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Midlander sentenced for role in July homicide

Suspect hid crucial evidence following shooting death of Midland woman

By Tyler White
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A Midland woman will serve three years in prison for her involvement in the July shooting death of a young Midland mother.



Carroll

Deseare Breausha Carroll, 22, pleaded guilty Thursday to a third-degree felony charge of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence and will serve her time in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, according to court documents.

Carroll was arrested July 12 on the charge in connection with the shooting death of 21-year-old Midlander Kyara West.

The shooting occurred at about 1 a.m. July 11 at the Midland Village Apartments. Police found West lying in a large grassy area on the complex's west side with multiple gunshot wounds to the head and chest area, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

Carroll told police that alleged shooter Arron Joshua Castillo, 20, of Lubbock, told her he had shot West multiple times.

Carroll later led officers to a Dumpster at the Sagewood condominiums, where she had disposed of a pair of shoes and a cellphone believed to have been used during the homicide. Her arrest report does not indicate whom the shoes and phone belonged to, according to records.

Castillo, along with 21-year-old Midlander Carlos Martinez II, await trial for a first-degree felony charge of murder. They remain in custody on a $500,000 bond and face five to 99 years in prison if found guilty.

Previous reports state Martinez allegedly supplied the murder weapon to Castillo on July 10 and told police he did not know why Castillo needed the gun. But further investigation showed that Martinez had previously supplied that same gun, a .38 special revolver, to Castillo for use in an April shooting of West's mother, Trudy West.

MPD Det. Chuck Sims told the Reporter-Telegram in July that it was difficult to believe that Martinez had no knowledge of Castillo's intentions regarding the July 11 shooting.

After the shooting, Martinez told police that he disposed of that weapon in some bushes. Like Carroll, he faces a felony charge of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence and faces up to 10 years in prison for the charge.

SOLDIER COMES HOME



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

U.S. Army Spc. Armstrong Mabwa is welcomed home from Afghanistan by a group made up of family and Patriot Guard Rider members on Monday at Midland International Airport. See more pictures at mrt.com.

Casa de Amigos launches fundraising campaign

By Tessa Duvall
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Casa de Amigos officials are asking for community support to help keep its doors open for another year.

The non-profit organization launched its annual fundraising campaign on Monday with a goal of $200,000 by the campaign's conclusion at the end of May, board of directors President Ben Wilson said.

"It's a huge part of our income each year," Wilson said.

Casa de Amigos is a non-profit agency that provides programs to help clients become successful and self-sufficient. There are four main areas of programming: Senior services, social services, education and health and wellness.

Executive Director Victor Peña said the campaign typically accounts for 20 to 25 percent of the non-profit's budget each year.

Wilson said the organization also receives money from foundations, churches, the government and other entities, but the campaign allows Casa de Amigos to cover the day-to-day expenses that otherwise wouldn't be funded as grant applications become more specific.

Casa de Amigos works with thousands of Midlanders in a variety of capacities each year, Wilson said. Programs include GED and ESL classes, tutoring, health screenings, job training, activities for senior citizens and holiday and school supplies assistance.

"With our services, we're able to extend the sustainability of individuals and also give people sustainability that didn't otherwise have it," Wilson said.

Peña said the campaign is important as it continues to show the community what Casa de Amigos does for Midlanders — it helps people help themselves.

Please see **CAMPAIGN**/4A

County takes safety measures on road where 9-year-old boy was killed

By Joseph Basco
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Midland County's latest attempt to slow down speeding traffic will take place at the site where a bicycle-riding, 9-year-old Odessa child died after being struck by a pickup in February.

County commissioners on Monday approved the installation of lit stop signs at the intersection of West County Road 122 and South County Road 1309 and a reduction of CR 122's speed limit from 40 to 30 mph. The new speed limit and stop signs are expected to be implemented sometime next week.

The new safety measures are meant to slow down the excessively speeding vehicles that drive on CR 122, a residential road that has become overrun with industrial traffic.

The county discovered in a 24-hour traffic study that only 29 percent of the 718 vehicles that drove on CR 122 were not commercial vehicles.

To make matters worse, 6 percent of all the vehicles were traveling more than 55 mph. Four of the 718 vehicles traveled more than 70 mph.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Jimmy Smith brought the speed limit reduction and stop sign installations to Commissioners' Court after speaking to residents in the neighborhood where Samuel Rogelio Carrasco, 9, of Odessa, died on Feb. 19 after being struck by a pickup at about 6:30 p.m. Carrasco was riding a bicycle and going past a stop sign. He died three hours after the crash.

The crash occurred at the intersection of CR 122 and South County Road 1311, the closest intersection west of where the stop signs will be placed.

Neighborhood resident Amanda Bustillos began a petition the week after the crash that urged the county to decrease the speed limit. She wrote in the petition

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UTPB announces new provost

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The University of Texas of the Permian Basin has named its new second in command.

Daniel J. Heimmermann has accepted the position of provost and vice president of UTPB and will begin June 9, the university announced on Monday.

Heimmermann is currently the provost and vice president of Academic Affairs at Mississippi University for Women and was previously dean of the College of Liberal Arts at The University of Texas at Brownsville.

Heimmermann will oversee the administration, coordination and development of academic affairs and student services, according to a UTPB press release.

Heimmermann was selected from three finalists for this position following a nationwide search that began October 2013.

"Dr. Heimmermann is an outstanding choice for this position," David Watts, president of UTPB, said in a press release. "He brings with him broad experience in higher education and will be an important voice as we continue our trajectory toward top-tier academic achievement."

Heimmermann succeeds William Fannin, who has been provost and vice president since July 1996.

CASA of West Texas hosts child abuse prevention event

By Rachael Gleason
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CASA of West Texas will host a free hot dog dinner April 1 in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The event features a children's fun fair, balloon release and remembrance ceremony starting at 6 p.m. at Centennial Plaza. True-Lite Christian Fellowship Choir will perform, and Greenie the Clown and facepainters will be on hand to offer entertainment.

CASA offers legal advocacy and mentorship for foster care children in five Permian Basin counties with about 130 volunteers.

More resources

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CASA of West Texas
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"They are the eyes, ears and voice of the child in court," said CASA Director Patty Pisklak, previously.

But more advocates are needed with a growing population, said Kathy Harmon, CASA's recruitment and marketing specialist.

"More children are in foster care, and there are more cases of abuse and neglect," Harmon said. "We're always looking for volunteers."

The event will include informational booths and brochures from the Midland Rape Crisis & Children's Advocacy Center, Midland County Child Welfare Board, Child Protective Services, Buckner Children and Family Services, High Sky Children's Ranch, The Genesis Center, Dental Quest and Maximus.

GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Nathan Marlon Ballard, 26, failure to comply with sex offender registration, 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), suspended for five years under community supervision and a fine of $1,200.

Cristobal Bissuett, 19, theft more than $1,500, five years under community supervision, a fine of $2,000 and restitution.

Brandon Emory Brooks, 33, aggravated assault, five years probation, treatment program and $5,800 restitution.

Deseare Breausha Carroll, 22, tampering with physical evidence, three years in the TDCJ.

Aaron Alesi Esparza, 17, robbery, 10 years in the TDCJ, suspended for 10 years under community supervision, $750 fine, pay restitution and Court Residential Treatment Center (CRTC); robbery, 10 years in the TDCJ, suspended for 10 years under community supervision, $750 fine and CRTC; credit card abuse, two years in the TDCJ, suspended for five years under community supervision, CRTC and pay restitution.

Jalen Juwan Goodman, 20, possession of marijuana, three years deferred adjudication, $1,500 fine and TAIP.

Jose Elias Hernandez, 22, possession of a controlled substance — cocaine, three years deferred, $1,000 fine, court costs and 200 hours of community service.

Matthew Ray Mendez, 29, possession of a controlled substance — cocaine, 240 days in state jail.

Jacory Saddler, 22, theft of property $1,500 or more but less than $20,000, 180 days in state jail.

George Buford Scott Jr., 41, theft as a repeat offender with two prior felony convictions, three years in the TDCJ.

Source: Midland County District Attorney's Office

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Matthew J. Draper, 23, of Lubbock, was charged Sunday with manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams and possession of marijuana between 4 ounces and 5 pounds.

Ruben S. Hernandez, 26, of Midland, was charged Sunday with possession of a prohibited substance or item in a corrections facility.

Enoc Rubio, 30, of Midland, was charged Sunday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Davis blasts GOP rival Abbott over equal pay

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Democrat Wendy Davis blasted her Republican rival in the Texas governor's race on Monday for saying he would veto a law that would make it easier for victims to sue over pay discrimination.

In front of about 160 supporters, Davis called on Attorney General Greg Abbott to explain why he opposes the Texas version of the Lilly Ledbetter Act. She also asked why an analysis of salaries in the attorney general's office shows that men on average, earn more than women doing the same jobs.

Some of Davis' supporters later demonstrated for equal pay in front of Abbott's office.

Through a campaign spokesman, Abbott said last week that a state version of the Ledbetter act is unnecessary because pay discrimination is already illegal. His official spokeswoman in the attorney general's office also said last week that any pay disparity is because women who serve as assistant attorneys general had less experience and have held their law licenses for a shorter period of time.

Abbott has not issued a statement or spoken publicly about his opposition to the Ledbetter act, which extends the period of time victims have to file a lawsuit. Under current state law, victims of discrimination can only sue within 180 days of when their pay is set, even if they don't learn of the discrimination until years later.

Congress passed a federal version of the Ledbetter act in 2009, but critics said there are not enough federal judges to handle all the lawsuits. Davis has said a Texas version of the legislation would allow women more flexibility to sue in state courts and avoid lengthier and costlier federal discrimination cases.

Statistics show that women across the state earn on average 79 cents for every dollar a man makes. Davis passed a bill through the Republican-controlled Legislature last year that would allow women more time to sue for intentional discrimination, but Republican Gov. Rick Perry vetoed the measure.

Davis has seized on the issue to inject new energy into her campaign against Abbott.

"He seemed to say that he supported the concept of equal pay. But I've never heard of a concept that could pay the rent, put food on the table, or buy a tank of gas for the truck," she said Monday.

Meanwhile, Abbott accused Davis of questionable ethical behavior because of her legal work on multiple public bond offerings. Her law firm represents several public entities, including Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and the Tarrant County Water District.

"She continues to refuse to disclose to Texans how much she made from taxpayer-funded contracts while profiting off state debt," Abbott spokesman Matt Hirsch said.

Davis said that she was representing her clients' wishes, that she has released her personal finances and that she is wrapping up her legal work as quickly as possible to concentrate on her gubernatorial campaign.

STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ALVARADO

North Texas cockfight ring leads to arrest

A raid on a North Texas cockfighting ring has led to more than a dozen arrests and the seizure of nearly 100 birds.

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office on Monday announced the estimated 90 surviving animals have been turned over to the Humane Society of North Texas.

Sheriff Bob Alford said the raid happened Saturday night near Alvarado after deputies received information about cockfighting.

Deputies seized 97 roosters and other chickens, but at least a half dozen have died. Investigators also recovered cockfighting paraphernalia and drugs, alcohol, gambling charts and a handgun.

Alvarado is 20 miles south of Fort Worth.

HOUSTON

Pregnant woman cleaning strip club slain

Houston police say a pregnant woman who was cleaning a strip club has been discovered slain following a robbery.

Police on Monday sought the public's help in finding the killer of 27-year-old Maria Lucrecia, who was about five months pregnant.

Police said Lucrecia's body was found at the business Saturday afternoon when her husband couldn't reach the woman.

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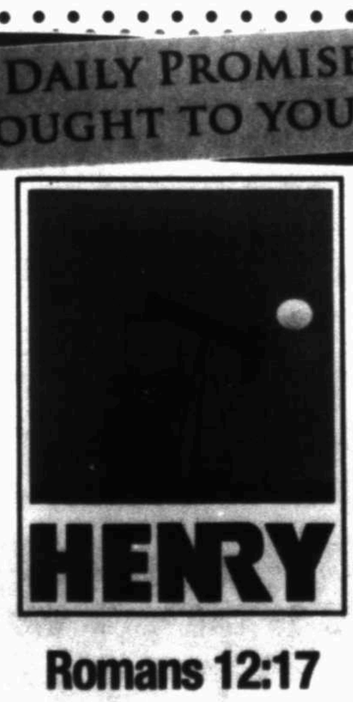
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MPD: Man had marijuana, synthetic weed, meth in vehicle

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A Lubbock man was found in possession of more than 4 ounces of marijuana, 2.3 grams of methamphetamine and synthetic marijuana after trying to evade arrest, according to court documents.


Draper

Matthew Jay Draper, 23, was being held Monday on a second-degree felony charge of manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams, a state jail felony charge of possession of marijuana between 4 ounces and 5 pounds, class A misdemeanor charges of evading arrest or detention and resisting arrest, search or transport, a class B misdemeanor charge of possession of a controlled substance and a class C misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

A Midland police officer was on patrol at about 4:19 a.m. Sunday in the 3600 block of Andrews Highway when he saw a vehicle fail to use a turn signal. The officer initiated a traffic stop, and the driver, Draper, initially refused to stop.

When the vehicle came to a stop in the 1700 block of Godfrey Street, Draper told the officer that he did not have car insurance. Another officer responded to assist and saw a metal pipe in the front seat. Draper fled the scene on foot during an attempted pat down. The officers chased him until he tripped and fell in a parking lot. An officer tackled Draper, who continued to resist the officers, and the officers used physical force to subdue the suspect, according to the arrest affidavit.

After detaining Draper, an officer said they searched his vehicle and found a large bag containing 114.8 grams of marijuana, as well as synthetic marijuana and 2.3 grams of methamphetamine.

If convicted, Draper faces up to 20 years in prison for the second-degree felony charge, up to two years for the state jail felony charge and up to one year for each class A misdemeanor charge.

Oklahoma girl breaks Girl Scout cookie sales mark

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — An Oklahoma City girl who says she asks everyone she meets to buy Girl Scout cookies has broken the organization's decades-old sales record by a margin about the size of a Thin Mint.

Katie Francis, of Oklahoma City, sold 18,107 boxes in the seven-week sales period that ended Sunday night. The previous mark was set by Elizabeth Brinton, who sold approximately 18,000 one year in the 1980s.

The sixth-grade student told The Oklahoman newspaper last month that there were only three ingredients needed to rack up large sales: a lot of time, a lot of commitment and asking everyone she met to buy.

Katie sold 12,428 boxes last year.

Her troop receives a share of the proceeds from the fundraiser and intends to donate to breast cancer research.

Judge considers $25M cash offer for peanut plant

By Jeri Clausing
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A last-minute $25 million cash offer is threatening to derail last week's bankruptcy court auction for a defunct eastern New Mexico peanut butter plant.

Sunland Inc. trustee Clarke Coll on Monday asked U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge David Thuma to let him consider the offer from Golden Boy Foods of Canada over the high bid of $20 million offered by a North Carolina during closed bidding Thursday.

He said the substantially higher offer could mean the difference between whether or not unsecured creditors will get any payments from the liquidation of Sunland Inc., which filed for bankruptcy last year following the 2012 salmonella outbreak that prompted a nationwide recall and shuttered its operations for eight months.

Hampton Farms tendered the high bid. However, just before the auction results were to be finalized during a court hearing Friday, Coll received a call from Paul Henderson of Canada's Golden Boy Foods with a $25 million cash offer for the plant.

"Initially, I thought it was a joke," he told the court.

But the company has since wired the cash to a title company and is prepared to close Friday.

Henderson, president of Golden Boy's nut butter division, said he had been interested in Sunland from start, but had to drop out because his company was in the process of being purchased by Post Holdings. After the sale was complete in February, he said that he thought, based on news reports, that Sunland was on track to be bought by a third company, Ready Roast Nut Co.

Two days before the auction, he said he found out otherwise, and he and his boss scrambled to put together the offer.

Attorneys for North Carolina-based Hampton Farms, argued that Golden Boy came to the table too late, and that to invalidate an auction where proper procedures had been followed would jeopardize the integrity of the system.

The judge said he hoped to decide Tuesday morning whether to let Coll consider the new offer.

Hampton Farms has two peanut butter plants in North Carolina and one in Massachusetts. It also owns Portales Select Peanut, a peanut shelling and packing company in Portales.

Golden Boy Foods operates four nut butter plants in Canada and the U.S. and sources its supplies from around the world, according to its website.

Sunland processed Valencia peanuts, a sweet variety of peanut that is unique to the region and preferred for natural butters because it is flavorful without additives. It was the nation's largest organic peanut butter plant, and its shutdown following the salmonella outbreak in late 2012 left many stores scrambling for months to find alternative natural peanut butters.

The plant reopened in May. But it filed for bankruptcy and closed in October, apparently unable to recover from the financial hit of the shutdown and lawsuits from the salmonella outbreak.

Sunland attorneys had valued the company's total assets at $50 million when it sought bankruptcy protection last fall.

The company owes its three major secured creditors about $14 million.

MPD: 2 people arrested for meth, paraphernalia possession

By Tyler White
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A Stanton man and a Midland woman were arrested Monday after police officers found methamphetamine and pipes scattered throughout the woman's vehicle, according to court documents.


Bush

Joe Waylon Bush, 24, was being held Monday on a $125,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams, a third-degree felony charge of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence, a class C misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Karenan Elizabeth Bradley, 23, was charged with the first-degree felony charge, as well as the possession of drug paraphernalia charge. Her bond was set at $75,000.

A Midland police officer was on patrol Monday near the 4300 block of West Wall Street when he performed a check vehicle call on some cars in the parking lot of the Grand Texan Hotel.

The officer made contact with Bush, who he then saw reach his hand into one side of a vehicle. The officer then performed a pat down on Bush, during which Bush appeared to have reached into his pocket then placed that hand over his mouth.

The officer said he thought Bush was trying to ingest narcotics, but no drugs were found inside of his mouth.

The officer also made contact with Bradley at the scene.

During the investigation, Bush discarded a glass meth pipe through one of his pant legs, but the officer retrieved it.

Other police officers responded to assist in the investigation. They searched Bradley's vehicle and found several more meth pipes throughout the vehicle, as well as crystal meth.

One officer noticed that a bag of drugs had been wedged into the front right headlight of one of the police officer's vehicles, with Bush being in the vicinity of that vehicle, according to the affidavit.

Both suspects were then arrested and taken to jail. The officers weighed the meth, which came in at 7 grams.

If convicted, Bush faces five to 99 years in prison for the first-degree felony charge and up to 10 years for the third-degree felony charge. Bradley faces five to 99 years in prison.

MPD: Man arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Friday after he scratched a man's forehead with a pistol, according to court documents.


Kilgore

Tyler Clayton Kilgore, 25, was being held Monday on a $110,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, class A misdemeanor charges of evading arrest or detention and unlawful carry of a weapon.

A Midland police officer responded at about 4:35 p.m. to a disturbance with weapons in the 1900 block of Woodlawn Drive.

The officer met with second officer, who said Kilgore was walking down Humble Avenue when she drew her gun and told him to stop. Kilgore yelled, "Under what authority" and continued walking away from the officer.

The second officer eventually found Kilgore and told him to stop, but Kilgore yelled "On what authority" before eventually complying with the officer.

The officer contacted the alleged victim, who said Kilgore became irate at him when he tried to help him out with his drug problem, according to the arrest affidavit.

The man began to call police before Kilgore pulled out a gun, pointed it at the man and asked him if he was ready to die. He then scratched the man's forehead with the gun and walked away.

Kilgore also was arrested on four misdemeanor warrants: Driving while license is invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility and two counts of failure appear.

If convicted, Kilgore faces up to 20 years in prison for the felony charge and up to one year for each class A misdemeanor charge.

REGIONBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

Hunters get big win in federal court

ALBUQUERQUE — New Mexico residents now have an advantage over out-of-state hunters when it comes to landing licenses to hunt the state's bighorn sheep, oryx and ibex thanks to a federal court ruling issued Monday.

U.S. District Judge Christina Armijo lifted a long-standing injunction that had prevented the state Game and Fish Department from allocating licenses to hunt the three species based on residency.

Armijo found the injunction was no longer equitable because of changes in the law and court rulings in other states that have backed up quota systems that benefit resident hunters.

The injunction stemmed from a legal fight in the 1970s in which David Terk of Texas challenged New Mexico's higher fees and lower quotas for nonresident hunters. He claimed his equal protection rights under the U.S. Constitution were violated

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"It's hard to tell how much these heavy Vault Bags could be worth someday. That's because after they were filled with U.S. Gov't issued coins, the bags are now sealed for good," said Timothy J. Shissler, Chief Numismatist of the private World Reserve.

Since this 2-day public release announcement is being so widely advertised, collectors can't be stopped from hoarding all the rarely seen coins they can get their hands on. So a strict limit has been imposed. Only 10 Vault Bags each containing these rarely seen coins per resident, please.

That's why it's important that readers call the National Toll Free Hotline at **1-888-880-2113** beginning at precisely 8:30am today.

Everyone who does is getting the Vault Bag full of old Indian Head coins for just $47 and shipping and handling as long as they call before the 48-hour deadline ends.

And here's the best part. Everyone who claims four Vault Bags before all the money is gone is getting an additional bag of these rarely seen coins absolutely free.

So it makes a real nice stash of coins that will have value for your children, grandchildren, or someone whom you want to impress. That's why these Vault Bags make the perfect gift. You just won't believe the expression on their faces when you hand them these Vault Bags full of coins over 100 years old.

"Coins like these are nearly impossible to find in circulation and when they're gone, they're gone," said Shissler.

"That's why everyone needs to immediately call the National Toll Free Hotline at **1-888-880-2113**, use Claim Code **PIP218**. If lines are busy keep trying, all calls will be answered," he said. ■



■ **FREE:** These are the Vault Bags full of rarely seen Indian Head coins that everyone is rushing to get for just $47. That's because everyone who beats the 48-hour deadline to claim four bags gets an additional Vault Bag absolutely free.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Thing to do

Children's storytime 10:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Meeting today

City Council
10 a.m.
Council Chambers City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

Support groups, club meetings today

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

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

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

■ Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church; cost is $5 for members, $6 for non-members; 520-4343.

■ Midland Optimist Club, noon, Abuelo's, 4610 N. Garfield St.; 685-7486.

■ Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.

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

Hotel business

(Taxable receipts)
January 2014
Midland: $7,379,292
Odessa: $6,567,859
Abilene: $2,821,182
Lubbock: $5,313,052
San Angelo: $3,589,586

Midland in January 2013: $6,882,498
Midland in January 2012: $5,258,655
Midland in January 2011: $3,671,067
Midland in January 2010: $2,118,346
Midland in January 2009: $2,652,974

Top Midland hotels (total receipts)

DoubleTree by Hilton	$1,014,973
Hilton Garden Inn	$646,040
Holiday Inn Express	$463,907
La Quinta (Wall)	$422,001
Springhill Suites	$402,097
Sleep Inn	$384,727
Residence Inn	$376,128
Townplace Suites	$361,046
Courtyard by Marriott	$318,627
Midtown Hotel	$297,801
Best Western	$295,216
Hampton Inn and Suites	$258,653
Fairfield Inn	$251,279
La Quinta (Loop 250)	$250,001
Plaza Inn	$238,562
Comfort Inn	$221,828
Clarion Hotel	$209,212
Comfort Suites	$203,996
KJ Texas Properties	$188,650
Baymont Inn	$175,247
Value Place	$171,173
Residence Inn Midland	$167,129
Best Value Inn	$163,860
West Texas Inn	$155,762
Super 8	$123,054
Studio 6	$114,751
Victorian Inn	$102,757
Also listed:	
HB Rentals	$170,190

Top in Midland-Odessa

DoubleTree by Hilton	$1,014,973
MCM Fundome (O)	$869,711
MCM Elegante (O)	$670,465
Hilton Garden Inn	$646,040
Holiday Inn (O)	$467,511

Source: Comptroller's office

Good Scout dinner to honor Wes Perry

The Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America will honor former Midland Mayor Wes Perry at the Good Scout Banquet, which will be held at 7 p.m. on April 28 in the Carrasco Room in Midland College.

The award is given to a leading resident within the community for achievements and leadership. According to the Scouts, the recipient has "left an enduring impact on the community. This individual is recognized for modeling the principles and values expressed in the Scout Oath and Law."

For those with questions about the event, please call Matt Vercher at 638-4014.

Lottery

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

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, March 25, the 84th day of 2014. There are 281 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1776, Gen. George Washington, commander of the Continental Army, was awarded the first Congressional Gold Medal by the Continental Congress.

In 1954, RCA announced it had begun producing color television sets at its plant in Bloomington, Ind. (The sets, with 12-inch picture tubes, cost $1,000 each — roughly $8,700 in today's dollars.)

- Associated Press



Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Two-truck wreck

Midland emergency personnel work the scene of an accident involving a pickup truck and a tractor-trailer Monday near the intersection of FM 307 and County Road 1060. According to DPS troopers on the scene, the driver of the pickup truck was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital after pulling out in front of a tractor-trailer traveling north on FM 307. See more coverage at mrt.com.



Coast Guard working to reopen shipping channel

By Juan A. Lozano and Normaan Merchant
Associated Press

GALVESTON — As workers in bright yellow suits picked quarter-sized "tar balls" out of the sand along Galveston Bay on Monday, strong incoming tides kept washing more ashore.

Elsewhere, crews lined up miles of oil booms to keep oil away from the shoreline and bird habitats, two days after a collision in the Houston Ship Channel dumped as many as 170,000 gallons of oil from a barge into the water along the Gulf Coast and shut down one of the nation's busiest seaports.

With cleanup well underway, the Coast Guard said it hoped to have the channel open to barge traffic as quickly as possible but that more tests were needed to confirm the water and the vessels traveling through the channel were free of oil.

The closure stranded some 80 vessels on both sides of the channel. Traffic through the channel includes ships serving refineries key to American oil production.

Officials believe most of the oil that spilled Saturday is drifting out of the Houston Ship Channel into the Gulf of Mexico, which should limit the impact on bird habitats around Galveston Bay as well as beaches and fisheries important to tourists.

"This spill — I think if we keep our fingers crossed — is not going to have the negative impact that it could have had," said Jerry Patterson, commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, the lead state agency on the response to the spill.

The best-case scenario is for most of the slick to remain in the Gulf for at least several days and congeal into small tar balls that wash up further south on the Texas coast, where they could be picked up and removed, Patterson said. Crews from the General Land Office are monitoring water currents and the movement of the oil, he said.

Parts of Galveston Island, a popular tourist destination due to its beaches and parks, were closed to the public Monday. Crews have laid booms around environmentally sensitive areas.

Some black, tar-like globs, along with a dark line of a sticky, oily substance, were seen along the shoreline of the Texas City dike, a 5-mile jetty that juts into Galveston Bay across from a tip of Galveston Island.

Seawolf Park in Galveston, a popular spot for fishermen and tourists, was closed Monday after small amounts of oil were spotted in the water, manager John McMichael said.

"Anytime you shut down the park, it's going to have an economic impact," McMichael said. "How much, we don't know because we don't know how long the park will be closed."

In Texas City, near several refineries, crews picked up tar balls out of the sand and set up cannons that boomed every few minutes to scare off birds from the oil-slicked beach.

At Galveston's East Beach, workers set up metal posts to hang lines of absorbent material to collect tar balls as they washed up. On the other side of a jetty, crews were scooping oil from the sand and pouring it into plastic bags.

"It's one of those things with it being so new, it's very hard to tell how long we'll be out here," Coast Guard Petty Officer Richard Forte said.

Jim Guidry, executive vice president of Houston-based Kirby Inland Marine Corp., which owned the barge, has said the company — the nation's largest operator of inland barges — would pay for the cleanup.

"We're very concerned. We're focused on cleaning up," he said.

Refineries in Texas City appeared to have enough crude oil on hand to continue operating until the ship channel can reopen, Patterson said.

Environmental groups said the spill occurred at an especially sensitive time and place. The channel in Texas City, about 45 miles southeast of Houston, has shorebird habitat on both sides, and tens of thousands of wintering birds are still in the area.

Jimmy Fallon off to fast start on 'Tonight'

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — One month in, NBC's generational trade of Jay Leno for Jimmy Fallon at the "Tonight" show is succeeding beyond the hopes of executives who engineered it.

Fallon's fast start is clear in television ratings and even more stark in social media metrics. While too early to declare a new king of late-night TV, the transition is a marked change from how badly NBC fumbled the short-lived switch from Leno to Conan O'Brien in 2009.

"As a guy who's been doing this for 36 years, I don't allow myself to think about this level of success," said Ted Harbert, NBC broadcasting chairman. NBC had hoped for an increase in young viewers and steeled itself to lose some of Leno's older fans, but Fallon's reception was a surprise.

When Fallon premiered on "Tonight" during the Olympics, the franchise hit numbers unseen since Johnny Carson's last week in 1992. Things have settled down but Fallon is still comfortably on top. During the week of March 10-14, Fallon averaged 4.26 million viewers to Jimmy Kimmel's 2.83 million on ABC and David Letterman's 2.78 million on CBS, the Nielsen company said. Fallon has consistently topped the 4.1 million viewers that Leno averaged this season before leaving.

Fallon's lead over his rivals is more pronounced among viewers aged 18-to-49, the demographic NBC bases its advertising sales upon.

Fallon and NBC embrace the way many early-to-bed consumers experience late-night television these days: by watching clips of a show's best moments online. The YouTube clip of Fallon and Will Smith acting out the evolution of hip-hop dancing has been seen more than 12.8 million times. Fallon's lip-sync duel with Paul Rudd on songs by Tina Turner, Foreigner and Queen has nearly 9 million views.

Other popular clips show Fallon, singer Idina Menzel and the Roots performing "Let it Go" with children's instruments and the sliced-and-diced version of newsmen Brian Williams and Lester Holt on "Rapper's Delight."

Each segment is funny, good-natured and utterly impossible to imagine Fallon's old-school predecessor doing.

"What I notice in people's reactions is not just that they like the show and think that it's funny, but they like the feel-good spirit," Harbert said.

Whispers, secrets and lies? Anonymity apps rise

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — At a time when Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn are pushing people to put forward their most polished, put-together selves, a new class of mobile applications aims for a bit more honesty.

Among the latest is Secret, created by two former Google engineers who were looking for a way to let people deliver genuine feedback to co-workers. With the app, friends and friends of friends can share their deepest and darkest thoughts, along with gossip, criticism and even plans to propose marriage, under a cloak of near-anonymity.

"This idea that you have to craft this perfect image online," said Secret's 30-year-old co-founder Chrys Bader-Wechseler. "That's stressful. We want to remove that stress."

Secret joins a handful of apps such as Confide, Whisper and Yik Yak that have become popular — and in some cases, notorious — in recent months, by offering users a way to communicate while cloaking their identities.

What happens when people are free to say what they want without a name and profile photo attached? It's an experiment in human nature that harkens back to the early days of the Web, when faceless masses with made-up nicknames ruled chat rooms and online message boards.

In the past decade, anonymity has been fading. As Facebook soared to dominate online social networks, the trend shifted toward profiles, real names and the melding of online and offline identities. But as people's online social circles grew from friends to parents, grandparents, in-laws, colleagues and bosses, many became increasingly reluctant to share as openly as they once did.

"People go on Facebook and say they just got engaged. But what you don't see is 'I am going to propose today,'" said Secret co-founder and CEO David Byttow, 32.

Launched in 2012, Whisper is especially popular with teenagers and 20-somethings, with the bulk of its users under 24. Yik Yak, released late last year, made headlines recently when a California high school went into lockdown after someone used the app to post an anonymous bomb threat.

Although anonymity apps are being criticized as platforms for bullying, supporters say they can be tools for preventing mischief. They also have a cathartic value for some users.

"My baby boy passed away recently. I saw his picture today and cried. I cried because I love him and miss him. I'm a guy, so no one thinks to talk to me," read a recent post on Secret.

Another recent Secret message read: "Fact: It's downright scary to hire your first woman onto an all-male team."

On Secret, users are told when a friend has posted a secret — they just don't know which friend. Whisper, meanwhile does not tell users how, or if, they are connected to a person posting.

"I am a closeted gay guy and the sheer number of hot fraternity guys on campus is a special kind of hell," read a recent post on Whisper.

Whisper CEO Michael Heyward, 26, said the company's app does not allow people to "use anonymity to hurt anyone else." Users, for instance, can't put proper names into posts unless the names belong to public figures.

MEASURES

From 1A

that the street is not safe anymore and it has many locals on edge.

Sheriff Gary Painter said drivers are not obeying the 40 mph speed limit "because they can."

"It's a wide-open road," Painter said. "They (motorists) have to get from one point to another. They don't want to get on U.S. Highway 80 and use the Faudree Road intersection."

The county will not have the power to enforce the new speed limit and stop signs until they are posted and installed.

Bustillos, who noted in the petition that it was in loving memory of Carrasco, said she relieved that the lower speed limit is coming. She thanked God for the new changes.

The county also will start looking at other locations that could benefit from a decreased speed limit or stop signs.

In other county news:

■ Commissioners acknowledged Elections Administrator Ruth Sloan's retirement.

Sloan who has been elections administrator since 2004, has worked for a total of 20 years in the elections office. During that time, she has gone through three presidential elections and many city, county and state elections.

Sloan's final day as elections administrator will be on March 31.

Terry Perry, assistant elections administrator, will be the acting elections administrator after Sloan retires. Perry said her position will be a temporary one until the commissioners choose a replacement.

A retirement party for Sloan will take place from 2-4 p.m. Friday at the Midland County Annex Building, inside the former Commissioners Courtroom.

■ The Governor's Office formally approved Midland County's grant application for sheriff's office body cameras.

The cameras, worn on a deputy's front pocket, record incidents as they happen. Painter said the video can be used as evidence for prosecution purposes.

"They (prosecutors) will be able to bring in evidence as it was, as it happened," Painter said.

With the funding approved, the Sheriff's Office will research the most efficient body camera model, as well as setting usage policies before distributing them to deputies within two months.

CAMPAIGN

From 1A

Midland has been a very gracious community through past campaigns, Peña said.

Peña attributes part of the organization's community support to the trust Casa de Amigos has established over the last 50 years. Donors want to know their money will be put to good use and trust the organization it goes to, Peña said.

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for your information

To appear in *For Your Information* call Paul Wiseman at 697-7468 or your Midland Reporter-Telegram account executive at 682-5311.



Let George Rood of George Rood Masonry make those brick repairs to improve your home's appearance. Call (432) 664-1341 for more information.

Why not get those rotting bricks replaced now?

Very often, the need for a home repair is obvious. A ceiling that leaks right on top of you or a bathtub that won't drain gets your attention immediately. But a far less obvious problem can cause more damage – and far more often goes unchecked.

"We deal a lot with rotting brick," says George Rood, owner of George Rood Masonry. "All around the area, people have problems with it. By the time a homeowner finally realizes it, the problem has been going on for 10 years."

Frequently, homeowners won't notice areas of rotting brick until they try to sell the house. Then, when the damage is noticed, the real estate agent often recommends that the homeowner call George Rood.

However, George says, there is good reason to repair the damage now - long before you try to sell the home.

"The rotting areas of the brick can cause a loss of heating or cooling," George says. "Holding down energy use, lowering your utility bills and keeping your house comfortable are all good reasons to keep your brickwork in repair."

Often, the repair costs less and takes less time than the customer imagined.

"Many customers tell me, 'If I'd known it was this easy and that you could do it, I would have called you years ago,'" George says.

In addition to brick repairs, he builds new fences and lays brick for patios and swimming pools. For those projects, George takes the time to sit down with you and discuss layouts and floor plans. He knows exactly what you need before he begins the project. "I go out to customers' homes, help lay out the job, show them all their possible options and give them free estimates," George says.

A hands-on boss, George can usually be found working right alongside his crew. Often, he is the only bricklayer on the project. "If I'm right there, I can be sure the job will be done right," he says.

George has been repairing brickwork and building fences for 47 years, 34 of those years in this area.

Many years ago, George started a trend in fence building that has kept up till this day. Columns built into the fences about every 20 feet ensure fences that are strong, sturdy and built to last.

"Before I came here and started doing it, no one had really used columns before," George says. "The columns keep the fences from cracking and falling over."

If you need an experienced mason who offers quality work at an affordable price call George Rood Masonry at (432) 664-1341.

Relax with friends and family in your own outdoor oasis

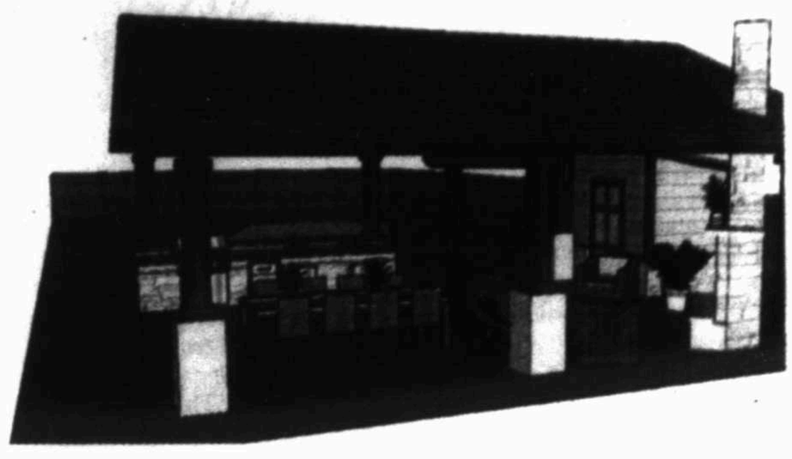
One of the great things about Texas is its long outdoor seasons—times you can relax and enjoy time with friends and family in a beautiful setting. When you have your own beautifully designed outdoor area complete with kitchen, landscaping and comfortable seating, you've got it made!

For years now, American Home Improvement has been helping people enjoy the seasons with beautifully functional outdoor areas that include the most wonderful grills in these parts.

American Home Improvement's outdoor kitchen expert, Kelly Kennedy, can help you because he loves to cook outdoors himself. He knows his way around any kitchen from the simplest grill to a gourmet's delight, so he will really enjoy dreaming with you and helping you get what you've always wanted.

"When we're in the 'dreaming' phase, I always ask people how much do you entertain, how often, how many and who?" That helps him put feet to your dreams, creating a space your family and your guests can use to get the most out of those endless summer nights.

If you mostly want a place to enjoy the breezes after grilling a few steaks, Kelly and American Home Improvement can do that. If you want a full kitchen with gas grill, a stovetop, plenty of countertops and storage for spatulas, knives and serving implements, that's no problem either. You can add all this to your existing patio or you can start from scratch, adding a Pergola, a full sunroom or just about anything you can imagine.



Taste meets taste buds in your own uniquely designed outdoor kitchen from American Home Improvement.

Want to see what other homeowners have had them do? Kelly says their customers are proud of their outdoor spaces and would be glad to show them off, so you can get some more great ideas.

The stonemasons American Home Improvement uses have worked with them for years, and Kelly describes them as artisans, not laborers. Those involved in creating your outdoor space enjoy what they do and are excited about putting their full creative efforts into transforming your yard into your own retreat.

Now is the perfect time to get started because there is still time to get most projects done before summer, depending on when you want them to start and how extensive your project is.

Kelly invites you to go by the showroom at Highway 191 and FM 1788 to meet him and others at American Home Improvement, to browse pictures of what they've done for some of your neighbors and to imagine what your own space could become.

American Home Improvement has been locally owned and operated for more than 20 years. Call them at 550-7224 for a free estimate and home demonstration. They are at the corner of 191 and FM 1788.

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MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

History is like a teacher, except armed with truncheons and guns. So what are its recent lessons?

In the early 1990s, Ukraine briefly possessed the world's third largest nuclear arsenal, including about 1,900 strategic weapons, an inheritance from the Soviet crackup. In exchange for security assurances — specifically, a Russian promise to "respect the independence and sovereignty and the existing borders of Ukraine" — the Ukrainian government turned over all its nuclear weapons to Russia in 1996. The Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances is now a muddy scrap of paper stuck to Vladimir Putin's boot. According to a Ukrainian legislator, there is now a "strong sentiment" in what remains of his country that this denuclearization was "a big mistake."

On Aug. 21, 2013, the Syrian regime fired rockets and artillery shells filled with sarin nerve gas at rebel-held neighborhoods in Ghouta, killing nearly 1,500 people, including more than 400 children. This set off a series of negotiations in which Bashar al-Assad, mediated by his Russian sponsor, exchanged (all of? much of?) his stockpiles to improve his hold on power. "The prospects are right now that [Assad] is actually in a strengthened position than when we discussed this last year, by virtue of his agreement to remove the chemical weapons, as slow as that process has been," National Intelligence Director James Clapper testified recently.

To summarize, Ukraine gave up nuclear weapons and regrets it. The Syrian regime used chemical weapons and benefited. As nations meet in The Hague for a nuclear security summit, here is a recent lesson — lesson No. 1 — on weapons of mass destruction: Get them. Keep them. Or use them to gain leverage.

Which leads to lesson No. 2: In our wired, connected, thoroughly videographed world, exposure does not mean attention or sympathy. In the case of Syria -- now in its fourth year of conflict — it has been possible to follow the progression of mass atrocities on hundreds of YouTube videos. But reaction in America and the West has seldom risen even to the level of numbness, which requires giving a damn in the first place.

