest Mercedes S-class and significantly taller, too.

After noting that John Lennon owned an original Pullman which he modified by adding a state-of-the-art Hi-Fi system, Mercedes unveiled the massive limo beneath a video recording of the Fab Four performing "Can't Buy Me Love" — and at over $500,000, few in the crowd could contemplate buying the car either.

Four quilted leather reclinable seats face each other in the limo's rear, with a champagne cooler in easy reach. A retractable glass partition can transform from transparent to opaque at the push of a button for more privacy.

BMW 2-Series Gran Tourer

What's a minivan doing on this list? The new 2-Series Gran Tourer might not be a supercar, but it is a blinged-out people-mover for "young active families," the Munich-based car maker says.

BMW says it's the first premium compact able to carry up to seven people, including up to five child seats for those carpool runs to soccer games or birthday parties.

Based on BMW's Active Tourer, the 'Gran' version adds more space as well as seating configurations. With rear seats folded into the floor and the middle row seats collapsed, storage space can be added or removed as needed — up to 67 cubic feet according to BMW.

The $30,000 van aims to help BMW take on rivals such as Renault's Grand Scenic in a market category that BMW hasn't traditionally competed in.

BMW 2-SERIES
GRAN TOURER

MERCEDES-MAYBACH
S-600 PULLMAN

WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

WEEKEND TO-DO LIST

FRIDAY

HORSING AROUND
Watch Tex-Mex Barrel Racing at the Horseshoe.

SATURDAY

LAST CHANCE
Catch the final performance of 'The Addams Family' at Midland Community Theatre.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

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THE MONSTER
Staff writer Joseph Basco taste-tests the signature sandwich from Cookhouse Catering food trailer. Page 4

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "Chappie," "Unfinished Business," "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"
Closing: "Jupiter Ascending," "Old Fashioned," "Birdman"

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Chappie," "Unfinished Business"
Closing: "Hot Tub Time Machine 2," "Jupiter Ascending"

BIG SKY DRIVE-IN
Opening: "Chappie"
Closing: "Fifty Shades of Grey"

COMING SOON

ON STAGE
Tennessee Comes to the Wagner Noel with Live From Nashville.

SPRING FLING
The Junior League's Shotguns & Stilettos features shopping and much more.

Top things to do when you get out this weekend

By Rich Lopez
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By all accounts — OK, really just from our weather page — this weekend is looking like it is going to give everyone a reprieve from the wintry mix. If you've missed out on the goings-on to avoid the ice, the snow and the cold, you can make up for that these next few days. With forecasts looking both sunny and in the upper-50s and mid-60s, it may not be spring yet, but Old Man Winter seems to have stepped away for a bit.

POPCORN AND A MOVIE

Spend family time at a free movie. Both libraries will be screening Saturday movies complete with free popcorn. You can decide between the Golden Globe-nominated animated film "The Book of Life" at the downtown location or "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" at Centennial branch. "The Book of Life" features the voices of Diego Luna, Zoe Saldana and Channing Tatum and "Alexander" stars Steve Carell and Jennifer Garner. Both films start at 2 p.m.

Midland County Public Library downtown location, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Centennial branch, 2503 W Loop 250 N. March 7 at 2 p.m.

ROLLER DERBY

Cheer on your local roller derby ladies when Midland's Bombshell Betties take on Alamogordo, New Mexico's Derbal Remedy team the RocketDolls at the CAF's Small Hangar. This is the first bout of 2015 for the Tall City Roller Betties. These ladies will pack a punch on both your weekend and those RocketDolls.

CAF, 9600 Wright Drive. March 7 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $10. Tallcityrollerbetties.com.

FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT

The Petroleum Museum invites everyone out to explore their inner scientist. For this edition of Family Science Night, the museum explores the insides in "Science Does a Body Good." The night includes hands-on activities, museum exploration and refreshments.

Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. March 5. 6-8 p.m. Free admission. Petroleum-museum.org.

LIVE MUSIC

Jeremy Steding and the Rebellion come from Austin to Midland to play Rockin' Rodeo. His 2014 release "My Own American Dream" was touted as one of the best albums of the year by the online music publication "Best in Texas." And the title track has become his highest charting song to date on Texas music charts. Not a bad way to roll into 2015.

Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. March 5. Doors at 8 p.m. rockinrodeomidland.com.

EXHIBIT

This month's First Fridays will feature a retrospective of Los Angeles artist Thomas Canales Burns. Featuring a variety of mediums, Burns' works delves into photography, painting and murals. The show will be up all month, but First Fridays not only opens the exhibit but also provides music and refreshments for all.

Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. March 6 at 6 p.m. Free. Facebook.com/kamiposi.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Actors Justin Tate, left, and Joe Thomson rehearse for Midland Community Theatre's production of "Greater Tuna" on Feb. 18.

MCT's 'Tuna' showcases top comic chops

REVIEW

By Rich Lopez
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The first and last time I saw "Greater Tuna," the show celebrated 20 years in 2003, and its creators, Jaston Williams and Joe Sears, reprised their original roles. With a surplus of costume changes and characters with nary a prop to be found, the denizens of Tuna, Texas, came to life with just the two actors.

And they would likely be proud of the performances by Joe Thomason and Justin Tate in their roles at the Friday opening of "Greater Tuna" at Midland Community Theatre.

Written by Williams, Sears and Ed Howard, "Greater Tuna" is the first of the now-famous satirical Tuna series of plays set in Texas' third-smallest town. Causes abound in Tuna as there were animals to save, words and books to ban and prayer meetings to attend.

"Tuna" was primarily a showcase for its cast that both Thomason and Tate lived up to. With 10 roles each, the actors juggled characters and costumes seamlessly. Part of the magic of the show was the quick changes that transitioned each actor from character to character. Efficiently handled by the actors and backstage dressers Jenna Petty and Hannah Torres, the show moved smoothly and precisely.

The first half had a racing pace out of the gate but the second half started to slow as the tone of the show went darker. But this quickly recovered during Vera Carp's and Reverend Spikes' eulogy scene which interacted with the audience and was filled with priceless gags and laughs.

But the weight of the show fell on the performances, and Thomason and Tate delivered throughout in abundance. Their characters were all fully realized through distinct speech patterns and physicalities and carried through with the miming of all of their nonexistent props. And the elasticity their faces showed for each was remarkable.

I can imagine Thomason and Tate would only do the originals proud, not just by their performances but also by the fact that they, along with director Carl Beery Moore, perpetuated the spirit of "Greater Tuna."

WANT TO GO?

"Greater Tuna" at Midland Community Theater, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Friday-March 28. $28 adults, $20 youth and seniors. Non-MCT members must purchase tickets at box office at the time of show. mctmidland.org.

Pianist finds much in deconstructing Gershwin

By Rich Lopez
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Pianist Jeffrey Biegel is pure academic when he discusses music. He does so with ample flair and without being too esoteric. He can deconstruct classic pieces and then explain their makeup easily enough for the average music fan to understand.

He does this with George Gershwin's signature "Rhapsody In Blue," which he will be performing with the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale on Saturday at the Wagner Noel.

But first comes the question: What makes this particular piece such an iconic one in music?

"There are certain elements that make it iconic, but I think a lot of it is a subconscious reason," Biegel said by phone. "The use of blue notes and catchy themes relate to everyday listeners first of all."

Usually in jazz or blues, a blue note alters into a slightly different pitch for expressive intentions.

Biegel, though, hears more in the piece. As he talked about its construction, he explained how "Rhapsody" is more like a buffet of musical styles.

"You have a fusion of Jewish dances, African-American rhythms and even Cuban rhythms toward the end," he said. "There is an influence of blues and even some Chopin-esque melodics."

Like a sleuth, Biegel went further to guess Gershwin was inspired by a 1921 performance by Russian composer Sergei Prokofiev that he learned Gershwin attended.

"That opening trill and scale could have very easily stuck in Gershwin's mind because that same trill is in a Prokofiev piece. Gershwin's tone and scale is different, but it's too coincidental to exist in both pieces," he said.

This is part of Biegel's charm. He

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CALENDAR

Looking for something to do for spring break? Check out Sunday's Culture section and build your own spring break adventure.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

MUSIC

Ray Johnston Band, Friday at Lone Star Bar. facebook.com/thelonestarbar.

S'Wonderful, S'Marvelous, S'Gershwin, 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

ART & EXHIBITS

First Friday art show with Thomas Burns, 6 p.m. Friday at Kamiposi. facebook.com/kamiposi.

GAMES & SPORTS

Play bridge at Allison Bridge Center. 682-8595.

Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m. Friday at The Detour.

Senior bingo, 10 a.m. Fridays at Cimarron House.

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

"The Addams Family," 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

"Greater Tuna," Friday through March 21 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

EVENTS

Midland Archeological Society program review of Texas Archeological Society Field Schools, 7 p.m. today at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Tex-Mex Barrel Racing, 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Ink Masters Tattoo Show, Friday through Sunday at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Pool and Spa Show, through Sunday at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Open Mic Night, 6-9 p.m. Saturday at Tea2Go. 689-5451.

KID-FRIENDLY

Family Science Night: Science Does a Body Good, 6-8 p.m. today at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org

Storytime for birth-2 years, 9:30 a.m. today at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Storytime for ages 2-6, 10:30 a.m. today at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Storytime for ages 2-6, 11 a.m. Saturdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Storytime for 2-6 years, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Storytime for birth-2 years, 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Storytime for 2-6 years, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Storytime for preschool, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Dome shows, throughout the week at Marian Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org 683-2882.

COMING SOON

MARCH

Spring break activities, March 9-13 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

MLK Adventures Spring Break Camp, 1-5 p.m. March 9-13 at MLK Center. 685-7355.

Jerry Seinfeld, 7 p.m. March 11 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Banda MS, March 13 at La Hacienda Event Center. haciendamidland.com.

Permian Basin Comic Con, March 13-15 at Ector County Coliseum. pbcomicconx.com.

Permian Basin Celtic Festival, March 13-15 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Ernesto Calderon, 6:30-9:30 p.m. March 14 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Dustin Lynch, 8 p.m. March 14 at La Hacienda Event Center. haciendamidland.com.

Country Gold Tour, 7:30 p.m. March 14 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Live on Stage: Live From Nashville, March 16 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Douglas Walton workshop, March 16-20 at Heritage Museum Big Spring. 213-0860.

St. Patrick's Day Mango Irish Party, March 17 at Midland County Public Library downtown location. co.midland.tx.us

Lunch and Lecture with Steve Hopkins of Midland Amateur Radio Club, 11:30 a.m. March 17 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

'Don Pasquale' in Concert presented by Midland Opera Theater, 7 p.m. March 17 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Laura Bush Literacy Program free reading event, 4:30 p.m. March 19 at the George W. Bush Childhood Home. bushchildhoodhome.org.

Rock & Soul Roadshow with Sam Riggs, Mike Ryan and Zane Williams, March 19 at Rockin' Rodeo. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Aaron Lewis, March 19 at La Hacienda. haciendamidland.com.

Shotguns & Stilettos Girls Night Out and Preview Party, March 19 at the Horseshoe Pavilion. jlmidland.org.

Shotguns & Stilettos Ladies Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. March 20 at the Horseshoe Pavilion. jlmidland.org.

Shotguns & Stilettos Spring Fling Market, March 20-22 at the Horseshoe Pavilion. jlmidland.org.

Mike Epps The Real Deal Tour, 8 p.m. March 20 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Shotguns & Stilettos Bunny Brunch Children's Event, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. March 21 at Horseshoe Pavilion. jlmidland.org.

Joseph Willis' "Teaching Lessons" book signing, 1:30-3:30 p.m. March 21 at Polo Park. joewillis.net.

Marisela, March 21 at La Hacienda. haciendamidland.com.

Permian Basin Gun Show, March 21-22 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Lone Star Brass "Under the Big Top," 3 p.m. March 22 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

"Chicago the Musical," 7:30 p.m. March 24 and March 25 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Shotguns & Stilettos Clay Shoot, March 27 at Jake's Clays. jlmidland.org.

Dwight Yoakam, March 27 at La Hacienda. haciendamidland.com.

Celebration of the Arts, March 27-28 at the Midland Center. acmidland.org.

"Grease" film screening, 7:30 p.m. March 27-28 at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

Remuda Quarter Horse Show, March 27-29 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

"The Little Princess" Pickwick Players production, March 27-April 4 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Energy City Half Marathon, 7:30 a.m. March 28 at Midland Memorial Stadium. energycityhalf.com.

John Michael Montgomery at Buckshot Bash, 6 p.m. March 28 at Horseshoe. jlmidland.org.

Sunburst USA Beauty Pageant, 1 p.m. March 29 at Midland Park Mall. sunburstbeauty.com.

Live on Stage: The Diamonds, 2:30 p.m. March 29 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Merle Haggard, 8 p.m. March 31 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

APRIL

Imaginocean, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. April 4 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

"Buying the Moose" Maverick Players production, April 10-26 at VFW Hall. 522-5225.

American Junior Rodeo Association finals, April 10-12 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Family Tree Day one-on-one help with family trees, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 11 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch genealogy department. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

MOSC Masterworks 4: "Shakespeare in Love," 7:30 p.m. April 11 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Vince Gill at MARC's Big Boys' Toys event, April 11 at Horseshoe Pavillion. marctexas.org.

Disney Junior Live on Tour "Pirate & Princess Adventure," 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. April 12 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

"Mamma Mia," 7:30 p.m. April 12 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Midland Energy Expo, April 12-14 at Horsehoe Pavilion. midlandhorseshoe.com.

An Evening with Slaid Cleaves, April 16 at Arti-Zen. talltownes.com.

Petroleum Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner, April 16 at Midland Center. petroleummuseum.org.

Robert Earl Keen at Best of the Basin barbecue cookoff and concert benefiting Bynum School, April 17-18 at CAF. bynumschool.org.

"Pillow Talk" film screening, 7:30 p.m. April 17-18 at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

"West Side Story," April 17-25 at Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Permian Basin Master Gardeners Plant Sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. April 18 at the Horseshoe. westtexasgardening.org.

Silver Spur Gun and Knife Show, April 18-19 at the Horseshoe Pavilion. silverspurtradeshows.com.

Lunch and Lecture with Bobby Burns of Midland Chamber of Commerce, 11:30 a.m. April 21 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

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SCREEN & STAGE

FILM CAPSULES

American Sniper (R) Director Clint Eastwood and star Bradley Cooper combine to tell the story of the most lethal sniper in U.S. military history and focus on the destructive inner price that must be paid for inflicting violence.

Black or White (PG-13) A widower raising his biracial granddaughter becomes embroiled in a bitter custody battle when the girl's paternal grandmother turns up seeking custody. With Kevin Costner, Octavia Spencer and Gillian Jacobs. Written and directed by Mike Binder.

Chappie (R) An experimental humanoid robot capable of thinking and feeling is kidnapped by street thugs. With Sharlto Copley, Dev Patel and Jose Pablo Cantillo. Written by Neill Blomkamp and Terri Tatchell. Directed by Blomkamp.

The Duff (PG-13) A high school senior sets out to reinvent herself after learning that she's known as the "designated ugly fat friend" to her two pretty, popular pals. With Mae Whitman, Robbie Amell and Bella Thorne. Written by Josh Cagan. Directed by Ari Sandel.

Fifty Shades of Grey (R) A mousy college student begins a steamy relationship with a kinky billionaire. With Jamie Dornan, Dakota Johnson and Jennifer Ehle. Written by Kelly Marcel. Directed by Sam Taylor-Johnson.

Focus (R) A veteran con man crosses paths with a former flame and protege amid Buenos Aires' high-stakes racing circuit. With Will Smith, Margot Robbie and Rodrigo Santoro. Written and directed by Glenn Ficarra and John Requa.

Hot Tub Time Machine 2 (R) When one of them gets shot, three friends fire up their time machine to try to prevent the attack but accidentally end up in the future. With Rob Corddry, Craig Robinson, Clark Duke and Adam Scott. Written by Josh Heald. Directed by Steve Pink.

Jupiter Ascending (PG-13) A house cleaner has her life turned upside own when she is saved from bounty hunters by a genetically engineered ex-military warrior and learns she is intergalactic royalty. With Channing Tatum, Mila Kunis, Sean Bean and Eddie Redmayne. Written and directed by Lana Wachowski and Andy Wachowski. In 3-D and Imax.

'THE SECOND BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL'

Kingsman: The Secret Service (R) A street kid is recruited into a super-secret spy organization just as a global threat emerges from an evil tech genius. With Colin Firth, Taron Egerton and Michael Caine. Written by Jane Goldman and Matthew Vaughn. Directed by Vaughn.

The Lazarus Effect (PG-13) Medical students discover a way to bring the dead back to life, but not without complications. With Evan Peters, Olivia Wilde and Donald Glover. Written by Luke Dawson and Jeremy Slater. Directed by David Gelb.

McFarland, USA (PG) Under the direction of a new coach, a predominantly Latino high school in an economically challenged California farm town forges a championship cross-country team. With Kevin Costner, Maria Bello and Morgan Saylor. Written by Christopher Cleveland, Bettina Gilois and Grant Thompson. Directed by Niki Caro.

Old Fashioned (PG-13) A former frat boy who has given up his partying ways to run an antique shop in a Midwestern college town falls for a free-spirited young woman. With Elizabeth Ann Roberts, Rik Swartzwelder and Lejon Woods. Written and directed by Swartzwelder.

Paddington (PG) A young Peruvian bear travels to the city in search of a home in this film based on Michael Bond's children's books. With Ben Whishaw, Hugh Bonneville and Sally Hawkins. Written and directed by Paul King.

The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG) An idealistic young hotelier prepares for his wedding while also trying to expand his business of providing accommodations for retirees. With Dev Patel, Richard Gere and Tamsin Greig. Written by Ol Parker. Directed by John Madden.

Seventh Son (PG-13) The sole remaining warrior of a mystical order searches for a prophesied hero to help him vanquish a dark queen. With Jeff Bridges, Ben Barnes and Julianne Moore. Written by Charles Leavitt and Steve Knight. Directed by Sergei Bodrov. In 3-D.

SpongeBob: Sponge Out of Water (PG) A goofy sea sponge and his friends venture to the surface world to foil an evil pirate. With Tom Kenny, Bill Fagerbakke and Antonio Banderas. Written by Jonathan Aibel and Glenn Berger. Directed by Paul Tibbitt and Mike Mitchell. In 3-D.

Unfinished Business (R) A small-business owner and his two associates travel to Europe to close an important deal, but their trip goes decidedly off the rails. With Vince Vaughn, Tom Wilkinson and James Marsden. Written by Steven Conrad. Directed by Ken Scott.

The Wedding Ringer (R) A successful but socially awkward groom-to-be enlists a best-man-for-hire to fill out his half of the bridal party. With Kevin Hart, Josh Gad and Kaley Cuoco-Sweeting. Written by Jeremy Garelick and Jay Lavender. Directed by Garelick.

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REVIEW

'Second Best' Marigold Hotel lives up to its title

By Jocelyn Novacek
Associated Press

If you're going to do a movie sequel that doesn't quite measure up to the original and seems rather hurriedly cobbled together, well, OK. Many filmmakers have done the same.

But actually putting the words "Second Best" in the title? Now, that's just asking for the unflattering comparisons.

This isn't to say that "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" — so named after an actual hotel in the movie — won't appeal to the same fans who flocked to the first film. And it's hard to quibble over the value of spending two hours with the likes of Judi Dench and Maggie Smith. Indeed, Smith's exasperated rant over the state of lukewarm tea in the United States is alone worth the price of a ticket.

But much of the film feels like a hastily arranged class reunion, where you show up but have less to talk about than last time. You still have some fun, but, like a cup of — er — lukewarm tea, it's definitely second best.

The sequel brings us back to Jaipur, India, a few years after the British retirees first made their home in the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, where they discovered that although the place wasn't as luxurious as advertised, it was full of life — and life lessons.

Sonny (Dev Patel), the ambitious and very talkative co-manager, is his usual hyperactive self, taking roll call every morning of the elderly residents, who've all settled into some sort of productive activity.

There's the widowed Evelyn (Dench), now a textile buyer for an overseas company. There's her would-be beau, Douglas (Bill Nighy), who's trying to summon the guts to declare his love, while serving as the least-qualified tour guide in all of India. There's romance-starved Madge (Celia Imrie), dallying simultaneously with two rich suitors, and there's Norman (Ronald Pickup), the playboy who's now seeking a different kind of happiness.

And there's Muriel (Smith), now Sonny's co-manager, keeping him as grounded and practical as she can.

The film, directed by John Madden (who wrote the script with Ol Parker) opens with Muriel and Sonny on a road trip to a California retirement company they're hoping will fund Sonny's franchise dreams. Sonny's plan centers on buying a second hotel — to be christened, of course, "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel."

Back in India, Sonny is too obsessed with his plan to pay any attention to his impending wedding — an obvious source of frustration to his fiancee, lovely Sunaina (Tina Desai). And he's so driven that when a guest named Guy Chambers (Richard Gere) shows up — and yes, that does sound like a porn star, but actually he's a novelist — Sonny's convinced he's the inspector that the retirement company's CEO said he'd send, incognito, to check out the place. Much stress ensues.

As Chambers, the silver-haired Gere is sure to cause a frisson with the ladies, both onscreen and in the theater, but Gere pretty much floats through the film without much exertion — and the suddenness of his attraction to Sonny's mother (Lillete Dubey) is not very convincing.

Also perturbing is a subplot involving a potentially sad fate for one of the characters. It's hinted at strongly and then dropped, or at least made so subtle that you wonder if, mid-shoot, the filmmakers changed their minds.

In any case, it all boils down to that final wedding scene. Without spoiling much, we can tell you the colors are gorgeous (check out Sunaina's red sari), and as for the obligatory dance sequence — it may be obligatory, but it's huge fun. Keep your eyes on Patel: he's having a ball, and it's infectious. If the rest of the film were this appealing, it wouldn't feel "second best" at all.

"The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," a 20th Century Fox release, is rated PG by the Motion Picture Association of America "for some language and suggestive comments." Running time 122 minutes. Two stars out of four.

GERSWIN

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even accompanied his ponderings with music. During his phone interview with the Reporter-Telegram, he played the piano to punctuate and prove his points.

Perhaps this is also the strength of "Rhapsody in Blue."

Biegel added that outside of the musicality, the piece is a melting pot of cultures that perhaps reflected 1924 New York City at the time it was composed. So in many ways, the piece simply speaks to many.

"It's interesting for people to understand why it's iconic," Biegel said. "Gershwin brought cultures together and by doing that I think there are lots of elements that make for both conscious and subconscious reactions. We love it in a way we can't understand. That's why I love it so much."

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Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale presents S'Wonderful, S'Marvelous, S'Gershwin featuring Jeffrey Biegel at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 North Farm-to-Market Road 1788, 7:30 p.m. Saturday. $25-$45. MOSC.org.

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DINING

REVIEW

The Monster sandwich blows its competition out of the water

By Joseph Basco
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Cookhouse Catering, one of the newest food trailers in Midland, proudly places The Monster at the top of its menu.

The Monster, a grilled cheese sandwich with slices of smoked brisket, is the only menu item deserving enough to have a unique name among the other sandwiches and wraps it offers.

The sandwich is the creation of Samuel Ransom Jr., one of the three chefs who operate Cookhouse Catering. He said he thought of the sandwich after having a grilled cheese with braised short ribs in California. To change it up, he substituted the meat.

