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RANGERETTES WIN

The Greenwood girls basketball team had the tough task of trying to beat Lubbock Estacado for the third time this season on Tuesday night. A hot streak put the game the Rangerettes' favor.

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OPEC doesn't know how it can cope with shale oil

By Dan Murtaugh
Bloomberg

OPEC and U.S. shale may need a relationship counselor.

After first ignoring it, later worrying about it and ultimately launching a price war against it, OPEC has now concluded it doesn't know how to coexist with the U.S. shale oil industry.

"Shale oil in the United States, I don't know how we are going to live together," Abdalla Salem El-Badri, OPEC secretary-general, told a packed room of industry executives from Texas and North Dakota at the annual IHS CERAWeek meeting in Houston.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which controls about 40 percent of global oil production, has never had to deal with an oil supply source that can respond as rapidly to price changes as U.S. shale, El-Badri said. That complicates the cartel's ability to prop up prices by reducing output.

"Any increase in price, shale will come immediately and cover any reduction," he said.

The International Energy Agency earlier on Monday gave OPEC reason to worry about shale oil, saying that total U.S. crude output, most of it from shale basins, will increase by 1.3 million barrels a day from 2015 to 2021 despite low prices. While U.S. production from shale is projected to retreat by 600,000 barrels a day this year and a further 200,000 in 2017, it will grow again from 2018 onward, the IEA said.

"Anybody who believes that we have seen the last of rising" U.S. shale oil production "should think again," the IEA said in its

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Inside

Saudi Arabia's oil minister said Tuesday that production cuts to boost oil prices won't work and that, instead, the market should be allowed to work, even if that forces some operators out of business.

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WEIGHING THEIR OPTIONS

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Jim Rhotenberry of Rhotenberry Wellen Architects presents options for a new Midland Center on Tuesday to City Council members and city staff during the council briefing before the City Council meeting.

Council favors $42.3M Midland Center choice

By Cassie Burton
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Midland City Council got to work earlier than normal Tuesday and left having spent more than expected for Midland's next convention center.

Following an 8:30 a.m. briefing session, which included a sneak peak into the three schematic designs for a new Midland Center, City Council make "option 2" (a 74,000 square-foot facility) its selection. The estimated cost is $42.3 million, which is more than the budgeted total estimated project cost the council had set last year.

No money was allotted for the project, but choosing a design meant the city could hire a construction manager at-risk to continue working on an estimate, according to a city press release.

The approved design includes removing the Chamber of Commerce building adjoining the existing center and construction a new convention center with a 20,000 square-foot exhibit hall, 3,000 square feet of meeting space (break-out rooms) and a 6,000 square-foot ballroom.

Councilmen Jeff Sparks and Spencer Robnett voted against it, having previously tried to pass a motion approving option 1 that cost about $38 million. It failed 2-5.

According to the Tuesday briefing session, Lee Lewis Construction would have a solid price tag on the project's total costs in May or early June after council decided on the schematic design.

Both the ballroom and exhibit hall could host multiple events due to have several sections within each room. Walls would also be soundproof, according to James R. Rhotenberry Jr. of RWA. About $3 million would be allotted for contingency purposes. Option 2's estimate includes the cost of purchasing the Chamber of Commerce building and demolishing it, Rhotenberry said.

An initial estimate placed two designs

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Hike and bike moved

The Midland City Council has authorized an agreement to perform engineering and architectural design services for a hike and bike trail at Hogan Park.

City staff has decided Hogan Park is a preferable location for a hike and bike trail. Previous reports showed Midland Airpark as the planned location. A city of Midland Community Services Department memorandum said the Hogan Park Hike and Bike Trail, when combined with the trail planned for construction along Fairgrounds Road, will exceed five miles in length.

The memorandum also states that preliminary estimates show a $294,000 cost savings when it comes to developing the trail at Hogan Park instead of Airpark because of the elimination of low water crossings and bridges that were needed at the Airpark location.

There is $189,930 available in the "Air Park Trail Project" fund that will be used to pay Halff Associates of Richardson for engineering and architectural services.

From staff reports

UT/TT Poll: Cruz leads Trump in Texas; Rubio lags behind

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

With a week remaining before the Texas Republican primary, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz has an 8-percentage-point lead over Donald Trump, according to the latest University of Texas/Texas Tribune Poll.

Cruz had 37 percent of the vote in the poll. Trump, the businessman and TV personality who finished first in two of the three states that have already voted, had the support of 29 percent, followed by U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio at 15 percent.

The rest of the candidates were far behind: Jeb Bush, who dropped out of the race after the South Carolina primary, had 6 percent; John Kasich, 5 percent; and Ben Carson, 4 percent. The rest of the candidates on the Texas Republican ballot barely registered: Rand Paul, Carly Fiorina, Rick Santorum, Elizabeth Gray, Lindsey Graham, Mike Huckabee and Chris Christie each got 2 percent or less. Several of those candidates have already suspended their campaigns but were included in the poll because all of their names remain on the Texas ballot.

"These numbers reflect what most of us think was going on in Texas: It's decent ground for Donald Trump because he's a national candidate who's touched a nerve everywhere, but it displays a little bit of a homefield advantage for Ted Cruz," said Daron Shaw, co-director of the poll and a professor of government at the University of Texas at Austin.

What looked like a three-candidate race coming out of South Carolina looks more like a two-person race in Texas, with Cruz and Trump almost certainly in position to split the state's 155 Republican delegates. Among likely Republican primary voters who identify with the tea party, Cruz leads Trump 56 percent to 26 percent in the UT/TT Poll. Among voters who identify as Republicans when given the choice to bolt for the tea party, the candidates were relatively even: Cruz had 32 percent to Trump's 30 percent. Rubio

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Odessa woman faces
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Word of the Day: mundane
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mundane
[muhn-deyn] adjective.
1. common; ordinary; banal; unimaginative.
2. of or relating to this world or earth as contrasted with heaven; worldly; earthly: mundane affairs.

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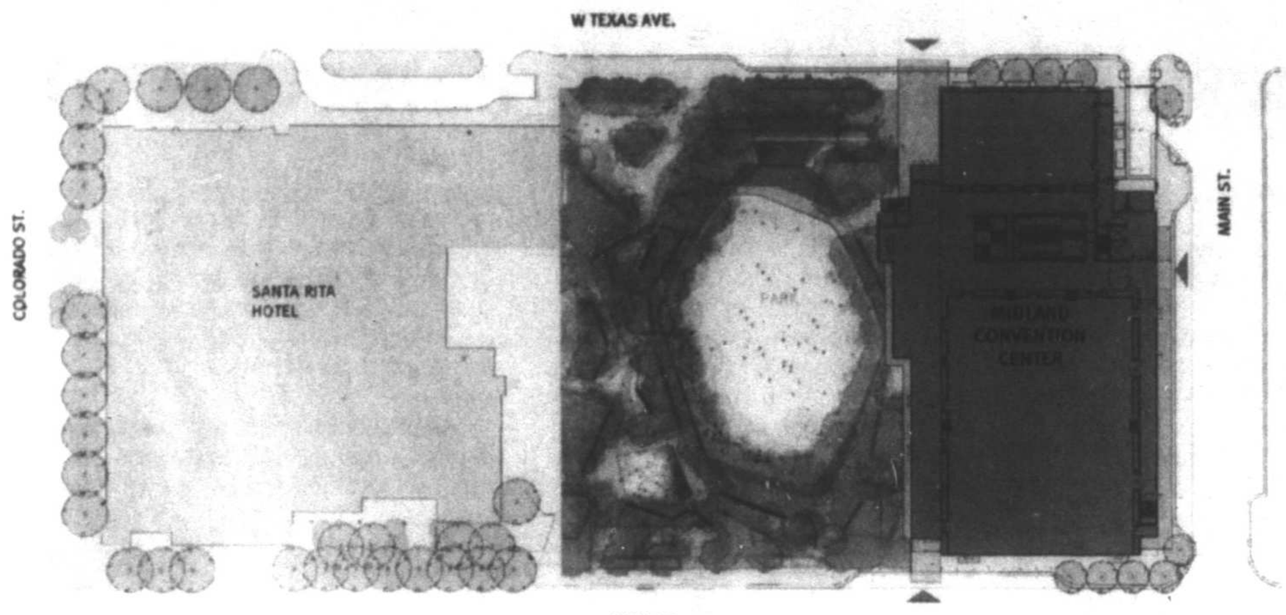
Courtesy renderings

These renderings provided to the Reporter-Telegram by the city of Midland show what the second option for the new Midland Center will look like and where it will be located downtown.



COUNCIL —

From 1A

under $40 million. Part of the difference in pricing, which ranged from Option 1's approximate $38 million to Option 2-A's approximate $45.7 million, was because the initial estimates were made on little knowledge of current construction costs, city officials said during the briefing.

Sparks voiced his support for option 1 because of its cost while still being a significant increase to the existing Midland Center, such as expanding the exhibit hall from 12,000 feet to 20,000 feet.

"We could add on a ballroom later if it turns out we need it," Sparks said.

Robnett brought up that hotel/motel funds, a portion of which fund the Midland Center's development, for this past January totaled about $400,000, the lowest in five years for the same month. Robnett, like Sparks, also questioned the importance of the ballroom.

Robnett and Sparks tried to pass a motion that would delay approving a schematic design until hotel/motel revenues for January through March were available to city officials, which would postpone a vote until April or possibly May. The measure failed 2-5.

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CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

MPD: Woman attacks man with knife

A Midland woman was arrested Sunday for allegedly scratching a man with car keys and her nails and threatening him with a knife.

Janell L. Agbaje, 24, was being held Tuesday on a $100,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault of a date/family/household member.

Police officers were dispatched Sunday night to a residence in reference to a disturbance with weapons. A man and Agbaje had gotten into a verbal argument, according to the affidavit. At one point the man allegedly called her "crazy," and Agbaje said, "do you wanna see crazy?" She then grabbed her car keys and his debit card and said she would spend all of his money, according to the affidavit.

When the man tried to take the debit card, Agbaje stabbed him in the upper back with the car keys, scraped him on his left arm with the keys and scratched him on his upper chest with her nails, according to the affidavit.

The argument escalated and Agbaje eventually grabbed a large kitchen knife and lunged toward the man, according to the affidavit. He was able to disarm her, but she returned to the kitchen and grabbed two smaller knives and approached the man again, according to the affidavit. The man then left the residence.

If convicted of the first-degree felony, Agbaje could face up to 99 years in prison.

Man charged with sexual assault of a child

A Midland man was arrested on an aggravated sexual assault charge after allegedly molesting a child, according to court documents.

Mark Mull, 36, was arrested Thursday on a first-degree felony charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child. He was out on bond Tuesday afternoon, according to court documents.

A family member of the boy — who is younger than 14 — contacted police on Wednesday after the boy said he did not want to go to Mull's residence anymore. Since Mull had a previous indecency with a child conviction, the family member believed a similar incident occurred, according to a police affidavit.

The family member contacted Mull, who said he had sexually assaulted the child while drunk "a year ago," according to the affidavit.

The boy didn't speak out during an interview at Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center, so police had the family member make a recorded call to Mull. During the call, Mull said that he had been drunk and could not remember doing anything but also stated several times that he was drunk "and that he had stopped himself," according to the affidavit.

After the call, the boy provided details of a sexual assault, according to the affidavit.

If found guilty of a first-degree felony charge, Mull could face up to 99 years in prison.

MPD: Man's assault of woman causes internal bleeding

A Midland man was arrested Thursday for allegedly beating a woman to the point of causing her bleeding in the brain, according to court documents.

Seturnino Tucker, 72, was being held Tuesday on a $100,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

Tucker and a woman became involved in a verbal argument at Tucker's residence on Feb. 3, according to his arrest affidavit. Tucker became enraged and attacked the woman, punching her in the head, according to the affidavit.

Tucker allegedly grabbed her by the hair and threw her to the floor, and continued to punch her in the head. The woman was screaming for help and telling for Tucker to stop, according to the affidavit. Tucker told the woman he would "kill her and cut her up with an axe if she reported the assault to the police," according to the affidavit.

Later that night, the woman called 911 and was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital, according to the affidavit. She had sustained blood clots because of the blunt force trauma to her head and had to undergo surgery, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony, Tucker could face up to 20 years in prison.

WASHINGTON

Accused leader of Mexican drug cartel pleads guilty in US

The accused leader of a Mexican drug trafficking cartel who authorities say once maintained close ties to Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman pleaded guilty in federal court Tuesday, admitting that he helped ship tons of cocaine from South America to the United States.

The plea from Alfredo Beltran Leyva, who was captured in Mexico in 2008 and extradited two years ago, comes weeks after Guzman, the notorious drug kingpin, was captured by Mexica authorities following a prison escape.

Though the plea resolves the case without a full-blown airing of evidence, prosecutors said in court documents that they would have been prepared to show that Beltran Leyva sold drugs to U.S. gangs in exchange for weapons, commanded squads of hit men that tortured and murdered rivals, and paid bribes to Mexican government officials.

One witness could have testified that he saw Beltran Leyva return from a meeting in the mountains with Guzman, wearing a tactical vest containing grenades, court filing show.

"For decades, Alfredo Beltran Leyva helped to lead one of the world's most notorious drug cartels, causing widespread violence and disrupting lives," Attorney General Loretta Lynch said in a statement.

The arrest of Beltran Leyva was among the early take-downs of cartel bosses by Mexican authorities in their fight against the criminal syndicates that started in the early days of former President Felipe Calderon's term.

The Beltran Leyva organization was led by Alfredo and his brothers as it grew to prominence as an arm of Guzman's Sinaloa Cartel.

The Beltran Leyva group smuggled drugs and ran human trafficking operations, along with enforcement operations for the larger Sinaloa organization.

That relationship soured, according to federal prosecutors, after Alfredo Beltran Leyva's 2008 arrest. His brothers blamed Sinaloa leaders for his arrest and the split eventually led to a bloody fight among the two groups at the same time the Sinaloa cartel was waging a war against the Juarez cartel for control of drug and human smuggling routes in northern Mexico.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Early release for MISD

Today is an early-release day for MISD schools.

Elementary schools will dismiss at noon. Junior highs, freshmen schools and high schools will dismiss at 12:45 p.m.

Source: MISD

Early voting this week

Early voting for the March 1 primaries continues. Residents may vote early at any one of the vote centers.

■ Midland County Annex, 2110 N. "A" St.; 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

■ Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

■ Fellowship Community Church, 5206 N. Midland Drive; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

■ Cogdell Learning Center, 211 W. Florida Ave.; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

■ Manor Park, 5192 Sinclair Ave.; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ The Knot Adoption Support Group, 11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church; Kathy Hagler, Kathy@WTIE.net.

■ Caregiver support, noon, HospiceMidland 911 W. Texas Ave., 682-2855.

■ Midland Downtown Lions Club, noon to 1 p.m., 200 Plaza St.

■ Uptown Midland BPW, noon, Petroleum Club; Glenda Knox, 686-2819.

New fire station

The Midland Fire Department will hold a ceremony 2 p.m. today at Champions Drive and Tradewinds Boulevard, the site of its newest fire station. Construction already has begun work on Fire Station No. 6. The ceremony is to recognize the hard work and generosity of all involved in the $4.4 million project, which is expected to be completed by summer 2017, according to a press release from the city. The new station will feature three engine bays, a study, kitchen and housing area for firefighters/paramedics. Mid-Tex of Midland Inc. is the contractor for the project, and Parkbill, Smith and Cooper of Midland provided design and engineering services.

Source: City of Midland

Community calendar

■ The next in a series of Coffee with a Cop is planned for 7-9 a.m. Thursday at Kwik Eats Café located inside Kent Kwik at the intersection of North Midland Drive and Wadley Avenue.

The program allows residents to meet police officers and discuss community issues. For more information, call 685-7582.

■ Midland ISD is hosting another community meeting concerning improvement plans for seven elementary schools: Bonham, Burnet, Crockett, DeZavala, Long, Milam and South.

The meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane.

Comments also may be sent to turnaround@midlandisd.net.

■ The 60th annual Pancake Jamboree will take place from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at the Midland Downtown Lions Club center at 200 Plaza.

Tickets for pancakes, sausage and drink are $7 each, or 11 tickets for $70.

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All or Nothing evening: 01-02-03-07-09-10-12-13-16-20-21-24
All or Nothing night: 04-05-06-07-09-11-12-13-14-16-19-22

Today in history

In 1803, in its Marbury v. Madison decision, the Supreme Court established judicial review of the constitutionality of statutes.

In 1868, the U.S. House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

In 1920, the German Workers Party, which later became the Nazi Party, met in Munich to adopt its platform.

In 1938, the first nylon bristle toothbrush, manufactured by DuPont under the name "Dr. West's Miracle Toothbrush," went on sale.

One year ago: President Barack Obama, defying a Republican-led Congress, rejected a bill to approve construction of the Keystone XL oil pipeline. A Texas jury rejected the insanity defense of Eddie Ray Routh and convicted him of murdering famed "American Sniper" author Chris Kyle and Chad Littlefield.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ODESSA

Woman faces 12 attempted capital murder counts

A West Texas woman faces 12 counts of attempted capital murder of a peace officer over a standoff in which two officers were shot while trying to arrest her husband.

The Odessa American reported Meghan Leanne Garza was indicted Monday in Ector County and remains jailed on $6 million bond.

Roy Daniel Garza is accused of wounding two Odessa police officers during the Dec. 23 standoff and firing at several others. The officers were serving an aggravated robbery warrant from Williamson County.

Roy Garza remains jailed on eight counts of attempted capital murder of a peace officer.

Jail records don't list an attorney to speak for his wife, who also faces drug possession counts. She originally was charged with hindering apprehension.

A prosecutor didn't immediately return a message Tuesday.

AUSTIN

Paxton makes case to appeals court

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton argues that criminal charges against him are unconstitutionally vague in his formal appeal to a Dallas court.

His expected appeal comes two months after a lower judge refused to throw out felony indictments against the state's top prosecutor. Paxton is accused of defrauding wealthy investors in 2011, before becoming attorney general.

The Republican was indicted last summer on two counties of securities fraud and faces a potentially lengthy prison sentence if convicted. He has pleaded not guilty.

No trial date has been set, and it's unclear when the Dallas appeals court will decide if the case against Paxton should continue.

TEXARKANA

Man not competent for trial in death of ex-son-in-law

A Northeast Texas woman has been ruled incompetent for trial in the 2015 slaying of her former son-in-law.

The Texarkana Gazette reported a judge on Monday ruled Anne Fisher was not competent and faced commitment to a state-run mental facility.

The 53-year-old Texarkana woman was charged with murder in last July's attack on 28-year-old Russell Scott Cain at the car dealership when he worked. Cain and his wife had recently divorced and he had primary custody of their two children.

A psychologist who evaluated Fisher in January did not address whether she was competent last year when Cain was shot several times.

Authorities said Fisher could still be tried for the death if she undergoes medical treatment at the mental facility and is later found to be competent.

DALLAS

Southwest CEO says airline could begin Cuba flights in 2016

The CEO of Southwest Airlines Co. says the carrier could begin Cuba flights this year.

The Dallas Morning News reported Gary Kelly offered details Monday in a message to employees. Kelly said Dallas-based Southwest "in all likelihood" would apply to fly in and out of Cuba on new routes being opened.

The U.S. and Cuba last week signed an agreement to resume commercial air traffic for the first time in five decades. U.S. airlines can bid on routes for as many as 110 U.S.-Cuba flights daily. All current passenger flights are charters.

Kelly said Southwest is very prepared to consider the opportunity and may very well be flying to Cuba in 2016.

U.S. carriers face a March 2 deadline to submit applications.

EL PASO

Mexican man convicted in Texas of $15M fraud

A Mexican businessman faces up to 30 years in a U.S. prison for running a $15 million investment swindle on both sides of the border.

Roberto Trinidad Del Carpio Frescas of Chihuahua, Mexico, remains in custody pending sentencing in El Paso.

A federal jury on Friday convicted Del Carpio of 24 counts of wire fraud and 10 counts of money laundering.

The 39-year-old Del Carpio formed several companies in Texas even thought he was not licensed as a dealer or registered as an adviser.

Prosecutors on Monday said Del Carpio promoted himself as having superior knowledge and ability with stocks, bonds, oil and gas, precious metals and currency.

More than 100 investors in the U.S. and Mexico fell for the scheme, which ran from August 2010 until early 2012.

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A TRIP TO THE ALAMO

Guests visit the grounds of the Alamo on Tuesday in San Antonio. The Alamo is commemorating the 180th anniversary of the siege and battle of the Alamo.

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Saudi oil minister: market should handle low prices

By David Koenig
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Saudi Arabia's oil minister said Tuesday that production cuts to boost oil prices won't work and that, instead, the market should be allowed to work, even if that forces some operators out of business.

Ali Al-Naimi said production cuts by big, low-cost producers like Saudi Arabia would amount to subsidizing higher-cost ones — an apparent reference to U.S. shale oil drillers.

Al-Naimi

Booming U.S. production effectively ended oil trades at more than $100 per barrel that were taking place less than two years ago. A barrel of U.S. crude is now hovering around $30, a price at which many shale operators are assumed to be losing money.

"The producers of these high-cost barrels must find a way to lower their costs, borrow cash or liquidate," Naimi said. "It sounds harsh, and unfortunately it is, but it is the more efficient way to rebalance markets."

Naimi disputed a common view in the industry that Saudi Arabia has kept pumping oil to protect its market share and undercut shale producers. "We have not declared war on shale or on production from any given country or company," he said.

Naimi spoke at a gathering of global energy leaders in Houston.

The price of benchmark U.S. crude fell Tuesday by nearly 5 percent to $31.81 a barrel. Brent crude, used to price oil internationally, dropped $1.36 to $33.31 a barrel in London.

Just a day earlier, oil prices surged after the International Energy Agency predicted that oil supply and demand would balance next year because of a steep drop in new drilling, namely in the U.S. The group's executive director, Fatih Birol, predicted that crude would more than double to $80 a barrel by 2020.

Shale and other new sources attracted by years of high oil prices pushed the supply of oil much higher than global demand, leading to the sharp drop in crude prices since mid-2014.

OPEC decided in late 2014 that it would not cut production to prop up prices, and Naimi echoed OPEC's thinking. "Cutting low-cost production to subsidize higher-cost supplies only delays an inevitable reckoning," he said.

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medium-term report.

John Hess, chief executive officer of one of the largest lease-holders in North Dakota's Bakken shale region, said shale might not respond as quickly as OPEC fears. There are logistical hurdles involved with returning enough rigs and workers back to the oil patch to start growing production again, in addition to financial hurdles.

"The balance sheets of shale producers are in disrepair," said Hess, whose company recently reported its first annual loss in 13 years. "They've got to heal their balance sheets before they will start investing again.

OPEC launched a price war against U.S. shale and other high-cost producers, including Canadian oil sands and Brazilian deep-water oil fields, in November 2014 by not reducing output despite a global oversupply. Since then, oil prices have plunged by more than half, hitting a 12-year low of about $26 on Feb. 11.

In a rare admission that the policy hasn't worked out as planned, El-Badri said that OPEC didn't expect oil prices to drop this much when it decided to keep pumping near flat-out.

OPEC's strategy began to shift last week, when the oil ministers of Saudi Arabia and Russia agreed to freeze their output at the January level, provided other oil-rich countries joined. El-Badri said the new policy will be evaluated in three to four months before deciding whether to take other steps.

"This is the first step to see what we can achieve," he said. "If this is successful, we will take other steps in the future." He refused to explain what steps OPEC could take.

El-Badri said low oil prices have caused companies to cut too much spending on developing new output, which could plant the seed for "a very high price" in the future.

"The concern is no investment now, no supply in the future. It's as simple as that," he said. "If there's no supply coming to the market, prices will go up."

Trump notches win; Rubio bids to elbow past Cruz

By Steve Peoples and Nancy Benac
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Donald Trump notched a win in Nevada's Republican caucuses on Tuesday as Marco Rubio bid to elbow out Ted Cruz for second place in an increasingly urgent effort to slam the brakes on the Trump juggernaut.

Trump now has three straight victories — in the West, the South and Northeast — a testament to his broad appeal among the mad-as-hell voters making their voices heard in the 2016 presidential race.

Six in 10 caucus goers said they were angry with the way the government is working, and Trump got about half of those angry voters, according to preliminary results of an entrance poll.

Nevada was a critical test for Rubio and Cruz, the two senators battling to emerge as the clear alternative to the GOP front-runner. Rubio was out to prove he can build on recent momentum, while Cruz was looking for a spark to recover from a particularly rocky stretch in his campaign.

Rubio, already campaigning in Michigan as caucus results rolled in, was projecting confidence that he can consolidate the non-Trump voters who have been splintering among an assortment of GOP candidates, saying, "we have incredible room to grow."

Cruz, a fiery conservative popular among voters on the GOP's right, finished a disappointing third in South Carolina after spending much of the past two weeks denying charges of dishonest campaign tactics and defending his integrity. Another disappointing finish in Nevada would raise new questions about his viability heading into a crucial batch of Super Tuesday states on March 1.

"There's something wrong with this guy," Trump said with his usual measure of tact during a massive Las Vegas rally Monday night. The former reality television star tweeted on Tuesday, "He used him as a scape goat-fired like a dog! Ted panicked."

"I want a businessman to run the biggest business in the world."

Count Tracy Brigada,
Nevada voter on why she picked Donald Trump

"He's the most level-headed. He hasn't said anything stupid or crazy ... which is really what I think the country needs,"

Jeremy Haight,
Nevada voter on why he chose Marco Rubio

"He's consistent, he's bold and he's a class act."

Megan Ortega,
Nevada voter on why she cast a ballot for Ted Cruz

Nevada's caucusing played out in schools, community centers and places of worship across the state — a process that's been chaotic in the past.

Count Tracy Brigida, fed up after her husband was laid off from his mining job, among those caucusing for Trump.

"I want a businessman to run the biggest business in the world," Brigida said as she caucused at a Las Vegas high school.

Jeremy Haight drove straight from his marketing job to caucus for Marco Rubio at the same high school.

"He's the most level-headed. He hasn't said anything stupid or crazy ... which is really what I think the country needs," Haight said.

It was Cruz for Megan Ortega, who declared: "He's consistent, he's bold and he's a class act."

Preliminary results of the entrance poll found that about 3 in 10 early caucus goers said the quality that mattered most to them in choosing a candidate was that he shares their values, slightly more than the quarter who said they want a candidate who can win in November. About a quarter said they want a candidate who can bring change. About 2 in 10 want one who "tells it like it is."

Nevada state marks the first Republican election in the West, the fourth of the campaign. And it's not one that's gotten much attention from the GOP candidates.

Through Tuesday, the Republican candidates and the super PACs supporting them had spent a combined $3.8 million on television and radio advertisements in Nevada — less than a tenth of the $39.3 million spent ahead of last weekend's South Carolina primary, according to Kantar Media's CMAG data.

That primary reduced a GOP field that included a dozen candidates a month ago to five, with former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush the latest to drop out after a disappointing finish in South Carolina. Ohio Gov. John Kasich and retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson remain in the race and could play spoilers as the trio of leading candidates, Trump, Cruz and Rubio, battle for delegates with an increasing sense of urgency.

Trump's rivals concede they are running out of time to stop him.

The election calendar suggests that if the New York billionaire's rivals don't slow him by mid-March, they may not ever. Trump swept all of South Carolina's 50 delegates, giving him a total of 67 compared to Cruz and Rubio who have 11 and 10, respectively.

There are 30 delegates at stake in Nevada, awarded to candidates in proportion to their share of the statewide vote so long as they earn at least 3.33 percent. While proportional contests give Trump's weaker rivals a chance to accumulate delegates, proportional contests also make it difficult to catch up if one candidate runs up a significant lead.

After finishing third in Iowa, fifth in New Hampshire and second in South Carolina, Rubio needs a win soon to support the idea that he is the prime heir to Bush's supporters.

UT/TT Poll: Clinton still leads in Texas, but margin has narrowed

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

Hillary Clinton's lead over Bernie Sanders has narrowed considerably in Texas but remains in the double digits among the state's likely Democratic primary voters, according to the latest University of Texas/Texas Tribune Poll.

The former secretary of state is leading, with 54 percent, a week before the Texas primary, while Sanders, a U.S. senator from Vermont, has the support of 44 percent of the respondents.

Texas voters have six other choices on the Democratic presidential primary ballot: Martin O'Malley, Roque "Rocky" de la Fuente, Willie Wilson, Star Locke, Keith Judd and Calvis Hawes. None attracted significant support from the poll's respondents.

"This race is narrowing, but not narrowing in a way for the lines to actually cross — especially in Texas," said Jim Henson, director of the Texas Politics Project at UT-Austin and the poll's co-director. Clinton will win, he said, but the question mark, is the state's Hispanic voters and their relatively low propensity to vote. "This will be a double-digit race, but I don't think it's going to be a 20-point race."

Clinton has a formidable base of black and Hispanic voters, while Sanders is doing better with Anglos. She leads 70 percent to 27 percent among black voters and 60 percent to 37 percent among Hispanic voters. Sanders, meanwhile, has the support of 55 percent of white voters to Clinton's 44 percent. Clinton's advantage, the pollsters said, could swell if her campaign can boost the numbers of Hispanics voting in the state.

"It's her state to lose," said Daron Shaw, co-director of the poll and a professor of government at the University of Texas at Austin. "Whether this race is 10 points or 18 points rests almost entirely on your opinion of whether Hispanics are going to turn up to vote."

Clinton is also firmly in front in all but one age group, with more than 55 percent of the voters age 30 and older. Sanders has about two-fifths of those voters. But he's the clear favorite of 18- to 29-year-olds, with 62 percent of them backing him and only 29 percent backing Clinton.

Voters who identified themselves as liberals favored Sanders 51 percent to 48 percent; self-identified moderates among the likely Democratic primary votes were with Clinton, 64 percent to 36 percent.

The University of Texas/Texas Tribune Internet survey of 1,200 registered voters was conducted from Feb. 12 to Feb. 19 and has an overall margin of error of +/- 2.83 percentage points. Among self-identified Republican primary voters, the margin of error is +/- 4.27 percentage points; among self-identified Democratic primary voters, it is +/- 4.57 percentage points. Among likely voters in the Republican primary race, the margin of error is +/- 4.86 percentage points. Among likely voters in the Democratic primary race, the margin of error is +/- 5.44 percentage points. Numbers in charts might not add up to 100 percent because of rounding.

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AP Poll: Jobs, Social Security are key for next president

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Here's something that Democrats, Republicans and independents agree on. When it comes to the economy, they all want to protect Social Security and lower unemployment.

That's where their similarities end.

Beyond the top two issues, Americans' lists of top economic concerns for the next president are more fractured, according to a poll conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Democrats attach far more importance than do Republicans to narrowing the gap between rich and poor, reducing poverty and increasing wages to keep up with the cost of living.

Republicans place far more importance than Democrats on shrinking the federal deficit, reducing government regulation and reforming welfare.

So while Americans of all stripes consistently put the economy at or near the top of their most important issues, they sometimes have very different concerns when they do so.

Philadelphian James Leake, living on disability at age 50, worries about another economic "blow-out" and zeroes in on income inequality as a key problem.

"The corporations are taking more and more and more, and I'm like, 'Don't you ... realize the bubble is soon going to burst?' " said Leake, a Democrat.

But Edward Vasquez, an engineer from Odessa, thinks income inequality isn't even real.

"It's a perceived problem," said Vasquez, who calls himself an "anti-establishment" Republican. "Even people that would call themselves poor, they don't understand how rich they are. Americans are spoiled brats."

From such opposite perspectives, though, Leake and Vasquez both say protecting Social Security is an extremely important item for the next president's to-do list.

"The way people do things in Washington, they may take it away," said Leake.

"By the time I retire, it's going to be a broken promise," said 44-year-old Vasquez. "There's not enough workers paying into the system."

Overall, the AP-NORC poll found 85 percent of Americans think protecting the future of Social Security is extremely or very important for the next president, and 81 percent said the same for reducing unemployment.

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had 18 percent of those voters, and 8 percent of those who identify with the tea party.

Shaw pointed out that the poll was completed on the eve of the South Carolina primary and said the results there — and Jeb Bush's decision to drop out — could change the dynamics in Texas. He also said all three of the top candidates have good reason to campaign here since Texas is not a winner-take-all state and strong second- and third-place finishes could win some delegates here.

"Ted Cruz is popular among Texas Republicans, particularly among the more intense conservatives we expect to show up on primary election day," said Jim Henson, director of the Texas Politics Project at UT-Austin and the poll's co-director. "Second, Texas is not as unlike the rest of the United States as we sometimes like to think. Donald Trump's celebrity and substantive appeal — such as it is — clearly has an audience among Texas Republicans."

Henson also noted Bush's small numbers. "There was no redemption in Texas for Jeb Bush, even before South Carolina," he said.

Cruz led in all age groups, notably among voters ages 18 to 29 and voters ages 30 to 44. Trump pulled close among 45- to 64-year-olds, and Cruz had a 9-percentage-point lead among voters over 65. Rubio had 21 percent of that oldest group — his best showing in the age brackets.

The Cruz and Trump voters were more certain of their choices than the voters attracted to other candidates. More than two-thirds of their voters said they were "extremely certain" about their choice of candidates, compared with 41 percent for Rubio, 29 percent for Carson, 27 percent for Kasich and 22 percent for Bush.

Few of those surveyed expressed uncertainty about their choice, preferring to select either "extremely" or "somewhat" certain. But in Bush's case, 24 percent said they were "not very certain" about voting for him and 11 percent said they were "not at all certain" about it. In Carson's, 21 percent were "not very certain," and 10 percent of those who said they support Rubio expressed some doubts.

For all of the talk about shaking things up in this year's elections, only 15 percent of Republican primary voters said that was the most important factor. Their first reason for choosing a particular candidate, with 21 percent, was to "improve the American economy," followed by giving the Republican Party a good chance to win in November.