There are now well north of 100,000 Syrian dead, including more than 10,000 children. In the besieged areas, some people have been reduced to eating grass, cats and dogs (as I was told during several interviews with recent refugees). Government-allied militias engage in kidnapping, extortion and murder. In the run-up to the latest round of Geneva talks, the regime used barrel bombs (terror weapons designed to kill civilians and flatten neighborhoods) to strengthen its military and negotiating positions -- war crimes to prepare for peace talks. And the strategy has largely worked. One can follow the systemic destruction of the ancient city of Aleppo in satellite pictures. The images both reveal and miniaturize: Look at that neighborhood destroyed. Isn't technology cool?

There has been a facile assumption that the international community, in the pre-digital past, sometimes failed to act during mass atrocities because they lacked information. The war in Syria -- the most transparent campaign of mass atrocities in history -- proves that excuse a joke. In this case, we were watching all along.

Which raises lesson No. 3: Historical lessons are easily overlearned. Following Iraq, Afghanistan and the complicated exertions of the war against terror, politicians (in both parties), pundits (across the spectrum) and voters called for a chastened, passive foreign policy and a focus on domestic concerns.

They have generally gotten what they wanted from the Obama administration, at least in Syria. The outcome was a consistent failure to support more responsible forces when support might have mattered; the descent of Syria into a Somalia-like state at the heart of the Middle East; the ceding of regional leadership to determined enemies and unreliable friends; and the tolerance of crimes against humanity in the name of realism.

But exhaustion and indifference are not the same thing as realism. In this case, the very real outcome is growing regional instability, the use of Syria as a training ground for perhaps 10,000 jihadists (many of whom will, eventually, go elsewhere), and the loss of much of a generation of Syrian children to despair, sectarianism and a desire for revenge.

There are limits to American power, which must be factored into policy choices. But a predisposition to passivity has costs — to American interests, to nervous friends and allies, and to the victims of ongoing atrocities. And these should be factored in as well.

GUEST VIEW

Unemployed veterans deserve our help returning to job market

San Antonio Express-News

For many unemployed veterans, this month marks the end of their opportunity to get back into the workforce.

On Monday, the key piece of legislation that made retraining assistance possible will meet one of its marked deadlines, effectively stopping payment for over 72,000 reported enrollments in the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program.

This vital program provides education to unemployed veterans seeking to gain the skills necessary to compete in today's job market.

The Veterans Opportunity to Work Act, or VOW to Hire Heroes Act, enacted in 2011 as part of President Obama's larger jobs bill, directed the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide education benefits to unemployed veterans who may have exhausted their unemployment benefits or were ineligible for other education benefits.

The potential impact of the expiration of this legislation to veterans in Texas alone is far reaching as evidenced by almost 2 million veterans currently residing in Texas as reported by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Nationally, Texas is ranked third in having the highest number of veterans despite our unemployment rate being only slightly below the national average. This makes our need for veteran programs greater than most of the country.

The VOW to Hire Heroes Act also offers a tax incentive to businesses choosing to hire qualified veterans. A provision of this act, the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, or WOTC, allows a reduced credit to tax-exempt organizations and the existing tax credit for hiring unemployed disabled veterans was doubled to $9,600. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employers claim about $1 billion each year under the WOTC program. However, as of Dec. 31, funding for this program has expired.

Nonetheless, the WOTC website appears optimistic funding will return and the incentive program will continue to help veterans find employment. Online instructions encourage employers to continue filing applications beyond the deadline and mention possible retroactive reauthorization given actions taken by Congress in the past.

Our veterans are still in need of ways to translate their military occupational specialties to the civilian sector and ease their transition back into the workforce. But how likely is it that Congress will extend the VOW to Hire Heroes Act? When the legislation was passed in 2011, former Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., voted against the bill saying nobody deserved preferential treatment.

Last month, Congress failed to pass the Comprehensive Veterans Health Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014, which called for an extension of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011 until June 30, 2016. In what became a political dispute between parties, Republican senators called for less spending and included new sanctions on Iran, a move opposed by every veterans group supporting the bill. Ultimately, Democratic senators failed to garner the 60 votes needed to waive the budget rules required to fund the bill.

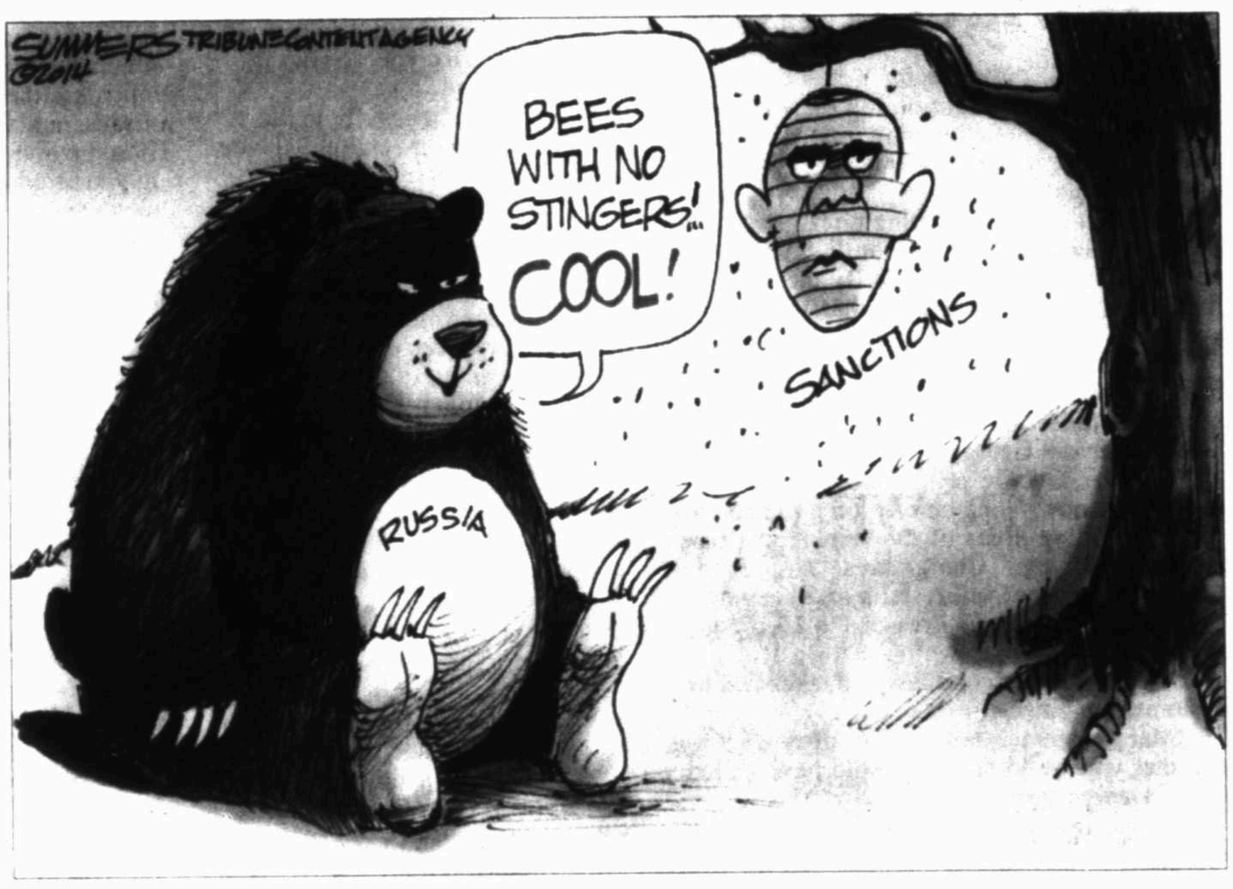
So, where does that leave our heroes? For now, the Department of Veterans Affairs agreed earlier this month to provide an additional one-time payment for veterans whose training programs end after the deadline and before June 30. Congress also is attempting to make amends with proposed legislation intended to temporarily extend the VOW to Hire Heroes Act, but will that be enough to make a difference for veterans eager to re-enter the workforce? When the last Texas Workforce Investment Council report notes only 878,080 veterans were labor force participants, I'm not sure any of our unemployed veterans would agree that it does.

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Chavez's film is likely incomplete

■ A motion picture telling his life story is more one-demensional than it should be



RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

There is excitement in the Latino community, especially among Mexican-Americans in the Southwest. One of their most beloved iconic figures is at last headed to the silver screen.

More than 20 years after his death, Cesar Chavez has finally been discovered by Hollywood. It shouldn't have taken this long, in an industry populated by liberals that operates in a city — Los Angeles — whose population is now nearly 50 percent Latino. But there is a difference between not buying lettuce to support farmworkers in the 1970s and being willing to put up the money to fund a film on the assumption that people will go see it.

The life and legend of Cesar Chavez will be plastered on movie screens all over the country beginning on March 28, when "Cesar Chavez: An American Hero" opens nationwide. Michael Pena is cast as the United Farm Workers leader.

A group of Mexican filmmakers — including Diego Luna, Gael Garcia Bernal and Pablo Cruz, all of whom run the upstart production company, Canana Films — deserves credit for telling a story that their Mexican-American counterparts have wanted to tell since the '70s.

For the last few weeks there have been invitation-only screenings in select cities, which are doubling as fundraisers for the UFW Foundation. There was a special screening for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and another at the White House.

I know this story well — sometimes, I think, a little too well. I've been writing about Chavez and his union for a quarter-century. I once had a confrontation with Chavez himself, and another with the UFW's co-founder, Dolores Huerta. I've seen the good, the bad and the indefensible.

The good: Chavez and the union helped bring dignity into the fields, and it came in the form of toilets, clean water, collective bargaining, lunch breaks, and the demise of *el cortito*. The medieval and crippling short-handled hoe, once ubiquitous in the backbreaking world of farm labor, was eventually outlawed by the state of California in 1975.

The bad: By the 1980s, Chavez began to believe his own press clippings, became paranoid and distrustful of allies and grew far removed from the very farmworkers he professed to represent. Instead of organizing workers, he got distracted by the drama of calling for grape boycotts. A movement that started out trying to help workers wound up being about simply hurting growers.

The indefensible: Chavez, his cronies and the union itself were essentially surrogates for the Immigration and Naturalization Service. More concerned with maintaining leverage than protecting human rights, Chavez and Co. would call the INS to demand that they come and arrest illegal immigrants who crossed the picket lines. What the union folks referred to derisively as "strikebreakers" were really just people eager to work to feed their families.

It is no wonder that President Obama, who has deported nearly 2 million people, likes to refer to Chavez when speaking to Latino groups. The two would have gotten along splendidly.

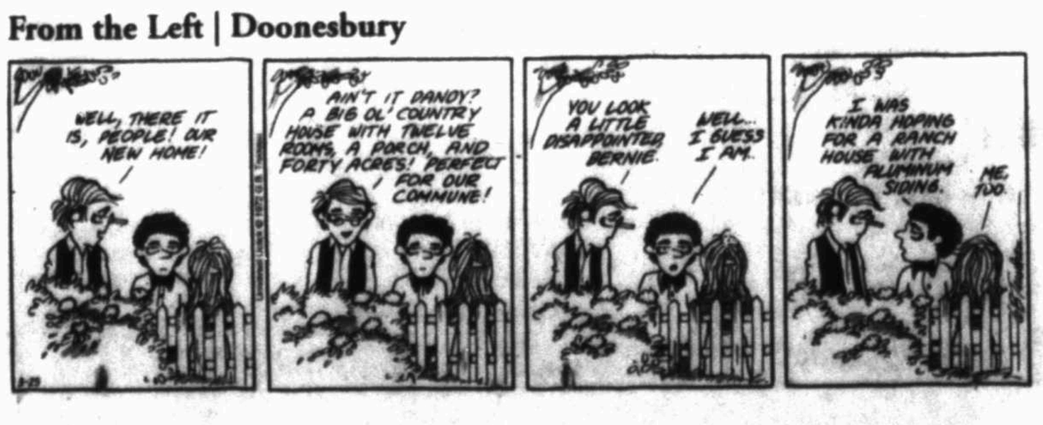
The real story of Chavez and the UFW is full of nuance and contradictions. Judging by the trailer, early reviews and media accounts, the dark side of Chavez and the UFW was left out of the film.

This is one of the reasons I expect to emerge from the theater feeling disappointed and frustrated. The movie's rendition of Chavez is likely to be more saintly than the real thing — and more one-dimensional. That's too bad. It would have made for a better story to show how Chavez failed the same immigrant farmworkers that many people think he was supposed to represent.

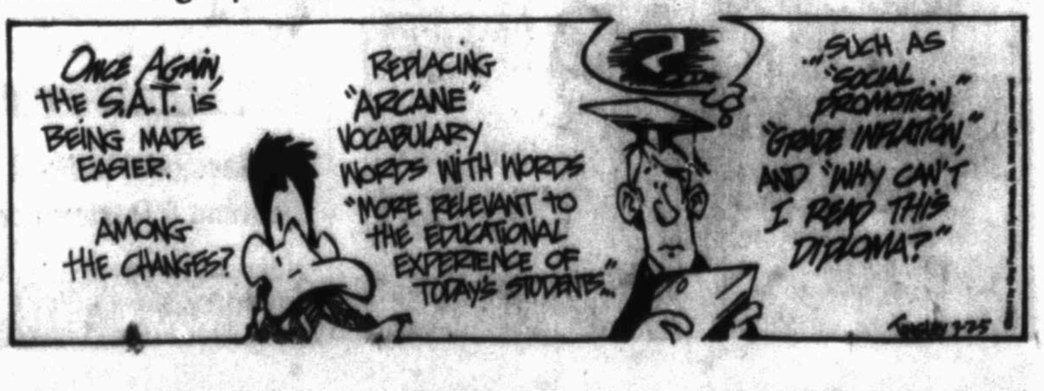
But I also expect to feel proud that this story is finally being told, even if it is incomplete. Blame it on my roots. As a native of the San Joaquin Valley, I was raised about an hour's drive from the Central California town of Delano where much of the history of the UFW was written. All four of my grandparents worked in the fields picking fruits and vegetables. So did my parents when they were growing up.

People still do such work today. Even in the age of machination, some crops have to be picked by hand. And guess whose hands. Farmworkers do the hard and dirty work necessary to feed the nation. And whether or not Hollywood realizes it, in this story, those are the real heroes.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Ex-President Carter fears US monitoring

By Peter James Spielmann
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former President Jimmy Carter said Monday that U.S. intelligence monitoring has run out of control since the 9/11 terror attacks, and he now hand-writes and mails sensitive letters to foreign and American leaders because he can't trust his email or telephone to be secure.

He had begun this practice well before National Security Agency contract worker Edward Snowden leaked a trove of documents last year. The documents disclosed that the NSA was archiving the meta-data on telephone calls and emails and had secretly tapped into the main communications links that connect Yahoo and Google data centers around the world.

"I don't think there's any doubt now that the NSA or other agencies monitor or record almost every telephone call made in the United States, including cellphones, and I presume email as well," Carter told The Associated Press in an interview. "We've gone a long way down the road of violating Americans' basic civil rights, as far as privacy is concerned."

Phone calls to the National Security Agency for comment on Carter's remarks were not immediately returned.

If intelligence services were monitoring Carter, they might gain insights into various hotspots and crises around the world. Carter and his wife Rosalynn have visited more than 140 nations. The former president runs The Carter Center, which has pursued human rights, humanitarian work and offered political mediation and election monitoring since he left office in 1981.

Carter negotiated a nuclear disarmament pact with North Korea in 1994, which subsequently unraveled, and went to Pyongyang again in 2010 to secure the release of a U.S. citizen who had been detained. He visited Syrian President Bashar Assad in 2008 and has been to Cuba, Vietnam and many other countries of interest to U.S. intelligence. Carter Center monitors have observed disputed elections in Venezuela and many other nations.

Carter is also one of the "Elders," a group formed by Nelson Mandela in 2007 that includes senior and retired leaders who work together on peacebuilding and humanitarian initiatives. They include former Irish president Mary Robinson, South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, former U.N. secretary-general Kofi Annan, and former Finnish president Martti Ahtisaari.

Carter said the surveillance state is now so omniscient that he has turned to "snail mail" in an effort to avoid snooping.

"For the last two or three years, when I want to write a highly personal letter to a foreign leader, or even some American leaders, I hand-write it and mail it, because I feel that my telephone calls and my email are being monitored, and there are some things I just don't want anybody to know except me and my wife."

It's a twist on the state of affairs that Carter left when he departed the presidency in 1981.

"When I was in office I was deeply concerned by the intrusion of the security agencies, the intelligence agencies, on American privacy," he said.

Carter promoted the establishment of FISA courts under the Foreign Intelligence Security Act, requiring U.S. intelligence agencies to get a federal judge to approve any monitoring of a U.S. citizen.

"When I left office, they couldn't do that with even one American person" without the court's approval, he said.

But the public and Congressional demand for increased intelligence-gathering after the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks that killed nearly 3,000 Americans swept away those safeguards.

"After 9/11 took place, under President George W. Bush and later under President Obama, the FISA Act has been drastically modified," Carter said. It is now a "mainly a rubber stamp" for unlimited snooping, approved by member of Congress, most of them without knowing any details unless they are on one of the Intelligence committees.

Jeb Bush, Hillary Clinton promote higher education

By Ken Thomas
Associated Press

IRVING — Hillary Rodham Clinton and Jeb Bush, potential foes in the 2016 presidential contest, said Monday that higher education has the power to transform lives and be a force for democracy around the globe.

Clinton and Bush spoke separately at the Globalization of Higher Education conference, but chatted briefly offstage. The event, co-organized by Bush, offered a bipartisan twist for the nation's two dominant political families, both of whom could return to the presidential campaign trail next year. Bush, a former Florida governor, is the brother and son of Republican presidents. Clinton's husband, Bill Clinton, served two terms in the White House before she returned to political life as a senator from New York and President Barack Obama's first secretary of state.

Onstage in solo performances, Clinton and Bush each focused on education policy and the need to make higher education affordable and accessible across the globe.

"When people around the world have access to this kind of American model of education it illustrates ... that we believe in spreading opportunity to more people, in more places, so that they too have the chance to live up to their own God-given potential," Clinton said at the Dallas event. She'll worried, she added, "that we're closing the doors to higher education in our own country so this great model that we've had that has meant so much to so many is becoming further and further away from too many."

She thanked Bush at the start of her speech, citing his focus on education and his "passion and dedication" to the issue in the private sector.

Bush spoke briefly at the start of the conference.

"Higher education in America has a growing affordability problem while billions in the developing world struggle with accessibility. Exporting U.S. post-secondary education and global consumers at scale can help really resolve both issues simultaneously," Bush said. "Expanding access through technology can bring down the cost of delivery at home and abroad."

Bush, the former Florida governor, has been a vocal supporter of the politically divisive Common Core standards, which specify what math and reading skills students should achieve in each grade. Some conservatives have criticized the standards as a federal-intrusion into local classrooms.

The two families have produced three presidents since the 1988 election, a streak broken by President Barack Obama's election in 2008.

It was at least the third time in the past year that Bush and Clinton had crossed paths.

Both were on hand for the Aprjl 2013 Dallas presidential library dedication of former President George W. Bush, Jeb Bush's older brother. Mrs. Clinton sat on stage with her husband and four other living U.S. presidents attending the ceremony, including the Bush patriarch, former President George H.W. Bush.

In Philadelphia last September, Jeb Bush — in his role as chairman of the National Constitution Center — awarded Hillary Clinton the Liberty Medal, an event which allowed both to offer plenty of presidential-themed banter.

Bush said then that while he and the former first lady "come from different political parties, and we disagree about a lot of things," they agreed on the wisdom of the American people, "especially those in Iowa and New Hampshire and South Carolina," traditionally the first contests in the presidential primaries.

Tongue-in-cheek, Bush asked Clinton not to wear her medal in Des Moines, Iowa, the home base for many aspiring presidents competing in the state's caucuses.

Mrs. Clinton reminded the audience that both her husband and George H.W. Bush had received the medal in 2006, she and Jeb Bush were "keeping up a family tradition." Clinton told the Philadelphia audience that her husband had recently returned from one of his "annual play dates" in Kennebunkport, Maine, at the Bush family compound.

In her speech on Monday, Clinton recalled her work on behalf of education reform as first lady of Arkansas in the 1980s and her advocacy for the education of women and girls around the globe as secretary of state.

Brown faces history, residency questions in NH bid

By Steve Peoples
Associated Press



Associated Press

This photo taken Saturday shows former Massachusetts Sen. Scott Brown, left, talking with Peter Thompson at his maple sugar house in Orford, N.H. Brown is fighting to re-write political history as he tours New Hampshire.

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Former Massachusetts senator Scott Brown is suiting up his campaign armor again — faded blue jeans, cowboy boots and a storied pickup truck —this time in New Hampshire as he tries to make modern history and help the GOP reclaim the Senate.

But a week after Brown joined New Hampshire's Senate race, it's unclear if the every-man appeal that fueled his rise in Massachusetts is enough to revive his political career north of the state line. There are early signs that the state's famously feisty voters may be reluctant to embrace the recent Republican transplant.

"New Hampshire people want New Hampshire people," said Kim Pratt, a 52-year-old self-described independent voter, sitting at the Red Arrow Diner's breakfast counter as Brown shook hands nearby during a weekend visit. "He's not really a New Hampshire person. He's a politician from Massachusetts."

Outside after a breakfast of corned beef hash and eggs, Brown acknowledged the challenge.

"Do I have the best credentials? Probably not. 'Cause, you know, whatever. But I have long and strong ties to this state," he told The Associated Press. "People know." Brown spent the first year and a half of his life living in New Hampshire before his family moved to Massachusetts.

Brown's residency already plays prominently in his quest to defeat Democratic incumbent Sen. Jeanne Shaheen this fall. The stakes are high in New Hampshire and Washington, D.C., where Republicans are competing to gain six seats they need to win the Senate majority and transform the last two years of President Barack Obama's presidency.

Shaheen had been expected to cruise to reelection until Brown stepped into the race this month, giving the GOP a high-profile challenger with national fundraising appeal and a moderate political philosophy expected to play well among local voters.

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Jane Delgado, president of the National Alliance for Hispanic Health, works in her office in Washington, Monday. The nation's largest minority group risks being left behind by President Barack Obama's health care overhaul. Hispanics account for nearly one-third of the nation's uninsured, but all signs indicate that they remain largely on the sidelines as the White House races to meet a goal of 6 million sign-ups with less than a week to enroll.

Latinos being left behind in health care overhaul

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's largest minority group risks being left behind by President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

Hispanics account for about one-third of the nation's uninsured, but they seem to be staying on the on the sidelines as the White House races to meet a goal of 6 million sign-ups by March 31.

Latinos are "not at the table," says Jane Delgado, president of the National Alliance for Hispanic Health, a nonpartisan advocacy network. "We are not going to be able to enroll at the levels we should be enrolling at."

That's a loss both for Latinos who are trying to put down middle-class roots and for the Obama administration, experts say.

Hispanics who remain uninsured could face fines, not to mention exposing their families to high medical bills from accidents or unforeseen illness. And the government won't get the full advantage of a group that's largely young and healthy, helping keep premiums low in the new insurance markets.

"The enrollment rate for Hispanic-Americans seems to be very low, and I would be really concerned about that," says Brookings Institution health policy expert Mark McClellan. "It is a large population that has a lot to gain ... but they don't seem to be taking advantage." McClellan oversaw the rollout of Medicare's prescription drug benefit for President George W. Bush.

The Obama administration says it has no statistics on the race and ethnicity of those signing up in the insurance exchanges, markets that offer subsidized private coverage in every state. Consumers provide those details voluntarily, so federal officials say any tally would be incomplete and possibly misleading.

But concern is showing through, and it's coming from the highest levels.

"You don't punish me by not signing up for health care," Obama told Hispanic audiences during a recent televised town hall. "You're punishing yourself or your family."

Like a candidate hunting for votes in the closing days of a campaign, Obama was back on Hispanic airwaves Monday as Univision Radio broadcast his latest pitch.

"The problem is if you get in an accident, if you get sick, or somebody in your family gets sick, you could end up being bankrupt," the president said.

Only last September, three of five Latinos supported the national overhaul, according to the Pew Research Center. Approval dropped sharply during October, as technical problems paralyzed the health care rollout and the Spanish-language version of the HealthCare.gov website. Hispanics are now evenly divided in their views.

A big Gallup survey recently showed tepid sign-up progress. While the share of African-Americans who are uninsured dropped by 2.6 percentage points this year, the decline among Hispanics was just 0.8 percentage point.

In California, where Latinos account for 46 percent of those eligible for subsidized coverage through the exchange, they represented 22 percent of those who had enrolled by the end February and had also volunteered their race or ethnicity. The state is scrambling to improve its numbers in this week's home stretch.

Experts cite overlapping factors behind disappointing Latino sign-ups:

■ A shortage of in-person helpers to guide consumers. "In our community, trust and confidence is so important — you want to make sure it's OK before you share all this personal information," Delgado said. There's been a lack of "culturally sensitive" outreach to Latinos, added Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas.

■ Fear that applying for health care will bring unwelcome scrutiny from immigration authorities. The health insurance exchanges are only for citizens and legal U.S. residents, but many Hispanic families have mixed immigration status. Some members may be native born, while others might be here illegally. Obama has tried to dispel concerns, repeatedly saying that information on applications will not be shared with immigration authorities.

■ The decision by many Republican-led states not to expand Medicaid, as they could under the law. With states like Texas and Florida refusing to expand Medicaid, many low-income Latinos will remain uninsured. However, Medicaid expansion is separate from coverage on the exchanges, which is available in every state. Latinos don't seem motivated to sign up for that, either.

■ Technical difficulties that delayed the federal government's Spanish-language enrollment site. CuidadoDeSalud.gov has also had to cope with clunky translations.

Delgado's group is asking the administration to extend the March 31 deadline for Latinos who got tangled up in website problems. Officials say that's not likely. However, they haven't ruled out a little extra time for anyone who started an application but wasn't able to finish by the deadline.

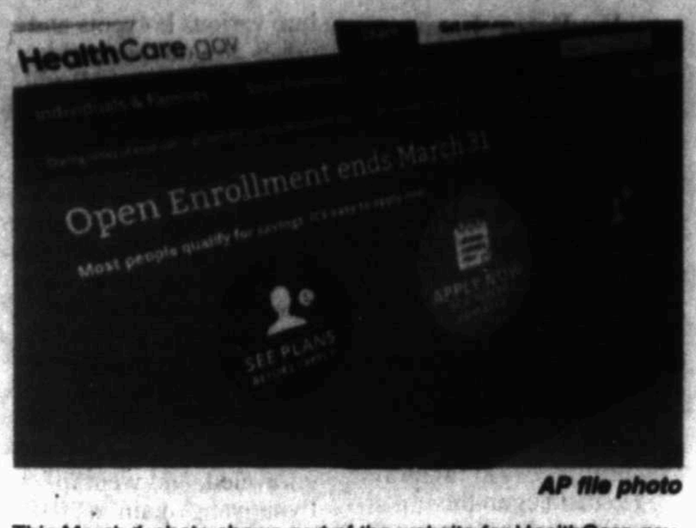
A recent enrollment outreach event in Houston drew Mary Nunez, who works with her self-employed husband in the florist business. They have been uninsured since she lost her job last year. In that time, she's only been to a doctor once — to get a refill on blood-pressure medication.

"Praise the Lord, we haven't gotten sick," said Nunez, adding that she knows luck eventually will run out.

She made an appointment for in-person assistance to review her options on the Texas exchange. But since the couple's income fluctuates from month to month, she was uncertain how much they could afford. A deadline is looming, she noted, and "Hispanics always leave it for the last minute."

Q&A: Who can shop online for health coverage?

By Calvin Woodward
Associated Press



AP file photo

This March 1 photo shows part of the website for HealthCare.gov as photographed in Washington. The new health care law helps some people, hurts others and confuses almost everyone.

WASHINGTON — The new health care law helps some people, hurts others and confuses almost everyone. Hoping to simplify things a bit, The Associated Press asked its Twitter, Facebook and Google Plus followers for their real-life questions about the program and the problems they're running into as the March 31 deadline approaches to sign up for coverage in new insurance markets.

Two of their questions and AP's answers.

The Internal Revenue Service and me

Q: "Is it really true that the IRS can't do anything to you if you refuse to get insurance and also refuse to pay the penalty?" — David Myer, 46, a consulting geophysicist in Encinitas, Calif.

You could say the IRS has one hand tied behind its back here. But that still leaves the other hand. The tax collectors don't have nearly as many tools to go after insurance avoiders as it has to enforce tax laws. It can, however, dip into people's tax refunds to collect the penalty for those who don't get health insurance. Most filers qualify for a tax refund, so they would be exposed to that collection tactic. Beyond that, it can send insistent letters, and who wants to get those?

Elizabeth Maresca, a former IRS trial attorney, told the AP that an unfriendly letter about an outstanding health insurance penalty probably will have much the same effect as one about tax arrears. "Most people pay because they're scared, and I don't think that's going to change," she said.

That said, the IRS can't seize bank accounts, dock wages, charge interest on unpaid penalties or apply criminal or civil sanctions to force people to obtain health coverage.

Can I join the exchange?

Q: "Why are there limits as to who can sign up? If someone has an employer plan that they don't like, they can't switch the plan to one of the new ones." — Duane E. Maddy, a graphic designer and digital artist in Dunbar, W.Va.

It's true, the new system is set up so people who get health insurance at work stay on it. For better or worse, the law aims to preserve employer-based insurance, not give everyone an easy bailout to the new individual markets.

That said, you can shop for coverage in the new state exchanges even if you have insurance at work. But it may not make financial sense to switch. It depends on whether your work insurance is considered affordable. If it's not, you may be able to get a subsidized plan on the exchange — and a better deal.

What's unaffordable? The government defines it this way: If you are paying more than 9.5 percent of your income for your health insurance premiums at work, you're paying too much. You can move to an exchange plan and possibly get subsidized premiums there.

So you'll have to do some math and wade through fine print to see what your options might be. It's also possible to switch to an exchange if your workplace plan fails to meet certain other conditions, although most job-based coverage is expected to meet that test. To be sure, the government doesn't make any of this easy to understand.

More information on the subject: http://tinyurl.com/nvgtdko

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House approves joining health care compact

TOPEKA — The future is murky for a House-passed bill that would allow Kansas to join a compact of states seeking an exemption from the federal health care overhaul.

The measure, approved 74-48 by the House on Monday, seeks to add Kansas to a list of states, including Missouri and Texas, that have approved forming the compact. But a key Senate leader said that there may not be enough time to consider the bill before the session ends.

Legislators adjourn April 4 for a three-week spring break and return later that month to consider any unfinished business.

The Senate committee that would traditionally hear the bill isn't scheduled to meet for the rest of the year, Senate Majority Leader Terry Bruce, a Nickerson Republican, said. He didn't know where the measure would end up in the coming days.

The compact would allow member states to set their own health care policies while retaining federal health care dollars, but only if Congress approves. The compact would allow participating states to exempt themselves from other federal rules in addition to the health overhaul's regulations.

Joining the compact could have implications for some 450,000 Kansas residents who participate in the federal Medicare program if benefits would be cut and increase their out-of-pocket expenses. It also could increase the cost to Kansas taxpayers, warned one GOP House member.

"These programs would significantly increase the size and scope of state government," said Rep. Don Schroeder, a Hesston Republican.

Supporters said giving Kansas more control over Medicare would ultimately help senior citizens.

MINNEAPOLIS

MNsure grants reprieve for late enrollment snags

Officials with Minnesota's health insurance exchange say consumers who make a good faith effort to enroll for coverage by the 11:59 p.m. March 31st deadline but run into problems and can't complete the process will get a reprieve.

MNsure chief Scott Leitz compares it to people who are still waiting in line when polls close on election day — they still get to vote. So those who are still "in line" when the enrollment deadline hits will still be able to get coverage and avoid the tax penalty.

People can fill out a form on the MNsure website, but the exchange will accept other documentation, too.

More than 130,000 people had signed as of Friday. MNsure has set a goal of 135,000 and plans to issue updated enrollment figures today.

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Midlander at A&M publishes fantasy novel

By Megan Lea Buck
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Claire Banschbach is a senior at Texas A&M University. Unlike most graduating college students, the native Midlander's resume will include having written and published a novel.

Banschbach's fantasy novel "The Rise of Aredor" was recently released through Tate Publishing. The book is available through Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble and other bookstores.

The novel chronicles the journey of protagonist Corin, a prince of Aredor who is separated from his family and, with the help of childhood friends, must fight to find his family and bring order back to his homeland.

Homeschooled from kindergarten through high school, Banschbach started the novel while still living in Midland.



"The Rise of Aredor": Fantasy novel by Midlander Claire Banschbach chronicles the journey of protagonist Corin, a prince of Aredor who is separated from his family and, with the help of childhood friends, must fight to find his family and bring order back to his homeland.

"I started writing the story kind of as my hobby just kind of in my spare time," she said. "I started working on it when I was about 17. It was a process over the years editing it and getting the story where I wanted it to be."

The fourth of eight children, Banschbach enlisted the help of her sisters during the editing process.

"It definitely was a long process, a lot of editing, a lot of feedback," she said.

Over Christmas break, she found Tate Publishing online and decided on a whim to send in the manuscript. A representative responded to her within two weeks and offered her a contract on the novel.

Though her parents, Michael and Gayle Banschbach, of Midland, didn't even know their daughter had written a book until after she had a contract from a publishing company, Banschbach said they were excited about the news.

"They've been very supportive and very enthusiastic

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FAITHFUL ADVOCATE



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

A.L. "Al" Mitchell joined the Texas Rangers, an arm of the Texas Department of Public Safety, 42 years ago and he first reported to work in Midland. A New Mexico native, Mitchell became the first non-Texan to join ranks of the 1823-founded Texas Rangers.

Midlander reflects on his Texas Rangers experience

ED TODD'S PROFILES



Summoning courage in his commander's sage advice "to do the needful," Texas Ranger A.L. "Al" Mitchell joined other Rangers to protect and to ensure the integrity of a charity ball supposedly threatened by a blatantly nefarious — criminal — enterprise, the Dixie Mafia.

Their mission to protect the innocent and to pursue evildoers came about not long after Mitchell had joined the elite investigative outfit, an arm of the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).

As if it were yesterday, Mitchell recalled that seminal moment 42 years ago when he first reported to work as a Texas Ranger based in Midland.

He became impassioned by the guiding-light dictum of his captain, Jimmy "Jim" Riddles, whom Mitchell came to revere as a "helluva fellow" steeped in common sense and "smarter than hell."

"Al, if I had to give you a bunch of orders, I wouldn't have hired you," Riddles, who commanded the Rangers' Company E then headquartered in Midland, told Mitchell in his 37th year in 1972.

"OK," replied the curious Mitchell, already a veteran investigator with the New Mexico State Police. "What is it, captain?"

"Don't work on nothing that ain't illegal," Riddles said outright.

That was it, mostly.

"Outside of that, we don't owe nobody nothing. Just do your job," he said, giving Mitchell the latitude to be enterprising, embolden, thorough and persistent in his work.

And that was "the only order I ever had," said Mitchell, the 6-foot, 78-year-old faithful advocate of the Rangers.

He is a devoted leader in the Former Texas Rangers Foundation to build a resplendent limestone Texas Rangers Heritage Center in Fredericksburg to celebrate the Texas Rangers' heritage, culture, legacy and mission.

A bell tower on the grounds will be in tribute to William "Bill" Blakemore (1923-1998), a Midland rancher-philanthropist who served on the Texas Public Safety Commission in overseeing the DPS and the Texas Rangers. The site will also include an open-air pavilion, amphitheater and Ranger Ring of Honor. Former Texas Rangers Foundation representatives will be at 6:30 p.m. April 23 at Ranchland Hills to raise funds toward building the center.

Blakemore's son, Bruce, is on the Foundation's advisory board.

A New Mexico native, Mitchell became the first non-Texan to join ranks of the 1823-founded Texas Rangers, the legendary and even mythical outfit of legend and lore ("One Riot, One Ranger") and truth and boldness.

"He covers the ground he stands on," Mitchell said of the character of the principled Ranger.

Historically reflecting on the Texas Rangers, Homer Garrison, director of the DPS and chief of the Texas Rangers in 1968, likewise said the Rangers were "men who could not be stampeded."

In his role as an investigator with the New Mexico State Police, Mitchell had worked closely with the Texas Rangers in attacking "big problems with all kinds of crooks running back and forth across the state-line."

"We worked on them pretty heavy," Mitchell said of the New Mexico State Police in concert with the Texas Rangers assigned to Midland and Lubbock.

Testimony to Mitchell's investigative skills was a $10,000 bounty the crooks had placed on him.

"That's all right," Mitchell said. "It didn't work. They were just a bunch of crooks."

Before his police work, Mitchell was brand inspector in Quemado ranching country, earning $275 monthly. "I was single. I didn't have many ashes in the fire." He left that job for the $325 police paycheck.

Shortly after he had joined the Texas Rangers, Mitchell became aware that the notorious Dixie Mafia was moving into Midland for a raid on the annual Beefeaters Ball, a gala charity affair, organized by William B. Blakemore.

Though not connected with the racketeering American Mafia "back East" or the Sicilian Mafia, the Dixie Mafia committed major crimes, such as holdups, bank robberies and possibly even killings, Mitchell surmised.

The reckoning was that the Dixie Mafia, based in the Deep South but carrying crimes "plumb to California," had planned to "hit the Beefeaters Ball," a "very high-class affair" in which the "ladies were decked to the nines," wearing their finest gowns and

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KNIFE & FORK

This week's columnist is Rich Lopez.
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Local museum head serves pesto with a springtime makeover

By Rich Lopez
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Despite whatever the weather is doing at this very minute, springtime is officially upon us in West Texas. Warm soups and heavy comfort foods are just so winter now. As the sun shines in, the notion to eat a little fresher and lighter may set in. But really, who wants a salad for a meal?

Now, I don't cook at my place. Not yet anyway. Upon my recent move to Midland from Dallas, I was fortunate to find an apartment in short time but the kitchen, I would say, is a bit, um, lacking — in counter space, a decent stove and all the spoils of home such as utensils, pots and pans. So I enlisted the help of Brian Lee Whisenhunt for this task because 1) after eating a few meals prepared by him, it's evident he's an accomplished cook and 2) because, you know, the kitchen situation.

Whisenhunt, who is the executive director of the Museum of the Southwest, displayed his prowess with this vegetarian meal that is satisfying while also easy to prepare. This variation on pesto nixes the usual basil and pine nuts and swaps them with peas and pecans. He also said that if preferred, grilled chicken would be an easy and suitable addition to the meal.

Pasta with Pea and Pecan Pesto

1 package of fresh or frozen peas
4 large garlic cloves, coarsely chopped
1/2 cup toasted pecans
1/3 cup olive oil
1/4 cup grated Pecorino Romano
1 pound of tubular type pasta (Whisenhunt used penne for this dish)
1 lemon for zest and juice
salt and pepper

Toast pecans in a dry pan for about 5 minutes until they become fragrant.

Cook peas until soft but a bright green.

When done, combine the peas with the garlic, pecans, olive oil into a food processor with the lemon zest and juice.

Pulse about 5-7 times to combine and then process until a smooth but not whipped texture.

Place pesto in serving bowl and add cheese. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Boil water and cook pasta according to package directions. Reserve a cup of the cooking water. Drain pasta and add to serving bowl.

Mix pasta and pesto together, adding some of the cooking water to smoothen the sauce. Season to taste.

Serve with a drizzle of olive oil, grated cheese and fresh ground pepper.

Makes 4-6 servings.

The result is a rich, colorful dish that is defined by the flavorful nutty pesto. On the side, Whisenhunt added a tomato and pickled fennel salad with a lemon vinaigrette that properly rounded out the entire meal.

Pickled Fennel Salad

1 fennel bulb, fronds removed and reserved, halved and cored then thinly sliced
1 cup vinegar
1/2 cup water
1/3 cup sugar
Juice and zest of one lemon
1 tablespoon whole peppercorns
1 tablespoon cardamom seeds
1 tablespoon mustard seeds
1 teaspoon salt

Place the fennel in an airtight, sealable container. Combine the rest of the ingredients in a small saucepan, cook over medium heat until the sugar is dissolved, then pour over the fennel. Allow it to cool to room temperature, then seal and chill in the fridge for at least 24 hours. Drain, reserving the brine for use in your vinaigrette.

Serve the pickled fennel with a salad of mixed tomatoes dressed in a mustard vinaigrette and garnish with the fennel fronds. For

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AP file photo

GWAR's "Oderus Urungus," (Dave Brockie), poses in costume in this undated photo. The frontman for the alien-costumed heavy metal band GWAR, known for graphic and fake-blood-soaked stage shows for more than three decades, has died. He was 50.

GWAR frontman Brockie found dead in Virginia

By Michael Felberbaum
Associated Press



Brockie

RICHMOND, Va. — Dave Brockie, who as "Oderus Urungus" fronted the alien-costumed heavy metal band GWAR during graphic and fake-blood-soaked stage shows for more than three decades, has died. He was 50.