THE MENU

- **Chicken bacon ranch sandwich or wrap with grilled or crispy chicken**
- **Turkey Melt**
- **Bacon Cheese Burger**
- **Monster Brisket Grilled Cheese**
- **Chicken Caesar Salad (Grilled/Crispy)**
- **Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo**

"I always wanted to make that sandwich, and I recreated it my own way by using smoked brisket," Ransom said. "Because we're in Texas, you know."

The brisket, smoky and seasoned, complemented the cheese oozing out of thick sliced bread. I wouldn't have minded some barbecue sauce with the sandwich, but nonetheless it blows out of the water anything you find in local restaurants.

The brisket is smoked for 12 hours and sliced at the Cookhouse Catering's prep house at 1711 W. Illinois Ave.

The juxtaposition of smoked brisket with grilled cheese remind me of culinary innovations offered in Austin. The Monster is to Midland as to Gourdough's Flying Pig is to Austin.

Sure, The Monster is not that groundbreaking, but Midland's food scene is not like Austin's, so it's the small progressions such as this sandwich that should be cherished by locals.

Though the price was $8.50 just for the sandwich, the trailer also offers a combo with chips and a drink for $10, or with fries and a drink for $11. The best part is, non-cash carrying credit and debit card customers are welcome.

Right now, the food trailer is relatively unknown, so there wasn't a line for lunch on Tuesday. Meanwhile, Rosa's Cafe, located next to Cookhouse Catering, had a drive-though line bleeding out onto Andrews Highway.

If you want The Monster, the Cookhouse Catering food trailer will be out today at TMP gun store at 2700 Rankin Highway.

On Saturday, the trailer will be at the Sleep Inn & Suites, located at 5612 Deauville Blvd.

For more information about Cookhouse Catering's food trailer, follow it on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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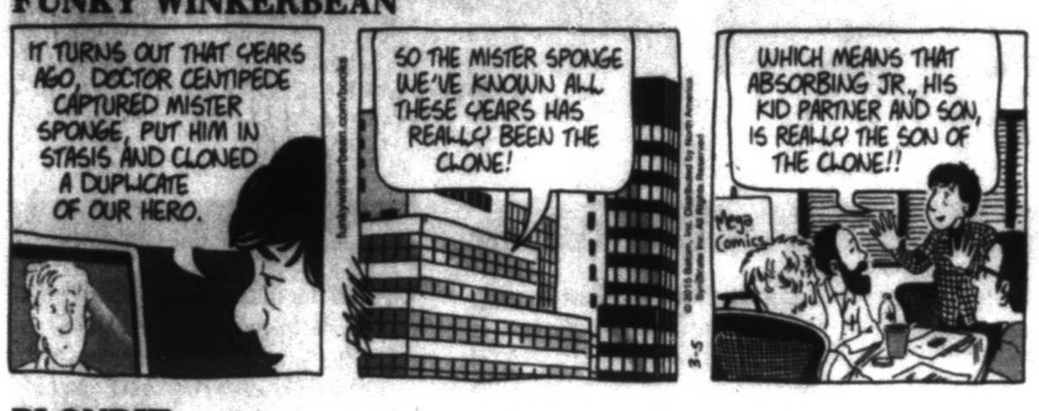

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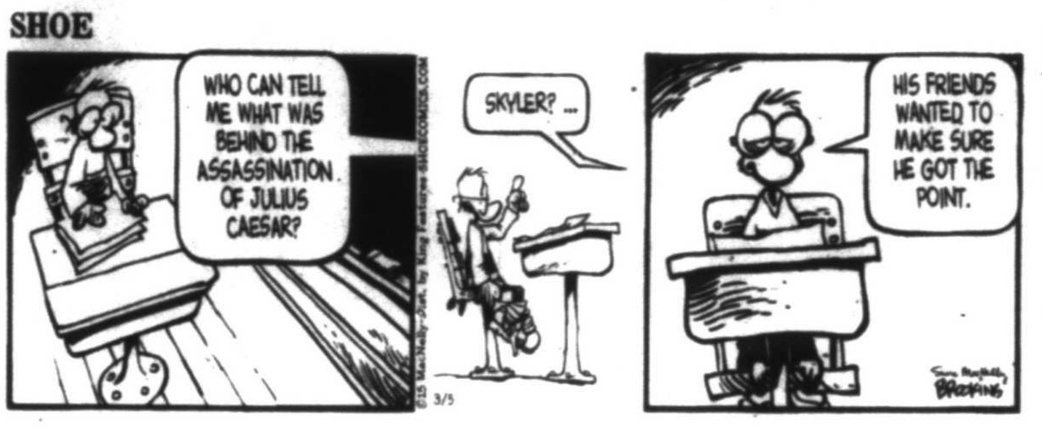

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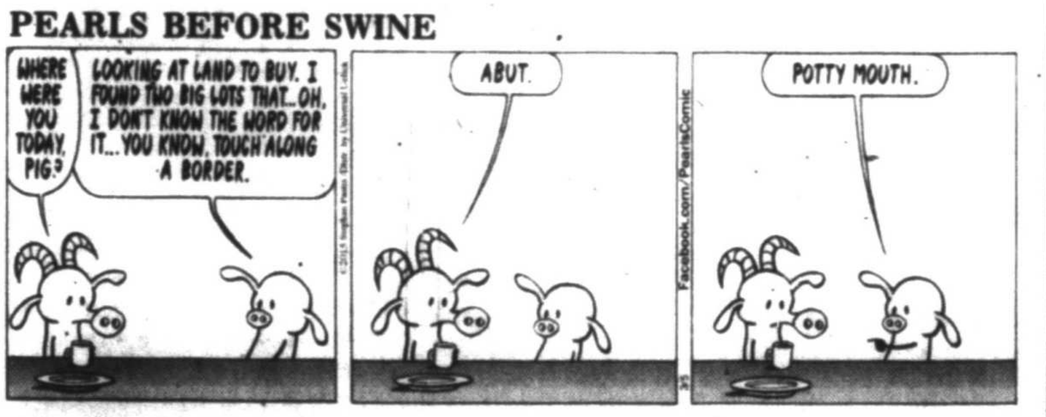

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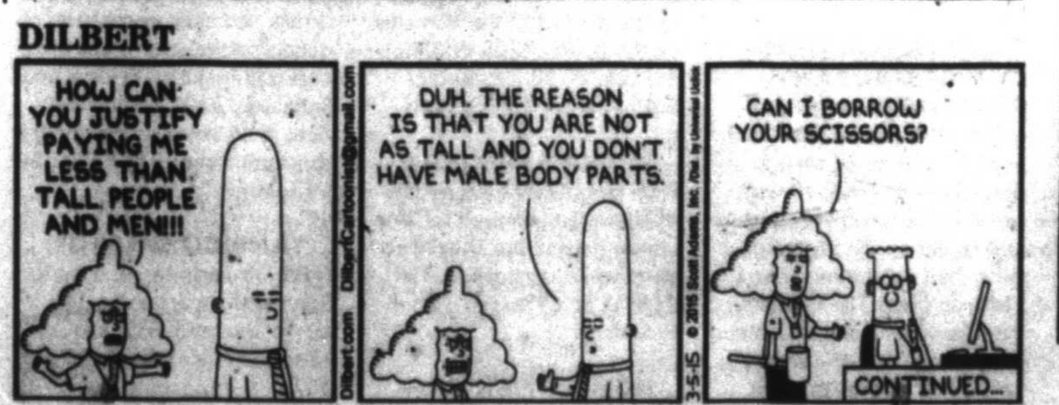

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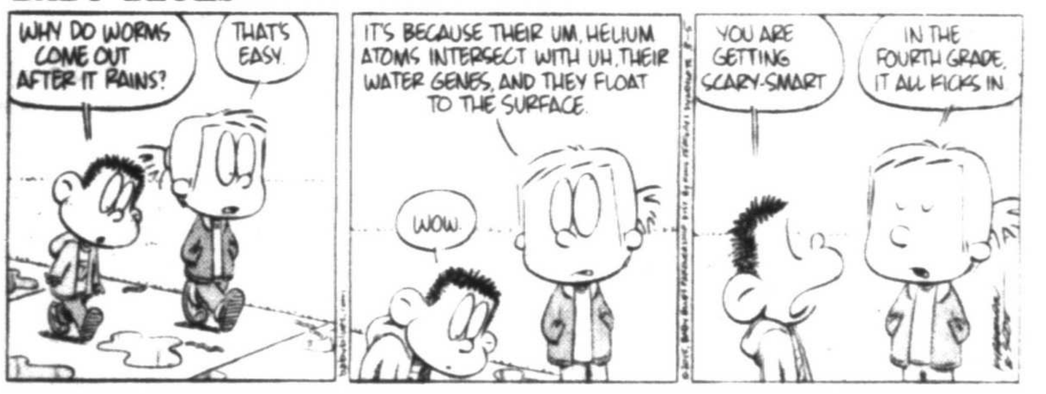

MUTTS

CLOSE TO HOME

For particularly unruly substitute teaching jobs, Brenda made sure to wear her fake eye-on-the-back-of-the-head.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"MAYBE YOU CAN GET THE CATSUP TO COME OUT. MY DAD SAYS YOU *HIT THE BOTTLE PRETTY GOOD.*"

LOCKHORNS

"I REMEMBER WHEN YOU USED TO IGNORE ME WITH THE NEWSPAPER."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"I looked at the full moon, but nothing's happening still."

DINING

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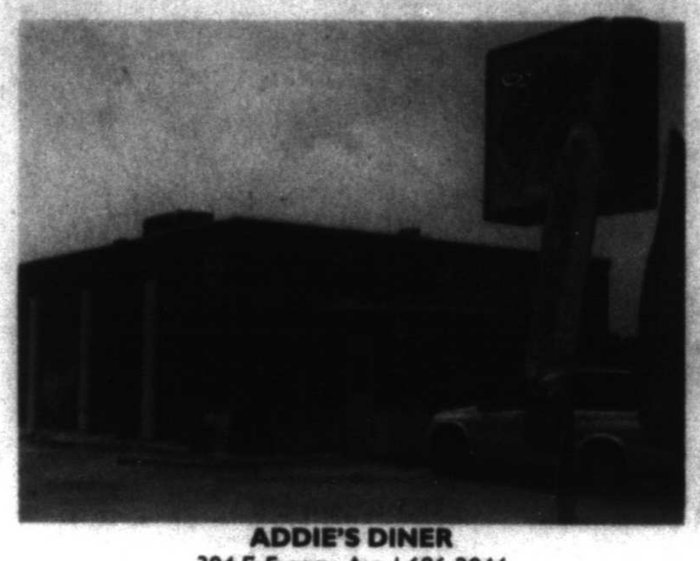

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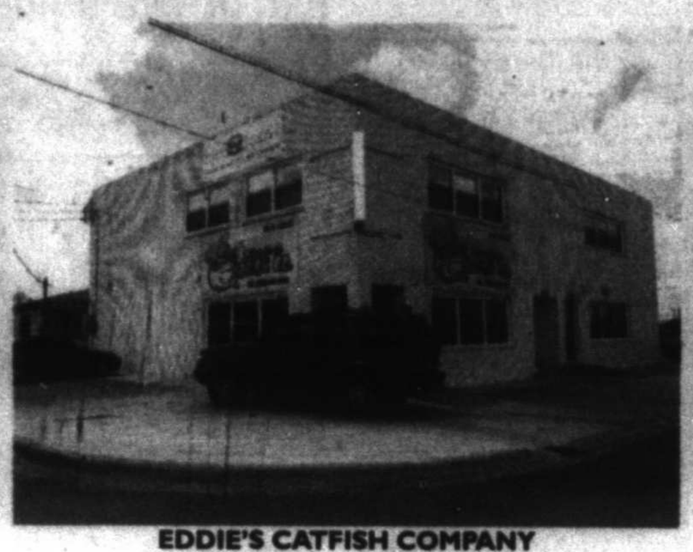

EDDIE'S CATFISH COMPANY
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AMERICAN & GRILL

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COTTON PATCH CAFE Casual dining chain restaurant off of Loop 250. Specials include chicken fried steak and fried catfish. Soups, salads, steaks. 2320 W. Loop 250 N. 618-0070. www.cottonpatch.com | $ | 2 spoons.

CRACKER BARREL Breakfast all day. Chicken and dumplings, meatloaf, smoked ham, fried fish. Old Country Store sells candy, toys, rocking chairs, decorative items. 3108 N. Loop 250 West. 689-3137 www.crackerbarrel.com | $ | 3 spoons

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DENNY'S Open 24 hours a day, Denny's is one of very few options for people looking to grab a bite to eat at 3 a.m. Breakfast, burgers, snacks, pies and coffee. 3701 W. Wall St. 520-5306 www.dennys.com | $ | 2 spoons

EDDIE'S CATFISH COMPANY When you open a catfish restaurant, why mess around with anything else. Except maybe fried shrimp, french fries, hush puppies, coleslaw and onion rings. That's the menu at Eddie's Catfish Company. All you have to do is decide how many pieces you want. 301 N. Lee St. 684-4422. www.eddiescatfishco.com | $ | 3 spoons

GRAHAM PHARMACY Refreshingly simple menu makes this a hot spot for lunch. Good luck finding a parking space. Try the pimento cheese sandwich and treat yourself to homemade fudge for dessert. 1601 W. Wall St. 684-5756 www.grahampharmacy.com | $ | 3 spoons

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THE RANCH HOUSE Stop by for a sandwich or pick up a whole ham or turkey for holidays. Sandwich options include chicken or tuna salad, turkey, peppered beef, ham, smoked brisket and barbecue. 5103 W. Wadley Ave. 699-0695 www.goldenglazedhams.com | $ | 3 spoons

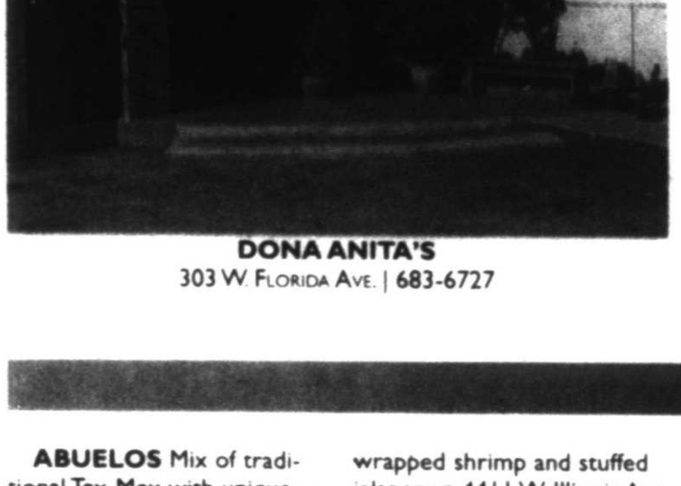
STANTON DRUG AND OLD-FASHIONED SODA FOUNTAIN Drive about an hour away from Midland for a hamburger or sandwich at Stanton Drug Store. Get there early. The owners close shop when they run out of meat for the day. 201 N. St. Peter, Stanton. 432-756-3731 | $ | 3 spoons

STRAWBERRY FIELDS CAFE Try the Santa Fe wrap. All organic menu with daily specials, sandwiches, wraps, smoothies. Soup and salad bar. If you can't find a table or need a quick lunch, check out the section of foods 'to go' inside the Natural Foods Market. 2311 W. Wadley Ave. 684-5869 www.naturalfoodsmkt.com | $ | 4 spoons

TATER WORLD The menu centers around this local restaurant's namesake. If you're hungry, go for the huge baked potatoes stuffed with brisket or steak. The menu has more than just potatoes. Ask around town and you'll hear Tater World has some of the best catfish in Midland. 802 S Garfield St. 682-9111 | $ | 4 spoons

THE BAR Arguably the best burgers in town. Go during the fall or winter for the chili and cornbread. Live music and drink specials in the evenings. Try a bloody Mary with Saturday brunch. 606 W. Missouri Ave. 685-1757 www.thebarmidland.com | $$ | 4 spoons

TRIPLE THREAT SPORTS BAR & GRILL Philly cheesesteaks are the star of the menu but this sports bar also offers popcorn shrimp, chicken tenders, salads and appetizers. Smoking is permitted inside. 12 Meta Drive 683-5300 | $ | 4 spoons



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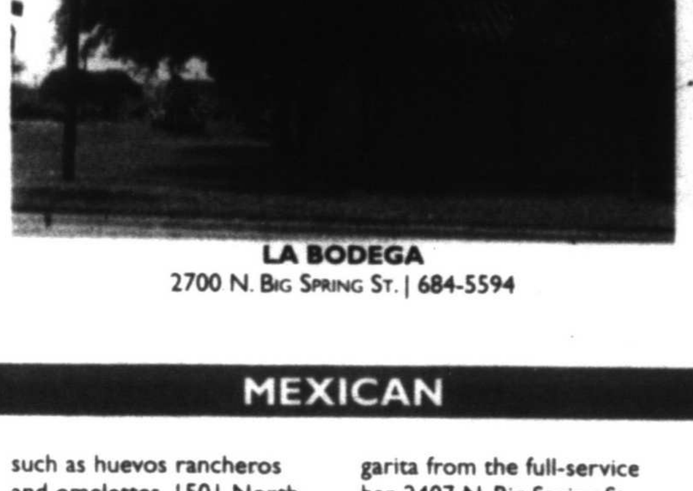

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MEXICAN

ABUELOS Mix of traditional Tex-Mex with unique menu items featuring steak and seafood. Tired of rice and beans on the side? Try papas con chile and espinaca casserole. 2908 W. Loop 250 N. 685-3335 www.abuelos.com | $$ | 4 spoons

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CANCUN GRILL Stylish downtown Mexican restaurant inside Wall Towers. Start with the corn queso and then move on to the seafood enchiladas or one of the steaks. 223 W. Wall St. 618-0390 | $$ | 4 spoons

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CASA MADRID Established Midland restaurant serves fajitas, Mexican combination plates, tacos, tamales, flautas and enchiladas. 911 S. Big Spring St. 685-1350 | $ | 3 spoons

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GARCIA'S BURRITOS Pick up a breakfast burrito for $2 starting at 7:30 a.m. on weekdays. Or try a fajita plate with beans, rice, guacamole and sour cream. 1306 N. Lamesa Road 684-4383 | $ | 2 spoons

GERARDO'S CASITA Try the tortilla soup or the fajitas. Don't forget a margarita from the full-service bar. 2407 N. Big Spring St. 570-8012 www.gerardoscasita.net | $ | 4 spoons

JAVI'S MEXICANO RESTAURANTE Mexican restaurant, bakery, tortilla and tamale factory serves wide variety of burritos and great burgers. 1511 Rankin Highway 684-4898 | $ | 4 spoons

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LA BODEGA MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND BAR Try the chile rellenos — stuffed with beef, chicken, cheese or shrimp, deep-fried and topped with red sauce, sour cream, pecans and raisins — or the rueda, described on the menu as a Mexican pizza. The upstairs bar allows smoking and keeps later hours than the restaurant. 2700 N. Big Spring St. 684-5594 www.mylabodega.com | $ | 4 spoons

LA HERRADURA MEXICAN CUISINE Go for breakfast and try the huevos rancheros with beans, potatoes and tortillas. Menudo, caldo de res and cabrito en salsa verde on the weekends. 1422 Rankin Highway 687-3000 | $ | 2 spoons

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ROMIE'S MEXICAN RESTAURANTE Don't underestimate this hole-in-the-wall restaurant serving traditional Tex-Mex fare. Quick service, daily specials and delicious food. 701 S. Marienfeld St. 432-683-5344 | $ | 3 spoons

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ROSA'S CAFÉ & TORTILLA FACTORY If you're a native Midlander, you get it. If you're not, try the queso and tortillas or the chicken fajitas with queso or the combo burritos. It's worth the long drive-through lines. 903 Andrews Highway 520-2358 2501 N. Big Spring St. 620-0634 | 4301 N. Midland Drive 520-0489 | $ | 4 spoons s

SEDONA MEXICAN GRILL & CANTINA Sit on the patio and enjoy drinks and chile con carne queso before your meal. Live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays. 2101 W. Wadley Ave., # 45 www.sedonamexicancantina.com 570-9600 | $ | 4 spoons

TAMPICO SPANISH INN Go early to get a table. Start with an appetizer like queso, quesadillas or avocado salad. 2411 W. Wall St. 682-5074 | $ | 4 spoons

UTPB hosts West Texas Shootout starting Saturday

By Oscar LeRoy
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One of Steve Buck's first duties given to him when he took over as head coach of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin's tennis teams four years ago by the UTPB president was to spread the word of the institution not only on a state wide level but at the national level, as well.

Thanks to his recruitment of a few players from Mexico and a player from Russia, it's safe to say he's also spreading the word about UTPB on an international level.

Now, beginning on Saturday and continuing through March 15 at the Bush Tennis Center in northwest Midland, UTPB will be hosting the inaugural West Texas Collegiate Tennis Shootout.

The tournament will go on every day with the exception of Wednesday, March 11, and it features 250-plus players representing 13 women's teams and 10 men's teams. The tournament will also take on an international theme as 36 nations will be represented with more than 180 international players.

This will also be a free event.

"This is a great event for Midland," Buck said. "They started this in California and Florida and a lot of the northern teams flocked to Florida and they flocked to California, and I said 'Why doesn't somebody come to Texas?' You have to have the facility that can host this type of event, and we're the only ones. Bush Tennis Center is an exceptional facility, exceptionally well designed for college matches and they will be coming."

While most of the teams that will be coming will be from either Texas or New Mexico, Western Michigan University will be one team that will be making the long trip from Kalamazoo, Michigan, to West Texas to play in the tournament. Buck said WMU is also bringing one of the best women's doubles team in the country in Caroline Aleck and Meika Ashby, ranked No. 47 in the country by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

New West Texas Tennis Association president Rhonda Carr said this event

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The tournament

What: West Texas Collegiate Tennis Shootout
Where: Bush Tennis Center
When: Saturday through March 15, with the exception of Wednesday, March 11
Cost: Free

Participating Colleges

University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Dallas Baptist University, East Texas Baptist University, Kingsville A&M, Kansas Westland University, Lady of Our Lake, Newman, New Mexico Military Institute, New Mexico State University, North Central Texas College, Sul Ross State University, St. Edwards, University of the Southwest, Western Michigan University, Western New Mexico University

Hope for the young ones

Joey D. Richards/Special to the Reporter-Telegram

Garden City's Hope Halfmann, left, dribbles around O'Donnell's Brooklyn Wilkie. Garden City beat the Lady Eagles 49-42 in the Region II-1A girls basketball championship game Sunday at Abilene Christian's Moody Coliseum.

Lady Kats hope to inspire younger players

By Christopher Hadorn
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In the winter of 2007, Garden City's impressionable elementary school girls were inspired by the town's varsity girls basketball team.

The Lady Kats won over the hearts of the town by reaching the finals of the Class A-Division II state tournament in Austin.

Now those elementary school kids have grown up and they are carrying on the tradition.

The Garden City girls basketball team, the Region II-A champions, are going back to the state tournament for the first time in eight years. The Lady Kats (30-4) face Lipan (32-3) at 8:30 a.m. today in a Class A semifinal at San Antonio's Alamodome.

"I can't really explain the feeling because ever since we were little, that's the only thing that we ever wanted was just to get to the state tournament," Garden City senior Brylie Schaefer said. "For it to come true, it's ridiculous. It feels awesome.