As it turns out, those were also the top two reasons for Cruz voters (he and Trump both got relatively high marks for "shake up politics as usual"). Trump's voters said "improve the economy" and "reform immigration policy" were their top reasons for voting. More than a third of Rubio's supporters — 36 percent — said they chose him because they thought having a good chance to win the general election was most important.

Cruz had a significant lead over his opponents among voters with "some college," pulling 50 percent of those votes to 29 percent for Trump and 6 percent for Rubio. That flipped among post-graduates: Rubio got 35 percent, while Cruz and Trump each got 20 percent. Voters with two years of college favored Trump. Cruz led Trump by six percentage points among high school graduates and among voters with four years of college.

The three leaders were the only Republican candidates to attract double-digit percentages of churchgoers. Cruz did best, pulling 38 percent of voters who attend church more than once a week, 38 percent of the once-a-week worshippers and 54 percent of those who said they attend church a few times a month. Trump was second in each of those groups, with 22 percent of the first group and more than a quarter of the other two. He also did best among voters who never attend church: 32 percent of those were with Trump, 27 percent with Cruz and 21 percent with Rubio.

Cruz led the pack with male voters, getting 40 percent of them to Trump's 26 percent and Rubio's 15 percent. But Cruz, at 33 percent, and Trump, at 32 percent, were in a virtual tie among female voters. Rubio had the support of 14 percent of those voters.

The Texas primaries for both the Republicans and the Democrats take place on March 1. Early voting began a week ago and continues through Friday.

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Apple to tell judge in California case: Congress must decide

By Tami Abdollah
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Apple Inc. will tell a federal judge this week in legal papers that its fight with the FBI over accessing a locked and encrypted iPhone should be kicked to Congress, rather than decided by courts, The Associated Press has learned.

Apple will also argue that the Obama administration's request to help it hack into an iPhone in a terrorism case is improper under an 18th century law, the 1789 All Writs Act, which has been used to compel companies to provide assistance to law enforcement in investigations.

A lead attorney for Apple, Theodore J. Boutrous Jr., previewed for the AP some of the company's upcoming arguments in the case. Apple's chief executive, Tim Cook, has also hinted at the company's courtroom strategy.

Apple's effort would move the contentious policy debate between digital privacy rights and national security interests to Congress, where Apple — one of the world's most respected technology companies — wields considerably more influence. Apple spent nearly $5 million lobbying Congress last year, mostly on tax and copyright issues. Key lawmakers have been openly divided about whether the government's demands in the case go too far.

Magistrate Judge Sheri Pym in California ordered Apple last week to create specialized software to help the FBI hack into a locked, county-issued iPhone used by a gunman in the mass shootings last December in San Bernardino, California. Syed Farook and his wife, Tashfeen Malik, killed 14 people at an office holiday party in an attack at least partly inspired by the Islamic State group.

"The government is really seeking to push the courts to do what they haven't been able to persuade Congress to do," Boutrous said in an AP interview. "That's to give it more broad, sweeping authority to help the Department of Justice hack into devices, to have a backdoor into devices, and the law simply does not provide that authority."

The White House spokesman, Josh Earnest, this week disputed that Congress should settle the issue and called the government's request narrow. Earnest said the magistrate judge "came down in favor of our law enforcement" after evaluating arguments by Apple and the FBI. Apple hasn't yet made any filings in the case because the Justice Department asked the magistrate to rule before Apple had an opportunity to object.

"Sending complicated things to Congress is often not the surest way to get a quick answer," Earnest said.

Apple intends to argue that the 1789 law has never been used to compel a company to write software to help the government.

Michael Zweiback, the former chief of the cybercrimes section of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles, said it was highly unusual for the U.S. to ask Apple to give the FBI specialized software that would weaken the digital locks on the iPhone.

"There's a significant legal question as to whether the All Writs Act can be used to order a company to create something that may not presently exist," Zweiback said. He said as a former prosecutor he was sympathetic to the government's case, but he described Apple's arguments as strong and said the issue has broad implications.

"We are not the only ones who are asking for encryption keys," he said. "The Chinese government has made similar demands upon them, the European Union has made similar demands upon them, so the implications are really not even national. They're international in scope."

Another expert, Mark Bartholomew, a professor specializing in cyberlaw at SUNY Buffalo, said Apple may have a compelling case arguing that it would be unfair to force it to make its devices less secure, though it's not clear whether courts would agree that Congress should decide the matter.

"When you're requiring a private entity not just to unlock something, or not just to show you something, but to actually change their design — then you start getting into different grounds," Bartholomew said. "It makes the stakes higher. It makes us, I think, more sympathetic to what Apple is arguing for. It seems more violative of Apple's independence."

Bill Gates supports government in Apple case

Bill Gates is supportive of investigators' efforts to force Apple to help them crack into an iPhone used by one of the San Bernardino shooters, saying a balance needs to be struck between government access and the need to preserve data security.

While clarifying he doesn't support untrammeled government access to personal data, the Microsoft co-founder's position runs contrary to those of many tech executives who have backed Apple Inc. The heads of Facebook, Twitter and Google have all sided with Apple on the grounds that complying with the government's request would ultimately undermine data privacy.

Gates stated in a handful of interviews that it's not uncommon for phone companies and banks to hand over customer information to investigators. He questioned why tech companies should be treated differently.

In particular, he took issue with Apple CEO Tim Cook's argument that helping the crack the shooter's iPhone would set a broader precedent.

"They are not asking for some general thing, they are asking for a particular case," Gates, who remains a technical adviser to Microsoft Corp., told the Financial Times in a Tuesday interview.

And in a lengthy interview on Charlie Rose on PBS, Gates said that if government is "blind," it might not be able to stop online crimes such as tax evasion, child pornography and, most importantly, terrorism.

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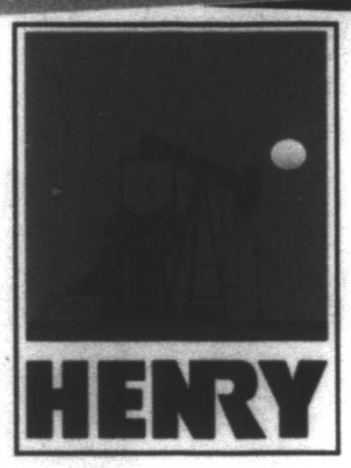

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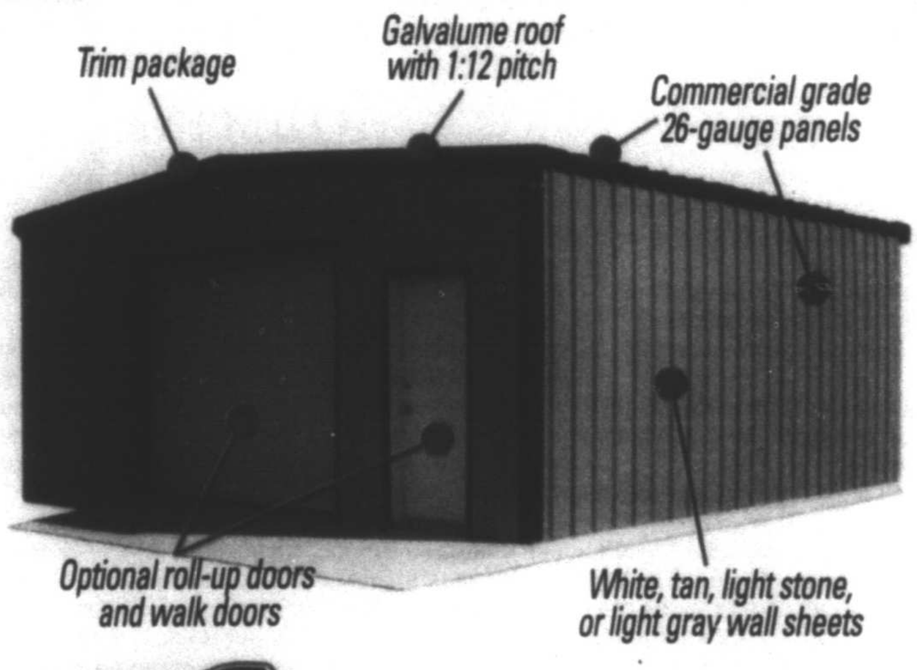

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Jeb Bush should have listened to his mother

■ He campaigned as though his heart was not in it

CARL LEUBSDORF
Dallas Morning News

Jeb Bush should have listened to his mother.

"We've had enough Bushes," Barbara Bush said nearly three years ago, cautioning against her second son's presidential candidacy by presciently pronouncing the epitaph for his forthcoming bid.

The subsequent failure by the third Bush seeking the White House, confirmed in Saturday's disastrous South Carolina showing, stemmed from both the current Republican disdain for establishment politicians and the shortcomings of the former Florida governor as a 2016 presidential candidate.

But it also reflects the historical fact that, as times change, American political dynasties lose the energy that fueled their success. As they once did for such fabled political names as Roosevelt and Kennedy, Americans have lost their enthusiasm for bestowing more leadership on the Bushes.

Most Americans can know only from the history books the extent to which the aristocratic Roosevelts — one a Republican, his cousin a Democrat — once stood astride the political scene. The first helped beget the second. But their long-term promise faded when the political careers of two FDR sons, James and Franklin Jr., foundered after promising electoral starts.

Similarly, the Kennedys, with their large and ambitious family, seemed headed for a lengthy run, perhaps lasting generations. But assassins cut down President John F. Kennedy and his brother, a third brother undercut his own prospects with a disastrous personal choice and poor political timing. Subsequent heirs have had difficulty rising beyond more modest political levels, where it is far easier for the offspring of office-holders to win elections.

By electing both the 41st and 43rd presidents, the Bushes achieved what those fabled Democratic families failed to do. When both the son and grandson of Sen. Prescott Bush reached the White House, it marked only the third time in American history that more than one generation of the same family achieved such success.

The high regard for the first helped make the second's election possible. But the latter's failures left a legacy of an angry, anti-establishment GOP that contributed to his brother's subsequent failure. The rise of the tea party and Donald Trump is as much a reaction to the second Bush presidency — the war in Iraq, the Great Recession, federal spending and the financial bailout — as it reflects subsequent antagonism to President Barack Obama.

But shortcomings of candidate and campaign also contributed to the Jeb Bush fiasco that climaxed in South Carolina. Successful senators and governors inevitably find running for president far harder than they imagine, and, for Bush, that was multiplied by the fact he had not sought elective office in 14 years.

Politics has gotten faster and angrier, something he seemed unprepared for. Even before launching his candidacy, he stumbled in explaining his own immigration policy after writing a book on it. That failure foretold his inability to answer coherently the inevitable subsequent questions about his brother's 2003 decision to invade Iraq.

Focused more on a general election approach than the primaries, he never figured out how to deal with two issues — immigration and education — on which he was out of sync with the GOP's rightward thrust. He and his advisers miscalculated the potential impact of a big financial war chest, and created a bifurcated structure in which his most experienced national adviser worked for the super PAC that wasted millions seeking to destroy his rivals.

A strong candidate can sometimes overcome structural weaknesses. But unlike his father and brother, who radiated desire for the presidency, Jeb Bush never gave the impression his heart was in this race. He was tentative at crucial moments in the initial televised debates, helping to solidify Trump's depiction of him as "low energy." His earnest manner failed to project the leadership he showed as governor.

When he finally gained his footing, in the final days of the New Hampshire campaign, it was too late.

But like most American dynasties, another generation is always on the horizon. While Bush crowds loved seeing matriarch Barbara boost her son despite initial doubts, they delighted in glimpsing the young man already emerging as the next generation's standard bearer: Jeb's son, Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush.

Meanwhile, Americans will be able this year to render a definitive judgment on a potentially different political dynasty, the first person seeking the presidency her spouse once held. As unlikely as that might once have seemed, it's a strain of dynastic politics that might yet establish its own history.

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GUEST VIEW

Oklahoma commission takes measured move against wastewater quakes

Tulsa (Oklahoma) World

We applaud the Oklahoma Corporation Commission's move to reduce sharply the amount of wastewater disposal activity in northwest Oklahoma.

Wastewater disposal has been convincingly tied to the state's unprecedented increase in earthquakes in recent months. A 5.1 magnitude quake (on Feb. 13) northwest of Fairview was the third largest temblor in recorded history. Once seismically stable, Oklahoma saw more than 900 earthquakes with a magnitude 3.0 or greater last year.

All that shaking (and the political opportunity it seems to have offered) was enough to make some people call for extreme, industry-destroying action — We want a moratorium or we'll go to the barricades!

To its credit, the Corporation Commission's plan is a strong but measured move. It will reduce the disposal rate by 40 percent in a 5,200-square-mile area that includes all or parts of six counties. It covers 245 disposal wells injecting wastewater into the state's deepest geological formation — the Arbuckle — which experts deem as the most pressing concern regarding man-made quakes.

We hope that's enough to show some progress on the problem. If it isn't, the state can step things up again. It's a trial-and-results process that is driven by data, not emotions. That's as things should be.

We're not so naive as to suggest there were no politics involved in (Feb. 16's) announcement. The elected Corporation Commission is clearly getting the message that Oklahomans want their homes to stop shaking, but Oklahomans also aren't interested in seeing their state's most important industry leveled by overly aggressive government regulations.

The pressure to do something about the earthquakes is paying off, and the Corporation Commission is acting. More action might be necessary. If so, good. If not, better.

We'd like to keep the oil industry as productive as possible, and the earth calm, too.

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Trump might not need majority

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On Thursday, Donald Trump called Pope Francis a "pawn" of the Mexican government and accused the leader of the world's Catholics of "disgraceful" rhetoric.

On Friday, he approvingly retold an apocryphal story about a U.S. general ordering Muslims shot with bullets dipped in pig's blood.

On Saturday morning, he wondered on Twitter whether President Obama would have attended Justice Antonin Scalia's funeral "if it were held in a mosque."

And yet, on Saturday night, Trump won the South Carolina primary, affirming him as the front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination.

Are Republican voters really choosing as their standard-bearer a man who preaches such hatred and spews such vitriol?

No, they aren't — at least not yet. But they may get Trump anyway.

The good news is only 32.5 percent of South Carolina Republicans voted for Trump. The bad news: Trump may not need the support of a majority of Republican voters to secure the nomination.

Five months ago, I wrote that I was so sure Trump wouldn't win the nomination that I would eat a column — 18 inches of newsprint — if he did. I argued that he "won't prevail in the Republican primary because voters, in the end, tend to get it right."

Trump's inability to rise above about 35 percent of the vote vindicates — so far — my faith in the voters. But even if that holds, I may be soliciting recipes for wood pulp anyway, because, given the three-way race emerging between Trump, Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio, Trump could clinch the nomination with minority support.

The Cook Political Report, handicappers par excellence, observed over the weekend that Trump's 35 percent "ceiling" of support could be enough to win a five-person race (including John Kasich and Ben Carson) and even enough to "squeak out a victory" in a three-way race.

Cook's Dave Wasserman explained that 38 percent of the 2,472 Republican convention delegates are from winner-take-all contests, which means Trump can get them with a slim plurality of the vote. And in a number of the other states that award delegates proportionately, Cruz and Rubio are in danger of slipping below the 20 percent threshold required to get a share. This increases the odds that nobody will get the 1,237 needed, or that somebody will without winning a majority of votes.

The long-awaited consolidation behind a consensus alternative to Trump has finally begun. Jeb Bush has joined Chris Christie on the sidelines, and Rubio, after his sound-bite disaster in New Hampshire, appears to have returned as the consensus anti-Trump.

But Kasich remains, potentially denying Rubio a huge haul of delegates from Ohio on March 15. And while the primary map gives Cruz no plausible path (none of his strongest states is winner-take-all), Cruz can remain in the race and deny Rubio a clean shot at Trump.

On Sunday, Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus told ABC's George Stephanopoulos that it would be a "no-brainer" to support the nominee, even if it's Trump. "Winning is the antidote to a lot of things," he reasoned.

An antidote to having a nominee who, echoing one of his supporters at a rally this month, called Cruz a vulgar name? To having a nominee who said in front of thousands that he would "bomb the s--- out of" ISIS?

Perhaps the most disturbing of Trump's latest outrages — beyond lashing out at the pope or again implying that Obama is Muslim — was his decision to validate a hateful Internet hoax.

In South Carolina on Friday, Trump was defending torture (he said the United States should "go much further" than waterboarding) when he told a story of Gen. John Pershing, who allegedly dipped bullets in pig's blood before executing Muslim prisoners in the Philippines.

"He lined up the 50 people, and they shot 49 of those people, and the 50th person, he said, you go back to your people and you tell them what happened," Trump proclaimed. "And for 25 years there wasn't a problem."

Historians and others have found no substantiation for this allegation and plenty of evidence that Pershing wasn't that sort of man. When a Massachusetts state senator floated a version of the Pershing claim in 2003 in a flier, the Anti-Defamation League called it "incendiary and bigoted" and an "offensive caricature of Muslim beliefs."

And now, in 2016, the front-runner for the Republican nomination floats the same vile libel, and the chairman of the RNC says it would be a "no-brainer" to support him?

The voters may yet get it right, but that doesn't mean the Republican Party will.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

McConnell shuts door on action for Obama court pick

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Majority Leader Mitch McConnell emphatically ruled out any Senate action on whoever President Barack Obama nominates to fill the Supreme Court vacancy, an extraordinary step that escalated the partisan election-year struggle over replacing the late Antonin Scalia. Democrats promised unremitting pressure on Republicans to back down or face the consequences in November's voting.

After winning unanimous public backing from the 11 Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee, McConnell told reporters that that panel would hold no hearings and ruled out a full Senate vote until the next president offers a nomination. Such steps would defy many decades of precedent that have seen even the most controversial choices questioned publicly by the Judiciary Committee and nearly always sent to the entire chamber for a vote, barring nominees the White House has withdrawn.

"In short, there will not be action taken," McConnell told reporters.

The Kentucky Republican said he wouldn't even meet with an Obama selection should the White House follow tradition and send the nominee to Capitol Hill to visit senators. Such a snub could generate campaign-season television images of a scorned selection standing outside a closed door.

"I don't know the purpose of such a visit," McConnell said. "I would not be inclined to take one myself."

Obama is expected to announce a nomination in the next few weeks.

Obama: Guantanamo Bay must be closed

By Lolita C. Baldor and Kathleen Hennessey
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's plan to close the detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba slammed into a wall of Republican opposition on Tuesday, stopping cold Obama's hope for a bipartisan effort to "close a chapter" that began in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The long-awaited proposal, which was requested by Congress, is Obama's last attempt to make good on an unfulfilled campaign promise by persuading Congress to change the law that prohibits moving detainees accused of violent extremist acts to U.S. soil. Fourteen years after the facility opened and seven years after Obama took office, the president argued it was "finally" time to shutter a facility that has sparked persistent legal battles, become a recruitment tool for Islamic militants and garnered strong opposition from some allies abroad.

"I don't want to pass this problem onto the next president, whoever it is," Obama said in an appearance at the White House. "If we don't do what's required now, I think future generations are going to look back and ask why we failed to act when the right course, the right side of history, and justice and our best American traditions was clear."

Despite the big ambitions, Obama's proposed path remained unclear. The plan leaves unanswered the politically thorny question of where in the U.S a new facility would be located. It offered broad cost estimates. The White House described it as more of a conversation starter than a definitive outline.

Republican leaders in Congress showed no interest in having that conversation.

"We will review President Obama's plan but since it includes bringing dangerous terrorists to facilities in U.S. communities, he knows that the bipartisan will of Congress has already been expressed against that proposal," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., said Obama had yet to convince Americans that moving detainees to U.S. soil is "smart or safe."

"It is against the law — and it will stay against the law," Ryan said.

Even Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a former prisoner of war and an advocate of closing the prison, called Obama's report a "vague menu of options," which does not include a policy for dealing with future detainees.

Obama has "missed a major chance to convince the Congress and the American people that he has a responsible plan to close the Guantanamo Bay detention facility," he said.

It's not clear whether that chance ever existed. Momentum to close the facility has slowed dramatically under Obama's tenure. Congress remains deadlocked on far less contentious matters, and the issue has little resonance on the presidential campaign trail.

Still, for Obama, the facility stands as painful reminder of the limits on his power: His first executive order sketched out a timeline for closing the prison, but was ultimately derailed by Congress.

The White House has not ruled out the possibility that the president may again attempt to close the prison through executive action — a move that would directly challenge Congress' authority. The plan submitted Tuesday does not address that option.

Instead, the proposal reflects the administration's strategy of shrinking the population, hoping the cost of housing the diminished population would ultimately make closure inevitable.

Under the plan, roughly 35 of the 91 current detainees will be transferred to other countries in the coming months, leaving up to 60 detainees who are either facing trial by military commission or have been determined to be too dangerous to release but are not facing charges.

Those detainees would be relocated to a U.S. facility that could cost up to $475 million to build, but would ultimately be offset by as much as $180 million per year in operating cost savings. The annual operating cost for Guantanamo is $445 million. The U.S. facilities would cost between $265 million and $305 million to operate each year, according to the proposal.

The plan considers, but does not name, 13 different locations in the U.S., including seven existing prison facilities in Colorado, South Carolina and Kansas, as well as six other locations at current correctional facilities on state, federal or military sites in several states. It also notes that there could be all new construction on existing military bases. The plan doesn't recommend a preferred site.

Naming a site would have certainly further antagonized some members of Congress. Those representing South Carolina, Kansas and Colorado already have voiced opposition to housing the detainees in their states.

Advocates of closing Guantanamo say the prison has long been a recruiting tool for militant groups and that holding extremists suspected of violent acts indefinitely without charges or trial sparks anger and dismay among U.S. allies.

Opponents, however, said changing the detention center's ZIP code won't eliminate that problem.

Obama's proposal faced criticism even from those who endorse closing the detention center. His initial campaign pledge was widely viewed as a promise to end the practice of detaining prisoners indefinitely without charge, not to bring that practice to the U.S., said Naureen Shah, director of Amnesty International USA's Security and Human Rights Program.

"Whatever the president proposes, even if it doesn't come to fruition, the administration is changing the goal posts on this issue," she said.

Comments from Rep. Conaway

"The president has laid out an incredibly irresponsible plan to close the prison at Guantanamo Bay, sacrificing the safety and security of American citizens in pursuit of his personal legacy. Under President Obama's plan, terrorists currently detained at Guantanamo Bay will be moved to a yet-to-be-determined facility within the United States. Essentially, these terrorists could be moved to any number of locations throughout our communities.

"After seven years of failing to provide any convincing arguments for closing Guantanamo Bay, the president's desperation is painfully apparent in his final year in office. It is absolutely unacceptable to endanger our national security by allowing any terrorists on American soil. My colleagues and I will simply not allow it."

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, Texas' 11th Congressional District

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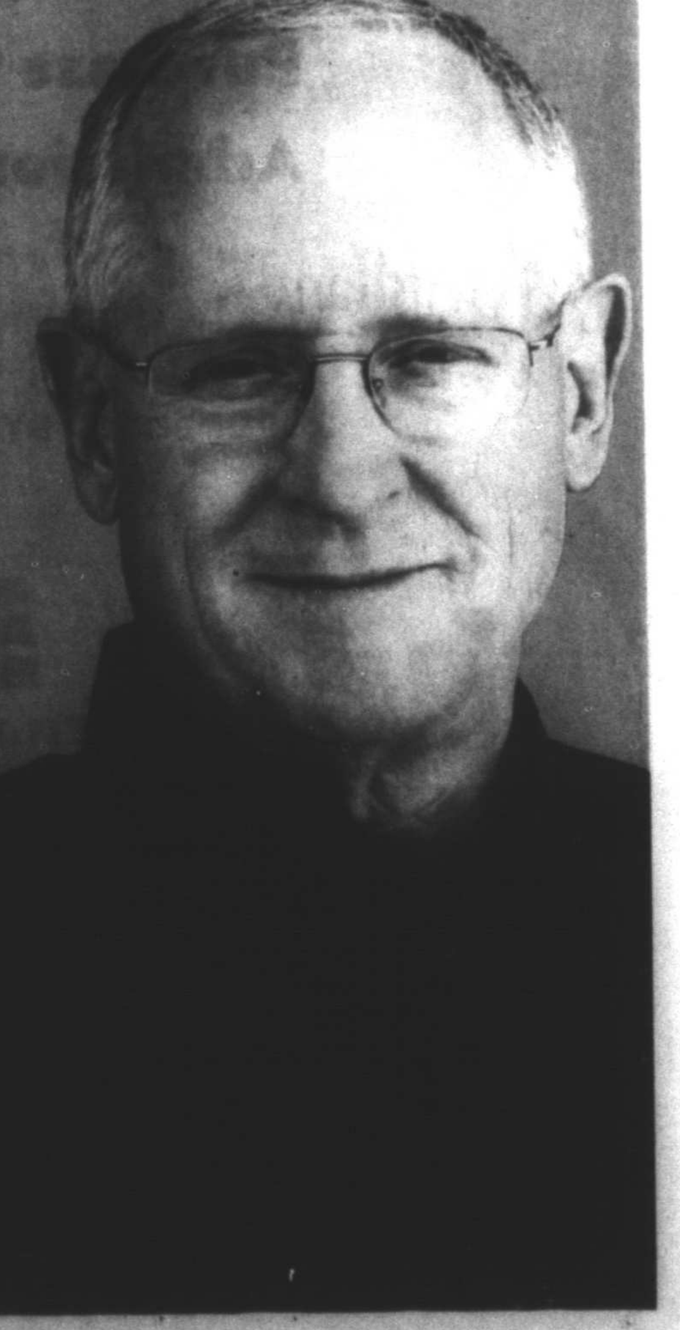

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Robotic surgery yields less pain and blood loss, shorter hospital stays

DR. REAGAN VINEY
Midland Health

Innovative technology and medical research are essential to improve the quality of our health care delivery system. Over the last century, many discoveries have dramatically changed the landscape in the care and treatment options for surgical patients. Antibiotics, safe anesthetics, the ventilator and the laparoscope immediately come to mind. In the practice of surgical gynecology, Intuitive's da Vinci robotic system overcomes the limitations of both traditional open surgery and conventional laparoscopic surgery.

With the aid of the robot, gynecologists are able to perform minimally invasive surgery through four or five eight-millimeter incisions scattered across the patient's abdomen. This eliminates the six- to 10-inch incision necessary to perform an open procedure. Patients who undergo robotic surgery express significantly less pain, experience minimal blood loss, better cosmesis and have fewer complications, which results in shorter hospital stays and quicker return to daily activity.

The robotic platform has special optics that provide the surgeon with an enhanced 3D picture and greater magnification than that of the traditional laparoscope. This allows for better surgical resection and identification of endometriosis, a condition where the lining of the uterus implants throughout the abdomen and pelvis.

Robotic technology also often allows the gynecologist to perform procedures on women for whom open surgery was once the only option. These include uteri that were too large for laparoscopic or vaginal approach procedures, some fibroid tumor excisions and vaginal prolapse repairs, as well as gynecologic oncology surgery for uterine and cervical cancer.

My partner, Dr. Ben Doke, has successfully opened fallopian tubes that were found to be obstructed at the time of surgery, resulting in a healthy pregnancy.

In some cases, a woman's complex pathology and medical history might limit the option for robotic surgery.

The original robotic system was controlled by voice command and was developed by the Department of Defense for use in the battlefield. In 1999, robotic arms were added, which introduced the concept of a surgeon operating at a distance from his patient. This technology was advanced by Intuitive Surgical, which added a console that allows the surgeon to view the operative field through a screen and direct instrument movement with robotic arms, finger graspers and foot pedals. The arms emulate the surgeon's hand movements with greater surgical precision, increased range of motion, improved dexterity and access to pelvic structures. The robot cannot be programmed, and does only what the surgeon inputs in real time. It was approved by the FDA for gynecologic surgery in April 2005.

Midland Memorial Hospital purchased its first da Vinci robot in March 2011. The numbers and types of surgery performed have increased year over year. An Xi system, which was procured in October 2014, allows a greater diversity of cases to be performed.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Sabrina Sokolowski trains participants in an interval training class Feb. 16 at Orange Theory Fitness located in Midkiff Plaza near the intersection of North Midkiff Road and Loop 250.

Gym offers interval training in unique environment

By Erin Stone
estone@mrt.com

When you walk in, it feels like you're entering a dance club instead of a gym. The perfectly clear glass surrounding the workout room reflects a pulsing orange glow coming from the calming lights inside.

This is Orange Theory Fitness, an interval training gym that opened earlier this month at 4410 N. Midkiff Road.

For the past two weeks, Orange Theory has been holding six classes a day Monday through Friday and three classes on Saturday and Sunday. The grand opening is Saturday.

Every class is a one-hour total-body workout. But it's not a typical workout. Treadmills line the back wall and rowing machines are arranged behind them. A strength-training section is on the side. An instructor walks between the stations, encouraging and directing. A screen on the wall displays every participant's heart rate.

"What makes us really different is that everyone wears a heart-rate monitor throughout their entire workout," said Chris Ware, the studio manager. "A lot

Please see GYM/4B

Want to join?

To sign up for classes at Orange Theory, visit www.orangetheoryfitness.com/midland. For information about prices, call 695-9898. Class fees will go up after Friday.

DENESSA LEARY
Midland YMCA Health and Wellness Director

Navigating the grocery store is no small feat

Think you know how to shop? Think again. Do you have a plan of attack, or use a list; do you go aisle by aisle? Why must the stores put brownies by the front door or cash registers? Enticing? You better believe it. Oranges do not have the same appeal as that decadent chocolate brownie does. The checkouts are the worst. I am sure you have been shopping on an empty stomach and tempted by all those candy bars or Ferreira Roche chocolates. OK, enough of the bad stuff — it is everywhere. Let's look at the layout of the store and formulate a plan for your next trip.

Shop the perimeter of the store. Fresh foods such as produce, meat, dairy and seafood are all along the perimeter. Buy a variety of seasonal produce. Look for the deeply-colored fruits and vegetables to get the highest level of nutrients, depending on what your dietary needs are. Choose low-fat milk or skim milk, nonfat yogurts and low-fat cheeses. Salmon, halibut and trout are all excellent choices for getting in your heart-healthy Omega-3s. Choose skinless chicken and turkey, sirloin steaks, lean ground sirloin and pork tenderloin fillets in the meat section.

The perimeter also contains the bakery. Stick with whole-grain breads and keep the sweets at a minimum. The center aisles are where the processed and less healthy choices are shelved. Don't spend too much time here other than essentials. This includes canned beans, canned tomatoes, nuts and oatmeal.

Plan meals for the week and make your

Please see LEARY/4B

Treatment gives hope to 16-year-old with disorder known as childhood Alzheimer's

By Angie Leventis Lourgos
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — The mother and father watched as their 16-year-old daughter ate her pork chop and green beans across the kitchen table of their Mount Prospect home, grateful each time she swallowed without struggle.

She paused in between bites to sing a few lyrics of her favorite song. "We're all in this toge-e-ether," Hayley Koujaian crooned the theme from "High School Musical," a movie she loved as a little girl, before anyone could tell she was sick.

Hayley has a rare genetic disorder called Niemann-Pick Disease Type C, often dubbed childhood Alzheimer's because its symptoms are similar to those of adult dementia, though it's not the same disease. Memory, speech and mobility fade. It gets harder to eat and drink unaided. There is no treatment approved by the Food and Drug Administration, and young children with the disorder typically don't live past their teens.

"We all knew what the outcome

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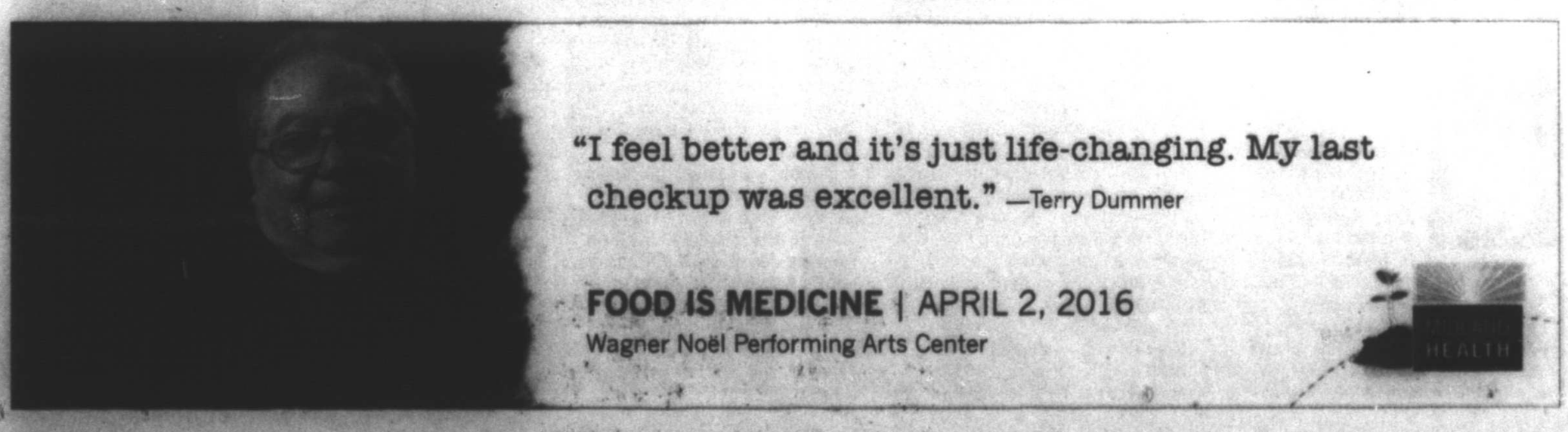
Local fundraiser

"An Evening to Remember," a fundraiser for the West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is 6 p.m. Thursday at the Petroleum Club. The event — sponsored by First Capital Bank of Texas, Ortloff Engineers and Concho Resources — will include a wine reception, live and silent auctions and entertainment by Mike Rayburn, a comedian and guitarist.

To make reservations, call Mary Wilkinson at 682-9570.