Officers were called to Brockie's home Sunday evening and found the singer dead inside the home, Richmond police spokeswoman Dionne Waugh said Monday. Detectives don't suspect foul play at this time, and the medical examiner's office will determine cause of death, Waugh said.

The band founded in 1984 is known for its comically grotesque costumes, stage antics and vulgar lyrics. GWAR was nominated for a Grammy Award for best long-form music video in 1993 for "Phallus in Wonderland" but lost to "Diva" by Annie Lennox. It also was nominated for best metal performance for "S.F.W." in 1996 but lost to "Happiness In Slavery" by Nine Inch Nails.

Randy Blythe, the lead vocalist for Virginia-based metal band Lamb of God, fondly recalled Brockie's approach to humor in a post on the band's Facebook page: "Right now, if I were to truly honor Dave in the way HE would do it if it were ME that had died, I would make a completely tasteless joke about his death. But I do not have the stomach for that — Dave would, but not me. He never put much stock in 'limits.'"

GWAR released its latest album, "Battle Maximus," in September 2013 and recently toured Australia and Japan. Over the summer, the band held its 4th annual GWAR-B-Q at a small water park in Richmond and released its own canned craft beer for the occasion made by Cigar City Brewing in Tampa, Fla. The band had announced plans for its 5th annual event last week.

Brockie remained a constant in the band that has had a revolving door of members, including lead guitarist Cory Smoot, who was found dead on the band's tour bus in North Dakota in 2011. He was 34.

The state medical examiner said Smoot, who had performed since 2002 under the name "Flattus Maximus," died of "coronary artery thrombosis brought about by his pre-existing coronary artery disease." But records showed that investigators found on Smoot a $5 bill with a white powder residue, a prescription bottle holding eight Oxycodone-Acetaminophen pills, a lighter and two empty syringes.

Widow of Errol Flynn dies in Jamaica at age 87

By David McFadden
Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica — Patrice Wymore Flynn, a Hollywood actress and cattle rancher who was the widow of swashbuckling screen legend Errol Flynn, has died at her seaside home in northeastern Jamaica. She was 87.

On Monday, family spokesman Robb Callahan said Wymore Flynn died Saturday at her roughly 2,000-acre ranch in Jamaica's lush Portland parish after battling pulmonary disease for a year.

The Kansas-born actress began her theatrical career in musicals, making her Broadway debut in 1948 in the production "Hold It!" She was soon signed by Warner Bros. as a starlet and headed to Hollywood.

During her early film career, she worked alongside actors such as Doris Day, Kirk Douglas and Randolph Scott. In 1960, she played Frank Sinatra's girlfriend in the original version of "Ocean's 11."

She met her future husband when she was cast as the female lead in the 1950 western "Rocky Mountain." When they began filming near Gallup, N.M., the 21-year-old actress knew little of the handsome Flynn, then an established 41-year-old star known for his roles in "Robin Hood" and "Captain Blood." Their 1950 marriage in France was her first and his third.

The couple spent much of their nine-year marriage in Jamaica's Portland parish, which Flynn fell in love with shortly after his damaged schooner sailed into Kingston during a 1946 storm. Legends of the actor's carousing and hard-partying ways can still be heard along the northeastern shore he adopted and where he bought scenic coastal property.

In a 2000 interview with The Associated Press, Wymore Flynn said she had stopped listening to the roguish stories about her husband years ago and described Jamaica as the couple's retreat from the pressures of Hollywood. In Jamaica, "we were very busy doing nothing. We spent most days rafting. That's not to say there wouldn't be a party on the drop of a hat."

In his autobiography "My Wicked, Wicked Ways," Flynn described her as an "attractive, warm and wholesome" woman who "could cook Indian curry" and dance and sing. He also wrote: "Nobody ever tried harder than Pat to make me happy."

After Flynn's death of a heart attack in 1959, the young widow briefly revived her acting career after giving it up for a few years when she and Flynn had a daughter, Arnella. But she returned to Jamaica permanently in 1967 where she devoted herself to building up a wicker furniture business and raising cattle, once even winning the Champion Farmer of Jamaica title.

She said she was looking for a "more enduringly satisfactory way of life" for her and Arnella, who became a model and died in 1998. "I always wanted to own a cattle farm when I was finished with my career. I just had no idea it would be in Jamaica."

Obituaries



Audrey Jean Foster

Audrey Jean Foster, 77, of Midland, Texas, passed away on March 22, 2014.

She was born on March 21, 1937, in Matador, Texas, to the late Mr. Carter Clay Murphy and Mrs. Audrey Lee Murphy. She graduated from Rankin High School in 1955, and later graduated from business school in Fort Worth, Texas. She met the love of her life, Vancel Larry Foster, in 1956, and they married in 1957. Audrey and Vancel Larry Foster founded and grew a successful small business, Petroplex Acidizing, an oil well service company. Audrey had many caring and loving friends and loved the game of golf. Through out the years, Audrey selflessly helped and supported untold numbers of individuals in need of help.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 57 years, Vancel Larry Foster; her sister, Martha Farris; her three children, Cheryl Cunningham, and spouse Tony Cunningham, Gregory Foster, and spouse Gina Foster, and Tracy Law, and spouse Jimmy Law.

Audrey adored, and was adored by, her eight grandchildren, Justin Cunningham, and spouse Emily Cunningham, Kyle Cunningham, and spouse Shelley Cunningham, Danny Law, Ashton Foster, and spouse Kelsey Foster, Stephanie Law, and fiance Todd Pace, Lacy Law, Josh Foster and Brianna Foster.

She immensely loved and enjoyed her two great grandchildren, Hunter Cunningham and Krista Law.

She was preceded in death by her loving brother, Donald Murphy

Services will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas, with burial to follow at Resthaven. The service will be officiated by Pastor David Harp of First Baptist Church, Stanton, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in her memory be made to The Springboard Center, 200 Corporate Drive, Midland, Texas.



Billie Clark Halstead

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Stanley B. Reynolds

Stanley B. Reynolds passed away on Saturday, March 23, 2014. He was born to Curtis Reynolds and Ola (Anderson) Reynolds on November 10, 1926 in McCulloch County, Texas. He graduated from Brady High School and then attended Texas A & M and graduated with a Bachelors Degree.

He resided in Midland, Texas since November of 1951, where he worked 20 years in various phases of the oil industry. Stanley was employed by Central Texas Iron Works until his retirement in 1972. Stanley married Wilma Fay Gidley March 30, 1968 in Midland, Texas.

Stanley was preceded in death by his wife Wilma Faye (Gidley) Reynolds and his parents.

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

Services are entrusted with Ellis Funeral Home.

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Death Notices

Doris Hughes

Doris Hughes, 76, passed away on Sunday, March 23, 2014.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at Serenity Memorial Gardens in Midland.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin Hughes; daughter, Tanya Evans; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Larry Joel Malone

Larry Joel Malone, 78, died Saturday, March 22, 2014. Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

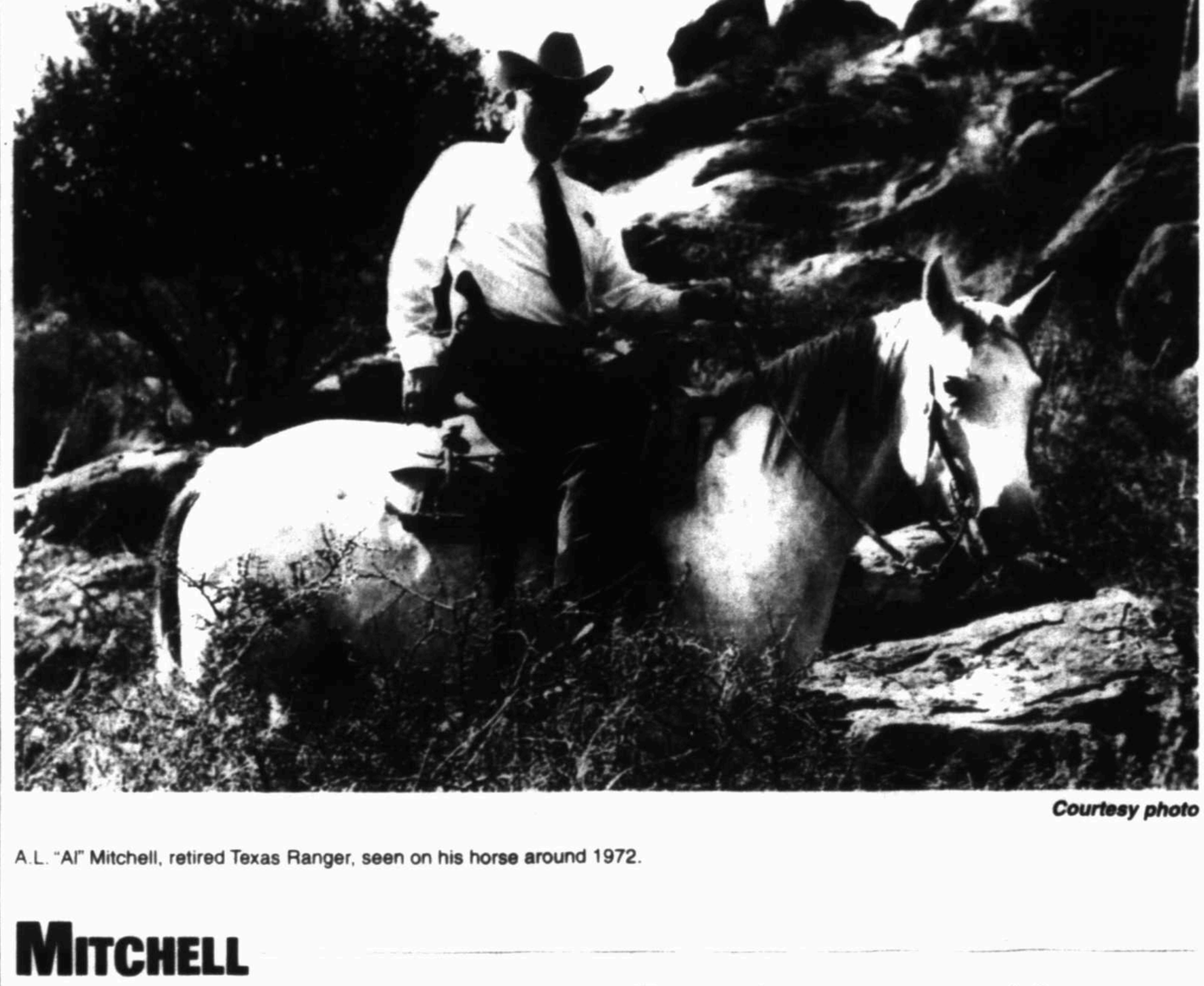
He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Mary Malone; his son, Rick Cluck; his daughter, Kimberly Hatfield; three grandchildren and one great grandson; and by other family members.

Richard Bloom

Richard Bloom, 66, died Saturday, March 22, 2014.

Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday at Gail Cemetery.

He is survived by his Saundra Bloom; four daughters, Cyndi Wrye, Marie Flowers, Angela Grant, and Angie Digby; two sons, Brad Evans and Jim Evans; 12 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; and by other family members.



Courtesy photo

A.L. "Al" Mitchell, retired Texas Ranger, seen on his horse around 1972.

MITCHELL

From 1B

sporting their "best jewelry." The gentlemen would be outfitted with tuxedoes in the black-tie affair.

The Beefeaters Ball featured the high-dollar auction of Blakemore's Angus steers. Security was provided by Rangers, such as Mitchell, his partner Sid Merchant, of Abilene, and Alfred Allee Jr., of Alpine, and Special Ranger Robbie Robinson, of Midland, all wearing the Rangers' signature white Stetson cowboy hat.

Should the Dixie Mafia "show up, the Rangers will take care of them," Blakemore told the captain.

"Strangely enough, nobody ever showed up," he said.

In his investigations, Mitchell "got deeply involved in oil field crimes" and developed an expertise in oil field security that petroleum exploration and drilling companies found appealing.

In mind and heart, Mitchell initially resisted the lucrative offer to leave his beloved Rangers.

"I will go to work for you," Mitchell told Tom Brown, who, along with Joe Roper, operated an oil and gas exploration and production company. "But I am not cutting my ties with the Rangers. They are like brothers to me."

Respecting Mitchell's devotion to the Rangers, Brown assured Mitchell that he expected him to stay loyal to the Rangers. "That's what I am hiring you for" in running the company's Corporate Security Division.

Twenty-four years later, Mitchell retired. But 10 days after that, Brown called Mitchell, who was back to work.

Ever vigil, wearing his Stetson, boots and packing his favorite firearm, the Colt .45-caliber Commander pistol, Mitchell, who born in 1935 on the Pecos River between Carlsbad and Artesia, worked a ranch in his youth. He displays Ranger and family memorabilia and his 1952 saddle in his office inside the 1929 historic T.S. Hogan Petroleum Building where he plans to continue working "until I die, doing what I want to do."

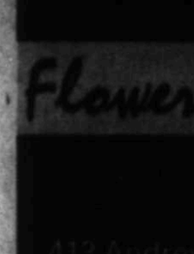
At 78, he is able and devoted to work as president of Ranger Professional Services, an investigative and security business.

To this day, Mitchell expressed gratitude to the Texas Rangers and to his first commander, Jim Riddles.

Riddles was "the finest man I ever met in my life, except for my daddy (Buster Mitchell)."

Mitchell has considered writing about his experiences in a book that would be entitled "The Llano Estacado: Lawman" on the Stakes Plains of New Mexico and Texas. But, Mitchell declared, "I ain't got time to write that because I'm still doing it."









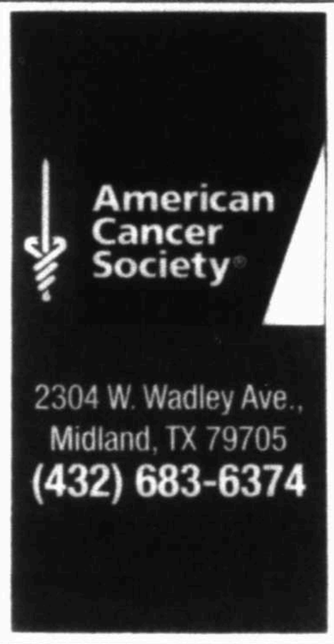


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TMC		336	67	22	155	20	(5:00)	Stage Beauty			Gosford Park ('01, Dra) Michael Gambon.				The Ghost Writer Ewan McGregor.			Movie
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Treasure (N)	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(6:30)	Rocky III			Rocky IV Sylvester Stallone.				Game of Arms (N)	Game of Arms	Friday Night Li..	
BET		58	26		40		106&Park		Friday After Next ('02, Com) Ice Cube.		Game		Game (N)	Together	Game	Together	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	63		41		Atlanta "Mexi-Loco"		Real Housewives		Real Housewives (N)		Atlanta "Mexi-Loco"		Watch (N)	Real Housewives		Atlanta
CNBC		46	45		39	72	(4:00)	TBA	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		CNN Report (N)		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	To Be Announced		Amish Mafia (N)		Amish "The Bear" (N)		Clash Ozarks (N)		Amish "The Bear"		Clash of the Ozarks	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Dog Blog	Jessie	Cloud 9	Dove Cameron.		Liv/Mad	(:05)	Jessie	A.N.Y.	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball	NIT Tournament (L)			NCAA Basketball	NIT Tournament (L)				SportsCenter	SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball	Division Tournament (L)			NCAA	NCAA Basketball	Division Tournament (L)			Olbermann		Tonight
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	Abduction ('11, Act)	Taylor Lautner.			Twisted (N)		Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club		Abduction	
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		Chopped		Diners...	Diners...	Chopped	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Stars Insider	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars vs. Chicago Blackhawks United Center -- Chicago, Ill. (L)				Site:	Stars Live (L)	Spotlight	H.S. Basketball UIL State Championship		
FX		31	31	59	64	69	Real Steel ('11, Sci-Fi) Evangeline Lilly, Hugh Jackman.								Justiffie "The Toll" (N)	Justified "The Toll"	Justified "Weight"	
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	The Waltons		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Property	Property	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	HouseH	House (N)	Flip It to Win It (N)	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Counting	Counting	Counting	Counting	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Counting	Counting
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Dance Moms "Blame it on the New Girl"		Dance Moms "Sister Showdown"		Dance Moms "Decisions Decisions"		Kim of Queens "The Swimsuit Saga" (N)		Kim of Queens "Allisyn's Big Bet"		Dance Moms "Sister 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				NHLLive	NHL Hockey	Detroit vs Columbus (L)				Overtime	Rivals	NHLTop10	EPL Soccer	Man. C/Man. U	
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Sam, Cat	Witch Way	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Ink Master	"Bug Out"	Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	Face Off		Face Off		Face Off (N)		Creature Shop (N)		Face Off		Creature Shop	
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld "The Doll"	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Cougar Town (N)	Big Bang Theory	Conan		Pete Holmes	Conan
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:00)	Doctor Zhi...	Carson	Carson	Carson		The Cross of Lorraine		(:15)	Black Hand Gene Kelly		
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		La impostora		En otra piel		Camella la texana		Al rojo	(:35) Thular.	En otra piel	
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Little People "Come Rain or Come Shine"		People "Crossroads for the Roloffs"		Little People, Big World (N)		The Little Couple (N)		Little People	TBA	The Little Couple	
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Fool Me Once"		NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder vs. Dallas Mavericks Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)						NBA Basketball New York Knicks vs. Los Angeles Lakers Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)			
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	Gilligan	Gilligan	Gilligan	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Hot In	SoulMan	Queens	Queens
USA		26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Persona"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Hothouse"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Chrisley Knows (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Sirens	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		The Matrix ('99, Act) Keanu Reeves. A computer hacker learns that his entire reality is merely a computer-created illusion.						Met Your Mother	Mother "I Heart NJ"	Parks and Rec	Parks and Rec





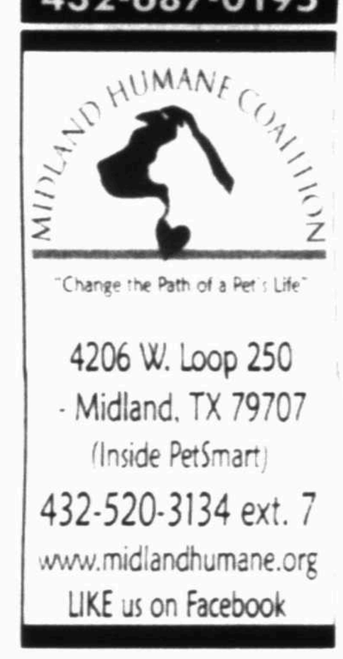












Retired Army colonel has house full of toy soldiers

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Big Spring storyteller



Sam Floca's collection of toy soldiers is dazzling. The tiny figures sparkle inside lighted cabinets at his home in Temple.

"If you pick any period in military history in which man has tried to slaughter his fellow man, there is some company out there that makes toy figures of participants," said Sam.

He is a retired Army colonel who had an outstanding military career. When he built his home, he included a museum room to hold his huge collection of toy soldiers.

"I have about 11,000," he said. "Mom and Dad made a deal with me when I was a boy. They told me if I brought home a report card with straight A's they would get me a couple of boxes of toy soldiers. These were made between 1910 and the mid-1950s. A set of eight figures cost 75 cents a box. I still have the boxes. Some of these sets now sell for $800 and $900. Some sets sell for several thousand because they were made only one or two years and are very rare. I had this deal that I could get two sets of soldiers by making A's. I don't think I made a B until I discovered girls, then toy soldiers took a back seat."

The cabinets containing the collection are in library style with aisles between them. The figures are free standing, not glued into position. Each one is numbered, catalogued and listed on Sam's computer. The figures are arranged in battle scenes.

"Every one is different. They're shooting, they're falling, they're dead and dying," he said. The uniforms, weapons, equipment and vehicles are authentic.

"The Indian Army uniforms are the most colorful in the world," he said.

He points to a shelf and comments that it holds items from essentially every European nation that fought in World War II. One cabinet depicts scenes leading up to World War I.

Sam admits collecting toy soldiers is an expensive hobby, but to him it's an investment he will one day turn over to his daughter. He has commissioned sculptors to create figures. He goes to Chicago every autumn for an annual meeting of collectors.

"It's the largest show of its kind. There'll be 10,000 people come through there. Three floors of the hotel are completely taken up by dealers and collectors. Besides toy soldiers, there's a common love and appreciation for history."

A native of Temple, Sam served in the Army from 1963 to 1992 when he retired. His last years were spent teaching military history at the Army War College. Among his honors and awards are the Silver and Bronze Stars, Purple Heart and Legion of Merit. He holds an honors degree in European history and is a popular speaker for historical organizations. He lived at Gettysburg for three years after his retirement from the Army, working as a researcher and historian. He wrote a book titled "Sam Floca's Gettysburg."

Tumbleweed loves stories. Contact him at tumbleweedsmith.com.

KNIFE & FORK

From 1B

the vinaigrette, use the fennel brine for acid, a minimal amount of dijon mustard, garlic, salt, pepper, fennel pollen and olive oil.

"With the pea pesto, a leafy green salad might have been too much green," Whisenhunt said.

Add breadsticks and serve with white wine for an elegant dinner with a sorbet as dessert. And save any leftovers for a light lunch. Easy for sure.



Rich Lopez/Reporter-Telegram

This vegetarian meal that is satisfying while also easy to prepare. This variation on pesto nixes the usual basil and pine nuts and swaps them with peas and pecans.

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For each of the three words below, change one letter to an **R**, and then rearrange the letters to spell a chemical element.

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Yesterday's Answer: GNAWER, VOYAGE, THREAT

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Wildflowers do not coexist with turfgrass at all

Dear Neil: We have bluebonnets planted and growing in an area where we are going to plant El Toro zoysia sod later this spring. We will wait for the bluebonnets to go dormant before we lay the sod. Will they come up through the grass next spring? Also, how can we eliminate clover that is there before we plant the sod?

Answer: Wildflowers, and in this case more specifically bluebonnets, do not coexist with turfgrass at all. If you think about where you see bluebonnets growing natively, it's always in an area that has poor soil with little native pasture grass. Bluebonnets succeed in bare areas, but they struggle competing with dense grasses. The highway department plants them in roadside areas that do have grass, but it's not strong, assertive grass like you'd have in a lawn. In fact, you'll notice that many of those wildflower slopes along highways are pretty bare once they mow off the old, dried bluebonnet stubble in early summer. My advice would be to let the bluebonnets run their course, then gather the seeds just as the pods start to split open. Store the seeds over the summer in a jar or plastic bag (without moisture), either in an air-conditioned part of the house or in the refrigerator. Sow them into an appropriate place in late August or early Septemer. A dedicated bed that receives little soil preparation and that is seldom, if ever, fertilized would be great. As for the clover, once you have the bluebonnet seeds collected, rototill the area before planting the sod. The tilling will eliminate the clover.

Dear Neil: My husband and I want to put down some type of hardscape surface around a red oak tree. How much space should we leave between the trunk and the hard surface?

Answer: The more you can leave, the better you and the tree will both be — but at least 3 or 4 feet out from the trunk. Trees' major lateral roots are near the soil surface, and as the tree ages, those roots grow up and out of the soil. It's not because of erosion. It's just that they get large. As they swell, they break the hardscape surfaces. That's why interlocking concrete pavers and other portable materials are so useful when working around trees.

Dear Neil: Why do the seedlings I start under grow lights for my flower and vegetable gardens end up getting so tall and spindly? They don't survive the transition to outdoor planting? I have lost them all.

Answer: That breaks my heart when somebody has that kind of experience, and unfortunately, you're not alone. This can be due to a couple of things, and I can best illustrate by telling you how a bedding plant grower will produce his or her plants. They will grow them in absolutely full sunshine, and they will grow them at 60 or 62 degrees. Grow lights provide perhaps 5 percent that amount of light, so the plants become lanky as they grow toward the light. That is made much worse very rapidly when temperatures are warm — they try to grow more rapidly. You'd be better off investing in a small cold frame or, better yet, a home hobby greenhouse or window greenhouse that would give you more light.

Dear Neil: I have a 60-foot hedge that has gaps in it. It is 8 feet tall. Is there any way to prune the plants to get them to fill in?

Answer: Oh, how I wish I knew what type of plant was involved, also whether plants in the row actually died, or what else might have happened to cause the empty spaces. Sometimes you can find the same type of plant in a large nursery container and plant it into a void to solve the problem. Of course, if the gaps happened because a sprinkler head didn't water that part of the row (to use one example), the new plant would suffer the same fate. There are too many variables for a good answer. I'd suggest you take a sharp photo (print, not on phone) to a local independent retail nursery for their suggestions. They can show you the replacement plants for the voids, if that becomes an option.

Dear Neil: We have several acres of wildflowers, and they are the joy of every springtime. Unfortunately, they are now being invaded by the horrible purple thistle. How can I control that plant monster?

Answer: If you're talking about the tall, coarse-growing thistle with very prickly leaves, you can carefully spray its growth with a broadleafed weedkiller applied individually to each clump. Obviously, any herbicide that kills thistles will also kill desirable wildflowers. They do not differentiate. It's also possible that you are calling the invasive Scabiosa atropurpurea (pincushion flower) a "thistle," although it is not prickly. Again, because it's not a grass, selective spraying with a broadleafed weedkiller before it has developed strong colonies would be your best bet. You may want to talk to your local county Extension office for more precise advice on the invasive plants that might be called thistles in your immediate area. There are many types across the state.

Orchid cacti easy to grow, beautiful in bloom



LEE REICH

Associated Press gardening columnist

The biggest problem with growing orchid cacti is figuring out just what they are.

They are cacti, but are not spiny. Their spectacular blossoms are neither orchids nor orchid-like.

Sometimes orchid cacti are called epiphyllums, which is also the botanical name of some (but not all) orchid cacti. The word epiphyllum means "on the leaf" and refers to the way the flowers just pop out from the edges of the ... well, they look like leaves but they're really just flattened stems.

Enough with the semantics! The important thing is that fat flower buds on my orchid cacti's stems are about to burst open into spectacular white, pink or scarlet blossoms. And coaxing forth these blossoms required very little effort on my part.

THIS CACTUS LOVES MOISTURE

Although orchid cacti, or epies (short for epiphyllums) as they are sometimes called, are true cacti, they are not native to deserts but to lush, tropical jungles. There, they nestle into forks in tree branches or into rock crevices where enough humus has accumulated to retain moisture. The plants enjoy soils that are both well-drained and retain moisture. I use my standard potting mix with a little extra perlite for drainage; you could also make up a mix using peat moss, compost, and perlite or sand.

Here, out of the jungle, the plants look right at home in hanging baskets, from which their arching, flattened stems, scalloped along the edges, can swoop up and out as fountains of greenery.

In contrast to the night-blooming cereus cactus, an epiphyllum species that is spectacular and fragrant the few nights that it blossoms, the flattened, green stems of orchid cactus are nice to look at year round.

On some of my plants, the stems are so thin they droop languidly right over the edge of the pots from their own weight. My white-flowered epi, in contrast, has sturdy stems that reach out a couple of feet in all directions before succumbing to gravity.

GIVE THEM A REST

In return for flowers, which last for weeks but usually appear only once a year, my epies ask for regular watering, occasional fertilizer and, once a year, a rest. The one period when epies should not be watered is, conveniently, beginning in fall when they begin their annual rest. It's always iffy watering a hanging basket indoors, when a little too much water means scurrying for a bowl to catch the dripping.

To set flower buds, the plants also allegedly need to experience the naturally long nights of autumn and winter, so they mustn't be interrupted by artificial light after dark. I used to put my plants in a bright window in a cool corner of my basement and forget about them until ready to bring them upstairs and let water and warmth bring on the flowers. I've since found that merely not watering them at all from the time they are brought indoors in autumn is sufficient to induce flower buds. Swelling flower buds indicate that it's time to start watering again.

In summer, the plants like being outdoors in filtered shade such as they might enjoy in their native haunts.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

So what are my plants, really? I still don't know. Epiphyllums and related species were first hybridized in England about 1830. At first, the only colors available were whites, pinks and reds, not much of a limitation given the drama of the blossoms. Humans will be humans though, and in 1950, breeding efforts brought forth the first yellow orchid cactus, called Reward. The original cuttings sold for $400. Perhaps blue epies are on the horizon.

The point is that epies have been so hybridized that many now have few or no epiphyllum genes in them. No matter: All the epies are easy to care for, attractive year round and stunningly beautiful in bloom.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

With shrinking landscapes should come smaller plants. There are small trees, dwarf shrubs, small ornamental grasses and petite flowering color that will fit small spaces.

Don't make the mistake of planting medium or large shrubs, large ornamental grasses and giant trees in your small garden. Large mature plants will quickly outgrow the space and turn it into a labor pit of frequent trimming, hedging and snipping.

You have to rethink plant choices in the small garden, but it is time well spent when it comes to appearance and maintenance. For example, plants from the large shrub category used in roomy landscapes can become a small tree in the tiny garden.

Here are a few plants to consider for premium space landscapes and courtyards.

Shrubs that can be trained as small trees include majestic beauty Indian hawthorn, Nellie R. Stevens' and yaupon holly, Texas mountain laurel, Arizona rosewood and evergreen sumac.

Dwarf shrubs act more like medium-size plants in petite spaces, like dwarf Indian hawthorn, autumn sage salvia, dwarf hollies, dwarf nandinas, and turpentine bush.

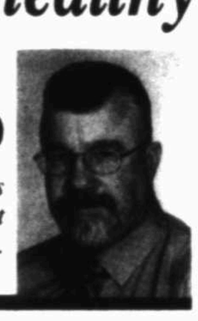
Plants that could serve as a dwarf shrub in small spaces include plants like dwarf red yucca brakelights, giant liriope, blonde ambition blue grama, autumn joy sedum, green and grey santolina. Technically, these are not true shrubs, but they could substitute as dwarf shrub under low windows or very narrow beds.

In the world of color there are several choices: dahlberg daisy, four nerve daisy, blackfoot daisy and a wide palette of other small flowering species. Except for dahlberg daisy which is an annual, all the others listed are very long blooming perennials, which makes them good choices where there is limited space.

Find landscape re-leaf by choosing plants that will grow to fit the space.

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Feeding living soil leads to healthy landscape



JEFF FLOYD

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The organisms that live in our soils represent the heart of a healthy system for growing plants. Ensuring the greatest numbers of these tiny creatures in both diversity and total population is a best management practice that helps reduce soil compaction, flush away salts from roots and provide nutrients for plant development. To increase the numbers of these spectacular helpers you need to provide them with a veritable buffet of organic matter.

During a recent webinar hosted by the United States Department of Agriculture, soil microbiologist Kristine Nichols explained there are as many as 11,000 different species of bacteria in a gram of soil. Nichols added there may be as many as 3,000 species of fungi in a cultivated soil. These microscopic organisms are the backbone of a vibrant living soil system.

What is the best way to increase the populations of these beneficial organisms? It depends on your soil type, plant species, soil moisture and a host of other variables, but the short answer is to simply feed them.

Your best opportunity to ensure your plants have good soil occurs when your home is only an idea on paper and not yet under construction. At this early stage, you may have greater control over the source of the soil that eventually will serve as the growing substrate for your plants. Develop a soil management plan. Ideally, any existing soil that must be removed can be stored nearby and covered with mulch to preserve as much as possible its natural character.

Areas that do not require grading may be marked off and protected from heavy equipment. This is particularly important for trees and shrubs. Once construction is complete, the soil may be returned to the site. If the topsoil was not amended before replacing it, this may be a good time to top dress it with a 2- or 3-inch layer of well-composted organic matter and incorporate it into the soil to a depth of about 6 inches.

Maybe you need to improve the performance of soil beneath an established lawn grass. In this scenario, proper maintenance practices are vital to restoring soil health. Up to 1/4 inch of compost can be put on the lawn and raked in evenly so the grass leaves are not smothered by excess material.

When it comes time to cut the grass, use a mulching mower and mow regularly. Never remove more than one third of the leaf blades in a single mowing. During the fall, small amounts of leaves also can be mulched into the lawn with a mower. These practices add organic material back into the soil to the great happiness of the microbes living there.

To learn other ways to improve soil performance and keep plants alive, register to attend the upcoming Home Landscape School 6:30-9:30 p.m. March 31, April 1, April 7 and April 8 at the CAF Museum, 9600 Wright. Plan to attend all four evenings. Cost is $145 for a household (two adults).

Participants will receive a free one-on-one consultation with a landscape design expert followed up by a site visit. Also included will be a design kit and lists of trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals that perform well in West Texas landscapes. Each registration packet will have two free tickets to tour the Commemorative Air Force Museum. Presenters include regional horticulture expert Debbie Frost and Extension Landscape Design Specialist Steve George. To register, go to http://westtexasgardening.org/2014_home_landscape/ or email jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu. For more information, call 498-4071.

NOVEL

From 1B

about the whole process," she said.

A lifelong reader, Banschbach was inspired by fantasy novels, films and mythological history.

"I've always kind of been into fantasy. I grew up on 'Lord of the Rings' and 'The Chronicles of Narnia,'" she said. "I guess it's just been the product of reading a lot growing up and watching that genre of movies, as well."

With "The Rise of Aredor," Banschbach knew how she wanted the story to end, so she wrote the characters and storyline accordingly.

"I guess the process was just kind of building the word and seeing what characters developed," she said. "I guess I made a lot of discoveries along the way. It kind of pieced itself together."

She crafted the ending to work with a sequel that she's already written.

Even though the books have occupied much of her spare time, Banschbach still considers writing a hobby.

After graduating in May with a degree in kinesiology, she plans to attend the physical therapy program at Texas Tech University.

So, what's on Banschbach's reading list now?

"It's been textbooks for the past three years," she said, laughing. "I actually have a stack of old science fiction books on my shelf right now that I eventually plan to read."

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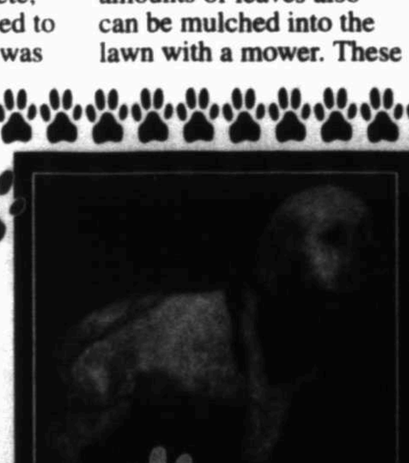
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TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 84 Low: 49

WEDNESDAY: Mostly cloudy High: 76 Low: 52

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 82 Low: 53

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 79 Low: 48

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 77 Low: 51

SUNDAY: Sunny High: 82 Low: 55

Local forecast

Expect the high temperature to move nearly 20 degrees in the next three days. Today, there is a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 a.m.

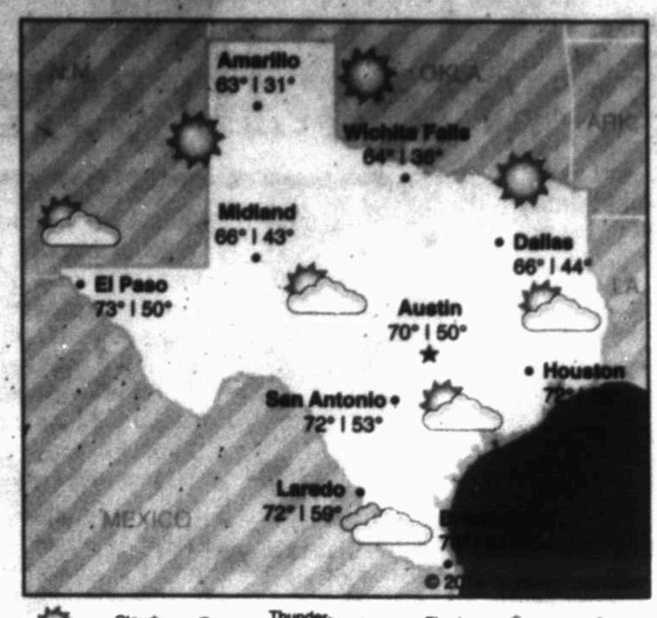
There is a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 p.m. on Wednesday.

The high on Monday reached 76, while the low dropped to 38. The record high for March 24 is 91 set in 1988 and 2012. The record low is 24 set in 2006.

Weather why

Q: There seems to be a lot of sandstorms lately. What causes sandstorms?

A. Sandstorms are caused by strong winds that occur in desert or semi-arid regions, and they carry thick clouds of dust and sand, often reducing visibility to near zero in many cases, said John Nielsen-Gammon, of Texas A&M University. In many parts of the world, such as the deserts of the Southwest U.S. or in Africa or the Middle East, sandstorms can create havoc with man and machine. "A sandstorm can last for several hours to a full day," Nielsen-Gammon said. "Most of the time, sandstorms affect only the air from about 1-3 miles high, so airplanes flying above that range are OK.



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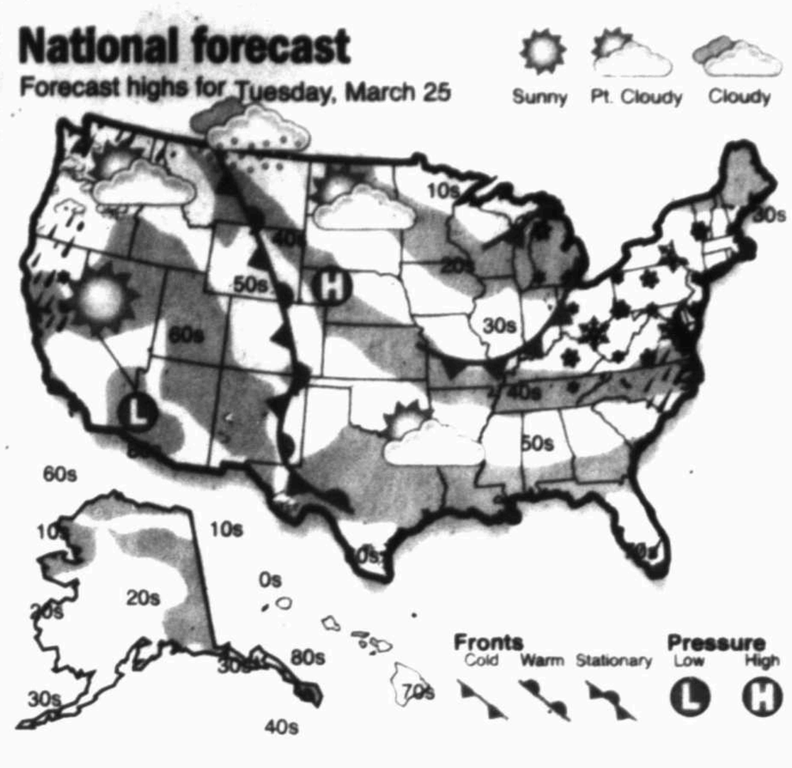
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.10 in.
Year total	0.36 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.73 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	76
Low	38
Normal high	73
Normal low	43
Sunrise	7:40 a.m.
Sunset	8:04 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, March 25



Let the bride be the guide for wedding guest list

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: My daughter is being married soon, and I need some guidance about inviting my aunt and uncle to the wedding. They live about 30 miles from us. We moved to this area four years ago, and we've had them over for dinner once and invited them another time. They declined because they were going to be out of town.

Abby, they didn't reciprocate, and in fact, didn't even invite us to their daughter's wedding, which hurt us very much. I had always considered myself close to these relatives before we moved here, so their treatment of my family and me has been painful.

My mother is telling me to turn the other cheek despite everything and invite them to my daughter's wedding. My daughter doesn't want them to attend and neither does my husband, but Mom is emphatic about inviting them "because they're family."

I would appreciate your opinion on this, Abby, because I'm between a rock and a hard place, and my emotions are pulling me apart. — BETWIXT AND BETWEEN

DEAR BETWIXT: The bride's wishes should prevail. Her happiness on her wedding day is more important than the feelings of relatives who don't bother with you, her and your family. I have always said that one should never invite guests to a wedding hoping they won't show up, because they usually do.

DEAR ABBY: I have an older friend who is 70. She doesn't have much money. She was having blood pressure problems, so I ordered a deluxe blood pressure machine for her that cost $160. It wasn't a birthday gift; I was seriously concerned for her.

I learned this week that she "loaned" it to a friend. I wrote her a note and asked her nicely to please get it back because I didn't buy it for her friend (who has plenty of money), but because I was worried about her health. She is now not speaking to me, and MY blood pressure is going up by the minute because I'm so angry. Was I out of line or is she? — HYPERFURIOUS IN ARIZONA

DEAR HYPER-FURIOUS: Relax. Breathe. What you did was a beautiful and generous gesture, but the blood pressure machine was a GIFT. Once a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient to do with as she (or he) wishes. For you to tell her to ask for it back may have been well-intentioned, but it was the wrong thing to do.

DEAR ABBY: I'm an average 17-year-old guy. I love basketball, football and girls. The problem is I'm a player, and girls say I "use" them.