"That's what made us want to get there. I remember going and supporting them and I was probably in fourth grade at that time and from then on, every single teacher that ever asked us what our goals in life and that was the first one on the list, to make it to state."

The Lady Kats reaching state is such an extraordinary feat that it literally

Please see **LADY KATS**/3C

Lady Chaps rally to beat Temple at Region V Tournament

Lady Chaparrals	**59**
Lady Leopards	48

From staff reports

BROWNWOOD — Things did not look good for the Midland College women's basketball team after the first half against Temple College on Wednesday. In fact, things looked downright bleak.

The Lady Chaparrals shot just 12.5 percent in the first half and trailed Temple 24-11 at the break during an NJCAA Region V Tournament first round game at the Brownwood Coliseum.

Ashton

But then the Lady Chaps started hitting shots and gained some confidence to turn things around and beat the Lady Leopards, 59-48.

Dixon

With the win, the Lady Chaps (20-10) will face Western Junior College Athletic Conference foe New Mexico Junior College, which defeated Weatherford College 73-67 earlier in the day, at noon Friday in a tournament semifinal game.

It was quite a remarkable turnaround for the Lady Chaps as they shot 51.6 percent in the second half and scored 48 points.

"It was kind of a tale of two halves," MC coach Ron Jones said. "We turned the ball over 15 times and we were in a poor rhythm offensively. We were down 24-8 at one point and then we hit a three in the last minute before the half. At halftime we just talked about what we needed to do and I told them that all we needed was to hit some shots and we will gain confidence."

Jones doesn't believe that nerves or postseason jitters had anything to do with his team's poor start.

"I honestly thought that our practices were good and we were in a good place mentally going in," Jones said. "We just had some early turnovers and fouls that kind of put us in a bad rhythm."

Jones said MC's guards did a good job of getting the team back in the game. Freshman and Midland Christian grad Morgan Ashton led the way with a team-high 14 points, to go with a pair of 3-pointers and four steals. Jones added that Sierra Dixon (13 points) and Tajanay Veiga (10) sparked the team by hitting some 3s in the second half.

The MC guards were crucial as Temple

Please see **LADY CHAPS**/3C

Andrus now longest-tenured Rangers position player at 26

Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Elvis Andrus is an old-timer with the Texas Rangers, even though he is only 26 years old and just getting started on a big contract extension he signed two years ago.

With 914 total games since making his major league debut at age 20 in 2009, Andrus is the Rangers' longest-tenured position player.

"It's kind of weird, but it is that way," Andrus said. "That's the way baseball is. You don't know who will be here next year. You don't know if you'll be here next year."

Andrus and Mitch Moreland are the only position players remaining from the team's first World Series team in 2010.

After hitting a career-low .263 last season, which started bad after a difficult camp, Andrus said he reported to Arizona this spring in the best shape of his career.

"I really believe that," Andrus said. "This year I took it a thousand times (more) seriously than I did the year before. It's part of the growing part, knowing yourself, knowing your body a little bit more every year. I had a really good plan. Our bodies are our business. You have to take care of that year in and year out."

New Rangers manager Jeff Banister has lauded the work he saw Andrus do during the offseason, and how he was a leader among teammates.

Even though Andrus has felt good and took grounders Tuesday, he wasn't expected to play in the exhibition opener Wednesday against Kansas City because of soreness in his left knee. The shortstop called the move "more precautionary" than anything else.

Andrus was admittedly out of shape when he got to spring training a year ago, after not playing winter ball for the first time in his professional career. The two-time All-Star, whose 892 career games at shortstop are already a Rangers record, had flexor tendinitis in his throwing arm early in camp. He later experienced more soreness and played only 18 spring training games.

Please see **ANDRUS**/4C

Associated Press

The Texas Rangers' Elvis Andrus, left, waits his turn while Juan Carlos Oviedo, center, has his photo taken on the concourse at the Surprise Recreation Campus at photo day during spring training baseball practice Monday in Surprise, Ariz.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

WHAT'S ON TV

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL
NAB Challenge: Sydney Swans vs. Brisbane Lions, 2 a.m., FOXSOCC

GOLF
LPGA: African Open, First Round, 6:30 a.m., GOLF
PGA: WGC Cadillac Championship, First Round, Noon, GOLF
LPGA: Africa Open, Second Round, 3:30 a.m., GOLF

MLB
Spring Training: LA Dodgers vs. Chic. White Sox, 2 p.m., MLB
Spring Training: Boston vs. Minnesota, 6 p.m., MLB

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wisconsin at Minnesota, 6 p.m., ESPN
Arkansas at South Carolina, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Temple at East Carolina, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Western Kentucky at Charlotte, 6 p.m., FCSA
Southern Miss at Louisiana Tech, 7 p.m., CBSSN
Portland State at Northern Arizona, 7:30 p.m., FCSP
California at Arizona, 8 p.m., ESPN
Memphis at Connecticut, 8 p.m., ESPN2
VCU at Davidson, 8 p.m., ESPNU
Colorado at Washington, 8 p.m., FS1
Utah at Washington State, 10 p.m., ESPNU
Stanford at Arizona State, 10 p.m., FS1

MEN'S SOCCER
Coppa Italia: Juventus FC vs. ACF Fiorentina, 1:40 p.m., beIN/beIN2
Portuguese Cup: Nacional vs. Sporting Lisboa, 2 p.m., GolTV
CONCACAF U-17: Guatamela vs. USA, 5 p.m., FS2/UniDep
Copa Libertadores: Match TBD, 5 p.m., FOXDEP
CONCACAF Champions: CS Herediano vs. CD Olimpia, 7 p.m., FS2/UniDep
Copa Libertadores: Match TBD, 7 p.m., FOXDEP

NBA
Oklahoma City at Chicago, 7 p.m., TNT
Dallas at Portland, 9:30 p.m., TNT

NHL
St. Louis at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., NHL

RUGBY
Super League: Hull FC vs. Leeds, 1:30 p.m., FOXSOCP

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
ACC 2nd Round: Syracuse vs. TBD, 10 a.m., FSSW
Big Ten 2nd Round: Michigan State vs. Michigan, 11:30 a.m., BTN
SEC 2nd Round: Ole Miss vs. Arkansas, Noon, SEC
ACC 2nd Round: Miami (FL) vs. Virginia, 1 p.m., FSSW
Pac-12 1st Round: Oregon vs. Washington State, 1:30 p.m., P12
Big Ten 2nd Round: Rutgers vs. TBD, 2 p.m., BTN
WCC 1st Round: Loyola Marymount vs. Pepperdine, 2 p.m., BYUtv
SEC 2nd Round: Texas A&M vs. TBD, 2:30 p.m., SEC
Pac-12 1st Round: Arizona vs. UCLA, 4 p.m., P12
WCC 1st Round: Santa Clara vs. Portland, 4:30 p.m., BYUtv
ACC 2nd Round: Pitt vs. TBD, 5 p.m., FSSWP
Big Ten 2nd Round: Illinois vs. Nebraska, 6 p.m., BTN
SEC 2nd Round: Georgia vs. Missouri, 6 p.m., SEC
ACC 2nd Round: North Carolina vs. TBD, 7:30 p.m., FSSWP
Pac-12 1st Round: Colorado vs. USC, 8 p.m., P12
WCC Quarterfinal: Pacific vs. San Francisco, 8 p.m., BYUtv
Big Ten 2nd Round: Minnesota vs. TBD, 8:30 p.m., BTN
SEC 2nd Round: Kentucky vs. TBD, 8:30 p.m., SEC
Pac-12 1st Round: Utah vs. Washington, 10:30 p.m., P12
WCC Quarterfinal: BYU vs. Saint Mary's, 10:30 p.m., BYUtv

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
Midland Christian at Round Rock Tournament

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
Class 1A state semifinal, Garden City vs. Lipan, 8:30 a.m., Alamodome, San Antonio

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS
Lee, MHS at Central Slam, San Angelo

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL
Midland High at McKinney Tournament
Lee at Abilene Wylie Tournament
Greenwood at Granbury Tournament
Midland Christian at Seminole Tournament

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Named Ramon Martinez special assignment pitching instructor.
DETROIT TIGERS — Released RHP Joel Hanrahan from a minor league contract.
TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Luke Jackson Phil Klein, Nick Martinez Roman Mendez and Tanner Scheppers on one-year contracts. Renewed the contract of RHP Shawn Tolleson.

National League
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Assigned RHP Brooks Hall outright to Colorado Springs (PCL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with RHPs Arquimedes Caminero, Gerrit Cole, Brandon Cumpton, John Holzdkum, Nick Kingham, Stolmy Pimentel, Casey Sadler, Rob Scahill and Jameson Taillon. OFs Jaff Decker, Willy Garcia, Andrew Lambo and Gregory Polanco. Cs Elias Diaz and Tony Sanchez. SSs Pedro Florimon, Alen Hanson, Justin Sellers and Jordy Mercer, and LHPs Bobby Lanthrompose and Jeff Locke on one-year contracts.

American Association
AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Signed RHP Cody Fassold.
GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS — Signed RHP Brett Wallach and INF Matthew Burns.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed RHP Zach Arneson.
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed RHP Jeremy Straw.

Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Released INF Jeremy Barnes. Signed OF Chevy Clarke. Traded RHP Ty Kelley to Fargo-Moorhead (AA) to complete an earlier trade.
OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Sold the contract of RHP Ethan Elias to the Arizona Diamondbacks.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Fined the New York Knicks an undisclosed amount for comments made by team president Phil Jackson for publicly discussing a player not yet eligible for the NBA draft.
MIAMI HEAT — Assigned G Zoran Dragic to Sioux Falls (NBADL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League
DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed WR Cole Beasley to a four-year contract.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Released C Chris Myers.
NEW YORK JETS — Signed DE Ronald Talley.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Terminated the contract of S Tyvon Branch.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Released LB Trent Cole.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Re-signed S Duke Ihenacho.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
FLORIDA PANTHERS — Recalled Gs Dan Ellis from San Antonio (AHL) and Sam Brittain from Cincinnati (ECHL).
SAN JOSE SHARKS — Signed G Aaron Dell for the remainder of the season.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Recalled C Vladislav Namestnikov from Syracuse (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Signed D Tyler Lewington to a three-year entry-level contract.
American Hockey League
ALBANY DEVILS — Recalled RW Alexandre Carrier from Orlando (ECHL).
BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Traded C Keith Seabrook to Rockford for future considerations.
MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS — Recalled C Frederick Gaudreau from Cincinnati (ECHL).
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Assigned G Joe Howe to a professional tryout agreement.

TENNIS
World Team Tennis
SAN DIEGO AVIATORS — Named John Lloyd coach.

COLLEGE
BARTON — Named Thomas Goines women's soccer coach.
ETSU — Named Gary Downs running backs coach.
MINNESOTA STATE (MANKATO) — Announced the resignation of women's hockey coach Eric Means.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	63	41	17	5	87	171	139
Tampa Bay	65	39	20	6	84	213	171
Detroit	61	35	15	11	81	180	159
Boston	62	31	22	9	71	165	161
Florida	64	28	23	13	69	156	181
Ottawa	61	27	23	11	65	173	166
Toronto	64	26	33	5	57	173	195
Buffalo	64	19	40	5	43	123	215

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	65	41	21	3	85	207	182
N.Y. Rangers	62	39	17	6	84	196	153
Pittsburgh	62	36	17	9	81	181	155
Washington	65	35	20	10	80	193	162
Philadelphia	64	27	25	12	66	170	186
New Jersey	64	27	27	10	64	144	165
Columbus	63	26	33	4	56	163	201
Carolina	62	24	31	7	55	144	167

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	65	41	17	7	89	193	158
St. Louis	63	40	18	5	85	197	159
Chicago	64	38	21	5	81	188	152
Winnipeg	64	32	20	12	76	179	172
Minnesota	63	34	22	7	75	179	163
Dallas	64	28	26	10	66	199	212
Colorado	63	27	25	11	65	167	182

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	65	41	17	7	89	193	128
Vancouver	63	36	24	3	75	182	173
Calgary	63	34	25	4	72	178	182
Los Angeles	63	30	21	12	72	171	164
San Jose	65	32	25	8	72	185	183
Arizona	64	20	37	7	47	139	218
Edmonton	64	18	36	10	46	145	213

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

Wednesday's Scores
Ottawa at Winnipeg, late
N.Y. Rangers at Detroit, late
Pittsburgh at Colorado, late
Montreal at Anaheim, late

Today's Games
Calgary at Boston, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Arizona, 8 p.m.
Montreal at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

SKI REPORT

New Mexico
Angel Fire — Wed 6:48 am 1 new powder machine groomed 76 - 76 base 76 of 78 trails 97% open, 545 acres, 6 of 7 lifts. Mon-Thu 9a-4p; Fri 9a-4p; Sat 9a-4p Sun; 9a-4p;
Pajarito — Mon Reopen 03/06 powder machine groomed 39 - 39 base 21 of 44 trails 48% open, 3 of 7 lifts, Mon/Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun 9a-4p; Open Fri-Mon;
Red River — Wed 8:22 am packed powder machine groomed 25 - 34 base 57 of 57 trails 100% open, 257 acres, 7 of 7 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Sandia Peak — Sun Reopen 03/07, variable 18 - 27 base 37 of 39 trails 95% open, 4 of 5 lifts. Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Sat/Sun;
Sipapu — Wed 6:13 am packed powder machine groomed 39 - 47 base 41 of 41 trails, 100% open
5 of 5 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Ski Apache — Wed 5:55 am 3 new MG machine groomed 14 - 43 base 92 of 55 trails 89% open, 22 miles, 550 acres, 8 of 10 lifts. am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Ski Santa Fe — Wed 9:30 am variable machine groomed 41 - 41 base 77 of 77 trails 100% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Taos — Wed 8:12 am 1 new BG machine groomed 84 - 85 base 83 of 113 trails 73% open. 15 of 15 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Enchanted Forest XC — Tue 7:00 am packed powder machine groomed 24 - 50 base 22 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4:30p;

Colorado
Arapahoe Basin — Wed 7:54 am 3 new powder machine groomed 59 - 59 base 101 of 109 trails, 93% open, 953 acres, 7 of 9 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Aspen Highlands — Wed 7:45 am 9 new powder machine groomed 63 - 91 base 122 of 122 trails, 100% open, 1040 acres, 5 of 5 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;
Aspen Mountain — Wed 2:06 pm 11 new powder machine groomed 49 - 91 base 76 of 76 trails, 100% open, 675 acres, 6 of 6 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;
Beaver Creek — Wed 5:53 am 12 new powder machine groomed 61 - 81 base 145 of 150 trails, 97% open, 1822 acres, 24 of 25 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Breckenridge — Wed 5:55 am 6 new powder machine groomed 75 - 79 base 175 of 187 trails, 94% open, 2758 acres, 30 of 35 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

LOCAL SPORTS BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

FIRST DAY OF TOC CANCELED
The first day of the Tournament of Champions baseball tournament in Midland has been canceled because of the weather.
The tournament will now play a two-day schedule Friday and Saturday. And instead of just playing at Security Bank Ballpark, Christensen Stadium, Ernie Johnson Field and Zachery Field in Midland, games will also be played at Odessa High's and Odessa Permian's baseball fields.
For more on the tournament, read Friday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram.

MHS GRAD HUDSON PICKS UP 2 HONORS
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee State women's basketball senior forward and Midland High grad Chelsea Hudson was named to the College Sports Madness All-Ohio Valley Conference Second Team on Wednesday.
The national award is Hudson's second in three days as she picked up a BoxtoRow Player of the Week nod on Monday after averaging 18.5 points, 4.5 rebounds, 1.5 blocks and 1.5 steals for the Lady Tigers last week.
Hudson is leading the Lady Tigers in scoring and rebounding with 14.3 points and 7.8 boards per outing. She ranks third in the league in offensive rebounding, 5th in overall rebounding, 10th in scoring and 12th in blocks.
She has scored in double-figures 22 times and has eight double-doubles on the season. She reached the 1,000th career-point milestone this year and now ranks 10th among TSU's all-time leading scorers. She is also ranked sixth in career rebounds.
Hudson is also a 2015 All-OVC Second Team selection.

MC-HOWARD BASEBALL SERIES MOVED
The Western Junior College Athletic Conference baseball series between Midland College and Howard College this weekend will now only be played at Midland's Christensen Stadium on Sunday and Monday.
The series was supposed to be a home-and-home series.
Sunday's doubleheader will begin at 2 p.m., while Monday's doubleheader begins at noon.

Tournament at the Crossroads starts today

From staff reports

Big Spring High School is set to host the Sixth Annual Tournament at the Crossroads featuring 12 teams in the Division I bracket, while the Division II bracket will be made of junior varsity squads.
Weather permitting, the tournament will take place today through Saturday at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex in Midland.
Adult three-day tournament passes are $15 or it's $7 for a daily pass. Student passes are $10 for all three days. Children under 5 get in for free.
As of Wednesday afternoon, the tournament's start had been delayed until 2 p.m. today because of the inclement weather.

Participating teams in Division I
Pool A: Odessa JV, Big Spring, Colorado City, Muleshoe
Pool B: Odessa Permian JV, Andrews, Coahoma, Merkel
Pool C: Midland High JV, Abilene Wylie, Forsan, Reagan County
Pool D: Hawley, Sweetwater, Jim Ned, Ozona

Scheduled Division I pool play games (revised times not available). Bracket play begins on Friday.
Today
8:30 a.m.: Colorado City vs. Big Spring (Field 1); Coahoma vs. Merkel (Field 2)
10 a.m.: Abilene Wylie vs. Forsan (Field 1); Andrews vs. Permian JV (Field 2)
11:30 a.m.: Reagan County vs. Midland High JV (Field 1); Andrews vs. Permian JV (Field 2)
1 p.m.: Big Spring vs. Muleshoe (Field 1); Jim Ned vs. Ozona (Field 2)
2 p.m.: Wylie vs. Reagan County (Field 1); Coahoma vs. Andrews (Field 2)
4 p.m.: Odessa High JV vs. Colorado City (Field 1); Ozona vs. Sweetwater (Field 2)
5:30 p.m.: Forsan vs. Midland High JV (Field 1); Merkel vs. Permian JV (Field 2)
7 p.m. Muleshoe vs. Odessa JV (Field 1); Hawley vs. Jim Ned (Field 2)
Friday
8:30 a.m.: Muleshoe vs. Colorado City (Field 1); Permian JV vs. Coahoma (Field 2)
9:30 a.m.: Wylie vs. Midland High JV (Field 1); Sweetwater vs. Jim Ned (Field 2)
11 a.m.: Big Spring vs. Odessa High JV (Field 1); Ozona vs. Hawley (Field 2)
Noon: Reagan County vs. Forsan (Field 1); Andrews vs. Merkel (Field 2)

SHOOTOUT

From 1C

should be a great opportunity for people of the community to enjoy the sport of tennis.
"This will be great for the public to see and meet many different players from many countries and different schools," she said. "I hope the public comes out, and it gets them excited about playing tennis."
The hope by Buck and organizers is to make this an annual event with an increase in the number of colleges every year.
"This is an exciting event for us," Buck said. "This is something that I hope that when I retire, the Bush Tennis Center will carry this on for many, many years."

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Hawksworth heads into 2nd IndyCar season

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The line formed to the right to talk to Jack Hawksworth.
So much has changed for the 24-year-old IndyCar driver in such a short time. Last season, he didn't even have a ride until March.
Now he's attending conventions and auto shows after joning A.J. Foyt Racing in the fall to drive the team's second car. It is quite the follow-up to a promising rookie campaign.
"The amazing thing is, to think at this time last year, I wasn't even going to be racing," Hawksworth said before a recent appearance at the Milwaukee Auto Show. "And now I'm sitting here and I'm about to go into my second season at IndyCar with A.J. Foyt Racing."
Nearby, the IndyCar Series trophy sat on display on a table while attendees milled around a race car. For now, it might be the closest that the Englishman gets to the championship, though with five top-10 finishes last year, Hawksworth may not be that far away from being a top contender.
Racing for Bryan Herta Autosport, Hawksworth finished a season-high third in the second Houston race and was named the series' Tony Renna Rising Star.
Foyt noticed. ABC Supply Co., the team's longtime primary sponsor, agreed in October to back two cars in 2015 and 2016. For Foyt, the hope is that adding a second car will help the team become more competitive.
"When you take these guys running three or four cars, they get three to four times the information you get with one car. It really hurts the one car," Foyt said. "I won't ever run more than two ... I think a two-car team — that's what we want."
Takuma Sato returns for Foyt driving the No. 14 car. Hawksworth will drive the No. 41 car.
"We're calling 'em the young guns," Foyt said about Hawksworth's team. "He's really young, the engineers are all real young. ... I think they can be pretty tough. We just have to wait and see, you know?"
Hawksworth is itching to test with the team for the first time in New Orleans on March 14. He's showing just the kind of work ethic that Foyt would like to see from young drivers.
Understandably, Hawksworth was a little nervous at first to meet one of the sport's elder statesmen. Foyt retired from the driver's seat in 1993 — two years after Hawksworth was born.
Hawksworth moved to Cypress, Texas, 15 minutes from the race shop in Waller, after signing with Foyt. He said Foyt and his family embraced him and has taken to Foyt's sense of humor.
"He's just a racer. I guess that's what I liked about him," Hawksworth said. "He's down to earth, loves his sport."
The expectations, Hawksworth said, are "hugely different." Hawksworth is with a better-financed team. He's looking to get better on oval tracks, with the first step seeing how his Honda-powered car adjusts to aero kits to be tested next week.
The Foyt team has "prepared in a completely different way with the two cars, twice as much data, twice as much personnel, if not more," Hawksworth said. "We've done a lot of preparation over the winter. Last winter (for me), it was kind of thrown together at the last minute."
The team owner and new driver share another link — each person had to deal with a heart issue last year.
Foyt, 80, had triple-bypass surgery on Nov. 12, two weeks after signing Hawksworth. Post-surgery complications forced him to stay in the hospital for nearly a month.
That was followed by a two-week stay in December for what was called non-life threatening complications. Foyt said he is well enough at least to spend three to four hours every other day in the shop, with the long-term goal to get back to the Indianapolis 500.
"I'm gaining every day, still a longs ways away, but at least I'm gainin'," Foyt said.
Hawksworth bruised his heart after a nasty crash during a practice run last July at Pocono. He was released from the hospital four days later, and there have been no aftereffects from what turned out to be a minor injury.
"I don't think it changed the way I look at racing at all," Hawksworth said. "If you race ovals, you either deal with it or you don't. I just put it behind me."
The season begins March 29 in St. Petersburg, Florida.

A-Rod singles in first at-bat following drug suspension

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Alex Rodriguez returned to the New York Yankees after an absence of more than 17 months, lining a single into short left field in his first at-bat and going 1 for 2 with a walk in a 3-1 spring-training loss to the Philadelphia Phillies on Wednesday.
Greeted by a 10-second mix of boos and cheers from the crowd of 9,673 as he stepped into the batter's box for his first game following a one-year drug suspension, Rodriguez was wearing the Yankees' white uniform with pinstripes for the team's exhibition season home opener rather than the usual dark blue jersey used in exhibition games.
"Once you hit rock bottom, any time you hear a few cheers these days is a pleasant surprise," he said.
Rodriguez swung at the first four of 10 pitches he saw in three plate appearances. Batting second as New York's designated hitter, he swung past a pair of 91 mph pitches from Philadelphia's Kevin Slowey in the first inning.
He lined a soft single to left on an 89 mph 0-2 offering that was over the plate. That drew cheers from fans at Steinbrenner Field on a sunny afternoon with a temperature in the low 80s.
Rodriguez has had success against Slowey, going 4 for 9 during the regular season with two doubles and a home run.
When Rodriguez came up again in the third, he grounded a 96 mph fastball from reliever Paul Clemens to shortstop for an inning-ending forceout. He walked on a full count in the sixth against Ethan Martin, loading the bases with no outs and the Yankees trailing 2-0.