Nancy Stone/Chicago Tribune/TNS

Harry Koujaian and his daughter, Hayley, wait for Dr. Elizabeth Berry-Kravis to come into the room to see Haley on Feb. 3 at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. Hayley, 16, has Niemann-Pick Type C (NP-C) disease and is going through a series of treatments with an experimental drug at Rush.



Obituaries

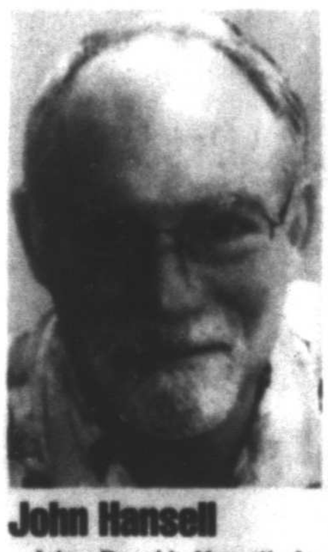
Jeanne Crawford Isbell

Jeanne Crawford Isbell, age 88, recently of Austin, TX, for 10 years, passed away February 21, 2016. She was born November, 18, 1927, in Fate, TX. Jeanne went to Texas State College for Women (now TWU) in Denton. She married James Frank (Jim) Isbell before she finished college. Jim and Jeanne decided to leave Dallas and go to El Paso for health reasons. They joined St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Jeanne finished her college degree at Texas Western (now UTEP). After graduation, Jeanne and Jim got teaching jobs in Midland, where they became members of First Presbyterian Church. Jeanne taught K-1 as a reading specialist and worked on her master's degree. After 20 years, she retired from teaching.

Jeanne and Jim returned to El Paso to retirement. They were active in Pebble Hills Presbyterian Church and they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with family at Walt Disney World. Jim passed away later that year. In 2006, Jeanne moved to Austin to live with daughter, Amy and husband Steve, and participated in Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church.

Jeanne is survived by her children, Amy Isbell Hanschen and husband Steve of Austin; John Reese Isbell of Austin; Karen Isbell Marszycki and husband Roy of El Paso; and Brett Allen Isbell and wife Chris of Salt Lake City, UT; sister, Maxine Costello of Forney, TX; brother, Robert Crawford and wife Carol of Dallas; seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, James Frank Isbell; and her granddaughter, Allison Isbell.

Memorial services will be held 1:00pm, Sunday, February 27, 2016, at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rockwall Chapel with Rev. Ken Hanschen officiating. Interment will follow at Rockwall Memorial Cemetery. The family will receive friends Saturday evening from 4:00 to 7:00pm. The guestbook is online and can be worked at *www.resthavenfuneral.com.*



John Hansell

John Donald Hansell Jr., 62, of Atlanta, GA, passed away on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 in Mountain Home, TX. He was born in Houston, TX to John and Nancy Hansell on August 9, 1953. He was married to Jo Ann Leonard on October 27, 2003 in Paige, TX.

John went to school at Chamblee High School in Chamblee, GA and graduated college from Georgia Tech University. He worked as an Architect for JSA Architects for 4 years. John was a born again believer and spent his time over the years working in service including Mercy Ships, addiction rehab ministries and animal rescue.

John is preceded in death by his father, John D. Hansell Sr., his mother Nancy W. Hansell and nephew, David Carter.

John is survived by wife Jo Ann Hansell; and siblings Donna Carter, Pat Ledbetter, and David Hansell; and step children Lance Payne, Rory Payne, and Nicki Taylor.

A graveside service will be held 11:00 am, Friday, February 26, 2016 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Rockne, TX, with Jack Seefeldt presiding over the service.

Pallbearers will be Elaine Leonard, Michael Hansell, Christian Hansell, Gabriel Hansell, Joshua Hansell, David Hansell and John Carter.

Memorials may be given in lieu of flowers to Pasture Time Equine Sanctuary of Fredericksburg, TX. www.pasturetime.org.

The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting "Send Condolences" link.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville, TX.

Nellivee Clark

Nellivee Clark passed away Monday afternoon, February 22, 2016 at Southern Meadows in Abilene, Texas at the age of 90. She was born July 25, 1925 in rural Taylor County on Clark Road. Her parents were William Clark and Grace Travis Clark.

Nellivee is survived by her sister, Betty Clark and her brother, Travis Clark and his wife Bobbie. Travis and Bobbie were married in 1997. At that time, Nellivee became a part of their family; three daughters and one son, Jorja and husband Pat Fournier, Nancy and husband Buddy McIntyre, Marianne and husband Jerry Kirkland and David Hooker. They are a wonderful family of children and grandchildren and even three great-grandchildren. Nellivee has had the privilege of loving and caring for the grandchildren.

She attended the one teacher school at Cedar Creek School, Taylor County, for six years and then the school was consolidated with Wylie School in 1936. She graduated from Wylie High School in 1941.

Nellivee began her ministry of 47 years with First Baptist Church, Midland when she graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in 1945. First and foremost, Nellivee was a Christian and was secretary for all of the four pastors; Dr. Vernon Yearby, Dr. Lester Morriss, Dr. Daniel Vestal, and Dr. Jim Denison - serving them with efficiency and a gentle Christian spirit - quoting Dr. Morriss. She served as Church Clerk, worked on minutes of several building committees, and used her musical talent by singing in the choir - and as a Sunday school teacher.

Nellivee spent four years of her later retirement years at Wesley Court. Since returning to Abilene from Midland, Nellivee has been a member of the Wylie Baptist Church. Brother Donny Harbers is her pastor and will have her funeral service at 1:30 pm on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road, Abilene, Texas. Burial will follow in Elmwood Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given in Nellivee's name to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, TX 79605; or to Wylie Baptist Church Building Fund, 6097 Buffalo Gap Rd., Abilene, TX 79606.

Condolences may be submitted online at: *www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com*

Rodger Edge

Rodger Edge, 69, of Midland, passed away Sunday, February 21, 2016. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm, Thursday, February 25, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

He was born on August 1, 1946 to Wayne and Della Edge in Wichita Falls, TX. Rodger loved spending time with his family, but especially his eight grandchildren that called him "Papa Rodg".

Rodger enjoyed playing golf and reading. He spent a majority of his career working in the oil and gas industry and was a sport enthusiast with a delightful sense of humor. He was loved by everyone that knew him. He will be greatly missed.

Survivors include wife, Tricia Edge; children, Mark Edge; Jodie Tindall and husband, Dr. Tyler; Mardie Judge and husband, Kevin; Amber O'Dell, Chelsea Burney and husband, Bud; Lindsey Edge, Emily Edge and Norah Edge; 8 grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Keenan, Mason, Landon, Wyatt, Xailey, Linda and Bo; three brothers, Larry Edge and wife, Diane; Mike Edge and wife, Jeannie; and Ted Edge.

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

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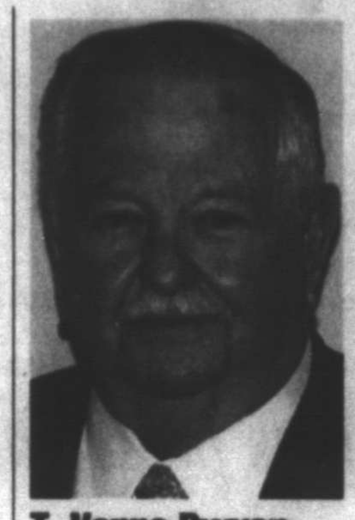

T. Verne Dwyer

Tom Verne Dwyer "T. Verne", age 82, passed away on February 20, 2016 in Midland, Texas.

T. Verne is survived by his 4 children; his daughter Marlynn Dwyer LaGreca and husband Kenny, her children Stephen, David, and Michelle; his daughter Shauna Dwyer Gordon and husband Steve, her children Lucas Gordon and Jennifer Carpenter and husband Craig, and her child Connor; his daughter Missy Dwyer and her daughter Nikki; and his son Tom Verne Dwyer II.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

T. Verne was born on August 22, 1933 in Odessa, Texas to parents Thomas Joseph and Agnes W. Dwyer. He attended Texas A&M University and graduated from TCU in 1955 with a degree in Government. Immediately after graduation he accepted a position as a Landman with Gulf Oil in Tulsa, Oklahoma and his responsibilities covered Oklahoma City, Wichita, Kansas, and Midland, Texas. He then moved to Midland in 1958 with Gulf and worked in both Midland and Hobbs, New Mexico. T. Verne wanted a new challenge and opportunity and began working with TXL as Division Landman in Midland in 1959 which was bought by Texaco in 1962.

In August of 1965 he began a 19 ½ year career with Felmont Oil Corporation in Midland. During his time with Felmont he was led by one of the most influential men in his personal and professional life, Hadley Case. T. Verne was trusted to grow Hadley's companies, including Felmont, and was instrumental in leading a wide variety of operations inside and outside of the oil industry. He thrived on the opportunity to learn new businesses and develop them into successful ventures for all involved. T. Verne served as President, Vice President, Director, and Manager of numerous domestic and international companies during his tenure.

In March of 1984, T. Verne decided to take on a new challenge. He became an Independent Landman in Midland and began to live his dream of having his own business. He welcomed the new challenges and opportunities that came along with being a Landman. He loyally served his clients in various roles. He tirelessly assisted them as their oil, gas, and mineral consultant with duties ranging from managing both producing and non-producing assets of estates to being a most respected expert witness. First and foremost he was focused on doing the absolute best job possible for each and every client.

In addition to all of the technical aspects of running his business and serving his clients he mentored countless people, both inside and outside of the industry. He would train, educate, counsel, lend an ear, shoulder, hand or whatever anyone needed. He felt it was most important to help others.

He was proud to be a Certified Professional Landman and gave back to the industry in a variety of ways including as a Board member and Past President of the Permian Basin Landmen's Association and as Vice President of the American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL). He earned numerous awards and recognition in the industry, two of which included the 2001 AAPL Field / Independent Landman of the Year and the AAPL 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award. His passing is an enormous loss to the profession he loved.

Although T. Verne was unmatched in his passion for the industry and his clients, some of his greatest achievements happened in the community. He was a leader and trailblazer for children's athletics in Midland. He coached Little League Baseball, YMCA football, youth soccer, girls' basketball and softball. He was one of the founding members of the girls' softball league and the Camp Fire Girls in Midland.

T. Verne instilled in his children the importance of faith and has served on the Church Vestry, as Youth Director, teacher, usher, and as Sunday School Superintendent.

T. Verne was well known, loved, and respected by all that truly knew him. He will be remembered for his honesty, integrity, loyalty, commitment, wisdom, willingness to help others, and his warm heart.

A Funeral is scheduled for Friday, February 26, 2016, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Midland at 10:00 a.m. with Graveside following at Resthaven and then a reception back at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. The family would appreciate your participation in this celebration. Visitation will be Thursday, February 25, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the T. Verne Dwyer Foundation for Early Detection of Multiple Myeloma and Patient Education and Support would be most appreciated. Contributions may be mailed to the T. Verne Dwyer Foundation, c/o Tom V. Dwyer 14902 Preston Rd. #404-412 Dallas, Texas 75254.

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

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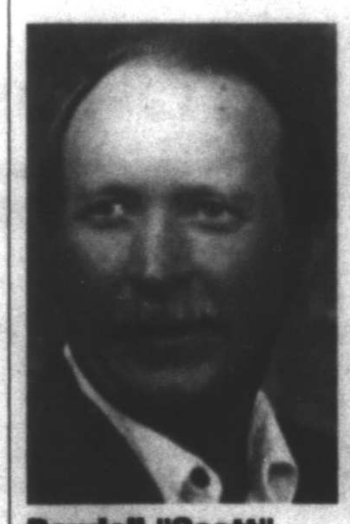

Randall "Scott" McKee

Randall "Scott" McKee, 74, passed away Friday, February 5, 2016 at his home in Kingsland, Texas, after a debilitating illness, with his loving wife Jackie as always by his side. Scott was born January 20, 1942 in Midland, Texas to Roy and Ruby (Owens) McKee.

He was raised in Midland and graduated from Midland High School in 1961. He attended North Texas State in Denton after high school, during which time he obtained his commercial pilot's license. He returned to Midland to work for his father's insurance business, eventually assuming control of the business.

Scott married his wife Jackie, the person whom he could not live without, in October of 1982. The two of them shared a love of travel and adventure. They were often accompanied by friends and family as they traveled, with his favorite place to visit being the Big Bend region of Texas.

Scott had a lifelong passion for motorcycles. He traveled much of the country, and part of Europe on two wheels. He loved to meet friends for breakfast on Saturday morning and go for a ride afterward. Scott always preferred to take the roads less traveled, for him getting there was part of the adventure. Scott also enjoyed his time with the Midland Jaycees and spending time with his sons in many YMCA activities.

Scott is survived by his wife, Jackie; his sons, Richard and Robert McKee, both of Midland; four step-children; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a sister, Royce Ice and her husband, Donald of Farmington, New Mexico; and two nephews, Brad and Clay Bedford.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 300 North Main in Midland. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, a charitable contribution may be made on behalf of Scott McKee.

Arrangements by Putnam Funeral Home and Crematory, 145 Texas Avenue, Kingsland, Texas 78639. (325)388-0008

Death Notices

Arthur Smith

Arthur 'A.O.' Smith, 82, died Monday, February 22, 2016. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday, February 25, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Memorial services will be held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, February 26, 2016 at First Baptist Church Chapel in Midland. A private burial will be held.

Survivors include wife, Pam Smith; son, Rick Smith; daughter, Deb Shoemake; stepson, Jason Robinson; and stepdaughter, Amber Heady.

Mary Ellen Nixon Morgette

Mary Ellen Nixon Morgette, 85, passed away February 22, 2016. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm, Friday, February 26, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy C. Morgette; son, Bill Morgette; daughter, Cindy Campbell; daughter, Pam Stacy; and daughter, Marla Morgette.

Nancy Alline Roach

Nancy Alline Roach, 81, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Monday, February 22, 2016 in Midland, Texas.

She is survived by her husband, Robert G. Roach; four sons, Ronald G. Roach, Donald L. Roach, Robert "Bobby" A. Roach and Michael A. Roach; five brothers; and two sisters.

Services are pending with American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707

Country singer Sonny James dies at 87

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Country singer Sonny James, who recorded romantic ballads like "Young Love" and turned pop songs into country hits, has died. He was 87.

James

James, whose given name was James Loden, died Monday in a Nashville hospice facility, according to a family friend, Gary Robble, who was the lead singer of James' backing band, the Southern Gentlemen.

The singer born in Hackleburg, Alabama, was known as the "Southern Gentleman" because of his gentle, respectable demeanor. He was also a songwriter, as well as a guitarist and fiddler. He started his music career with his family's band with his parents and his sister, Thelma. Before he reached high school age, he already had performed on several country music radio shows.

As he started his own musical career, Capitol producer Ken Nelson suggested he use a combination of his nickname, "Sonny Boy," with his first name as his professional name.

In 1956, James scored his biggest hit, "Young Love," which sold 3 million copies and became a No. 1 hit on the country and pop charts. A decade later, he started an impressive run on top of the country charts with 16 consecutive No. 1 songs between 1967 and 1971.

His other hits included "It's the Little Things," "You're the Only World I Know," "I'll Never Find Another You," "Empty Arms," "Behind the Tear," "Take Good Care of Her," "When the Snow Is on the Roses," "That's Why I Love You Like I Do" and "Here Comes Honey Again."

"Sonny James was one of country music's greatest. He was a true gentleman and made some of the greatest country music records of all times, certainly some of my favorites," singer Dolly Parton said in a statement.

Robble said James invited the Southern Gentlemen to record and tour with him, which created a vocal-driven sound based on hit songs from the R&B and pop genre. Some of his popular covers included "Since I Met You Baby," "Endlessly," "Running Bear," "It's Just a Matter of Time," "Only the Lonely" and "Only Love Can Break a Heart."

'Indiana Jones' cinematographer Douglas Slocombe dies at 103

Associated Press

Douglas Slocombe, the chameleonic British cinematographer who filmed the Nazi invasion of Poland, the adventures of "Indiana Jones" and the madcap farce of Ealing comedies, has died. Slocombe was 103.

His daughter, Georgina Slocombe, said Slocombe died early Monday in a London hospital. A recent fall led to setbacks that ended with his death, she said.

"He said the other day that he loved every day of his work, every day on the set," said Georgina Slocombe, a photographer.

Slocombe was one of British cinema's most acclaimed cinematographers. He shot some 80 films, working with directors as varied as George Cukor, John Huston, Norman Jewison and Roman Polanski. His career began with the famed Ealing black comedies of the late 1940s and early '50s, and ended with three "Indiana Jones" films for Steven Spielberg.

"Dougie Slocombe was facile, enthusiastic, and loved the action of filmmaking," Spielberg said. "Harrison Ford was Indiana Jones in front of the camera, but with his whip-smart crew, Dougie was my behind-the-scenes hero for the first three Indy movies."

ALZHEIMER'S

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was going to be if the disease progressed," said her father, Harry Koujaian. "There is only one outcome. That's why we were so desperate."

Yet the family has found hope in a promising experimental drug — and the local physician who helped them gain access.

Every two weeks, Dr. Elizabeth Berry-Kravis injects a treatment called cyclodextrin into Hayley via a spinal tap at Rush University Medical Center as her father holds her steady and her mother silently prays. Hayley is one of roughly 40 patients across the country using the investigational drug, hoping for future FDA approval.

Berry-Kravis, a pediatric neurologist, said there's initial evidence the injections could be staving off the disease's progression. Some skills even appear to be improving.

Before starting treatment a little more than two years ago, Hayley was functioning at the level of an 18-month-old, based on language and cognitive testing. Now her abilities closer match a 2 1/2- or 3-year-old, Berry-Kravis said. Swallowing is much easier. Her gait is smoother, and she's less apt to fall.

Prior to treatment, speech therapists found Hayley had difficulty putting together a few words. Now she reads simple sentences, responds to short questions and even sings some of the songs from early childhood, before her mind began slipping away.

While the drug is still in clinical trials, it has significantly extended the lives of mice and cats with the disorder compared with those left untreated.

The Koujaians wonder whether it could be extending Hayley's life, too.

"We would not be here, like this," said her mother, Gail Koujaian, gesturing to her family sitting around the dinner table. "Maybe we would be pushing her wheelchair. Maybe we would be cleaning her feeding tube." Not like this, she said.

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Hayley was born Aug. 10, 1999, a chubby-cheeked baby with heart-shaped lips and no hint of any abnormality.

Gail and Harry Koujaian recall their daughter was just like any other toddler, running around with ease and learning how to read and write alongside the rest of her kindergarten friends.

Then in first grade, she mysteriously began falling behind. First teachers noticed she wasn't retaining information. There was odd clumsiness, bumping into walls and desks without explanation. Most alarming, she appeared to be losing abilities she once mastered.

Her mother noticed during Brownie troop meetings that all the other girls could walk alone across a long, thick tube on the playground. Gail Koujaian always had to hold her daughter's hand.

Then Hayley began erupting in seizures, sometimes several in one day. Medication after medication failed, and, at 11 she had brain surgery and her tissue was sent to a pathologist for testing.

Six months and a litany of tests later, the Koujaians got the devastating diagnosis: Niemann-Pick Type C, a fatal disease often appearing in children where naturally produced cholesterol accumulates and becomes toxic. There are about 500 cases diagnosed internationally.

Gail Koujaian recalls days when she would drop off her daughter at school and then cry in her car alone. The Koujaians started meeting other families with the genetic disorder from across the country, which was both comforting and terrifying.

"You've got kids who are dying, kids in wheelchairs, kids who can't eat, kids on feeding tubes," Harry Koujaian said. "It's a cruel disease."

It was another mom who told them about cyclodextrin, which appeared to help her own twin daughters. The National Institutes of Health had just begun an exploratory trial of the drug. The Koujaians jumped at the chance for Hayley to join the study, but she was found ineligible because of her uncontrolled seizures.

The only other option was to find a physician to file a compassionate-use request with the FDA, a complicated and lengthy process. The Koujaians weren't sure anyone would be able or willing to take on the burden. But they had just started seeing a new pediatric neurologist, Berry-Kravis, who found the most recent research for cyclodextrin so compelling, she wanted to give it a try.

"I can do this," the Koujaians remembered her saying.

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Every other week, the Koujaians drive a few miles to pick up Berry-Kravis at her Des Plaines home, and they all travel together to the clinic at Rush.

Berry-Kravis usually discusses Hayley's progress, typing up her reports on a laptop in the front passenger seat as they sit in traffic on the Kennedy Expressway. It's like a house call in the family's 2006 green Honda Pilot.

Recently at Hayley's 56th treatment, she was put to sleep with melatonin, her thick brown ponytail spilling over the edge of the hospital table, as Berry-Kravis numbed her back with lidocaine.

The neurologist inserted a 3-inch needle with a pencil-point tip into Hayley's spinal canal, first removing 10 milliliters of fluid to be used for research. Hayley didn't open her eyes or appear to be in any pain.

The process has become routine for them. They intermittently joke and laugh softly so as not to wake her.

During these procedures, Gail Koujaian asks God to make sure Hayley doesn't have a seizure; Harry Koujaian wraps his arms around Hayley as a precaution, just in case she does.

Berry-Kravis started injecting the drug through the spinal tap when a car alarm went off seven floors below. Hayley fidgeted a little, and her parents quickly steadied her as Berry-Kravis finished. Then they reclined the table, positioning Hayley's feet up, hoping the drug will drip from her spine to her brain as she continued to sleep.

Questions still linger. Will the drug work long term? Is there a less invasive method? What's the optimal dose?

Outside of Berry-Kravis' office, colorful charts detail some of her patients' progress. If the disorder is untreated, symptoms might plateau for a little while before they worsen, but they don't get better, Berry-Kravis said.

But Hayley's graphs, labeled Subject 1, show improvement in areas like swallowing, gait and speech.

"There is hope," Gail Koujaian said.

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HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Support groups this week

■ The Knot Adoption Support Group, 11:30 a.m. today, First Presbyterian Church; Kathy Hagler, Kathy@WTIE.net

■ Caregiver support, noon today, HospiceMidland 911 W. Texas Ave., 682-2855.

■ Stroke Support Group, noon Friday, Midland Memorial Hospital, West Campus private dining room. For more information, call 221-1677.

■ A confidential peer-to-peer support gathering for combat veterans, Tuesday, Midland College Cogdell Center, 201 Florida Ave.; Steve Cree, 770-7469.

■ Parent Quest, for parents of special needs children, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, First Christian Church. For more information, contact Malissa Roach, SHARE program coordinator, at 349-1069.

■ The Helping Hand Metastatic Cancer Support Group, noon Tuesday, Texas Tech Physicians of the Permian Basin Clinic, Room 210B. Lunch will be served. To RSVP, call Amber Chavez at 620-1023.

■ Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m. Tuesdays, First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.

■ Coffee Break for Men, 9 a.m. March 2, HospiceMidland 911 W. Texas Ave., 682-2855.

Weekly meetings & hotlines

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

■ 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.

■ Overeaters Anonymous; 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and 3-4 p.m. Sundays; B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

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

Midland Memorial Hospital event

Capacity Evaluation and Understanding Rules & Regulations of Therapeutic Restrain of Patients, 6-7 p.m., Monday. Contact Rebecca Pontaski at 221-1625 or rebecca.pontaski@midland-memorial.com.

Midland ISD Wellness events

■ American Heart Association "Red Out" Day is Friday. American Heart Association T-shirts will be available all day online at http://DistrictGoRed.kintera.org/MidlandISD

All proceeds will go to the association to benefit heart research.

■ MISD Health Fair 5-7 p.m. March 15 at Chaparral Center. Free community event, includes health screenings.

■ St. Paddy's Day Dash 5K/10K Race — chip timed event March 19 — registration begins 8 a.m; race at 8:45 a.m. at MISD Central Office

To register, go to www.raceplanner.com/register/index/stpaddysdaydash2016

MMH payment options

Midland Memorial Hospital recognizes that our community is facing challenging financial times. Resources are tight and families are having to make important decisions about what to spend money on now and what has to wait.

Realizing health care can be expensive and the increasing deductibles make it hard to manage, the hospital has adjusted its payment procedures. We want to make sure you receive the care you need, when you need it. To find out about the new options now offered to better accommodate your payment needs, call 221-4705.

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a a nurse triage program "68-NURSE."

The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room … or just staying home.

Contact your Hospital District representative

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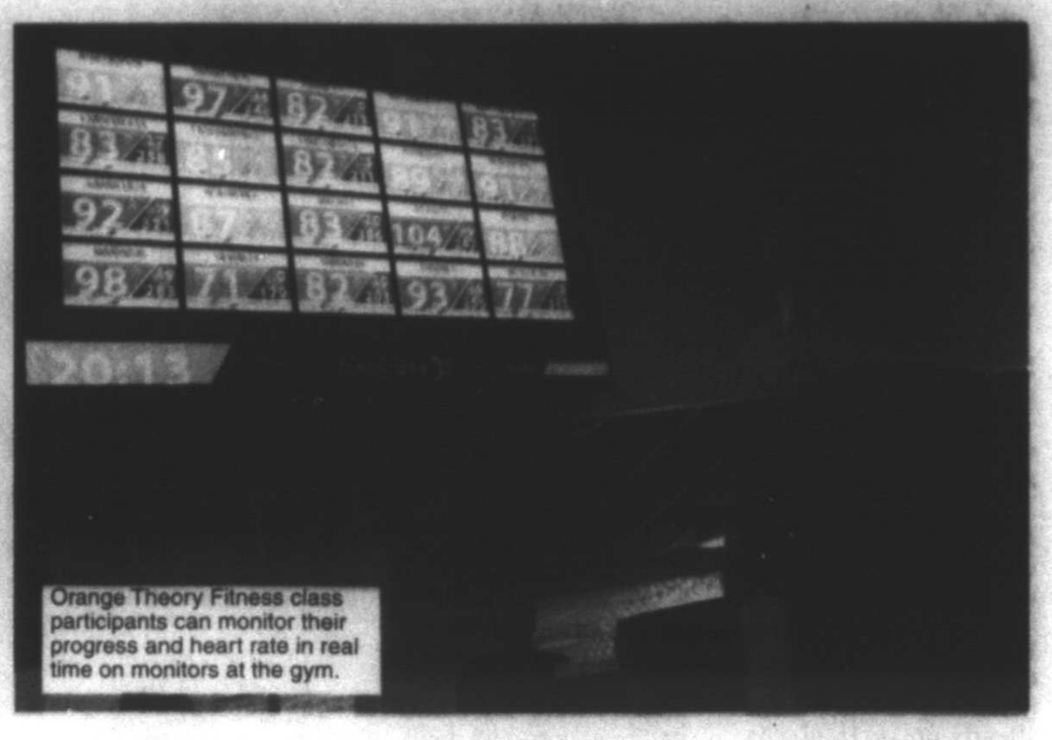
An interval training class is shown at Orange Theory Fitness. *Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram*



Orange Theory Fitness class participants can monitor their progress and heart rate in real time on monitors at the gym.

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of times when you go to the gym you think you're pushing yourself, but now you actually get to see that. If we can get you into the fourth or fifth heart-rate zone for about 12 to 20 minutes of this hour-long workout, it's guaranteed that you'll burn anywhere from 500 to 1,000 calories during the workout itself."

Participants who reach those peak heart rates for 12 to 20 minutes will also continue to burn calories after they leave the gym, Ware said. That's the "Orange Theory," a physiological theory known as "Excess Post-Exercise Oxygen Consumption," or EPOC.

During the 60-minute workout, participants perform multiple intervals designed to produce 12 to 20 minutes of training at 84 percent or higher of their maximum heart rate, which translates to heart rate zones 4/5. This produces an "afterburn" effect, which is an increased metabolic rate for 24 to 36 hours after the workout, according to Orange Theory website.

Each class is led by a personal trainer.

"(The trainers) not only deliver the workout of the day, but they can also give everybody that personal trainer touch because we understand the different fitness levels and different fitness goals," Ware said. "Some people may have limitations like a bad knee or something, so that personal trainer gives them options and/or challenges to really help them have a successful workout every time they come."

The classes have a 24-person maximum. Half the group goes on the treadmill, the other half goes on the rowing machines. Then, the water rowers move to the strength-training area where they use dumbbells, TRX bands, medicine balls, etc. Meanwhile, the treadmill group goes through high-intensity intervals.

Participants are encouraged to go at a pace they are comfortable with, but the trainer helps them to push themselves.

"Everything we do is gonna be based off that high-intensity interval training," Ware said. "But it's not, 'Hey come in here for an hour and we're gonna kill you.' We just want you in there pushing it for 12 to 20 minutes. You'll have the active recovery built in so you're always moving, but you're not always dying."

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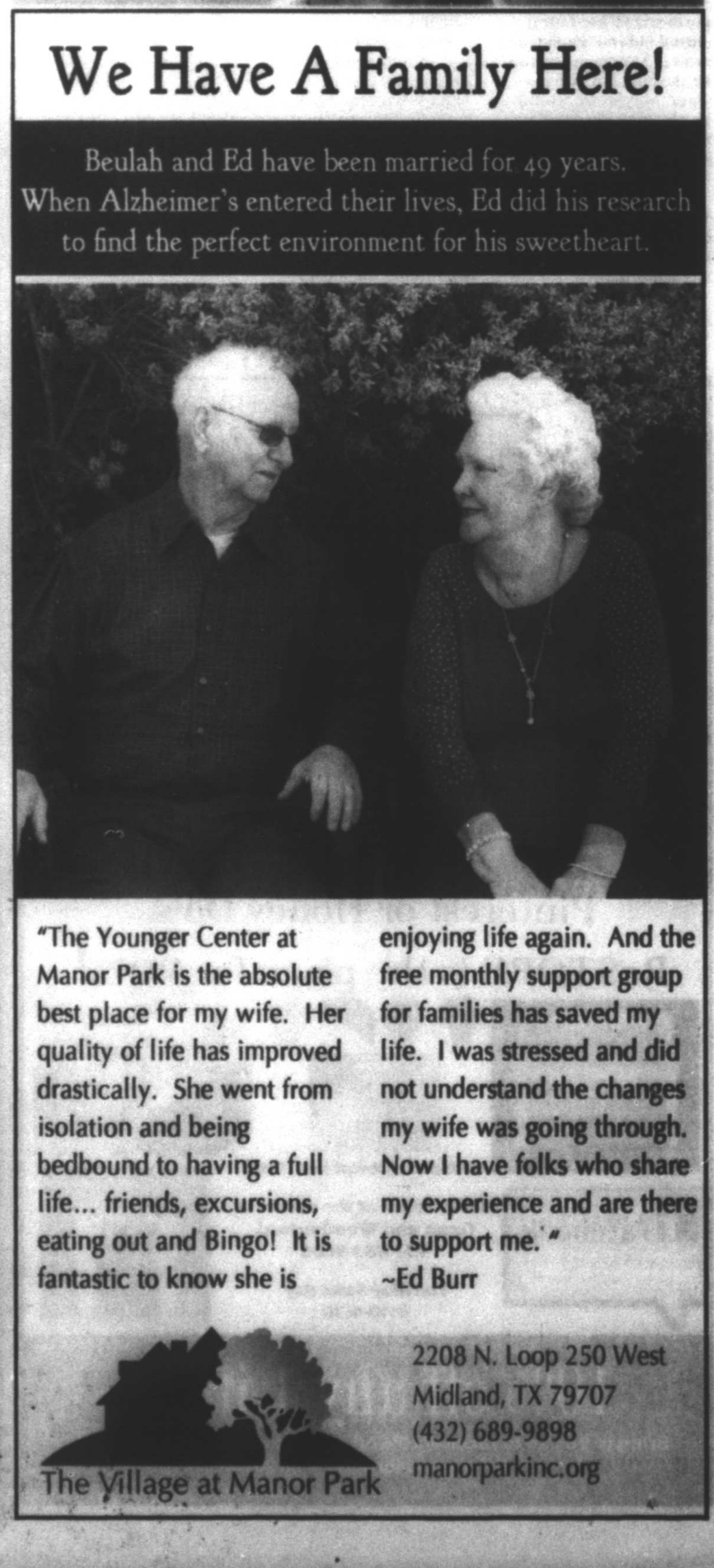
list based on what you are preparing. Don't buy what you don't need. If it is not on the list, then no. Don't shop hungry. The impulse buying that comes from shopping while hungry can add up to added weight. Have a light snack, if necessary, such as almonds to keep you from buying the chocolate bar when you check out.

It is important to know how to read labels. Try to choose foods with "no more than five ingredients, no artificial ingredients or words you can't pronounce," according to The Cooper Institute in Dallas. Some convenience health foods to include on the grocery list to make eating easier for your busy lifestyle include fish fillets, so you can broil quickly; yogurt for snacking; frozen vegetables for a quick side dish; fresh fruit and bagged green salads.

Remember some of the unhealthiest and most expensive foods are right at eye level when you shop. Don't get sidetracked and stick to the list. Watch the samples they want you to try and buy. It's OK to say "no, thank you," and keep shopping. Even though you have to tour the store to get a gallon of milk or carton of eggs, don't pick up anything else that you did not go in for. That is why the essentials are all the way in the back. Shopping smart, staying focused and sticking with the freshest foods will keep you from heading straight to Aisle 9 for the aspirin and antacids.



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SATURDAY: Sunny High: 73 Low: 47

SUNDAY: Sunny High: 77 Low: 45

MONDAY: Sunny High: 75 Low: 47

Local forecast

After a couple of cooler-than-normal days, expect temperatures to warm up to more than 10 degrees above normal by Sunday, according to the National Weather Service. There is no precipitation in the seven-day forecast.

The record high for Feb. 23 is 88 set in 1956, 1982 and 2012. The record low is 14 set in 1966. On Feb. 23 of last year, the high was 24 and the low was 20.