I'm not ready to settle down, and I end up hurting girls and breaking many hearts. How can I cure my player habits and heal some of the hearts I've broken? — TIRED OF PLAYING

DEAR TIRED OF PLAYING: Apologize to any young woman you have misled. Then ask yourself, "How would I feel if I had been treated this way?" If you practice the Golden Rule — "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" — it will serve you well in most situations. If everyone did this, we could change the name of our planet from Earth to Paradise, and wouldn't that be heavenly?

CONFIDENTIAL TO "STUCK IN DULLSVILLE": Because you're convinced your job is a dead end, start sending out resumes. Jack London had this to say about stagnating lives: "I shall not waste my days in trying to prolong time. I shall use my time. ... The proper function of man is to live, not to exist."

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 25, 2014:

This year one of your biggest issues will be keeping your composure when life and relationships seem out of whack. You might have a tendency to blame others. Know that losing your temper will not be helpful. If you are single, relationships that you begin could feel heavy or serious. As a result, they could blow up more easily; use good sense here. If you are attached, the two of you become more expressive than you have been in the past. As a result, there could be an argument or two. Note that most fighting will be about control and being right, and could result in some distance between you. Is this what you want? AQUARIUS understands and gives good advice.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You might think that a partner is overserious and not aware of how you feel. Be careful when handling your hurt and anger. You could feel quite off-kilter. Try to sit on your discontent for a while, and then initiate a discussion in the near future. Tonight: Where the gang is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You'll want to break precedent and head in a new direction, but a partner or family member might balk at the idea. This person is more comfortable with the status quo. You could be in a situation where someone might try to test your limits. Tonight: Take the lead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Deal with a situation directly, and keep in mind that a partner can be demanding. This person might prefer to keep the situation as-is. On the other hand, a loved one is likely to disagree. Tempers could flare, so be careful. Tonight: Try a new type of cuisine.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Others tend to come to you with specific demands. You might wonder what is possible under the circumstances. Realize your limits, yet be ready for a fast change. You could find that your enthusiasm turns to anger if your expectations are not met. Tonight: Dinner for two.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Get into a project immediately if you have any desire to complete it before the day is over. Mid-afternoon will be the time to network and create more of what you desire. Defer to others as much as you can when dealing with difficult people. Tonight: You flourish around the crowds.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Speak your mind and allow greater give-and-take between you and someone else. You might feel restrained at first, but do whatever it takes to let go and start this process. You could come up with a very dynamic idea that works for both of you. Tonight: Run an errand or two.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You have the foundation for a better situation, yet you seem to be holding back. Check out an emotional investment with care — you will love the results, if you proceed. If you are not able to move forward, you could lose your temper. Tonight: Choose to do something fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Seek out a friend or loved one. You might want to reverse direction when you feel pinned down or as if you have no other choice. Listen and think in terms of gains rather than kicking the door down in frustration. Check out an investment with care. Tonight: Head on home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You might feel burdened by someone's demands, and could be wondering what to do next. If you continue on the path that is not natural for you, you probably won't be able stay even-tempered. Tempers are likely to flare. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Be forthright in how you deal with a situation. You could be in a conflict with someone with whom you regularly interact. Be careful, as what might appear to be a cushy setup could quickly degenerate. Take no one and nothing for granted. Tonight: Play it nice and easy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Not until later today will you feel at your best. You might wonder what to do if you're faced with a precarious situation. You'll know that you want to integrate some innovative change, yet you also might want to play it cool. Tonight: Choose to do something new.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You are past the point of no return. You'll feel in your mind that you must follow your chosen path. Understand exactly what you are dealing with at the present moment. A partner could be contentious when you least expect it. Tonight: Out with your best friend.

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BORN TODAY

Actress Sarah Jessica Parker (1965), singer/songwriter Elton John (1947), singer Aretha Franklin (1942)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Save the day!

Neither vulnerable. South deals

NORTH
♠ A 10 8
♥ K 9
♦ 10 7 6 3 2
♣ 9 5 2

WEST
♠ 4 3
♥ 10 6
♦ Q 9 8
♣ Q J 10 7 6 3

EAST
♠ K J 9 6 2
♥ 8 5 4
♦ A 4
♣ K 8 4

SOUTH
♠ Q 7 5
♥ A Q J 7 3 2
♦ K J 5
♣ A

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1	Pass	1NT	Pass
3	Pass	4	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

This hand was played in a duplicate event, where an overtrick can be worth its weight in diamonds. North made an aggressive, but accurate, evaluation of his hand when he raised to game. The king of trumps was a great card and aces are always good.

South won the opening club lead in hand. He didn't have the entries to lead toward his diamond honors twice and then get back to dummy to run the long diamonds or make a spade play. Instead, South drew trumps and then led a diamond away from his king-jack toward dummy's 10. What was West to do? Rising with the queen and shifting to a spade was best on this lie, but East might have had king doubleton of diamonds, or even ace-king doubleton, and rising would be a disaster.

West made the reasonable decision to duck his queen, and dummy's 10 forced the ace from East. Had East woodenly returned a club, declarer would have ruffed and played the king of diamonds followed by the jack. West could win his queen, but the ace of spades would be an entry to the good diamonds and the spade loser would disappear. East saved the day — or at least the overtrick — by shifting to the king of spades. This killed dummy's late entry and South had to surrender both a spade and a diamond settling for 10 tricks. Great defense!

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Ancient Egyptian pictograph, e.g.
6 Game, __ match
9 Signs
14 Tiny South Pacific nation
15 High-tech film effects, for short
16 Spreading like wildfire, as online videos
17 Place for a Hold 'em game
19 Breathing
20 Missouri tributary
21 Approved of, on Facebook
22 Golf club part
25 Some evergreens
26 Visualize
27 Hindu royal
28 Feels poorly
30 Lith. and Ukr. were part of it
33 Swear (to)
36 See 38-Across
38 With 36-Across, needy people
39 Located in that place, in legalese
41 Arctic wastelands
43 Slippery fish
44 Baby bed
46 Veterans Day tradition
47 Trace amount
49 Afternoon socials
51 Garden locale
52 __ de plume
54 Onetime Russian monarch
56 DUI-fighting gp.
57 Social division
59 Trojan War hero
61 Some highway ramps
62 Nabisco cookies ... and what you might cry upon solving this puzzle's three other longest answers?
66 Long-extinct birds
67 Assembly aid
68 Open-mouthed
69 Opposition
70 Sloppy farm area
71 Bedbugs, e.g.

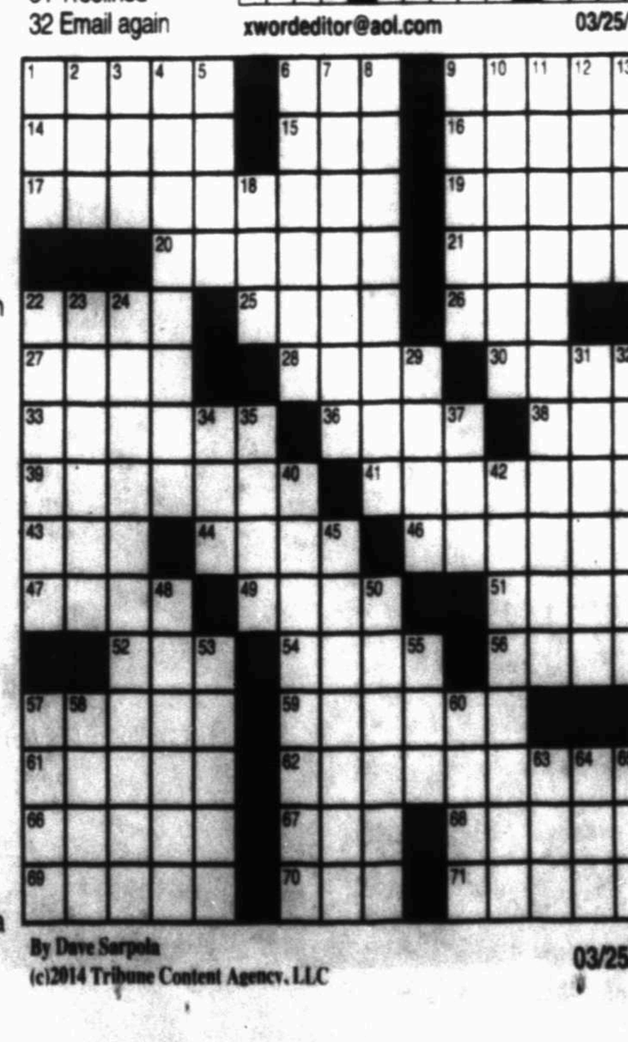
DOWN

1 Treasury Dept. variable
2 Mekong River language
3 Relative of har
4 Dressed more like an Exeter student
5 Fling
6 Nova __
7 Self-serving activity
8 Broadcaster's scheduling unit
9 Racetracks
10 Surroundings
11 Officer Frank Poncherello portrayer of '70s-'80s TV
12 Congregation area
13 Snowy day toy
18 U.K. flying squad
22 Like Parmesan, commonly
23 Newsman Dan
24 Slogan seen on computer stickers
29 Salad go-with
31 Treelined
32 Email again
34 Wall Street watchdog org.
35 Tangy
37 Genetic info transmitter
40 Dapper pins
42 Equestrian competition
45 Single or double, say
48 Deepest part
50 Rational state
53 Complicated, as a breakup
55 Sales staff member
57 Give up, as territory
58 Nervous system transmitter
60 With all haste, in memos
63 Owns
64 Get off the fence
65 Hoped-for answer to a certain proposal

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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& SHOTGUNS Stilletos

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Nina Earls looks over shoes Friday at the Junior League Shotguns and Stilettos celebration and Spring Fling Market.



Tonya Tonne shows off a shirt she found.



Beth Bradford looks over some of the items for sale.



Some of the items for sale.

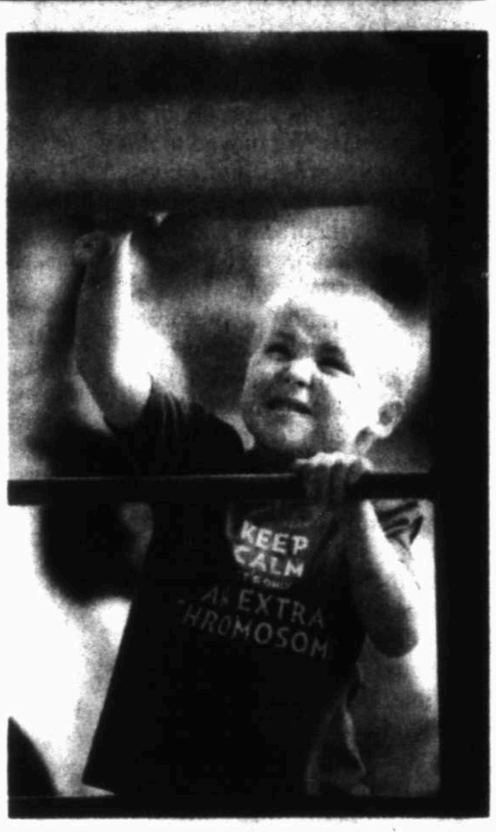


Families celebrate World Down Syndrome Day on Friday at Fasken Park.

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

Photos by James Durbin | Reporter-Telegram

















Cuban, Jones disagree on future of NFL

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

When it comes to knowledge of certain barnyard animals, Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban's got nothing on Dallas Cowboys boss Jerry Jones.

At least Jones says that's the case.

Cuban told reporters recently the NFL is getting greedy and that the league will implode in 10 years.

"Pigs get fat and hogs get slaughtered," Cuban said.

Naturally, Jones disagrees.

"I respect Mark," the Dallas Morning News quoted Jones as saying at the NFL owners meetings Monday in Orlando, Fla. "But with all due respect, I know more about pigs than Mark does.

"I was taught as a Razorback to be lean and mean, not a little fat pig," added Jones, a guard on Arkansas' 1964 national title team.

Turning serious, Jones said he understands Cuban's point that too much television exposure could weaken fan interest in the NFL.



Cuban



Jones

"I agree with him and run scared," Jones said. "Any time you're having success, then it's a fool who's not aware that that could change.

"I'm proud of the success we're having and want to continue at the league and franchise level to improve and have a better product for our fans. If we can do that, then we can maintain our relevance."

Cuban believes expanding its TV package to include Thursday night and possibly other weekday games was a bad decision by the NFL.

The league announced a one-year deal last month with CBS and the NFL Network to broadcast Thursday night games throughout the season.

Jones said it wasn't a hasty decision and came after plenty of research.

"We're not just out here putting our finger up in the breeze," Jones said. "This is based on the kind of interest we have.

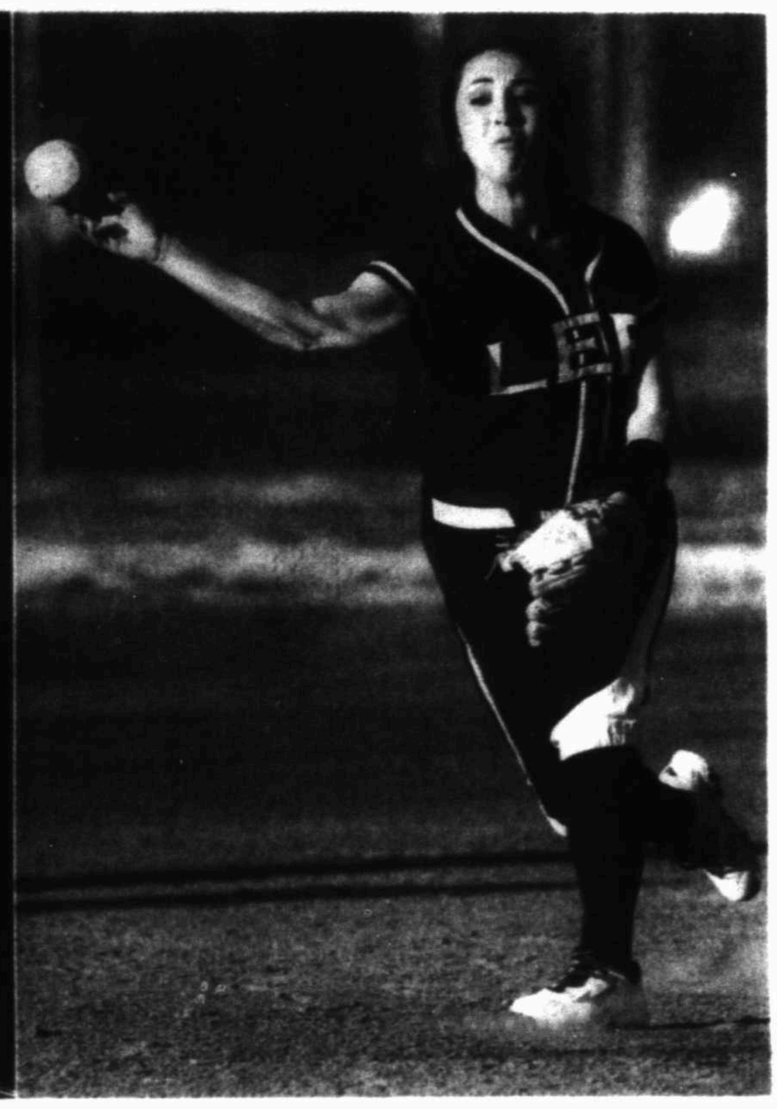
"Thursday night has not in any way impacted Monday or Sunday night or impacted Sunday afternoon. As a matter of fact, we think it has enhanced the interest."

In other news, Jones said the club has filed a complaint with the NFL against former Cow-

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At the halfway point





Left photo by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram
Right photo by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

LEFT: Midland High's Stefani Baeza pitches during a Feb. 25 game. **RIGHT:** Lee's Ciara Sheppard throws during a Feb. 20 game. The District 2-5A softball season has hit the halfway point.

Plenty to be settled in 2-5A's second half

By Len Hayward
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The District 2-5A season has hit the halfway point, or as close as can be considering the Abilene High-Lee game has to be finished. That's a story in and of itself.

But as today's games hit the field, the district race has cleared up some, but there is plenty still to be decided.

Lubbock Coronado has separated itself as a district title favorite, but the other three playoff spots will be up for grabs over these next three to four weeks.

So here's a breakdown of teams in the district and what to look for in the second half of 2-5A play.

Lubbock Coronado

Record: 21-2, 8-0 in 2-5A

3 Key games in the second half: vs. Odessa Permian, April 5; vs. Midland High, April 8; vs. Lee, April 15

What to expect in the second half: The Mustangs have certainly proven that they are the class of the league and are worthy of the No. 10 ranking by the Texas Girls Coaches Association in the Class 5A poll. With Monique Garcia pitching, the Lady Mustangs have arguably the best pitcher in the district and they are going to be tough to beat.

Lee

Record: 12-8, 5-2 in 2-5A

3 Key games in the second half: vs. MHS, Saturday; vs. Lubbock Coronado, April 15; at Odessa Permian, April 17

What to expect in the second half: The Lady Rebels being in this position is a little surprising considering the issues they've had with pitching this year. Kylee Olivas has been solid in some starts, but in every game who will pitch is still a question mark. The Lady Rebels, though, still have a potent lineup, led by Ciara Sheppard, and it could make a difference.

Midland High

Record: 12-6, 5-3 in 2-5A

3 Key games in the second half: at Lee, Saturday; vs. Odessa Permian, April 4; at Lubbock Coronado, April 8

What to expect in the second half: The Lady Bulldogs will be tested over the first few games of the second half. Beginning with today's game against Odessa High, MHS will take on Abilene High, Lee and Odessa Permian in consecutive games. This will be a key stretch for the Lady Bulldogs. But they seem to have found their stride so far this season, and Stefani Baeza has been pitching well. Plus, under coach Shawnda Vines, the Lady Bulldogs tend to get better as the season progresses.

Odessa Permian

Record: 13-6, 5-3 in 2-5A

3 Key games in the second half: at MHS, April 4; vs. OHS, April 8; vs. Lee, April 17

What to expect in the second half: The Lady Panthers are in the playoff mix, and if they can split with the two Midland teams over the second half could be in the postseason. Left-handed pitcher Elizabeth Craig has been solid so far this season and will be key to the Lady Panthers' success.

■ SOFTBALL INSIDER

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MHS, Lee soccer teams set playoff dates

From staff reports

Soccer playoff matchups have been set up for the three Midland ISD soccer teams that have qualified for the playoffs, and all three teams will play on Thursday.

Both Midland High teams will play their Class 5A bi-district games at the Mack Chase Soccer Complex in Artesia, N.M.

The Midland High boys will face El Paso El Dorado at 4 p.m. (CDT) on Thursday. The Bulldogs finished second in District 2-5A and will head into the playoffs with a 12-4-3 overall record.

The Midland High girls will play at 6 p.m. (CDT) at the same venue and will take on El Paso Coronado. The Lady Bulldogs also finished second in 2-5A and will take an 11-5-4 record into the postseason.

The Lee boys, who tied for third but will be the fourth seed out of the district, will take on El Paso Eastwood at 7 p.m. Thursday at Ralph Bowyer Caveman Stadium in Carlsbad, N.M., in its bi-district matchup.

The Rebels have a 15-5-3 overall record.

Rangers C Soto out 10-12 weeks with knee tear

Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Texas catcher Geovany Soto has a tear in his right knee that will sideline him for 10 to 12 weeks, the latest injury setback for the Rangers.

A day after Soto's knee locked up and forced him to leave a game against San Diego in the second inning, the Rangers said Monday was out for a while. He will have surgery on Wednesday to repair torn cartilage.

On Sunday, the team announced that second baseman Jurickson Profar would miss at least 10 weeks with a torn muscle in his right shoulder.



Soto

"We've lost two everyday players and there is no way to sugarcoat that," Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said Monday. "It is what it is. We'll look towards our depth and see where we go from here."

This will be Soto's second surgery this spring training. He had a procedure on his left foot on Feb. 22 and had played in only six exhibition games, going 4 for 12.

Soto hit .245 in 54 games in 2013 with Texas.

"It's really unfortunate," Soto said. "I feel devastated, but it's something I can't control."

With Soto out, J.P. Arencibia and Robinson Chirinos are the top candidates to start at catcher.

Arencibia hit .194 in 138 games last season with Toronto. Chirinos spent most of last season with Triple-A Round Rock, and also hit .179 in 13 games with Texas.

"I haven't decided yet," manager Ron Washington said. "Right now I've got him and Chirinos."

When asked about Arencibia's defense, Washington replied, "I haven't seen a whole lot of Arencibia at his best."

Chirinos has hit .435 in spring training, but has only 23 at-bats.

The Rangers continue to explore options to find a replacement for Profar.

Texas brought back lefty-hitting infielder Kensuke Tanaka and started

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Thompson resigns as Greenwood boys basketball coach

By Len Hayward
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The Greenwood boys basketball program will be looking for its third head coach in four years this spring as Cliff Thompson confirmed on Monday that he has turned in his resignation.

Thompson spent one season at Greenwood after taking over for Zach Boxell last spring, and said he has resigned to pursue other coaching opportunities outside of the Midland-Odessa area.

Thompson, 30, cited that since he and his wife had their first child in November and said after his wife moved to working part-time they struggled to find affordable housing in the Midland area. Thompson said they have decided to pursue other options in other parts of the state.



Thompson

"We both wanted her to be at home more with the baby, and we decided it was better for her to work part-time and it's tough to find housing out here with 1 1/2 incomes," Thompson said. "Nothing crazy happened. A baby changes everything."

Thompson finished his fourth year as a head coach as he spent his first three years in Big Spring before coming to Greenwood. The Rangers were 7-21 this past season and finished in fourth place in District 4-3A and qualified for the playoffs.

Greenwood lost to District 3-3A champion Fabens, 66-56, in the Class 3A bi-district round.

Thompson said he is leaving the program on good terms and will continue to run the off-season program until a new coach is found.

"It was a good job," Thompson said. "The younger groups coming up had some success and the future is bright. Coach (Shad) Hanna treated me well and everybody in Greenwood treated me great. They just can't buy me a house. I went ahead and let them know early."

Hanna, who is Greenwood's athletic director and head football coach, said they are likely to start interviews next week and want to get the position filled as quickly as they can.

He said that Thompson was a "great asset" to the program.

"I thought he did an exceptional job with the program," Hanna said on Monday night. "He put us in position to win every game, and we lost some really close ones. He took a team and put them in the playoffs."

Thompson, who is a native of McCamey, said he has begun to make some contacts around the state about potential openings, but said he did enjoy his time at Greenwood. He also said this is the first time in his career that he has resigned from a job without having another job lined up.

"The truth of it is, I'll be able to find a job somewhere, it may not be what I want but my pride is not to the point where I can't be an assistant," Thompson said. "I would like to have a head job somewhere, but if it's better for my family (to be an assistant) I'm OK with it."

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV

COLLEGE BASEBALL
Florida State at Florida, 5 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus

MLB
Preseason, Atlanta vs. Detroit, Noon, ESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
NIT, quarterfinal, 6 p.m., ESPN
NIT, quarterfinal, 8 p.m., ESPN

NBA
Oklahoma City at Dallas, 7 p.m., TNT
New York at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m., TNT

NHL
Detroit at Columbus, 6:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network
Dallas at Chicago, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

SOCCER
Premier League, Manchester City at Manchester United, 2:45 p.m., NBC Sports Network

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
NCAA Division I tournament, second round, 6 p.m., ESPN2
NCAA Division I tournament, second round, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
Abilene High at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.
Lee at Abilene Cooper, 4:30 p.m.
Big Spring at Greenwood, 7 p.m.
Midland Christian at Brownfield, 7 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL
Big Spring at Greenwood, 5 p.m.
Midland High at Odessa High, 6:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL
University of Southwest at UTPB, 1 p.m. (DH)

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF
District 3-2A Tournament, Big Spring

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Baseball America Top 25

	Record	Pvs
1. Florida State	19-4	2
2. South Carolina	19-3	1
3. Virginia	18-4	3
4. Louisiana-Lafayette	22-2	5
5. Cal Poly	19-4	7
6. Oregon State	19-4	4
7. Vanderbilt	20-5	6
8. LSU	20-4	8
9. Cal State Fullerton	13-8	9
10. Rice	19-6	11
11. Oregon	17-5	12
12. Texas	19-5	15
13. Mississippi	21-4	20
14. Louisville	17-6	14
15. UC Santa Barbara	17-3	19
16. Mississippi State	17-9	21
17. Houston	19-4	23
18. UCLA	14-8	22
19. Kentucky	17-7	—
20. Clemson	14-9	13
21. Auburn	17-8	—
22. Tennessee	19-4	18
23. Georgia Tech	15-9	—
24. North Carolina	15-8	17
25. N.C. State	14-8	10

Collegiate Baseball Poll

	Record	Pts	Pr
1. Louisiana-Lafayette	22-2	493	6
2. South Carolina	19-3	490	1
3. Florida State	19-4	488	2
4. Virginia	18-4	486	4
5. Vanderbilt	20-5	485	3
6. LSU	20-4-1	483	7
7. Oregon	17-5	481	8
8. Oregon State	19-5	478	5
9. Cal Poly	19-4	475	10
10. UC Santa Barbara	17-3	472	15
11. Louisville	17-6	468	9
12. Mississippi	21-4	466	16
13. Cal State Fullerton	13-8	465	13
14. Rice	19-6	462	21
15. Texas	19-6	460	19
16. Mississippi State	17-9	457	24
17. Kentucky	17-7	455	—
18. Houston	19-4	451	—
19. Washington	16-5-1	450	—
20. Auburn	17-8	446	29
21. Tennessee	19-4	443	14
22. Seton Hall	15-4	442	22
23. UCLA	14-8	441	23
24. North Carolina	15-8	438	12
25. Maryland	16-6	436	—
26. VCU	20-3	433	—
27. N.C. State	14-8	431	11
28. Clemson	14-9	427	26
29. Baylor	13-10	426	—
30. FIU	20-4	423	30

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball
MLB — Suspended Tampa Bay RHP Alex Colome 50 games after testing positive for Boldenone.

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Traded INF Alex Gonzalez to Detroit for INF Steve Lombardozzi Designated C Johnny Monell for assignment.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with LHP Jose Quintana on a five-year contract.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned RHP Trevor Bauer and RHP C.C. Lee to Columbus (IL). Reassigned INFs David Cooper and Bryan LaHair to minor league camp. Granted RHP Aaron Harang his unconditional release.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Optioned RHP Josh Zeid to Oklahoma City (PCL). Reassigned OF Adron Chambers and C Rene Garcia to minor league camp. Released INF Cesar Izturis.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Optioned OF Jimmy Paredes to Omaha (PCL). Assigned RHP Jon Rauch and C Adam Moore to minor league camp.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Optioned RHPs Ryan Pressly and Michael Tonkin and C Chris Herrmann to Rochester (IL). Reassigned LHPs Matt Hoffman and Aaron Thompson, RHP Deolis Guerra, OF Willkin Ramirez and INFs Doug Bernier and Deibinson Romero to minor league camp. Granted RHP Matt Guerrier his unconditional release.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Released RHP Scott Baker.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned OF Anthony Gose to Buffalo (IL). Assigned C Mike Nickeas and INFs Chris Getz and Steve Tolleson to minor league camp.

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Optioned LHP Ryan Buchter and OFs Jose Constanza and Joey Terdoslavich to Gwinnett (IL). Reassigned INFs Tyler Greene and Tommy La Stella to Gwinnett. Granted RHP Freddy Garcia his unconditional release. Agreed to terms with RHP Aaron Harang on a one-year contract.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Waived 1B/3B Juan Francisco for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release.
NEW YORK METS — Named Luis Naters assistant hitting coach. Released RHP Kyle Farnsworth.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned RHP Jesse Hahn to San Antonio (PCL). Reassigned C Austin Hedges to minor league camp.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Optioned OF Randal Grichuk to the Memphis (IL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Reassigned RHP Blake Treinen to minor league camp. Released C Chris Snyder.

American Association
GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS — Traded RHP Josh Stowen to Laredo for OF John Allen.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Released RHP Danny Meszaros.

Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed LHP Matt Way.

Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed RHP Shaun Ellis.
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed RHP Joey Housey.
TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed LHP Alex Burkard.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Signed G Casper Ware to a 10-day contract.

Women's National Basketball Association
CONNECTICUT SUN — Signed G Katie Douglas to a two-year contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed CB R.J. Stanford.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Agreed to terms with OL Paul McQuistan.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed LB Arthur Moats to a one-year contract.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Re-signed WR Kassim Osgood to a one-year contract. HOCKEY

National Hockey League
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Signed D Justin Faulk to a six-year contract extension.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to terms with D Trevor van Riemsdyk on a two-year contract.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Recalled D Tim Erixon from Springfield (AHL). Returned D Frederic St. Denis on loan to Springfield.
DALLAS STARS — Recalled F Dustin Jeffrey from Texas (AHL). Reassigned F Chris Mueller to Texas.
DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled LW Mitch Callahan from Grand Rapids (AHL). Assigned C Landon Ferraro to Grand Rapids.
FLORIDA PANTHERS — Reassigned LW Garrett Wilson to San Antonio (AHL).
OTTAWA SENATORS — Reassigned G Andrew Hammond to Binghamton (AHL).

Central Hockey League
ALLEN AMERICANS — Waived D Daniel Barnes and G Eric Levine.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer
COLUMBUS CREW — Announced the resignation of president Mark McCullers, effective April 30.

COLLEGE
BOWLING GREEN — Named Chris Jans men's basketball coach.
BUTLER — Announced men's freshman basketball F Nolan Berry will transfer to another school.
CARSON-NEWMAN — Announced the resignation of men's golf coach John Minor.
DAYTON — Signed men's basketball coach Archie Miller to a contract extension through the 2018-19 season.
GEORGE WASHINGTON — Granted sophomore F Paris Maragkos his release to transfer from the men's basketball program.
HOUSTON — Announced the resignation of men's basketball coach James Dickey.
INDIANA — Announced men's sophomore basketball Fs Austin Etherington and Jeremy Hollowell are transferring.
MINNESOTA STATE-MANKATO — Named Bryant Black men's associate head golf coach.
PENN — Named M. Grace Calhoun athletic director, effective July 1.
SOUTH DAKOTA — Named Craig Smith men's basketball coach.
WEST VIRGINIA — Announced men's sophomore basketball G Eron Harris plans to transfer

FIGHT SCHEDULE

March 26
At Tokyo, Dereksaxen Kavkichi vs. Kohei Kono, 12, for the vacant WBA World super flyweight

March 28
At 4 Bears Casino & Lodge, New Town, S.D. (ESPN2), "Rocino" lightweight tournament semifinals: Chris Rudd vs. Petr Petrov; Miguel Gonzalez vs. Fernando Carcamo (8 rounds)

March 29
At Berlin, Ivan Pablo Hernandez vs. Pawel Kolodziej, 12, for Hernandez's IBF cruiserweight title
At Newcastle, England, Stuart Hall vs. Martin Ward, 12, for Hall's IBF bantamweight title
At the Ballroom, Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, N.J. (HBO), Sergey Kovalev vs. Cedric Agnew, 12, for Kovalev's WBO light heavyweight title; Thomas Dulorme vs. Karim Mayfield, 10, for the vacant NABF junior welterweight title; Lionell Thompson vs. Radivoje Kolajsic, 10, cruiserweights.

April 3
At Fantasy Springs Casino, Indio, Calif. (FS1), Luis Ortiz vs. Monte Barrett, 10, heavyweights; Gerald Washington vs. Shlapp Scott, 10, heavyweights.

April 4
At Laccuosa Center (NBCSN), Philadelphia, Amir Mansour vs. Steve Cunningham, 10, for the USBA heavyweight title; Curtis Stevens vs. Tureano Johnson, 10, middleweights.

April 5
At Stadthalle, Rostock, Germany, Juergen Braehmer vs. Enzo Maccarinelli, 12, for Braehmer's WBA World light heavyweight title; Tyron Zeuge vs. Chinagho Sebbe, 10, super middleweights.
At Chihuahua, Mexico, Marco Antonio Rubio vs. Domenico Spada, 12, for the interim WBC middleweight title.

April 6
At Tokyo, Akira Yaegashi vs. Odilon Zaleta, 12, for Yaegashi's WBC flyweight title; Adrian Hernandez vs. Naoya Inoue, 12, for Hernandez's WBC junior flyweight title.

April 11
At Las Vegas (ESPN2), Gilberto Ramirez vs. Giovanni Lorenzo, 10, super middleweights.

April 12
At MGM Grand, Las Vegas (PPV), Timothy Bradley vs. Manny Pacquiao, 12, for Bradley's WBO welterweight title; Raymundo Beltran vs. Roman Martinez, 12, for the vacant WBO-NABF lightweight title; Khadzi Aldashimov vs. Jessie Vargas, 12, for Aldashimov's WBA-IBO junior welterweight title; Bryan Vasquez vs. Jose Felix Jr., 12, for the interim WBA World super featherweight title; Beanie Monaghan vs. Joe McCready, 10, for Monaghan's WBC Continental Americas light heavyweight title.

April 14
At UIC Pavilion, Chicago (FS1), Ronny Rios vs. Andrew Cancio, 10, junior lightweights.

April 16
At Turning Stone Resort & Casino, Verona, N.Y. (ESPN2), "Boxcino" middleweight tournament semifinals: Vitalii Kopylenko vs. Willie Monroe Jr.; Brandon Adams vs. Raymond Gatica (8 rounds)

April 19
At TBA, Juan Francisco Estrada vs. Joebert Alvarez, 12, for Estrada's WBA Super World-WBO flyweight titles.
At Manchester, England, Scott Quigg vs. Nehomar Cermeno, 12, for Quigg's WBA World junior featherweight title.
At the D.C. Armory in Washington, D.C. (SHO) Bernard Hopkins vs. Beibut Shumenov, 12, for the WBA Super World-IBF-IBA light heavyweight titles; Peter Quillin vs. Lukas Konecny, 12, for Quillin's WBO middleweight title; Shawn Porter vs. Paulie Malignaggi, 12, for Porter's IBF welterweight title.

April 23
At Osaka, Japan, Shinsuke Yamanaka vs. Stephane Jamoye, 12, for Yamanaka's WBC bantamweight title; Kiko Martinez vs. Hozumi Hasegawa, 12, for Martinez's IBF junior featherweight title.

April 24
At Agua Caliente Casino, Rancho Mirage, Calif. (ESPN2), Josesito Lopez vs. Aaron Martinez, 10, light welterweights; Thomas Williams Jr. vs. Enrique Ornelas, 10, light heavyweights.

April 26
Moscow, Russia, Denis Lebedev vs. Guillermo Jones, 12, for Lebedev's WBA World cruiserweight title

April 26
At Oberhausen, Germany, Wladimir Klitschko, vs. Alex Leapai, 12, for Klitschko's IBF-WBO-IBO-WBA Super World heavyweight titles.

April 28
At Bayamon, Puerto Rico (FS1), Michael Perez vs. Jorge Romero, 10, junior welterweights; Mickie Woods vs. Nelson Aquino, 12, IBF junior bantamweight eliminator.

May 1
At Hialeah (Fla.) Park Race Track (ESPN2), Robert Garcia vs. Victor Cayo, 10, welterweights.

May 2
At the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Erislandy Lara vs. Ishe Smith, 12, for Lara's WBA World light middleweight title.

May 3
At Las Vegas (SHO), Floyd Mayweather Jr. vs. Marcos Maidana, 12, for Mayweather's WBC-WBA Super World welterweight titles.

May 10
At USC Galen Center, Los Angeles (ESPN), Bermane Stiverne vs. Chris Arreola, rematch, 12, for the vacant WBC heavyweight title. May 17
At the Forum, Inglewood, Calif. (HBO), Juan Manuel Marquez vs. Mike Alvarado, 12, WBO welterweight eliminator.

HSBASEBALL

BY LEN HAYWARD

DISTRICT 2-5A
ABILENE HIGH
AT MIDLAND HIGH
When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Zachery Field
Records: Midland High 13-6, 7-0 in District 2-5A; Abilene High 9-8, 5-1
Last district game: Midland High 7, Amarillo Tascosa 0; Abilene High 12, Odessa Permian 2
Notes: The Bulldogs and Eagles will play the marquee game on today's District 2-5A. Midland High has won six straight district games and has a game-and-half lead on the Eagles and San Angelo Central in the 2-5A standings. Midland High's latest win was a 7-0 victory against Amarillo Tascosa on Tuesday as the Bulldogs scored seven runs in the first inning. Meanwhile, MHS starter Lance White threw a three-hit shutout. ... Midland High coach Barry Russell said the Eagles will be a tough test for the Bulldogs today, and he said that they will come ready to play. "Everybody you talk to, the first words out of their mouths is that he's got them playing hard," Russell said after Saturday's game. "He's really got them playing hard. The worst thing somebody can say about your team is that they don't play hard, the thing somebody can say about your team is, 'Boy, they sure are playing hard.' To me that says a lot." ... Jackson Lancaster will likely start today's game against the Eagles and is 4-0 in 2-5A play this season. ... The Eagles' lone loss this season came on March 15 to San Angelo Central. ... Payton Coffman pitched all five innings for Abilene High on Saturday in its run-rule victory against Permian on Saturday, allowing five runs.
Next: Odessa Permian at Midland High, 4:30 p.m. April 4; Abilene Cooper at Abilene High, 1 p.m. Saturday

LEE AT ABILENE COOPER
When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Cougar Field, Abilene
Records: Lee 6-11, 0-6 in District 2-5A; Abilene Cooper 7-8, 3-3
Last district game: Lubbock Coronado 12, Lee 1, 5 innings; Amarillo Tascosa 11, Abilene Cooper 3 on March 18

HS baseball stats

Midland High
(13-6, 7-0)
Note: District games only
Hitting

Player	Avg.	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO
A. Ybarra	.262	42	7	11	7	0	0	0	3	8
T. Bunton	.500	10	4	5	1	0	0	0	1	3
B. Bunton	.500	10	4	5	1	0	0	0	1	3
A. Sutton	.375	8	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	2
J. Lancaster	.333	15	0	5	1	1	0	0	0	3
L. Williams	.313	16	5	5	1	1	0	0	2	4
C. Wells	.280	25	3	7	3	0	0	0	0	8
K. Fletcher	.261	23	4	6	2	1	0	0	2	10
J. Vaughn	.250	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
C. Vaughn	.000	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
S. Hoover	.235	17	4	4	2	0	0	0	2	5
G. Sanchez	.200	24	0	5	2	1	0	0	0	6
S. Edmondson	.000	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
B. Dodd	.000	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M. Gray	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R. Goodrum	.000	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	.321	199	42	64	22	4	1	0	13	48

Pitching

Player	W	L	S	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
J. Lancaster	4	0	0	1.40	25.0	14	8	5	13	28
L. White	2	1	0	0.54	13.0	5	2	1	3	19
G. Grobeck	1	0	0	1.27	11.0	5	2	2	3	9
Totals	7	1	1	1.14	49	29	11	8	21	47

Lee
(6-11, 0-6)
Note: District games only
Hitting

Player	Avg.	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO
J. Schwalbach	.385	13	1	5	1	1	0	0	3	6
D. Milo	.375	8	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	2
R. Calhoun	.333	21	3	7	2	0	0	0	0	4
H. Coleman	.286	14	4	4	0	0	0	0	7	0
B. Blessie	.283	18	2	5	1	0	0	0	2	4
B. Chafin	.182	22	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
T. Martinez	.143	7	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
A. Maddox	.111	9	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	4
G. Quintero	.077	13	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
E. Mata	.034	19	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	8
M. Escajedo	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
E. Roper	.000	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
M. Martinez	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	.200	155	14	32	10	7	0	0	16	46

Pitching

Player	W	L	S	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
M. Escajedo	0	1	0	3.32	6.1	13	6	3	2	12
B. Blessie	0	2	0	7.70	10.0	18	16	11	2	9
E. Mata	0	3	0	4.07	22.1	27	19	13	6	20
Totals	0	6	0	4.88	38.2	58	43	27	10	41

District 2-5A standings

BASEBALL

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

Saturday's Scores
Midland High 7, Amarillo Tascosa 0
Lubbock Coronado 12, Lee 1, 5 innings
San Angelo Central 13, Odessa High 0, 5 innings
Abilene High 12, Odessa Permian 2, 6 innings

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

Notes: The Rebels are still looking for their first victory in District 2-5A after a run-rule loss to Lubbock Coronado where the Mustangs scored 10 runs in the fifth inning. The loss was also compounded by four Lee errors during the five-inning game. ... Lee has lost six of its last seven games overall. But the Rebels are still within striking distance of a playoff spot as they are three games behind Amarillo Tascosa and Abilene Cooper, who are tied for third place. Lee has 10 games remaining on its district schedule. ... Abilene Cooper has not played since an 11-3 loss to Amarillo Tascosa on March 18 that was the Cougars' second straight district loss. ... Blake Blessie will likely take the mound for the Rebels today. Blessie last pitched against San Angelo Central last Tuesday and is 0-2 in District 2-5A play with nine strikeouts in 10 innings. ...
Next: Lee at Amarillo Tascosa, 1 p.m. Saturday; Abilene Cooper at Abilene High, 1 p.m. Saturday

DISTRICT 4-3A
BIG SPRING
AT GREENWOOD
When/where: 7 p.m. today, Greenwood HS baseball field
Records: Greenwood 14-7, 0-2 in District 4-3A; Big Spring 9-10, 0-2
Last district game: Abilene Wylie 7, Greenwood 5; Sweetwater 9, Big Spring 6
Notes: The Rangers are still looking for their first district win after a tough loss to Abilene Wylie on Friday. Greenwood coach Stephen Rodriguez said his squad has played well in two district games, but has to be able to continue to put runs on the board. "I just want us to play solid defense, have good pitching and put together good at-bats," Rodriguez said. "When we get guys on we need to put them across in our district. This district is so tough we've got to score runs and keep them from scoring runs." ... Rodriguez said that either Braydin Moreland or Victor Urias will start today's game for the Rangers.
Next: Greenwood at Snyder, 7 p.m. Friday; Monahans at Big Spring, 7 p.m. Friday

HSSOFTBALLCAPSULES

BY LEN HAYWARD

TODAY'S GAMES
DISTRICT 2-5A
MIDLAND HIGH
AT ODESSA HIGH
When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, Ratliff Softball Complex, Odessa
Records: Midland High 12-6, 5-3 in District 2-5A; Odessa High 12-5, 5-3
Last district game: Midland High 13, Amarillo Tascosa 0, 5 innings; Odessa High 3, Abilene High 2
Next: Abilene High at Midland High, 4:30 p.m. Friday; Lubbock Coronado at Odessa High, 6:30 p.m.