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HSBASKETBALLPAIRINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

UIL Boys Basketball Playoff Pairings
Region I
Class 5A
Bi-District
North Crowley (27-6, W4) 88, Abilene High 65
Amarillo Tascosa (22-8, T2) 57, El Paso Americas 38
Arlington Martin (12-17, F4) wins by forfeit over Odessa Permian
El Paso Eastwood (20-11, T1) 73, Lubbock Coronado 70
DeSoto (29-4, W8) 57, Colleyville Heritage 53
Keller (22-8, R3) 48, Lewisville High 46
Richland (23-6, W7) 69, South Grand Prairie 63
Allen (23-9, R6) 57, Trophy Club Nelson 55
Amarillo High (28-3, W2) 81, El Paso El Dorado 24
Midland High (18-10, R3) 51, Arlington Lamar 39
Wolfforth Frenship (22-11, F2) 50, El Paso Coronado 49
Arlington Bowie (24-9, R4) 60, San Angelo Central 24
Plano West (27-2, W6) 65, Keller Timber Creek 43
Coppell (15-16, R7) 51, Duncanville 49
Denton Guyer (25-10, W5) 49, Flower Mound Marcus 46
Cedar Hill (27-3, R6) 85, Euless Trinity 53
Area
North Crowley (27-6, W4), 83 Amarillo Tascosa (22-8, T2) 77
El Paso Eastwood (21-11, T1) 65, Arlington Martin 62
Keller (22-9, R6) 51, DeSoto (29-4, W8) 44
Allen (23-9, R6) 60, Richland (23-8, W7) 49
Amarillo High (28-3) 75, Midland High (18-12) 60
Arlington Bowie (24-9, R4) 71, Wolfforth Frenship (22-11, F2) 58
Plano West (28-2, W6) 69, Coppell 60

Cedar Hill (27-3, R6) 79, Denton Guyer (25-10, W5) 52
Regional quarterfinals
North Crowley (28-6) 75, El Paso Eastwood 55
Allen (25-9) 76, Keller 61
Amarillo High (31-3) 46, vs. Arlington Bowie 39
Plano West (29-2) 49, Cedar Hill 43
District 14A Tournament
At Williamson-Gholson Activity Center, Fort Worth
Friday's semifinals
North Crowley (29-6, W6) vs. Allen (26-9, R6), 6 p.m.
Amarillo High (32-3, W2) vs. Plano West (29-2, W), 8 p.m.
Saturday's championship
Semifinal winners, 1 p.m.

Class 4A
Bi-District
Seminole (23-8, W4) 72, Fabens 51
Levelland 78, Borger 72
Andrews (13-13, F4) 65, Clint Mountain View 49
Lamesa (19-10, R2) 71, Pampa 60
Bridgeport (27-4, W8) 90, Venus 33
Iowa Park (18-16, R5) 71, Stephenville 54
Kennedale (27-6, W7) 68, Lake Worth 56
Mineral Wells (21-11, R8) 72, Burkburnett 54
Lubbock Estacado (25-7, W2) 58, Perryton 44
San Elizario (12-17, R3) 66, Pecos 60 O.T.
Big Spring (19-11, F2) 68, Bushland 65
Clint (8-18, T3) 57, Monahans 56 O.T.
Abilene Wylie (22-7, W6) 93, Vernon 46
Godley (R7) 52, Springtown 46
Wichita Falls Hirschi (12-16, W5) 64, Graham 41
Decatur (20-9, R8) 54, Alvarado 35
Area
Levelland (21-10) 75, Seminole (23-10) 57

Lamesa (20-10, R2) 76, Andrews (13-14) 64
Bridgeport (27-4, W8) vs. Iowa Park (18-16, R5) 40
Kennedale (27-6, W7) 70, Mineral Wells (21-11, R8), 7 p.m. Monday, Brock
Lubbock Estacado (27-7, W2) 53, San Elizario 43
Big Spring (20-11, F2) 62, Clint 45
Abilene Wylie (22-7, W6) 55, Godley (R7) 23
Wichita Falls Hirschi (12-16, W5) 51, Decatur (20-9, R8) 46
Regional quarterfinals
Levelland 61, Lamesa 58
Bridgeport 74, Kennedale 62
Lubbock Estacado 68, Big Spring 52
Abilene Wylie 52, Wichita Falls Hirschi 42
Regional tournament
Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock
Friday's Semifinals
Levelland (23-10) vs. Bridgeport (29-4), 7 p.m.
Lubbock Estacado (29-7) vs. Abilene Wylie (24-7), 8:30 p.m.
Saturday's Championship
Semifinal winners, 1 p.m.

Class 1A
Region II
Regional quarterfinals
Ira 77, Sands 62
Menard 47, Water Valley 38
Grady 68, Borden County 41
Eula vs. Jayton, 6:30 p.m.Thursday, McMurry University, Abilene
Regional tournament
Moody Coliseum, Abilene Christian University, Abilene
Semifinals
Friday
Ira (W12) vs. Menard (W 16), 1 p.m.
Grady (W11, 28-4), vs. Eula-Jayton winner, 3 p.m.
Saturday's championship

Semifinal winners, 1 p.m.

UIL Girls Basketball State Tournament Pairings
2015 UIL Girls Basketball State Tournament
March 5-7
Alamodome, San Antonio
Class 1A Semifinals
8:30 a.m., Lipan (32-3) vs. Garden City (30-4)
10:00 a.m., Nazareth (32-2) vs. D'Hanis (27-6)
Class 3A Semifinals
1:30 p.m., Shattuck (31-1) vs. Jarrell (34-3)
3:00 p.m., Sunnyvale (36-2) vs. Rockdale (30-3)
Conference 5A Semifinals
7:00 p.m., Canyon (32-3) vs. Bryan Rudder (36-4)
8:30 p.m., Cedar Park Vista Ridge (36-2) vs. Dallas Adams (27-4)
Friday
Class 2A Semifinals
8:30 a.m., La Rue La Poynor (34-2) vs. Martin's Mill (29-7)
10:00 a.m., Weimar (34-4) vs. Gruver (30-5)
Class 4A Semifinals
1:30 p.m., Waco La Vega (34-2) vs. Argyle (30-5)
3:00 p.m., Liberty Hill (37-2) vs. Abilene Wylie (31-5)
Class 6A Semifinals
7:00 p.m., Dallas Skyline (30-6) vs. Lewisville Flower Mound (28-7)
8:30 p.m. Houston Cypress Woods (33-1) vs San Antonio Wagner (29-10)
Saturday
8:30 a.m., Class 1A Final
10:00 a.m., Class 3A Final
1:30 p.m.,Class 2A Final
3:00 p.m., Class 5A Final
7:00 p.m., Class 4A Final
8:30 p.m., Class 6A Final

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES AND SCHEDULES

Men

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES
SOUTH
George Washington 67, George Mason 51
Notre Dame 71, Louisville 59
South Florida 74, UCF 45
Tennessee 78, LSU 63
TOURNAMENT
America East Conference
First Round
Albany (NY) 83, Maine 66
New Hampshire 67, Hartford 63, OT
Stony Brook 82, Binghamton 57
Vermont 68, UMBC 59
Big South Conference
First Round
Gardner-Webb 72, Campbell 64
Longwood 65, Presbyterian 61
UNC Asheville 80, Liberty 70
ECAC Metro
Quarterfinals
Brooklyn 68, Centenary (NJ) 63
ECAC Metro
Quarterfinals
NYU 68, Rutgers-Camden 65
GLIAC Conference Tournament
Quarterfinals
Ferris St. 79, Ashland 67
Lake Superior St. 78, Northwood (Mich.) 65
Saginaw Valley St. 69, Findlay 62
Walsh 77, Michigan Tech 58
Northeast Conference
Quarterfinals
Bryant 91, Sacred Heart 85, 2OT
Robert Morris 91, Wagner 68
St. Francis (NY) 79, LIU Brooklyn 70
First Round
St. Francis (Pa.) 73, Mount St. Mary's 56
Ohio Valley Conference
First Round
Morehead St. 79, SE Missouri 74

TODAY'S GAMES
SOUTHWEST
Rice at UTSA, 7 p.m.
South Alabama at Arkansas St., 7:30 p.m.
Sam Houston St. at Lamar, 7:30 p.m.
Southern U. at Prairie View, 7:30 p.m.
Houston Baptist at Texas A&M-CC, 7:30 p.m.
Alcorn St. at Texas Southern, 7:30 p.m.
Abilene Christian at Incarnate Word, 8 p.m.
Northwestern St. at Stephen F. Austin, 8 p.m.
North Texas at UTEP, 8 p.m.
SOUTH
Alabama St. at Grambling St., 5 p.m.
W. Kentucky at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Temple at East Carolina, 6 p.m.
UAB at FAU, 6 p.m.
Arkansas at South Carolina, 6 p.m.
Texas St. at Appalachian St., 6:30 p.m.
SC State at Bethune-Cookman, 6:30 p.m.
Delaware St. at Coppin St., 6:30 p.m.
Middle Tennessee at FIU, 6:30 p.m.
Texas-Arlington at George Southern, 6:30 p.m.
Norfolk St. at Hampton, 6:30 p.m.
Morgan St. at Md.-Eastern Shore, 6:30 p.m.
NC A&T at NC Central, 6:30 p.m.
Savannah St. at Florida A&M, 7 p.m.
Southern Miss. at Louisiana Tech, 7 p.m.
Georgia St. at Louisiana-Monroe, 7 p.m.
Marshall at Old Dominion, 7 p.m.
UALR at Louisiana-Lafayette, 7:15 p.m.
Alabama A&M at Jackson St., 7:30 p.m.
Cent. Arkansas at Nicholls St., 7:30 p.m.
SE Louisiana at New Orleans, 7:45 p.m.
VCU at Davidson, 8 p.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff at MVSU, 8 p.m.
TOURNAMENTS
Atlantic Sun Conference
At Campus Sites
Semifinals
North Florida-Stetson winner vs. N. Kentucky-Lipscomb winner, TBA
S.C.-Upstate-Kennesaw St. winner vs. Florida Gulf Coast-Jacksonville winner, TBA
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
At Albany, N.Y.
First Round
Siena vs. Niagara, 4 p.m.
Saint Peter's vs. Fairfield, 6:30 p.m.
Quinnipiac vs. Marist, 9 p.m.
Missouri Valley Conference
At St. Louis
First Round
Missouri St. vs. S. Illinois, 6:05 p.m.
Drake vs. Bradley, 8:35 p.m.
Ohio Valley Conference
At Nashville, Tenn.
Second Round
UT Martin vs. Morehead St./SE Missouri winner, 6 p.m.
Belmont vs. E. Illinois/SIU Edwardsville winner, 8:30 p.m.
Patriot League
Quarterfinals
Holy Cross-Loyola (Md.) winner at Bucknell, 4 p.m.
Navy, Army winner at Colgate, 6 p.m.
American at Lehigh, 6 p.m.
Boston U. at Lafayette, 6 p.m.

Women

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES
SOUTH
Elon 77, Delaware 76, OT
James Madison 107, Coll. of Charleston 58
UNC Wilmington 76, Hofstra 75
William & Mary 68, Towson 56
TOURNAMENT
Atlantic 10 Conference
First Round
La Salle 74, Davidson 63
UMass 55, St. Bonaventure 49
Atlantic Coast Conference
First Round
Georgia Tech 80, Clemson 53
Virginia Tech 57, NC State 55
Wake Forest 66, Boston College 53
Big Ten Conference
First Round
Indiana 68, Penn St. 63
Ohio Valley Conference
First Round
SIU-Edwardsville 72, Austin Peay 69
UT-Martin 68, E. Illinois 35
Patriot League
First Round
Colgate 58, Boston U. 46
Lafayette 58, Loyola (Md.) 46
Southeastern Conference
First Round
Auburn 71, Florida 49
Vanderbilt 66, Alabama 58

TODAY'S GAMES
SOUTHWEST
Houston Baptist at Texas A&M-CC, 5 p.m.
South Alabama at Arkansas St., 5:05 p.m.
Sam Houston St. at Lamar, 5:30 p.m.
Southern U. at Prairie View, 5:30 p.m.
Alcorn St. at Texas Southern, 5:30 p.m.
Abilene Christian at Incarnate Word, 6 p.m.
UTSA at Rice, 6 p.m.
Northwestern St. at Stephen F. Austin, 6 p.m.
UTEP at North Texas, 6 p.m.
SOUTH
Alabama St. at Grambling St., 3 p.m.
Texas St. at Appalachian St., 4 p.m.
UT Arlington at Georgia Southern, 4 p.m.
S.C. State at Bethune-Cookman, 4:30 p.m.
Delaware St. at Coppin St., 4:30 p.m.
Norfolk St. at Hampton, 4:30 p.m.
Morgan St. at Md.-Eastern Shore, 4:30 p.m.
N.C. A&T at N.C. Central, 4:30 p.m.
Savannah St. at Florida A&M, 5 p.m.
UALR at Louisiana-Lafayette, 5 p.m.
Old Dominion at Marshall, 5 p.m.
Cent. Arkansas at Nicholls St., 5 p.m.
Georgia St. at Louisiana-Monroe, 5:15 p.m.
Alabama A&M at Jackson St., 5:30 p.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff at MVSU, 5:30 p.m.
SE Louisiana at New Orleans, 5:30 p.m.
FAU at UAB, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at W. Kentucky, 7 p.m.
FIU at Middle Tennessee, 8 p.m.
TOURNAMENTS
Atlantic Coast Conference
At Greensboro, N.C.
Second Round
Syracuse vs. Boston College-Wake Forest winner, 10 a.m.
Miami vs. Virginia, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. N.C. State-Virginia Tech winner, 5 p.m.
North Carolina vs. Georgia Tech-Clemson winner, 7:30 p.m.
Atlantic 10 Conference
At Richmond, Va.
Second Round
VCU vs. Saint Louis, 10:30 a.m.
Richmond vs. St. Bonaventure-UMass winner, 1 p.m.
Saint Joseph's vs. George Mason, 3:30 p.m.
Rhode Island vs. La Salle-Davidson winner, 6 p.m.
Big South Conference
At Conway, S.C.
Quarterfinals
Liberty vs. UNC Asheville, 11 a.m.
Winthrop vs. Campbell, 1:30 p.m.
Radford vs. Gardner-Webb, 5 p.m.
High Point vs. Presbyterian, 7:30 p.m.
Big Ten Conference
At Hoffman Estates, Ill.
Second Round
Michigan vs. Michigan St., 11:30 a.m.
Rutgers vs. Indiana-Penn St. winner, 1:55 p.m.
Nebraska vs. Illinois, 6 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Wisconsin-Purdue winner, 8:25 p.m.
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
At Albany, N.Y.
First Round
Canisius vs. Monmouth (N.J.), 8:30 a.m.
Rider vs. Saint Peter's, 11 a.m.
Niagara vs. Manhattan, 1:30 p.m.
Ohio Valley Conference
At Nashville, Tenn.
First Round
Belmont vs. Jacksonville St., noon
Tennessee St. vs. Morehead St., 2:30 p.m.
Pacific-12 Conference
At Seattle
First Round
Washington St. vs. Oregon, 1:30 p.m.
UCLA vs. Arizona, 4 p.m.
Southern Cal vs. Colorado, 8 p.m.
Washington vs. Utah, 10:30 p.m.
Southeastern Conference
At Little Rock, Ark.
Second Round
Mississippi vs. Arkansas, noon
Texas A&M vs. Florida-Auburn winner, 2:30 p.m.
Missouri vs. Georgia, 6 p.m.
Kentucky vs. Vanderbilt-Alabama winner, 8:30 p.m.
Southern Conference
At Asheville, N.C.
First Round
Chattanooga vs. UNC Greensboro, 11 a.m.
Samford vs. Furman, 1:15 p.m.
ETSU vs. W. Carolina, 3:30 p.m.
Mercer vs. Wofford, 5:45 p.m.
West Coast Conference
At Las Vegas
First Round
Loyola Marymount vs. Pepperdine, 2 p.m.
Santa Clara vs. Portland, 4:30 p.m.
Quarterfinals
Pacific vs. San Francisco, 8 p.m.
Saint Mary's vs. BYU, 10:30 p.m.

LADY KATS

From 1C

turns the Glasscock County seat, population 334 (2010 Census), into a ghost town for a short time. Garden City players Holly Halfmann and Ashlyn Koenning, then elementary school students, also made the trip to Austin in 2007 to watch the state tournament team.

"We all watched that game," said Koenning, a shooting guard who ranks second on the team in rebounds per game (4.1) and steals per game (3.1). "We still talk about it. We wanted to be them when we grew up. Here we are getting to do the same thing that they had to do, which is awesome."

This year's trip to the Alamo City will be especially sweet for seniors Halfmann, Schaefer and Hope Allen, who made it in their final try. In the previous two years, the Lady Kats fell one game short of the state tournament, losing to Roscoe Highland both times in the regional final.

Last Saturday, Garden City overcame a 10-point deficit at halftime and eliminated Highland, 37-33, in the regional semifinal. The following day, the Lady Kats secured their berth with a 49-42 victory over O'Donnell in the regional final in Abilene.

Garden City won its last three playoff games by an average margin of five points so it has been playing in some pressure-packed affairs including the epic, comeback triumph versus Highland.

The game

CLASS A STATE SEMIFINAL
GARDEN CITY VS. LIPAN
When/where: 8:30 a.m. today, Alamodome, San Antonio
Records: Garden City (30-4), Lipan (32-3)
Last game: Garden City 49, O'Donnell 42 (March 1); Lipan 65, Strawn 40 (March 1).
Notes and quotes: No. 2 Lipan thrashed Strawn, the No. 3 team, in the Region I final in Mansfield. The Lady Indians won their four playoff games by an average margin of 36 points per game...This semifinal game will be the first official state tournament game at the Alamodome. The boys and girls state tournament had previously been held in Austin successively since 1921...Garden City senior post Holly Halfmann leads her team in points per game (14.6) and rebounds per game (5.3). Halfmann's young sister Hope, the point guard, ranks second with 8.7 points per game...Lady Kats guard Brylie Schaefer is the team leader in steals per game (3.5)...Hope Halfmann and Alicia Gutierrez are Garden City's highest percentage free-throw shooters (65.2 percent), while freshman Payton Hastings (61.5 percent) is third on the Lady Kats...Head coach Chris Sumrall says his team can play both an uptempo and slower style of basketball. "We're a team that wants to try to get up and down the floor," Sumrall said. "We're a team that presses usually. We want to try to turn you over if we can, but we are also a team that can stop and not press you and we can play and defend you in the half-court and try to execute offensively in the half-court as well."
Next: Winner plays the winner of No. 24 D'Hanis (27-6) and No. 1 Nazareth (32-2) in the championship game at 8:30 am. Saturday.

"Right now I think our strength is that we all support each other and back each other 100 percent," Schaefer said. "If anything goes wrong, we know that we can come back. We don't let ourselves get down and we always encourage ourselves. Encouragement is big in our team."

At a Class A school, the sub-100 enrollment typically means that students are involved in a plethora of activities and functions. The Lady Kats players rarely have a light day with nothing to do.

Schaefer is involved in cross-country, track and field, golf, student council, National Honors Society, Business Professionals of America and 4-H.

Halfmann is the vice president of the student council and competes in cross-country, track and golf. But 4-H and basketball is where she focuses most of her time.

"I have over 200 pigs right now," Halfmann said. "We raised them since they were little babies. We're always busy with them so it's fun."

Despite the ceaseless obligations, the Garden City girls have always put basketball at the top of their priorities and it shows on the court.

"I play many other sports, but basketball is by far my favorite," Halfmann said. "I do work hard in all the sports I am in and I'm involved in a lot of other activities besides basketball. I feel like we put most of our time into basketball because that's what we enjoy most."

While some Class A hoopsters only concentrate on basketball during the winter months, the Lady Kats players try to dribble a ball as much as they can get in the offseason.

"For me and Holly, since we were in sixth grade, we have played basketball all year long, constantly and we run cross-country to get better for basketball," Schaefer said. "So even though we did make it to state in cross-country, the main reason we were there was to help us in basketball and get here where we are."

Schaefer said her cross-country conditioning came in handy during the second half of the Highland game. Schaefer said her and the four other starters — Halfmann, Koenning, Hope Halfmann and Carlie Hollingsworth — were able to play the entire second half without a break because of their cross-country conditioning.

With the second generation of Garden City girls going to state, there's a hope that it might galvanize the next generation of the town's girls to excel in hoops.

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LADY CHAPS

From 1C

(21-9) did a good job of containing MC's inside game, while Walnatia Wright (11 rebounds) and Marielka Garate also fouled out.

Jones said the win says a lot about his team.

"I think they have matured throughout the year," he said. "We have gotten off to a few slow starts this year. I've tried different things to change it but none of it worked. I was proud of the fact that they didn't just come out flat and cashed it in in the second half. They cared about winning, and once we got the momentum we were able to turn it around."

MC also played solid defense throughout the game by holding the Lady Leopards to 28 percent shooting for the game.

The Lady Chaps will now get ready to face an NMJC team that won the WJCAC this season and is ranked No. 4 in the NJCAA. The teams also split during the season with each team winning at home.

"We know what they're going to do and they know what we're going to do," Jones said. "I expect a physical and rough game. We have to limit our mistakes to give ourselves a chance. There's a reason (the Lady Thunderbirds) won the conference, they made fewer mistakes than the other teams."