Weather brief

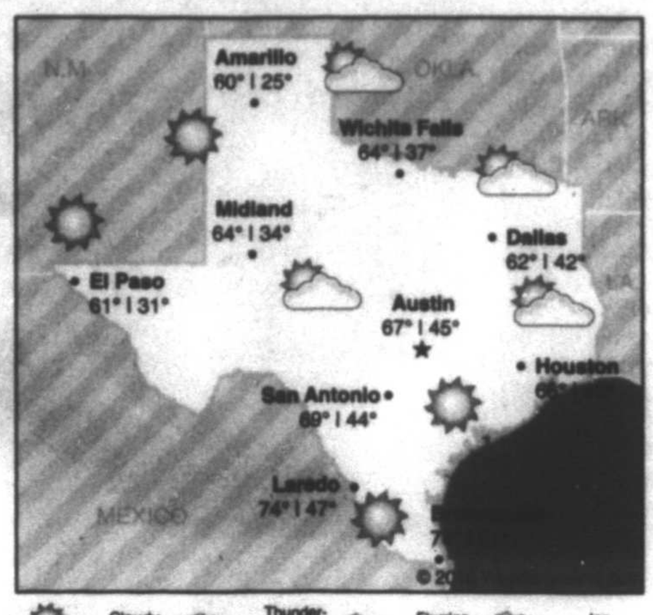
NEW ZEALAND

Fiji cyclone death toll reaches 29

WELLINGTON — Ten people have died on a single small island in Fiji as the total death toll from a powerful cyclone climbed to 29, officials said Tuesday.

Government spokesman Ewan Perrin said the death toll on Koro Island had reached double figures and that most buildings there had been heavily damaged or flattened.

He said a relief vessel with about 30 people aboard had arrived at the island with medical supplies, food and water, and teams were helping build temporary shelters for the 4,500 residents.



Precipitation

Monday	0.29 in.
Tuesday	trace
Month total	0.30 in.
Year total	0.48 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.15 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	49
Low	40
Normal high	65
Normal low	39
Sunrise	7:22 a.m.
Sunset	6:42 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, Feb. 24

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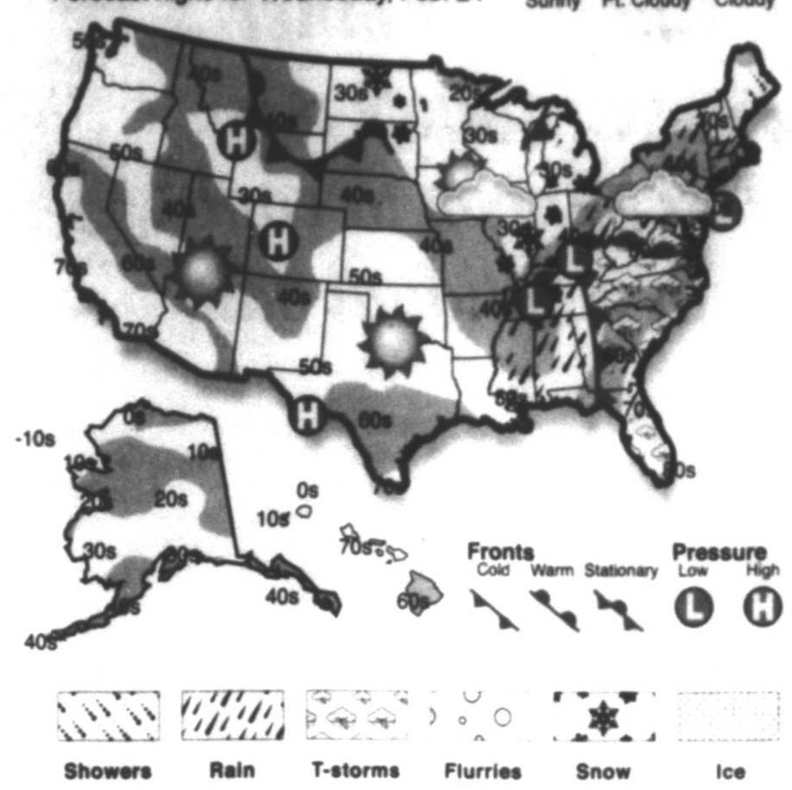

Racist language draws physical reaction from offended

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: A foreign friend used the "n" word while commenting about an employee at a hotel we were staying in. After he said it a second time, I slapped him and told him that word was never acceptable, regardless of the reason.

I feel bad about hitting him, but entirely justified in motive and intent. I really can't think of another, more effective way of registering how offended I am in a situation like this. Should I apologize? Should it be a qualified apology?

I tried to explain the complex racial history of the U.S. and why the word was so hurtful, but he seemed disinclined to understand. What is the right way to react in such a situation? — ANONYMOUS IN THE USA

DEAR ANONYMOUS: You should not have let the first remark go without speaking up. The right way to respond to the person's racist comment would have been to say that it offended you and you would prefer not to hear that kind of language from him again. Physical violence is not the correct way to get a point across.

If you must associate with this person, apologize for flying off the handle. Otherwise, avoid him.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in love with two men. My husband, "Victor," and I have been together for nine years and were married last year. The other man in my life, "Wade," was my boss, and we've been seeing each other for two years.

They are polar opposites and make me happy in different ways. I was engaged and planning my wedding when Wade and I started our relationship. I chose to marry Victor for emotional stability and because we had built a life together. I can't imagine a life without him. At the same time, I can't imagine not being with Wade.

If I stop seeing Wade, I know I won't be happy and he'll always be on my mind. I will always wonder about what could have been. If I divorce my husband, I'll break his heart, and it won't be easy.

Last week, Wade demanded that I decide between him and my husband. He wants an exclusive relationship with me. I'm in a panic because I can't decide, but I know I will lose Wade if I don't do it soon. I need advice because I don't know which way to go. — STUCK AT A CROSSROADS IN FLORIDA

DEAR STUCK: You chose to marry Victor because you wanted emotional stability, and you had built a life together. Obviously, that isn't enough for you, or you wouldn't be cheating with Wade. If what you really want is a marriage filled with passion, tumult and the possibility of infidelity, by all means choose your former boss. That way, you won't be bored, and Victor will then be free to find a loving, faithful wife who appreciates what he has to offer.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Backfire

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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SOUTH
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♣ A 6

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
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2♡	Dbl	4NT	Pass
5♡	Pass	6♡	All pass

Opening lead: Two of ♣

East had a bad moment when his partner entered the auction, vulnerable. He was sure that the opponents were about to learn his telephone number. West's takeout double, however, was perfectly reasonable, and three diamonds would have been a playable contract for East-West. The double backfired, however, when it served to locate the missing high cards for a sharp declarer.

South won the opening spade lead in his hand and led a heart to the king, noting the 4-0 split. The auction warned him about the 4-1 spade split, so South couldn't risk ducking a diamond and playing for two diamond ruffs — East would get a spade ruff. Instead, he ran all of his hearts and spades, leaving this position with one spade to go:

NORTH
♠ 9
♡ Void
◇ 7
♣ Q 9

WEST
♠ Void
♡ Void
◇ A Q
♣ K J

EAST
♠ Void
♡ Void
◇ 8 6
♣ 7 5

SOUTH
♠ Void
♡ Void
◇ K 9
♣ A 6

On the last spade, South discarded the nine of diamonds and West was stuck. West chose to discard the queen of diamonds, so South led a diamond to end-play him. West was forced to lead a club from his king and South scored up his slam. Well done!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016:

This year you often worry too much; however, once you decide to let go, you feel wonderful. You are able to identify with many different people from various walks of life. You often have difficulty distancing yourself from certain situations. Choose your close companions carefully. If you are single, opportunities to meet someone special will occur all year. Do not settle or commit until you are 100 percent sure. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from taking special time off together. Plan a special retreat, weekend or vacation without anyone else. LIBRA appreciates your sensitivity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You are both driven and efficient, yet others could misunderstand your intent. A close associate will push you to take action. This person seems to think words just won't cut it. Your paths might be different, which could trigger some fireworks. Tonight: Try to detach.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Your creativity surges when you get into a disagreement with a loved one. You could be in a position where you'll need to carry certain responsibilities in order to realize a key objective. Are you willing to incorporate more obligations into your day? Tonight: Let your hair down.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You might feel as if you're able to handle a lot of demands all at once. To many people, you appear to be very driven, but you are just following your natural pace. Your sense of humor brings relief later in the afternoon. You will accomplish a lot. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Be willing to use more creative means to get the results you desire. Many of you will be focused on your personal life more than your professional life. Others can't help but respond to your inquiries and actions. You desirability speaks as well. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You understand where you must invest more; whether it is an emotional or a financial investment depends on the situation. You can't stall any longer, nor should you. Communication will confirm what you are thinking. Tonight: Speak your mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You are likely to notice that your words carry your message with exactitude. You also will witness a strong response from others, which pleases you. In fact, you might decide to make an extra call or two, which you have been putting off for a while. Tonight: Indulge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Much is going on behind the scenes that you would like to deal with, especially as there could be financial ramifications involved. Meanwhile, try to maintain a low profile as much as possible during the daylight hours. Think rather than act. Tonight: Claim your power.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You have a message, and your intentions are clear. If someone doesn't get what you are saying, restate your thought in different words until he or she hears it loud and clear. Woe to those who decide to turn away from you! Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Pressure builds to take a stand and express your beliefs. You have the energy, and possibly even the anger, to move forward with this matter. Look past someone's knee-jerk reactions, and keep your eye on the long-term results. Tonight: Friends and loved ones surround you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Reach out to an expert in order to get his or her impression about a certain matter. This person might not be as familiar with your personal life as those around you, so he or she is likely to offer you a different perspective and unbiased feedback. Tonight: Relax to a favorite pastime.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You'll want to have a discussion with a key person in your life. One-on-one relating emerges as your strong suit, even though you sometimes prefer not to get so intense about certain issues. In any case, you'll be following someone else's lead. Tonight: Treat your mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You are able to see a situation from a different point of view. You might want to see how others approach the same matter. You could end up deferring to them as a result. Experience is great, but the result are not always the same. Tonight: Have a long-overdue discussion.

BORN TODAY

Co-founder of Apple Inc. Steve Jobs (1955), baseball player Eddie Murray (1956), author Wilhelm Grimm (1786)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Lobsters' sense organs
6 Celebs
10 Flight from the law
13 Poker declaration
14 "__ my guard down"
15 Famille patriarch
16 Form by combining elements
18 One-piece garments, slangily
19 Rome-based carrier
20 Toll road timesaver
22 "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" singer
24 Performer's supporters
28 Guacamole, e.g.
29 Twisty letter
30 Diva delivery
31 Snoozed
33 Fictional voyager
40 Retired New York senator Al D'__
41 Rational
42 DDE rival
45 Esteemed league member
46 N, in Morse code
49 Sparkle
52 Currencies
53 Irrationality
58 Bravo preceder
59 Host of the 2015 MLB All-Star Game
61 Not masc. or fem.
62 Prod
63 Gold brick
64 Fashion monogram
65 Jury member
66 Fluff, as hair

DOWN

1 Italian capital of its own province
2 Kind of nitrite
3 Actress Anderson
4 Golf stroke that can be practiced in a hallway
5 Cornell University city
6 Brand that "gets the red out"
7 Epic with a very big horse
8 Refillable candy
9 Metal playing marbles
10 Delaware Valley tribe
11 Comes into view
12 Salutation abbreviation
15 Bite-size Chinese appetizer
17 Tarzan portrayer Ron et al.
21 Mothers of Invention musician
23 Empty, as threats
24 Fourth notes
25 "Entourage" agent Gold
26 Diarist Anaïs
27 Rum-soaked cake
31 "The Affair" airer, briefly
32 Morticia, to Gomez
34 Peaceful relations
35 Annual tennis team event
36 Texting farewell
37 Chap
38 Lennon partner
39 On Soc. Sec.
42 The same number
43 Places where élèves study
44 Wicked ... and, homophonically, like five long puzzle answers
46 One of the reindeer
47 "The Bell of __": Longfellow
48 "Don't need to watch that movie again"
50 Spiffy
51 Fencing attack
54 Celebrity chef Burrell
55 Lengthy story
56 Nebraska natives
57 Evening, in ads
60 Anger

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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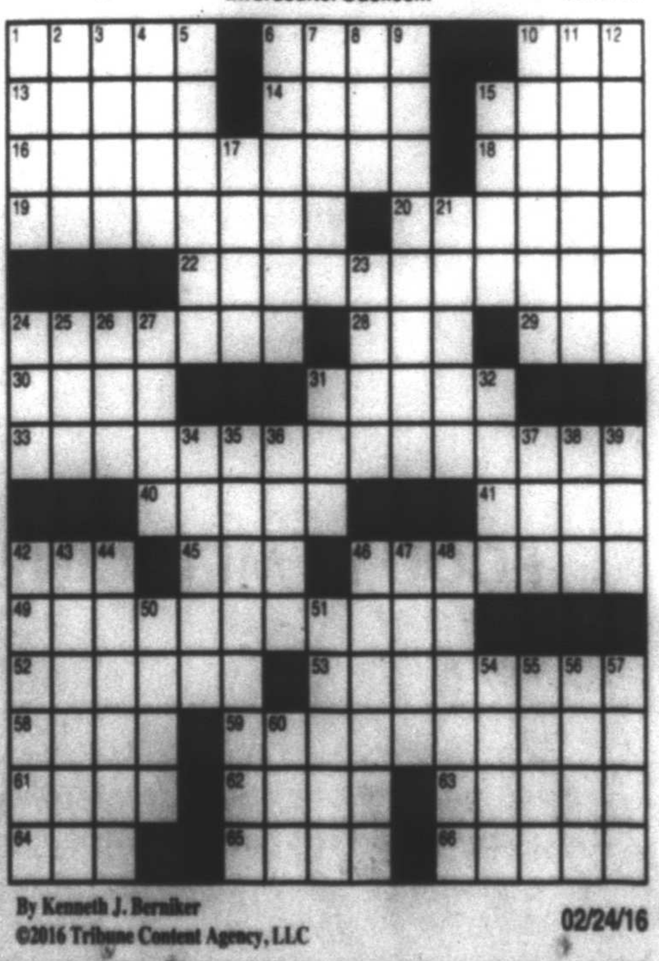

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Cutting or other self-injury is mechanism to cope with emotional pain

Self-injurious behavior occurs when an individual intentionally harms himself or herself by cutting, burning, hitting or head banging or some other method. Although there are many other ways in which individuals harm themselves, cutting appears to be the most prevalent.

An estimated 2 million people in the U. S. engage in some form of self-injury, according to the Mental Health America website. The majority of those who cut are teenagers or young adults, predominately females. The typical beginning age or onset of the self-injurious behavior is at puberty.

This can be a very difficult issue for parents to understand. If they find their child has been cutting themselves it is often interpreted as a suicide attempt. The Help Guide organization reported cutting is not necessarily a suicide attempt, it is a way that many people cope with emotional pain or distress. For some, causing pain externally lessens the internal emotional pain.

Many people reported cutting is a way to express the emotional pain or feelings they cannot put into words. There is often a relationship between cutting behaviors and feelings of being empty or numb inside, so cutting alleviates the numbness and then people can feel something. Most people who cut do so privately and might be experiencing depression, low self-esteem, anxiety or trying to deal with a past trauma that has not been emotionally resolved. There is often shame and guilt associated with this behavior so it is hidden and done in secret.

Cutting can become addictive because it provides temporary relief from emotions that are difficult to express in positive ways, according to an article on the Intervention Support website. The other dangerous addictive factor is that a brain chemical called an endorphin is released into the bloodstream after cutting. This endorphin rush provides a sense of relief and calmness that can be addicting, according to the Hope Line website. As with other addictions, the body then builds a tolerance and increases the impulse to cut more often and more deeply to achieve the same effect.

Warning signs that someone is self-harming includes wearing long sleeves, even in the summer, in order to hide the cuts. However, some people will cut on areas of their bodies that are not exposed such as the hips, legs or thighs. Other warning signs might include visible scars or wounds.

Surprise fees often follow medical emergencies

By Matthew Perrone
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Recovering from a medical procedure is always a challenge, but getting hit with unexpected insurance fees can add financial hardship to the process.

As health insurance plans become increasingly complicated, more patients are facing unexpected fees when they step outside their plan's coverage network. In many cases, patients don't realize they've received out-of-network care until they're slapped with a bill for hundreds or thousands of dollars.

Nearly a third of insured Americans who have financial problems tied to medical bills faced charges that their insurance would not cover, according to a recent survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation. These out-of-network charges were a surprise to nearly 70 percent of patients, who did not know the services were not covered, according to the non-partisan policy group.

Here are some key questions and answers about out-of-network charges and potential steps for protecting yourself.

Q: How does this problem occur?

A: It usually happens when people need to be hospitalized for medical care. Even though services from their primary physician may be covered by their in-network insurance coverage, services provided by other professionals, such as anesthesiologists, radiologists and emergency doctors often aren't. In those cases, the patient will be billed at out-of-network rates.

The often-hefty bills leave many consumers angry and confused. Determining whether various specialists are in your network can be difficult, sometimes impossible, particularly during emergency situations.

"You can't wake up from a heart attack and say to the ambulance provider, 'Excuse me, are you in my network?'" says Karen Pollitz, who has studied the issue for the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Q: How much do these fees cost consumers?

A: Experts say there is little hard data on the cost of out-of-network charges or how frequently they occur. But a 2011 study by the state of New York found that the average out-of-network emergency bill was about $7,000. After assistance from insurance and other services, most consumers still had to pay roughly $3,780.

Q: Is there anything I can do to protect myself?

A: If you have a scheduled surgical procedure coming up, experts say there are certain precautions you can take to insulate yourself from surprise fees. But they warn that even these will not guarantee you won't be touched by out-of-network providers.

If possible, call the hospital in advance and make sure the surgeon and assistants handling the procedure are part of your insurance network. You can also talk to the hospital and request that any tests are sent to in-network laboratories for processing. Surprise fees often arise when hospitals send blood samples or medical scans to outside facilities for development.

Even in these situations, however, hospitals often cannot tell you which radiologist or anesthesiologist will be handling your procedure. That means even if you've tried to pre-manage the process you may receive care from an out-of-network provider.

"This is one of these situations that I think is very challenging for consumers. Consumers just don't have any control," says Georgetown University professor Kevin Lucia, an attorney who has studied the problem.

Q: I've already received a bill that includes these charges. What can I do now?

A: The first step is to call your insurance company and let them know what happened. Some employer-sponsored health plans have policies where patients are not responsible for out-of-network charges, especially if they occur during an emergency. Even if your plan doesn't have such a benefit, insurance companies can try and work with the hospital to negotiate lower fees.

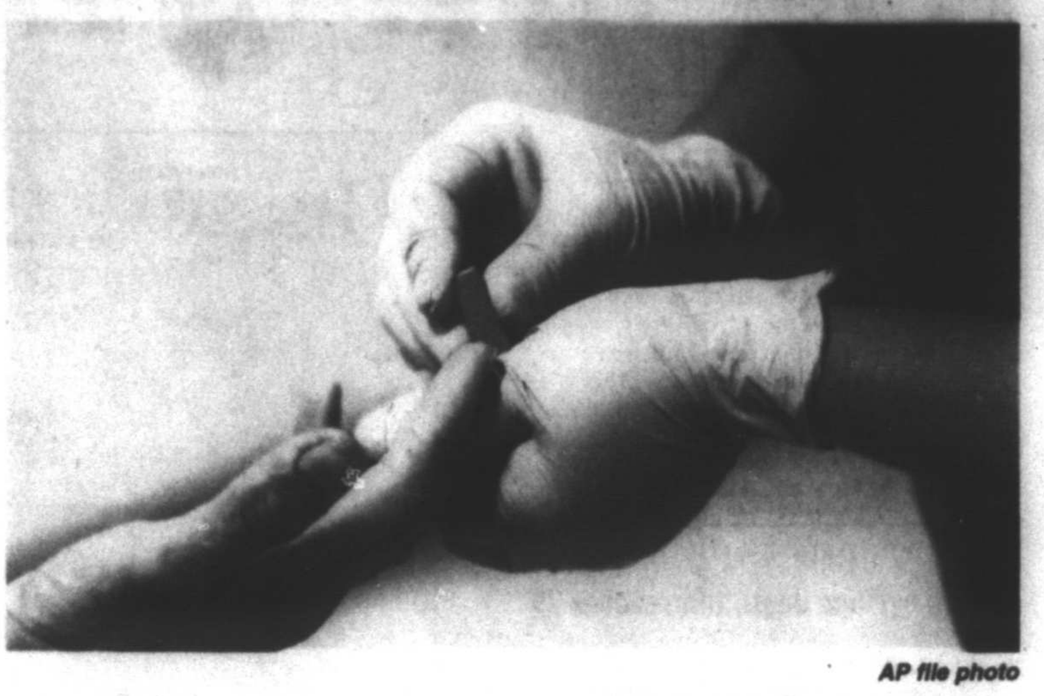
You can also check if your state has a consumer assistance program to help patients with health insurance problems. Currently, ten states run such programs, including California, Illinois, Michigan and Maryland.

Q: Is anyone working on a permanent solution to these problems?

A: Most experts who have studied the issue say legal changes are needed to protect consumers for surprise medical fees. In most cases that means new laws at the state level.

New York recently implemented a law that relieves patients from out-of-network expenses that arise from emergencies or certain other circumstances. The law does not eliminate the fees, but instead requires insurance companies and hospitals to begin negotiations to resolve the charges.

"The consumer is out of the process at that point," says Pollitz. "They pay what they would have paid if they were in-network and then they're done."



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A lab technician draws blood from a patient May 1, 2013, at a health center in Phoenix. As health insurance plans become increasingly complicated, more patients are facing unexpected fees when they step outside their plan's coverage network. In many cases, patients don't realize they've received out-of-network care until they're slapped with a bill for hundreds or thousands of dollars. Surprise fees often arise when hospitals send blood samples or medical scans to outside facilities for development.

After I had a heart attack, the doctor told me, "Okay, here is what we'll do. First, we could cut your chest open, break all the bones, pull your heart out, lay it out, go down here and pull something from your leg, stick it in your heart, make it work, stuff it back in and sew it up." Now that's what I understood. I'm sure he didn't say that.

Then, he reached behind himself and pulled out this book by Dr. Esselstyn. He said, "Or, you can read this." It was about a plant-based diet. I lost about 63...64 pounds since I started this. I feel better and it's just life-changing. My last checkup was excellent. They told me my heart was looking a lot better. —Terry Dummer

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Lee stuns Bowie, advances to regional tourney

By Brandon McAuliffe
MRT Correspondent

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ABILENE — The most successful season in two decades looked like it was going to come to an end Tuesday night at McMurry University's Kimbrell Arena for the Lee girls basketball team.

The Lady Rebels trailed by 16 points with 2:49 left in the first half and then lost starting guard Karysa Edwards and her game-high 14 points with 1:07 left in the third quarter.

All of that didn't matter in the long run as Lee rallied in the second half - holding Arlington Bowie to just 18 points - as Lee knocked off the Lady Vols 51-49.

"It's unreal," Edwards said of the rally. "I believe in my teammates and we all feed off each other and I knew they could do it."

Edwards added that she knew her teammates would pick her up after she fouled out - something that was echoed by Zion Niblett.

"This means a lot to us because we worked hard all summer and are enjoying the fruit of our labor," said Niblett. "We put in the work and now we are getting to enjoy it."

The Lady Rebels will now be rewarded with a matchup against top-ranked Duncanville Friday at 6 p.m. at Fort Worth's Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center.

Bowie held a double-digit lead in the first quarter and looked to be cruising to an easy win for the entire first half.

"Wow! Did you see how we came out?" an overwhelmed Lee head coach Monica Ramirez said."We were terrible and you would have never known we could play like that."

The Lady Rebels didn't get to double figures as a team until 4:02 was left in the first half on a basket by sophomore Aquincia Robinson — by then it seemed like it would be too little, too late.

Less than 45 seconds later, Bowie had pushed its lead to 26-11.

The Lady Rebels slowly chipped away, but the Lady Vols led 31-18 at the half.

"We just made adjustments at the half because the guards didn't want the ball and the post players were just standing in the post," said Ramirez. "I saw what the problem was and I told the guards to penetrate and attack the paint. Karysa is the one that turned it for us."

A steal by the Lady Rebels led to an easy transition basket by Niblett as Lee closed to 36-28 with 4:03 left in the third quarter.

The basket marked the first time since early in the second quarter the Lady Rebels were facing a single-digit deficit, and marked the true start of the comeback.

Edwards had a 3-pointer and layup off of Bowie turnovers late in the third quarter as Lee closed to 38-33.

"Coach told us that we needed to turn it up because we were here and nobody was

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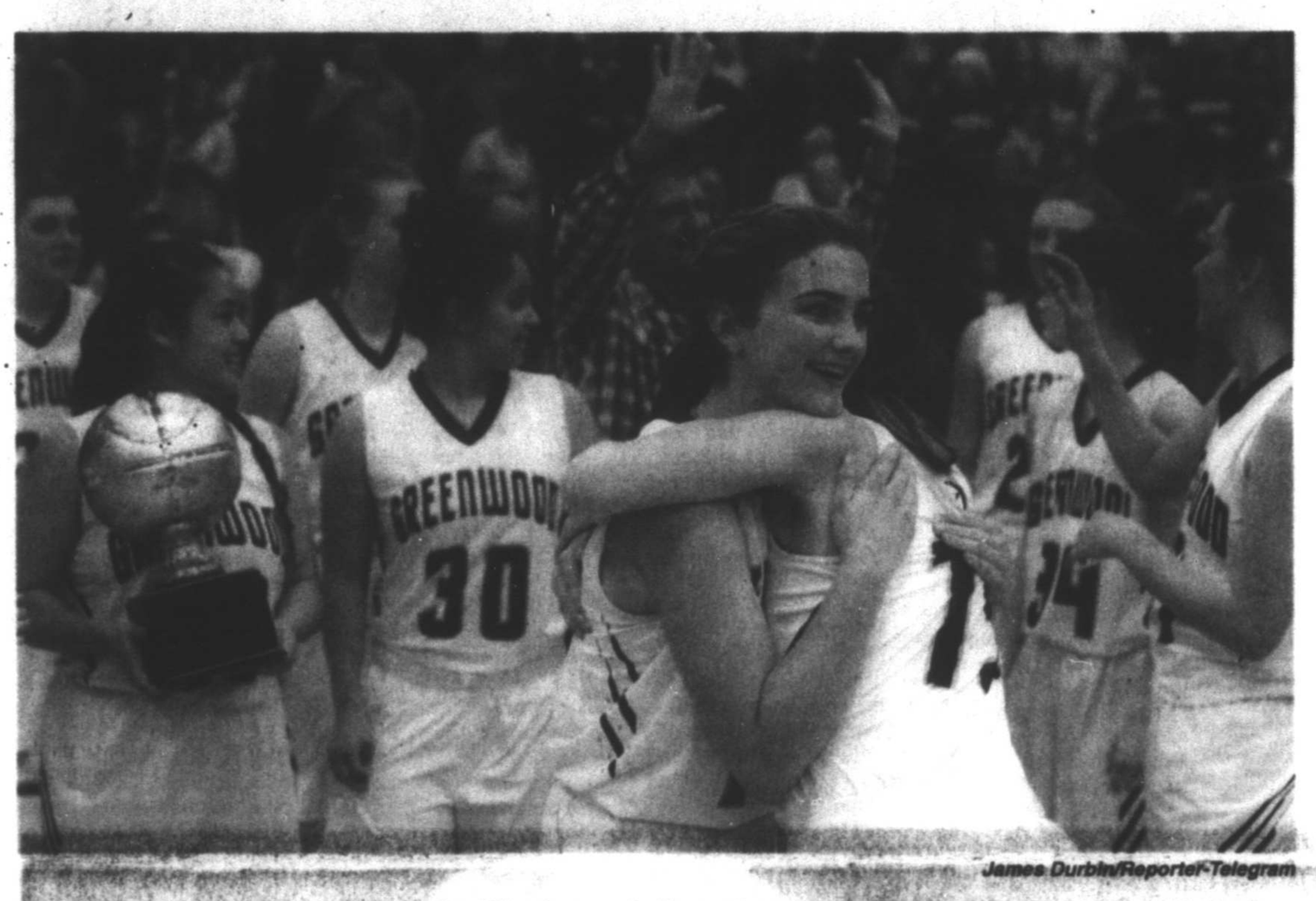
Greenwood victorious



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Greenwood's Caity Payne (10) and Natalee Karcher (15) embrace as the Rangerettes are presented with a trophy after a win against Lubbock Estacado in the regional quarterfinal game Tuesday at Lamesa Middle School in Lamesa.

Greenwood hangs on, advances to semifinals

By Christopher Hadorn
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LAMESA — The Greenwood girls basketball team had the tough task of trying to beat Lubbock Estacado for the third time this season on Tuesday night.

Except this time, this game mattered the most as one team would earn a bid to the Region I-4A Tournament in Lubbock, while the loser would see its season end.

The athletic Lady Matadors gave the Rangerettes all they could handle in a contest where both teams exhibited full-court press defense and fast-break offense.

However, Greenwood caught fire in the middle of the game and rode that hot streak to a 51-42 victory over Estacado in the Class 4A regional quarterfinals at Lamesa Middle School.

GHS (25-11) advanced to the regional semifinals and will face Brownwood at 7 p.m. Friday at Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock.

"(The regional tournament has) been a dream of mine since I remember," Rangerettes junior Cylie Mebane said. "I don't think it's processed yet. Friday night I am sure it will hit me that we are actually there. It's going to be lots of fun and I'm glad we could do it for Greenwood."

Trailing 23-20 after the halfway point in the second quarter, GHS got going when Mebane tied the game with a 3-pointer. Beginning with Mebane's 3, the Rangerettes closed out the first half on an 11-0 run as senior Callie Rose Gilbert made three consecutive baskets and Natalee Karcher followed with a layup at the buzzer. GHS led Estacado, 31-23, at halftime.

The Rangerettes carried the momentum into the third quarter, starting the stanza on a 7-0 run and outscoring the Lady Matadors (18-16), 16-6, in the period. During the third, Mebane recorded a mid-court steal and dribbled away from Estacado's defense for an easy layup to push GHS to a 46-29 advantage.

Mebane registered four steals in the triumph, outdone only by her teammate and GHS point

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Greenwood's Callie Rose Gilbert (50) looks to for a way out while being double-covered by Lubbock Estacado's Sellah Johnson (22) and Fabe Dunn (20) in the regional quarterfinal game Tuesday at Lamesa Middle School in Lamesa.

Lee to get a shot in Dallas rotation after sitting in Boston

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

DALLAS — David Lee might play behind Dirk Nowitzki in Dallas. The two-time All-Star is more likely to see time as the backup to center Zaza Pachulia.

Either way, he figures to be part of the rotation for the Mavericks after never getting off the bench in his final month with Boston before the Celtics finally waived him following the trade deadline last week.

"I hope to have courtside seats for a team when I come back when I'm done playing," Lee said Tuesday, a day before his expected Dallas debut at home against Oklahoma City.

"That was no fun to sit and watch this year. This will be great to be part of a team that I'll have a chance to contribute because to work as hard as I work and not have a chance to step on the floor and play some minutes was really frustrating."

Lee went to Boston in an offseason trade with Golden State, where he had gone from All-Star to seldom-used reserve by the time the Warriors won their first championship in 40 years last season.

In both cases, younger players took his spot — most notably rookie Draymond Green with the Warriors a year ago when Lee was out with a hamstring injury. The youth movement with the Celtics was so strong Lee last played for them on Jan. 10.

So that's why Lee hasn't really concerned himself with how often Dallas coach Rick Carlisle plans to use the 11th-year pro off the bench.

"I see it as a positive that I've been the No. 1 option on teams and I've been a guy that's given two- and three-minute shifts on a team," said Lee, who has been well off his career averages of 14.4 points and 9.2 rebounds since last season. "So I've kind of seen everything there is to see."

Carlisle said Lee fits more naturally as the backup to Pachulia, but he is also working at Nowitzki's forward spot.

"We didn't get him to sit him," Carlisle said after Lee's first full workout with the team. "He's an excellent rebounder. He's athletic, big and skilled and experienced. I just feel he fits in with our style of play on offense and defensively."

Lee's days of averaging a double-double are likely over. He did that three times in five seasons covering both of his All-Star appearances — with New York

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No. 2 Kansas wins 8th in a row, 66-60 at No. 19 Baylor

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — Frank Mason III scored 19 points and Landen Lucas had the tiebreaking layup as No. 2 Kansas won its eighth straight game, moving closer to a 12th consecutive Big 12 title with a 66-60 victory at No. 19 Baylor on Tuesday night.

The Jayhawks (24-4, 12-3) trailed by as many as eight points after halftime before a 9-0 run to take the lead. After the game was tied for the eighth time, at 55-all, Lucas had a putback with 3:03 left to put them ahead to stay.

Perry Ellis added 15 points for Kansas, which has a two-game lead over No. 14 West Virginia in the Big 12 standings with three league games remaining. Devonte Graham had 11 points and Lucas had five points and 10 rebounds.

Al Freeman led Baylor (20-8, 9-6) with 17 points, including four 3-pointers. Taurean Prince had 12 points.

Along with the eight ties, there were 17 lead changes in the game.

The Bears were ahead 45-37, which would equal their largest lead, on Ish Wainright's 3-pointer on a possession set up when he had a steal.

Kansas led for the first time in the second half when Traylor had consecutive baskets, the second with 10:16 left in the half making it 48-47.

There were a couple more lead changes after that — a 3 by Graham that put the Jayhawks up 51-49 with 8:48 left before Baylor went back ahead on a 3 by Freeman with 8:05 left. Then there was a long gap when neither team scored.

Mason's jumper ended a 4 1/2-minute scoring drought by the Jayhawks, and then Baylor got its first basket in nearly 4 minutes when Freeman hit another 3.

The Bears led 36-33 at halftime on a buzzer-beating 3-pointer from Rico Gathers, their 6-foot-8 senior forward whose first career attempt from beyond the arc came on his 836th shot in his 135th game.

Baylor had less than 2 seconds to go the length of the court after Wayne Selden's turnover. Wainright's pass ended up in the hands of Gathers in the left corner in front of the Kansas bench.