DISTRICT 4-3A
BIG SPRING
AT GREENWOOD
When/where: 5 p.m. today, Greenwood HS softball field
Records: Greenwood 9-11, 2-1 in District 4-3A; Big Spring 1-2 in District 4-3A
Last district game: Big Spring 8, Sweetwater 6
Next: Greenwood at Snyder, 5 p.m. Friday; Monahans at Big Spring, 5 p.m. Friday

HALFWAY

From 1C

Odessa High
Record: 12-5, 5-3 in 2-5A
3 Key games in the second half: vs. MHS, today; vs. Lee, April 4; vs. Odessa Permian, April 8
What to expect in the second half: The Lady Bronchos are in the cluster of teams that will be fighting for those final three playoff spots. OHS lost to both Midland teams in the first half and Lubbock Coronado, but beat rival Permian which put them in this position. If they can get a win over at least one Midland team and beat Permian again, they could be playing in the postseason.

District 2-5A Standings
SOFTBALL

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Lubbock Coronado	8	0	21	2
Lee	5	2	12	8
Midland High	5	3	12	6
Odessa Permian	5	3	13	6
Odessa High	5	3	12	5
Abilene High	3	4	8	9
San Angelo Central	3	5	7	7
Abilene Cooper	1	7	5	12
Amarillo Tascosa	0	8	3	15

Friday's Score
Midland High 13, Amarillo Tascos 0, 5 innings

Saturday's Scores
Lee 8, Abilene Cooper 5
Odessa High 3, Abilene High 2
Lubbock Coronado 16, San Angelo Central 3
Odessa Permian 17, Amarillo Tascosa 1

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

Abilene High
Record: 8-9, 3-4 in 2-5A
Key games in the second half: at MHS, Friday; at Lee, April 5; OHS, April 12
What to expect in the second half: The Lady Eagles had an interesting first half, especially with the rescheduled game against Lee. That makes things tough on Abilene High in the second half, and Friday will begin a key three-game stretch against Midland High, Permian and Lubbock Coronado.

San Angelo Central, Abilene Cooper and Amarillo Tascosa
Records: Central, 7-7, 3-5 in 2-5A; Cooper, 5-12, 1-7; Amarillo Tascosa 3-15, 0-8
What to expect in the second half: Central is the only team in this trio that has a real playoff chance, but will have to upset some teams along the way to do it. Cooper and Tascosa have struggled from the start of the district season.

MCS TO PLAY AT OC ON SATURDAY
Midland Christian will play its TAPPS 1-4A doubleheader against Fort Worth Southwest Christian at Odessa College's field on Saturday. The games will also serve as a fundraiser for MCS grad Maranda Galindo, who is battling cancer. Also, Midland College and Odessa College will play their doubleheader, beginning at 2 p.m. at the same venue.

RANGERETTES GET KEY WIN
The Greenwood softball team will take on Big Spring today feeling a little bit more confident after a victory against Abilene Wylie on the road on Friday. The Rangerettes (9-11, 2-1 in District 4-3A) rallied for the victory by scoring three runs in the seventh inning.

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HSBASEBALL/SOFTBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

BASEBALL
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 6
LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN 0
Midland Christian scored all six of its runs in the first two innings to take a 6-0 non-district victory against Lubbock Christian on Monday at Christensen Stadium.
The Mustangs scored three in the first off a three-run home run by Nathan Slayter, and then added three more runs in the second.
Slayter was 1-for-3 with three RBI on the day, and Nolan Schattel had two hits. Jeran Rodriguez was 1-for-3 with a triple and two RBI.
Grant Little gave up two hits in seven innings of work, and had four strikeouts as he faced 23 batters, two over the seven-inning minimum. He also only had 60 pitches in seven innings.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 6, LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN 0

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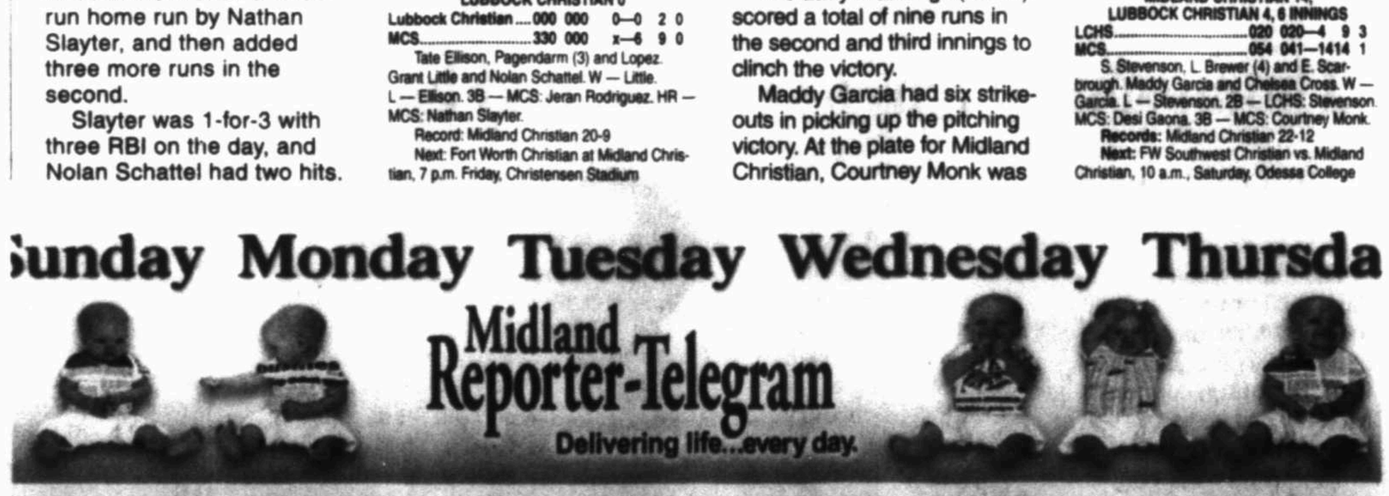
Tate Ellison, Pagendarm (3) and Lopez. Grant Little and Nolan Schattel. W — Little. L — Ellison. 3B — MCS: Jeran Rodriguez. HR — MCS: Nathan Slayter.
Record: Midland Christian 20-9
Next: Fort Worth Christian at Midland Christian, 7 p.m. Friday, Christensen Stadium

SOFTBALL
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 14
LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN 4
The Midland Christian softball team rolled to a 14-4 run-rule victory against Lubbock Christian High School in a non-district game at the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex on Monday.
The Lady Mustangs (22-12) scored a total of nine runs in the second and third innings to clinch the victory.
Maddy Garcia had six strikeouts in picking up the pitching victory. At the plate for Midland Christian, Courtney Monk was 3-for-3 with two RBI, and Bailey Weaver was 4-for-4. Bianca Ambrosio was 1-for-2, and was also hit by three pitches.
The Lady Mustangs will return to TAPPS 1-4A action on Saturday against Fort Worth Southwest Christian at Odessa College in a doubleheader beginning at 10 a.m.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 14, LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN 4, 6 INNINGS

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S. Stevenson, L. Brewer (4) and E. Scarbrough. Maddy Garcia and Chelsea Cross. W — Garcia. L — Stevenson. 2B — LCHS: Stevenson. MCS: Desi Giona, 3B — MCS: Courtney Monk.
Records: Midland Christian 22-12
Next: FW Southwest Christian vs. Midland Christian, 10 a.m., Saturday, Odessa College







Lee's Adkisson tied for 3rd in 2-5A golf

From staff reports

ABILENE — Lee sophomore golfer Alexis Adkisson shot an 86 on Monday at Abilene Country Club and is sitting in a tie for third after the second round of the District 2-5A Girls Golf Tournament.

Adkisson shot an 88 in last Thursday's first round at Green Tree Country Club and is now at 174 for the tournament and is tied with Odessa Permian's Sydney McCullough for third place.

If Adkisson can hold her position she will earn one of the two individual regional berths from the district.

The Lee squad shot a 357 on Monday as a team and is now at 727 for the tournament in fourth, three strokes out of third place and 30 strokes behind second-place San Angelo Central. Sophie Sutter had the best round of the day for the Rebels, shooting an 86.



Adkisson

Midland High shot 403 as a team as Kathryn McGowan shot a 93 and is sitting at 188 for the tournament.

Odessa Permian's top team leads the tournament after shooting a 341 on Monday and is at 683 overall, and Central's Kamryn Cummings leads the medalist standings after shooting 78 on Monday and is at 151 for the tournament.

The three-round tournament will conclude on April 7 at Wild Horse Golf Course in Amarillo.

District 2-5A Girls Golf Tournament
Second Round
Monday
Abilene Country Club

Team Standings: 1. Odessa Permian I, 342-341—683; 2. San Angelo Central I, 342-355—697; 3. Odessa High I, 365-359—724; 4. Lee I, 370-357—727; 5. Odessa Permian II, 364-365—729; 6. Abilene Cooper I, 391-387—778; 7. Odessa High II, 396-385—781; 8. Lubbock Coronado I, 402-398—794; 9. Lee II, 395-410—805; 10. Midland High I, 409-403—812; 11. Abilene Cooper II, 424-427—851; 12. Abilene High I, 420-446—866; 13. Amarillo Tascosa I, 441-427—868; 14. Amarillo Tascosa II, 455-467—922; 15. Midland High II, 492-486—978; San Angelo Central II, 493-NS-NS

Individual standings (top 10): 1. Kamryn Cummings, Central I, 73-78—151; 2. Kenzie Pollard, Permian I, 81-75—156; 3. (tie) Sydney McCullough, Permian I, 83-81—174; and Alexis Adkisson, Lee I, 86-88—174; 5. (tie) Jordan Digby, Permian I, 90-85—175; Brittany Roberts, Permian I, 88-87—175; 7. Reygan Rodriguez, Odessa High I, 89-88—176; 8. Randa Thompson, Odessa High I, 91-86—177; 9. Sarah Falcon, Central I, 86-92—178; 10. Sara Carrasco, Permian II, 87-92—179.

Team-by-team scores

Odessa Permian I (683): Kenzie Pollard, 81-78—159; Brittany Roberts, 88-87—175; Jordan Digby, 90-85—175; Briana Verrogas, 99-95—185; Sydney McCullough, 83-91—174.

San Angelo Central I (697): Kamryn Cummings, 73-78—151; Sarah Falcon, 86-92—178; Lauren Berta, 95-90—185; Taylor Gonzales, 99-95—193; Taylor Boyce, 109-85—201.

Odessa High I (724): Reygan Rodriguez, 89-86—176; Danielle Rodriguez, 95-93—188; Mallory Jones, 90-99—189; Lexi Carter, 96-98—194; Randa Thompson, 91-86—177.

Lee I (727): Alexis Adkisson, 88-86—174; Alex Sparks, 95-88—183; Ryleigh Stump, 101-99—200; Mikaylee Harris, 92-97—189; Sophie Sutter, 95-86—181.

Odessa Permian II (729): Madison Hankins, 93-88—181; Shelby Knighton, 94—101—195; Jillian Addin, 92-NS-NS; Brianna Winfrey, 92-90—182; Sara Carrasco, 87-92—179.

Abilene Cooper I (778): Maegan Albritton, 99-97—196; Carlee Freeman, 96—108—204; Sabrina Schmidt, 108-102—210; Rebecca Hummel, 97-92—189; Lauren Marrow, 99-96—195.

Odessa High II (781): Aumbree Cox, 97-92—189; Bryanna Acosta, 96-102—198; Melina Cortez, 95-100—195; Caitlyn Thomas, 108-92—200; Alex Jackson, NS—101-NS.

Lubbock Coronado I (794): Gabby Reed, 94-100—194; Chelsea Shideler, 98-91—189; Jamie Winegeart, 103-97—200; Lindsey Crumpton, 107-104—211; Makenna Trimble, 115-107—222.

Lee II (805): Taylor Winchell, 105-104—209; Kelly Jones, 91-105—194; Nicole Pitchford, 109-103—212; Kendall Kincaid, 98-100—198; Sarah Martinez, 101-114—215.

Midland High I (812): Kathryn McGowan, 95-93—188; Erica Frazier, 92-99—191; Riley Grumbles, 109-103—212; Jaci Frazier, 115-118—233; Alyssa McKay, 114-108—222.

Abilene Cooper II (851): Gladys Jurado, 107-106—213; Danielle Johnson, 104-106—210; Mckenzie Hanson, 99-114—213; Abigayle Conover, 102-101—223; Taylor Luna, 115-119—234.

Abilene High I (868): Erin Luna, 94-104—198; Alexandra Rodriguez, 105-115—218; Kenzie Goodman, 119-114—233; Liliana Dueñez, 104-125—219; Aliyah Valenzuela, NS-113-NS.

Amarillo Tascosa I (868): Reagan Harkins, 111-102—213; Meredith Simpson, 109-107—216; Kaitlyn Hall, 103-107—210; Renae McKee, 118-111—229; Emily Bruckner, 119-112—231.

Amarillo Tascosa II (922): Jenny Vonghayboune, 117-121—238; Aspen Stuntzing, 116-116—232; Kaitlin Amphey, 109-122—231; Hannah Burks, 116-126—242; Kyira Sommers, 113-109—221.

Midland High II (978): Johnnie Lasoya, 118-126—244; KayLee Perkins, 117-NS-NS; Alexis McKay, 122-114—236; Mackenzie McCoy, 123-122—245; Zoe Sapien, 129-136—265.

San Angelo Central II (982): Paige Tucker, 103-NS-NS; Kat Hasty, 103-NS-NS; El. Martinez, 116-108—222; Olivia Tobias, 101-97—197

Individual medalists

Abilene Cooper: Kaitlyn Marrow, NS-129-NS
Abilene High: Alyssa Reese, NS-128-NS
Amarillo Tascosa: Alyssa Bray, 125-140—265; Emma Rendon, NS—133-NS.
Lubbock Coronado: Michaela Chambless, 119-NS-NS; Elizabeth Shepherd, NS—110-NS
Lee: Ashlyn Hammond, 105-NS-NS; Landry Mulloy, 95-NS-NS.
Odessa High: Brianna Rodriguez, 112-109—221.
Permian: Jade Herrera, 102-97—199; Amber Bingham, 100-97—197; Aleeha Najera, 91-95—186.

Bryan's 69 sends Steers to 12-stroke lead

From staff reports

BIG SPRING — Led by Tyler Bryan's 69, the Big Spring boys golf team shot a 302 and took a 12-stroke lead after the first round of the District 4-3A Boys Golf Championships on Monday at Big Spring Country Club.

Along with Bryan's 69, Tate Kennedy shot a 77, Devin Roberson a 79, Mikey Pappajohn a 77 and Sam Harris a 92. The Steers are 12 strokes ahead of Abilene Wylie, who is in second place.

Greenwood was led by Matt Rose who shot an 83 as the Rangers are sitting in seventh place after shooting 358.

The three-round tournament will continue with the second round on April 5 at Hogan Park Golf Course.

District 4-3A Boys Golf Championships
Monday
First Round
Big Spring Country Club

Team standings: 1. Big Spring I, 302; 2. Abilene Wylie I, 314; 3. Snyder I, 321; 4. Monahans, 328; 5. Sweetwater, 337; 6. Abilene Wylie II, 355; 7. Greenwood I, 358; 8. Snyder II, 362; 9. Monahans II, 378; 10. Big Spring II, 457; 11. Greenwood II, 471.

Individual standings (top 10): 1. Tyler Bryan, Big Spring I, 69; 2. Jacob Lair, Monahans I, 74; 3.Tyler Bilbo, Abilene Wylie I, 75; 4. Curry Jones, Wylie I, 76; 5. (tie) Tate Kennedy, Big Spring I, 77; Mikey Pappajohn, Big Spring I, 77; Michael Hunt, Sweetwater, 77; and Nathan von Roeder, Snyder I, 77; 9. (tie) Zeth Zientek, Wylie I, 79; and Devin Roberson, Big Spring I, 79.

Team-by-team results

Big Spring I (302): Tate Kennedy, 77; Devin Roberson, 79; Tyler Bryan, 69; Mikey Pappajohn, 77; Sam Harris, 92.

Abilene Wylie I (314): Zach Carlton, 84; Curry Jones, 76; Tyler Bilbo, 75; Zeth Zientek, 79; Eddie Reyna, 85.

Snyder I (321): Logan Hopper, 82; Nathan von Roeder, 77; Josh Moller, 84; Logan Presley, 81; Clayton Galyean, 81.

Monahans I (328): Jacob Lair, 74; Blane Heflin, 83; Cameron Eddings, 83; Tyler Smith, 88; Logan Smith, 89.

Sweetwater (337): Mason Andrews, 81; Michael Hunt, 77; Michael Hazard, 83; Mark Lawrance, 96; Jeremy Witt, 96

Abilene Wylie II (355): Matt Redwine, 81; Jakob Malone, 87; Chase Bishop, 99; Trey Hooker 102; Drew Clemmer, 88.

Greenwood I (358): Matt Rose, 83; Colby Karcher, 84; Austin Satterfield, 90; Cody Craft 101; Ty Crownover, 104

Snyder II (362): Austin Elliott, 88; Elijah Lay, 89; Kyle Shrum, 92; Alex Luecke, 93; Ethan Hernandez, 105.

Monahans II (375): Trevor Doege, 98; Ethan Stava, 92; Buck Watson, 95; John Roeber, 90; Reagan Redman, 100.

Big Spring II (457): Ryan Dimidjian, 101; Toby Cotton, 102; Zach Bennett, NS; Justin Rider, 128 Patrick Rodriguez, 126.

Greenwood II (471): Brayden Loveless, 103; Zach Carder, 125; Landon Day, 114; Zach Robbins, 129

Individual Medalists

Abilene Wylie: Justin Hilson: 101; Joey Pedone, 108.

Monahans: Brock Franco, 90; Ryan Suttle 96

Sweetwater: Clay Kitchens, 107; Colton Scott, 104; Josh Procter, 118

Goodell, union to meet on workplace environment

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Commissioner Roger Goodell says the NFL will meet on April 8 with the players union to discuss improving the workplace environment.

In the wake of the Miami Dolphins bullying scandal, league representatives have met with some 40 players in the last three months, as well as with the Dolphins and outside organizations, Goodell said Monday at the NFL owners meetings. The league is trying to get "as much input as possible. It's more about people understanding the importance of a proper workplace."

Goodell added the focus is on medical evaluations of the players involved, including tackle Jonathan Martin, who left the Dolphins in the middle of last season, saying he was harassed by guard Richie Incognito. Martin was traded to the 49ers earlier this month.

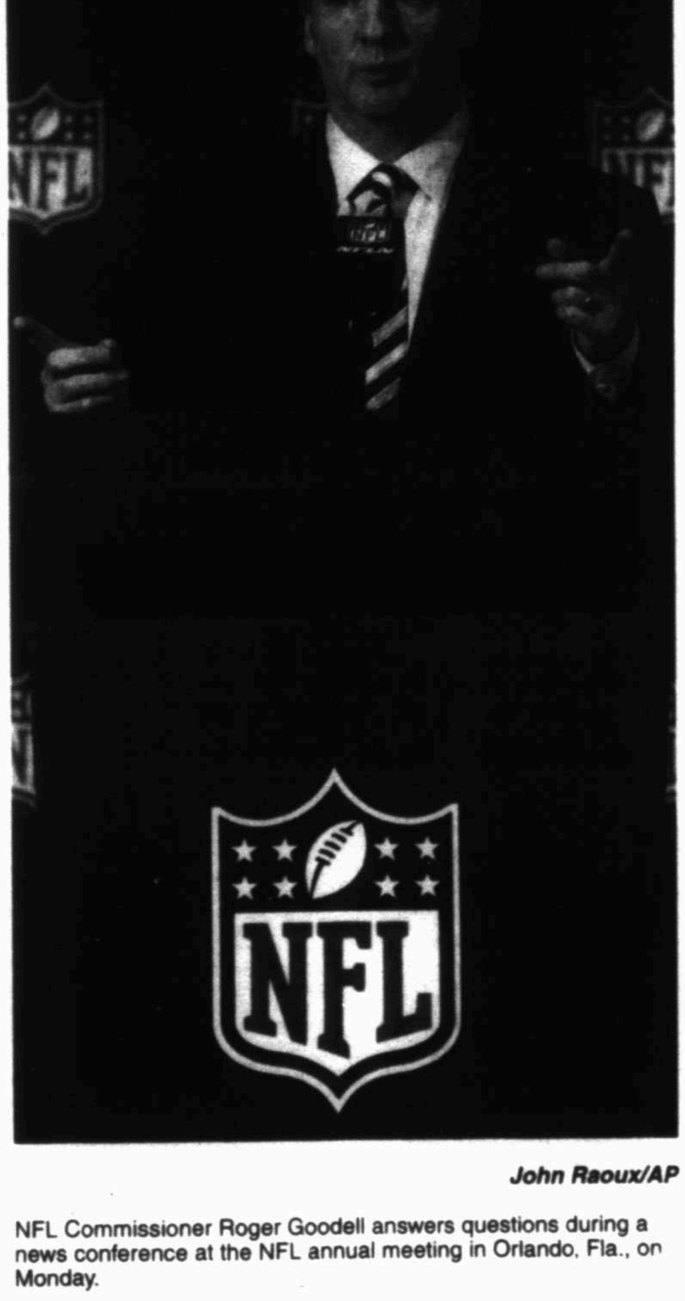
An NFL investigation determined Incognito and two other Miami Dolphins offensive linemen engaged in persistent harassment of Martin. Incognito was then suspended and missed the final eight games last season, and he became a free agent when his contract with the Dolphins expired.

On Monday, Incognito made a peace offering to Martin via Twitter. Incognito posted: "Call me on my cell phone. Love you brother. (Stuff) got crazy but we held it together," with the hash tags of CALLME and FAMILY.

And in another tweet to Martin: "No hard feelings. Let's just move on :)"

Goodell noted that improving the workplace environment involves "a culture change." He did not address what discipline any of the players face from the league for the bullying.

"What we need to do is make sure we have a workplace we are all proud of. This will be an important meeting with the players," Goodell said.



John Raoux/AP

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell answers questions during a news conference at the NFL annual meeting in Orlando, Fla., on Monday.

The NFLPA did not immediately return messages seeking comment.

Goodell also addressed the absence of Colts owner Jim Irsay, who has entered a treatment facility after police found multiple prescription drugs in his vehicle during a traffic stop earlier this month. The 54-year-old Irsay faces preliminary charges of misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and four felony counts of possession of a controlled substance.

"He is seeking help and he's done that voluntarily," Goodell said. "To my knowledge, there's been no formal charges at this point. Obviously any policies or laws that are broken, whether they are (by) commissioner, player or coach those are subject to discipline."

Irsay is being represented at the meetings by his daughter, Carlie. And Indianapolis' suggestion that teams be allowed to open or close the stadium roof at halftime to enhance the fan experience has been tabled.

League owners will address a myriad of potential rules changes and bylaws adjustments this week, but only approved one item Monday: a one-year extension of the Raiders' stadium lease in Oakland. Earlier in the day, Raiders owner Mark Davis reiterated, "We're trying to get something done in Oakland" for a new home.

Instant replay, as it usually does, has garnered lots of attention, with the league considering having director of officials Dean Blandino and others consult with referees on replays. Blandino believes such a process could speed up video reviews as well as ensure the calls are correct.

"The referee will be the ultimate authority; we'll consult and come to a consensus," Blandino said of the proposal, something the NHL does on a smaller scale to great effect, although the final call in hockey comes from the league office. "Our system is more inclusive as to what we look at."

Under the proposal, observers at the central officiating site could begin discussing the play even as the referee is consulting with the coach making a challenge.

"Then we could say to the referee, 'We've got two shots we want you to see,' "said Rich McKay, president of the Falcons and co-chairman of the influential competition committee. "Dean sold us and we think he's got something there."

SPRINGTRAINING

FROM WIRE REPORTS

TEXAS ROUNDUP

RANGERS 6
ATHLETICS 2

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Mitch Moreland returned to the Texas lineup from a side injury and singled home two runs during a five-run sixth as the Rangers defeated the Oakland Athletics 6-2 Monday.

Moreland had two hits and drew a walk. He had not played since straining his left oblique March 18.

Alex Rios and Robinson Chirinos also contributed RBI singles in the Rangers' big inning.

Alberto Callaspo went 3 for 3 for the A's and is 12 for 28 (.429) in his past 10 games. John Jaso singled home a run, giving him eight RBI in his past eight game

ASTROS 7
BRAVES 5

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — New Houston center fielder Dexter Fowler, hitting .318 this spring, was 3 for 3 with a walk in leading the Astros to a 7-5 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Monday night.

Chris Johnson, Justin Upton and Freddie Freeman homered for the Braves, with Johnson and Upton connected for back-to-back shots in a four-run first inning off Dallas Keuchel.

Jose Altuve, Robbie Grossman and L.J. Hoes had two hits apiece for the Astros.

Braves starter David Hale allowed 12 hits and six runs in 5 1-3 innings. He walked two, including Keuchel in a three-run fourth, and struck out four. Hale also threw two wild pitches.

GLANCE

STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Tampa Bay	15	5	750
Cleveland	17	7	708
Baltimore	12	7	632
Seattle	16	10	615
Los Angeles	15	10	600
New York	15	10	600
Detroit	12	11	522
Oakland	12	12	500
Toronto	12	12	500
Kansas City	11	13	458
Chicago	8	12	400
Houston	9	15	375
Minnesota	7	13	350
Boston	8	15	348
Texas	8	15	348

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Miami	16	10	615
San Francisco	15	10	600
Pittsburgh	12	9	571
New York	14	11	560
Arizona	11	9	550
Colorado	13	12	520
Washington	13	12	520
St. Louis	10	11	476
Milwaukee	12	14	462
Chicago	12	15	444
Cincinnati	12	15	444
San Diego	8	12	400
Los Angeles	6	10	375
Atlanta	10	17	370
Philadelphia	8	15	348

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

Monday's Scores

Washington 4, Miami 1
Tampa Bay vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla. ccd ; Rain
Detroit vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla. ccd ; Rain
Boston vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla. ccd ; Rain
Philadelphia 6, Toronto 3, 8 innings
N.Y. Mets 5, St. Louis 3
Texas 6, Oakland 2
L.A. Angels 11, San Francisco 4
Cleveland 8, Cincinnati 3
Chicago White Sox 7, Seattle 6
Colorado 8, Kansas City 2
Houston 7, Atlanta 5
San Diego vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., late

Today's Games

Boston vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Chicago Cubs (ss) at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.

TEXAS LINESCORES
RANGERS 6, ATHLETICS 2
At Surprise, Ariz.

Oakland	000	010	010	—	2	8	1		
Texas	000	005	10x	—	6	7	1		

S.Murphy, D.Hooker (5), Sawtery (6), Humber (7), J.Urlaub (8) and C.Gimenez; Jaso, Fesenbend, Poreda (5), Frasor (6), McCutchen (7), R.Perez (9) and Chirinos. W—Frasor. L—D.Hooker.

ASTROS 7, BRAVES 5
At Kissimmee, Fla.

Houston	000	321	001	—	7	13	1		
Atlanta	400	010	000	—	5	10	2		

Keuchel, J.Stoffel (5), K.Chapman (6), A.Robinson (7), Valdes (8), R.Seaton (9) and J.Castro; R.Pena, Hale, Seamin (6), Varvaro (7), Wagden (8), K.Kimbrel (9), Severino (9) and Gattis. Leroux, W—J.Stoffel. L—Hale. Sv—R.Seaton. HRs—Atlanta, F.Freeman (2), C.Johnson (1), J.Upton (3).

SOTO

From 1C

him at second base against Oakland on Monday.

The 32-year-old Tanaka had been assigned to the minor league camp on March 17. He has only 30 at-bats in the majors after playing 13 years in Japan.

Another possibility is journeyman Josh Wilson, who is hitting .261 in 21 games. Wilson, like Tanaka, is in camp on a minor league contract.

Wilson, who turns 33 Wednesday, has a .225 career average in 386 games in the majors with Florida, Washington, Tampa Bay, Arizona, San Diego, Seattle and Milwaukee. He hit .200 in 30 games last season with the Diamondbacks.

Daniels acknowledged the Rangers have already begun to delve into possibilities outside the organization to strengthen the two positions.

The Rangers also said reserve outfielder Engel Beltre will start the season on the disabled list with a fractured right shin.

Beltre was hit by a pitch in that area during winter ball in the Dominican Republic. He played in 15 exhibition games, but with increasing discomfort in recent days.

Stars edge Jets for 2-1 victory

Associated Press

DALLAS — Ray Whitney and Tyler Seguin scored power-play goals and the Dallas Stars held off the Winnipeg Jets 2-1 on Monday night.

The victory allowed Dallas to move within a point of the Phoenix Coyotes for the Western Conference's final playoff spot.

The Stars have 79 points. Phoenix received a point for an overtime loss against the Rangers to reach 80.

Winnipeg continued to fade out of the postseason race. The Jets are 2-6-3 in their past 11 games. One of the victories was a 7-2 rout of visiting Dallas eight days earlier.

Stars goalie Kari Lehtonen made 32 saves.

Jamie Benn had two assists for Dallas, which was 2 for 4 on the power play.

Bryan Little scored for the Jets with 2:44 remaining.

Whitney scored from the left faceoff circle on a slap shot that went off Al Montoya and into the upper left corner. Montoya finished with 25 saves.

Late in the period, Dallas' Valeri Nichushkin beat two defenders for a breakaway on the power play, but Montoya stopped the rookie's backhand shot.

Winnipeg's best chances came midway through the first, but Lehtonen stopped Blake Wheeler in close and saved Jim Slater's wrap-around attempt.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Boston	72	49	17	6	104	230	153
Tampa Bay	72	39	24	9	87	214	193
Montreal	73	40	26	7	87	198	184
Detroit	71	33	24	14	80	189	200
Toronto	73	36	29	8	80	213	226
Ottawa	71	29	29	13	71	203	240
Florida	72	28	39	5	60	175	235
Buffalo	71	20	43	8	48	136	210

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	71	46	20	5	97	222	177
N.Y. Rangers	73	40	29	4	84	194	178
Philadelphia	73	38	28	7	83	205	201
Washington	72	34	27	11	79	208	213
Columbus	71	36	29	6	78	200	194
New Jersey	72	31	28	13	75	175	187
Carolina	71	31	31	9	71	177	200
N.Y. Islanders	71	27	35	9	63	197	239

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-St. Louis	71	49	16	7	103	228	160
Chicago	72	41	19	12	94	240	186
Colorado	71	44	21	6	94	216	191
Minnesota	72	37	24	11	85	180	178
Dallas	71	34	28	11	79	201	203
Winnipeg	73	32	32	9	73	202	213
Nashville	72	31	31	10	72	173	213

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	72	46	18	8	100	221	173
Anaheim	71	46	18	7	99	228	180
Los Angeles	72	41	25	6	88	177	151
Phoenix	72	34	26	12	80	199	205
Vancouver	73	33	30	10	76	176	196
Calgary	71	29	35	7	65	181	210
Edmonton	72	25	38	9	59	178	236

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

Monday's Scores

Montreal 2, Boston 1, SO
Ottawa 4, Tampa Bay 3, SO
N.Y. Rangers 4, Phoenix 3, OT
Los Angeles 3, Philadelphia 2
Dallas 2, Winnipeg 1
San Jose at Calgary, late

Today's Games

St. Louis at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Washington, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Nashville, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.

FUTURE

From 1C

boys defensive tackle Jay Ratliff.

Dallas cut Ratliff last October after placing him on the physically unable to perform list. A week later, he was cleared medically to work out. On Nov. 2, he signed with Chicago.

Last month, Ratliff signed a two-year contract with the Bears.

"This type of conduct, unable to play for us one day and a few days later working out for another club, is undermining and needs to be addressed," Jones said.

Jones' son, Stephen, also spoke to reporters, telling them the club, with a few rare exceptions, no longer plans to give significant money to players in their 30s.

That's a major reason why earlier this month Dallas cut DeMarcus Ware and chose not to re-sign Jason Hatcher. Both will be 32 next season.

"If we don't learn from what has bitten us, then shame on us," Stephen Jones said. "Unfortunately, we have been paying guys who are over 30 years old a lot of money up front and it hasn't worked for us.

"I'm not saying Hatcher (now with Washington) won't work out. I'm not saying Ware (now with Denver) won't work out. But it hasn't worked out for us, so we have to do something different."

Stephen Jones also said the club expects backup quarterback Kyle Orton to play next season. Orton indicated after last season he wasn't sure he would return for the final year of his contract.

Sharapova rallies past Flipkens at Key Biscayne

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Maria Sharapova was happy to play an 11 a.m. match Monday, especially when her work day was already done by the time a mid-afternoon shower interrupted play.

"It's nice to see all the players coming back in the locker room, and I'm like, 'I'll see you later,'" she said.

Sharapova started early but didn't start well. She won only five points in the first four games before settling down to reach the quarterfinals at the Sony Open by beating Kirsten Flipkens 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

The world's top-ranked players had an easier time. Serena Williams eliminated fellow American CoCo Vandeweghe 6-3, 6-1. Rafael Nadal received a warning for slow play and still won in 59 minutes against Denis Istomin, 6-1, 6-0.

Sharapova, meanwhile, endured her second successive ragged three-setter and found herself trailing 4-0 after only 15 minutes.

"I usually like playing the first match, but I didn't start off the way I wanted to," she said. "Nothing was working."

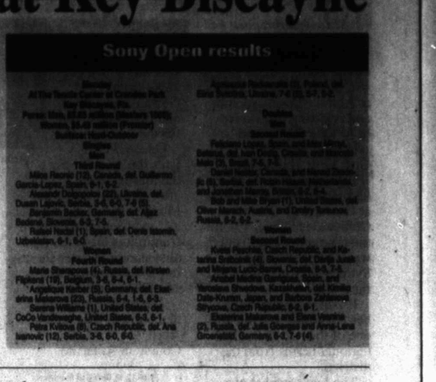
Seeded No. 4, Sharapova seemed thrown off by the lack of pace from Flipkens, a tour veteran who hits floating backhands and sometimes slices her forehand as well.

"She's a different type of opponent," Sharapova said. "There are not too many girls that hit a slice backhand 90 percent of the time in the rallies. But I know what to expect from her game. It shouldn't be that much of a surprise."

Sharapova finished with 36 unforced errors and only 13 winners. She also double-faulted 10 times.

But she won — and was ready to leave Crandon Park before most matches had even begun. With the rest of the day free, what was on the schedule for one of the world's most celebrated athletes?

"Not much, actually," Sharapova said. "I like to have my afternoon tea around 5. It's like a Russian tradition. I'll see my dog, spend some time with him, then get treatment, dinner, and then the day is over."

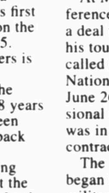


Woods: 'Still too soon' to know if fit for Masters

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tiger Woods is not sure whether his ailing back will allow him to play in the Masters, which is two weeks away.

"For Augusta, it's actually still a little too soon, to be honest with you," Woods said Monday at a news conference to announce that Quicken Loans is the new title sponsor of his golf tournament. "That's kind of the frustrating thing about this."


Woods

The Masters is the only major tournament the 38-year-old Woods has never missed. Four of his 14 major championships came at Augusta National, including his first in 1997. He last won the green jacket in 2005.

This year's Masters is April 10-13.

Woods is off to the worst start of his 18 years on tour, and he's been troubled lately by back problems.

He stopped playing in the final round at the Honda Classic on March 2 because of what he called back spasms and pain in his lower back. He tried to defend his title the following week at Doral, only for his back to flare up again in the final round, when he shot a 78, the highest Sunday score of his PGA Tour career and his first closing round without a birdie.

Then last week, Woods withdrew from the Arnold Palmer Invitational because of persistent back pain.

"I've had a couple weeks off and getting treatment and just working on trying to get ready for Augusta," Woods said Monday. "As of right now, it's still too soon, which is, as I said, pretty frustrating."

This has been the longest sustained problem Woods has had with his lower back.

He first showed signs of back pain at Bethpage Black at The Barclays in 2012, which he attributed to a soft bed at his hotel. He felt twinges during the final round of the PGA Championship last year, and when his back bothered him in the final round of The Barclays two weeks later, he said it was unrelated.

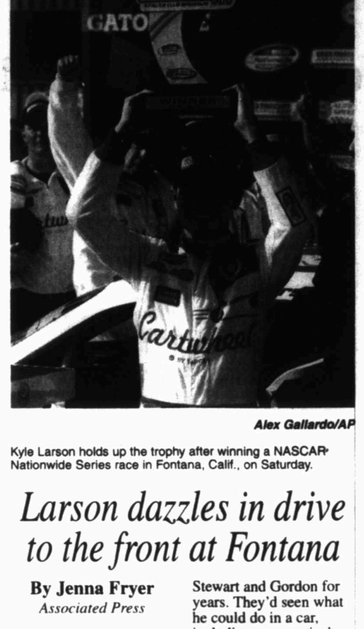
At Monday's news conference, Woods discussed a deal through 2017 for his tournament to be called the Quicken Loans National. It will be played June 26-29 at Congressional this year. AT&T was in the final year of its contract as sponsor.

The AT&T National began in 2007 with a military theme built around the Fourth of July in the nation's capital. It has been held at Congressional for all but two years, in 2010 and 2011, as the course prepared to host the U.S. Open. In those years, it was played at Aronimink outside Philadelphia.

Congressional is under contract through 2014, and Woods said there will be a vote next week to determine whether the club would host every other year in 2016, 2018 and 2020.