MIDLAND COLLEGE 59, TEMPLE COLLEGE 48
Midland College (20-10) — Tajanay Vega 3-11 3-4 10, Sierra Dixon 4-12 1-4 13, Mary Savoy 2-4 2-2 6, Walnatia Wright 4-12 1-2 9, Marielka Garate 1-3 0-0 2, Morgan Ashton 4-6 4-6 14, Mary King 0-0 1-2 1, Valentine Zambelli 0-0 0-0 0, Jula Zarh 0-0 0-0 0, Quinique Johnson 1-7 2-3 4. Totals 19-55 14-23 59
Temple College (21-9) — Laqeisha Brown 6-14 2-9 14, Kiahna Thompson 3-12 2-3 9, Samantha Allen 1-4 3-4 5, India Connor 0-5 0-2 0, Tre Torain 1-8 4-4 6, Shatarah Brown 2-4 0-2 4, Kiara Rivera 2-4 0-2 4, Lexi Cary 0-1 0-0 0, Kiera Darling 3-6 2-5 8. Totals 18-57 15-32 48
Halftime — TC 24, MC 11. 3-point goals — MC 7-18 (Dixon 4-11, Ashton 2-3, Vega 1-4). Total fouls — MC 25, TC 21. Fouled out — Wright, Garate. Allen. Rebounds — MC 47 (Wright 11), TC 46 Brown 9). Assists — MC 8 (Vega 3), TC 9 (Allen 4). Turnovers — MC 23, TC 22.
Next: Midland College vs. New Mexico Junior College at NJCAA Region V Tournament, noon Friday, Brownwood

NJCAA REGION V WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
at Brownwood Coliseum, Brownwood

Wednesday
Game 1: (W1) New Mexico JC (25-3) 73, (N4) Weatherford College 67
Game 2: (W3) Midland College (19-10) 59, (N2) Temple College 58
Game 3: (N3) Hill College (18-10) 68, (W2) Odessa College 53
Game 4: (N1) Collin County (22-6) vs. (W4) Western Texas College (15-13), late
Friday's Semifinals
New Mexico JC (26-3) vs. Midland College (20-10), noon
Hill College (19-10) vs. Game 4 winner, 2 p.m.
Saturday's championship
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

NJCAA MEN'S REGION V TOURNAMENT
at Brownwood Coliseum, Brownwood
Today
Game 5 (W1) South Plains College (23-6) vs. (N1) Temple College (20-10), noon
Game 6 (N2) McLennan Community College (23-7) vs. (W3) New Mexico Junior College (22-8), 2 p.m.
Game 7 (W2) Howard College (22-7) vs. (N4) Weatherford College (19-11), 5 p.m.
Game 8 (N1) Hill College (25-2) vs. (W4) New Mexico Military Institute (15-11), 7 p.m.
Friday's semifinals
Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 5 p.m.
Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 7 p.m.
Saturday's championship
Semifinal winners, 4:30 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	38	23	.623	
Brooklyn	25	34	.424	12½
Boston	24	35	.407	13½
Philadelphia	17	47	.266	25
New York	12	48	.200	29½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	48	12	.800	
Washington	34	27	.557	14
Charlotte	26	33	.441	21½
Miami	26	33	.441	21½
Orlando	19	43	.306	30

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	38	23	.623	
Cleveland	38	24	.613	½
Milwaukee	32	28	.533	5½
Indiana	26	34	.433	11½
Detroit	23	36	.390	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	42	17	.712	
Houston	41	19	.683	1½
Dallas	40	22	.645	3½
San Antonio	36	23	.610	6
New Orleans	32	28	.533	10½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	39	19	.672	
Oklahoma City	33	27	.550	7
Utah	24	36	.400	16
Denver	21	39	.350	19
Minnesota	13	46	.220	26½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	46	12	.793	
L.A. Clippers	40	21	.656	7½
Phoenix	32	30	.516	16
Sacramento	21	37	.362	25
L.A. Lakers	16	43	.271	30½

x-clinched playoff spot

Wednesday's Scores
Phoenix 105, Orlando 100
Indiana 105, New York 82
Boston 85, Utah 84
Charlotte 115, Brooklyn 91
Cleveland at Toronto, late
Detroit at New Orleans, late
Philadelphia at Oklahoma City, late
Memphis at Houston, late
Denver at Minnesota, late
L.A. Lakers at Miami, late
Sacramento at San Antonio, late
Milwaukee at Golden State, late
Portland at L.A. Clippers, late
Today's Games
Oklahoma City at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S BOX SCORES
SUNS 105, MAGIC 100
PHOENIX (105): Tucker 7-10 4-5 19, Mark Morris 11-17 1-2 23, Len 1-5 0-0 2, Bledsoe 3-7 6-6 13, Knight 7-15 10-12 28, Wright 2-6 0-0 4, Marc Morris 2-6 2-2 7, Goodwin 1-4 0-0 3, Warren 2-5 0-0 4, Thornton 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 37-79 23-27 105.
ORLANDO (100): Harris 5-8 0-0 11, Dedmon 3-3 2-3 8, Vucevic 8-16 2-2 18, Payton 4-11 1-2 9, Oladipo 15-25 4-4 38, A.Gordon 0-1 0-0 0, W.Green 1-8 0-0 2, Frye 1-4 2-2 4, Harkless 0-2 0-0 0, B.Gordon 1-3 0-0 2, Nicholson 3-6 2-2 8. Totals 41-87 13-15 100.

Phoenix	22	21	34 - 105
Orlando	25	27	17 - 100

3-Point Goals_Phoenix 8-21 (Knight 4-9, Bledsoe 1-1, Tucker 1-2, Goodwin 1-3, Marc.Morris 1-3, Thornton 0-1, Mark Morris 0-2). Orlando 5-20 (Oladipo 4-8, Harris 1-3, Payton 0-1, B.Gordon 0-2, Harkless 0-2, W.Green 0-2, Frye 0-2). Fouled Out_None. Rebounds_Phoenix 43 (Bledsoe 7), Orlando 51 (Dedmon 8). Assists_Phoenix 22 (Bledsoe 9), Orlando 21 (Payton 10). Total Fouls_Phoenix 15, Orlando 26. A_15,822 (18,500)

HORNETS 115, NETS 91
CHARLOTTE (115): Kidd-Gilchrist 4-7 2-2 10, Ma.Williams 5-8 1-8 11, Jeffers 6-16 3-4 19, M.Williams 6-13 0-1 14, Henderson 7-11 4-6 19, Zeller 5-9 3-3 13, Biyombo 1-1 5-6 7, Roberts 2-3 0-0 4, Stephenson 2-5 2-2 6, Taylor 0-2 0-0 0, Walker 1-2 0-0 2, Daniels 1-2 0-0 3, Vonleh 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-85 23-28 115.
BROOKLYN (91): Anderson 1-5 0-0 2, Johnson 1-6 0-0 2, Plumlee 5-9 1-2 11, D.Williams 3-9 5-6 12, Brown 4-11 1-2 9, Lopez 2-7 4-4 8, Jack 4-13 1-1 9, Young 3-5 1-2 8, Bogdanovic 4-7 3-5 11, Quarterman 3-6 0-0 6, Jordan 2-6 2-2 6, Karasev 3-3 0-0 7. Morris 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 35-88 18-24 91.

Charlotte	35	21	32	27—115
Brooklyn	15	29	22	25— 91

3-Point Goals_Charlotte 8-19 (Ma.Williams 4-5, M.Williams 2-6, Daniels 1-2, Henderson 1-2, Roberts 0-2, Taylor 0-2, Brooklyn 3-16 (Karasev 1-1, Young 1-1, D.Williams 1-4, Johnson 0-1, Anderson 0-1, Jack 0-2, Bogdanovic 0-3, Brown 0-3). Fouled Out_None. Rebounds_Charlotte 60 (Kidd-Gilchrist 13), Brooklyn 47 (Plumlee 7). Assists_Charlotte 24 (M.Williams 14), Brooklyn 15 (D.Williams 6). Total Fouls_Charlotte 20, Brooklyn 24. Technicals_M.Williams, Brooklyn Coach Hollins 2. A_16,681 (17,732)

CELTICS 85, JAZZ 84
UTAH (84): Hayward 5-11 1-2 13, Favors 7-10 2-3 16, Gobert 3-9 4-6 10, Exum 1-4 0-0 3, Ingles 1-5 1-1 3, Burke 7-17 2-4 16, Booker 4-7 3-4 11, Hood 4-7 0-0 8, Millsap 0-2 0-0 0, Evans 2-3 0-1 4. Totals 34-75 13-21 84.
BOSTON (85): Turner 1-8 0-0 2, Bass 3-6 1-2 7, Zeller 4-8 0-2 8, Smart 3-14 1-1 7, Bradley 5-13 0-0 13, Crowder 8-17 1-5 18, Thomas 6-12 7-8 21, Jerebko 2-5 1-2 6, Olynyk 0-3 0-0 0, Young 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 33-88 11-20 85.

Utah	19	14	22	29—84
Boston	18	16	27	24—85

3-Point Goals_Utah 3-19 (Hayward 2-5, Exum 1-4, Booker 0-1, Hood 0-2, Ingles 0-3, Burke 0-4), Boston 8-27 (Bradley 3-5, Thomas 2-5, Young 1-2, Jerebko 1-3, Crowder 1-5, Turner 0-1, Smart 0-6) Fouled Out_None. Rebounds_Utah 63 (Gobert 16), Boston 50 (Zeller 11). Assists_Utah 21 (Burke 8), Boston 21 (Thomas 7). Total Fouls_Utah 19, Boston 20. A_16,354 (18,624)

PACERS 105, KNICKS 82
NEW YORK (82): Early 1-5 2-4 4, Amundson 4-6 0-2 8, Bargnani 10-17 3-3 25, Galloway 5-12 0-0 11, Hardaway Jr. 5-17 2-3 13, Thomas 1-4 1-2 3, Aldrich 1-2 4-4 6, Smith 1-3 2-3 4, Shved 2-7 2-2 8, Larkin 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 30-76 16-23 82
INDIANA (105): Hibbert 3-10 0-0 2, West 6-9 1-2 13, Mahinmi 3-7 0-1 6, G.Hill 8-13 2-2 21, Miles 4-9 5-5 16, Allen 1-6 3-4 5, Stuckey 7-12 2-2 17, Scola 4-9 1-2 9, Stner 1-3 0-0 3, Rudez 2-4 0-0 5, Copeland 1-3 0-0 2, Whittington 0-2 5-6 5. Totals 36-80 19-24 105.

New York	19	22	23	18— 82
Indiana	30	26	23	17—105

3-Point Goals_New York 6-16 (Bargnani 2-3, Shved 2-3, Galloway 1-3, Hardaway Jr. 1-4, Early 0-1, Larkin 0-2), Indiana 10-22 (G.Hill 3-5, Miles 3-6, Rudez 2-3, Stuckey 1-2, Stner 1-3, G.Hill 0-1, Copeland 0-2). Fouled Out_None. Rebounds_New York 54 (Amundson 10), Indiana 46 (Mahinmi 6). Assists_New York 16 (Galloway 6), Indiana 21 (G.Hill 6). Total Fouls_New York 20, Indiana 21. Technicals_West 'A, 15,981 (18,165).

MLS minimum: Playing for $36,000 with millionaire teammates

By Tim Booth
Associated Press

TUKWILA, Wash. — Before he was in Major League Soccer, Zach Scott worked in accounting, as a coach and as a substitute teacher to pay the bills while he played in pro soccer's lower division.

Scott now plays before crowds of more than 60,000 fans in Seattle with Sounders teammate Clint Dempsey, who made $6.7 million last year. Scott has started 67 games in six MLS seasons, yet he has never made more than $52,500 a year.

The gap between players like Scott and their superstar teammates is among the biggest in sports. The low minimum salary is one of the reasons MLS players may strike this season, which starts Friday.

"As a player if you love to do it, you find other ways to make ends meet, or your spouse works a lot. You're definitely not supporting your family as a professional soccer player in the U.S. making minimum salary," Scott said. "Yes, it's frustrating but ... you love to do it and you hope you are around long enough that something like this next (collective bargaining agreement) comes along and that minimum gets raised."

Of the 572 players in the league last September according to the players union salary report, 297 — or 52 percent — made less than $100,000. Of those 297 players, nearly half made less than $50,000.

Now the MLS players may go on strike if a new deal with the league isn't reached. They are fighting for free agency, but a raise in the minimum salary is also on the table as they negotiate a labor contract to replace the agreement that expired Jan. 31.

"That's what we've been talking about all last year and obviously the beginning of this year. We've had a lot of meetings and stuff and just had everyone on the same page," Real Salt Lake midfielder Luis Gil said. "We're trying to find a way to benefit for everybody. Obviously some guys make more than others. But we've got to stay strong with this."

Players from the national team like Dempsey and aging stars who move from Europe to the MLS get millions. But to fill out its rosters, MLS clubs have paid paltry salaries to the others. The minimum salary for players at the bottom of rosters is $36,500.

With the league now approaching its 20th season, MLS players want an agreement that closes some of that salary inequity.

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Associated Press

A car carrying Minnesota Vikings head coach Mike Zimmer and general manager Rick Spielman leaves the home of NFL running back Adrian Peterson, Wednesday in The Woodlands. Zimmer and Spielman met with Peterson to discuss his future with the NFL football team.

With Peterson's status in question, Vikings pay a visit

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press

The Minnesota Vikings have made their in-person pitch to Adrian Peterson, the latest step toward resolving the star running back's unclear status.

Whether it's keeping him or turning to a trade, the Vikings will likely make up their minds soon about whether Peterson will continue his NFL career in purple.

General manager Rick Spielman and head coach Mike Zimmer spent about four hours Wednesday afternoon at Peterson's home north of Houston. KHOU-TV recorded video of Peterson emerging from the gated mansion wearing a white T-shirt and black workout pants to greet the pair with a hug. Spielman and Zimmer left together later, dressed in sport coats and blue jeans, while photographers from several media outlets captured on camera their departure in a gray car.

This was the first time they've had with Peterson since he was placed on paid leave in mid-September following his indictment in a child abuse case involving his 4-year-old son that was resolved with a plea bargain.

The NFL later suspended Peterson without pay under the personal conduct policy, a punishment supposed to be in effect through April 15. But last week a federal judge overruled the league's arbitrator who had denied Peterson's appeal. The NFL promptly appealed the decision to a higher court and put Peterson back on the exempt list in the meantime, which created the opportunity for direct contact by the Vikings.

Peterson told ESPN in a recent interview he's uneasy about returning to the organization, though he's still under contract with a $12.75 million base salary for 2015. His agreement to the meeting Wednesday stemmed from his respect for Zimmer, for whom he's only played one game.

The Vikings have plenty of space under the salary cap to keep Peterson on his current contract. Everyone from co-owner Mark Wilf to Spielman to Zimmer has said they'll welcome Peterson back once he's fully reinstated by the NFL. Only if Peterson wants to be there, of course. If the relationship were determined to be irreparable, the Vikings would probably try to deal him for a draft pick or two.

The Spielman-Zimmer visit to Peterson's home conjured reminders of 2010, when the Vikings sent three players to persuade quarterback Brett Favre to return for another season. Jared Allen, Steve Hutchinson and Ryan Longwell spent an August night at Favre's house in Mississippi before he decided to come back.

That story didn't turn out well, as the Vikings went 6-10 after reaching the NFC championship game the previous season behind a career-best performance by Favre. His consecutive games streak was stopped at 297 that December because of a shoulder injury. His career ended two weeks later with a concussion.

NCAA reports big jump in home runs with new flat-seam ball

By Eric Olson
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — The new flat-seam ball in college baseball is having the desired effect, with teams hitting 40 percent more home runs so far this season.

The NCAA announced Wednesday that teams are hitting a home run about every other game. Last year, teams homered about once every three games through the first three weeks of the season.

The actual average is 0.47 home runs per team compared with 0.33 at this point in 2014. Last season's final average of 0.39 per team was a record low.

The flat-seam ball was introduced this season in an attempt to punch up a game that has seen steep declines in offense since new bat standards took effect in 2011. Studies show the flat-seam ball travels 20 feet farther than the old raised-seam ball.

Count Nevada cleanup batter Ryan Howell as a big fan of the new ball. The WolfPack's second baseman hit his nation-leading sixth home run in 12 games in his team's 7-6 win over UC Davis on Tuesday. He totaled eight in 42 games for Chabot (California) Community College last year.

"Everybody is benefiting," Howell said. "Ultimately, the ball is going to go farther. It's cutting through the wind. You can see it fly off the bat."

Nevada and Texas A&M are the national team leaders in home runs with 17 apiece. The WolfPack already is halfway to its 58-game total last season. The Aggies are only eight shy of their total in 62 games.

"We still have to play out the season, just to see what difference the ball truly does make," A&M coach Rob Childress said. "But this small case study says it's a positive thing for college baseball to bring excitement back to our sport."

The increase in homers has occurred in spite of poor hitting conditions — cold weather — across much of the country. Childress said he's curious to see if the numbers rise even more with warmer weather, or if there will be a decrease once teams begin playing conference games against better pitching.

Other key offensive statistics are generally unchanged. Per-team scoring is up from 5.07 runs a game the first three weeks in 2014 to 5.29 a game this year. The national batting average went from .263 to .264.

Childress said his team's power numbers were so high during fall practices and scrimmages that he feared his pitching staff might not be very good. Nevada coach Jay Johnson said the same thing.

But A&M, at 13-0, is one of two unbeaten Division I teams. Virginia is the other. And Nevada, at 11-1, is off to the best start in program history.

The long ball gets a lot of credit.

"I'm an offensive-minded coach," Nevada's Jay Johnson said, "so I like the fact that the power element is back."

ANDRUS

From 1C

"That was an offseason that I hope never happens again," Andrus said. "In spring training I wasn't ready. I don't think my body was ready. You learn from that. I was blessed to be able to play through the whole season. ... My mentality is a whole lot different than last year. I'm a totally different animal this year."

This season is the first of the $120 million, eight-year contract extension through 2022 that Andrus signed at the start of the 2013 season with two years left on his previous deal. There is a vesting option for 2023, but he can also opt out of after 2018 or 2019.

Along with the .263 batting average last season, Andrus scored only 72 runs — matching his career low set as a rookie in 2009. His RBI total dropped from 67 in 2013 to 41 last season while his stolen base total dropped from 42 to 27, and he grounded into a team-high 21 double plays while the Rangers had an AL-high 95 losses.

"It was a rough year," he said. "Things that happened last year, not only personally, but as a team you don't want that to happen again."

Former player Nate Jackson calls for the NFL to allow marijuana

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

DENVER — Former Broncos tight end Nate Jackson says he believes the NFL will have no choice but to remove marijuana from its lists of banned substances in the near future.

Speaking at a marijuana business conference, Jackson called on the league to allow medical marijuana as a means to help players deal with the physical and psychological pain and head injuries inherent to their profession.

Jackson said he avoided opiate painkillers as much as he could during his six-year career from 2003-08. Instead, he self-medicated with marijuana so that he wouldn't retire addicted to prescription drugs like so many of his contemporaries, he said.

"It kept my brain clean," Jackson said Wednesday during the Cannabis Business Executives Breakfast that kicked off a three-day conference titled "Sports, Meds and Money."

"I feel like I exited the game with my mind intact. And I credit that to marijuana in a lot of ways and not getting hooked on these pain pills that are recklessly distributed in the league when a guy gets an injury," Jackson said.

He said he believes most NFL players use marijuana — they're only tested for street drugs once a year whereas random tests for steroids are conducted year-round — and that the league knows this.

"They're aware that probably over half of their players smoke weed. They've been doing it since they were teenagers. The fact that they've been doing it that whole time and still made it to the NFL and are able to satisfy the demands of very, very strict employers on a daily basis means that their marijuana use is in check," Jackson said. "Marijuana is not a problem in their lives."

The real danger is that they're "smashing their skulls over and over and over again," he said. "And as long as we as fans or the media love this game and want this game to continue and want our players to play hard, we have to open up our minds and be a little bit more compassionate about how we approach their health care."

That's why Jackson said he believes the league, beleaguered by a domestic abuse saga last year, is "going to get behind this movement" to de-stigmatize the use of marijuana and allow players to use it without penalty.

League spokesman Greg Aiello told The Associated Press on Wednesday: "At this time, the medical advisers to our drug program tell us that there is no need for medical marijuana to be prescribed to an NFL player."

When residents of Colorado and Washington voted to allow recreational marijuana the players union sent out a memo to remind all players that "it's illegal and prohibited under our policy."

The league said it's used "experts on substance abuse disorders and addiction and we ask them to make recommendations and to date they haven't recommended any change." It also said there's "other medications doctors can use for effective treatment of pain."

Lastly, the NFL says that "if the science shows it and there is a rigorous process in place to determine that the only drug that could help is medical marijuana, then we would consider allowing it in necessary cases."

"That's the most promising of those bullet points for sure," Jackson said after his keynote address and panel discussion.

"I don't ever think the league will come out with like a marijuana banner. They're never going to say, 'Hey, marijuana, it's great for everyone!' But I think what they will do is remove it from the banned substances list and stop punishing people for it," Jackson said. "It actually keeps it in the news more when it is a banned substance than if it weren't.

"Josh Gordon's in the news for weed. These other guys are in the news for weed. That wouldn't happen anymore."

MLB SPRING TRAINING

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Chicago	1	0	1.000
Detroit	2	0	1.000
Kansas City	1	0	1.000
Oakland	2	0	1.000
Seattle	1	0	1.000
Cleveland	1	1	.500
Toronto	1	1	.500
Boston	0	0	.000
Houston	0	0	.000
Los Angeles	0	0	.000
Minnesota	0	0	.000
Tampa Bay	0	0	.000
Baltimore	0	2	.000
New York	0	1	.000
Texas	0	1	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Arizona	1	0	1.000
New York	1	0	1.000
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000
Cincinnati	1	1	.500
Pittsburgh	1	1	.500
Chicago	0	0	.000
Miami	0	0	.000
Milwaukee	0	0	.000
St. Louis	0	0	.000
Washington	0	0	.000
Atlanta	0	1	.000
Colorado	0	1	.000
Los Angeles	0	1	.000
San Diego	0	1	.000
San Francisco	0	2	.000

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

Wednesday's Scores
Philadelphia 3, N.Y. Yankees 1
Toronto 4, Pittsburgh 1
Detroit 5, Baltimore 4
N.Y. Mets 8, Atlanta 2
Cleveland 4, Cincinnati 2
Seattle 4, San Diego 3, 10 innings
Oakland 9, San Francisco 2
Kansas City 13, Texas 2
Chicago White Sox 6, L.A. Dodgers 4
Arizona 6, Colorado 2

Today's Games
N.Y. Yankees vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore (ss) vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. Chicago Cubs (ss) at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.
Colorado vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 4:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Baltimore (ss) at Sarasota, Fla., 6:05 p.m.

TEXASNFLBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

IRVING

Cowboys re-sign slot receiver Cole Beasley on 4-year deal

The Cowboys have re-signed restricted free agent Cole Beasley after the diminutive receiver emerged as a threat in the slot last season for Tony Romo.

Beasley signed a four-year contract Wednesday reportedly worth about $14 million, with $7 million guaranteed. The 5-foot-8 former SMU player had career highs with 420 yards and four touchdowns in his third season in 2014.

The signing of Beasley came two days after Dallas put the franchise tag on All-Pro receiver Dez Bryant, who will make $12.8 million if he signs the one-year tender. The Cowboys have until July 15 to sign Bryant to a long-term deal.

Beasley was third among Dallas receivers behind Bryant and Terrance Williams. He has 916 career yards.

HOUSTON

Texans release center Chris Myers

Veteran center Chris Myers has been released by the Houston Texans.

Myers was released Wednesday after playing for the Texans for seven seasons. He started all 112 games in his career in Houston. He holds the NFL's longest active streak for consecutive games played for an offensive lineman (153) and consecutive starts at center (128).

The 33-year-old was a sixth-round pick by Denver in 2005 out of Miami and played his first three seasons for the Broncos before a trade to Houston before the 2008 season. He has appeared in six playoff games with four starts in his career.