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Kansas guard Devonte' Graham (4) celebrates after sinking a 3-point basket late in the second half of a game against Baylor on Tuesday 23 in Waco.

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GOLF

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Northwestern at Michigan, 6 p.m., BTN

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Marquette at Creighton, 7 p.m., CBSSN

Arizona at Colorado, 8 p.m., ESPN2

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Wisconsin at Iowa, 8 p.m., BTN

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UEFA Champions: PSV Eindhoven vs. Club Atletico de Madrid, 1:30 p.m., FS2, FXDEP

Copa Libertadores: CS y D Colo-Colo vs. FBC Melgar, 4 p.m., FSP

Copa Libertadores: Racing Club vs. Club Bolivar, 4 p.m., FXDEP

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Copa Libertadores: Deportivo Cali vs. Boca Juniors, 6:30 p.m., FXDEP

Copa MX: CF Monarcas Morelia vs. Club Leon, 6:40 p.m., ESPNDEP

CONCACAF Champions: Tigres UANL vs. Real Salt Lake, 7 p.m., FS2, UDN

Copa MX: Dorados de Sinaloa vs. Chivas de Guadalajara, 8:30 p.m., GALA

Copa MX: Lobos BUAP vs. CF Alebrijes de Oaxaca, 8:50 p.m., ESPNDEP

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Pittsburgh at Boston, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

San Jose at Colorado, 9 p.m., NBCSN

TENNIS

ATP: Abierto Mexicano Telcel, 4 p.m., TENNIS

ATP: Abierto Mexicano Telcel, 8 p.m., TENNIS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SMU at Connecticut, 6 p.m., SNY

Texas at Texas Tech, 6:30 p.m., FSSW+, FCSP

Kansas at Oklahoma State, 7 p.m., FCSC

Women's College Lacrosse

Loyola-MD at Johns Hopkins, 4 p.m., ESPNU

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

MLB — Placed Colorado SS Jose Reyes on paid leave pending completion of his criminal proceedings in Hawaii, pursuant to the league's Joint Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Policy.

American League

DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with 3B Cassey McGehee on a minor league contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Named Corey Hart hitting coach for Dunedin (FSL); Donnie Murphy hitting coach for Lansing (MWL); and Juan Rincon pitching coach for the GCL Blue Jays.

National League

HOUSTON ASTROS/WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Named Brady Ballard general manager of The Ballpark of the Palm Beaches spring training facility.

MIAMI MARLINS — Released LHP Troy Patton from a minor league contract.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Claimed LHP Sean Nolin off waivers from Oakland.

American Association

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Released RHP Drew Gray.

ST. PAUL SAINTS — Signed INF Tony Thomas.

TEXAS AIR HOGS — Signed LHP David Russo and RHP Victor Berguete.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed RHP Edwin Carl.

Can-Am League

NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed OF Daniel Rockett.

OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Signed 1B Johnny Cole and RHP Andrew Worth. Released RHP Alan DeRatt, LHP Andrew Werner and RHP Drew Gramer.

ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed RHP Alex Gouin.

Frontier League

EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed RHP Clint Manzo to a contract extension.

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Signed RHP Jake Joyce to a contract extension.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

HOUSTON ROCKETS — Assigned F Sam Dekker to Rio Grande Valley (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Waived CB Dax Swanson.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed TE Garrett Celek to a four-year contract extension.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Named Avon Cobourne running backs coach.

Arena Football League

ORLANDO PREDATORS — Named Clay Harrell line coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CALGARY FLAMES — Traded C Markus Granlund to Vancouver for F Hunter Shinkaruk who was assigned to Stockton (AHL).

COLORADO AVALANCHE — Assigned F Andreas Martinsen to San Antonio (AHL).

DETROIT RED WINGS — Activated D Niklas Kronwall from injured reserve. Assigned D Jakub Kindl to Grand Rapids (AHL).

NEW YORK RANGERS — Recalled D Brady Skjei from Hartford (AHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Acquired D Mike Weber from Buffalo for a 2017 third-round draft pick.

ECHL

ECHL — Suspended Evansville's Vincent Dunn three games and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions during a Feb. 21 game at Missouri. Suspended Manchester's Danick Paquette three games and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions during a Feb. 21 game against Elmira.

MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Announced C Steven Hodges was recalled by Portland (AHL).

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

PHILADELPHIA UNION — Signed M Cole Missimo and D Ken Tribbett.

SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC — Signed M Nathan Sturgis.

SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Waived M Amobi Okugo.

COLLEGE

INTERCOLLEGIATE TENNIS ASSOCIATION — Named Mary Edman membership coordinator.

ARIZONA STATE — Announced junior G Andre Spight has left the basketball program.

BROWN — Named Matt Mones women's assistant soccer coach.

EMORY & HENRY — Named Timmy Chang offensive coordinator.

UTSA — Named Everette Sands running backs coach.

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Tue 5:35 am 8 new powder machine groomed 32 - 47 base 70 of 76 trails; 90% open, 6 of 7 lifts. Mon-Thu: 9a-4p; Fri: 9a-8p. Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Pajarito — Tue Reopen 02/24 2 new hand packed machine groomed 24 - 64 base 40 of 44 trails, 91% open, 5 of 7 lifts. Wed-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Wed-Sun.

Red River — Sat 7:14 am variable machine groomed 50 - 50 base 56 of 58 trails; 97% open 7 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Sandia Peak — Closed for Snow Sports

Sipapu — Tue 4:54 am 2 new variable machine groomed 33 - 43 base 42 of 42 trails 100% open, 10 miles, 200 acres, 6 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Ski Apache — Tue 6:55 am MG machine groomed 44 - 156 base 53 of 55 trails; 96% open, 9 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Ski Santa Fe — Tue 7:01 am 1 new variable machine groomed 80 - 80 base 79 of 79 trails 100% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Taos — Tue 12:27 pm 3 new powder machine groomed 88 - 88 base 91 of 110 trails; 83% open, 1,294 acres, 11 of 15 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Tue 5:44 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 55 - 55 base 99 of 109 trails, 91% open, 900 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Aspen Highlands — Tue 5:33 am 3 new powder machine groomed 54 - 72 base 122 of 122 trails, 100% open, 1053 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Aspen Mountain — Tue 5:33 am 3 new powder machine groomed 46 - 49 base 76 of 76 trails, 100% open, 675 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Beaver Creek — Tue 5:28 am packed powder machine groomed 47 - 47 base 150 of 150 trails 100% open, 1832 acres, 24 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Breckenridge — Tue 5:32 am 7 new powder machine groomed 63 - 63 base 187 of 187 trails, 100% open, 2909 acres, 34 of 35 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Buttermilk — Tue 5:32 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 40 - 54 base 41 of 44 trails 93% open, 440 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Cooper — Tue 7:00 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 41 - 46 base 36 of 39 trails 97% open, 26 miles, 375 acres, 3 of 4 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Copper Mountain — Tue 5:19 am 3 new powder machine groomed 52 - 66 base 141 of 143 trails, 99% open, 2437 acres, 23 of 23 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Crested Butte — Tue 4:56 am 1 new MG machine groomed 53 - 53 base 118 of 121 trails, 96% open, 1091 acres, 15 of 16 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Echo Mountain — Tue 11:35 am 22 new powder machine groomed 50 - 50 base 8 of 8 trails, 100% open, 85 acres, 1 of 2 lifts, Tue: 9a-8p; Wed/Thu: 12p-8p; Fri: 9a-8p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p. Open Tue-Sun.

Eldora — Tue 1:44 pm 11 - 16 new powder machine groomed 45 - 45 base 54 of 54 trails; 100% open, 680 acres, 6 of 11 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Keystone — Tue 5:30 am 3 new powder machine groomed 50 - 50 base 131 of 131 trails 100% open, 3148 acres, 19 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Loveland — Tue 4:43 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 55 - 55 base 92 of 93 trails, 99% open, 1790 acres, 10 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Monarch — Tue 7:18 am 17 new powder machine groomed 72 - 72 base 61 of 62 trails, 98% open, 787 acres, 5 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Powderhorn — Tue 7:13 am 6 new powder machine groomed 53 - 53 base 42 of 44 trails 100%0% open, 4 of 5 lifts. sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	59	34	18	7	75	184	137
Tampa Bay	60	34	22	4	72	165	149
Detroit	61	30	20	11	71	153	158
Boston	60	32	22	6	70	185	169
Ottawa	60	28	26	6	62	172	186
Montreal	60	26	27	5	61	163	165
Buffalo	60	24	29	7	55	144	168
Toronto	58	20	28	10	50	142	175

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	59	44	10	4	92	194	133
N.Y. Rangers	60	34	20	6	74	173	155
N.Y. Islanders	58	32	19	7	71	168	145
Pittsburgh	58	30	20	8	68	154	151
New Jersey	61	30	24	7	67	138	143
Carolina	61	28	23	10	66	151	161
Philadelphia	59	26	22	11	63	145	161
Columbus	61	24	28	8	56	150	180

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	61	38	17	6	82	199	172
Chicago	62	38	19	5	81	176	146
St. Louis	62	35	18	9	79	159	150
Nashville	61	29	21	11	69	159	157
Colorado	62	31	27	4	66	165	173
Minnesota	60	27	23	10	64	157	152
Winnipeg	59	25	30	4	54	152	176

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	58	34	20	4	72	157	137
Anaheim	58	31	19	8	70	146	141
San Jose	58	32	21	5	69	174	157
Arizona	60	27	27	6	60	164	185
Vancouver	59	23	24	12	58	142	168
Calgary	58	26	29	3	55	160	180
Edmonton	60	22	32	6	50	150	184

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

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores

Detroit 2, Columbus 1, SO
New Jersey 3, N.Y. Rangers 2
Carolina 3, Philadelphia 1
Nashville 3, Toronto 2
Tampa Bay 2, Arizona 1
N.Y. Islanders 4, Minnesota 1
Dallas 5, Winnipeg 3
Ottawa at Edmonton, late
Calgary at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games

Montreal at Washington, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Buffalo at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

HIGHSCHOOLSOCCERROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

MHS TOPS OHS, MOVES INTO FIRST

ODESSA — Adrienne Almodova scored two goals and Claudia Fricker added another to help MHS to a 3-1 regulation victory against Odessa High in District 3-6A play, Tuesday at OHS.

No other information was reported.

With the win, MHS (7-9-0, 4-0-0-1—12pts) moved into sole possession of first place in the district.

The Lady Bulldogs will host Abilene High at 2 p.m. Saturday.

2016 District 3-6A girls soccer

Team	W	PW	PL	L	Pts.
Midland High (7-9-0)	4	0	0	1	12
San Angelo Central (14-3-2)	3	0	1	1	10
Abilene High (12-6-0)	2	1	0	2	9
Odessa Permian (9-6-2)	2	1	0	2	9
Odessa High (10-6-1)	1	0	0	4	3
Lee (7-6-1)	1	0	1	3	4

Note: 3 points for a win, 2 points for a penalty kick win, 1 point for a penalty kick loss

Tuesday Scores

Midland High 3, Odessa High 1; Abilene High 1, Lee 1 (AHS wins, 4-2 in penalty kicks); Odessa Permian 0, San Angelo Central 0 (Permian wins, 4-3 in penalty kicks).

Saturday's Matches

Abilene High at Midland High; Lee at Odessa Permian; Odessa High at San Angelo Central. All matches start at 2 p.m.

Boys

REBELS CAN'T HANG ON AGAINST AHS

The Lee boys soccer team took a 1-0 lead into halftime but wasn't able to hang on in a 3-2 regulation defeat at the hands of visiting Abilene High in District 3-6A play, Tuesday at Grande Communications Stadium.

The Rebels (8-6-2, 1-1-1-2-6 pts) struck first in the 22nd minute on a goal by Luis Aranda, assisted by Nate Ortiz.

2016 District 3-6A boys soccer

Team	W	PW	PL	L	Pts.
Midland High (12-4-0)	3	2	0	1	10
Odessa High (5-10-2)	3	0	1	1	10
Abilene High (13-5-0)	3	0	0	2	9
Lee (9-6-3)	1	1	1	3	6
San Angelo Central (7-7-2)	2	0	0	3	6
Odessa Permian (8-10-2)	1	0	1	3	4

Note: 3 points for a win, 2 points for a penalty kick win, 1 point for a penalty kick loss

Tuesday's Scores

Midland High 3, Odessa High 1; Abilene High 3, Lee 2; San Angelo Central 2, Odessa Permian 0.

Saturday's Matches

Abilene High at Midland High; Lee at Odessa Permian; Odessa High at San Angelo Central. All matches start at noon.

But the Eagles (13-5-0, 3-0-0-2—9 pts) found themselves in the second half and scored three unanswered goals — one on a penalty kick — to take a 3-1 lead.

Guillermo Sentinal scored for Lee in the 65th minute but the Rebels couldn't muster the equalizer.

Lee will travel to Odessa to take on Permian at noon on Saturday.

MHS BESTS BRONCHOS

ODESSA — MHS scored early and cruised to a 3-1 regulation victory against Odessa High in District 3-6A play.

Brian Natividad got the Bulldogs (12-5-0, 2-2-0-1-10 pts) on the board with a goal — assisted by Alex VonHolle — in the third minute to take a 1-0 lead.

The Bronchos found the equalizer in the 36th minute but MHS re-claimed the lead two minutes later on a goal by Homero Vasquez. VonHolle was credited with the assist.

In the 67th minute, VonHolle found the back of the net with an assist from Natividad to cap of the match's scoring.

MHS will host Abilene High at noon on Saturday.

Monahans crushes MCS in 5 innings

From staff reports

The Monahans softball team heated up early and raced to a 16-3, five-inning win against Midland Christian on Tuesday at Freddie Ezell Softball Complex.

Destiny Orona got the start for Monahans and tossed a complete game, as she allowed just one run on five MCS hits. The Lady Loboes didn't take long to get going behind her, as they scored nine runs in the first two innings to take control.

Hailie Slade paced Mohahans at the plate by going 4-for-4 with four RBI and three runs scored.

Annessa Cabezuela homered for Monahans.

MONAHANS 16, MCS 3, 5 INNINGS

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Destiny Orona and Serena Almanza, Clarissa Martinez and Brandi Kennedy W — Orona. L — Martinez. 2B — Monahans: Caitlyn Cadena, Jordon Holt, Annessa Cabezuela. 3B — Monahans: Hailie Slade 2. Serena Almanza. HR — Monahans: Annessa Cabezuela.

Next: MCS vs. Shalleweter, 9 a.m. Friday, West Texas Classic; MCS vs. Big Spring, 3 p.m. Friday in West Texas Classic

Jose Reyes placed on paid leave pending criminal proceedings

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Colorado Rockies shortstop Jose Reyes was placed on paid leave Tuesday under Major League Baseball's new domestic violence policy pending completion of criminal proceedings. He will not report to spring training.

The 32-year-old Reyes, a four-time All-Star, was arrested in Hawaii at a Maui resort on Oct. 31 following an argument with his wife and pleaded not guilty to a charge of abuse of a family or household member. He was released after posting $1,000 bail and is scheduled for a trial starting April 4.

Reyes became the first player impacted by the policy, agreed to in August by MLB and the players' association following a series of high-profile domestic violence cases involving NFL players. New York Yankees closer Aroldis Chapman and Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Yasiel Puig also are under investigation.

MLB said Commissioner Rob Manfred will not decide on possible discipline for Reyes until after the criminal proceedings and an MLB investigation. Discipline is not dependent on a criminal conviction.

Under the policy, a player can be placed on paid leave in "exceptional cases" pending a legal proceeding if the commissioner determines allowing him to play "would result in substantial and irreparable harm to either the club or to Major League Baseball."

While the policy calls it a paid suspension, MLB in its statement termed it leave. While players do not earn salary during spring training, Reyes will start accruing his $22 million salary on April 3, the day the MLB season opens. If the discipline becomes an unpaid suspension, he has the right to offset the time served against the penalty but must repay any salary he received during the paid suspension.

The players' union has the right to challenge the decision before an arbitrator.

"We are closely monitoring the proceedings in Hawaii, as well as the commissioner's actions," the union said in a statement. "If further discipline is issued or if Mr. Reyes' paid suspension is not resolved in a timely fashion, the players' association will work with Mr. Reyes to ensure that all of his rights under the policy are protected."

Reyes signed with the Mets in 1999 and made all of his All-Star appearances with New York. He left after the 2011 season to sign a $106 million, six-year contract with the Miami Marlins, who traded him to Toronto after one season.

Colorado, which starts full-squad workouts Thursday, acquired Reyes last July from Toronto in a deal that sent shortstop Troy Tulowitzki and reliever LaTroy Hawkins to the Blue Jays.

Barring any acquisitions, Colorado's options at shortstop appear to be 29-year-old Daniel Descalso and 24-year-old Cristhian Adames.

Stars beat Jets to end 3-game skid

Associated Press

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Jamie Benn scored twice in the third period and the Dallas Stars beat the Winnipeg Jets 5-3 on Tuesday night to end a three-game skid.

Dallas scored three times in the final period, including the 30th and 31st goals for Benn this season. Colton Sceviour put Dallas up 3-2 12:29 into the third on a goal awarded after a video review showed the puck bounced off the in-net camera before ricocheting out.

Dallas also got goals from Jason Spezza and Valeri Nichushkin. John Klingberg had three assists. Antti Niemi made 22 saves.

Mark Scheifele scored in the third period for Winnipeg, and Alexander Burmistrov and Andrew Ladd also scored. Ondrej Pavelec made 22 saves, and the Jets lost their fourth straight.

Ladd is an unrestricted free agent at the end of the season and has been the target of rumors involving his departure as the NHL's trade deadline approaches on Feb. 29.

The Stars' seventh-ranked power play went to work early in the first period and produced a result just 7 seconds into Paul Postma's interference minor. Tyler Seguin directed a low shot on goal, but the puck caromed off the skate of Dustin Byfuglien and onto the stick of Spezza, who fired his 19th past Pavelec for the 1-0 lead at 7:15.

The Jets tied the game with their first shot on goal of the second period. Drew Stafford's initial shot was blocked in front of Niemi, but the puck squirted onto Burmistrov's stick, and he shoveled a backhand shot to tie the game at 3:28. The assist was the 200th of Stafford's career.

Dallas restored their lead at 8:14 when Nichushkin wired home a shot from in close after picking up his own rebound.

A pair of 2-on-1 rushes by the Jets while short-handed resulted in the tying goal late in the second.

The Stars thwarted the first rush from Byfuglien and Joel Armia thanks to an impressive stick check by Klingberg. But 20 seconds later the Jets were back, this time with Byfuglien, who fed Ladd in front to make it 2-2 at 16:14.

NOTES: The Jets and Stars complete their long-distance home-and-home with a game at Dallas on Thursday night.

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The Greenwood girls basketball team leaps off the bench to celebrate as the game clock winds down in the regional quarterfinal game against Lubbock Estacado on Tuesday at Lamesa Middle School in Lamesa.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

TOP: The Greenwood girls basketball team beat Lubbock Estacado in the regional quarterfinal game Tuesday at Lamesa Middle School in Lamesa.

BOTTOM: Greenwood's Natalee Karcher (15) attempts a layup against Lubbock Estacado's Fabe Dunn (20) in the regional quarterfinal game Tuesday at Lamesa Middle School in Lamesa.

HIGHSCHOOLBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls playoffs

TAPPS 4A AREA DALLAS CHRISTIAN 41 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 26

DALLAS — An early deficit combined with a scoreless fourth quarter was too much for Midland Christian to overcome as the Lady Mustangs fell, 41-26 to Dallas Christian in a TAPPS 4A area game on Tuesday.

MCS (25-14) came out slow but battled and trailed just 27-26 at the end of the third quarter. But the Lady Mustangs were stymied in the final quarter as Dallas Christian ran away with the victory.

Blaire Neatherlin led MCS with 10 points in the loss.

DALLAS CHRISTIAN 41, MCS 26

MCS (25-14) — Kenzie Fryar 1. Megan Ashton 4, Daniella Anastasio 3, Blaire Neatherlin 10, Avery McKinney 4, Skylar Bennett 4

Dallas Christian (30-5) — Sotuhers 8, England 2, Rasbury 9, Miles 11, Jones 11

MCS	4	12	10	0	—26
DC	10	10	7	14	—41

Free throws — MCS 8-12, DC 5-11. 3-point goals — MCS 2 (Anastasio, Bennett), DC 2 (Southers 2). Total fouls — MCS 11, DC 12. Fouled out — none.

Next: Dallas Christian vs. Austin St. Dominic Savio Catholic, TBA in state quarterfinals; MCS has completed its season

TAPPS 3A AREA MCKINNEY CHRISTIAN 51 NO. 12 MCA 50, OT

MCKINNEY — Alissa Beattie scored a team-high 18 points but No. 12-ranked Midland Classical fell, 51-50 in overtime against McKinney Christian on Tuesday in a TAPPS 3A area contest.

Lizabelle Russell added 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Lady Knights (18-11) in the loss.

MCKINNEY CHRISTIAN 51, NO. 12 MCA 50, OT

MCA (18-11) — Alissa Beattie 18, Elleri Haest 10, Morgen Jones 4, Lizabelle Russell 16, Makenna Beattie 2

MC — M. Wilks 7, Kauehne 14, Schulte 8, H. Wilks 22

MCA	12	10	15	11	2	—50
MC	8	12	15	13	3	—51

Free throws —MCA 4-12, MC 8-14. 3-point goals — MCA 4 (A. Beattie 4), MC 5 (M. Wilks, Kauehne 4). Total fouls — MCA 16, MC 17. Fouled out — Kauehne, Schulte.

Next: McKinney Christian vs. Marble Falls Faith in state quarterfinals. TBA. MCA has completed its season

REGION II 1A AREA GRADY 53 HIGHLAND 49

BIG SPRING — Behind a 16-6 advantage in the third quarter, Grady erased an eight-point halftime deficit and held on for 53-49 win against Highland in a Class 1A Region II area game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Carli Richards led the Lady Wildcats (22-10) with 19 points, while Emily Vogler added 12 in the win.

Grady benefited from going 15-for-21 from the free throw line and will take on Eula at 6 p.m. Friday at Abilene Christian University in the regional quarterfinals.

GRADY 53, HIGHLAND 49

Grady (22-10) — Carli Richards 19, Emily Glaze 6, Emily Vogler 12, Jenny Fields 5, Jacy Parker 3, Brittany Garza 8

Highland — Hall 5, H. Allen 20, Helbert 15, Garrett 3, K. Allen 4, Bradbury 2

Grady	18	11	16	8	—53
Highland	13	24	6	6	—49

Free throws — Grady 15-21, Highland 9-11. 3-point goals — Grady 6 (Richards 2, Glaze 2, Fields, Parker), Highland 8 (H. Allen 6, Hall, Garrett). Total fouls — Grady 14, Highland 17. Fouled out — Vogler, Johns.

Next: Grady vs. Eula in regional quarterfinal, 6 p.m. Friday at Abilene Christian University

Boys playoffs

CLASS 4A BI-DISTRICT

GREENWOOD 71 FABENS 67

FORT STOCKTON — Point guard Sam Magallan poured in a career-high 38 points to lift Greenwood to a 71-67 victory against Fabens in a Class 4A Bi-district game on Tuesday.

The Rangers (8-23) led, 45-32 after three quarters before Fabens made a big charge in the fourth to make things interesting.

Blake Elliott added 20 points for Greenwood, which will take on Lubbock Estacado in the area round at 6 p.m. Friday in Lamesa.

GREENWOOD 71, FABENS 67

Greenwood (8-23) — Sam Magallan 38, Tyler Ellison 2, Kelley Cooper 6, Seth Keeton 5, Blake Elliott 20

Fabens (9-19) — Hernandez 20, Garcia 22, Ramirez 2, Cedillo 9, Rojero 14

Greenwood	13	15	17	26	—71
Fabens	16	12	4	35	—67

Free throws — Greenwood 19-26, Fabens 14-26. 3-point goals — Fabens 7 (Hernandez 5, Garcia 2). Total fouls — Greenwood 22, Fabens 21. Fouled out — Hernandez

Next: Greenwood vs. Lubbock Estacado in area round, 6 p.m. Friday at Lamesa

TAPPS 3A AREA NO. 1 CEDAR HILL TRINITY CHRISTIAN 52 NO. 11 MCA 38

CEDAR HILL — No. 11 MCA fell, 52-38 to No. 1 Cedar Hill Trinity Christian on Tuesday in a TAPPS 3A area game.

MCA completed its season with a 23-11 record.

No other information was reported.

CLASS 3A BI-DISTRICT TUSCOLA JIM NED 59 STANTON 42

SAN ANGELO — Estevan Chavez scored 12 points for Stanton but it wasn't enough as the Buffaloes fell, 59-42 to Tuscola Jim Ned in a Class 3A bi-district game at San Angelo Lake View HS.

The Indians (21-9) jumped out to a 24-9 lead after the first quarter and held on the rest of the way. Sebastian Escamilla added 10 points for Stanton (13-13) in the loss.

TUSCOLA JIM NED 59, STANTON 42

Stanton (13-13) — Tristan Graves 4, Abel Hernandez 3, Austin Luna 5, Colby Gordon 1, Blake Snellgrove 3, Justin Rice 2, Estevan Chavez 12, Austin Fryar 2, Sebastian Escamilla 10

Jim Ned (21-9) — Cook 6, Harrell 3, Peter 9, Wicker 15, Easterling 10, Stewart 10, Burke 4

Stanton	9	14	5	14	—42
Jim Ned	24	15	10	10	—59

Free throws — Stanton 11-20, Jim Ned 7-11. 3-pointers — Stanton 5 (Chavez 4, Graves), Jim Ned 4 (Wicker 2, Peter, Harrell). Total fouls — Stanton 17, Jim Ned 13. Fouled out — Gordon

Next: Jim Ned

CLASS 1A REGION II BI-DISTRICT GARDEN CITY 63 ASPERMONT 45

SWEETWATER — Tanner Davis and Ethan Goodwin combined for 42 points to lead Garden City to a 63-45 win against Aspermont in a Class A Region II bi-district game on Tuesday.

Bailey Matschek added eight points for the Bearkats (17-10) who led, 32-27 at halftime.

GARDEN CITY 63, ASPERMONT 45

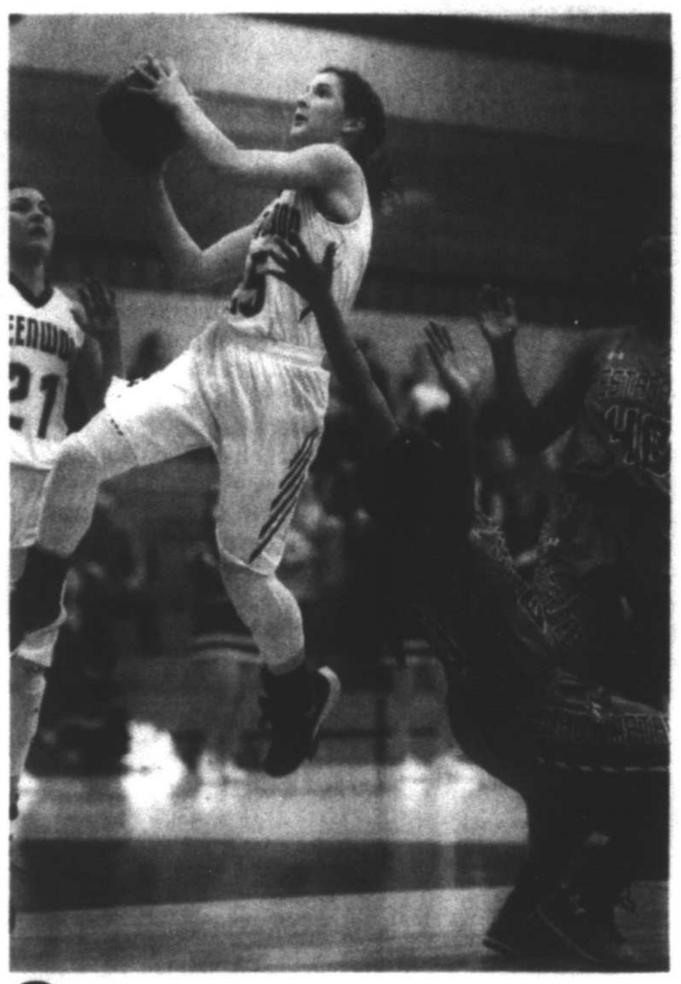
Aspermont — Menard 16, Gibson 12, Myers 5, Morris 5, Castaneda 2, Douglass 2, Barrientes 2, Lomack 1

Garden City (17-10) — Tanner Davis 22, Ethan Goodwin 20, Bailey Matschek 8, Riley Eggemeyer 6, Scott Miller 5, Alfred Leos 2

Aspermont	12	15	3	15	—45
GC	18	17	17	14	—63

Free throws — Aspermont 12-18, GC 15-32. 3-point goals — Aspermont 5 (Menard 4, Gibson), GC 2 (Goodwin 2). Total fouls — Aspermont 20, GC 12. Fouled out — Lomack.

Next: Garden City v . Menard, 6:30 p.m Friday, San Angelo Lake View



GREENWOOD

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guard Caity Payne, who finished with eight steals.

"Defense wins championships and tonight it really helped us out," Mebane said. "Defensive steals and good defense turns into points on the other side. That was a big part for us winning this."

In addition to playing impressive pressure defense, Greenwood also shined on the glass as senior Layne Banks grabbed 11 rebounds to lead the way, while fellow senior teammate Gilbert brought down 10 rebounds.

The combination of steals and rebounds helped the Rangerettes turn the change of possessions into fast-break points in transition.

"Every time they would mess up, we would take advantage of it," Banks said.

For most of the first half and the fourth quarter, Estacado demonstrated it could play the Rangerettes' style of basketball and be equally effective at it. After trailing 47-29 after three quarters, the Lady Matadors made circumstances interesting in the fourth quarter as they outscored GHS. 13-4, in the final period and closed the deficit within eight points with 1:35 left.

"Coach (Shawn) Weaver is one of the up and coming coaches in the state," Anthony said of Estacado's head coach. "She will have that team rolling next year. They will be someone tough to contend with.

We were very fortunate to be able to beat them three times. I am going to tell you, that's one of those type of teams that is very scary because they are so athletic and the things they can do. They put a lot of pressure on us in the end of the game. It was a tough battle, but I am glad we came out on top."

Shooting guard Natalee Karcher and Mebane each led GHS with 11 points.

Tye Perryman scored a game-high 12 points for the Lady Matadors and was joined in double figures by teammate Fabe Dunn, who scored 10 points.