FEDEXCUP LEADERS

Rank	Player	Points	YTD Money
1	Jimmy Walker	1,872	$3,861,680
2	Patrick Reed	1,343	$3,023,091
3	Dustin Johnson	1,334	$3,346,150
4	Harris English	1,253	$2,535,303
5	Bubba Watson	1,240	$2,913,007
6	Chris Kirk	1,055	$2,023,024
7	Matt Every	994	$1,992,626
8	Webb Simpson	982	$2,078,016
9	Zach Johnson	942	$1,886,968
10	Ryan Moore	902	$2,086,504
11	Kevin Stadler	827	$1,674,152
12	Kevin Na	771	$1,470,252
13	Jordan Spieth	770	$1,661,823
14	John Senden	737	$1,430,144
15	Graham DeLaet	727	$1,639,166
16	Jason Day	720	$1,909,200
17	Keegan Bradley	696	$1,425,341
18	Brian Stuard	696	$1,298,185
19	Gary Woodland	677	$1,424,810
20	Ryan Palmer	654	$1,266,290
21	Charles Howell III	644	$1,190,178
22	Will MacKenzie	635	$1,236,650
23	Russell Henley	614	$1,257,954
24	Chesson Hadley	608	$1,200,680
25	Russell Knox	594	$934,241
26	Ryo Ishikawa	578	$1,125,680
27	Scott Stallings	575	$1,195,200
28	Graeme McDowell	550	$1,281,350
29	Bill Haas	546	$1,010,233
30	Chris Stroud	536	$1,063,007
31	Jason Bohn	532	$949,014
32	Pat Perez	503	$1,008,184
33	Charley Hoffman	500	$913,697
34	Jason Kokrak	491	$965,903
35	Hideki Matsuyama	480	$889,288
36	George McNeill	475	$889,750
37	Adam Scott	438	$910,150
38	Ian Poulter	435	$1,047,884
39	Brendon Todd	429	$608,564
40	Brian Harman	427	$783,899
41	Vijay Singh	425	$703,538
42	Robert Garrigus	410	$893,173
43	Hunter Mahan	403	$840,596
44	Sergio Garcia	402	$932,667
45	Scott Brown	399	$699,329
46	Matt Kuchar	398	$771,107
47	Rory McIlroy	397	$854,500
48	Brendan Steele	394	$668,390
49	Jason Dufner	389	$1,048,249
50	K.J. Choi	386	$728,043
51	Marc Leishman	378	$724,999
52	Rickie Fowler	369	$894,830
53	Billy Horschel	368	$1,045,697
54	Justin Leonard	364	$642,865
55	Cameron Tringale	361	$559,616
56	Jerry Kelly	361	$684,666
57	Kevin Streelman	357	$657,163
58	Jeff Overton	349	$819,910
59	Luke Guthrie	341	$462,240
60	Scott Langley	331	$589,674
61	Briny Baird	329	$561,829
62	David Hearn	329	$522,323
63	Daniel Summerhays	327	$458,350
64	Bryce Molder	327	$637,009
65	Stuart Appleby	326	$488,801
66	Justin Hicks	320	$455,977
67	Tim Clark	318	$580,228
68	Brian Gay	310	$518,239
69	Freddie Jacobson	307	$608,327
70	Boo Weekley	307	$448,976
71	James Driscoll	304	$340,790
72	Seung-Yul Noh	303	$381,033
73	Matt Jones	298	$453,598
74	Luke Donald	296	$599,600
75	Justin Rose	292	$634,479
76	Ernie Els	283	$730,421
77	Rory Sabbatini	273	$469,807
78	Camilo Villegas	272	$263,626
79	Danny Lee	266	$461,245
80	Kevin Chappell	264	$316,195
81	Brandt Snedeker	261	$583,080
82	Erik Compton	258	$425,127
83	Morgan Hoffmann	258	$331,091
84	Aaron Baddeley	257	$467,855
85	Billy Hurley III	256	$440,551
86	Jonas Blixt	251	$411,180
87	William McGirt	250	$400,963
88	Brian Davis	248	$337,814
89	Sang-Moon Bae	246	$396,989
90	Jim Renner	245	$580,800
91	Phil Mickelson	238	$365,422
92	Henrik Stenson	237	$483,987
93	Jim Furyk	235	$478,162
94	Charl Schwartzel	232	$518,250
95	Trevor Immelman	227	$329,547
96	Ben Martin	226	$370,980
97	Chad Collins	223	$313,137
98	Michael Thompson	223	$339,278
99	Greg Chalmers	218	$353,121
100	Richard H. Lee	216	$381,739
101	John Merrick	214	$279,034
102	Spencer Levin	213	$241,060
103	Nick Watney	209	$264,650
104	Charles Bellan	207	$330,236
105	Carl Pettersson	206	$349,938
106	Tim Wilkinson	201	$416,986
107	J.J. Henry	200	$261,276
108	David Lingmerth	196	$299,186
109	Tyrone Van Aswegen	197	$187,561
110	Ken Duke	195	$340,170
111	Jhonattan Vegas	194	$227,889
112	Michael Putnam	192	$189,166
113	Josh Teater	191	$197,766
114	Ricky Barnes	191	$268,238
115	Louis Oosthuizen	189	$237,000
116	Sean O'Hair	188	$305,816
117	Martin Laird	187	$259,662
118	Roberto Castro	185	$280,518
119	Robert Allenby	181	$223,830
120	Gonzalo Fdez-Castano	177	$264,087
121	Stewart Cink	177	$301,629
122	Brendon de Jonge	173	$266,333
123	Hudson Swafford	169	$231,375
124	Brice Garnett	167	$189,403
125	J.B. Holmes	166	$259,630
126	Lee Westwood	162	$274,675
127	Charlie Wi	158	$208,267
128	Retief Goosen	158	$229,156
129	Ben Crane	156	$262,197
130	Peter Hanson	147	$218,628
131	Wes Roach	145	$200,350
132	Ted Potter, Jr.	144	$147,363
133	Y.E. Yang	142	$161,864
134	James Hahn	142	$197,356
135	Martin Flores	140	$229,560
136	Robert Streb	139	$198,240
137	David Toms	138	$199,875
138	Martin Kaymer	134	$273,261
139	John Huh	133	$155,435
140	John Rollins	132	$142,511
141	Woody Austin	132	$196,852
142	Nicholas Thompson	132	$143,783
143	Scott Piercy	131	$249,577
144	Jim Herman	130	$130,899
145	Heath Slocum	130	$169,988
146	Kevin Kisner	129	$143,222
147	Troy Matteson	124	$230,550
148	Davis Love III	121	$148,959
149	Peter Malnati	116	$169,900
149	Kyle Stanley	116	$147,293


Alex Gallardo/AP

Kyle Larson holds up the trophy after winning a NASCAR Nationwide Series race in Fontana, Calif., on Saturday.

Larson dazzles in drive to the front at Fontana

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kyle Larson was ninth on the final restart at California, with four rows of traffic to navigate in two laps in a frantic bid for the best finish possible. With Kurt Busch and Tony Stewart at the front, Larson wasn't even thinking about victory.

"Tony's going to win," Larson radioed his Chip Ganassi Racing team.

"Man, these restarts are crazy. You never know," replied crew chief Chris Heroy.

So Larson went for the win.

He weaved low on the start alongside teammate Jamie McMurray, but quickly surged ahead. Then he blew past childhood idol Jeff Gordon and found himself in a side-by-side race with Paul Menard. Using the apron, his wheels inching dangerously close to the infield grass, Larson quickly cleared Menard.

He gained five spots on the first lap, and now had just three cars in front of him. He again drove low. As Kyle Busch passed his older brother and Stewart for the lead, Larson swept past Stewart and tucked in behind Busch.

He looked inside for the lead, but Busch threw a block that stopped Larson's momentum.

No matter. Second was just fine for the rookie.

"Wow," Larson said after following Busch across the finish line at Auto Club Speedway. "Wow! Wow! Good job!"

Larson was echoing the sentiments of thousands of fans who had just been wowed by a dazzling drive through the pack.

If there were any doubts that he belonged at NASCAR's top level, the 21-year-old answered them at Fontana.

He beat Kyle Busch and Kevin Harvick on Saturday for his first win in a Nationwide Series race, then seemed to use everything he'd learned from watching the big names all those years to nearly steal Sunday's victory, too.

Larson, you may recall, is the former sprint car driver that's been raved about by Kasey Kahne, Stewart and Gordon for years. They'd seen what he could do in a car, including one magical night in 2011 at Stewart's Eldora Speedway, where Larson became only the second driver in history to win in all three kinds of USAC cars in a single night.

Although his interest was in IndyCar, he was snapped up before the 2012 season by Chip Ganassi and placed in a NASCAR driver development program. He was 19 and competing in a stock car for the first time in his life.

He was placed in the K&N Pro Series East and won two races and the championship.

Larson was in a Nationwide car the next year. His debut was bumpy — he was the driver who sailed into the catchfence in a last-lap wreck at the season-opener at Daytona, but Larson went on to finish eighth in the final standings. He raced almost weekly against Kyle Busch, mixed it up with Brad Keselowski and Joey Logano, sometimes Harvick and Matt Kenseth.

Come July, Ganassi was ready to promote him to the big leagues. It meant parting ways with longtime driver Juan Pablo Montoya, who had a relationship with Ganassi spanning more than a decade that included an Indianapolis 500 win and a Champ Car title.

Critics cried the kid wasn't ready. After just two years in stock cars?

Those critics didn't include his car owner, his fellow competitors or Target, which finances the No. 42 Chevrolet.

"It's amazing what Nationwide racing will do for you when you're racing against Cup guys," Kyle Busch said. "It's no surprise Larson is good. He gets the experience there of racing against me, Kevin, racing against guys like Matt Kenseth. Once he got here, he was more ready.

"Now that he's a Cup guy and performing well on Sundays, it gives him the confidence and the belief in himself and his team that he can do it Saturday and Sunday both."

Spurs win 14th straight

By Raul Dominguez
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Austin Daye had 22 points and Tim Duncan added 19 as the San Antonio Spurs earned their 14th straight win with a 113-91 victory Monday night that sent the Philadelphia 76ers to their 25th consecutive loss.

Philadelphia will face Houston on Thursday with the dubious distinction of being a loss shy of tying the NBA record for consecutive losses set by the Cleveland Cavaliers in 2010-11.

Kawhi Leonard and Patty Mills scored 15 points each and Cory Joseph added 12 for San Antonio, which maintained the league's best record at 54-16. The Spurs did not play starters Tony Parker, Tiago Splitter and Danny Green, but did not need them against the lowly 76ers.

Thaddeus Young and Michael Carter-Williams each scored 19 points, Byron Mullens added 15 and Elliot Williams had 14 for Philadelphia (15-56).

The Sixers kept pace early against the Spurs, with Carter-Williams fearlessly driving into the paint for a series of short jumpers and Hollis Thompson hitting a pair of 3s.

MONDAYINTHENBA

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STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	39	30	.565	—
Brooklyn	37	32	.536	2
New York	29	41	.414	10 1/2
Boston	23	47	.329	16 1/2
Philadelphia	15	56	.211	25

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	48	21	.696	—
Washington	36	34	.514	12 1/2
Charlotte	34	37	.479	15
Atlanta	31	38	.449	17
Orlando	19	52	.268	30

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	51	20	.718	—
Chicago	40	31	.563	11
Cleveland	27	44	.380	24
Detroit	26	44	.371	24 1/2
Milwaukee	13	57	.188	37 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	54	16	.771	—
Houston	48	22	.686	6
Memphis	42	28	.600	12
Dallas	42	29	.592	12 1/2
New Orleans	30	40	.429	24

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	52	18	.743	—
Portland	45	26	.634	7 1/2
Minnesota	34	35	.493	17 1/2
Denver	32	39	.451	20 1/2
Utah	23	48	.324	29 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	49	21	.700	—
Golden State	44	27	.620	5 1/2
Phoenix	42	29	.592	7 1/2
Sacramento	25	45	.357	24
L.A. Lakers	23	46	.333	25 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot

Monday's Scores

Houston 100, Charlotte 89
Miami 93, Portland 91
Phoenix 102, Atlanta 95
Chicago 89, Indiana 77
Oklahoma City 117, Denver 96
Memphis 109, Minnesota 92
New Orleans 109, Brooklyn 104, OT
San Antonio 113, Philadelphia 91
Detroit 114, Utah 94
Milwaukee at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games

Portland at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Dallas, 7 p.m.
New York at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m

MONDAY'S BOXES

SPURS 113, 76ERS 91

PHILADELPHIA (91): Thompson 3-7 0-0 8, Young 7-20 3-5 17, Sims 5-8 0-2 10, Carter-Williams 5-20 5-7 17, Anderson 4-9 0-0 10, Williams 6-7 0-2 14, Varnado 0-0 0-2 0, Nunnally 0-3 0-0 0, Ware 0-3 0-0 0. Mullens 6-11 0-0 15 Totals 36-96 19-31 91

SAN ANTONIO (113): Leonard 6-9 2-2 15, Duncan 9-12 1-2 19, Diaw 3-6 0-0 7, Joseph 5-11 2-2 12, Ginobili 3-7 2-4 9, Belinelli 2-7 4-4 9, Daye 8-13 0-0 22, Mills 7-14 0-0 15, Ayres 2-3 1-2 5, Baynes 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 44-79 12-16 113

Philadelphia	**24**	**20**	**24**	**23** — **91**
San Antonio	**32**	**29**	**29**	**24** — **113**

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 11-33 (Mullens 3-7, Williams 2-2, Thompson 2-4, Anderson 2-4, Carter-Williams 2-8, Nunnally 0-1, Ware 0-2, Young 0-5), San Antonio 13-27 (Daye 5-10, Mills 3-6, Diaw 1-2, Belinelli 1-2, Leonard 1-3, Ginobili 1-3, Joseph 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 50 (Mullens 8), San Antonio 51 (Joseph 7). Assists—Philadelphia 22 (Sims 7), San Antonio 31 (Belinelli 8). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 15, San Antonio 17. A—17,798 (18,797).

ROCKETS 100, BOBCATS 89

HOUSTON (100): Parsons 3-11 3-4 11, Jones 9-15 0-1 18, Howard 4-9 2-4 10, Beverley 3-10 0-0 8, Harden 11-19 5-7 31, Lin 4-6 0-2 10, Motiejunas 2-5 0-0 4, Asik 1-2 0-0 2, Hamilton 2-5 0-0 6. Totals 39-82 10-18 100.

CHARLOTTE (89): Kidd-Gilchrist 1-4 4-5 6, McRoberts 5-10 0-1 11, Jefferson 8-17 4-6 20, Walker 7-19 6-6 22, Henderson 5-13 2-2 13, Zeller 4-5 2-2 10, Neal 0-8 0-0 0, Douglas-Roberts 2-6 3-3 7, Ridnour 0-3 0-0 0, Biyombo 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 32-90 21-25 89

Houston	**25**	**29**	**24**	**22** — **100**
Charlotte	**24**	**28**	**16**	**21** — **89**

3-Point Goals—Houston 12-27 (Harden 4-7, Lin 2-2, Parsons 2-4, Hamilton 2-4, Beverley 2-7, Motiejunas 0-1, Jones 0-2), Charlotte 4-21 (Walker 2-6, McRoberts 1-3, Henderson 1-5, Ridnour 0-1, Jefferson 0-1, Douglas-Roberts 0-2, Neal 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 52 (Howard 10), Charlotte 57 (Jefferson 11). Assists—Houston 22 (Harden 5), Charlotte 12 (McRoberts 4). Total Fouls—Houston 24, Charlotte 18. Technicals—Charlotte Coach Clifford. A—15,511 (19,077).

SUNS 102, HAWKS HEAT 95

PHOENIX (102): Tucker 3-6 1-2 8, Frye 7-12 0-0 18, Plumlee 0-3 0-0 0, Dragic 8-15 2-2 19, Bledsoe 5-13 3-4 20, Mark.Morris 5-9 4-4 17, Green 4-6 4-4 13, Marc.Morris 3-8 0-0 7, Smith 0-0 0-0 0, Lan 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-74 14-16 102.

ATLANTA (95): Carroll 5-8 7-7 19, Millsap 6-14 7-10 19, Antic 2-6 0-0 5, Teague 4-10 7-7 17, Mack 2-9 0-0 5, Brand 2-5 0-0 4, Williams 5-8 5-7 17, Schroder 0-0 0-0 0, Scott 4-10 1-2 9, Muscala 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 30-72 27-33 95.

Phoenix	**25**	**17**	**35**	**25** — **102**
Atlanta	**23**	**22**	**23**	**27** — **95**

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 12-24 (Frye 4-8, Bledsoe 3-5, Green 1-1, Mark.Morris 1-2, Tucker 1-2, Dragic 1-2, Marc.Morris 1-5), Atlanta 9-23 (Williams 3-3, Teague 2-3, Carroll 2-4, Antic 1-4, Mack 1-4, Millsap 0-2, Scott 0-3). Fouled Out—Tucker. Rebounds—Phoenix 45 (Tucker 11), Atlanta 43 (Antic 8). Assists—Phoenix 21 (Dragic 6), Atlanta 16 (Mack 6). Total Fouls—Phoenix 25, Atlanta 19. Technicals—Tucker, Atlanta Coach Budenholzer. A—12,840 (18,729).

HEAT 95, TRAILBLAZERS 91

PORTLAND (91): Batum 4-8 0-0 11, Wright 2-7 1-2 7, Lopez 3-6 4-4 10, Lillard 3-15 12-14 19, Matthews 6-15 0-0 15, Williams 5-12 5-5 17, Leonard 0-2 0-0 0, Robinson 3-5 2-2 8, Barton 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 28-74 24-27 91.

MIAMI (93): James 13-23 6-9 32, Bosh 5-10 3-6 15, Odom 2-4 0-2 4, Chalmers 5-9 0-0 11, Douglas 0-3 0-0 0, Allen 3-10 0-0 8, Andersen 4-8 5-6 13, Cole 4-10 0-0 8, Battier 0-2 0-0 0. Beasley 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 37-84 14-23 93.

Portland	**25**	**17**	**19**	**30** — **91**
Miami	**22**	**24**	**26**	**21** — **93**

3-Point Goals—Portland 11-39 (Batum 3-7, Matthews 3-11, Williams 2-6, Wright 2-6, Lillard 1-8, Barton 0-1), Miami 5-15 (Bosh 2-3, Allen 2-4, Chalmers 1-3, James 0-1, Cole 0-2, Douglas 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Portland 49 (Batum 10), Miami 56 (Andersen 11). Assists—Portland 18 (Lillard 6), Miami 16 (James 5). Total Fouls—Portland 17, Miami 24. A—20,030 (19,600).

PELICANS 109, METS 104, OT

BROOKLYN (104): Johnson 4-14 6-8 15, Pierce 7-16 6-6 24, Plumlee 2-3 2-4 6, Williams 8-17 4-4 23, Livingston 4-11 2-3 10, A.Anderson 1-6 0-0 2, Thornton 1-6 1-1 3, Teletovic 3-7 1-1 9, Blatche 3-8 8-7 12. Gutierrez 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 33-90 28-32 104.

NEW ORLEANS (109): Aminu 0-5 3-4 3, Davis 9-17 6-6 24, Stiemsma 0-0 0-0 0, Roberts 6-11 2-2 17, Evans 13-19 6-10 33, Ajinca 3-6 0-0 6, Morrow 4-12 0-0 11, Rivers 4-9 1-3 10, Babbitt 1-5 2-2 5, Miller 0-1 0-0 0, Withey 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-85 20-27 109.

Brooklyn	**26**	**32**	**18**	**22**	**6** — **104**
New Orleans	**20**	**22**	**31**	**25**	**11** — **109**

3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 10-40 (Pierce 4-11, Williams 3-9, Teletovic 2-6, Johnson 1-8, A.Anderson 0-1, Gutierrez 0-1, Blatche 0-2, Thornton 0-2), New Orleans 9-20 (Roberts 3-5, Morrow 3-7, Rivers 1-1, Evans 1-2, Babbitt 1-4, Miller 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 51 (Plumlee 11), New Orleans 52 (Davis 14). Assists—Brooklyn 16 (Williams 5), New Orleans 19 (Evans 7). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 21, New Orleans 26. Technicals—Pierce, Evans, New Orleans defensive three second. A—14,599 (17,188).

THUNDER 117, NUGGETS 96

DENVER (96): Miller 4-10 3-5 12, Faried 5-12 1-2 11, Mozgov 5-8 2-3 12, Lawson 5-11 13-16 25, Foye 4-14 0-2 11, Fournier 2-5 1-3 6, Arthur 2-6 1-2 6, Brooks 1-8 3-4 5, Randolph 2-3 3-3 8 Totals 30-77 27-40 96.

OKLAHOMA CITY (117): Durant 10-21 6-7 27, Ibaka 7-15 0-0 15, Adams 4-8 2-4 10 Jackson 4-6 5-6 16, Robinson 1-2 0-0 2, Butler 10-19 0-0 23, Collison 4-5 1-2 10, Fisher 2-4 2-2 7, Lamb 1-8 0-0 2, Jones 2-2 0-0 5, Shakur 0-1 0-0 0 Totals 45-89 18-21 117

Denver	**24**	**34**	**15**	**23** — **96**
Oklahoma City	**41**	**31**	**18**	**27** — **117**

3-Point Goals—Denver 9-28 (Foye 3-9, Lawson 2-4, Randolph 2-2, Fournier 1-2, Arthur 1-4, Miller 1-4, Brooks 0-3), Oklahoma City 11-22 (Jackson 3-3, Butler 3-7, Fisher 1-1, Collison 1-1, Jones 1-1, Ibaka 1-1, Durant 1-7, Lamb 0-1). Fouled Out—Robinson. Rebounds—Denver 58 (Faried 11), Oklahoma City 51 (Ibaka 7). Assists—Denver 20 (Lawson 7), Oklahoma City 32 (Jackson 11). Total Fouls—Denver 25, Oklahoma City 33. A—18,203 (18,203).

GRIZZLIES 109, TIMBERWOLVES 92

MINNESOTA (92): Brewer 6-10 2-3 15, Love 6-18 2-2 16, Dieng 5-10 1-2 11. Rubio 1-8 4-4 6, Martin 5-13 3-4 13, Muhammad 1-5 0-0 2, Cunningham 4-7 1-1 9, Budinger 3-9 2-2 9, Shved 1-7 2-2 5, Mbah a Moute 0-1 0-0 0, Hummel 2-2 0-0 6 Totals 34-90 17-20 92

MEMPHIS (109): Prince 5-11 0-0 12, Randolph 7-11 2-2 17, Gasol 6-13 2-5 14, Conley 9-12 2-5 23, Lee 0-1 0-0 0, Calathes 1-4 0-0 2, Miller 4-8 1-1 11, Davis 6-8 0-0 12, Johnson 2-7 0-0 4, Koufos 4-11 0-0 8, Udrih 2-3 0-0 4, Leuer 1-2 0-0 2 Totals 48-91 7-13 109.

Minnesota	**15**	**15**	**34**	**29** — **92**
Memphis	**30**	**27**	**34**	**28** — **109**

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 7-24 (Hummel 2-2, Love 2-8, Brewer 1-1, Budinger 1-3, Shved 1-3, Martin 0-3, Rubio 0-4), Memphis 6-12 (Conley 3-5, Miller 2-3, Randolph 1-1, Gasol 0-1, Johnson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Minnesota 49 (Dieng 17), Memphis 59 (Gasol 12). Assists—Minnesota 19 (Shved 5), Memphis 25 (Conley 6). Total Fouls—Minnesota 14, Memphis 19. Technicals—Love, Martin. A—17,784 (18,119).

BULLS 89, PACERS 77

INDIANA (77): George 9-22 4-4 21, West 4-12 0-6 14, Hibbert 0-5 3-4 3, G.Hill 6-10 3-3 17, Stephenson 3-9 1-1 8, Turner 1-4 1-1 3, Mahinmi 1-1 1-2 3, Copeland 0-0 0-0 0, Sloan 2-4 0-0 4, Scola 1-4 0-0 2, Allen 1-1 0-0 2, R.Butler 0-1 0-0 0. S.Hill 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-75 19-21 77.

CHICAGO (89): Dunleavy 6-12 0-0 13, Boozer 3-10 3-3 9, Noah 5-10 0-0 10, Hinrich 7-13 2-2 18, J.Butler 3-10 5-6 12, Snell 0-6 0-0 0, Augustin 2-6 0-0 4, Gibson 5-15 2-2 13, Mohammed 0-0 0-0 0, Murphy 0-0 0-0 0, Shengelia 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-84 15-18 89.

Indiana	**19**	**15**	**22**	**21** — **77**
Chicago	**15**	**19**	**31**	**25** — **89**

3-Point Goals—Indiana 4-10 (G.Hill 2-3, Stephenson 1-1, George 1-4), Chicago 4-15 (Hinrich 2-4, Dunleavy 1-2, J.Butler 1-4, Gibson 0-1, Augustin 0-1, Snell 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 46 (Stephenson 10), Chicago 52 (Boozer 10). Assists—Indiana 11 (G.Hill, West 4), Chicago 22 (Noah 9). Total Fouls—Indiana 21, Chicago 20. Technicals—West, J.Butler. A—21,803 (20,917).

PISTONS 114, JAZZ 94

DETROIT (114): Smith 4-9 2-4 12, Monroe 9-15 0-0 18, Drummond 8-10 1-3 18, Jennings 6-9 0-0 15, Singler 2-4 0-0 5, Stuckey 8-16 2-2 20, Jerebko 2-6 2-2 7, Bynum 1-3 0-0 2, Caldwell-Pope 4-9 4-5 13, Mitchell 0-0 2-2 2, Datome 1-1 0-0 2, Siva 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 46-83 13-18 114.

UTAH (94): Jefferson 4-9 1-2 12, Favors 1-5 2-6 4, Kanter 6-12 2-2 14, Burke 6-15 3-4 15, Hayward 10-19 9-10 32, Williams 5-13 0-0 11, Gomelt 2-7 0-0 4, Evans 0-1 0-0 0, Lucas III 0-2 0-0 0, Thomas 0-0 0-0 0, Clark 0-0 2-2 2, Gobert 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-85 19-26 94.

Detroit	**26**	**34**	**26**	**28** — **114**
Utah	**22**	**29**	**22**	**21** — **94**

3-Point Goals—Detroit 9-17 (Jennings 3-5, Smith 2-3, Singler 1-1, Jerebko 1-2, Stuckey 1-2, Caldwell-Pope 1-3, Bynum 0-1), Utah 7-27 (Hayward 3-6, Jefferson 2-4, Williams 1-5, Gomelt 0-2, Lucas III 0-2, Burke 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 59 (Drummond 14), Utah 42 (Favors 8). Assists—Detroit 23 (Bynum 9), Utah 16 (Hayward 6). Total Fouls—Detroit 19, Utah 17. A—17,395 (19,911).



Pat Sullivan/AP

North Dakota's Leah Szabia, left and Texas A&M's Courtney Williams (1) and Karla Gilbert (34) battle for the ball in the first half of a first-round NCAA women's basketball game Sunday in College Station. The Aggies will face James Madison in the second round

Aggies look to beat James Madison return to Sweet 16

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, — Texas A&M is in the exact situation it was a year ago and playing in the same place. And it's determined to engineer a different outcome.

The third-seeded Aggies host 11th-seeded James Madison in the second round of the NCAA Tournament on tonight. They try not to dwell on the past, but they can't help but think about last year's loss to Nebraska in the second round on their home court.

"Last year was just such a letdown for (us), getting knocked out at our own place in the second round," senior Karla Gilbert said. "So that's definitely going to be in the back of our minds that we cannot allow that to happen again."

Texas A&M coach Gary Blair doesn't shy away from bringing up that tough loss with his team and is expecting another difficult test for the Aggies on Tuesday.

"It's pressure and you've got to love pressure and you've got embrace it," he said. "That's what we want. I'd sure rather be playing here than at James Madison."

Texas A&M started off slow before using a big run to pull away from No. 14 seed North Dakota for a 70-55 win in the first round. James Madison beat No. 6 seed Gonzaga 72-63 to set up its first-ever meeting against Texas A&M.

A win would put the Aggies in the round of 16 for the sixth time and first since 2012, and if James Madison advances, it would be its fifth trip and first since 1991.

James Madison thinks it should have been a higher seed, adding to its motivation for the matchup with Texas A&M.

"We are just excited about the opportunity to prove ourselves," James Madison coach Kenny Brooks said. "We've been doing that all year long. We've been fighting for respectability a lot."

Five things to know about Tuesday's James Madison-Texas A&M game:

WIN AND GET A PIN?: Brooks has a pin sitting on a counter at his house for each of his three trips to the first round of the NCAA tournament. His 8-year-old daughter Gabby saw them while he was shaving on a recent day and had a simple question. "She asked me: 'Do you get a pin if you go to the second round?' And I said: 'I don't know baby. I have to see,"' he said. When he called her not long after his team's first-round win on Sunday night, he wasn't surprised by her first question. "She said: 'Did you get your pin for the second round yet?"' Brooks said. He hasn't received it yet, but loved his daughter's enthusiasm. "They ground me a lot," he said of Gabby and his two older daughters.

SENIOR CITIZEN SWAG: When Texas A&M point guard Jordan Jones was asked what she liked best about the 68-year-old Blair when he recruited her in high school, her answer drew more than a few giggles. "It had to be his swag," Jones said. "Not dress swag, but his demeanor and personality. He was just the type of coach that knew that his program was elite and knew that he coached elite players." Blair looked sideways at her when she mentioned swag, but was smiling at the end of her comments and gave her a hug. "I love you girl, I think I'll start you tomorrow night," Blair joked to his sophomore, who has started all but one game this season.

FAMILAR FACE: Brooks is very familiar with Texas A&M's Archiri Ade. She signed with James Madison out of high school but ended up attending junior college instead. This is her first year with the Aggies after starring at Midland College for two seasons. "We recruited her, recruited her hard," Brooks said. "She signed with us, things didn't work out, but I think she's happy here at A&M." Ade is averaging 7.3 points and 7 rebounds a game.

BLOCK PARTY: The 6-foot-5 Gilbert had five blocks in A&M's first-round game to give her 64 this season and make her the first player in school history with at least 60 blocks in a season. Her five blocks on Sunday night were her second-most this season after she had eight in a win over UTEP on Jan. 2.

ALMOST PERFECT: James Madison's Kirby Burkholder, the Colonial Athletic Association player of the year, made 17 of 18 free throws against Gonzaga, a school record for free throws made in a single game. She's been great from the line all year and leads the team with an 88.7 free-throw percentage.

Houston coach Dickey resigns after 4 seasons

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston coach James Dickey says he is stepping down after four seasons with the Cougars because of "a family matter that requires my time and energy."

Dickey just completed the fourth season of a five-year contract with Houston. He coached Texas Tech from 1991-2001, and replaced Tom Penders at Houston in 2010. Dickey has a career record of 217-196.

He says in a statement it was a difficult decision, but did not give details as to why.

The Cougars went 17-16 this season with an 8-10 record in the American Athletic Conference. They also beat three Top 25 teams.

The Cougars' only postseason appearance under Dickey came in 2013 in the CBI.

Athletic director Mark Rhoades says Dickey's "decision to step down comes with great heartache for all involved."

WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LINCOLN REGIONAL
DEPAUL 74
DUKE 66

DURHAM, N.C. — Megan Rogowski scored 22 points and Megan Podkowa added 18 to help DePaul upset Duke 74-65 on Monday night in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Brittany Hrynko added 14 for the seventh-seeded Blue Demons (29-6). They earned their third appearance in the round of 16 by hitting 14 3-pointers and forcing second-seeded Duke into 21 turnovers with their high-pressure defense.

DePaul will play the James Madison-Texas A&M winner on Saturday in the Lincoln Regional semifinals.

Elizabeth Williams scored 12 points, and seniors Haley Peters and Tricia Liston each added 11 in their final game at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Duke (28-7) led for only 12 seconds and became the first top-four seed to lose in the tournament.

The Blue Devils — who made four straight appearances in the regional finals — became the first No. 2 seed to lose this early since Xavier lost to Louisville in 2011.

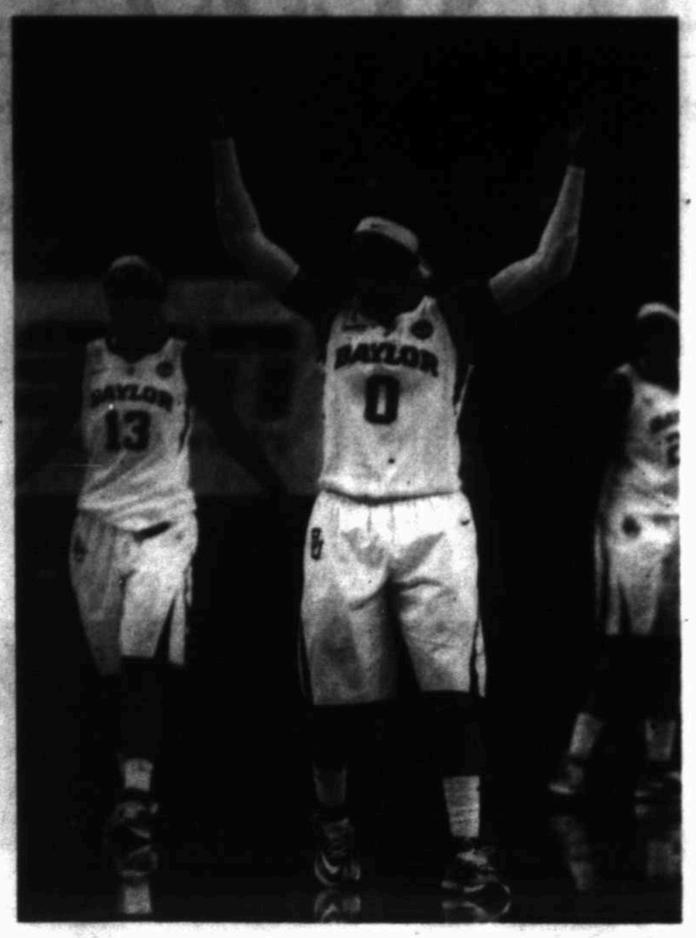
BYU 80
NEBRASKA 76

LOS ANGELES — Morgan Bailey tied her career high with 18 points, Jennifer Hamson had 15 points and 14 rebounds, and BYU held on to beat Nebraska, advancing to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA women's tournament for the first time since 2002.

Lexi Eaton added 15 points and Xojian Harry hit three 3-pointers in the final eight minutes for the 12th-seeded Cougars (28-6), who became just the third No. 12 seed to reach the final 16.

They led by 17 points in the first half on the way to their second straight upset. The Cougars defeated No. 5 seed North Carolina State in the first round at UCLA's Pauley Pavilion. Next up is either Connecticut or St. Joseph's.

Tear'a Laudermill scored 22 points and Big Ten player of the year Jordan Hooper added 20 points for fourth-seeded Nebraska (26-7), which now hosts a regional it won't be playing in.



Tony Gutierrez/AP

Baylor's Odyssey Sims (0) celebrates sinking a 3-point basket as Nina Davis (13) and Sune Agbuke (22) watch late in the second half of a second-round game against California in the NCAA women's tournament Monday in Waco. Baylor won 75-56.

NOTRE DAME REGIONAL
BAYLOR 76
CALIFORNIA 56

WACO — Odyssey Sims scored 27 points in her final home game and Baylor advanced to its sixth consecutive NCAA Sweet 16, taking over in the second half for a victory over California.

Sims punctuated a game-clinching 13-2 run with a long 3-pointer with 4 1/2 minutes left. Baylor coach Kim Mulkey could only smile even though she appeared to be calling for a different play from the sideline. Sims scored 11 points in that spurt of about 5 minutes that pushed Baylor (31-4) ahead 66-52.

Afure Jemerigbe had 17 points and Brittany Boyd 15 for Cal (22-10), a Final Four team last season.

Baylor, the No. 2 seed in the Notre Dame Regional, has a rematch with Kentucky (26-8) on Saturday in South Bend, Ind.

NOTRE DAME 84
ARIZONA STATE 67

TOLEDO, Ohio — Natalie Achonwa had 25 points and 11 rebounds, and top-seeded Notre Dame pulled away in the second half for a victory over ninth-seeded Arizona State.

The unbeaten Fighting Irish (34-0) have won their last 15 games by double digits, although the Sun Devils (23-10) kept this one close during a sloppy first half. Deja Mann scored 16 points for Arizona State.

Notre Dame led 32-26 at halftime before scoring the first six points of the second. Led by the 6-foot-3 Achonwa, the Irish outscored Arizona State 46-34 in the paint.

Kayla McBride had 22 points and nine assists for Notre Dame, which advanced to the Sweet 16 for the 12th time in the last 18 years.

KENTUCKY 64
SYRACUSE 59

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Bria Goss scored 17 points and third-seeded Kentucky held off No. 6 seed Syracuse.

Goss went 11 of 12 from the foul line as the Wildcats (26-8) ground out a victory two days after beating Wright State by 46 points. Syracuse's physical play and its 2-3 zone defense had a lot to do with disrupting Kentucky's rhythm and scoring opportunities in a 36-percent shooting performance.

OKLAHOMA STATE 73
PURDUE 66

Brittney Martin had 20 points and 20 rebounds to lead Oklahoma State past Purdue and into the Sweet 16.

The Cowgirls (25-8) won their second straight, ending a 15-game stretch in which they had alternated wins and losses.

STANFORD REGIONAL
STANFORD 63
FLORIDA STATE 44

AMES, Iowa — Chiney Ogwumike had 19 points and nine rebounds, and Stanford broke open the game with a 30-2 run spanning the halves in a victory over Florida State in the second round of the NCAA women's tournament.

The second-seeded Cardinal (31-3) won two games in Ames to advance to the regional they'll host at Maples Pavilion starting Saturday. They're in the Sweet 16 for the seventh year in a row.

LOUISVILLE REGIONAL
TENNESSEE 67
ST. JOHN'S 51

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Cierra Burdick had 21 points and 11 rebounds as Tennessee relied on its smothering defense to pull away from St. John's for a victory in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Tennessee, the top seed in the Louisville Regional, advanced to a regional semifinal Sunday against the winner of Tuesday's game between No. 4 seed Maryland and No. 5 seed Texas.

TOURNAMENT SCORES AND SCHEDULES

Men

NCAA Tournament Glance
EAST REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 20
At First Niagara Center
Buffalo, N.Y.
UConn 89, Saint Joseph's 81, OT
Villanova 73, Milwaukee 53
At Spokane Arena
Spokane, Wash.
Harvard 61, Cincinnati 57
Michigan State 93, Delaware 78
Friday, March 21
At PNC Arena
Raleigh, N.C.
Memphis 71, George Washington 66
Virginia 70, Coastal Carolina 59
At The AT&T Center
San Antonio
North Carolina 79, Providence 77
Iowa State 93, North Carolina Central 75
Third Round
Saturday, March 22
At First Niagara Center
Buffalo, N.Y.
UConn 77, Villanova 65
At Spokane Arena
Spokane, Wash.
Michigan State 80, Harvard 73
Sunday, March 23
At PNC Arena
Raleigh, N.C.
Virginia 78, Memphis 60
At The AT&T Center
San Antonio
Iowa State 85, North Carolina 83
Regional Semifinals
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Friday
UConn (28-8) vs. Iowa State (28-7), 6:27 p.m.
Michigan State (28-8) vs. Virginia (30-6), 8:57 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 30
Semifinal winners

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

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

WEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 20
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Wisconsin 75, American 35
Oregon 87, BYU 68
At Spokane Arena
Spokane, Wash.
North Dakota State 80, Oklahoma 75, OT
San Diego State 73, New Mexico State 69, OT
Friday, March 21
At The AT&T Center
San Antonio
Baylor 74, Nebraska 60
Creighton 76, Louisiana-Lafayette 66
At Viejas Arena
San Diego
Arizona 68, Weber State 59
Gonzaga 85, Oklahoma State 77
Third Round
Saturday, March 22
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Wisconsin 85, Oregon 77
At Spokane Arena
Spokane, Wash.
San Diego State 63, North Dakota State 44
Sunday, March 23
At The AT&T Center
San Antonio
Baylor 85, Creighton 55
At Viejas Arena
San Diego
Arizona 84, Gonzaga 61
Regional Semifinals
At The Honda Center
Anaheim, Calif.
Thursday, March 27
Wisconsin (28-7) vs. Baylor (26-11), 6:47 p.m.
San Diego State (31-4) vs. Arizona (32-4), 9:17 p.m.
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 29
Semifinal winners

National Invitation Tournament Glance
Second Round
Friday, March 21
Second Round
Friday, March 21
Belmont 82, Robert Morris 71
Saturday, March 22
Louisiana Tech 79, Georgia 71
Sunday, March 23
Clemson 50, Illinois 49
Minnesota 63, Saint Mary's (Calif.) 55
Southern Miss 71, Missouri 63
Monday
Florida State 101, Georgetown 90
SMU 80, LSU 67
Arkansas (22-11) at California (20-13), late
Quarterfinals
Today
Belmont (26-9) at Clemson (22-12), 6 p.m.
Southern Miss (29-6) at Minnesota (22-13), 8 p.m.
Wednesday
Louisiana Tech (29-7) at Florida State (21-13), 6 p.m.
Arkansas-California winner at SMU (25-9), 8 p.m.

College Basketball Invitational Glance
First Round
Tuesday, March 18
Siena 66, Stony Brook 55
Wednesday, March 19
Penn State 69, Hampton 65
Old Dominion 72, South Dakota State 65
Texas A&M 59, Wyoming 43
Princeton 56, Tulane 55
Illinois State 77, Morehead State 67
Fresno State 81, UTEP 58
Radford 96, Oregon State 92
Quarterfinals
Monday
Siena 54, Penn State 52
Old Dominion 82, Radford 59
Illinois State 82, Texas A&M 55
Princeton (21-8) at Fresno State (18-16), late

Collegeinsider.com Tournament Glance
Second Round
Friday, March 21
Towson 83, ETSU 77
Saturday, March 22
VMI 106, IPFW 95
Ohio 56, Wright State 54
Yale 71, Holy Cross 66
Columbia 69, Eastern Michigan 58
San Diego 77, Sam Houston State 72
Pacific 89, Texas A&M Corpus Christi 60
Monday
Murray State 88, Nebraska-Omaha 62
Quarterfinals
Wednesday
VMI (21-12) at Ohio (24-11), 6 p.m.
Yale (17-13) at Columbia (21-12), 6 p.m.
San Diego (18-16) at Pacific (17-15), 9 p.m.
Thursday
Towson State (25-10) at Murray State (20-11), 7 p.m.

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

NAIA Division I Men's Basketball Glance
At Municipal Auditorium
Kansas City, Mo.
First Round
Quarterfinals
Saturday
Emmanuel 94, Cal State San Marcos 89, OT
St. Gregory's 84, Freed-Hardeman 82
Vanguard 93, Georgetown (Ky.) 85
MidAmerica Nazarene 86, St. Catharine (Ky.) 73
Semifinals
Monday
Emmanuel (32-3) vs. St. Gregory's, 2:45, late
Vanguard (30-6) vs. MidAmerica Nazarene (26-10), late
Championship
Today
Semifinals winners, 7 p.m.