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy "The Distance" (N)		Scandal "The Lawn Chair" (N)		American Crime "Episode One" (P) (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Couple (N)	Big Bang Theory	Mom (N)	Elementary "For All You Know" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) Late Show
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Hogan's Heroes	Twilight Zone	Welcome Kotter	Welcome Kotter	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Festive Felon"		Banacek
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	American Idol "Top 8 Girls Perform" (N)		Backstrom "Enemy of My Enemies" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Rik Wadge	Rocks/M-anuscripts	Update News	Fruits of Zion	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Matt Staver	Called Out	Biblical Israel
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		The Slap "Manolis" (N)		The Blacklist "T. Earl King VI" (N)		Allegiance "Tipping Point" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		The Best of the '60s (My Music) Favorite hits of the decade are performed.				'60s Pop Flashback: Hullabaloo Musical performances from '60s pop-rock artists.			Tavis Smiley (N)		Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	La sombra del pasado		Mi corazón es Tuyo		Hasta el fin del mundo		Que te perdone Dios... Yo no		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.		Contacto Deportivo
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million..	The Mentalist		The Mentalist		My News	Million..	Anger M.	M&M	Office	Access H.
FLIX		340	65		165	.	(5:25) Tender Mer...		(:10) The Illusionist Edward Norton.						(:10) Ask the Dust ('06, Rom) Colin Farrell.		Rondracers	
HBO		300	68	14	14		(5:15) The Fast & the Furious: Tokyo Drift		The Jinx "Chapter 4"		Kovalev	Locking	(:15) Cathouse		(:10) Girls	Movie		
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	(5:45) Pacific Rim		Girls	Together	Endless Love Alex Pettyfer.				(:45) The Conjuring Patrick Wilson.		(:45) Sports	
HBO3		304	70	16	102		Movie	Looking	Vice (N)		LastWeek		Gateway Ethan Hawke.		Grudge Match ('13, Act) Sylvester Stallone.			
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(5:25) You, Me & ...		Movie (5:20) That Awkward Moment				The Nutty Professor II: The ...		(:50) The Great Bikini Bowl...			
MAX2		382	72	18	122		Movie	Scary Movie 2			47 Ronin ('13, Act) Keanu Reeves.			Lingerie	(:35) The Legend of Hercules			
PLEX				96			(5:20) The Yearling		The Company Men Campbell.				The Woman in Red		American Anthem			
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	That Girl ... Who Was in Th...	(:25)	Legally Blonde				Shameless		Penn &...	Lies	Episodes	Movie
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(5:15) Love & Honor		Mighty Joe Young Bill Paxton.						Around the World in 80 Days		Welcome to the...	
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Far from Home/ Object of Desire"		The First 48 "Red Brick/ Last Kiss"		The First 48 "Stray Shot" (N)		Nightwatch "100%, Every Time" (N)		Nightwatch "Full Moon Rising"		The First 48 "Red Brick/ Last Kiss"	
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) Under Siege		Jurassic Park III Sam Neill.						Jurassic Park III Sam Neill.		Braveheart	
BET		58	26		40		Mann's	It's a Mann's World	KeyshiaC		Game	BET Honors "2015"					Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	63		41		(4:30) There's So...		Beverly Hills		Real Melbourne (N)		Vanderpt "Dethroned"		Watch (N)	There's Something About ...		
CNBC		46	45		39	72	Greed "The Cash King"		Shark Tank		American Greed		American Greed (N)		American Vice		American Greed	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Inside Man (N)		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		M. Spurlock Inside	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Alaska "Range Riding"		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska "Cattle Drive"		Alaska/Frontier	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Girl	Kin Jesse Eisenberg.			(:45) Jessie	DogBlog	LivMad	Austin	I Didn't	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)				Basketb.	30 for 30 "Survive and Advance"		
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	The Breakfast Club Judd Nelson.						Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist		The 700 Club		Boy MW	Boy MW
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped Canada (N)		BeatFlay	DuffDown	Cutthroat Kitchen		Chopped Canada	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Center -- Sunrise, Fla. (L)	Dallas Stars at Florida Panthers		Site: BB&T		Stars Live (L)	Big 12 Showcase	Rodeo Wrap (L)	The Best Tex A&M	ACC (N)	SportsDay OnAir
FX		31	31	59	64	69	This is 40 (2012, Comedy) Leslie Mann, Megan Fox, Paul Rudd.						Archer (N)	Archer	Archer	Horrible Bosses		
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Waltons "The Roots"		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	Life	Caribbean	Fixer Upper		Rehab	Rehab	H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	House	Rehab	Rehab
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	To Be Announced		Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn (N)	Pawn (N)	Vikings (N)		(:05) Gangland U.		Pawn S.	Pawn S.
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Bring It! "Miss D Loses Her Cool"		Bring It! "Hometown Showdown"		Bring It! "Bucking in Bama"		Bring It! "Selena's Triple Threat"		Bring It! "No Stopping Kayla"		Bring It! "Hometown Showdown"	
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	39				Road to Ferrari		Road to Mercedes							Road to Mercedes		OffGrid
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	WitchWay	Max	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	(5:30) Troy (2004, Action) Orlando Bloom, Eric Bana, Brad Pitt.								300 ('06, Epic) Lena Headey, Gerard Butler.			
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) The Descent...		WWE Smackdown! (N)				Wizard Wars (N)		Close Up Kings		Wizard Wars	
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Couch"	The Seint. "The Gymnast"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Adam Sandler, Jonathan Banks		The Office	Conan
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) Planet of th...		Arrowsmith ('31, Dra) Ronald Colman.				Night Flight John Barrymore.				Airport Burt Lancaster.	
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Los miserables		Tierra de reyes		Duenos del paraiso		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Tierra de reyes	
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Amer. Gypsy Wedd "The Masquerade Ball"		My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding		My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding (N)		Myrtle Manor "Jared Gets a Big Boy Job" (N)		Gypsy Wedd "When Bridesmads Go Bad"		Myrtle Manor "Jared Gets a Big Boy Job"	
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Castle "One Life to Lose"		NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Chicago Bulls Site: United Center -- Chicago, Ill. (L)						NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Portland Trail Blazers Site: Moda Center -- Portland, Ore. (L)			
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Walker, Texas Ranger		Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends
USA		26	30	42	27	49	(4:00) Indiana ...		Fast Five Vin Diesel. The crew find themselves on the wrong side of the law as they try to get out of Brazil.				DIG "Pilot" (P) (N)		(:25) DIG "Pilot"		(:45) DIG "Pilot"	
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Outlaw Country "Growing Problem"		Outlaw Country "Growing Problem"	Rules of Engage.	Rules "A Big Bust"	

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Scott opens up a season of change at Doral

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

DORAL, Fla. — The year isn't all that's new for Adam Scott.

He makes his 2015 debut at the Cadillac Championship with a new caddie he hired at the end of last year. He has a new daughter born last month. And what grabbed even more attention was the new putter he plans to use at Doral.

Scott had enough time off during the final months of his wife's pregnancy that he began tinkering with a conventional putter, which he last used in competition at the Sony Open just over four years ago. He switched to a long putter, and since then has won the Masters and reached No. 1 in the world. A new rule on anchoring that takes effect in 2016 means a change was going to be inevitable.

"Thinking a little more objectively about it at the back end of last year, I thought because I do have to make an adjustment by the end of this year, if I'm going to spend some time doing it I should try and start now and maybe find the best solution," Scott said. "I've putted lots of different ways at home, and probably going to putt with a shorter putter this week. It's been feeling good. It's not that big a deal. I did it for a long time that way."

Scott has gone nearly three months since he last competed and was runner-up at the Australian PGA Championship. He is keeping expectations at a minimum at a World Golf Championship that has brought together all the top 50 in the world ranking.

It's the first time every-one in the top 50 has been together since the 2012 PGA Championship at Kiawah Island.

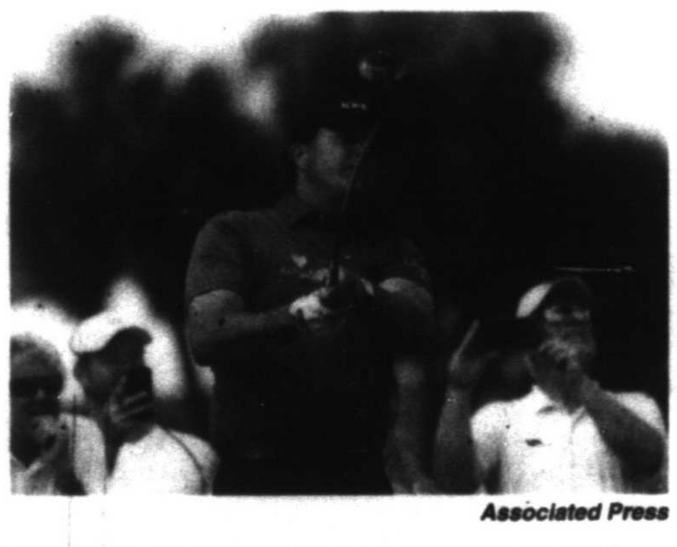
That doesn't include Tiger Woods, who is not eligible for a WGC event for only the second time in his career. Woods has fallen to No. 75 after missing most of last year with back issues and playing only 47 holes in two events this year before saying he would take time off to sort out his game.

As much as Scott has been away from the game, he is not completely out of the loop. He is aware of Woods' struggles, especially with his chipping — "It's in the papers even at home in Australia," he said — and with some of the recent winners. He watched Jason Day win at Torrey Pines and Brandt Snedeker win at Pebble Beach before heading to his home in The Bahamas to start preparing for the season.

"Certainly the last few weeks at home, seeing a bit of the guys play, I've got that kind of itchy feeling to play," Scott said. "But I was home for good reason, and everything is going well, so a good time to kick it off here."

Rory McIlroy was home last week, too.

Already a winner this year in Dubai, and a runner-up in Abu Dhabi, the world's No. 1 player made his American debut in the Honda Classic last week and bogeyed three of his last four holes to miss the cut with rounds of 73-74.



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Phil Mickelson hits from the fifth tee during a practice round for the Cadillac Championship golf tournament in Doral, Fla., on Wednesday.

With the Masters looming, it was not a great start for McIlroy. Considering he has either won or finished second in eight of his last 13 starts worldwide, it was no time to panic, either. McIlroy worked at home in West Palm Beach when the rain allowed, tightened up his swing and feels ready to go.

He teed off Wednesday before the sun was up and worked his way around the Blue Monster in relative peace, an odd scene for the best player in golf. Only two photographers, the occasional TV camera and three fans with memorabilia in bags for him to sign (he didn't) followed him around most of the day.

If there was ever a time to miss a cut, the Honda Classic would be a good one. It rained so hard that the tournament didn't end until Monday. McIlroy's biggest problem was controlling his ball in the wind, and luckily for him, it still was blowing when the rain stopped for his practice sessions.

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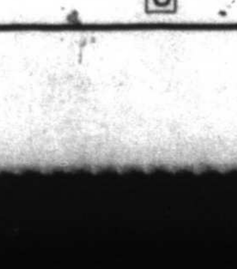

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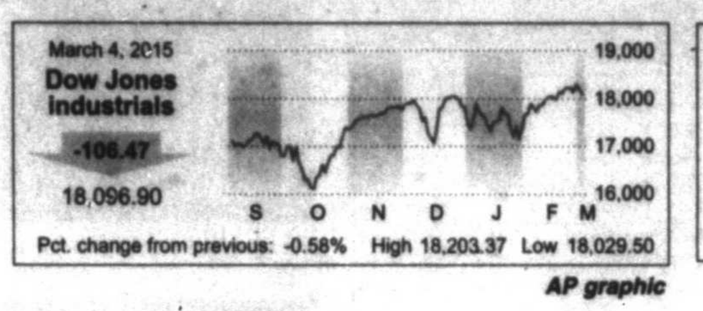

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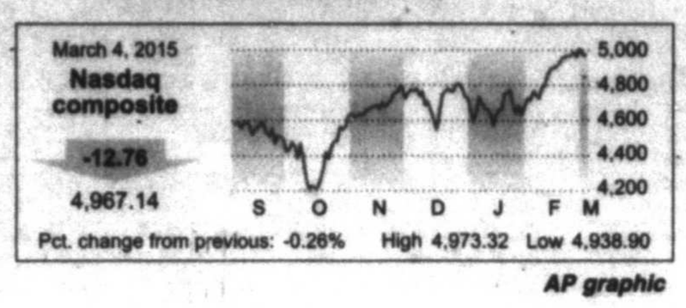

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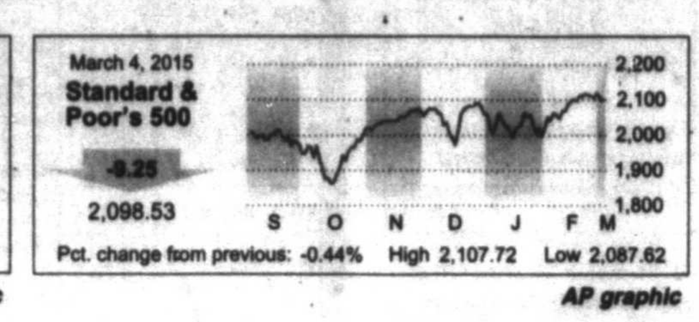

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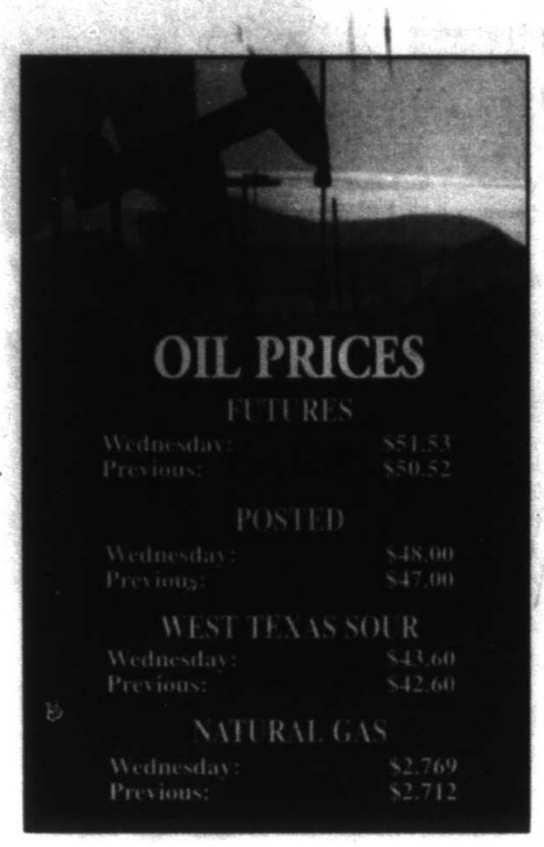

Fed struggled in 2009 over how to boost economy, papers show

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As the Great Recession inflicted worsening damage on the U.S. economy, the Federal Reserve struggled during 2009 to determine the best corrective steps to pursue.

Transcripts of their meetings released Wednesday showed that the Fed's policymakers feared the precedents being set by providing billions of dollars of government aid to the nation's largest banks. They also debated ways to provide support to an economy that was losing hundreds of thousands of jobs a month.

Janet Yellen, at the time head of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and now the Fed chair, was particularly spot-on in her predictions. Yellen envisioned an especially weak recovery and insisted that the world's biggest economy needed significant help.

During an emergency call on the morning of Jan. 16, 2009, after the government had announced a $20 billion bailout for Bank of America, Chairman Ben Bernanke declared that he was unwilling to allow "the failure of a firm the size of Bank of America."

The call underscored the chaos facing the Fed and other government agencies as they confronted a financial crisis that had ignited in September with the takeover of mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and the collapse of Lehman Brothers in the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history. The Bush administration scrambled to assemble a $700 billion bailout fund that Congress approved to try to stabilize the financial system.

Bernanke apologized to the group for not informing them about the details of the Bank of America rescue before it was publicly announced. He said officials had moved up the announcement at the request of the bank, which was worried about deteriorating market conditions.

The country's economic downturn was hitting with destructive force in early 2009. The economy contracted sharply, with job losses averaging 774,000 in the first three months of the year and stock prices plunging.

Faced with the turmoil in financial markets and rapidly rising unemployment, Fed policymakers at their March 17-18 meeting decided to expand by $1.2 trillion a bond purchase program it had begun in November. The goal of the unprecedented effort was to push long-term interest rates lower to boost the economy at a time when the Fed's main policy lever, short-term interest rates, had already been cut as low as they could go near zero.

Over the next five years, the Fed's purchases of Treasury and mortgage bonds would expand its balance sheet to $4.5 trillion, a nearly five-fold increase from where the balance sheet had stood before the financial crisis hit in the fall of 2008. The Fed did not end the bond purchases until last October.

At the March 2009 meeting, the transcripts showed policymakers were worried that the bond-buying program would not be big or bold enough to restore confidence.

"The only thing worse than buying Treasurys is to buy them in such a tepid way that we don't have any effect," said Fed Governor Kevin Warsh. "I think if we're in, we're in. We're crossing the Rubicon."

By the April 28-29 meeting, the transcripts showed Fed officials took note of signs that the economy had stabilized somewhat.

"There have been some initial signs that the recession may be approaching a trough," said Eric Rosengren, president of the Fed's Boston regional bank.

Yellen called it a "welcome relief" that the economic figures since the previous meeting weren't uniformly disappointing. But she cautioned against overreacting to the slightly better news, particularly since figures on the job market were "appalling."

"I am particularly concerned that another shoe may drop," she said. "Confidence in global financial markets is extremely fragile, and more bad news could trigger another panic and run on the financial system."

Given the struggles the global economy has faced in the years since the recession, Yellen's comments proved particularly prescient.

"Unfortunately, the road ahead is littered with headlines of defaults, bankruptcies and rising unemployment," she said.

Not all the Fed officials were as successful in forecasting the future. Then-Philadelphia Fed President Charles Plosser expressed concerns at the April meeting about rising inflation and pressed the central bank to begin raising rates by late 2009 or early 2010.

As it turned out, the Fed has still not raised its short-term interest rate, and inflation has yet to become a problem. It continues to run below the Fed's 2 percent target.

Meanwhile, Yellen's pessimism about the economy extended into June.

"The outlook over the next several years remains disturbing... It's a sign of how bad things really are that near euphoria broke out with the announcement of 345,000 nonfarm jobs lost in May."

The 2007-2009 recession did end in June in the United States, although the milestone would not be officially declared until sometime later. Unemployment kept rising, hitting a high of 10 percent in October.

By the end of 2009, the transcripts showed that Fed officials saw signs that the economy was on the mend. Employers cut only 11,000 jobs in November, compared to a loss of 111,000 jobs in October. The Fed's staff economists were projecting that employers would be adding more than 200,000 jobs per month by the middle of 2010, well above the actual monthly average of 88,833 that year.

US stocks fall

U.S. stocks sank Wednesday, pulling indexes further below record highs hit earlier in the week. The drop was modest but broad: nine of the 10 sectors in the Standard & Poor's 500 index lost ground.

Given the market's recent run, it's only natural for investors to be cautious, said Terry Sandven, senior equity strategist at U.S. Bank Wealth Management. On Monday, the S&P 500 reached an all-time high while the Nasdaq crossed the 5,000 mark for the first time in nearly 15 years.

"We're in wait-and-see mode," Sandven said. "Prices are definitely stretched, especially when earnings expectations are being set lower."

The S&P 500 gave up 9.25 points, or 0.4 percent, to 2,098.53.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 106.47 points, or 0.6 percent, to 18,096.90. The Nasdaq composite fell 12.76 points, or 0.3 percent, to 4,967.14.

Alcoa's stock sank 4 percent following news that analysts at Bank of America cut their ratings on the aluminum giant. BofA's analysts expect prices for aluminum to lose strength as China increases its exports. Alcoa lost 59 cents to $14.59.

Abercrombie & Fitch posted quarterly profits that beat analysts' estimates, but its sales fell short. A top executive at the retailer warned that it will likely face trouble from a stronger dollar. Abercrombie's stock plunged $3.72, or 16 percent, to $20.27.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	990707	210.23	-.89
CSVLgCrde	831419	3.29	+.26
BkofAm	770717	15.84	-.15
iShEMkts	485469	39.93	-.44
Petrobras	401021	6.18	-.23

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MIX Tele	6.64	+1.15	+20.9
Wayfair n	28.90	+3.65	+14.5
500.com	12.16	+1.39	+12.9
NeoPhoton	3.90	+.40	+11.4
Autohome	42.61	+4.21	+11.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VeevaSys	25.72	-6.97	-21.3
CDI	14.68	-3.75	-20.3
AberFitc	20.27	-3.72	-15.5
LumberLiq	35.64	-5.14	-12.6
NeuStar	22.25	-2.88	-11.5

DIARY

Advanced	1,194
Declined	1,911
Unchanged	110
Total issues	3,215
New Highs	107
New Lows	37
Volume	3,326,688,270

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BarcGSOil	56581	11.53	-.35
CheniereEn	47960	78.43	-2.97
Globalstar	38435	2.69	+.09
NwGold g	34337	3.71	+.02
GranTrra g	31033	2.75	+.15

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CorMed wt	2.73	+.73	+36.5
Aerocntry	12.78	+1.69	+15.2
CorMedix	6.16	+.66	+12.0
Totuth	6.13	+.51	+11.1
GranTrra g	2.75	+.15	+5.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Norsat g rs	5.20	-.31	-5.6
SL Ind	37.26	-2.13	-5.4
Enservco	2.00	-.10	-4.8
Pfenex n	13.60	-.67	-4.7
VimetX	7.06	-.34	-4.6

DIARY

Advanced	188
Declined	198
Unchanged	36
Total issues	422
New Highs	5
New Lows	11
Volume	108,778,714

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Orexigen	398299	8.49	-.85
SiriusXM	325697	3.94	.06
Cisco	304072	29.33	.21
Yahoo	297477	43.99	+1.37
Apple Inc s	296117	128.54	-.82

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
InfoSonic h	2.71	+1.01	+59.4
Novogen h	3.36	+.85	+33.6
SuprtlH pfA	7.30	+1.59	+27.8
MataBio n	26.55	+4.53	+20.6
NatHiTr	15.88	+2.39	+17.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Bazaarvoice	6.41	-2.67	-29.4
BobEvans	46.36	-13.28	-22.3
Foster	39.20	-8.29	-17.5
CentA	16.51	-3.28	-16.6
Mannatech	18.77	-3.23	-14.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,110
Declined	1,586
Unchanged	166
Total issues	2,856
New Highs	81
New Lows	54
Volume	1,780,850,622