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GREENWOOD 51, LUBBOCK ESTACADO 42

Greenwood (25-11) - Caity Payne 9, Natalee Karcher 11, Layne Banks 9 Leyva 2, Cylle Mebane 11, Callie Rose Gilbert 9

Estacado (18-16) - Fabe Dunn 10, Neke Hardrick 8, Sellah Johnson 8, Tye Perryman 12, Shatonian Wright 4

Greenwood	12	19	16	4	—51
Estacado	14	9	6	13	—42

Free throws - Greenwood 9-17, Estacado 4-7 3-point goals - Greenwood 2 (Mebane, Karcher), Estacado 2 (Dunn 2). Total fouls - Greenwood 14, Estacado 15. Fouled out - None

Next: Greenwood vs. Brownwood, 7 p.m. Friday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock

HS BOYS BASKETBALL PAIRINGS

CLASS 6A
Bi-District

North Crowley (29-3, W4) 79, Odessa High (18-13, F4) 34

Amarillo High (9-14, T2) 48, El Paso Eastwood (22-7, R1) 46

Abilene High (31-4, W3), Weatherford (13-18, F4) 74

Lubbock Coronado (24-5, R2) 78, El Paso El Dorado (17-12, T1) 52

DeSoto (30-2, W8) 78, Euless Trinity (17-12, F7) 43

Hebron (22-10, T6) 55, Keller (19-11, R5) 44

Duncanville (17-15, F8) 72, Coppell (25-6, W7) 61

Justin Northwest (22-12, T5) 60, Allen (24-8, R6) 54

Amarillo Tascosa (30-0, W2) 70, El Paso Coronado (14-14, F1) 49

Arlington Bowie (20-12, T4) 57, Odessa Permian 39

El Paso Americas (31-1, W1) 66, Lubbock Monterey (10-13, F2) 62

Arlington Martin (25-6, R4) 61, vs. San Angelo Central (21-12, T3) 36

Plano East (26-7, W6) 75, Trophy Club Byron Nelson (18-14, F5) 41

Cedar Hill (24-5, T8) 74, Southlake Carroll (16-13, R7) 66

Denton Guyer (30-2, W5) 75, Flower Mound (24-9, R6) 65

South Grand Prairie (21-8, R8) 65, Richland 50

Area

North Crowley (29-3, W4) vs. Amarillo High (9-14, T2), 6 p.m., Friday, Vernon

Abilene High (31-4, W3) vs. Lubbock Coronado (24-5, R2), TBA

DeSoto (30-2, W8) vs. Hebron (22-10, T6), TBA

Duncanville (17-15, F8) vs. Justin Northwest (22-12, T5), TBA

Amarillo Tascosa (30-0, W2) vs. Arlington Bowie (20-12, T4), TBA

El Paso Americas (31-1, W1) vs. Arlington Martin (25-6, R4), TBA

Plano East (26-7, W6) vs. Cedar Hill (24-5, T8), TBA

Denton Guyer (30-2, W5) vs. South Grand Prairie (21-8, R8), TBA

CLASS 4A
Bi-District

Seminole (19-6, W4) 73, Clint 46

Levelland (14-10, T2) 66, Pampa 48

San Elizario (17-9, W3) 65, Andrews 53

Lamesa (24-7, R2) 57, Borger (11-18, T1) 45

Bridgeport (23-7, W8) 63, Alvarado (5-25, F7) 33

Hirschi (20-11, R5) 64, Graham (13-112, T6) 51

Kennedale (22-12, W7) 84, Springtown 65

Iowa Park (11-16, T5) 57, Mineral Wells 56

Lubbock Estacado (W2) 68, Perryton 40

Greenwood (8-23, T4) 71, Fabens (9-19, R3) 67

Bushland (17-9, W1) 71, Sweetwater (14-12, F2) 51

Monahans (10-12, R4) 69, Clint Mountain View 18

Abilene Wylie (26-5, W6) 86, Vernon 32

Midlothian Heritage (24-6, R7) 70, Lake Worth 57

Burkburnett (18-6, W5) 69, Stephenville (F6) 42

Decatur (23-8, R8) 91, Venus 47

North Crowley (29-3, W4) vs. Amarillo High (9-14, T2), 6 p.m., Friday, Vernon

Abilene High (31-4, W3) vs. Lubbock Coronado (24-5, R2), TBA

DeSoto (30-2, W8) vs. Hebron (22-10, T6), TBA

Duncanville (17-15, F8) vs. Justin Northwest (22-12, T5), TBA

Seminole (19-6, W4) vs. Levelland (14-10, T2), 7 p.m., Friday, Cooper HS, Lubbock

San Elizario (17-9, W3) vs. Lamesa (24-7, R2), TBA

Bridgeport (23-7, W8) vs. Hirschi (20-11, R5), TBA

Kennedale (22-12, W7) vs. Iowa Park (11-16, T5), TBA

Lubbock Estacado (W2) vs. Greenwood (8-23, T4), 6 p.m., Friday, Lamesa

Bushland (17-9, W1) vs. Monahans (10-12, R4), TBA

Abilene Wylie (26-5, W6) vs. Midlothian Heritage (24-6, R7), TBA

Burkburnett (18-6, W5) vs. Decatur (23-8, R8), TBA

CLASS 3A
Bi-District

Kermit (29-2, W4) 71, Idalou 40

Muleshoe (T3) 58, Spearman (R1) 35

Brownfield (22-3, W3) 86, Crane (F4) 54

Littlefield (R2) 68, Amarillo River Road 65

Eastland (W8) 40, Comanche 32

Texas Leadership Charter Academy (20-8, T6) 49, Reagan County 44

Coleman (W7) 39, Cisco (5-12, F8) 35

Tuscola Jim Ned (21-9, R6) 59, Stanton (13-13, T5) 42

Shallowater (W2) 64, Sanford-Fritch (F1) 52

Slaton (15-8, R3) 70, Alpine 34

Childress (27-1, W1) 87, Dimmitt (F2) 55

Denver City (T3) 32, Tornillo (19-11, R4) 31

Wall (23-6, W6) 69, Sonora 27

Brady (R7) 55 Brackenridge 43

Colorado City (23-7, W5) 52, Ballinger (14-14, F6) 46

Early (12-13, T7) 56, Clyde (R8) 55

Area

Kermit (29-2, W4) vs. Muleshoe (T3), TBA

Brownfield (22-3, W3) vs. Littlefield (R2), TBA

Eastland (W8) vs. Texas Leadership Charter Academy (21-8, T6), TBA

Coleman (W7) vs. Tuscola Jim Ned (21-9, R6), TBA

Shallowater (W2) vs. Slaton (15-8, R3), 7 p.m., Friday, Coronado HS, Lubbock

Childress (27-1, W1) vs. Denver City (T3), TBA

Wall (23-6, W6) vs. Brady (R7), TBA

Colorado City (22-7, W5) vs. Early (12-13 T7), TBA

CLASS 1A
Region II
Bi-District

Borden County (W12), bye

Grandfalls-Royalty (T10) 59, Sierra Blanca 45

Imperial Buena Vista (W11), bye

Sands (R11) 63, Westbrook (T12) 42

Menard (W16), bye

Garden City (17-10, T14) 63, Aspermont (R1) 45

Water Valley (23-3,W14), bye

Eula (R15) 59, Rochelle 26

Grady (27-4, W11), bye

Wink (R10) 59, Fort Davis 39

Balmorhea (W9), bye

Klondike (T11) 73, Hermleigh 35

May (W15), bye

Bronte (R14) vs. Lueders-Avoca W13, bye

Baird (T15) 58, Richland Springs (R16) 46

Area

Borden County (W12) vs. Grandfalls-Royalty (T10), 6 p.m., Thursday, TBA

Imperial Buena Vista (W11) vs. Sands (R11), 7 p.m., Friday, Permian Fieldhouse

Menard (W16) vs. Garden City (17-10, T14), 6:30 p.m. Friday, San Angelo Lake View HS

Water Valley (23-3, W14) vs. Eula (R15), 6:30 p.m., Thursday, TBA

Grady (27-4, W11) vs. Wink (R10), TBA, Friday

Balmorhea (W9) vs. Klondike (T11), 6 p.m., Friday, TBA

May (W15) vs.

Jayton vs. Baird (T15), TBA

HS GIRLS BASKETBALL PAIRINGS

CLASS 6A
Bi-District

Arlington Bowie (24-6, W4) 74, Odessa Permian 36

El Paso Coronado (19-7, R1) 58, Wolfforth Frenship 53

Lake Ritas (4-4, W3) 45, Arlington Martin 42

Amarillo Tascosa (21-7, R2) 60, El Paso El Dorado 49

Duncanville (32-0, W8) 71, Southlake Carroll 36

Flower Mound (23-6, T8) 70, Denton Guyer 55

DeSoto (20-12, F8) 44, Euless Trinity 42

Plano (25-9, R8) 46, Denton Ryan 38

Amarillo High (30-4, W2) 61, El Paso Montwood 32

Arlington Lamar (19-13, T4) 66, Midland High 55

El Paso Franklin (26-3, W1) 59, Lubbock Coronado 54

Weatherford (26-5, R4) 57, San Angelo Central 51

Plano West (30-4, W6) 78 , Justin Northwest 38

South Grand Prairie (26-9, T8) 61, Hurst L.D. Bell 35

Keller (25-6, W5) 59, Allen 40

Cedar Hill (26-7, R8) 60, Colleyville Heritage 44

Area

Arlington Bowie (W4, 25-6) 65, Frenship 59

Lee (W3, 26-4) 61, Amarillo Tascosa 53

Duncanville (W8, 34-0) 47, Flower Mound 38

Plano (R8, 26-9) 64, DeSoto 43

Amarillo (W2, 31-4) 61, Arlington Lamar 39

El Paso Franklin (W1, 27-3) 60, Weatherford 49

Plano West (W6, 31-4) 65, South Grand Prairie 52

Cedar Hill (R8, 27-7) 54, Keller 47

Regional quarterfinals

Lee (W3, 30-4) 81, Arlington Bowie 49

Duncanville (W8, 35-0) 74, Plano 46

Amarillo High (W2, 32-4) 53, El Paso Franklin 43

Plano West (W6, 32-4) 59, Cedar Hill 57

Regional semifinals

Lee (W3, 27-4) vs. Duncanville (W8, 35-0), 8 p.m., Friday, Wilkerson-Greines AC, Ft. Worth

Amarillo (W2, 32-4) vs. Plano West (W6, 32-4), 8 p.m., Friday, Wilkerson-Greines AC, Ft. Worth

CLASS 5A
Bi-District

Greenwood (23-11, W4) 86, San Elizario 27

Borger (R1) 59, Lamesa 30

Fabens (21-7, W3) 65, Andrews 64

Lubbock Estacado (17-15, R2) 68, Perryton 65

Bridgeport (21-11, W8) 51, vs. Midlothian Heritage 28

Stephenville (14-15, T6) 57, Wichita Falls Hirschi 46

Godley (26-6, W7) 98, Castleberry 31

Brownwood (23-7, R6) 65, Vernon 33

Levelland (25-8, W2) 74, vs. Dalhart 45

Clint Mountain View (12-15, R3) 46, Pecos 43

Bushland (17-9, W1) 70, Big Spring 33

Seminole (20-8, R4) 74, Clint 33

Abilene Wylie (26-5, W6) 39, Iowa Park 32

Kennedale (24-10, R7) 58, Springtown 29

Burkburnett (WS) 56, Graham 35

Decatur (R8) 54, Venus 37

Area

Greenwood (W4, 24-11) 63, Borger 21

Estacado (R2, 18-15) 60, Fabens 38

Stephenville (T8, 17-16) 51, Bridgeport 36

Brownwood (R6, 24-7) 51, Godley 47

Levelland (W2, 26-8) 64, Clint Mountain View 26

Seminole (R4, 21-12) 57, Bushland 46

Abilene Wylie (W6, 27-5) 57, Kennedale 51

Burkburnett (WS, 17-11) 28, Decatur 20

Regional quarterfinals

Greenwood (W4, 24-11) 51, Lubbock Estacado 42

Brownwood (R6, 23-7) 48, Stephenville 42

Seminole (R4, 22-12) 47, Levelland 34

Abilene Wylie (W6, 27-5) 61, Burkburnett 31

Regional semifinals

Greenwood (W4, 25-11) vs. Brownwood (R6, 24-7), 7 p.m., Friday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock

Seminole (R4, 23-12) vs. Abilene Wylie (W6, 28-5), 8:30 p.m., Friday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock

CLASS 3A
Bi-District

Lubbock Roosevelt (16-6, F3) 59, Tornillo 34

Dimmitt (T2) 43, Spearman 33

Idalou (22-6, W3) 74, Alpine 20

Littlefield (R2) 58, Childress 31

Clyde (19-13, W8) 65, Bangs 40

Merkel (17-15, T6) 42, Sonora 36

Eastland (F8) 44, Comanche31

Tuscola Jim Ned (R6) 64, Stanton 33

Shallowater (W2, 29-4) 86, Amarillo River Road 24

Brownfield (R3) 66, Kermit 23

Amarillo Highland Park (W1) 50, Muleshoe 44

Denver City (T3) 54, Presidio 36

Wall (W6, 28-4) 57, Coahoma 10

Dublin (T8) 64, Brady 52

Colorado City (W5, 21-3) 52, Ballinger, 37

Cisco (R8) 43, Coleman 40

Area

Dimmitt (T2, 16-15) 47, Roosevelt 35

Idalou (W3, 26-7) 56, Littlefield (R2, 26-7) 47

Clyde (W8, 19-14) 30, Merkel 28

Tuscola Jim Ned (R6, 24-10) 51, Eastland 28

Shallowater (W2, 30-4) 37, Brownfield 26

Denver City (T3) 60, Amarillo Highland Park 26

Wall (W6, 30-4) 71, Dublin 36

Colorado (W5, 22-5) 45, Cisco 23

Regional quarterfinals

Idalou (W3, 26-7) 45, Dimmitt 38

Tuscola Jim Ned (R6, 24-10) 50, Clyde 34

Denver City (T3, 17-13) 63, Shallowater 44

Wall (W6, 29-4) 55, Colorado City 27

Regional semifinals

Idalou (W3, 27-7) vs. Tuscola Jim Ned (R6, 25-10), 6 p.m., Friday, Chap Center

Denver City (T3, 18-13) vs. Wall (W6, 30-4), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Chap Center

CLASS 2A
Bi-District

Abernathy (W4) 59, Vega 54, OT

Canadian (R1) 63, Memphis 56

Panhandle (W3) 83, New Deal 21

Stratford (T1) 71, Wheeler (R2) 39

Christoval (W8) 66, Hawley 32

Tahoka (R6) 72, Fort Hancock 32

Haskell (W7) 40, Forsan 32

Smyer (T5) 63, Anthony 7

Wellington (W2) 52, Sunray 37

Farwell (R3) 72, Hale Center 36

Gruver (W1) 65, Shamrock 34

Claude (T3) 51, Olton 35

Sudan (F5) 41, Iran Horn 12

Miles (T8, 19-5) 63, Stamford 43

Sundown (W5), bye

Irion County (R6) 46, Anson 36

Area

Canadian (R1, 25-5) 59, Abernathy 35

Panhandle (R3, 31-1) 66, Stratford 50

Christoval (W8, 30-8) 63, Tahoka 57

Smyer (T5, 23-8) 57, Haskell 28

Wellington (W2, 27-6) 46, Farwell 39

Gruver (W1, 28-4) 60, Claude 44

Sudan (F5) 47, Miles 45

Sundown (W5, 30-6) 41, Irion County 40

Regional quarterfinals

Sudan (F5) 47, Sundown 42

Panhandle (W3, 31-1) 60, Canadian 57

Christoval (W8, 30-5) 58, Smyer 48

Gruver (W1, 28-4) 39, Wellington 34

Regional semifinals

Sudan (F5) vs. Panhandle (W3, 32-1), 6:30 p.m., Friday, Texan Dome, Levelland

Christoval (W8, 31-5) vs. Gruver (W1, 29-4), 8 p.m., Friday, Texan Dome, Levelland

CLASS 1A
Region II
Bi-District

Roscoe Highland (W12), bye

Balmorhea (R9) 61, Grandfalls-Royalty (T10) 59

Rankin (W10), bye

Grady (R11, 20-10) 76, Borden County 41

Richland Springs (W16), bye

Jayton (R13) 51, Paint Rock 38

Garden City (W14), bye

Eula (R15, 21-6) 37, Rochelle 30

O'Donnell (W11), bye

Marfa (T9) 42, Wink 26

Fort Davis (W9), bye

Klondike (T11) 43, Iraan 35

May (W15), bye

Robert Lee (R14) 65, Trent 42

Roby (W13), bye

Menard (R16) 52, Cross Plains 39

Area

Roscoe Highland (W12) 74, Balmorhea 23

Grady (R11, 21-10) 76, Rankin 39

Richland Springs (W16, 24-4) 71, Jayton 49

Eula (R15, 23-5) 38, Garden City 32

O'Donnell (W11, 26-7) 66, Marfa 43

Klondike (T11) 47, Fort Davis 34

May (W15) 38, Robert Lee 35

Roby (W13) 79, Menard 67

Regional quarterfinals

Grady (R11, 21-10) 53, Roscoe Highland 49

Eula 35 (R15, 23-6), Richland Springs 34

O'Donnell (W11) 50, Klondike 42

Roby (W13, 28-2) 50, May 41

Regional semifinals

Grady (R11, 22-10) vs. Eula (R15, 24-6), 8 p.m., Friday, Moody Coliseum, Abilene

O'Donnell vs. Roby (W13, 29-2), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Moody Coliseum, Abilene

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going to give us anything," said Niblett. "We are the definition of a team and we all have each other's back."

Edwards fouled out with just over a minute to play in the third quarter, but her teammates picked her up in a big way with Alaysha Green hitting a 3-pointer from the corner to beat the third quarter buzzer and close the gap to 41-36.

The fourth quarter continued the momentum as the Lady Rebels had nine points off of turnovers and scored 10 points in the paint.

Braydyn Hill hit a layup 52 seconds into the fourth quarter as Lee closed to within five points, but Taylar Watkins answered with a jumper nearly a minute later for Bowie to push Bowie's lead to 43-38 with 6:07 to play.

That would be Bowie's final basket until a layup by Jasmyne Robinson with 51 seconds to play.

In the meantime, Kyra Lewis jump started a 13-4 run with a 3-pointer from the corner with 5:13 to play that saw the Lady Rebels go from five points down to leading 51-47.

Lee took its first lead of the night with 2:18 to play and held on to it from there.

"We are a fourth quarter team," Ramirez said. "We are prepared to play four quarters and if we dig ourselves a hole, we have to be ready to press."

LEE 51, ARLINGTON BOWIE 49

LEE (27-4) - Yaritza Rivas 2, Allison Valdez 8, Alaysha Green 5, Kanyse Edwards 14, Kyra Lewis 6, Braydyn Hill 3, Zion Niblett 11, Aquincola Robinson 2.

BOWIE (25-9) – Jasmyne Robinson 14, Cierra Morris 1, Taylar Watkins 12, Kamaya Miller 5, D'Andra Credit 6, Maley McQuaen 4, Tamia King 1, Felicity Houston 2, Belle Johnson 4.

Lee	6	12	18	15	—51
Bowie	14	17	10	8	—49

Free Throws – Lee 8-21; Bowie 22-32. 3-point goals – Lee 3 (Green, Edwards, Lewis), Bowie 1 (Robinson). Total Fouls – Lee 20; Bowie 21. Fouled Out – Edwards.

Next: Lee vs. Duncanville, 8 p.m. Friday, Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center, Fort Worth

The big 5-0: Warriors fastest in NBA history to 50 wins

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Stephen Curry pumped a fist, wagged a finger and even gave a little shimmy with his shoulders.

Chalk up No. 50 for the Golden State Warriors.

On a night when Curry scored 36 points — in other words, just another day at the office — the Warriors became the fastest team in NBA history to 50 wins in a season with a 102-92 victory over the Atlanta Hawks.

They surpassed the 1995-96 Chicago Bulls, who needed one more game to reach the milestone. Of course, that's the team Golden State is chasing for one of the league's most iconic marks.

Seventy-two wins.

"It's really cool," Klay Thompson, the other half of the "Splash Brothers," said after Monday's game. "Just being in the conversation with that Bulls team, it's humbling and it's surreal."

The Warriors (50-5) squandered a 23-point lead in the third quarter, actually falling behind Atlanta early in the fourth. But they bounced back, as they always seem to do, tightening up on defense and riding their dynamic guard duo to another triumph.

Thompson scored 12 of his 27 points in the final period, knocking down a pair of 3-pointers. Curry chipped in with nine points, including a trey in front of the Atlanta bench that had him wiggling his shoulders.

Indeed, a second straight championship is the only way to make this a truly successful season, but the pursuit of Chicago's record — accomplished during the height of Michael Jordan's six-titles-in-eight-years dynasty — has provided quite an intriguing side plot to the regular season.

On their last long road trip of the season, the Warriors have bounced back impressively from their worst loss of the season, a 137-105 drubbing at Portland last Friday. They knocked off the Clippers in Los Angeles the following night, then made the cross-country trek to Atlanta to face the struggling Hawks, who had the best record in the East a year ago but have slipped this season.

Picking college basketball's best team tough in wild year

By Aaron Beard
Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Good luck sorting out who is college basketball's best team this season.

Six teams have held the No. 1 spot in the Top 25, one shy of the record during the 1982-83 season. But there is still time to tie the mark. With less than three weeks to go before Selection Sunday, there is a crowd of good, but not great teams that includes Kansas, Michigan State, Oklahoma and Villanova.

But one team stands out when reviewing advanced stats and other indicators: Virginia, one of the nation's most efficient teams at both ends of the court.

Here is a closer look at nine contenders, with stats through Sunday's games:

AP file photo

Oklahoma's Buddy Hield (24) drives past Michigan State's Marvin Clark Jr., left, and Matt Costello during the first half of a regional semifinal in the tournament in Syracuse, N.Y. The third-ranked Sooners have strong case behind star guard Hield.

IOWA

The Hawkeyes' 1-2 punch of Jarrod Uthoff (18.8 points) and Peter Jok (16.3) leads an offense ranked 11th in KenPom's adjusted efficiency ratings (118 points per 100 possessions). No. 8 Iowa also ranks fifth nationally in assist-to-turnover ratio, according to STATS.

The Hawkeyes rank lowest among this group at 37th in adjusted defensive efficiency (95.9), but they've beaten Michigan State twice.

KANSAS

There is plenty to like about the second-ranked Jayhawks.

Led by senior Perry Ellis, Kansas ranks sixth in adjusted offensive efficiency (118.8) and 21st in defense (94.5) against KenPom's fifth-toughest schedule. And the Jayhawks rank fourth in 3-point shooting (42 percent).

They've also beaten Oklahoma (twice), West Virginia and Kentucky, one of this year's No. 1s.

MARYLAND

Sophomore Melo Trimble leads five double-figure scorers for the 10th-ranked Terrapins, who rank 14th in adjusted defensive efficiency (93.6) and 12th in free-throw shooting (76 percent).

But they lack high-end wins outside of beating Iowa in KenPom's 49th-toughest schedule. They also lost last week to a Minnesota team that was 0-13 in the Big Ten.

MICHIGAN STATE

The Spartans stumbled from No. 1 as Denzel Valentine recovered from a knee injury, but they're rolling now.

They're tied with North Carolina for fourth in adjusted offensive efficiency (119.4), lead the country in rebounding margin (plus-11.6), rank second in assist-to-turnover ratio and third in 3-point shooting (42 percent).

The sixth-ranked Spartans have beaten Kansas, Louisville and Maryland, though their overall schedule strength ranks a group-low 53rd.

NORTH CAROLINA

The preseason No. 1 team scores, takes care of the basketball (third in assist-to-turnover ratio) and hits the glass (17th in rebounding margin) with possibly the nation's deepest roster. But are the seventh-ranked Tar Heels tough enough to defend and finish?

OKLAHOMA

The third-ranked Sooners have a strong case behind star guard Buddy Hield.

Facing KenPom's second-toughest schedule, they're 12th in adjusted offensive efficiency (117.9) and 17th defensively (94) while shooting a national-best 43.1 percent from 3-point range.

Oklahoma blew out Villanova in December but fell twice to Kansas and recently lost three of four before beating West Virginia last weekend.

"Oklahoma is probably the hardest personnel to guard, I think, because all of them can go get their own," Kansas coach Bill Self said this month.

VILLANOVA

Current No. 1 Villanova and Virginia are the only teams in the top 15 of both of KenPom's adjusted efficiency ratings. The Wildcats rank 15th offensively (116.5) and fourth defensively (91), while their guard-led lineup makes a national-best 78.1 percent of free throws.

The blemish? They lost measuring-stick nonconference games with Oklahoma and Virginia by double figures in KenPom's No. 33-ranked schedule.

VIRGINIA

Tied for third in this week's AP Top 25, the Cavaliers separate themselves by doing a lot of things well.

Led by two-way star Malcom Brogdon, they're 14th in adjusted offensive efficiency (117.3) and sixth defensively (92). They're the only team from this group in the top 20 of those categories along with 3-point shooting (41 percent), free-throw shooting (75 percent) and assist-to-turnover ratio, too.

The Cavs also beat Villanova and West Virginia in KenPom's 11th-toughest schedule. Their only losses in the past month have come at Duke and Monday at Miami by a combined four points.

XAVIER

Fifth-ranked Xavier ranks in the top 25 of KenPom's adjusted offensive (114.3) and defensive (94.1) efficiency rankings. The Musketeers are also 14th in rebounding margin.

But they've played KenPom's 48th-toughest schedule. They have one win against an RPI Top 25 team to tie Villanova for fewest in this group — and the Wildcats' win came by 31 against the Musketeers. Their rematch is Wednesday.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

JAZZ 117
ROCKETS 114, OT

SALT LAKE CITY — Gordon Hayward scored 28 points and the Utah Jazz defeated the Houston Rockets 117-114 in overtime Tuesday night in a game with significant playoff implications.

The victory moved the Jazz into the No. 8 spot in the Western Conference playoff race, a half-game ahead of the Rockets.

The first tiebreaker for a two-way tie is head-to-head winning percentage. The Rockets fell to 2-1 against the Jazz this season.

James Harden scored 42 points for Houston, and Jason Terry hit a 3-pointer with 10.8 seconds remaining in regulation to tie it at 106 and force overtime.

WIZARDS 109
PELICANS 89

WASHINGTON — John Wall had 16 points, 12 rebounds, and 11 assists, helping the Washington Wizards beat Anthony Davis and the New Orleans Pelicans 109-89 on Tuesday night.

Marcin Gortat had 21 points and 11 rebounds for Washington, which pulled away in the second half of its season-high fourth straight home win. Jared Dudley scored 18 points on six 3-pointers and helped hold Davis in check after his monster game at Detroit.

Wall was 5 for 17 from the field in his second triple-double of the season and fifth of his career. He also had two steals in 31 1/2 minutes.

MAGIC 124
76ERS 115

PHILADELPHIA — Nikola Vucevic scored a season-high 35 points against his former team, leading Orlando to the road win.

Vucevic, drafted 16th overall by the 76ers in 2011, also had nine rebounds in a "must-win" game according to coach Scott Skiles as the Magic try to gain ground in pursuit of their first playoff berth in four years. Vucevic was 13 for 21 from the field and 9 for 9 at the line.

KINGS 114
NUGGETS 110

DENVER — DeMarcus Cousins scored 39 points, including the go-ahead free throws with 48.3 seconds left, and the Sacramento Kings edged the Denver Nuggets 114-110 on Tuesday night.

Cousins came up big down the stretch, scoring eight of the final 13 points for the Kings, who blew a 17-point lead in the second half before rallying at the finish.

The All-Star center stole the ball from D.J. Augustin and was fouled on his way to the basket.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Toronto	37	18	.673	—
Boston	33	25	.569	5½
New York	24	34	.414	14½
Brooklyn	15	41	.268	22½
Philadelphia	8	48	.143	29½
Southeast Division				
Miami	32	24	.571	—
Atlanta	31	27	.534	2
Charlotte	29	26	.527	2½
Washington	26	29	.473	5½
Orlando	25	30	.455	6½
Central Division				
Cleveland	40	15	.727	—
Indiana	30	26	.536	10½
Chicago	29	26	.527	11
Detroit	28	29	.491	13
Milwaukee	24	33	.421	17
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
San Antonio	47	9	.839	—
Memphis	32	23	.582	14½
Dallas	30	27	.526	17½
Houston	28	29	.491	19½
New Orleans	22	34	.393	25
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	40	16	.714	—
Portland	30	27	.526	10½
Utah	28	28	.500	12
Denver	22	35	.386	18½
Minnesota	18	39	.316	22½
Pacific Division				
Golden State	50	5	.909	—
L.A. Clippers	37	19	.661	13½
Sacramento	24	31	.436	26
Phoenix	14	43	.246	37
L.A. Lakers	11	47	.190	40½

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores

Orlando 124, Philadelphia 115
Washington 109, New Orleans 89
Sacramento 114, Denver 110
Utah 117, Houston 114, OT
Brooklyn at Portland, late

Today's Games

Charlotte at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
New York at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

LEE

From 1C

in 2010 and Golden State three years later.

But only one of those teams had a winning record. And while the Mavericks are far from title contenders behind Golden State and San Antonio in the Western Conference, Lee expects to help a playoff team still looking for its first postseason series win since taking the franchise's only championship in 2011.

"You can see the chemistry from playing against them and that's something I want to be a part of," Lee said of the Mavericks. "All those things fit well and I think we're in a great spot to make a run here."

Dallas made a similar move last season with Amare Stoudemire after he was waived by the Knicks and managed to get to 50 wins. But that was only good enough for seventh in the West — and a first-round loss to Houston in five games.

"Obviously you'd love to have a guy from training camp on," Nowitzki said. "Sometimes in the league, you've got to adjust. It's not like he's 21 years old and he's still a college player. He knows the pro game. So that makes it a lot easier."

Texas Tech gets 83-79 win over TCU

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Thanks to career nights from Aaron Ross with 25 points and Zach Smith with 23, Texas Tech rallied for a 12-point halftime deficit and earned an 83-79 win over TCU on Tuesday night to notch its fifth straight Big 12 Conference victory for the first time in its 20-year stay in the league.

Texas Tech (18-9, 8-7), which has not reached the NCAA Tournament since 2007, has won five conference games for the first time since the 1995-96 season when it won the Southwest Conference title.

Chauncey Collins and Brandon Parrish netted 39 and 19 points, respectively, for the Horned Frogs (11-17, 2-13).

Despite trailing by 12 at halftime, the Red Raiders did not come out deflated, jumping out to a 14-2 game-changing run to knot things up at 49-49 with 14:38 to play in the second half.

Texas Tech and TCU would trade the lead more than 10 times before the Red Raiders took control late.

TOP25ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

NO. 6 MICHIGAN ST. 81
OHIO ST. 62

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Michigan State's Bryn Forbes hit six 3-pointers in the second half as the sixth-ranked Spartans beat Ohio State 81-62 on Tuesday night.

Forbes had 27 points and finished 7 of 10 from 3-point range.

The Spartans (23-5, 10-5 Big Ten) led 36-31 at halftime but Forbes then scored 20 points and Matt Costello added 12 of his 16.

Denzel Valentine added 17 points and eight assists as the Spartans won for the seventh time in eight games.

Michigan State made 14 of 22 3-point attempts.

Marc Loving had 19 points and JaQuan Lyle added 16 for Ohio State (18-11, 10-6), who had a four-game winning streak stopped.

Ohio State was without sophomore starting forward Jae'Sean Tate because of a left shoulder injury that will keep him out the rest of the season. He will undergo surgery on Friday.

NO. 16 KENTUCKY 78
ALABAMA 53

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Alex Poythress was hungry to play after a two-week absence because of a right knee injury. Kentucky needed a healthy body to fill a manpower void.

Poythress' return ended up better than expected and provided a needed remedy for the 16th-ranked Wildcats in a 78-53 rout of Alabama on Tuesday night.

Sidelined for five games with the injury, the senior forward came off the bench to score 14 points on 5-of-6 shooting in 17 minutes. Poythress complemented Jamal Murray's 23 points, while Tyler Ulis added 19 points and 10 assists as Kentucky pulled away from the Crimson Tide.

Not bad for Poythress' second day back on the job.

"It felt good to be out there again," said Poythress, who returned to practice on Monday. "I missed basketball. I wasn't nervous and there was no point in being nervous. It's just basketball."

Poythress helped the Wildcats (21-7, 11-4 Southeastern Conference) bounce back from Saturday's 79-77 overtime loss at Texas A&M and provide some depth for a Kentucky squad that played without starting forward Derek Willis, who sprained his right ankle against the Aggies. Willis sat on the bench with a boot on his foot, and Kentucky coach John Calipari gave no timetable on his return.

Poythress' comeback arrived right on time.

"He could have stayed out a couple of more days," Kentucky coach John Calipari said of Poythress. "He knew the team needed him."

Isaiah Briscoe scored 10 points and Marcus Lee grabbed 12 rebounds for the Wildcats, who limited the Crimson Tide (16-11, 7-8) to 35 percent shooting and handed them a second straight loss. Kentucky outscored Alabama 40-22 inside, outrebounded the Crimson Tide 41-29 and made 22 of 28 free throws.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

Tuesday's scores

MEN
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 85, LSU 65
Kansas 66, Baylor 60
Texas A&M-CC 85, Abilene Christian 59
Texas Tech 83, TCU 79
Tulsa 74, Temple 55
SOUTH
Barton 75, Mount Olive 73
Davidson 65, Rhode Island 54
Emory & Henry 101, Shenandoah 54
Georgia Southern 54, Georgia St. 52
Georgia Tech 75, Clemson 73
Hampden-Sydney 69, Bridgewater (Va.) 60
Kentucky 78, Alabama 53
LSU-Alexandria 88, LSU-Shreveport 66
Lee 79, Hiwassee 75
Limestone 76, North Greenville 65
Mississippi 85, Missouri 76
Randolph-Macon 84, E. Mennonite 68
Savannah St. 83, Allen 72
Vanderbilt 87, Florida 74
MIDWEST
Bowling Green 87, Ohio 82
Cent. Michigan 78, N. Illinois 64
Dayton 52, Saint Louis 49, OT
E. Michigan 73, W. Michigan 62
Evansville 67, Bradley 55
Miami (Ohio) 77, Akron 64
Michigan St. 81, Ohio St. 62
Minnesota 83, Rutgers 61
Toledo 77, Ball St. 67
EAST
Adelphi 88, American International 71
Army 80, Boston U. 71
Baruch 80, Lehman 64
Bethany (WV) 69, Thiel 60
Buffalo 87, Kent St. 70
Marist 71, Rider 58
Nichols 107, W. New England 68
Post (Conn.) 62, Dominican (NY) 43
St. Joseph's (NY) 78, Farmingdale 75
St. Peter's 61, Manhattan 40
Virginia Tech 71, Boston College 58
Yeshiva 69, Purchase 62

WOMEN
SOUTH
Charleston Southern 80, Campbell 45
Coastal Carolina 65, Presbyterian 47
Erskine 74, Emmanuel (Ga.) 64
Gardner-Webb 57, UNC Asheville 51
LSU-Alexandria 76, LSU-Shreveport 67
Lee 96, Hiwassee 42
Liberty 73, High Point 68
Limestone 58, North Greenville 49
Mount Olive 70, Barton 66
Radford 67, Winthrop 38
UCF 65, Houston 62
Winston-Salem 50, Virginia St. 44
MIDWEST
Finlandia 69, Marantha Baptist 61
Michigan 70, Northwestern 65
EAST
American International 61, Adelphi 58
Dominican (NY) 63, Post (Conn.) 33
Mount St. Mary (NY) 71, Farmingdale 52
Old Westbury 82, St. Joseph's (NY) 72
Philadelphia 83, Chestnut Hill 78
Quinnipiac 81, Manhattan 63
Temple 72, Tulane 67
Thomas (Maine) 83, Castleton 65
W. New England 60, Salve Regina 51

Today's games

MEN
SOUTHWEST
Mississippi St. at Texas A&M, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma St. at Oklahoma, 8 p.m.
SOUTH
Georgia at Auburn, 6 p.m.
VCU at George Mason, 6 p.m.
Norfolk St. at Morgan St., 6 p.m.
George Washington at Richmond, 6 p.m.
Houston at UCF, 8 p.m.
Florida A&M at Howard, 6:30 p.m.
North Carolina at NC State, 7 p.m.
East Carolina at Tulane, 7 p.m.
Tennessee at South Carolina, 8 p.m.
Notre Dame at Wake Forest, 8 p.m.
FAR WEST
Arizona at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Air Force at Fresno St., 9 p.m.
Utah St. at Nevada, 9 p.m.
Washington St. at Oregon, 9 p.m.
Long Beach St. at UC Irvine, 9 p.m.
San Diego St. at Wyoming, 9 p.m.
Washington at Oregon St., 10 p.m.
MIDWEST
S. Illinois at Illinois St., 6 p.m.
Northwestern at Michigan, 6 p.m.
Villanova at Xavier, 6 p.m.
Marquette at Creighton, 7 p.m.
Drake at Missouri St., 7 p.m.
Indiana St. at N. Iowa, 7 p.m.
Wisconsin at Iowa, 8 p.m.
Wichita St. at Loyola of Chicago, 8 p.m.
EAST
Lehigh at Colgate, 6 p.m.
Siena at Fairfield, 6 p.m.
Fordham at La Salle, 6 p.m.
Bucknell at Lafayette, 6 p.m.
Hartford at Maine, 6 p.m.
Albany (NY) at Mass.-Lowell, 6 p.m.
Duquesne at St. Bonaventure, 6 p.m.
Binghamton at UMBC, 6 p.m.
Saint Joseph's at UMass, 6 p.m.
New Hampshire at Vermont, 6 p.m.
Navy at American U., 6:30 p.m.
Holy Cross at Loyola (Md.), 6:30 p.m.
Louisville at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

WOMEN
SOUTHWEST
Stephen F. Austin at Incarnate Word, 6 p.m.
Texas at Texas Tech, 6:30 p.m.
Sam Houston St. at Cent. Arkansas, 7 p.m.
Abilene Christian at Houston Baptist, 7 p.m.
McNeese St. at Lamar, 7 p.m.
Kansas at Oklahoma St., 7 p.m.
South Florida at Tulsa, 7 p.m.
SOUTH
Florida A&M at Howard, 4:30 p.m.
Tennessee St. at Morehead St., 5 p.m.
Belmont at E. Kentucky, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Nicholls St., 6 p.m.
George Mason at VCU, 6 p.m.
E. Illinois at UT Martin, 6 p.m.
FAR WEST
Fresno St. at Air Force, 8 p.m.
Colorado St. at New Mexico, 8 p.m.
Nevada at Utah St., 8 p.m.
Wyoming at San Diego St., 8:30 p.m.
Long Beach St. at Cal Poly, 9 p.m.
UC Riverside at CS Northridge, 9 p.m.
Boise St. at UNLV, 9 p.m.
MIDWEST
Ball St. at Cent. Michigan, 6 p.m.
East Carolina at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.
Saint Louis at Dayton, 6 p.m.
Akron at Miami (Ohio), 6 p.m.
Kent St. at Ohio, 6 p.m.
E. Michigan at Toledo, 6 p.m.
N. Illinois at W. Michigan, 6 p.m.
SIU Edwardsville at SE Missouri, 6:30 p.m.
Michigan St. at Illinois, 7 p.m.
Kansas St. at Iowa St., 7 p.m.
Ohio St. at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Nebraska, 7 p.m.
EAST
Fairfield at Iona, 3 p.m.
Boston U. at Army, 6 p.m.
UMBC at Binghamton, 6 p.m.
Lafayette at Bucknell, 6 p.m.
Bowling Green at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
La Salle at Duquesne, 6 p.m.
St. Bonaventure at Fordham, 6 p.m.
Richmond at George Washington, 6 p.m.
Maine at Hartford, 6 p.m.
Colgate at Lehigh, 6 p.m.
American at Navy, 6 p.m.
Iowa at Penn St., 6 p.m.
UMass at Rhode Island, 6 p.m.
Davidson at Saint Joseph's, 6 p.m.
SMU at UConn, 6 p.m.
TCU at West Virginia, 6 p.m.
Loyola (Md.) at Holy Cross, 6:05 p.m.