Women

NCAA Basketball Tournament Glance
LINCOLN REGIONAL
Saturday, March 22
At Durham, N.C.
At Durham, N.C.
Duke 87, Winthrop 45
DePaul 104, Oklahoma 100
At Los Angeles
Nebraska 74, Fresno State 55
BYU 72, N.C. State 57
Sunday, March 23
At Storrs, Conn.
Saint Joseph's 67, Georgia 57
UConn 87, Prairie View 44
At College Station
James Madison 72, Gonzaga 63
Texas A&M 70, North Dakota 55
Second Round
Monday
At Los Angeles
BYU 80, Nebraska 76
At Durham, N.C.
DePaul 74, Duke 65
Today
At Storrs, Conn.
UConn (35-0) vs. Saint Joseph's (23-9), 6:05 p.m.
At College Station
James Madison (29-5) vs. Texas A&M (25-8), 8:45 p.m.
Regional Semifinals
At Lincoln, Neb.
Saturday, March 29
UConn-Saint Joseph's winner vs. BYU (28-6), 3:30 or 5:30 p.m.
DePaul (29-6) vs. James Madison-Texas A&M winner, 3:30 or 5:30 p.m.
Monday, March 31
Regional Championship
Semifinal winners, 8:30 p.m.

STANFORD REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 22
At Ames, Iowa
Florida State 67, Iowa State 44
Stanford 81, South Dakota 62
Sunday, March 23
At Seattle
South Carolina 73, Cal State Northridge 58
Oregon State 55, Middle Tennessee 36
At Chapel Hill, N.C.
Michigan State 91, Hampton 61
North Carolina 80, UT-Martin 59
At State College, Pa.
Penn State 82, Wichita State 56
Florida 83, Dayton 69
Second Round
Monday, March 24
At Ames, Iowa
Stanford 63, Florida State 44
Today
At Seattle
South Carolina (26-4) vs. Oregon State (24-10), 8:40 p.m.
At Chapel Hill, N.C.
Michigan State (23-8) vs. North Carolina (25-6), 6:10 p.m.
At State College, Pa.
Florida (20-12) vs. Penn State (23-7), 6:10 p.m.
Regional Semifinals
At Stanford, Calif.
Sunday, March 30
South Carolina-Oregon State winner vs. Michigan State-North Carolina winner, 3:30 or 5:30 p.m.
Stanford (30-3) vs. Florida-Penn State winner, 3:30 or 5:30 p.m. Regional Championship
Tuesday, April 1
Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

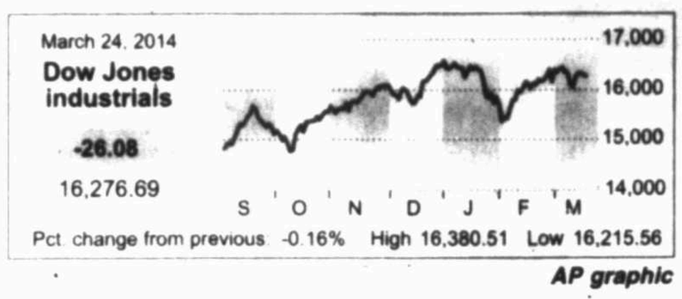
NOTRE DAME REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 22
At Toledo, Ohio
Arizona State 69, Vanderbilt 61
Notre Dame 93, Robert Morris 42
At West Lafayette, Ind.
Oklahoma State 81, Florida Gulf Coast 60, OT
Purdue 84, Akron 55
At Lexington, Ky.
Kentucky 106, Wright State 80
Syracuse 59, Chattanooga 53
At Waco
California 64, Fordham 63
Baylor 67, Western Kentucky 74
Second Round
Monday
At Toledo, Ohio
Notre Dame 84, Arizona State 67
At West Lafayette, Ind.
Oklahoma State 73, Purdue 66
At Lexington, Ky.
Kentucky 64, Syracuse 59
At Waco
Baylor 75, California 56
Regional Semifinals
At Notre Dame, Ind.
Saturday, March 29
Notre Dame (34-0) vs. Oklahoma State (25-8), 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.
Kentucky (26-8) vs. Baylor (31-4), 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.
Regional Championship
Monday, March 31
Semifinal winners, 6:30 p.m.

LOUISVILLE REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 22
At Knoxville, Tenn.
Tennessee 70, Northwestern State 46
St. John's 71, South Dakota 68
Sunday, March 23
At College Park, Md.
Maryland 90, Army 52
Texas 79, Pennsylvania 61
At Iowa City, Iowa
Louisville 88, Idaho 42
Iowa 87, Marist 65
At Baton Rouge, La.
LSU 98, Georgia Tech 78
West Virginia 76, Albany (N.Y.) 61
Second Round
Monday
At Knoxville, Tenn.
Tennessee 67, St. John's 51
Today
At College Park, Md.
Texas (22-11) vs. Maryland (25-8), 6:05 p.m.
At Iowa City, Iowa
Iowa vs. Louisville (31-4), 8:35 p.m.
At Baton Rouge, La.
LSU (20-12) vs. West Virginia (30-4), 8:45 p.m.
Regional Semifinals
At Louisville, Ky.
Sunday, March 30
Tennessee (28-5) vs. Texas-Maryland winner, 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.
Iowa-Louisville winner vs. LSU-West Virginia winner, 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.
Regional Championship
Tuesday, April 1
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

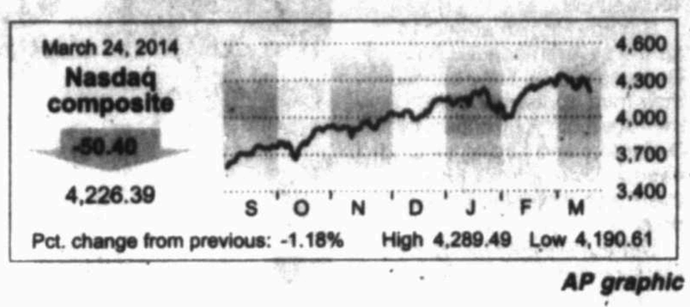
National Invitation Tournament Glance
Second Round
Saturday, March 22
Indiana 72, Marquette 69
Colorado 79, Southern Utah 68
Sunday, March 23
George Washington 76, Villanova 66
South Florida 75, Stetson 56
Northwestern 88, IUPUI 52
South Dakota State 82, Creighton 51
Seton Hall 75, Princeton 74
Minnesota 77, SMU 70
Monday
Michigan 68, Duquesne 52
Rutgers 63, Harvard 52
Auburn 82, Old Dominion 59
Bowling Green 76, St. Bonaventure 65
Mississippi State 74, Southern Miss. 66, 2OT
San Diego 80, Montana 57
UTEP 76, Saint Mary's (Calif.) 64
Washington (18-13) at Oregon (16-15), late
Third Round
Tuesday
George Washington (23-10) at South Florida (21-12), 6 p.m.
Northwestern (17-15) at Indiana (20-12), 6 p.m.
Michigan (20-13) at Bowling Green (29-4), 6 p.m.
Seton Hall (20-13) at Rutgers (24-9), 6 p.m.
Auburn (19-14) at Mississippi State (21-13), 7 p.m.
Minnesota (22-12) at South Dakota State (24-9), 7 p.m.
Friday
Colorado (19-14) vs. UTEP (26-7), 8 p.m.
March 29-30
San Diego (24-8) vs. Washington-Oregon winner

Quarterfinals
March 29-31
Colorado-UTEP winner vs. San Diego-Washington-Oregon winner, TBA
Minnesota-South Dakota State winner vs. Northwestern-Indiana winner, TBA
Michigan-Bowling Green winner vs. Seton Hall-Rutgers winner, TBA
Auburn-Mississippi State winner vs. George Washington-South Florida winner, TBA

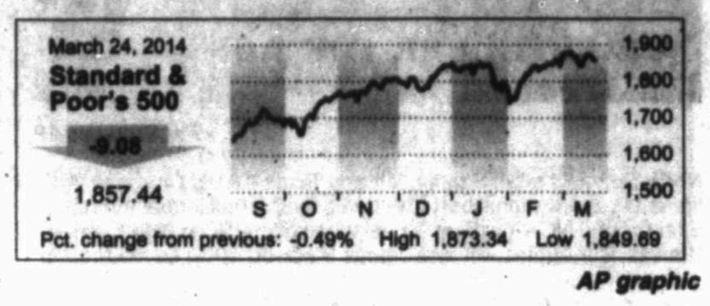
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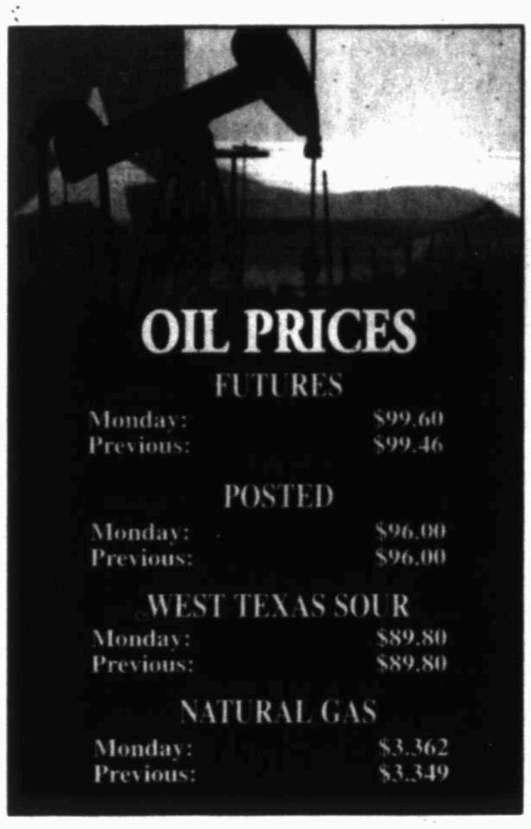
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A detail from the online game "Candy Crush Saga" is shown on a computer screen, Monday in New York. King Digital, the company behind the popular, addictive mobile is expected to begin trading on the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday. The Dublin, Ireland-based company could be valued as high as $7.6 billion if its initial public offering prices at $24 per share, the upper end of its expected range.

Oil edges higher

The price of oil edged higher Monday as traders waited to see how long a key transit route in the Gulf would be closed following an oil spill there.

Benchmark U.S. crude for May delivery rose 14 cents to close at $99.60 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, used to set prices for international varieties of crude, slipped 11 cents to $106.81 a barrel.

On Saturday, a barge carrying about 900,000 gallons of heavy oil collided with a ship in the Houston Ship Channel, spilling as much as 168,000 gallons into one of the world's busiest waterways. More than 80 ships have been forced to wait to enter or leave the bay.

Jim Ritterbusch, president of energy consultancy Ritterbusch and Associates, said the oil prices could shoot higher if the waterway isn't open by the end of the week.

Soft Chinese economic data kept a lid on prices Monday. The preliminary version of HSBC's purchasing managers' index for China showed manufacturing dropped to an eight-month low, while factory output shrank at the fastest pace in 18 months.

Some investors bet the data would spur China to introduce economic stimulus measures to prevent a deeper slowdown in the world's No. 2 economy.

Gold falls

Gold for April dropped $24.80, or 1.9 percent, to $1,311.20 an ounce. The price of silver dropped 24 cents, or 1.9 percent, to $20.07 an ounce. Copper for May fell 1 cent, or 0.2 percent, to $2.95 a pound.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1148002	17.37	-.19
S&P500ETF	1112740	185.43	-.77
SnJapan	740551	10.92	+ .04
ShR2K	629896	117.26	-1.35
SPDR Fncl	545824	22.39	-.01

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DirGMBear	24.75	+4.27	+20.8
NuSkin	88.66	+13.66	+18.2
DirDGldBr s	23.91	+2.82	+13.4
DB AgriSh	29.82	+3.42	+13.0
MillerEnR	5.78	+ .58	+11.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DirGMnBull	21.88	-5.68	-20.6
DrGldBll rs	38.45	-6.03	-13.6
Coupons n	23.01	-3.16	-12.1
ChinaDEd	17.13	-2.25	-11.6
Lannett	36.41	-4.33	-10.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,160
Declined	1,955
Unchanged	89
Total issues	3,204
New Highs	65
New Lows	19
Volume	3,331,700,668

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Intellichk	219591	1.63	+ .50
IsoRay	150866	2.37	- .05
InovioPhm	93172	3.51	- .18
AkdNevG	69093	5.11	- .38
NovaGld g	58734	3.81	- .21

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Versar	4.09	+ .49	+13.6
PacGE pfI	23.04	+1.54	+7.2
AvalonHld	5.80	+ .39	+7.2
NewConcEn	2.12	+ .13	+6.3
CKX Lands	16.20	+ .92	+6.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
22ndCentry	2.69	-.84	-23.8
Servotr	7.56	-1.16	-13.3
TherapMD	6.59	-.74	-10.1
UQM Tech	2.48	-.27	-9.8
AskanoG g	2.05	-.21	-9.3

DIARY

Advanced	157
Declined	257
Unchanged	16
Total issues	430
New Highs	9
New Lows	1
Volume	219,097,728

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	1356218	3.26	- .09
Facebook	849588	64.10	- 3.14
PwShs QQQ	719967	88.22	- .78
Microsoft	447853	40.50	- .34
Intel	363897	25.12	- .05

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Microvisn	2.39	+ .37	+18.1
IntrCloud n	8.25	+ .90	+12.2
PeapckGl	22.05	+1.95	+9.7
GuanwRcy	3.61	+ .30	+9.1
VertexEn	6.00	+ .46	+8.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Aastrom rs	5.08	-1.41	-21.7
IderaPhm	4.75	-1.29	-21.2
ArrowRsh	17.37	-3.33	-16.1
AgnicPh n	17.47	-4.99	-15.7
Dataram	3.30	-.59	-15.2

DIARY

Advanced	669
Declined	1,956
Unchanged	114
Total issues	2,739
New Highs	46
New Lows	36
Volume	2,393,119,853

Preview: 'Candy Crush' maker King to go public

Associated Press

NEW YORK — King Digital, the company behind the wildly popular mobile game "Candy Crush Saga," is scheduled to make its debut on the New York Stock Exchange this week.

The company could be valued as high as $7.6 billion if its initial public offering prices at $24 per share, the upper end of its expected range. That's nearly twice as much as its closest rival, Zynga Inc., the creator of "FarmVille."

Unlike Zynga, however, King is profitable and has less than a third of Zynga's employee base.

The company is offering 15.5 million shares. Existing shareholders are offering another 6.7 million. King expects proceeds of $326 million from the IPO.

King, based in Dublin, generated revenue of $1.88 billion last year. That's more than 10 times its 2012 revenue of $164.4 million. Zynga's 2013 revenue was $873.3 million.

Still, some analysts have wondered whether King is destined to become another Zynga, which was also riding a wave of popularity when it went public in 2011, thanks to "FarmVille."

Already, King has seen a sequential revenue decline between its third and fourth quarters.

"With King's tent-pole title, 'Candy Crush Saga,' currently tracking 20 (percent) below peak-booking levels, future growth will depend on the company's ability to diversify," wrote Sterne Agee analyst Arvind Bhatia.

He called the expected IPO price range for the company a fair value for King.

Bhatia points out that while King has a portfolio of more than 180 games, its revenue is concentrated in just three: "Candy Crush Saga," "Pet Rescue Saga" and "Farm Heroes Saga" made up 94 percent of all bookings in the fourth quarter.

The company is expected begin trading Wednesday on the NYSE under the ticker symbol "KING."

Netflix and other tech stocks lead market lower

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A sell-off in technology stocks Monday pulled the broader market lower as investors unloaded some of the biggest names in the industry.

Netflix fell 7 percent. Facebook fell 5 percent, and Google and Amazon.com each fell more than 2 percent.

Tech stocks have soared over the past year, pushing the Nasdaq composite index up 30 percent over the past 12 months, more than twice as much as the Dow Jones industrial average.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $92.67 Up 2.37

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $119.48 Down 0.74

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $28.29 Down 0.54

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $64.14 Down 0.08

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $25.24 Down 0.86

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.70 Down 0.05

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $29.34 Down 1.08

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $14.51 Up 0.33

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84f	10	34.46	+ .16	-2.0
Abraxas		**44**	**3.99**	**- .08**	**+22.4**
AdamsEx	**.84e**		**12.91**	**- .05**	**-1.2**
AMD			4.05	+ .01	+4.7
Alcoa	.12	36	12.01		+13.0
AlonUSA	.24a	53	15.34	- .41	-7.3
Amgen	**2.44**	**18**	**121.28**	**-1.65**	**+6.3**
Anadarko	**.72**	**53**	**82.78**	**- .81**	**+4.4**
Annaly	1.35e	3	11.35	- .13	+13.8
Apache	**1.00f**	**15**	**80.77**	**+ .06**	**-6.0**
ApldMatl	**.40**	**52**	**20.10**	**- .07**	**+13.7**
ATMOS	**1.48**	**17**	**46.11**	**- .01**	**+1.5**
AutoData	1.92	26	76.45	- .30	-5.4
BP PLC	**2.28**	**11**	**46.70**	**+ .19**	**-3.9**
BabcCIrlv	1.20		15.31	+ .06	+2.5
BakrHu	.60	24	61.64	- .47	+11.5
BkofAm	.04	17	17.37	- .19	+11.6
B /PVix rs			44.37	+ .09	+4.3
BarrickG	.20		18.53	- .87	+5.1
BasicEnSv			25.14	- .31	+59.3
BerkHa A	**...**	**1718662**	**20.00-1330.00**		**+4.8**
BlkHillsCp	**1.56f**	**25**	**56.19**	**- .26**	**+7.0**
BlackBerry			9.38	+ .20	+26.0
BrMySq	**1.44**	**33**	**51.04**	**-1.02**	**-4.0**
BrownFA	**1.16**	**32**	**88.22**	**-2.78**	**+19.6**
BrownFB	**1.16**	**30**	**88.01**	**-1.73**	**+16.5**
CVS Care	1.10	20	74.35	- .60	+3.9
Cameron		22	61.76	-1.09	+3.7
Caterpillar	2.40	17	96.85	- .54	+6.7
Celestic g		18	10.05	+ .03	-3.4
CntryLink	2.16		31.54	+ .20	-1.0
ChesEng	.35	36	24.71	+ .04	-9.0
Chevron	**4.00**	**10**	**115.85**	**+ .22**	**-7.3**
Chicos	.30	20	16.36	- .20	-13.2
Cimarex	.64f	24	115.77	-3.28	+10.4
Cisco	.76f	14	21.57	- .07	-3.1
Citigroup	.04	11	50.05	- .03	-4.0
ClayEng	**...**	**...**	**92.67**	**+2.37**	**+13.1**
CocaCola	**1.22f**	**20**	**38.40**	**- .04**	**-7.0**
ColgPalm s	**1.44f**	**27**	**63.31**	**- .15**	**-2.9**
Comcast	**.90f**	**20**	**50.30**	**+ .30**	**-3.2**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**16**	**30.11**	**+ .04**	**-10.7**
ConchoRes	**...**	**80**	**119.48**	**- .74**	**+10.6**
ConocoPhil	**2.76**	**11**	**67.86**	**+ .08**	**-4.4**
CrackerB	3.00	19	97.60	- .44	-11.3
CrosTim	**2.57e**	**14**	**31.79**	**+ .88**	**+8.1**
DCP Mid	2.93f	38	50.29	- .37	- .1
DTE	2.62	19	71.94	+ .42	+8.4
Dataram			3.30	- .59	+26.9
Dawson	**.32**	**22**	**28.29**	**- .54**	**-16.4**
DevonE	**.96f**	**...**	**63.91**	**- .18**	**+3.3**
DxSCBr rs			15.44	+ .50	-9.0
Disney	**.86f**	**22**	**79.49**	**- .86**	**+4.0**
DowChm	**1.48f**	**14**	**50.16**	**- .05**	**+13.0**
DryShips			3.31	- .17	-29.6
EMC Cp	.40	21	27.90	- .08	+10.9
EOG Res	**1.00f**	**24**	**189.60**	**-2.04**	**+13.0**
EmpDist	**1.02**	**16**	**24.04**	**- .08**	**+5.9**
Energen	.60f	29	80.69	+ .91	+14.0
EngyTsfr	3.68f		53.78	- .32	-6.1
EnPro		**51**	**72.35**	**- .53**	**+25.5**
EntPrPt	2.80f	24	68.00	- .86	+2.6
Ericsson	.43e		12.97	- .09	+6.0
ExterranH	**.60**	**22**	**41.69**	**+ .49**	**+21.9**
ExxonMbl	**2.52**	**10**	**94.64**	**+ .33**	**-6.5**
Facebook			64.10	- 3.14	+17.3
FordM	.50f	9	15.39	- .08	- .3
ForestOil		11	1.82	- .05	-49.6
FuelCellE			2.43	- .14	+72.3
GATX	**1.32f**	**19**	**67.30**	**+1.30**	**+29.0**
GabMultT	**.88**	**...**	**10.66**	**- .15**	**-14.1**
GAlrv	**2.10e**	**...**	**34.94**	**- .25**	**-.7**
GenElec	**.88**	**19**	**25.41**	**+ .01**	**-9.3**
GenMotors	1.20	14	35.14	+ .13	-14.0
GileadSci		39	72.13	+ .06	-4.0
GtPlainEn	**.92**	**16**	**26.58**	**- .11**	**+9.7**
Groupon			8.10	- .19	-31.2
HalconRes			3.83	- .05	-.8
Halliburtn	**.60**	**20**	**57.78**	**- .28**	**+13.9**
HimaxTch	.25e	89	13.38	- .67	-9.0
iShBrazil	**1.44e**		**42.16**	**+ .49**	**-5.8**
iShJapan	**.13e**		**10.92**	**+ .04**	**-10.0**
iShChinaLC	**1.02e**		**34.49**	**+ .54**	**-10.1**
iShEMkts	**.65e**		**39.36**	**+ .38**	**-5.8**
iS EuSt	**1.70e**		**65.33**	**+ .17**	**-2.6**
iShR2K	**1.41e**		**117.25**	**-1.35**	**+1.6**
IntegrysE	**2.72**	**15**	**58.00**	**+ .14**	**+6.6**
Intel	**.90**	**13**	**25.12**	**- .05**	**-3.2**
Intellichk			1.63	+ .50	+226.0
InterDig	.40	35	32.27	+ .33	+9.4
IsoRay			2.37	- .05	+374.0
ItauUnibH	.51r		13.87	+ .50	+2.3
JPMorgCh	1.52	14	61.07	+ .90	+5.1
JohnJn	**2.64**	**20**	**95.20**	**- .73**	**+3.9**
KimbClk	**3.36f**	**20**	**110.66**	**+ .50**	**+5.9**
KindME	5.44f	27	73.37	+ .22	-9.0
KindMM	5.44f	40	70.64	+ .40	-6.6
LegacyRes	2.36f		25.24	- .86	-10.4
Lubys	**...**	**44**	**6.19**	**- .24**	**-19.8**
MagneGs h			2.15	- .25	+388.6
MktVGold	.19e		24.33	+ .20	+15.1
McDnlds	3.24	17	96.18	+ .71	- .9
Merck	1.76	37	53.78	- .88	+7.5
MeritMed	**...**	**37**	**14.54**	**- .28**	**-7.6**
MexcoEn		77	7.70	- .05	+11.6
MicronT		15	23.48	- .18	+8.0
Microsoft	1.12	15	40.50	+ .34	+8.3
Microvisn			2.39	+ .37	+80.7
Nabors	.16	51	24.04	+ .47	+41.5
NatGrid	**3.17e**	**...**	**67.32**	**- .15**	**+3.1**
NOilVarco	1.04	14	74.15	- .32	-6.8
NoklaCp			7.22	+ .05	-11.0
NA Pall g			.59	+ .10	-9.5
Novavax			4.13	- .55	-19.3
NvMAd	**.80e**	**...**	**12.94**	**+ .03**	**+6.4**
NvPMI	**.86**	**...**	**13.14**	**+ .05**	**+6.2**
NuvPI	**.96**	**...**	**13.07**	**+ .04**	**+6.0**
NSTFI3	**.63e**	**...**	**13.53**	**+ .13**	**+5.0**
NTXQI	**.70e**	**...**	**13.48**	**+ .07**	**+4.9**
OcciPet	**2.88f**	**13**	**93.87**	**- .20**	**-1.3**
OfficeDpt			4.19	- .18	-20.8
Oi SA	.45e		1.49	+ .05	-6.3
OnSmcnd		26	9.39	+ .03	+14.0
Oracle	.48	16	38.18	+ .68	- .2
Pandora			31.39	-2.62	+18.0
ParTech	**...**	**...**	**4.81**	**+ .16**	**-11.7**
ParkDrl	**...**	**28**	**7.21**	**- .09**	**-11.3**
PattUTI	**.40f**	**24**	**30.91**	**- .33**	**+22.1**
Penney			8.60	+ .11	-6.0
PennaRE	**.80**	**...**	**17.83**	**- .36**	**-7.1**
Pmian	.96e	15	13.24	- .02	+3.0
Petrobras	.44e		11.97	+ .38	-13.1
Pfizer	**1.04f**	**16**	**31.49**	**- .89**	**+2.8**
PvNtrl	.08		181.85	4.24	-1.2
PlainsAAP	**2.46f**	**18**	**53.47**	**- .01**	**+3.3**
PlugPowr h			5.69	- .25	+267.1
PwShs QQQ	1.30e		88.22	- .78	+ .3
Praxair	**2.60f**	**22**	**131.75**	**-1.17**	**+1.3**
PrmEgy	**...**	**11**	**52.30**	**-9.26**	**+3.6**
ProctGam	**2.41**	**21**	**79.30**	**+1.42**	**-2.6**
ProUShSP			28.85	+ .23	-2.7
RangeRs	.16		86.33	- .83	+2.4
RegionsFn	.12	14	11.07	- .02	+11.9
RiteAid			6.52	- .12	+28.9
Rowan		16	32.58	- .50	-7.9
RoyDShllA	3.60	9	71.38	+ .12	+ .2
SpdrDJIA	3.58e		162.44	- .19	-1.8
S&P500ETF	3.48e		185.43	- .77	+ .4
SabnR	3.90e	13	49.26	- .47	-2.6
SanderFm	**.80**	**11**	**76.80**	**- .61**	**+6.2**
SandRdge	**...**	**...**	**6.28**	**- .17**	**+3.5**
Saplent	**...**	**32**	**17.13**	**- .43**	**-1.3**
Schlmbrg	1.60f	18	93.23	+ .56	+3.5
SigmaAld	**.92f**	**23**	**93.15**	**-1.23**	**-.9**
SiriusXM		54	3.26	- .09	-6.6
Smucker	2.32	18	96.21	+ .19	-7.2
SP HlthC	.84e		57.53	- .65	+3.8
SPDR Fncl	.34e		22.39	- .01	+2.4
SP Inds	.91e		51.48	- .17	-1.5
Staples	.48	12	11.64	+ .19	-26.7
SunEdison			19.49	- .84	+49.3
SuncorLog	2.65f	26	84.61	+1.47	+12.1
Symantec	.60	16	19.09	+ .89	-19.0
TelefEsp	**.47e**	**...**	**15.42**	**+ .17**	**-5.6**
Tesoro	1.00	15	49.48	- .89	-15.4
3M Co	3.42f	20	132.42	- .70	-5.6
Torchmark	**.76f**	**14**	**78.83**	**- .38**	**+.9**
TriConti	**.65e**	**...**	**19.89**	**+ .01**	**-.5**
TylerTech	**...**	**78**	**88.69**	**-2.46**	**-13.2**
UBWV	**1.28**	**18**	**31.40**	**- .20**	**-.2**
Vale SA	.78e		13.12	+ .08	-14.0
ValeroE	1.00f	11	54.13	+ .34	+7.4
VangEmg	1.20e		38.99	+ .34	-5.2
VerizonCm	2.12	12	47.01	+ .10	-4.3
VulcanM	**.20f**	**...**	**65.12**	**- .99**	**+9.6**
Walgrn	**1.26**	**23**	**64.31**	**- .44**	**+12.0**
WellsFargo	1.20	13	48.98	- .14	+7.9
WstnRefin	1.04f	15	39.79	-1.11	-6.2
WhitingPet		15	67.95	-2.10	+9.8
WmsCos	1.61f	47	40.76	+ .15	+5.7
XcelEngy	**1.20f**	**16**	**29.73**	**+ .04**	**+6.4**
Xerox	**.25f**	**12**	**10.98**	**- .22**	**-9.8**
Yahoo		29	36.68	-1.26	-9.3
Zynga			4.70	- .25	+23.7

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INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
16,588.25	14,382.09	Dow Jones Industrials	16,276.69	-26.08	-.16	-1.81	+12.66
7,627.44	5,878.12	Dow Jones Transportation	7,510.38	-4.80	-.06	+1.48	+22.43
537.86	462.66	Dow Jones Utilities	522.78	+1.12	+.21	+6.57	+5.26
11,334.65	8,814.76	NYSE Composite	10,362.06	-30.16	-.29	-.37	+14.84
2,585.34	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,498.95	-7.75	-.31	+3.00	+3.97
4,371.71	3,154.96	Nasdaq Composite	4,226.39	-50.40	-1.18	+1.19	+30.83
1,883.97	1,536.03	S&P 500	1,857.44	-9.08	-.49	+.49	+19.70
20,226.72	16,177.06	Wilshire 5000	19,878.32	-128.75	-.64	+.87	+21.10
1,212.82	898.40	Russell 2000	1,178.23	-15.50	-1.30	+1.25	+24.57

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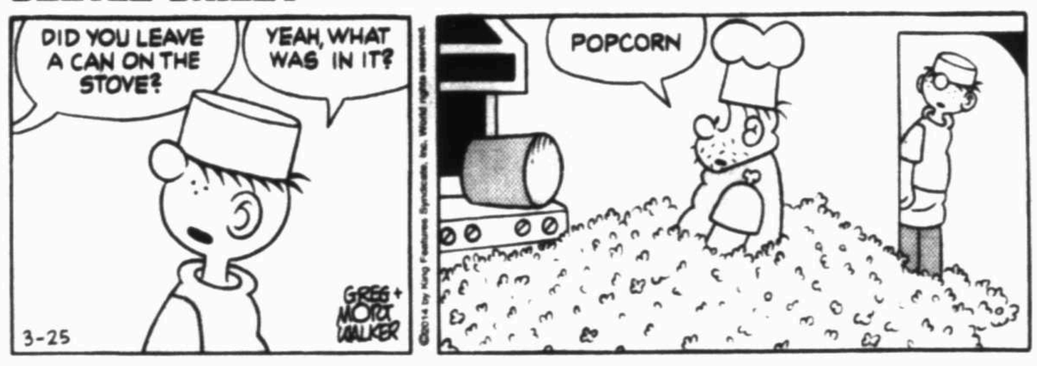
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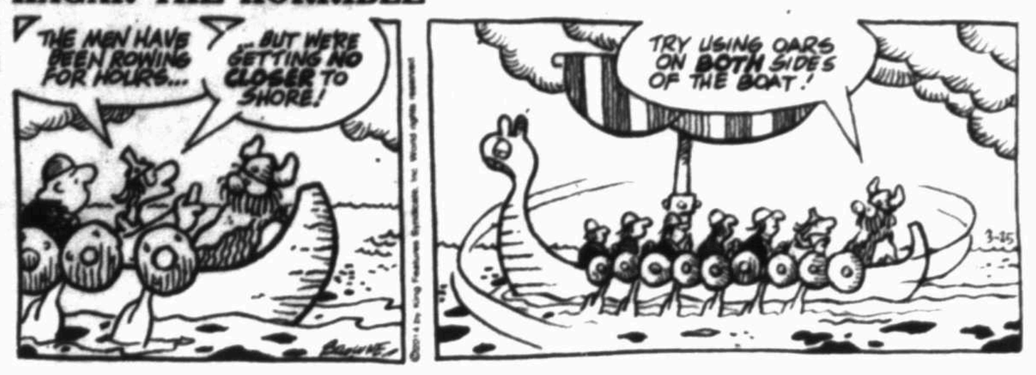
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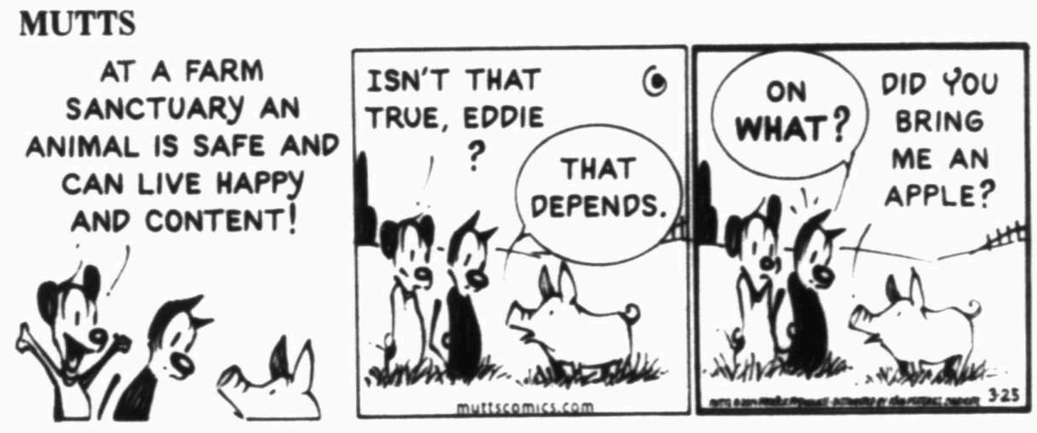
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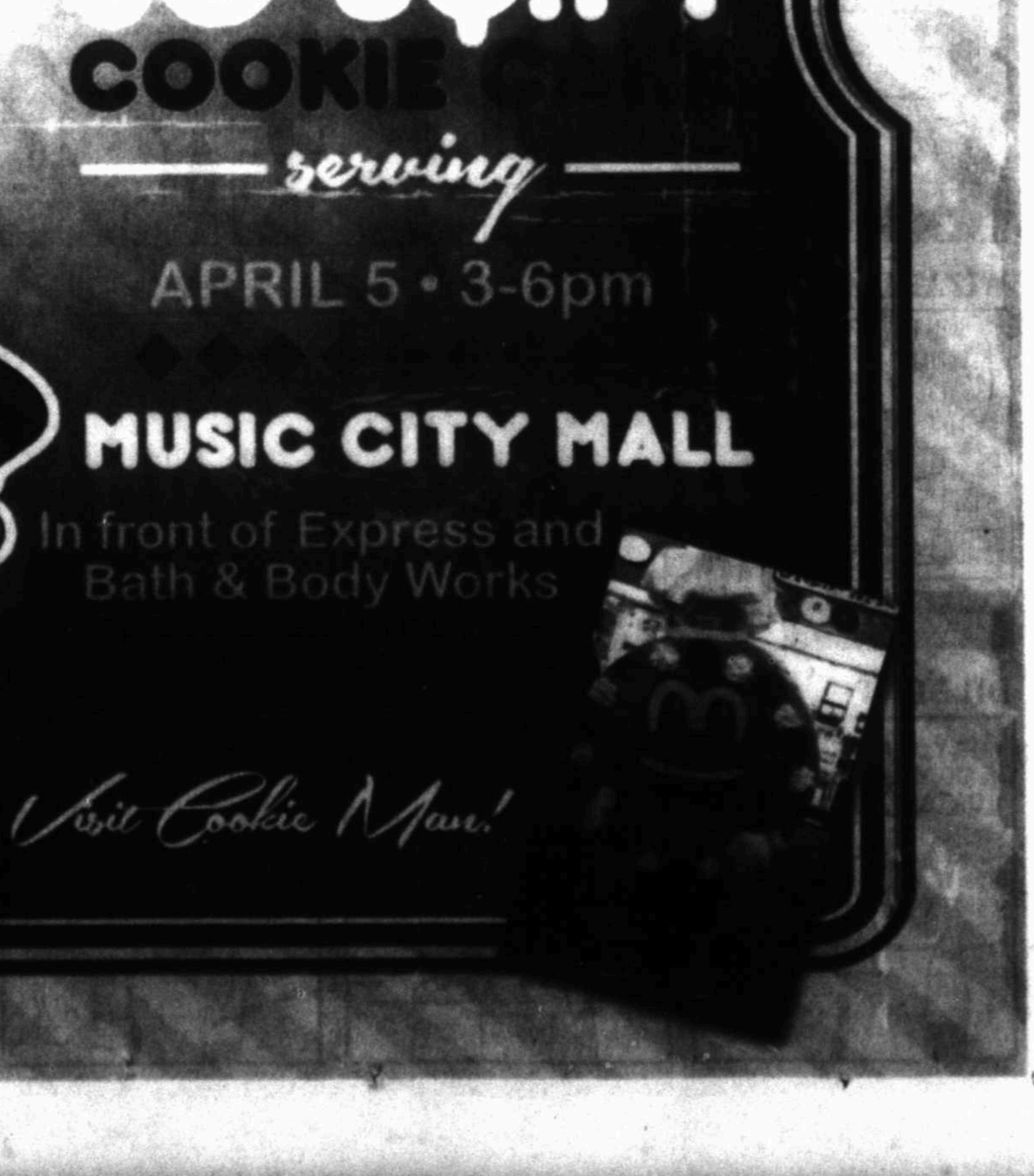
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FOUND DOG: young male, found on Cuthbert Ave last week. Possible lab mix. Needs a good home. Really friendly. Call to identify 432-425-7249

FOUND HIGH pressure valve on NCR 1130. Call to identify 432-967-0665 ask for Greg

FOUND male dog northwest of town. Call to identify 432-202-2365

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2008 BMW 335I 4dr Maroon, black interior. Twin Turbo straight 6. Excellent condition. Private Party sell. 87,300 miles, extended warranty is available. Asking $17,000 call 432-894-8331

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FORD 2005 Mustang GT Auto $9,950 We finance -wac- 683-6222 bnbmidlandtx.com

FOR SALE 2002 Buick LeSabre, 140k mileage, great car. Priced to sell, only $2600. Call 432-967-0047

HONDA 1991 Accord Ex
Selling as parts, wanting to sell together, parts compatible with '91-93 Accords. Still runs. Asking $800. Call 432-889-0238

Passenger Cars

HONDA 2008 Civic coupe white exterior tan interior. 57K miles. Excellent condition, one owner, well-maintained. Spotless interior, non-smoker, with maint. records. $10,300 Call 432-247-1407 in Midland to see

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CHEVROLET 2003 Silverado 2500 HD Turbo Diesel Crew Cab. 4 WD Ranch Hand Front and Rear Replacements. Leather interior, fully loaded LT package. 175,000 miles. $11,999.00 Call 432-230-0064

CHEVY 2004 2500 HD Silverado LT Crew-Cab Duramax $19,500 We Finance -wac- 683-6222 bnbmidlandtx.com

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Pickup Trucks

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FORD 2012 F-250 Lariat FX4 Diesel 95k miles. All the extras. $34,500. Call 432-214-5521

NISSAN 2004 Titan Crew Cab 2 wheel drive, leather, power everything. Bed liner, toolbox. 103K miles. Asking $8950 OBO Call 432-967-4212

4WD & SUV

2002 TAHOE z71, 4WD, Sunroof, 225K miles $4000. 432-425-3997

2003 HONDA Pilot EX-L V6 RES. Taffeta white, gray leather, 140,650. DVD/TV. Climate, 3rd seat, rear air, car fax incl. $7,250 OBO. Call/Text 432-556-4777

2004 CHEVROLET Trail Blazer LS, low mileage 78K miles, V6, Lumbar support, A/C, tilt wheel, lots of extras, clean inside. $6,500. 432-262-3584

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2012 TOYOTA Sequoia Platinum 4WD 30,000 miles, black ext. red rock leather int., $46,900; great condition. 432.288.4026

BUICK 2007 Rendezvous V6, 93,200 miles, well maintained, great condition, 3rd row seat, back up sensors, almost new tires, maroon exterior, grey interior, $7500. Call 432-894-2806

CHEVY 2001 2500 Suburban 4x4, 8.1liter, 103K miles. Exceptionally well maintained, leather, loaded, 3rd row seating, $9000. Call 432-413-2474 for more details.

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DODGE 2006 Durango, white, 94,000 miles, good condition, $8,000 OBO. Call 432-664-2811

GMC 1997 Jimmy Blazer, 4 door, 6 cylinder. Asking $1400.