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $46.53 Up 0.41

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $114.16 Down 0.62

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $5.12 Down 0.01

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $71.81 Up 0.12

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $11.96 Up 0.04

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.00 Down 0.10

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $19.14 Down 0.02

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $27.30 Up 0.26

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $9.44 Up 0.27

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $18.19 Down 0.82

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88f	29	34.00	-.41	+1.2
AberFitc	.80	19	20.27	-3.72	-29.2
Abraxas	...	11	**3.13**	**-.03**	**+6.5**
AdamsEx	1.18e	...	**14.18**	**-.08**	**+3.7**
AMD			3.05	-.09	+14.2
Alcoa	.12	77	14.59	-.59	-7.6
Alibaba n			85.49	+3.91	-17.8
AlonUSA	.40a	58	13.94	-.08	+10.0
Ambev	.24e		6.16	-.15	-.2
AEagleOut	.50	30	15.96	+1.14	+15.0
Amgen	**3.16**	**24**	**159.19**	**+.83**	**-.1**
Anadarko	**1.08**	...	**83.35**	**+.57**	**+1.0**
Apache	**1.00**	...	**66.53**	**-.19**	**+6.2**
Apple Inc s	1.88	17	128.54	-.82	+16.5
ApldMatl	**.40**	**25**	**24.27**	**-.22**	**-2.6**
ATMOS	**1.56**	**18**	**53.12**	**-.17**	**-4.7**
AutoData	1.96	29	86.58	-2.13	+3.8
Avon	.24		9.10	+.28	-3.1
BP PLC	**2.40f**	**7**	**41.53**	**-.21**	**+8.9**
BabsCCInv	1.20		16.08	+.07	+1.2
BakrHu	.68	15	62.46	-.19	+11.4
BcoBrad pf	.50e		12.20	-.52	-8.8
BkofAm	.20	45	15.84	-.15	-11.5
B iPVixST			27.22	-.06	-13.6
BarrickG	.20	64	12.15	-.36	+13.0
BasicEnSv			8.04	+.39	+14.7
BerkHa A	**...**	**172176**	**12.00-1388.00**		**-3.7**
BlkHillsCp	**1.62f**	**17**	**50.01**	**+.26**	**-5.7**
BrMySq	**1.48**	**55**	**65.67**	**+3.75**	**+11.2**
BrownFA	**1.26**	**29**	**90.93**	**-1.16**	**+3.6**
BrownFB	**1.26**	**29**	**90.40**	**-.81**	**+2.9**
CSX	.64	18	34.24	+.12	-5.5
CVS Health	1.40	26	103.08	-.37	+7.0
Cameron		12	48.10	+1.87	-3.7
Caterpillar	2.80	14	81.73	-1.11	-10.7
Celestic g	...	13	11.82	...	+.7
CntryLink	2.16	27	36.25	-.89	-8.4
ChasEng	.35	8	15.49	-.71	-20.8
Chevron	**4.28**	**10**	**105.16**	**-.**	**-6.3**
Chicos	.31f		17.96	-.15	+10.9
Cimarex	.84	19	110.05	-.64	+3.8
Cisco	.84f	18	29.33	-.21	+6.2
Citigroup	.04	24	53.67	-.06	-.8
ClayEng	**...**	**13**	**46.53**	**+.41**	**-27.1**
CocaCola	**1.32f**	**27**	**42.50**	**-.45**	**+.7**
ColgPalm	**1.52f**	**30**	**70.68**	**...**	**+2.2**
ConAgra	**1.00**	...	**34.52**	**-.44**	**-4.9**
ConchoRes	...	**24**	**114.16**	**-.62**	**+14.4**
ConocoPhil	**2.92**	**12**	**64.25**	**-.53**	**-7.0**
CrackerB	4.00	24	149.57	-2.19	+6.3
CSVLgNGs			2.80	+.17	-29.6
CSVLgCrde			3.29	+.26	-32.7
CSVelIVST			33.17	+.08	+6.5
CSVixSht			2.01	-.02	-27.2
CrosTim	**2.65e**	**8**	**22.67**	**-.61**	**+30.9**
DCP Mid	3.12f	14	38.78	-.77	-14.6
DTE	2.76	15	80.58	.14	-6.7
Dataram h			3.29	+.34	+93.5
DevonE	**.96**	**16**	**61.86**	**+.61**	**+1.1**
DxGldBull			13.06	.73	+17.0
Disney	**1.15f**	**23**	**105.57**	**-.78**	**+12.1**
DowChm	**1.68**	**17**	**49.57**	**+.32**	**+8.7**
EOG Res s	**.67**	**17**	**90.49**	**+.12**	**-1.7**
EmpDist	**1.04**	**16**	**24.49**	**-.60**	**-17.7**
Energen	.08	28	66.22	+1.02	+3.9
EngyTsfr	3.98f	36	58.25	-.76	-10.4
EnPro	**.80**	**78**	**66.00**	**-.82**	**+5.2**
EntPrdPt s	1.48f	22	32.54	-.43	-9.9
Ericsson	.46e		12.82	+.06	+6.0
ExterranH	**.60**	**23**	**31.93**	**-.32**	**-2.0**
ExxonMbl	**2.76**	**11**	**87.18**	**-.44**	**-5.7**
Facebook		74	80.89	+1.30	+3.7
FordM	.60f	20	16.03	-.14	+3.4
FpthMcM	1.25		20.87	-.12	-10.7
GATX	**1.52f**	**14**	**60.74**	**-1.66**	**+5.6**
GabMultT	**1.06e**	...	**9.92**	**+.06**	**-.9**
GAInv	**3.50e**	...	**35.57**	**+.03**	**+1.5**
GenElec	**.92**	**17**	**25.86**	**-.20**	**+1.5**
GtPlainEn	**.98**	**17**	**26.32**	**-.07**	**-7.4**
HCA Hldg	...	16	74.93	+4.14	+2.1
HalconRes	...	...	2.01	+.03	+12.9
Halliburtn	**.72**	**10**	**43.07**	**-.04**	**+9.5**
HewlettP	**.64**	**13**	**34.19**	**-.38**	**-14.8**
iShBrazil	1.38e	...	33.26	-.97	-9.1
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iShChinaLC	1.04e	...	42.02	-.66	+1.0
iShEMkts	.88e	...	39.93	-.44	+1.6
iS Eafe	2.26e	...	64.54	-.26	+6.1
iSR2K	1.51e	...	122.36	-.38	+2.3
IntegrysE	2.72	21	72.46	-1.44	-6.9
Intel	**.96**	**15**	**34.12**	**+.03**	**-6.0**
InterDig	.80		55.55	+.11	+5.0
ItauUnibH	.41e		12.27	-.26	-5.6
JPMorgCh	1.60	12	62.13	+.16	-.1
JohnJn	**2.80**	**18**	**101.65**	**-.89**	**-2.8**
KaloBios h			7.76	+.06	-56.4
KimbCla	**3.52f**	**27**	**108.37**	**-1.01**	**-6.2**
LegacyRes	2.44		11.96	+.04	+4.6
Lubys	...	...	**5.82**	**-.08**	**+23.5**
LumberLiq		15	35.64	-5.14	-46.3
MktVGold	.12e		20.04	-.34	+9.0
MktVRus	.64e		17.43	-.50	+19.1
McDnlds	3.40	21	100.25	+.51	+7.0
Merck	1.80	14	57.88	-.46	+1.9
MeritMed	...	**36**	**19.55**	**+.06**	**+12.8**
MexcoEn			5.00	-.10	-7.9
MicronT		9	29.27	-.40	-16.4
Microsoft	1.24	17	43.06	-.23	-7.3
Nabors	.24	11	12.84	+.23	-1.1
NatGrid	**3.48e**	...	**66.84**	**-1.51**	**-5.7**
NOilVarco	1.84	9	54.78	+.34	-16.4
NeuStar		8	22.25	-2.88	-20.0
NStarRlt	1.60		18.57	+.14	+5.6
Novogen h			3.36	+.85	+61.5
NvlMAd	**.79e**	...	**13.83**	**+.11**	**+1.2**
NvPMI	**.82a**	...	**14.01**	**+.03**	**+.3**
NuvPr	**.82a**	...	**13.97**	**+.07**	**+.8**
NBTFI3	**.59a**	...	**14.63**	**+.13**	**+2.7**
NTXQI	**.55a**	...	**14.38**	**+.03**	**-.5**
OasisPet		3	14.33	+.49	-13.4
OcciPet	**2.88**	**13**	**78.33**	**+.32**	**-2.8**
Oracle	.48	18	43.61	+.23	-3.0
Orexigen	...	...	8.49	+.85	+40.1
PatTech	...	...	**4.84**	**-.05**	**-24.6**
ParkDri	...	**9**	**3.09**	**-.11**	**+.7**
PattUTI	**.40**	**17**	**18.59**	**-.49**	**+12.1**
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PrmEgy	...	**10**	**59.90**	...	**-17.7**
PUltVixST			17.32	-.04	-31.1
PrUltCrude			8.66	+.32	-16.5
ProctGam	**2.57**	**26**	**84.35**	**-.81**	**-7.4**
RangeRs	.16	20	50.11	-.16	-6.2
Rowan	.40		20.55	+.03	-11.9
RoyDShllA	3.76	12	62.92	-.38	-6.0
SpdrDJIA	3.52e		180.78	-1.09	+1.6
S&P500ETF	3.83e		210.23	-.89	+2.3
SabnR	4.02e	11	44.52	+.20	+24.4
SanderFm	**.88e**	**7**	**83.78**	**-1.53**	**-.3**
SandRidge	...	**4**	**1.74**	**-**	**-4.4**
Schlmbrg	2.00f	21	85.14	+.23	-.3
SeadrillLtd	...	1	10.80	-.31	-9.5
SigmaAld	**.92**	**33**	**138.13**	**-.07**	**+.6**
SiriusXM		44	3.94	-.06	+12.6
Smucker	2.56	20	114.24	+.12	+13.1
Sprint		...	5.21	-.03	+25.5
SP Engy	1.85e	...	78.65	-.11	-.6
SPDR Fncl	.40e	...	24.31	-.15	-1.7
SP Util	1.50e	...	44.38	-.25	-6.0
SunocoL s	1.60f	77	43.00	-.29	+2.9
TelefEsp	**.97e**	...	**15.26**	**-.06**	**+7.4**
Tesoro	1.70f	14	89.70	-1.34	+20.6
3M Co	4.10f	22	167.16	-1.11	+1.7
Torchmrk s	**.51**	**13**	**53.40**	**-.56**	**-1.4**
TriConti	**.75e**	...	**21.97**	**-.05**	**+2.6**
21stCFoxA	.30	8	34.97	-.67	-8.9
Twitter		...	47.57	-.14	+32.6
TylerTech	...	**66**	**116.41**	**-2.88**	**+6.4**
UBWV	**1.28**	**19**	**37.00**	**-.27**	**-1.2**
US OilFd	...	...	19.01	+.52	-6.6
USSteel	.20	25	23.24	+.57	-13.1
Vale SA	.60e	...	6.88	-.25	-15.9
ValeroE	1.60f	9	59.08	-1.00	+19.4
VeevaSys	...	...	25.72	-6.97	-2.6
VerizonCm	2.20	20	49.07	-.48	+4.9
VoyaFincl	.04	10	44.30	+.22	+4.5
VulcanM	**.40f**	**53**	**84.80**	**-.17**	**+28.7**
WalgBoots	1.35	39	83.02	-.19	+9.0
WellsFargo	1.40	13	54.82	-.63	...
WstnRefin	1.20	9	46.06	-.40	+21.9
WhitingPet	...	9	34.54	**+.84**	+4.7
WmsCos	2.32f	74	48.90	-.25	+8.8
XcelEngy	**1.28f**	**17**	**34.58**	**-.11**	**-3.7**
Xerox	**.28f**	**16**	**13.37**	**-.06**	**-3.5**
Yahoo	...	6	43.99	+1.37	-12.9
Zynga	...	...	2.39	+.04	-10.2

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,288.63	15,855.12	Dow Jones Industrials	18,096.90	-106.47	-.58	+1.54	+10.62
9,310.22	7,245.87	Dow Jones Transportation	9,017.11	-41.25	-.46	-1.34	+20.39
657.17	508.36	Dow Jones Utilities	584.10	-3.09	-.53	-5.50	+13.43
11,142.56	9,886.08	NYSE Composite	11,004.68	-46.54	-.42	+1.53	+4.98
5,038.57	3,946.03	Nasdaq Composite	4,967.14	-12.76	-.26	+4.66	+13.69
2,119.59	1,814.36	S&P 500	2,098.53	-9.25	-.44	+1.92	+11.99
1,519.87	1,269.45	S&P Midcap	1,503.35	-6.38	-.42	+3.51	+6.80
22,369.06	19,160.13	Wilshire 5000	22,158.52	-97.27	-.44	+2.26	+10.07
1,243.33	1,040.47	Russell 2000	1,230.73	-4.03	-.33	+2.16	+2.06

TODAY: Snowy/cloudy	FRIDAY: Mostly sunny	SATURDAY: Mostly sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny	MONDAY: Sunny	TUESDAY: Sunny
High: 35 Low: 24	High: 46 Low: 30	High: 52 Low: 35	High: 61 Low: 37	High: 64 Low: 41	High: 67 Low: 43

Local forecast

Snow is likely before 7 a.m. today. Expect cloudy conditions through mid-morning, mostly sunny skies in the afternoon and partly cloudy skies at night. Today's high is expected to be 35; low is to be around 24.

On Friday, look for mostly sunny skies during the day and partly cloudy skies at night. High is to be 46; low is 30.

The high on Wednesday reached 54, while the low dropped to 34. The record high for March 4 is 87 set in 2009. The record low is 19 set in 2007 and 1989.

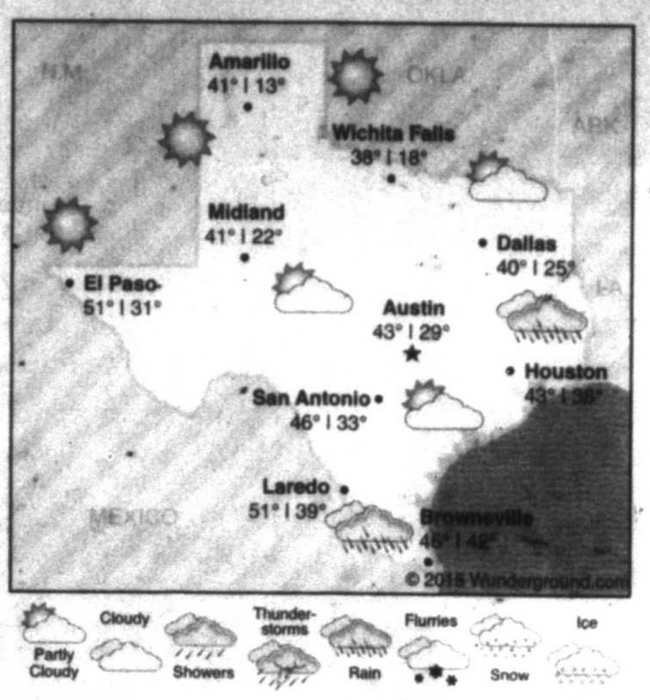
Weather brief

More winter weather is headed for southern New England.

The National Weather Service has issued winter storm warnings for Block Island, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket for 4 to 7 inches of sleet and snow Wednesday night into today.

Winter weather advisories are in effect for southern Rhode Island, south coastal Massachusetts and coastal Connecticut for 2 to 5 inches of snow.

Lighter snow accumulations are expected north of those areas.



Precipitation

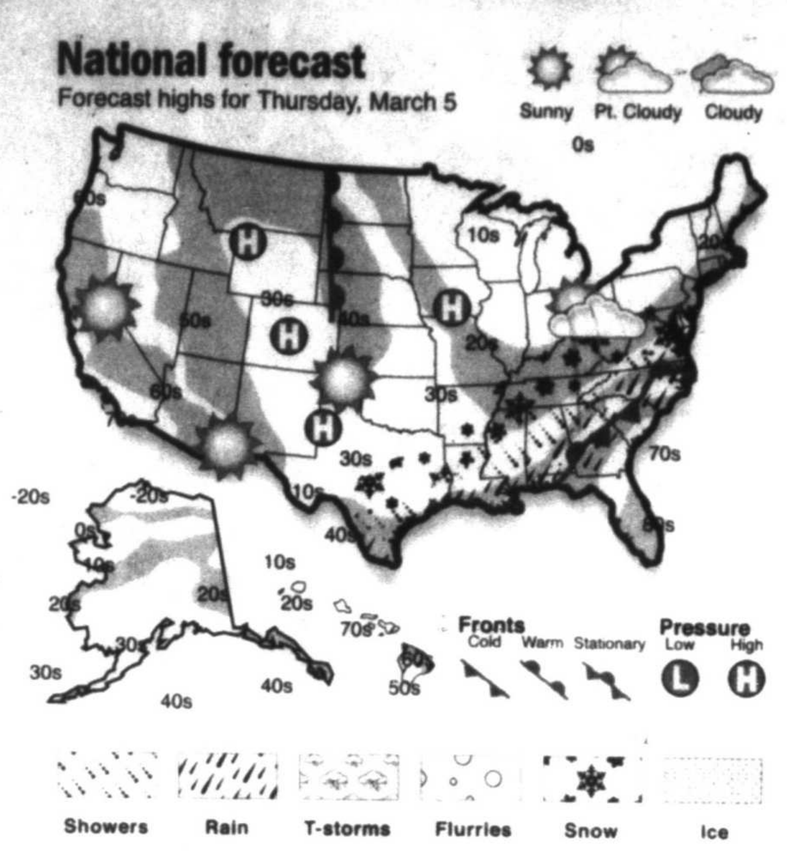
Wednesday	0.07 in.
Thursday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.07 in.
Year total	2.76 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.35 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	54
Low	34
Normal high	67
Normal low	38
Sunrise	7:11 a.m.
Sunset	6:49 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, March 5



Cereal and hot coffee are all early-rising houseguest needs

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: A family member, "Bill," likes to come visit in the afternoons and, because he's not comfortable driving in the dark, he always plans to stay overnight. When he does, he wakes up very early, often before 6 a.m.

Bill tries to be as quiet as possible, but we know when he is up. Our dog hears someone moving around and thinks it's time to go out and eat. My husband or I will get up to take care of our dog, but at that point, it seems rude to go back to bed. My husband likes to go back to sleep, but I feel I should get up and entertain our guest. Is it bad manners to go back to sleep even though it is still very early? — TO SLEEP, OR NOT TO SLEEP

DEAR T.S. or N.T.S.: If you need your sleep, go back to bed. The right amount of sleep is important, and not getting it can ruin one's entire day.

If you're concerned about Bill not having a good breakfast, before going to bed, put the coffeemaker on "automatic" and show him where the cereal is kept. That's not being a bad hostess, and I'm sure Bill will be just fine.

DEAR ABBY: My letter is in response to "A Mom in Connecticut" (Dec. 27), who feels she is being "fitted in" because her daughter calls her only while driving in her car.

My daughter calls me almost every morning on her way to work. She calls me her "commute buddy." It gives us 10 to 15 minutes to catch up, vent about "stuff" on both ends of the phone, or just chat. I can tell when she arrives at work or very nearly, and we always end with "Love you."

I love our conversations and the fact that although she has an extremely busy schedule she finds the time to chat with me. She uses her hands-free phone, so I don't worry too much about her being distracted. — SHEILA IN PRESCOTT, ARIZ.

DEAR SHEILA: You might not be worried about your daughter using a hands-free phone, but others have a different view. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Drivers on cellphones — even hands-free — are four times more likely to crash and hurt themselves or someone else within five minutes of making a call. Texters are 23 times more likely to crash. More than 3,000 people are killed this way each year and 300,000 to 500,000 are injured. The daughter should not be using a phone at all while driving.

How do I know the statistics? My son was killed by a driver on a cellphone. — GARY IN KENOSHA, WIS.

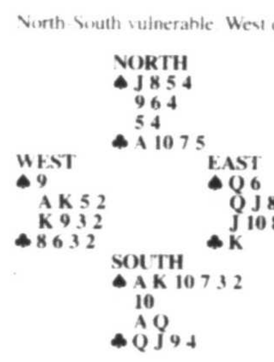
DEAR GARY: Please accept my condolences for the tragic loss of your son. You are generous to have written. Too often, people take the privilege of driving for granted, forgetting that if they don't concentrate fully on driving, they place themselves and those around them in danger. I see this happen often, and I'm afraid that, unless the consequences are draconian, it will continue.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

The tale of the auction

North-South vulnerable. West deals.



The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dbl	3♦*	4	4♠
Pass	Pass	5	5♠
All pass			

*At least four spades, 5-7 points

Opening lead: Ace of ♦

Holmes: "What about the curious incident of the dog in the nighttime?"

Watson: "The dog did nothing in the nighttime."

Holmes: "Yes, Watson, that is the curious incident."

East judged the auction well. They would have been down only one at the five-level and he succeeded in pushing South past his comfort level.

West continued with the king of hearts at trick two, ruffed by South. Declarer drew trumps in two rounds, then crossed to dummy with a trump and correctly took the diamond finesse. This lost to West's king, who exited safely with a heart, ruffed by South. What now?

Declarer took some time to decide how to proceed. West had shown up with the ace and king of hearts, along with the king of diamonds. He reasoned that West would have opened the bidding had he also held the king of clubs, so he held his breath and led a low club to dummy's ace! Great was the fall thereon, as the late Edgar Kaplan used to say. Five spades, bid and made!

"Had I known you were going to play it so well," said East, "I would have competed to the six-level. We would only be down two and lose just 300 points — well worth it at this vulnerability."

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 Thursday, March 5, 2015:

This year you are open to many fast changes. Others sometimes express frustration at your tendency to go back and forth with some issues. Use your sixth sense to determine what stance you should take. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone important to your life sometime after mid-August. Make sure this person accepts you as you are. If you are attached, you often might be on the other side of an issue from your significant other. Accept and embrace your different views. Remain spontaneous, and the romance will continue to blossom. VIRGO can be quite picky.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You'll have a lot of ground to cover with new, unexpected items popping up. You easily could spread yourself too thin. You might need to pay extra attention to a boss or loved one who dominates your daily life. Tonight: Stay in the neighborhood.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You know how to deal with a loved one who seems intent on stirring up some controversy. However, understand that this type of behavior could resurface. Friends surround you with advice. Tonight: Express your caring in your own terms.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Stay close to home. There could be an unusual amount of activity bubbling up around you. Juggling the different forces in your life might be dependent on a partner's goodwill, sense of humor and suggestions. Tonight: Invite a friend over for munchies.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You could be in a situation where you need to look at your alternatives. Pressure builds around communication as you attempt to deal with a changeable situation. Double-check meeting times and places. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Tension surrounds your finances. It would be wise not to make any decisions in this highly pressured moment. You could feel as if a day-to-day matter has been blown out of proportion. Be one of the few who decides to remain nonreactive. Tonight: Think "weekend."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You are a key figure in today's Full Moon. You might want to handle a creative endeavor or a new relationship with care. Be aware of how little you know about the situation. Stay open-minded, and avoid making snap judgments. Tonight: Let others act out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ You might look around and wonder what is going on. Lie low, and try to steer clear of controlling people. Your sense of humor emerges when you walk into a similar situation with someone you consider to be profoundly logical. Tonight: Get as much sleep as need be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Keep your eye on the big picture, even if you don't agree with what is going on. You would be well-advised to keep your opinions to yourself for now. When things calm down, then you might be in the position to have this discussion. Tonight: Where all your friends are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Listen to a higher-up, as you aren't likely to be able to avoid him or her. You might want to rethink your decisions involving this person. You have a lot going on around you that you'll need to gain a different perspective on. Tonight: Try to juggle different people's needs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You'll be taken aback by news that heads your way. You might need to make a call or clarify information. There could be some facts that are missing. Be sensitive and listen well. Tonight: Meet a friend at a preferred hangout.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Be aware of how much you can give to someone else. This person might be subtle about asking for what he or she wants. Be bold and clarify. You'll need to keep communication open. You don't need to agree to anything right now, even if you feel pressured. Tonight: Your treat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Before people and situations demand your attention, ask yourself how you feel. If you feel tired or pressured, that could explain your recent lack of patience. Try not to get too wound up in today's Full Moon tales. Tonight: Start the weekend now.