Top 25 fared

MEN
Tuesday

1. Villanova (24-3) did not play. Next: at No. 5 Xavier, Wednesday.
2. Kansas (24-4) beat No. 19 Baylor 66-60. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.
3. Oklahoma (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Wednesday.
4. Virginia (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 North Carolina, Saturday.
5. Xavier (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 Villanova, Wednesday.
6. Michigan State (23-5) beat Ohio State 81-62. Next: vs. Penn State, Sunday.
7. North Carolina (22-5) did not play. Next: at N.C. State, Wednesday.
8. Iowa (20-6) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Wednesday.
9. Arizona (22-5) did not play. Next: at Colorado, Wednesday.
10. Maryland (23-5) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Purdue, Saturday.
11. Louisville (21-6) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Wednesday.
12. Miami (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 Louisville, Saturday.
13. Oregon (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. Washington State, Wednesday.
14. West Virginia (21-7) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma State, Saturday.
15. Duke (20-7) did not play. Next: vs. Florida State, Thursday.
16. Kentucky (21-7) beat Alabama 78-53. Next: at Vanderbilt, Saturday.
17. Iowa State (19-9) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.
18. Indiana (22-6) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Thursday. Next: at No. 8 Iowa, Tuesday.
19. Baylor (20-8) lost to No. 2 Kansas 66-60. Next: at TCU, Saturday.
20. Purdue (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Maryland, Saturday.
21. Texas A&M (20-7) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi State, Wednesday.
22. Utah (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona State, Thursday.
23. Notre Dame (18-8) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Wednesday.
24. SMU (22-4) did not play. Next: at Memphis, Thursday.
25. Texas (18-10) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Oklahoma, Saturday.

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Middle (N)	Goldberg (N)	Modern Family (N)	Black-ish (N)	Crime "Season Two: Episode Eight" (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Kaoh Rong (N)		Criminal Minds "A Badge and a Gun" (N)		Code Black "Blood Sport" (SF) (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Laverne & Shirley	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Lawful Lazarus"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Amer. Idol "Wildcard Night: Judges Pick" (N)		Hell's Kitchen "11 Chefs Compete" (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	2 Broke Girls	Modern Family	Two and Half Men	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Mani Erfan	House Call	Update News	Israel Inspired	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Walking	Restore Zion	Creation Proclaims	Biblical
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	The Mysteries of Laura (N)		LawnO: SVU "Star-Struck Victims" (N)		Chicago P.D. (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature "Snow Chick" (N)		Nova "Rise of the Robots" (N)		The Human Face of Big Data (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		World News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Un camino hacia el destino		Antes muerta que lichita		Pasion y poder		El Hotel de los Secretos		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Fam. Feud	Closer "Next of Kin"		The Closer		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Office	Access H.
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:25) ★ Tart		★ Nacho Libre Jack Black.				(:35) ★ Turner & Hooch		(:15) ★ Quicksand Michael Caine.			
HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:40) ★ Furious 7 ('15, Act) Vin Diesel.		Nature "Snow Chick" (N)		Vice	Girls	Vinyl		★ Annabelle Annabelle Wallis.		Movie	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Movie	Gonzaga	★ Magic Mike XXL Channing Tatum.				Mike Nichols		(:15) Girls	Together	(:15) Vice	Movie
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(:15) ★ Focus ('15, Com/Dra) Will Smith.		LastWeek		★ Wish I Was Here Zach Braff.				(:20) Real Sports		(:20) ★ Get Hard	
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:35) ★ Let's Be Cops		(:20) ★ Neighbors Seth Rogen.				★ The Transporter			(:35) Femme Fatales		Femme
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:10) ★ A Perfect Murder				★ Draft Day ('14, Spt) Kevin Costner.				(:55) ★ Death Sentence			Movie
PLEX			96			(5:25) ★ The Crocod...		★ Madeline Hatte Jones.			(:35) ★ Planet Ocean			(:15) ★ Winged Migration			Movie
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(5:00) ★ Into the Blue		★ The Imitation Game				M. Jackson's Journey			(:35) ★ Traffic		
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:15) ★ St. Vincent		★ Bandits ('01, Com) Bruce Willis.				(:05) ★ Lucky Number Slevin				★ Play It to the Bo...	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck D. "Pie Hard"	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dyn. (N)	Jep&Jessica (N)	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck D. "Pie Hard"
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) ★ Top Gun		★ Enemy of the State ('98, Act) Gene Hackman, Will Smith.						★ U.S. Marshals Wesley Snipes.			
BET	58	-		40		Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Mann's	Mann's	About the (P) (N)		About the Business		Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Housewives Potomac		Beverly Hills (N)		Housewives Atlanta		Newlyweds (N)		Watch (N)	Newlyweds		Beverly
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Restaurant Startup		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Restaurant Start (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Dual Survival		Survival "On Thin Ice"		Dual Survival (N)		Venom Hunters (N)		Dual Survival		Venom Hunters	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Friends	Jessie	★ Nanny McPhee			(:35) Jessie	Liv/Mad	Underc.	Girl M.	Austin	★ Up, Up and Away	
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	(5:00) SprtC	Count	NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Chicago Bulls (L)				NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Sacramento Kings (L)					
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball MS St./Tex.A&M (L)				NCAA Basketball Arizona vs. Colorado (L)				SportsCenter			
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners	Diners	Pleasure	Top 5 (N)	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) ★ Monster-in...		Young (N)	Daddy (N)	★ Freaky Friday Jamie Lee Curtis.				The 700 Club		★ You Again	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	RodeoHo ustonPrev	RDO Hous Cowboys	Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Dallas Mavericks Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Maveric-ks Live (L)	Rangers Insider	NBDL Basketball Bak./Tex.	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:00) ★ American ...		★ World War Z ('13, Act) Mireille Enos, Brad Pitt.					★ World War Z ('13, Act) Mireille Enos, Brad Pitt.				
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers (N)		H.Hunt	House	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		Pawn (N)	Join,Die	(:05) Vikings		American Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Little Women: Atlanta "Birthday Blowout"		Little Women: LA "Oh Baby! " (N)		Little Women: LA (N)		LW Atlanta "Bad Apples" (N)		Little Women ATL "Bad Apples " (N)		Little Women: LA "Oh Baby!"	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				NHL Live	NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Boston Bruins (L)					NHL Hockey San Jose Sharks at Colorado Avalanche (L)					Overtime
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Paradise	H.Danger	H.Danger	Nicky	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	(5:00) ★ Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen					★ The Dark Knight ('08, Act) Heath Ledger, Aaron Eckhart, Christian Bale.						
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(4:00) ★ Indiana Jo...		Face Off		Face Off (N)		The Magicians		Face Off		★ Star Trek: Gener...	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Seven"	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		2 Broke Girls	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ All the King...		★ A Little Romance Diane Lane.				★ M*A*S*H Donald Sutherland.				(:15) ★ Network	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Quien es quien?		Eva, La Trailera		Querida cen$auro		Al rojo	Titulares	Gran Hermano	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Amber's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Teretha's Story" (N)		My 600-lb Life "Brittani's Story" (N)		Fat Chance "Daniel" (N)		My 600-lb Life "Teretha's Story"		Fat Chance "Daniel"	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Castle "Once Upon a Crime"		Castle "A Dance With Death"		Castle "47 Seconds"		Castle "The Limey"		CSI: NY "The Thing About Heroes"		CSI: NY "Child's Play"	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Younger	Teachers	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	NCIS "The Penelope Papers"		NCIS "Status Update"		NCIS "Lost in Translation"		Suits "Tick Tock " (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
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No stress? That's a big worry for Padraig Harrington

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — For all the emotional stress of trying to win a golf tournament, Padraig Harrington can't seem to live without it.

Consider the Honda Classic.

A year ago, Harrington charged his way into the lead with four straight birdies, only to dump a 5-iron into the water and make double bogey on the par-3 17th hole to fall one shot behind. Right when it looked as though he had thrown away the tournament, Harrington made a 15-foot birdie putt to get into a playoff. Two holes later on the 17th, he hit another 5-iron to 3 feet that sewed up the victory.

It was wild.

Apparently it wasn't an aberration.

"If you actually knew my career," Harrington said Tuesday, "I don't think I've ever made it easy for myself. Ever. In my entire life."

The Honda Classic is the most recent example. Another would be his first British Open title at Carnoustie in 2007, when Harrington hit into the Barry Burn twice on the 18th hole and scrambled for a double bogey to lose the lead. And he still won the claret jug.

Sitting on the front row as Harrington spoke were 12-year-old Luke Clanton and 13-year-old Yae Eun Kim, who moments earlier posed with Harrington as a perk for winning the U.S. Kids Golf players of the year honors.

"I've been learning that lesson since I'm the age of the young ones here in front," he said. "I like a bit of adversity. I seem to bring it on myself. I've won plenty of tournaments where I've hit it out-of-bounds in the last round, plenty of tournaments where I've hit it in the water in the last round. So I know it's never over until the end."

From there, he took his audience halfway around the world to his victory at the end of 2014 in the Indonesian Open.

"I was tied going down the last and I hit it in the water," Harrington said. "I still won."

Then, he turned to the boy and girl on the front row and said, "Just remember that. I hit it in the water on the last and I still won. ... You never know what's going to happen."

He must wonder what would have happened without the Irish Youths at Dundalk Golf Club when he was 18. Harrington calls it the hardest tournament he ever lost. He was two shots ahead with three to play, and while there were no leaderboards on the course, someone told him the score.

"And I relaxed and I thought I had it won," he said. "And I bogeyed the last three holes."

He heard about it from the other kids, and he was devastated. That was about the time he started working with a sports psychologist, and he realized in his mind he didn't blow the tournament because of the pressure. He blew it because there was none.

That's his story, anyway.

GOLF GLANCE

PGA TOUR
HONDA CLASSIC
Site: Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: PGA National Resort and Spa, The Champion (7,140 yards, par 70).
Purse: $6.1 million. Winner's share: $1,098,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday-Friday, 1-5 p.m., 8 p.m.-midnight; Saturday-Sunday, noon-2 p.m., 6 p.m.-11 p.m.) and NBC (Saturday-Sunday, 2-5 p.m.).
Last year: Padraig Harrington won the rain-delayed event in a Monday finish. He beat Daniel Berger with a birdie on the second hole of a playoff.
Last week: Bubba Watson won the Northern Trust Open at Riviera in Los Angeles. He birdied two of the last three holes to beat Adam Scott and Jason Kokrak by a stroke.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

LPGA TOUR
HONDA LPGA THAILAND
Site: Chonburi, Thailand.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Siam Country Club, Pattaya Old Course (6,548 yards, par 72).
Purse: $1.6 million. Winner's share: $240,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday-Friday, midnight-4 a.m., 10 a.m.-noon; Saturday-Sunday, midnight-4 a.m., 2-5 p.m.).
Last year: South Korea's Amy Yang won her second LPGA Tour title. Stacy Lewis, Yani Tseng and Mirim Lee tied for second, two strokes back.
Last week: Japan's Haru Nomura won the Women's Australian Open for her first LPGA Tour title. She closed with a 7-under 65 for a three-stroke victory over top-ranked Lydia Ko.
Online: http://www.lpga.com

EUROPEAN TOUR/PGA TOUR OF AUSTRALASIA/ASIAN TOUR
ISPS HANDA PERTH INTERNATIONAL
Site: Perth, Australia.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Lake Karrinyup Country Club (7,143 yards, par 72).
Purse: $1.27 million. Winner's share: $210,875.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday-Sunday, 4-8 a.m.).
Last event: Denmark's Thorbjorn Olesen won in October 2014, beating France's Victor Dubuisson by three strokes.
Last week: Marcus Fraser won the inaugural Maybank Championship Malaysia by two strokes for his third European Tour title.
Online: www.perthinternational.com
European Tour site: http://www.europeantour.com
PGA Tour of Australasia site: http://www.pgatour.com.au
Asian Tour site: http://www.asiantour.com

LADIES EUROPEAN TOUR/AUSTRALIAN LADIES PROFESSIONAL GOLF
RACV AUSTRALIAN LADIES MASTERS
Site: Gold Coast, Australia.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: RACV Royal Pines Resort (6,445 yards, par 73).
Purse: $277,000. Winner's share: $55,540.
Television: None.
Last year: Australia's Su Oh won in her second pro start, beating Charley Hull, Katherine Kirk and Florentyna Parker by three strokes.
Last week: Japan's Haru Nomura won the Women's Australian Open. She closed with a 7-under 65 for a three-stroke victory over top-ranked Lydia Ko.
Online: http://www.ladiesmasters.com
Ladies European Tour site: http://www.ladieseuropeantour.com
Australian Ladies Professional Golf site: http://www.alpg.com.au

PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS
Next event: Tucson Conquistadores Classic, March 18-20, Omni Tucson National, Tucson, Arizona.
Last event: Bernhard Langer won the Chubb Classic in Naples, Florida, on Feb. 14 for his 26th senior title. The 58-year-old German player shot 62-66-73 for a three-stroke victory.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

WEB.COM TOUR
Next event: Chitimacha Louisiana Open, March 17-20, Le Triomphe Golf and Country Club, Broussard, Louisiana.
Last event: Sebastian Munoz won his home-town Club Colombia Championship on Feb. 7 for his first Web.com Tour victory. He birdied the final hole for a one-stroke victory.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

OTHER TOURNAMENTS
MEN
PGA TOUR LATINOAMERICA: Colombia Open, Thursday-Sunday, Club Campestre de Medellin, Medellin, Colombia. Online: http://www.pgatourla.com
SUNSHINE TOUR: Eye of Africa PGA Championship, Thursday-Sunday, Eye of Africa Signature Golf Estate, Ellwanger, South Africa. Online: http://sunshinetour.com

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There is one letter that, when added to all of the five-letter words below, can be used to form new six-letter words. Find the letter that works for all four words, add it to each word, and then rearrange each set of letters to form a new word.

ACUTE
TALLY
IDLED
LUNGE

COMMON LETTER

Yesterday's Answer: CLOUDY, DOURLY, LOUDER, RETOLD, LOITER, ORIENT, RETINA

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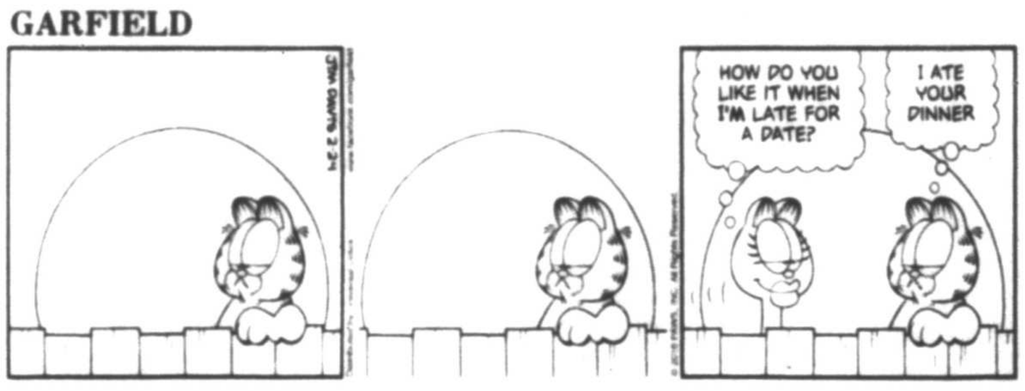

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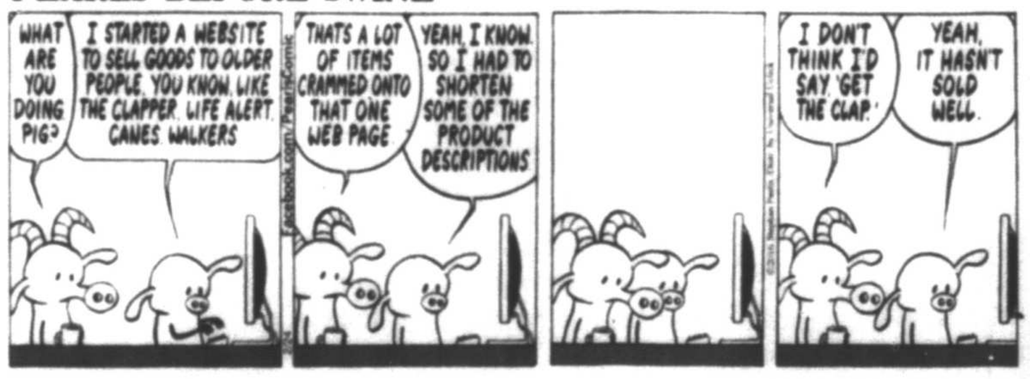

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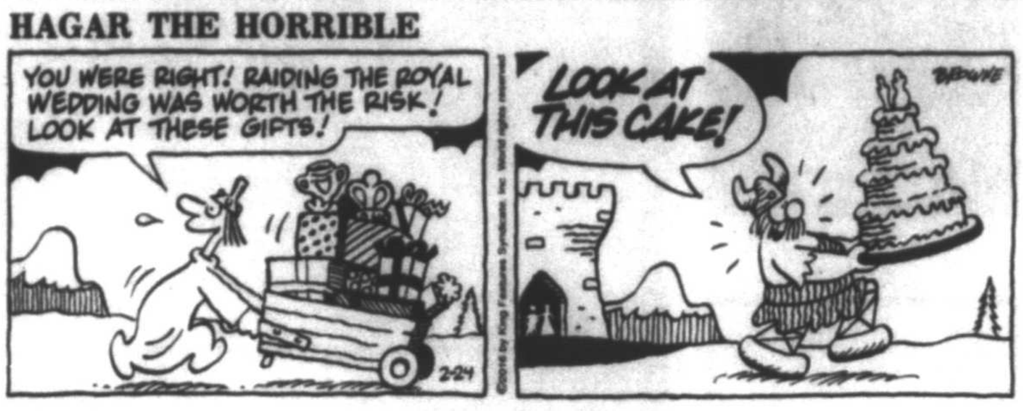

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MARY WORTH

ZITS

BABY BLUES

MUTTS

CLOSE TO HOME

"Hey...hi...I'm just, uh I...Stan still owes me 12 bucks from poker last week, so I'm just settling things up."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I THINK IT'S TIME TO PUT DAD 'OUT TO PASTURE'."

LOCKHORNS

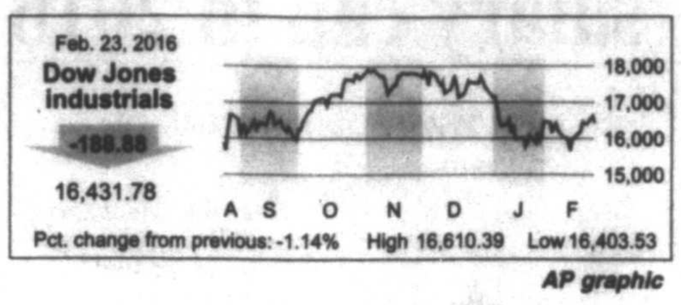
"NO, I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THE MINUTES OF OUR LAST ARGUMENT."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"You said to wash BEHIND my ears. You didn't say anything about in FRONT of them."

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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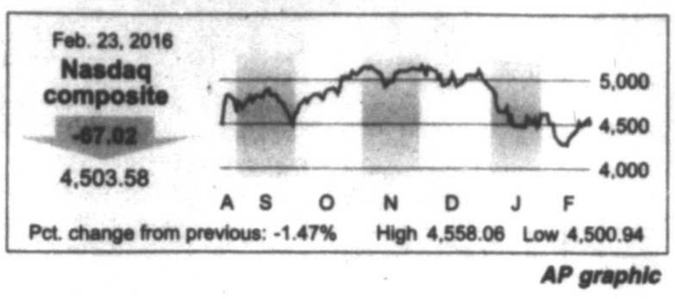

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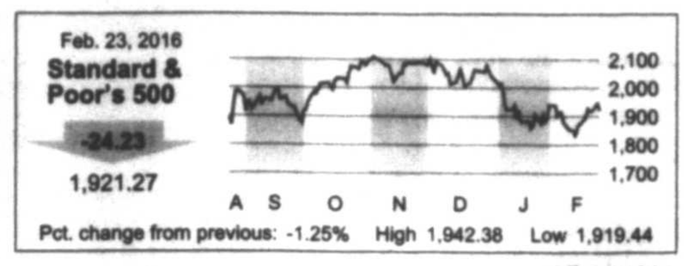

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Tuesday: $31.87
Previous: $31.48

POSTED

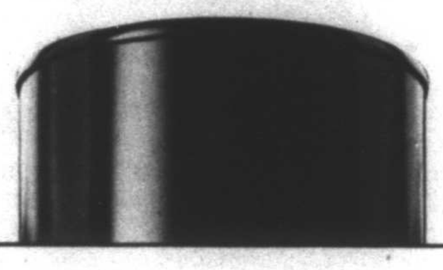
Tuesday: $28.25
Previous: $27.75

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday: $25.05
Previous: $24.55

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday: $1.782
Previous: $1.821



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Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CSVLgCrd nt	13843451.31		-.23
BkofAm	1020733	12.16	-.38
S&P500ETF	978675192.32		-2.46
CabotO&G	619809	19.26	-2.28
MktVGold	615038	18.92	+.39

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
HelixEn	3.53	+.57	+19.3
Rogers	51.48	+5.98	+13.1
MagnaChp	4.87	+.55	+12.7
McDrmInt	2.85	+.30	+11.8
MRC Glbl	10.49	+1.11	+11.8

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Chegg	3.47	-1.87	-35.0
Navios pfG	3.35	-1.39	-29.3
Fitbit n	13.08	-3.44	-20.8
OnDeckCap	7.05	-1.75	-19.9
NavMH pfH	3.20	-.72	-18.4

Diary

Advanced	1,020
Declined	2,095
Unchanged	77
Total issues	3,192
New Highs	42
New Lows	26
Volume	3,772,420,685

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Globalstar	62548	1.17	+.11
NwGold g	50855	3.24	+.17
ChanterraEn	47180	30.50	+.18
iShIndia bt	37470	24.10	-.70
BarcGSOil	29820	4.62	-.17

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ErinEn rs	2.41	+.23	+10.6
TrioTch	2.70	+.25	+10.2
Tofutti	2.48	+.20	+8.8
XtantMed	2.93	+.23	+8.5
NwGold g	3.24	+.17	+5.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Gastar pfB	3.92	-1.83	-31.8
Gastar pfA	3.28	-1.17	-26.3
AmpioPhm	2.11	-.20	-8.7
Contango	5.39	-.51	-8.6
MAG Slv g	7.30	-.69	-8.6

Diary

Advanced	162
Declined	206
Unchanged	23
Total issues	391
New Highs	8
New Lows	9
Volume	88,079,723

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
FrontierCm	513491	5.08	+.57
SiriusXM	358021	3.61	-.09
Apple Inc	301172	94.69	-2.19
PwShs QQQ	2767421.58		-1.70
Microsoft	269232	51.18	-1.47

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Newport	22.76	+7.72	+51.3
SecndSight	6.79	+1.50	+28.4
RedwBfM	9.51	+1.64	+20.8
Momo	12.00	+1.98	+19.8
Aradigm	3.08	+.43	+16.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PTC Thera	10.84	-17.42	-61.6
OdysMar rs	2.41	-.66	-21.5
FstFnB wt	6.04	-1.41	-18.9
PowerSolu	8.83	-1.93	-17.9
Conrs	15.69	-3.25	-17.2

Diary

Advanced	851
Declined	1,902
Unchanged	162
Total issues	2,915
New Highs	24
New Lows	60
Volume	1,708,312,112

US bank earnings jump 11.9 percent in Q4; loan losses up

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The impact of plummeting oil prices has shown up in the financial picture of U.S. banks, whose losses from loans increased for the first time in 5 1/2 years, according to new government data.

U.S. bank earnings jumped 11.9 percent in the final three months of 2015 compared with the previous year as revenue rose. Legal expenses declined as some big banks wound down legal settlements that arose from the financial crisis.

But the data issued Tuesday by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. showed an increase in loan losses for the industry for the first time in 2009, during the crisis. The increase in loans that banks wrote off as uncollectible was especially strong — 43.4 percent — for industrial borrowers as tumbling oil prices hurt energy companies.

Falling oil prices over the past year and a half — now hovering around $30 a barrel for crude oil from a $100 high in mid-2014 — have sliced into the profits of energy companies and put projects on hold. Big Wall Street banks have made loans to energy companies to finance oil production in Texas, North Dakota and elsewhere. As cash flow from oil sales has trickled, some companies are straining to repay their loans.

The fallout has come fast. The six largest U.S. banks — JPMorgan Chase, Goldman Sachs, Citigroup, Morgan Stanley, Wells Fargo and Bank of America — have tens of billions of dollars of exposure to risky energy loans that won't all be paid back. The value of those loans will have to be written down even further, and bank profits are going to take a hit, the credit agency Moody's has said.

The energy-related loans on the balance sheets of the biggest banks represent only a small percentage of their overall lending, but the losses will be noticeable.

Smaller and regional banks that operate in areas like Texas and North Dakota and cater to energy companies also are feeling the pain.

More than half of all banks, 56.6 percent, reported an increase in profit from a year earlier. Only 9.1 percent of banks were unprofitable.

In the fourth quarter, banks increased the amounts they set aside to cover potential losses on loans by 45.5 percent, or $3.8 billion, from a year earlier, the FDIC reported. That brought the total set aside for the latest period to $12 billion — the highest level in three years.

And lending grew by 2.3 percent, driven by a mostly seasonal increase in credit card balances and a rise in commercial and industrial loans.

The number of banks on the FDIC's "problem list" fell to 183 from 203 in the third quarter.

The number of bank failures continues to slow, marking eight last year. That is still more than normal. In a strong economy, an average of four or five banks closes annually. But failures declined from 24 in 2013 and were down sharply from 157 in 2010 — the most in one year since the height of the savings and loan crisis in 1992.

US court upholds Colorado tax reporting law

Associated Press

DENVER — A federal appeals court has upheld a Colorado law requiring out-of-state Internet retailers to tell customers how much they owe in state sales taxes on their purchases.

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the law doesn't discriminate against interstate commerce, as online retailers claimed. The ruling was dated Monday.

The Direct Marketing Association, which challenged the statute, said it hasn't decided whether to appeal to the Supreme Court, The Denver Post reported Tuesday.

The ruling could re-ignite a national debate over whether states can tax online sales. A 1992 Supreme Court decision bans states from forcing out-of-state retailers to collect taxes if they don't have a physical presence in the state.

The Colorado law, passed in 2010, doesn't require such retailers to collect taxes. It does require them to tell their customers if the customers owe state taxes on their purchases, and to report those purchases to state government.

Colorado law requires residents to pay taxes on such purchases, but it's generally ignored. Some people argue that gives online retailers a competitive edge by making their goods cheaper.

Colorado Attorney General Cynthia Coffman called the ruling a victory for the state.

"The law we successfully defended will promote the collection of tax revenue owed to the state and level the economic playing field for businesses based in Colorado," she said in a written statement.

The ruling could prompt other states to pass similar laws and could push Congress to address the issue nationally, said Michael Mazerov, a senior fellow at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities who has followed the Colorado case.

Consumers won't want to self-report online purchases and pay sales tax each year, but they will want the retailers to take care of it, Mazerov said. "That could have the political effect of putting more pressure on legislators," he said.

Stocks fall broadly

Stocks fell broadly on Tuesday as commodity prices retreated. Crude oil sank more than 4 percent. Investors remained worried about growth in China as the country cut the value of its currency against the dollar yet again.

Investors were also discouraged by a report showing that consumer confidence fell to its lowest level in seven months.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 188.88 points, or 1.1 percent, to 16,431.78. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 24.23 points, or 1.3 percent, to 1,921.27 and the Nasdaq composite fell 67.02 points, or 1.5 percent, to 4,503.58.

Saudi Arabia's oil minister said Tuesday that production cuts to boost oil prices won't work, and said the world's oil market should be allowed to work even if that forces some operators out of business. He also said he expects oil prices to remain low for some time.

Crude oil fell $1.52, or 4.6 percent, to $31.87 a barrel while Brent crude, which is used to price oils internationally, fell $1.42, or 4.1 percent, to $33.27 a barrel in London.