1999 Toyota Camry, 4 door, 4 cylinder, $2700 432-238-3185.

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HONDA 2004 Element AWD EXS. Sunset Orange w/ black interior. 86,810 miles. $6,500 432.230.0531

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TOYOTA LAND CRUISER 2001 Silver 4WD 4 DR third row seat tow pkg, navigation leather, running boards, grill guard, moon roof new battery, multi cd stereo. 186K miles, great starter car $9500 call 553-2517

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2001 CR80 all new electrical carborator rebuilt. Solid bike $1100 432-349-6110

2009 HARLEY Davidson Heritage Softail Low milage, excellent condition, adult bike. Garage kept $15,500 432-528-2356

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HARLEY DAVIDSON 2011 Ultra Classic, 8400 miles, Vance & Hines exhaust. Fully loaded $19,995. Call 325-725-9027

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RVs

1998 HOLIDAY Rambler Endeavor, 34' Cummins motor and Allison transmission. One slide, great condition. 50K miles. $34,500. Call 432-638-9015

2003 CEDAR CREEK 5th Wheel, 2 ACs, Awning, 3 slides. $14,700, call 210-240-2041

JAYCO 2006 19H, fold-down bed ends, a/c, heat, refrigerator, oven, microwave, shower, toilet, stereo, outside shower, good tires, non-smoker, covered, great condition, $10,895, make offer. 432-617-3021

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GULF STREAM B Touring Cruiser R.V. 2006, 19.191 miles, 3 rollouts, Gasoline engine, airconditioned, 2 T.V.s, Large living room, kitchen, refrigerator, shower, generator, $39,750. Call 806-445-1999 no paypal. Pictures available on request

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SIERRA 2014 Travel trailer, 40ft, 2bedroom, 4 slide outs, fiberglass exterior, outside kitchen, washer, dryer, 2 a/c's, many extras, non-smokers, no pets, in Odessa $39,500. Call 701-230-2503

Watercraft

1991 CHAMPION Bass boat. 200 horse power Mariner motor. $6400 432-638-9015

2008 RANGER Z 21, FLW Edition. 250 Mercury Optimax. Lowrence Side View Electronics Like New. 36' Engine Hours. $45K. (325) 450-3614

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Watercraft

2009 SUN Tracker 21' Pontoon Boat on tandem trailer. 75HP Mercury with tilt/trim and deluxe cover, many extras, hardly used. Asking $17,000 OBO 432-557-6000

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Recreational Vehicles

2008 FLEETWOOD Tioga Ranger Class C Ford 450, bought new 12-08, 12,000 miles, Kitchen and living slide out, TVs, many upgrades. $6,000 Leveling jacks, kids gone to college, perfect for kids, sleep or watch movies while traveling, bargain sale. Like new. $47,950. Individual 512-556-9112, 512-737-0477 or billandjudyworrell@yahoo.com

2012 27' Sprinter Copper Canyon 5th wheel. Used only 3 times, garage kept, very clean, loaded. Retractable TV, sleeps 6. Canopy. $29,995. 940-937-6142 or 940-585-8786

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

iMPACT! Chemical Technologies is seeking an Accounting Assistant to provide support with the daily accounting functions of our growing company. The Accounting Assistant will be responsible for maintaining the company's accounts payable and accounts receivable and assist the Accounting Manager with maintaining complete and accurate customer and vendor records. Candidates should display strong attention to detail and Excel skills are required. Excellent benefits. Please forward resume and salary requirements to **leiah@impactchemtech.com**. Please do not apply through Monster.

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Ntact Operations, a growing industrial contractor, is seeking a controller to compile and analyze financial information, manage all accounting functions including staff, prepare financial statements. Also requires involvement in company insurance, employee benefit administration, and coordinating with outside legal, accounting and banking entities. Controller will be key member of management team involved in long range planning and strategy. Excellent opportunity to come grow with a young and expanding company. Accounting degree. Send resume to **Controller, Ntact Operations, P O Box 13328, Odessa, Texas 79768** or email **ghagelstein@ntactops.com**.

CRMWD

Colorado River Municipal District

The Colorado River Municipal Water District, regional raw water supplier for the Permian Basin, is accepting applications for following positions in the Big Spring Area.

Financial Accountant - Assist with the maintenance of the district's financial records, accounting systems and processes necessary to manage the district's business. Including billing of accounts receivable, maintain district banking and reconciliations. Maintain fixed assets. Strong computer skills required including Microsoft Word and Excel. Accounting degree preferred or 3-5 yrs experience in related field.

CRMWD is an equal opportunity employer. Benefits include health insurance, retirement plans, and sick, vacation and holiday leave.

Applications are required and are available at the District's office, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, by calling (432) 267-6341, or our website www.crmwd.org

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BANKING & MORTGAGE

Loan Officer

Capital Farm Credit is seeking a **Loan Officer** in the Lamesa Area. Bachelor's degree Busn Admin, Finance, Ag Eco, or a related field, or equivalent degree and five (5) or more years of experience as a loan officer including time as a loan officer trainee. Will develop and manage loan portfolios including loan originations in the trade area served by the association. Apply online at **http://fcf.balancetrak.com/252014LoanOfficerLamesa** with complete application and resume. AA/EOE/M/F/D/V

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EXPERIENCED OILFIELD SAFETY TECHNICIAN

Canada & Associates is looking for a **Safety Technician** in the Midland area. Individual will be trained by onsite management. Oil field experience is a plus, must have high school diploma, be able to follow precise instruction, have a flexible schedule, and have a great attitude. Pay will be based upon experience. For anyone interested you can send your resume to **derrick@canada-associates.com**.

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

CORNELL

10K BOP/LUBRICATOR and Hydrostatic Test Pump Operators/Helpers

Cornell Solutions, LLC, a fast growing Texas based oilfield service company is looking to grow its Permian Basin operation. We are looking for highly motivated individuals with the following qualifications.

- Minimum 2 year experience with pressure control equipment (15K & 10K Lubricators, BOPs and Hydrostatic Test Pumps) or general oilfield experience
- Hold a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
- Be a resident or currently reside in the Midland/Odessa area

Candidates meeting the requirements are invited to submit their resumes and qualifications by email to **jason@cornellsolutions.net**.

Available Positions

Rusty's Oilfield Services is hiring in Stanton. Lots of overtime, $1 raise at 90 days, Major Medical, safe drug free workplace, heavy trencher operator training, paint crews, welding shop, truck shop, uniforms, tools furnished, DL required. Call 432-634-9137

Experienced Field Service Tech

Wellhead supply company seeking **experienced Field Service Tech.** Prefer wellhead experience but will train someone with oilfield experience. Field Service Techs are responsible for safely installing, removing, repairing, assembling/disassembling and testing wellhead equipment in the shop and field. Requires knowledge of industry safety standards, valid drivers license, clean driving record and require background check, drug test and physical. Full time position with benefits. Send resume or request application: **jobs@sunbeltoilfield.com**, **432-332-9600**.

Field Service Technician

Production Lift Systems FT

Local oilfield service company seeking **Field Service Technician**. Two years production experienced required. Full benefits. Must have a valid driver's license and pass drug test. Apply at **14 East Industrial Loop Midland, TX 79701 or call 432-699-1200.**

Flowback Personnel, Well Testers & CDL Drivers

WARRIOR ENERGY SERVICES now hiring experienced **Flowback Personnel, Well Testers, & CDL Drivers in the Permian Basin. Please** apply in person at **6290 Interstate Highway 20 in Midland, TX.**

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Need experienced Equipment Operator with CDL for Oilfield Construction for a Big Spring family owned oil company. Competitive pay & benefits. Send resume to **PO Box 1870, Big Spring, Tx 79721 or call 432-813-7376.**

OTHER JOBS

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

Cactus Wellhead

Field Service and Shop Technicians in Midland, TX

Based in Houston, TX, **Cactus designs, manufactures and installs wellhead equipment and Christmas trees. The company also offers a wide range of ancillary services such as equipment repairs, field service support and hydraulic fracturing (frac) equipment rentals.**

Safety, career growth and professional on the job training are characteristics that set Cactus Wellhead, LLC above the rest.

We are looking to employ top talent with the drive to join a growing brand.

Field Service Technician: Must have Working knowledge of Wellhead Products, Customer Service Best Practices, Service Documentation and Record Keeping, Wellhead and Valve Equipment Compatibility, Wellhead and Valve Installation, Operation, and Maintenance, Field Equipment Repair, Equipment and Troubleshooting of Wellhead and other OEM Equipment.

Shop Technician: Inspect, operate and test completed products to verify functioning and conformance to requirements, position and/or align components for assembly, manually or using hoists, adjust, repair, rework, or replace parts and assemblies, remove rough spots and smooth surfaces to fit, trim or clean parts, and use of hand tools or power tools, and maintain and lubricate parts or components.

Cactus Wellhead, LLC offers a competitive compensation and benefits package which includes medical, dental, vision, matching 401K, life insurance. Company paid disability, and paid vacation. Qualified candidates can contact or send resume:

Apply in Person ONLY:
Starts Thursday, March 27th at 7:30AM
2610 E. Interstate 20
Midland, TX 79706
432-653-0306
Cactus Wellhead, LLC is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Multiple Positions

Nolan H. Brunson/SLS is looking for experienced **Pushers, Drivers, & Swampers** for its **Midland** yard. We offer top competitive **wages, health/vision/dental insurance, 401 K plan, paid holidays and vacations. Please** apply in person **@ 2306 N. FM 1788**.

Safety Manager

Horizontal Well Drillers (HWD) is looking to hire a **Safety Manager** to operate with their Purcell, OK office in the Midland/Odessa area. HWD is an Oil & Gas Drilling Contractor. Interested candidates should have a minimum of 3 years experience in the field of Health and Safety, preferably but not required in the Oil & Gas Industry. Candidate will be responsible for compliance with all local, state, and federal regulations and all aspects of the company's safety program. Candidate will report to the Safety Director and the Vice President of Operations. Interested candidates must possess a B.S. in Industrial Safety, Safety and Environmental Management, Safety Engineering, or related field. Overnight travel is required approximately 60% of the work week and candidate must be on-call during weekends. Candidate must be local or willing to relocate to the Midland/Odessa area. Salary is based on experience. Please send resumes and cover letters to **dave.larson@hwdrillers.com**. **Required Skills**: Strong work ethic, self-motivated, able to work long hours, excellent communication skills, and proficient in MS Word, Excel, Outlook, Power Point and E-mail.

HEALTHCARE

2 RN Case Mgrs & LVN for Su Casa Home Health

We are growing again! In need of 2 full time **RN Case Managers** and **LVN. Sign-On Bonus** for **RNs!** Full benefits package. Call **432-520-2556** or apply online at **www.sucasahomehealth.com**.

Available Positions

Desert Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705
Desert Gardens located in Midland, Texas is currently seeking qualified Nursing staff to fill the following Positions:
- **MDS Coordinator LVN or RN with experience.**
- **Medication Aide for 6-2 Shift Monday - Friday.**
- **Restorative Aide (1 positions) Monday - Friday with experience.**
- **CNA 6-2 position Monday - Friday.**
- **CNA 10-6 position on a rotating schedule.**
- **Experienced Floor Technician**

$1,000 Sign on BONUS Apply in person.

DENTAL ASSISTANT

IMMEDIATE OPENING. Start today. Dental assistant needed full time for private family dental practice. Send resume to: **A. Andrew Wilson III, DDS, PA, 4410 N. Midkiff Rd. Ste. D217, Midland, Tx.** Fax: **432-570-6028.** Email: **a2wdds@yahoo.com**. Text: **432-413-1037**

Dental Assistant

Kool Smiles FT/PT

Seeking a registered Dental Assistant for our Midland and Odessa offices. Apply at www.koolsmilesjobs.com

Part time Medical Assistants & Exp. Sonographer

Somno Systems is looking for part time medical assistants and sonographer with experience. Please send resume to **info@somnosystems.com**

Physician Assistant/Nurse Practioner

Neurosurgical practice (Midland) has immediate opening for a Texas licensed **PA or NP.** Call Beverly at 432-682-4307 to schedule interview

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

CLUBHOUSE HELP WANTED AT LOCAL SPORTING CLAY COURSE. DUTIES TO INCLUDE WAITING ON CUSTOMERS, MERCHANDISE STOCKING, GENERAL CLERICAL & COMPUTER WORK. MUST BE ABLE TO WORK WEEKENDS. CALL KAREN AT 432-661-5241 OR FAX RESUME TO 432-458-3574 EMAIL: gary@windwalkerss.com

Housekeepers & Laundry Attendants & Front Desk Clerks

LaQuinta Inn & Suites - Loop 250 & Hwy 191 FT/PT
Full time and part-time. Bilingual a Plus! Please Apply at LaQuinta Inn & Suites, Loop 250, Next to Kohl's

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE

Villa Chateau Apartments Full time Maintenance needed. Must have own tools. Drug screen/Background check done. Apply in person at: Villa Chateau Apts., 1603 N. Midkiff Rd, Midland, TX 79701. No phone calls please.

OTHER JOBS

3 Full Time Veterinary Technicians

Immediate need for 3 full time veterinary technicians in Midland, TX. Experience preferred but will train. We offer competitive pay, health insurance, paid vacation days, paid sick leave, pet care discount and allowance, FSA, etc. for our full time employees. Please email resume to Robbie.Jan.Kerby@petpartnersusa.com

Delivery Driver

American Glass Dist. FT

Help wanted: Male or Female Delivery Driver. Must be 25 years of age, have social security card, driver's license & have a decent driving record. Good benefits after 6 months of employment. Starting at $12/hr. Please call 520-5104 or come by 5002 Basin Street, A-2, to fill out an application.

Exciting opportunity with a highly respected company. Excellent pay and advancement opportunity. Please note there will be some travel and you must be able to pass background check/ drug test. Please contact Cyle @ 817-471-9837.

JOB FAIR

Wednesday, April 9
10am - 3pm
Midland Center, 105 N Main St

Over 60 businesses from all industries will be interviewing and hiring job seekers.

Call 687-8814 for more information.
Hosted by The Midland-Reporter-Telegram.

Midland/Odessa Self Storage Operator

SecurCare Self Storage is looking for a part-time Relief Manager to work 2-3 days per week, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Available work days are Monday through Saturday. $11.00 per hour. No experience needed, just a great work ethic and willingness to learn. Customer Service skills a must! We are an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Email resume to **LeshaLeggett@SecurCare.net** or fax **866.292.7865**. Come join our Team!

MID-WEST DOOR & WINDOW COMPANY HIRING

Opening for **Warehouse Person & Residential Door and Window Installer**. Good appearance with a positive attitude, driver's license and good driving record a must. Must pass drug test and physical. Great benefits including vacation time and holiday pay. 401K program available after one year of service. Apply in person at **2400 W Front St**.

Positions Available

Milford Pipe & Supply Hiring for the Following.
Corporate Office: **Controller** - Salary DOE. **Staff Accountant** - Salary DOE.
Outside Sales Representative - Salary + Commissions
Garden City Office: **Heavy Equipment Dispatcher** - Salary DOE
Now hiring experienced oilfield location **building operators** for motorgraders, **dozers, loaders, excavators and rollers. Heavy Equipment Operators** - $25 to $30 per hour. Apply online at **careers.milfordpipesupply.com**
All positions offer Medical/Dental Insurance, 401(k) Plan, Paid Vacation, Holiday Pay, & Sick Leave

Resident Monitor, Full Time & Relief Cook, Administrative Clerk

Dismas Charities FT/PT
Midland, TX 79701
Dismas Charities is hiring Full-time, Part-time & relief staff for the positions of Resident Monitor, Administrative Clerk and Full Time & Relief Cook (part-time, up to 25hrs/wk $9.64/hr + $3.81). Walk-in applicants are welcome at: 24 W. Industrial Loop.

SHIPPING / RECEIVING CLERK

United Casing, Inc.
Requirements: Knowledge of oilfield casing & tubing; 3-5 years experience; excellent data entry skills; knowledge of Microsoft applications (Word, Excel, Outlook). Must be able to work extended hours (weekends on-call) and **handle high volume paperwork flow**. Pay rate based on skills and experience. Send all inquiries and resumes to **bquigley@unitedcasing.com** or bring to **3610 E. Highway 158, Midland. Qualified Applicants Only.**

SSC - Social Services Coordinator

Dismas Charities is now hiring full-time Social Services Coordinator. Apply at www.dismas.com.

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm - 4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@reportertelegram.com

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

Midland Reporter-Telegram | mrt.

CAREER FAIR

APRIL 9 · 10AM-3PM

Midland Center • 105 N. Main ·Midland, Tx

- Management
- Medical
- Technology
- Industrial

SALES JOBS

Multi-Media Sales Consultant



The Midland Reporter-Telegram and mywesttexas.com advertising department is looking for a Multi-Media Sales Consultant. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

Qualifications & Skills:

- *Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment*
- *Excellent customer service and time management skills*
- *Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision*
- *Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills*

The Hearst Corporation is one of the largest diversified communications companies. Its major interests include magazine, newspaper and business publishing, cable networks, television and radio broadcasting, Internet businesses and more. As an associate of the Midland Reporter-Telegram, you join more than 20,000 in the Hearst family. The Multi-Media Sales Consultant is a full-time, outside sales position. We offer a competitive compensation plan and benefits package, comprehensive training, mileage allowance, and the opportunity to advance your career in an exciting, progressive, and innovative organization in one of the fastest growing markets in Texas.

If you are the one we are looking for, please send current resume to:

Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
or email to: jhouston@mrt.com

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER / NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

OTHER JOBS

Staff Members/ Gym/ Gameroom
The Boys & Girls Club of Midland seeking afternoon Staff Members/ Gym/ Gameroom PT, M-F 3-8. Call Michael between 1-3 or 6-8 only. 432-683-0050 or send resume to taylor@basinkids.org

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Salon Help
La Debo Ns Salon and Day Spa FT/PT
Help wanted. Receptionist, Licensed Massage Therapist, Licensed Manicurist and Licensed Cosmetologist. Apply in person Tuesday through Friday at: 413 W. Wadley Ave. Midland, TX

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

All Positions
Torino's Pizza Bar FT
Torino's is now hiring for all positions. Kitchen, Bartenders, Waitstaff and Bar backs needed. Apply in person @ 3303 N Midkiff Rd #110. Ask for Teresa 432-218-6943

CRACKER BARREL NOW HIRING!
Looking for more pay? Look no more. We provide you with an exceptional training program that rewards you with a raise at the completion of each level. That's up to 3 raises in your first year! We also offer great promotion opportunities, flexible scheduling, paid vacation, benefits and a 401K savings plan.
- **ALL COOKS** - starting up to $16 an hour
- **SERVERS** - No tip outs/ tip share
- **DISHWASHERS** - starting up to $12.50 an hour

Stop by **3108 North Loop 250 West Midland, TX 79707** or call **432-689-3137 www.crackerbarrel.com Cracker Barrel** EOE

DOMINO'S PIZZA is now hiring Delivery Drivers! We are looking for Awesome Team Members that want to earn cash daily! Delivery drivers earn a great hourly wage while taking home their tips and delivery reimbursement daily! Do you like cash in your pocket? Have a vehicle with insurance? Have a decent motor vehicle record and background? Well this is the job for you! Not sure yet?

Email us at dominos@clearwire.net
with your name and phone number and we will call you to answer any question you may have before you decide to apply! We will make the hiring process as easy as possible for you! As always, come on down to any of our Midland/Odessa locations and apply at any time!
Or apply at www.indeed.com
EOE
(coming soon: company delivery vehicles for you to drive! Apply today!)

FOOD SERVICE MANAGER / COOK
Full time position for a woman with experience in food service who will be working at a faith-based shelter program. Email or fax resume or letter of interest to: **renee@genesiscenter.org** / fax: **432-685-0109**.

Multiple Positions
Basin Burger House FT/PT
Now hiring for All Positions, **Line Cooks, Prep Cooks, Waitstaff , Hostess, and Shift Managers**. Join our team! Apply in person after 2 pm at 607 N Colorado, Downtown Midland.

Multiple Positions
The Warfield Travel Plaza is now hiring for all positions! **Cashiers, Wait Staff, Cooks & Dishwashers** are needed! Full & part-time, all shifts available at busy 24 hr Truck Stop & Restaurant. We can work with your schedule and will train the right candidates! Apply at **10400 I-20 @ FM 1788** today!

Servers & Bussers
The Racquet Club FT
Seeking candidates for Serving & bussing positions. Flexible hours, excellent working environment. 401K, paid vacation, health insurance. Apply in person, 3009 Racquet Club Dr. No phone calls please.

Waitstaff
Rednecks Drafthouse FT/PT
Redneck's is now hiring for Waitstaff. Apply in person @ 2215 N Midland Dr., Ste 2A Ask for manager on duty.

SALES JOBS

Outside Sales
Outside Sales for **Great Plains Steel, Inc.** Midland TX/Odessa/Surrounding Area Territory. Some Steel Knowledge Helpful. Company Car & Phone. Salary & Benefits + Quarterly Bonuses. Qualifying Health Insurance Plan, Life Insurance, AFLAC, Retirement. Send resume to **Great Plains Steel, Inc. P.O. Box 2916, Lubbock, TX. 79408** or email to **jobs@greatplainssteel.com**.

Sales Associate and Assistant Managers
Wood's Boots in Midland and Odessa are adding to our teams. We are looking for talented Sales Associates and Assistant Managers at multiple locations. Stop in today and pick up an application at any of our four locations.

Sales
Oil & gas service company looking for motivated sales people in the Permian Basin. 3 years minimum experience required. Benefits available. Pay based on experience. Email resumes to resumes@cardinaloilfieldservices.com or fax to 903-723-0047

WAREHOUSE/COUNTER SALES NEEDED!
Apply in person at: Sims Plastics 2700 W. Front Midland, TX 79701

CARTER'S
OshKosh B'gosh

Sales Person **Full-Time**
2101 W. Wadley #6 **Midland, TX 79705**
Commission sales, must be able to multitask. Detail oriented, connect with customers, and love furniture. Bring resume to Carter's Furniture at 2101 West Wadley, Suite #6 Midland, TX 79705.

SKILLED LABOR

Brick Layer
Brick Layers needed for Midland/Odessa projects. Call 254-495-8340

COURSE HELP WANTED AT LOCAL SPORTING CLAY COURSE 10 MILES NORTH OF STANTON. MUST BE ABLE TO DO GENERAL MANUAL LABOR & WORK WEEKENDS - MECHANICAL MIND PREFERRED GOOD PAY AND HEALTH BENEFITS INCLUDED. . . CALL 432-458-3324 OR FAX RESUME TO 432-458-3574. EMAIL gary@windwalkersg.com

EXPERIENCED MOVERS
Must have valid drivers license. Pay depending on experience. Call 432-250-4386

NOW HIRING

Field Technicians to Install and Maintain Remote Monitoring electronics and equipment

Qualifications Needed:
- **Some basic knowledge of electronic theory and components desirable**
- **Experience in installing and or maintaining electronics**
- **Need to be familiar with Internet communications equipment, e.g. modems, routers**
- **Basic working knowledge of computers and MS office software**
- **Ability and willingness to work with hand tools and electronic measurement instruments**
- **Must be willing to work alone and be a self starter**
- **Must be able to pass a drug screen test and criminal background check**
- **Must have a valid Texas driver's license**
- **Previous job references needed**

Remote Monitoring Systems

Competitive Salary. Work truck and tools furnished. Health Benefits available. Training provided. Work location is Midland, Texas

Contact: Mike McMillan – (678) 880-6705 or Ron McMillan – (713) 504-3968

Journeyman Electricians/ Apprentice Electricians
Diamond Electric FT
Serious motivated Journeyman Electricians & Apprentice Electricians workers for well established contractor in West Texas family owned and operated company. Commercial & Residential installation. Serious callers only call 432-967-1098 or 432-634-0034.

Licensed Commercial Plumber & Exp. Helpers
TMI Mechanical currently hiring **Licensed Commercial Plumbers & Experienced Helpers** for local jobsites. We offer top pay (**up to $28/hr DOE and we will pay additional for medical gas endorsements**). Paid medical, paid vacations and holidays. Must have good driving record. **Please call 432-686-0002** for interview.

Local Welders in Midland, TX
Structural & Pipe Welders needed. Must be able to pass required weld test and provide references. Excellent pay for experienced, quality, capable Welders. No contractors or Rig Welders need apply. Call for appointment at 432-697-7400. If no immediate answer please leave name, telephone number & a brief description of weld capabilities. Your call will be returned promptly.

Plant Operator
Plant Operator Needed Immediately: Experience preferred but not required. Location near Stanton, TX. Fax resume to 432-458-3423 or mail to Sale Ranch, 2873 FM 829, Stanton, Tx. 79782. Can Email resume to: deatterfield@wtgbenedum.com

Plumbers
Two to Three Plumbers needed. Journeyman license required. 80% of job is supervision. Multifamily experience a plus. Please call 210-372-2491

Shop Hands
Fab Tech Drilling FT
Now hiring Shop Hands. Must pass 6G pipe test. Apply in person at 2228 Stevens Rd. Odessa, Tx. 79764.

Welders, Painters and Sandblasters
M & D Welding FT
Single hand contract needed. Oil field experience a plus & Drivers License a must. Salary DOE. Please call for application 432-520-3853 or 432-638-8266.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Drivers Class
Class A CDL Drivers needed preferably with Tandem experience in pumping unit installation. Top pay & benefits. 401K, Medical/ Dental insurance, uniforms all provided by company after 90 days. Contact Tim 432-553-1691

SKILLED LABOR

PRESSMAN
The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: PRESSMAN for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses.
This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.
Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail:jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Class A CDL Truck Drivers
Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call **432-563-1894** for interview or online @ **www.rockwaterenergy.com**

Delivery Driver/Counter & Warehouse Person
Must have clean driving record and a desire for long term employment. Apply in person **2910 W. Wall, Midland, TX.**

DRIVER
ANCO GOLF CARS. Full time **Driver** needed. CDL Preferred. Good driving record. Call **694-2278** or apply within @ **3011 W Wall St**.

DRIVERS
JW Enterprise is looking for **Drivers** with Class A CDL. Must have a good driving record. Competitive Wages and a great place to work On the job training. Contact 432-425-9036 or 432-458-3675 for more information. Serious applicants only.

Hot Shot Drivers
Flatland Trucking, Inc needs experienced **Hot Shot Drivers** ASAP Starting pay **$19-$23**, average **$4500-$6500** a month. Offer full benefits, bonus & commission. Must have Class A CDL, must live in Midland or Odessa & be able to be on call 24/7 on scheduled days. No lease ons. For phone interview call **Danielle 432-269-2162**. No walk-ins.

Mechanic and Helper Wanted
SOC Industries LLC Now hiring **experienced diesel mechanic and mechanic helper**. You will earn top wages and performance/safety bonuses. Benefits include: paid health insurance, paid vacations, paid holidays and furnished uniforms. Must have own tools. Apply in person at **2324 FM 715, Midland Texas 79706**. fax resumes to **423-620-0035** or email resumes to **timgreer@socind.net**. No phone calls please.

Owner Operators and Drivers
Suarez Bros. Crane & Heavy Haul LLC Looking for **Owner Operators and Drivers** in West Texas (Midland / Odessa) who understand and can comply CSA and DOT Compliance. Participate in monthly safety meetings. Some of the Benefits include - Company Volume Fuel Card Program. Asst w/ Apportion Plates, Managed Fuel Taxes. 1 million Bobtail policy (NTL). Paid weekly Direct Deposit avail. Transflo, 401k program w/ company match, workers comp insurance, and physical damage insurance available. Company paid driver training program that includes - Driver Orientation. Safeland, CPR, H2S, First Aid, Fall Protection, with a Safety Point Award Program. Contact us at **(432) 332-8845**.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

General

NEWSPAPER STREET CORNER SALES



Selling Newspapers On The Street Corners
(avg. income $50.00 - $100.00/day)

MUST BE AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD
SUNDAYS ONLY
IF INTERESTED CALL
TOMMY 967-2267



EARN UP TO $500 PER WEEK!

Do you have a reliable car with insurance and a phone?? Become an independent contractor delivering the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

Contact: Linda 687-8807



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Merchandise

Appliances

We buy broken appliances w/ free removal. • Also we repair appliances. 432-570-8278

Furniture

ARMCHAIR, LAZY Boy recliner, bar stools. Priced to sell. Call 416-0093

► NEW TODAY! ◄

DINETTE TABLE w/ 6 wooden chairs with orange cushions. $400. Call 432-682-9631

Miscellaneous for Sale

120 • 50 lbs play sand bags used during campaign paid $3.56 will sell $2.00 each. 432-312-8313

ROWING MACHINE, paper back book rack, office supplies, pictures, tote bags, old magazines, books, tools, records, glasses, cups etc. Garage sale items, low prices. Call private party at 694-9491.

Musical Instruments

SPC DRUM set, with cymbals, hardware, & throne. Good condition. $250. Call 432-686-0831

Miscellaneous for Sale

*55gl plastic barrels $10
*30gl plastic barrels $7
*Heavy duty metal shelves $50.
Call for sizes 432-352-6418

Sporting Goods

6' ELIMINATOR Slate top pool table. Like new. $800 OBO. 432-425-5940

FISHING TIME! Come out to Wall Street Antiques to see all the fishing lures, rods, reels and old fly rods. All prices at 1/2 value.

FREE POOL table. Call 432-213-9480

☆☆ GUN SHOW ☆☆
Midland Horseshoe
Apr 5 , (9-5)
Apr 6, (10-5)
Kim-806-252-6933
midlandgunshow.com

CHEAP, DISCOUNTS, make offers. Delivered $20.00 and up Oak, Mesquite, Ash, mixed. 801 W. Michigan. 432-967-0767

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Pets

MEDIUM SIZE mix breed puppies free to good home. 432-238-9538

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Real Estate Rentals & Sales

Residential Rentals

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NEW MANAGEMENT Spacious 2 & 3 Bedroom Apartments Call 432-687-4514

NICE, CLEAN 2 bed upstairs apartment for rent. $1200/month $1200 deposit. Call 432-425-1421 Serious Inquiries only

SPACIOUS APARTMENTS located in clean and quiet communities. Some with all bills paid. Please call 432-218-8728

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3000 W Illinois. 1 bedroom, living room and kitchen, washer & dryer & refrigerator. New AC and paint. All bills paid. $1250 monthly Available April 1st Call 432-296-8343

Houses for Rent Unfurnished

2 BEDROOM, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage. One month rent in advance for deposit plus one month in advance. Clean home in good neighborhood. Call 432-218-8414

3 BEDROOM 2 bath clean, no pets, central air. Rent $1,695 deposit $1,000. 305 Willowood. 556-8116

5104 A Rainbow, 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 car garage. No smoking. Sprinkler system. Includes yard maintenance $2,200 month Call 432-664-0171 or 432-425-2739

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REMODELED 4/2.5 House 1828SF $2375 mo/$2375 dep. All new flooring, fixtures, appliances 2 Living, 2 dining, new central A/C 210-725-5885

Residential Sales

Open Houses

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3504 SHELL-BRAND NEW 3 bedroom, 2 bath over 2,300 sq. ft., vaulted ceilings. Zeroscaped. 2 car garage $295,000 Amber Davis Broker Associate/Property Manager-Cell 432-238-9916, Office 432-689-7770.

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Homes for Sale

INVESTOR ALERT Instant rental income 2 bd, 2 ba, remodeled half duplex with tenant in place. Only Conventional Financing or Cash. $130,000 - 2802 A Pecos - Call Callie Jan Melton & Associates 432-682-0000

2201 W. Golf Course, Midland. 6400sqft under roof , 2.871 sqft. actual livable. Indoor pool, 4 car garage. $299k. 432-530-8844.

2 BEDROOM 1 bath on 50' x 140' lot, AS IS, CASH $65,000 Drive by 1403 Rankin Hwy. Midland. Call owner 407-431-5711

3608 SINCLAIR 4bedroom 3 bath 2900 + sq. ft. 631-8100 or 266-1212

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3BD, 1BA, 1500sqft, 311 Pine St. big back yard, remodeled $135,000 50% owner financing. 349-5831

4400 BROOKDALE. 3/2 fenced, $139,500. 631-8100/ 266-1212

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COUNTRY HOME For sale with 6 acres in the Greenwood area. 2 water wells, 4 bed/2 bath, 1500sft. Shop 40'x60'. Established yard. $289,500. Call 432-770-8245, ask for Connie Hargrave

► NEW TODAY! ◄

FSBO BEAUTIFUL 3/2/2 home in Legends Park. 1825 sqft. huge back yard w/ established landscaping, granite counters, jetted tub, many other upgrades. $235K. No owner financing. Call 432-978-7545

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Vacation & Resort Property

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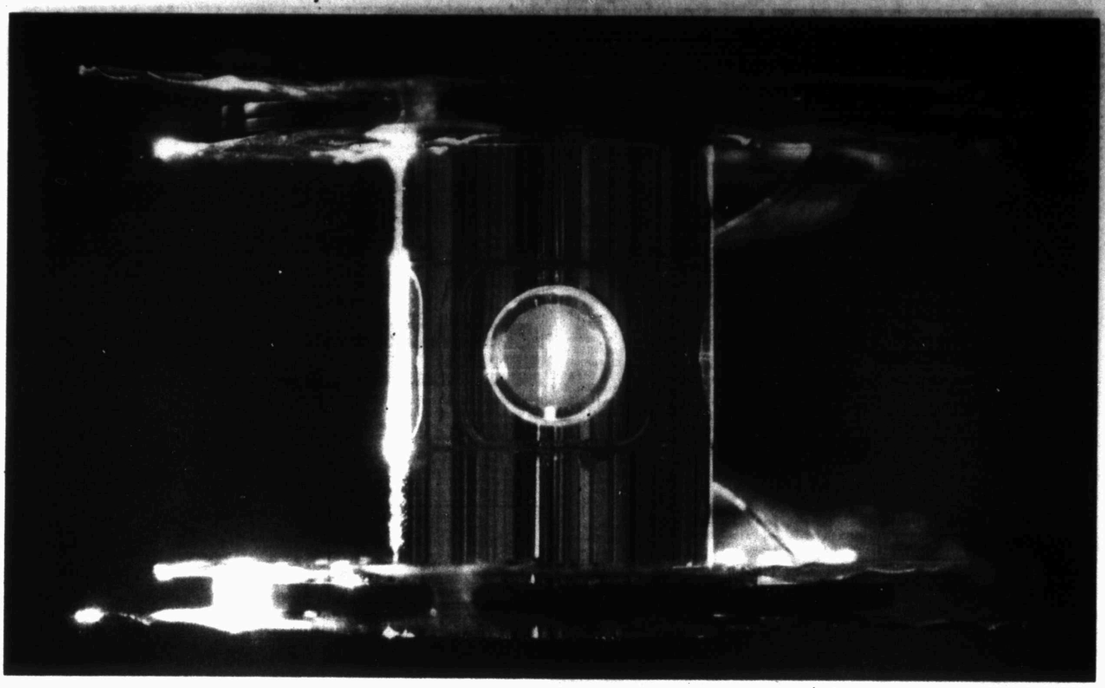
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This undated image provided by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory shows a deuterium and tritium capsule, sphere in window at center, inside a cylindrical hohlraum container about 0.4 inches tall. In research reported Feb. 12 by the journal Nature, scientists said they've taken a key step toward harnessing nuclear fusion as a new way to generate power, an idea that has been pursued for decades.

NUCLEAR FUSION

Nuclear fusion project takes key step in lab test

By Malcolm Ritter
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Scientists said they've taken a key step toward harnessing nuclear fusion as a new way to generate power, an idea that has been pursued for decades.

They are still a long way from that goal. The amount of energy they got out of their experimental apparatus was minuscule compared to what they put into it.

Still, the new work reached some significant milestones along the path to a cleaner and cheaper source of electricity, the researchers and experts said.

Fusion is the merging of hydrogen atoms, the process that powers the sun. That's different from nuclear fission, which is the breaking apart of atoms that lies at the heart of today's nuclear power plants.

Both processes release energy, but scientists have been pursuing fusion power because of several advantages. The supply of hydrogen for fuel is virtually unlimited, available from seawater, for example, in contrast to the uranium used in nuclear power plants. Fusion power would avoid the need for long-term storage of radioactive waste. And unlike fossil fuels like coal, it would not produce greenhouse gases that cause global warming.

In the new work, reported online Feb. 12 by the journal Nature, scientists from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory near San Francisco, report results from two experiments done at the lab's National Ignition Facility.

In each trial, 192 laser beams briefly fired into a half-inch-long gold cylinder. The cylinder held a tiny ball that contained the fuel, which was a mix of two kinds of hydrogen, called deuterium and tritium. The energy from the lasers kicked off a process that compressed the ball by an amount akin to squeezing a basketball down to the size of a pea, said Debbie Callahan, an author of the paper.

That created the extremely high pressure and temperatures needed to get the hydrogen atoms to fuse. It was all over in the blink of an eye, with the reaction confined to a space smaller than the width of a human hair.

Nuclear fusion would be worthwhile only if it produces more energy than it uses, and the results were far from that. The hydrogen fuel did emit more energy than it absorbed from the lasers, an experimental goal. But the fuel took in only about 1 percent of all the energy produced by the lasers. So the apparatus is still far short of producing more energy than it requires to operate.

Another key finding was evidence that energy created by the fusion reaction was going back into the remaining fuel, a "bootstrapping" process that is key to boosting the energy output.

"Seeing that kick in is quite exciting, and it does show that there is promise" for increasing the energy output, said Omar Hurricane, lead author on the Nature paper. It's not clear when researchers will be able to get more energy out of the reaction than the lasers pour into it, he said, but "we are working like mad ... in that direction."

The sign of bootstrapping is "really a wonderful result," said fusion expert Robert McCrory of the University of Rochester, who was not involved in the research. "There's a lot more that needs to be done" to reach the point where the reaction produces more energy than the lasers deliver, but "this was absolutely necessary."

Scientists elsewhere are working on a different approach to fusion power, one that uses magnetic fields to contain superheated hydrogen fuel. Several nations are cooperating to build a huge experimental device to explore that approach in France.

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IFTTT makes home automation more accessible



Dear PropellerHeads: The last time I looked into home automation gadgets it seemed like you needed a degree in electrical engineering to install them. Have things gotten any better?

A: Ever since The Jetsons, we've just assumed that one day smart machines would have the coffee and toast waiting for us when we got out of bed. That day might finally be here.

Automated control of lights, appliances and other household devices has been possible since at least 1978, when Radio Shack began selling the necessary hardware to hobbyists. These were usually installed by electricians, contractors or homeowners comfortable with electrical wiring. Nothing like a botched installation to get the ol' propeller spinning... shocking!

Two recent advances have made home automation accessible to the consumer. First is the "Internet of Things," referring to things like light bulbs and power outlets with Wi-Fi capabilities. These devices come with software that allows you to control them remotely. But the second technology, a web-based service called "IFTTT," makes them even more interesting.

IFTTT (ifttt.com) stands for "If This Then That" and is pronounced like "gift" without the "g." We covered this service in 2012, when it was mostly used for automating web services. In response to various "triggers," IFTTT will fire actions you define. For example, "If I update my Facebook status, publish that update to Twitter also."

Triggers and actions are decoupled, making the service flexible. Triggers can be based on the current date and time, the value of stocks or the weather. I configured IFTTT to text me when the temperature hits 60 degrees outside so I could go exercise.

In the last couple of years, IFTTT has added support for consumer-friendly home automation devices with Internet connectivity.

For example, it now works with the WeMo Home Automation line from Belkin. The WeMo Switch plugs into any outlet, and then you plug into the switch anything you want to control. Since the switch is Wi-Fi enabled, you can turn on your TV (or whatever) from your office, to keep the dog company.

There's also a motion sensor, a light switch and the Insight Switch for monitoring energy usage. The real fun comes in adding IFTTT to the mix, with recipes such as "If the sun sets, turn on my outdoor lights" or "If motion is detected while I'm away, turn on the TV." Fans of The Jetsons might try "If it's 6 a.m., turn on the toaster." Use an ESPN trigger to say, "If the game's about to start, blink the lights."

SmartThings sells similar products, as well as presence sensors (to track comings and goings), moisture sensors (to catch a flooding basement early), and gadgets that lock or unlock doors and detect opening and closing windows. If your punk kid sneaks out at night, hide a sensor in his car and get emailed whenever he leaves the garage.

Try IFTTT recipes such as "If I approach the house, unlock the front door" or "If someone opens the liquor cabinet, call my phone." Use iPhone's location service to tell it, "If I turn onto my street, raise the garage door." Locked out of the house? "If I check in via FourSquare, unlock my door."

The Philips "Hue" light bulb is versatile, so "If it starts to rain, change the light color to blue" or "If I'm tagged in a Facebook photo, blink the lights." Waiting for an important email? "If I get an email from a specific address, turn the lights on bright."

But IFTTT isn't just for home automation. Withings (withings.com) produces WiFi-enabled scales, blood pressure monitors, and a fitness tracker called "Pulse." Use the service to automatically log your weigh-ins to a Google spreadsheet, or to automatically email your blood pressure readings to your doctor. Get an email every morning showing what activity the Pulse logged the previous day.

Jawbone's UP is a wearable fitness band that tracks movement and sleep. Combined with the Hue, IFTTT can turn the lights on when you wake up. Or use it to update your Facebook status every time you walk 10,000 steps.

Or try the Weather Station from Netatmo, which measures air quality, temperature, humidity, carbon dioxide levels, noise and more. Popular recipes include "If the house gets noisy while I'm away, call me" and "If it gets too cold, turn on the space heater."

And then there's the Link from Automatic, which plugs into your car's data port and sends diagnostics using Bluetooth and your phone's Internet connection. With IFTTT, it can email you the reason the "Check Engine" light came on.

We may not be flying to work in spaceships...yet. But we can have the toast ready when we wake up. That's progress, right?!

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