BORN TODAY

Actor Rex Harrison (1908), actress Eva Mendes (1974), musician Andy Gibb (1958)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 "Onetime owner of Waldenbooks
6 TiVo predecessor
9 With 74-Across, what each of the answers to starred clues is
14 Ancient Asia Minor region
15 Mobile setting: Abbr.
16 __ trot
17 Ocean tracker
18 Listen
20 __ Balls: snacks
21 Hoedown honey
23 1841 French ballet heroine
24 Minn. winter hrs.
25 Gets into a seat
27 Compete for the America's Cup
28 "Gotcha"
29 *Seller of Geoffrey Bandages
31 Tic __ mints
32 Speck
34 Ryder Cup chant
35 "Lux" composer
36 Austere
38 Halloween reactions
40 Spare pieces?
43 *Craftsman company
47 First name in shipping
50 Chalk holder
54 Price number
55 "Well, lah-di-__!"
56 ESPN Deportes language
58 Many a Persian
59 Stringed instrument
61 Big headache
62 "Who Gets the Last Laugh?" network
63 Running things
65 Excessively
66 Common flight path
67 Tom Jones' last Top 10 hit
69 Birth-related
71 Let up
72 Up to, in store signs
73 Romantic text
74 With 9-Across, what the answers to starred clues form
75 It may have a patch
76 Discharge, as from the RAF

DOWN

1 They catch busses at stadiums
2 NASA launch
3 Provide critical comments on
4 Fjord relative
5 *Bullseye logo company
6 Depressed areas
7 Progressive Field team, on scoreboards
8 Sounded right
9 Cartoonist Addams
10 Fine-tunes
11 Took courses at midnight?
12 Salad bar option
13 SensoTouch 3D shaver, e.g.
19 Neglect
22 Baseball's Moises
26 Rebel org.
30 *Bergdorf competitor
33 Slip
37 "Way to go!"
39 Captain Phillips' setting
41 Orchard unit
42 Take apart
44 Fats Waller contemporary
45 Border river to Mexicans
46 *Costco rival
47 Counsels
48 Shower covering
49 "Fingers crossed"
51 Campus aides, for short
52 Trendy
53 Golf Galaxy buy
57 Ex-Soviet leader Brezhnev
60 Sore sort, maybe
64 Get one's feet wet
68 Tinkering letters
70 Pub pint

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

W	I	S	P	S		A	L	A		N	A	R	C	S
E	T	H	A	N		R	E	D	A	C	T	I	O	N
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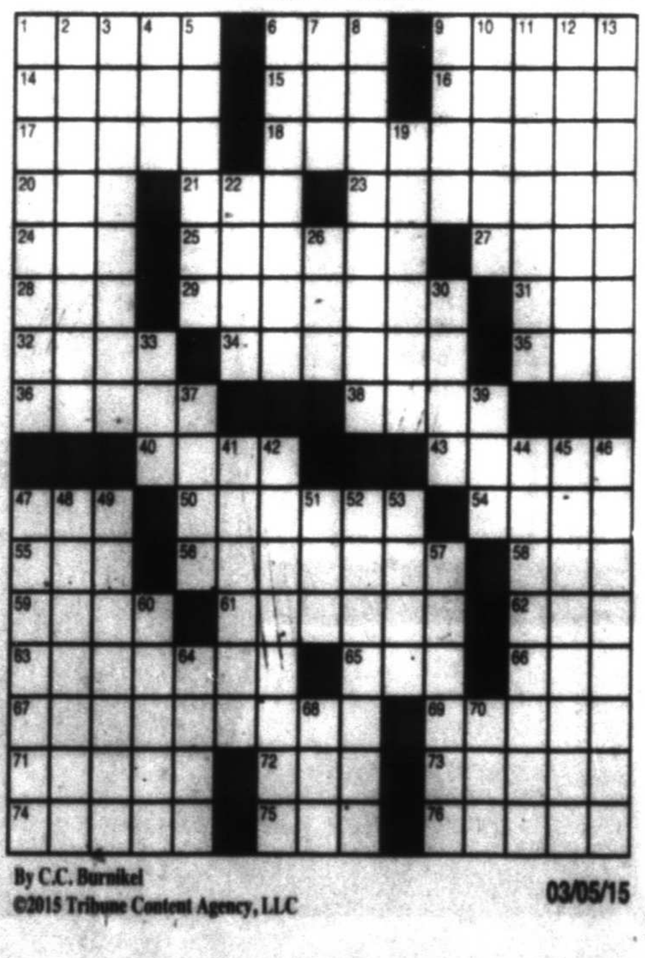

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Accounts Receivable Specialist

Natural Gas Service Group is seeking an Accounts Receivable Specialist for our Midland office. Duties will include invoicing, customer service, sales reports and back-up receptionist. Experience with electronic billing thru ADP, Oildex, I Supplier, ETC. The qualified candidate will exhibit dependability, professional demeanor, integrity, accuracy and strong problem-solving skills. 3+ years A/R experience with intermediate to advanced skills in Microsoft Excel required. High school diploma/GED with some college preferred. Competitive benefit package offered. E-mail resumes to employment@ngsgi.com.

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Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

Starting pay $10.00 per hour/after 60 days pay will be $11.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

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Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

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CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

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• Receptionist/Bilingual • Administrative Assistant
• Part Time Data Entry • HR/CFO Assistant
• Counter Sales/Customer Service/Floor Sales
• Executive Admin./HR/Payroll
• Temporary, Temp to Hire/Direct Hire
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Manager

America's Storage Center in Midland is Looking to hire a full time manager. Must work weekdays with flexible hours between 8am-6pm & some Saturdays. No phones calls, please stop by or mail resumes to 4011 N. Midland Drive. Midland, TX. 79707 for more information.

Receptionist

LPC Crude Oil Marketing LLC has an opening for a receptionist at the downtown Midland office. Responsibilities include greeting visitors, answering the telephone, monitoring supplies, filing and data entry. Excellent benefits including medical, dental, vision and life insurance as well as a 401k retirement plan. Qualified applicants please submit resumes to lparsley@lpccrude.com

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Electrician, Mechanic and I&C

Ector County Energy Center (TX) - Invenergy LLC

Invenergy LLC is currently constructing the Ector County Energy Center, a natural gas-fired power generation plant, located in Goldsmith, TX.

O & M Technician candidates must possess a minimum of 3 years directly related experience in either electrical, instruments and controls, or mechanical industrial background. Candidates must be willing and capable of becoming multi-skilled and be part of a work team in a team environment. Each employee will perform both operations and maintenance. Invenergy will train extensively in the operations area to compliment your skills. To apply, please visit www.invenergyllc.com and click on "Career Opportunities."

Invenergy LLC is a developer, owner, and operator of renewable and clean energy generation facilities in North America and Europe. Invenergy is a highly-experienced leader in innovative clean energy solutions.

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Thomas Campagna, DMD

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Martin County Hospital is looking for: FT Night shift (7p-7a) MED/SURG- RN or LVN also a CNA FT Days (7a-7p). Send resume to pdority@martinch.org or apply in person @ Martin County Hospital, 600 E. I-20, Stantpn, TX. 79782.

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Full Time, Receptionist/Medical Assistant for a physician's office. Must have good oral/written communication skills, dependable, organized, team player. Computer skills a must, experience in medical office environment is a plus. Competitive salary. Email resume to michiganprofessionals@aol.com

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Thomas Campagna, DMD **PT**

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All Positions

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All Positions

Schlotzsky's Deli hiring for all positions. Full and part time, day and evening shifts. Fun, grease free environment and opportunity for advancement. Apply at 5211 W. Wadley or 1109 Andrews Hwy.

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Wood's Boots in Midland is adding to our team. We are looking for talented **full and part time Sales Associates**. Stop in today and pick up an application at 4803 Andrews Hwy, Midland.

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Purity Oilfield Services (EOE) is now hiring a Sales Representative with oilfield and/or rental sales experience located in Midland. Competitive salary with excellent benefits. Please send your resume to jwschiwart@purityoilfieldservices.com or call 432-269-6062 for more info.

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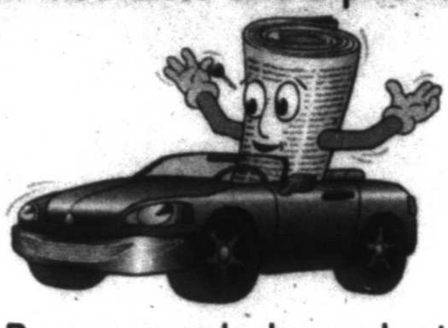

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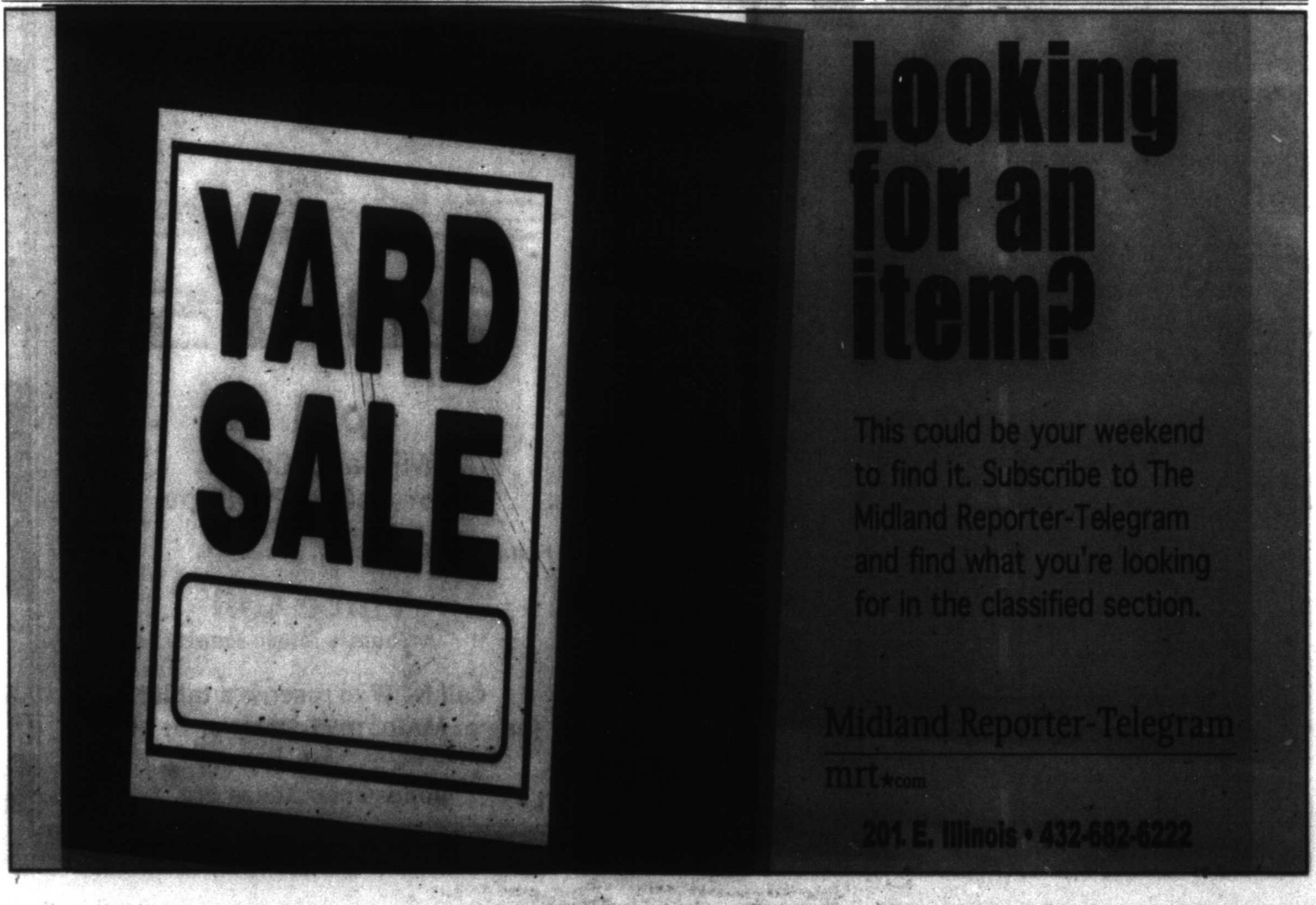

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The applicant proposes to dispose of fluids into the San Andres (formation), Neal (lease), Well Number 1D.

The proposed injection well is located 4.4 miles in a NE direction from Rankin, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field, in Upton County, TX. Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4670-4950 feet.

Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water code, as amended; Title 3 of the 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 & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, TX 78711-2967 (Telephone #512-463-6792).

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MAZDA, 93, Miata MX5 convertible. 75K miles. Garage kept runs perfect! New paint, tires, and top. $4200. Call 432-889-1822

MERCEDES BENZ 2015 C300, 4-Matic AMG, 4 months old, still showroom quality. 11K miles. $45K OBO. White, twin Turbo. 4 cylinder, AMG package. Black interior. Panoramic sunroof. Pre-paid maintenance included. Call/text 432-556-0262

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DODGE 2006 Ram 2500, Megacab, Laramie Edition. 5.9 diesel, high MPG, 130k miles. Excellent condition. 1 owner. $20,499 OBO. 214-240-9039

DODGE 2014 Lone Star pickup, 18,000 miles only asking pay-off $30,685. 432-528-1609

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GMC 2008 Sierra SLT 4 dr Z71, red w/black leather, 81k miles. Garage kept. $24K. No owner finance. 432-557-7386

TOYOTA 1986 4x4 pickup with camper shell. Single cab, 4 cylinder, with 2 sets of tires $4,000. 432-559-2280

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Yard & Garage Sales

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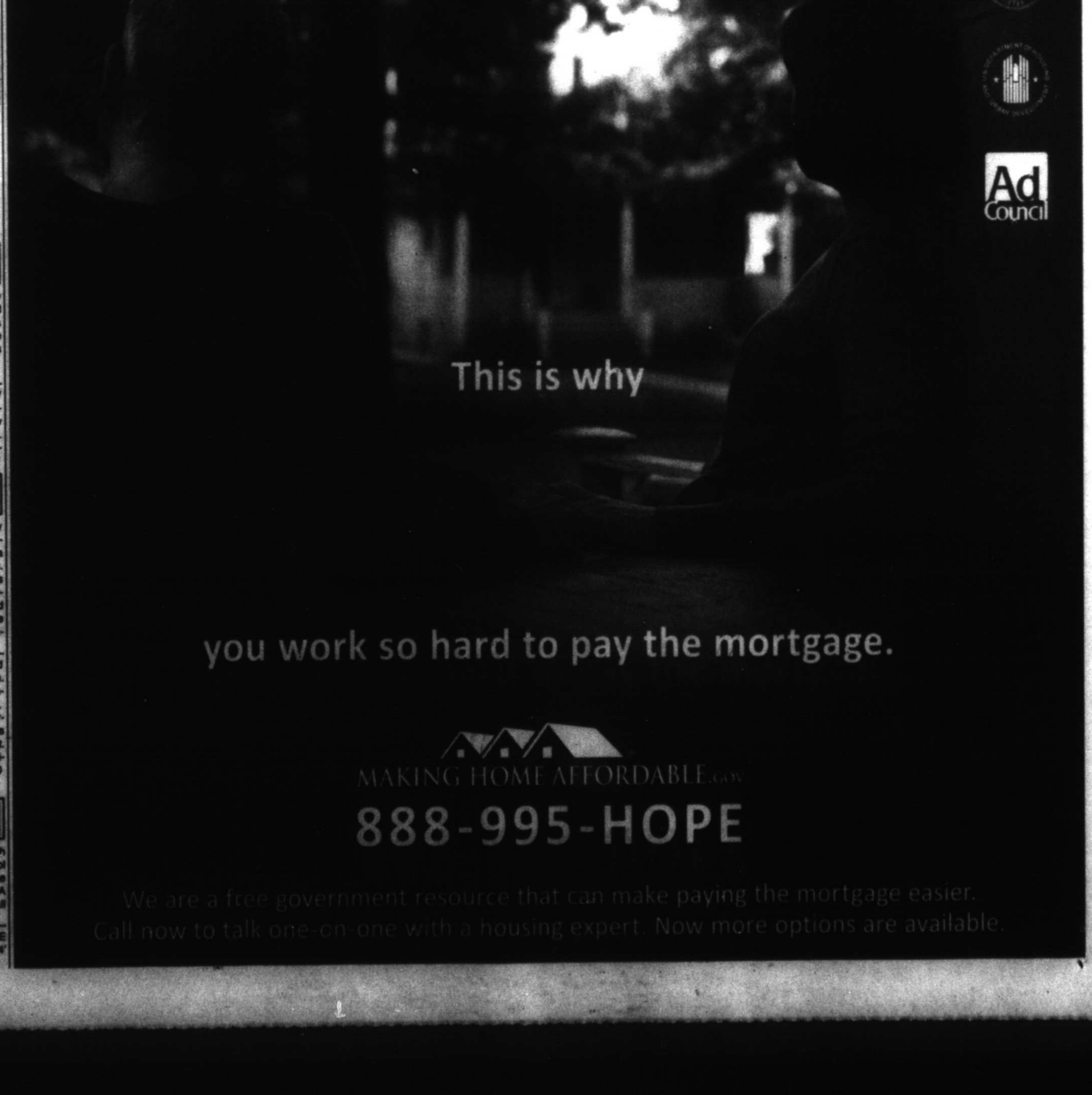

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Get In The Action With Your Newspaper Sports Pages

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Raw Emotion!

Find and clip photos from the sports pages that show one of the following emotions:

Fear
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Pride
Surprise
Disappointment
Joy

Paste the picture in the box and circle the word that describes the emotion in the photograph. Write a caption for the photograph.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

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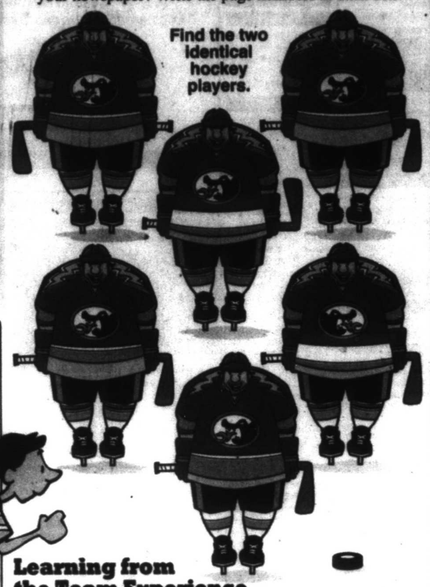
Newspaper sports articles cover both amateur and professional sports. Can you find examples of each in your newspaper? Write the page numbers in each box.



Find the two identical hockey players.

Action!

Find a photograph in the sports section of the newspaper. Try to copy the pose with your own body and hold it for as long as you can.

How many differences can you find?

Standards Link: Research: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Learning from the Team Experience

To be successful, sports teams must have players that accept differences, work cooperatively and share responsibilities. Look through the newspaper for examples of these skills occurring or missing in the world around you.

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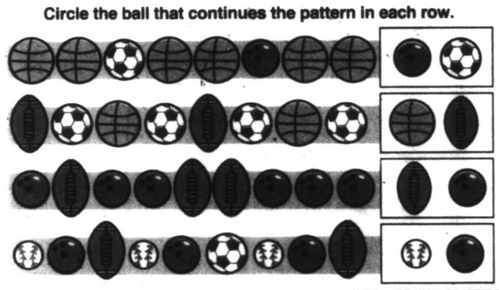
Standards Link: Physical Education: Use movement concepts to develop motor skills.

Circle the ball that continues the pattern in each row.



Extra! Extra!

Colorful Adjectives

Often, sports writers use colorful adjectives to bring their writing to life. Select an article about a sporting event. Underline all the adjectives. Underline the most exciting adjectives twice!

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How many words can you make from the letters in the following word?

COMPETITION

1.	6.	11.
2.	7.	12.
3.	8.	13.
4.	9.	14.
5.	10.	15.

SCORE YOURSELF:
1 - 4 words: Classroom Contender
5 - 9 words: Major League Reader
10 - 14 words: All-Star Speller
15 + words: World Champion Wordsmith

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

NEWSPAPER
SPORT
EAGERNESS
SKILLS
POSE
OBJECT
SECTION
PLAYER
WAIST
EMOTIONS
HOLD
TEAMS
PRIDE
AMATEUR
TWICE

R	W	R	U	E	T	A	M	A	E
O	E	E	D	I	R	P	T	R	M
R	N	P	D	L	O	R	E	S	O
W	O	O	A	B	O	Y	C	L	T
A	I	S	J	P	A	H	S	L	I
I	T	E	S	L	S	M	H	I	O
S	C	A	P	M	A	W	P	K	N
T	E	A	G	E	R	N	E	S	S
I	S	O	T	W	I	C	E	N	N

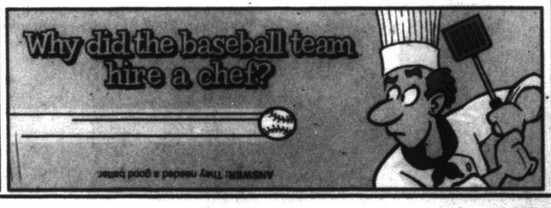
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Poetry in Motion

Find at least three newspaper photographs of athletes in motion. Write a poem that describes the movement captured in one of the pictures. Display the photo and your poem on a sheet of construction paper.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write in a variety of forms and genres.



Weekly Writing Corner

Freedom of the Press

Students give their opinion on why freedom of the press is important.

The press is so important! If we did not have the press, I would yell, "Give us the press!" Books and newspapers and letters are so important to me. I'm glad we have the press.

Gretchen, 2nd grade

Freedom of the press is important because we kids get into the newspaper. But more important, it makes people feel respected and it keeps them up to date with what is going on. That is why freedom of the press is important and good.

Hannah, 3rd grade

It is really important to have print or write a book or the world wouldn't have any good things to learn or hear about anywhere.

Sarah, 4th grade

Yes, it is important. I'm so glad we have freedom of the press. If we didn't have it, I couldn't write books. To me it would feel like you are locked up in the jail and have to listen to the government talk! (Not cool!) That is why I am so glad.

Josephine, 5th grade

I think it is important. Our country is free. We fought with all the strength we had to get our rights. If a family is poor and they don't have a lot of money, how would they know when food prices go down so they could buy food. This country is free! We deserve rights!

Victory, 4th grade

The freedom of the Press is so important because if the Press had no freedom, you wouldn't make newspapers, magazine and songs. So a country without the freedom of the Press and the freedom of Speech is a country that cannot speak. As Kevin Spacey said, " A journalist should be able to disagree with the President."

Max, 6th grade

I think freedom of the Press is important because if we were not allowed to know what was going on, we might be put in a dangerous situation or we might be told only what the government wants us to hear. We need a free press to report on everything. We need to be able to read about the real news not something that someone decided to make up.

Steven, 6th grade

I think all our rights are important equally. After all, our ancestors fought a war so that we would be free to choose, free to have an opinion, free to vote, free to speak what we feel and free to choose a religion. Freedom of the press is one way we can make sure we keep all these other freedoms. Without that we could be told lies, we could be forced to do things we might not want to do and we would not have the right to speak out.

Greg, 6th grade

I believe a Free Press is very important. In the newspaper and in a magazine, I can learn what is going on in the world. I can find information about a lot of things happening in my neighborhood and I can also find opinions. I can find out how my teams are doing and what is going on in my city. I can even find out about the bad things happening and the people who are in trouble. I could even write to the newspaper and tell them what I think about something. It is my right as a citizen and I think it is important.

Sterling, 5th grade

Write On!

VAROOOM!

Invent the car of the future. What would your future car be able to do? What features would it have?

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