Metal prices end mixed

Precious and industrial metals futures ended mixed. Gold rose $12.50 to $1,222.60 an ounce, silver rose six cents to $15.24 an ounce and copper slipped a penny to $2.11 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

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Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $10.86 Down 1.31

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Closing Price $90.87 Down 4.10

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Closing Price $3.47 Down 0.02

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $69.99 Down 3.71

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $0.77 Down 0.05

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.45 Down 0.16

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $17.35 Up 0.08

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $19.82 Down 1.46

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $4.04 Down 0.26

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $14.29 Down 0.21

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.92f	16	36.74	-.12	+6.8
Abraxas	...	5	.86	-.08	-17.0
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	11.73	-.10	-8.6
Alcoa	.12	15	8.53	-.36	-13.6
Alibaba	...	26	66.97	-1.87	-17.6
AlonUSA	.60	7	10.28	-.48	-30.7
AlpAlerMLP	1.20e	...	9.66	-.44	-19.8
Ambev	.19e	...	4.57	-.13	+2.5
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Anadarko	.20m	...	36.30	-2.05	-27.3
Apache	1.00	...	37.88	-1.73	-14.8
Apple Inc	2.08	10	94.69	-2.19	-10.0
ApldMatl	.40	17	18.51	+.02	-.9
Archrock	.75f	12	3.89	-.36	-48.3
ATMOS	1.68f	23	70.48	+.99	+11.8
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BP PLC	2.40e	...	29.00	-1.30	-7.2
BabcCClnv	1.20	...	16.29	+.03	-5.6
BakrHu	.68	...	42.49	-1.00	-7.9
BkofAm	.20	9	12.16	-.38	-27.7
B iPVixST	...	...	25.18	+1.21	+25.3
BarrickG	.08	47	13.54	+.72	+83.5
BasicEnSv	...	...	1.88	-.10	-29.9
BerkHa A	...	14	199500.00	-2148.00	-.7
BkHillsCp	1.68f	38	59.35	-.33	+21.4
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BrownFA	1.36f	35	112.00	+.22	+1.7
BrownPB	1.36f	32	102.76	-.02	+3.5
CVS Health	1.70f	20	96.75	-.71	-1.0
CabotO&G	.08	...	19.26	-2.28	+8.9
CalifResc	...	...	.43	-.01	-81.7
Cameron	...	18	65.70	-1.67	+4.0
Caterpillar	3.08	13	65.78	-1.53	-3.2
Celestic g	...	12	9.79	+.11	-11.2
CntryLink	2.16	18	29.25	-.74	+16.3
ChesEng	...	...	2.19	-.20	-51.3
Chevron	4.28	35	84.91	-3.91	-5.8
Chicos	.31	47	10.70	+.07	+.3
Cimarex	.54	...	66.27	-1.83	-3.5
Cisco	1.04f	13	26.12	-.51	-3.1
Citigroup	.20	9	38.22	-1.30	-28.1
CleyEng	...	...	10.88	-1.31	-63.3
CocaCola	1.40f	25	43.89	-.25	+1.7
ColgPalm	1.52	24	67.20	-.41	+.9

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ConAgra	1.00	22	41.92	+.01	-.6
ConchoRes	...	54	90.87	-4.10	-2.1
ConocoPhil	1.00m	...	32.92	-1.53	-29.5
CrackerB	.40a	21	147.48	+6.22	+16.3
CSVLgNG rs	...	...	.96	-.05	-60.7
CSVLgCrd rs	...	...	...	1.51	-.23
-61.8					
CSVelVST	...	...	18.70	-.99	-27.5
CSVixSh rs	...	...	9.01	+.83	+43.9
CroeTim	1.40e	9	14.41	+.11	+10.8
DCP Mid	3.12	9	16.72	-1.15	-32.2
DTE	2.92f	19	85.76	+.37	+6.9
Dataram h	...	...	.70	-.03	+6.1
DevonE	.24m	...	18.91	-1.39	-40.9
DirDxBr	...	...	4.61	-.28	-72.1
Disney	1.42f	17	95.38	-.99	-6.2
DowChm	1.84f	11	46.98	-.81	-8.7
EMC Cp	.46	20	25.28	-.02	-1.6
EOG Resce	.67	...	68.02	-4.19	-3.9
EmpDist	1.04	26	33.15	-.36	+18.1
EnCana g	.28	...	3.01	-.29	-40.9
Energen	.08	...	24.65	-1.40	-39.9
EgyTrEq s	1.14f	7	6.62	-.54	-51.8
EngyTsfr	.42f	92	29.57	-1.43	-12.3
EnPro	.80	...	43.86	-.49	...
EntProdPt	1.56f	18	22.59	-.82	-11.7
Ericsson	.39e	...	9.22	-.11	-4.1
ExxonMbl	2.92	21	81.23	+1.16	+4.2
Facebook	...	69	105.46	-1.70	+.8
Fitbit n	...	15	13.08	-3.44	-55.8
FordM	.60a	7	12.42	-.14	-11.9
FrptMcM	...	...	7.24	-.69	+8.9
FrontierCm	.42	...	5.08	+.57	+8.8
GATX	1.60f	8	41.59	+.06	-2.3
GabelliET	.94e	...	6.86	+.12	-8.7
GAInv	1.15e	...	29.31	-.22	-11.4
GenElec	.92	...	29.22	+.10	-6.2
GlPalmEn	1.08f	22	29.05	-.07	+6.4
HP Inc	.50	...	10.31	-.37	-12.9
HalconRs rs	...	...	.42	-.03	-68.5
HallibrTn	.72	...	32.09	-.79	-8.7
HP Ent n	.22	...	13.09	-.71	-13.9
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	20.55	-.55	-.8
iShJapan	.13e	...	10.83	-.18	-10.6

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iShChinaLC	.76e	...	30.54	-.78	-13.5
iShEMkts	.84e	...	30.33	-.66	-5.8
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	53.64	-.89	-8.7
iShBndHYB	5.09	...	78.15	-.16	-3.0
iShR2K	1.73e	...	100.64	-.93	-10.6
Intel	1.04f	12	28.80	-.55	-16.4
InterDig	.80	15	50.41	+.94	+2.8
ItauUnbH	.45e	...	6.20	-.16	-4.6
JPMorgCh	1.76	10	56.12	-2.45	-14.4
JohnJn	3.00	17	104.06	-.67	+1.3
KimbClk	3.68f	37	131.53	+.16	+3.3
KindMorg	.50m	26	17.42	-.48	+16.8
LegacyRes	.60m	...	.77	-.05	-56.0
Lubys	...	...	4.84	+.03	+3.8
Macys	1.44	11	42.31	+1.25	+21.0
MarathrO	.20m	...	7.03	-.46	-44.2
MidVGold	.12e	...	18.92	+.39	+37.9
McDnlds	3.56f	23	116.90	-.77	-1.0
Merck	1.84f	24	50.54	-.23	-4.3
MeritMed	...	32	17.49	+.80	-5.9
MexcoEn	...	...	2.45	-.16	-24.1
MicronT	...	6	10.49	-.56	-25.9
Microsoft	1.44	33	51.18	-1.47	-7.8
MorgStan	.60	8	23.71	-.83	-25.5
Nabors	.24	...	6.88	-.43	-19.2
NatGrid	3.35e	...	60.43	-1.09	-1.6
NOVArco	1.84	11	28.65	-.75	-14.5
Netflix s	...	...	89.12	-2.61	-22.1
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PioNtrl	.08	57	119.57	-5.44	-4.6
PlainsAAP	2.80	13	19.78	-1.53	-14.4
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	101.58	-1.70	-9.2

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Praxair	3.00f	19	102.22	-2.00	-.2
PrmEgy	...	23	49.56	...	-6.5
PUVixST rs	...	...	40.95	+3.72	+44.4
PrUCrude rs	...	...	7.05	-.64	-43.8
PrectGam	2.65	27	81.81	-.32	+3.0
ProUShSP	...	...	21.95	+.51	+10.1
RangeRs	.16	14	22.61	-2.28	-8.1
RegionsFn	.24	11	7.57	-.33	-21.1
Rowan	.40	...	11.87	-.25	-30.0
RoyDShllA	3.76	67	44.33	-1.88	-3.2
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	164.15	-1.79	-5.7
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	192.32	-2.46	-5.7
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SunocoLog	1.92f	...	21.79	-.82	-15.2
TidrRes g	.10m	...	6.02	-.82	+56.0
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	10.24	-.23	-7.4

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3M Co	4.44f	20	156.17	-1.53	+3.7
Torchmark	.54	13	51.82	-.67	-9.1
Transocn	...	...	8.54	-.29	-31.0
TrtContl	.81e	...	18.46	-.17	-7.8
Twitter	...	...	18.30	...	-20.9
TylerTech	...	56	119.50	-1.41	-31.4
UltraPt g	...	...	.39	+.03	-84.4
UBSI	1.32f	17	34.58	-.53	-6.5
US OilFd	...	...	8.48	-.43	-22.9
Vale SA	.29e	...	3.11	-.23	-5.5
ValeantPh	...	45	79.27	+3.35	-22.0
ValeroE	2.40f	6	57.49	-1.19	-18.7
VangEmg	1.10e	...	30.76	-.68	-6.0
Vipshop	...	30	12.40	-.58	-18.8
VulcanM	.80f	54	94.48	-1.57	-.5
WEC Engy	1.98f	21	57.35	+.25	+11.8
WalgBoots	1.44	23	78.73	-.07	-7.5
WellsFargo	1.50	12	48.10	-1.09	-11.5
WstnRefin	1.52f	5	25.40	-1.46	-28.7
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Xerox	.31f	20	9.50	-.09	-10.6
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9,214.77	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,325.17	-95.94	-1.29	-2.44	-20.19
629.68	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	627.17	+1.09	+.17	+8.54	+3.16
11,254.87	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	9,494.32	-122.00	-1.27	-6.40	-14.64
5,231.94	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	4,503.58	-67.03	-1.47	-10.06	-9.35
2,134.72	1,810.10	S&P 500	1,921.27	-24.23	-1.25	-6.00	-9.18
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Competition committee debates ejections for personal fouls

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Stephen Jones believes the NFL will crack down on flagrant personal fouls next season.

He's just not sure what it will take for a player to get thrown out of a game.

After spending most of Tuesday inside an Indianapolis hotel, Jones emerged from an NFL competition committee meeting and acknowledged he expects the debate over ejecting players for multiple personal fouls to be resolved as early as next month's owners meetings in Boca Raton, Florida.

The debate is all about the details.

"I think it's not really about how many, it's what personal fouls should be included," said Jones, the Dallas Cowboys' executive vice president for player personnel. "There's more to it than that (a number)."

It's yet another aspect of the growing concern over player safety in football.

In response, league officials have implemented stronger concussion protocols and supported moves to teach safer tackling techniques at all levels of the sport.

The competition committee, meanwhile, has recommended a series of rules changes in recent years to provide more protection on the field. Some of the alterations have included penalties for hitting defenseless receivers, restricting the use of the crown of the helmet by offensive or defensive players, and eliminating blind-side blocks, particularly on punt or kick returns.

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New concerns emerged last December when New York Giants receiver Odell Beckham Jr. was called for three personal fouls during a loss to the Carolina Panthers. Beckham played aggressively throughout the game, but some of his penalties were so flagrant it spurred a debate whether players with more than one offense in a game should automatically be ejected — like basketball players and coaches who receive more than one technical foul, or soccer players who receive two yellow cards.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said during Super Bowl week he believes two personal fouls in the same game by one player should lead to ejection, and Jones indicated there's not much dissension on that point.

And now that everyone is in Indianapolis for the league's annual scouting combine, which begins Wednesday, the topic is front and center.

"We've had preliminary discussions," Atlanta Falcons president and committee chairman Rich McKay said. "But it takes some amount of time to develop something like this."

There has been no discussion of implementing an NBA-style rule based on the number of personal fouls assessed to individual players during the season because repeat offenders already receive bigger fines and more punitive actions under the current NFL system.

The NFL Players Association does not have to approve rules changes before they take effect.

League officials and the union have had some discussions about revamping the discipline process.

The other big issue for the competition committee on this year's agenda in Indy is a retread: the definition of a catch. Over the past several years, fans, players and even coaches have argued vehemently they have had a hard time understanding the rule.

Jones said the committee has not looked at replays of Larry Fitzgerald's reception in last season's playoff game against Green Bay, which was upheld by a replay review, or compared it to the one Dez Bryant thought he made in the playoffs a year earlier at Green Bay. Bryant's "catch" was overturned and ruled incomplete.

Yet Jones has seen no interest from committee members about making a change next season.

"We've gone over it again and I think the way we have the rule now certainly makes it a lot easier for it to be consistent with the officials," Jones said. "Right now, I don't see anything changing."

Except, of course, when it comes to the most flagrant fouls in football.

"I don't see any closure here (in Indy)," he said. "I do see we could come up with something out of Florida."

Tip of the cap: Ruling brings bigger NFL salary cap in 2016

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NFL's salary cap will get an additional boost of more than $1.5 million per team next season following an arbitration victory by the players union.

An additional $50 million or so will be available for teams to spend. The official salary cap has not been determined, but before the ruling it was expected to rise by at least $10 million from the $143.5 million ceiling of last season.

The arbitrator's ruling was made last week but not announced until Tuesday.

The NFL calls the adjustment a technical accounting matter. The NFL Players Association contends the league miscalculated or was hiding money due the players.

"Our union will always look to enforce our economic rights under the collective bargaining agreement," the NFLPA said in a statement.

The issue was whether specific revenue the league called exempt from being applied toward the salary cap actually should be counted.

The NFL said the decision will "increase the number of seasons over which the league's investments in stadium projects will be recouped from local stadium revenues."

"The decision should have no effect on the league's long-standing commitment to stadium improvements," the league added. "That commitment was most recently reflected in the league's decision to provide hundreds of millions of dollars in financial support for the Rams' new stadium in Los Angeles as well as financial support for new stadiums in Oakland and San Diego."

The union calculated the money excluded exceeded $100 million over three years.

A new salary cap figure will be announced before the NFL's business year begins March 9. If it increases by more than $11 million, it would be the biggest rise since 2006, when the cap went from $85.5 million to $102 million.

Chargers to focus efforts for a new stadium

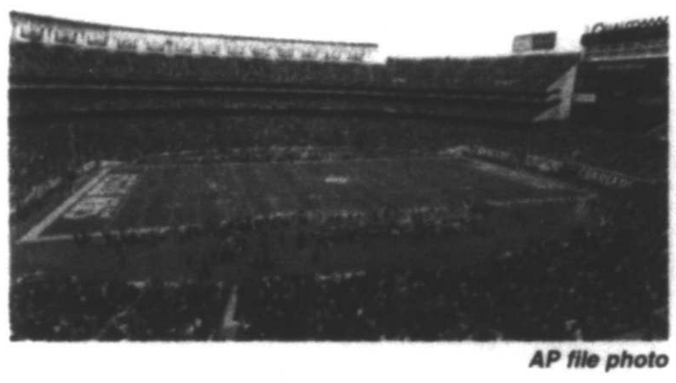
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Chargers on Tuesday proposed building a football stadium downtown with an expanded convention center, clashing with Mayor Kevin Faulconer, who backs another site.

The Chargers will partner with JMI Realty, which is owned by former San Diego Padres owner John Moores and has significant holdings near the convention center. They are backed by a citizens group that includes Donna Frye, a former city councilwoman who nearly won a write-in campaign for mayor in 2005.

The Chargers said the downtown venue will "create an unparalleled entertainment and sports district" to host Super Bowls and provide a home for Comic-Con, the annual entertainment and comic extravaganza that has outgrown the convention center. The team said land at their current home in San Diego's Mission Valley area could be used for educational institutions like San Diego State University and a riverfront park.

The Chargers plan to seek voter approval in November for the downtown stadium and convention center expansion, which would be financed partly by an increase in hotel room taxes.



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On Oct. 25, 2015, the San Diego Chargers play the Oakland Raiders during a game at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego. Chargers Chairman Dean Spanos said Jan. 29 that the team will play in San Diego in 2016, and he'll work with politicians and the business community to try to resolve a long, bitter fight over a new stadium.

Faulconer and San Diego County Supervisor Ron Roberts said their competing plan to build a new stadium on the city-owned Mission Valley site could be done faster and without raising taxes.

"Most experts we've talked to have concluded that building a stadium downtown — on land not owned by either the city or the Chargers — would increase costs by hundreds of millions of dollars and take years longer to complete," they said in a joint statement.

Backers of downtown plan say the hotel tax increase would require approval of a majority of voters, but Faulconer and Roberts said it was "abundantly clear" it would need two-thirds' approval.

"This is an extremely high hurdle to clear," the mayor and county supervisor said.

JMI Realty waged a successful campaign to build a voter-approved downtown stadium for the Padres, which opened in 2004. Backers of the effort to have the Chargers join them downtown include Frye, who opposed a new Mission Valley stadium for the football team when she was on the City Council, and Cory Briggs, an environmental lawyer who has often locked horns with the city over development proposals.

If the ballot measure for a new stadium fails, the Chargers could join the Los Angeles Rams in a stadium in Inglewood scheduled to open in 2019.

In January, NFL owners rejected the Chargers' proposal to move with division rival Oakland Raiders to a new stadium in the Los Angeles suburb of Carson but gave the Chargers an option to join the Rams in Inglewood.

Although the Chargers agreed in principle to join the Rams, Chargers chairman Dean Spanos said after the setback that the team would remain in San Diego at least through 2016 in an attempt to get a new stadium. The NFL will give the Chargers and Raiders each an extra $100 million to go toward new stadiums in their home markets. That's on top of a $200 million loan available to each team.

NFL BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

FLORIDA

Video of Jaguars' Dante Fowler includes 'disturbing images'

JACKSONVILLE — The NFL says video of Jacksonville Jaguars defensive end Dante Fowler Jr. apparently refereeing a fight between his girlfriend and the mother of his child includes "disturbing images."

Fowler took responsibility "for everything that happened" in the 30-second video released by TMZ on Tuesday.

The surveillance tape shows Fowler and the two women standing outside an elevator and talking. Fowler appears to offer a hand gesture for them to start fighting and then steps back. One of the women kicks off her flip flops before they exchange punches. Fowler eventually pulls them apart.

"These are disturbing images and we will review the matter," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said.

Fowler says he is "embarrassed and have apologized for my actions to everyone involved."

"As a family, we have been dealing with this moment and the conflict that led to it since this occurred," Fowler said in a statement. "The video surfacing is a sad reminder that emotions got the best of all of us. I take 100 percent responsibility for everything that happened."

The Jaguars said Fowler made them aware of the video before it was released.

CALIFORNIA

49ers re-sign TE Garrett Celek to 4-year extension

SANTA CLARA — The San Francisco 49ers have signed tight end Garrett Celek to a four-year contract extension.

The 49ers finalized the deal on Tuesday to keep Celek from becoming an unrestricted free agent next month.

Celek played 11 games last season and started eight for San Francisco. He caught 19 passes for 186 yards and three touchdowns before missing the final month with an ankle injury.

Celek originally joined San Francisco as an undrafted free agent in 2012 and has 27 career catches for 328 yards and three touchdowns in 39 games.

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West Texas Food Bank is a nonprofit organization working to address hunger in Odessa, Midland and surrounding rural areas. We serve as a clearinghouse to solicit, store, inspect and repack food for distribution to our 80 partners in 19 counties of West Texas.

WTFB has 2 job openings:

Program Manager: plans, manages, and coordinates programs in accordance with federal, state, and local government regulations and performance standards. Work includes program planning and development; contract compliance; management of program budgets, personnel and activities. Bachelor's degree from an accredited university in business administration, public administration, social services or related field is required; Master's preferred. Minimum of 2 years experience in managing programs, one of which includes supervisory experience.

Program Coordinator: coordinates the WTFB Client Choice Pantry, as well as participates in the coordination of other program activities. The Client Choice Pantry is a food distribution program for clients who walk in to the Odessa Distribution Facility, which periodically allows them to select food commodities of their choice in a small grocery store setting. Bachelor's degree from an accredited university in business administration, public administration, social services or related field is preferred; may be replaced with comparable experience.

Send job inquiries to the attention of: Libby Campbell, Executive Director, West Texas Food Bank, P.O. Box 4242, Odessa, TX 79760
No phone calls, please.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Journeyman Lineman

Needed for the Artesia, NM area. Class A CDL required. 401K, health insurance & paid time off. 575-365-6601 or arcpowerline@yahoo.com

HEALTHCARE

Available Positions

Desert Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705

Desert Gardens located in Midland, Texas is currently seeking staff to fill the following Positions:

- **RN $2,000 sign on bonus**
- **LVN $1,500 sign on bonus**

New Shift Differential Rate
Full benefits

Big Spring State Hospital

Registered Nurses, Job Posting # 298933 & 303578
Earn up to $5312.11 per month (DOE)
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Contact our Job Center for Job Descriptions or to Arrange a Campus Tour 432-268-7341 or 432-268-7298 or Complete an application online at https://jobshrportal.cpa.texas.gov/ENG/careerportal/

Big Spring State Hospital 1901 North Highway 87 Big Spring, TX 79720

CRANE HOSPITAL SEEKS EXPERIENCED XRAY TECH

Full Time. Rotating call. Cadillac Health Benefits AT NO COST. Retirement Plan with 200% match by hospital. Apply at: www.cranememorial.org

Medical Receptionist / Insurance Aging

Full Time Medical Office Receptionist / Part Insurance Aging needed for a busy clinic. Experienced required. Must have knowledge of insurance verification for insurance Aging position. Must be willing to travel between Midland and Odessa. Attractive salary and benefits.
Please mail resume to: P.O. Box 6729, Midland TX., 79706

HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources

Home Care Agency in Midland/Odessa seeking an experienced bi-lingual individual to perform HR duties. Must be organized, detailed, and outgoing with knowledge of home health rules and regulations. Please send resume to: P-102 C/O Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland TX. 79701.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Psychiatric RN

Full and/or Part Time Psychiatric RN needed for home health agency in Midland, Texas. Minimum requirement includes a diploma or associate degree with two years of full time experience in an active treatment unit in a mental health facility or outpatient clinic. Valid driver's license and auto insurance. Travel required. Bi-lingual a plus. Self motivated with excellent time management skills. Familiar with Oasis and Kinnser. Resume must be written in an articulate manner illustrating strong and consistent background with reasonable job gaps. Responsibilities include identifying the patient's physical, pshyco social, and environmental needs as evidenced by documentation, clinical record, case conference, team report, and evaluations. Assure the continuity of care through delivery of high quality patient care and provide effective communication to patient/family, team members, and other health care professionals. Competitive pay, Medical, Dental, Vision,paid time off, cell phone and WiFi plan discount." Please send resumes to P-151 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

Sales Manager

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Immediate opening for an experienced and dynamic sales manager with great communication skills. Must be able to multi-task in a deadline oriented environment and lead by example with confidence and enthusiam. Responsibilities include managing all aspects of the inside sales department and lead generation process, including training and coaching Account Executives, helping the sales team consistently meet/exceed established revenue targets, monitoring and reporting on sales metrics, managing the administration process and providing support to the Director of Advertising as needed.

Working knowledge of PowerPoint and Excel is necessary. Excellent wage and benefits package.

Please send resume to: jhouston@mrt.com or Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701, attn: Jeri Houston, Director of Advertising. No calls please.

OTHER JOBS

Caretaker

Caretaker for small ranch and animals/dogs, horses. Salary and housing provided. Non-smokers and no drinking. References required. Call **432-686-2784**

CDL Driver / Heavy Equipment Operator

Both jobs are in Midland. Local hauls only for drivers. Apply online at www.jplott.com or call 205-345-5678

Crew Members

Needed for oil field corrosion control company. Class A CDL required, construction equipment experience beneficial. Overtime and benefits. Drug test required. Call (432) 563-5045.

DRIVERS TRANSPORT

Griffin Transportation local positions - Class A CDL/Hazmat, 1 yrs. exp. (tanker preferred), good MVR. Full Benefit Package. Call 806-744-2067 Ask for the Transportation Dept. Fax 806-785-4182. Day & Night shifts Available.

Manager

Wanted: Manager to manage 2 thrift store locations in Midland. Manager will administrate picking up donations, pricing, merchandise, store decorations and approximately 6 employees. Pay commensurate to experience. Contact Genesis Center at (432) 682-2514.

staffing

NOW HIRING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS

- Meat Processor
- General Labor

Must have dependable transportation & phone.

Apply online at www.stafflitusa.com

Apply in person at:
4400 N. Big Spring St., Ste. C 26,
Midland, TX. 79705
432-550-4069.

OTHER JOBS

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Midland Reporter-Telegram

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Qualified candidates must be a self-starter and possess excellent communication and organizational skills, be detail oriented and assertive, excel in spelling/grammar/punctuation, excel in time management, and possess a positive attitude.

We are willing to train and offer a competitive compensation and benefits package, guaranteed commission for three months, a cell phone allowance and the opportunity to advance your career in an exciting, progressive and innovative organization in one of the fastest growing markets in Texas.

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Jeri Houston, Director of Advertising, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701 or **jhouston@mrt.com**. No phone calls please.

Rock Crusher Superintendent/ Foreman

Established company seeks to hire an experienced rock crusher superintendent/ Foreman for its operations in the Midland area. Candidates must include a resume and salary history with their initial response. Interested candidates may reply to: M- 41 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701
We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

2-1-1 INFORMATION & REFERRAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Accepting applications for the position of 2-1-1 Information and Referral Program Director. Duties include overseeing and coordinating daily operations of 2-1-1 Texas Permian Basin, serving as liaison with state and local entities regarding 2-1-1 initiatives, creating public awareness of 2-1-1, ensuring compliance with Alliance for Information and Referral Systems accreditation standards, and developing/maintaining strong working relationships with community organizations.

Minimum qualifications includes a Bachelor's degree in a social/human service or related field and three to four years of experience in social services programs. Bilingual (English and Spanish) preferred. Certified Information and Referral Specialist (CIRS) OR must obtain Alliance of Information and Referral Systems CIRS within 18 months of employment. Position requires strong leadership skills, ability to motivate others in a team-oriented environment, and strong customer service orientation and skills.

Please submit resume to:
info@workforcepb.org OR
Permian Basin Workforce Board
PO Box 61947 Midland, TX 79711 OR
Fax: 432-561-8785

Permian Basin Workforce Board is an equal opportunity employer with equal opportunity programs. Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

QA & QUALITY CONTROL

Manager- Safety & Compliance

An industry-leading provider of bulk fuels and lubricants is looking for a Safety professional in the Permian Basin. This individual will be responsible for ensuring the safety and compliance of the employees and resources of the Division. Some travel will be required. Applicants with DOT experience are preferred. Apply in confidence by providing your resume in MS Word format to msalesapps@arnoldoil.com

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SKILLED LABOR

Diesel Mechanic

Absolute Roustabout Services now hiring a Diesel Mechanic, experience required. Apply online absoluteroustabout.com/employment or in person: 6218 NCR 1150, Midland, Texas 79705

Landscape / Maintenance Help Needed

Starting Pay $12 per hour. Must pass Drug & Background Screening. **Apply in person at: Hunter's Ridge Apartments, 4201 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX 79703**

PRESSMAN/ PRESSMAN TRAINEE

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: PRESSMAN/ PRESSMAN TRAINEE 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

Delivery Driver

Full-Time Transport Delivery Driver needed for Midland/Odessa area. Must possess a valid TX DL and Med Card. 2 Years of Tanker Experience Required. Minimum Age: 23. Interested applicants may inquire in person at the address below.

Arnold Oil Co. Fuels
5812 N FM1788
Midland, TX 79707

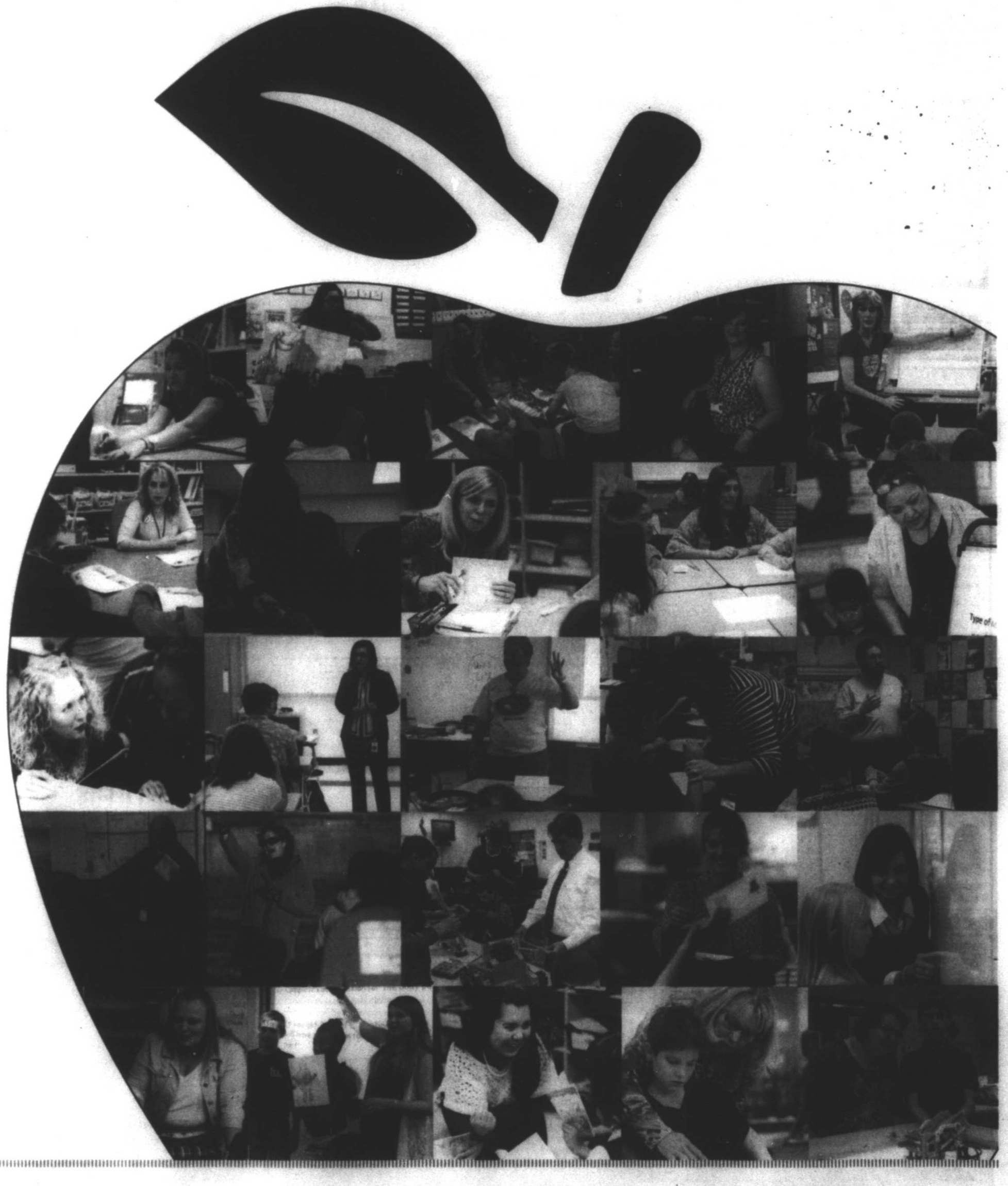
Safety Coordinator Reece Albert, Inc.

Reece Albert, Inc. is actively seeking a Safety Coordinator. This new position will become the third person in a team tasked with safety for the growing needs of both Reece Albert and CSA Materials. Applicant should be familiar with 29CFR Part 1926 and 1910; 49 CFR; TMUTCD; MSHA 30 CFR; HIPAA. We are willing to train the applicant who does not have all the needed experience but exhibits the right attitude and mindset. Must have valid Driver License with clean driving record, Negative drug screen and background check allowing work at public schools and military installations. Bilingual preferred. Apply at reecealbertinc.com . Position open until filled, first review of applications will be March 1, 2016.

Do you know innovative educational leaders who make an impact on the students they teach?

Nominate them for Classroom Pioneers, a program presented by Pioneer Natural Resources.

Visit **mrt.com/classroompioneers** to nominate a Midland ISD or Greenwood ISD educator who stretches beyond the curriculum to inspire and motivate students to achieve academic success.



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Events and Notices

General Announcements

HOMELESS MAN 58 clean & sober 34 years, arthritis in hips. Honest, trustworthy dependable seeks job as house sitter or shelter that is clean, dry & safe. Leave message for Brad at 570-4014 or 570-4401 Thank you.

Mark Berryhill.com Ministering for Christ Teach the Lord's Word 1-4

Lost & Found

LOST BLONDE Pomeranian named Lucky about 10 lbs that belongs to a disabled person who misses him greatly. Missing since February 1st. Please call Sylvia 432-553-0037

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Legal & Public Notices

Notice of Sale of Personal Property to satisfy a landlords lien for CASH ONLY. Sale date is March 3, 2016 at 11am.

Aztec Storage Center
1131 E 52nd
Odessa TX 79762

Household Goods
#O-23 Raymond Moore
#O-43 Manuela Gonzales
#O-83 Jerry Cullison
#O-102 Michelle Carrasco

Legal & Public Notices

SOME PLACE ELSE CLUB, LLC IS MAKING APPLICATION TO THE T.A.B.C. FOR A MIXED BEVERAGE PERMIT AND A LATE HOURS PERMIT AT 7409 W. INDUSTRIAL, MIDLAND, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS. MANAGING MEMBERS ARE: ROBERT E. SLINKER AND CLYDE R. BEASLEY.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO SELL VEHICLE SEALED BID

Please submit sealed bids (no minimum) for 2002 Chevy Malibu Car, approximately 117,300 miles showing - Not guaranteed. Gas engine: Bench Seat: A/C: PS,PB: AM/FM Radio: As-is: Current working condition. This car is used and contains defects that are and are not immediately detectable. Text description given is meant to be used as a guide only. You may view car between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. All information provided is believed to be correct. No warranty as such is either intended or implied. The care is sold AS IS WHERE IS and with faults and defects therein.

Submit sealed bids to Midland Central Appraisal District:4631 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX 79703 by 5 p.m. March 1, 2016.

Payment must be made within 24 hours of notification of being highest bidder.

Autos For Sale or Lease

Passenger Cars

2000 CORVETTE, royal blue, automatic 6 speed. $13,500.00 432-557-2987.

DODGE 2015 HELLCAT Charger, 1,100 miles, bright red, loaded. $68,000. 432-853-7663.

FORD FLEX Limited , 2012 with EcoBoost for sale. Seats 7 people using automatic 3rd seat. 67,300 miles, leather seats, heated front seats, sun roofs. Asking $22,000 OBO. 432-528-1191.

INFINITY G25X, 2011. 35K miles. Two-toned leather interior, heated seats, moon roof, handles great! Priced below book for a quick sale 17K. 432-853-9080. Unavalable for calls March 7-14.

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Passenger Cars

KIA SORENTO 2011 LX, exterior maroon, AWD, all power, automatic 4-cylinder. Includes all standard equipment + hitch w/ ball & receiver. 99,700 miles. $8,750 OBO. Also, vehicle has a lien, will require sending payment to bank to obtain title. Call or text 563-940-0578.

TOYOTA 2003 Avalon XLS. Extra clean with sunroof. 120K miles. $7,000.432-697-2121.

Will buy wrecked & unwanted cars, trucks & RVs. 432-685-4078

Pickup Trucks

FORD 2005 F150 XLT, Texas Additon, quad cab, excellent condition. 120K miles. Asking $8,900. Call 432-894-8234

FORD 2008 F150, Limited, 4X4, 109,000 miles, good condition asking $17,500 KBB valued at $17,905. Call 432-413-2798

FORD F250, 2013 for sale. pickup. 6.7 Diesel, automatic. XL Lariat. Excellent condition. 29,000 original miles. Ford warranty bumper to bumper. $46,000. 432-967-0129.

4WD & SUV

FORD 2006 Exployer Vin# 1FMEU63E36VA20874. Price $7,500. 432-250-5504.

NEW TODAY!

FORD EXPEDITION EL, 2008. Limited 2wd, Leather, 4 bucket seats, DVD player, 123,000 miles, white. $13,500 OBO Call 432-686 8915.

MERCEDES 1999 430 ML, $3,995 OBO. 432-349-0209

TOYOTA 2006 Avalon XL 4 dr, Beautiful Pearl white, excellent condition, beige leather interior, new tires, 41K miles. $9,300. 432-661-2662

Specialty Vehicles

TWO 1999 Juguar XK8, Conv. V8, automatic. CD changer. New tires. One red with tan leather, one white with tan leather. $11K. Contact Burt, work 699-0504/ cell 405-823-2624.

Motorcycles

HARLEY, 2007 FXSTSSE Softail Springer CVO, Screaming'Eagle, 110 cubic inch engine, 25,000 miles, copper/red color, last year of this style made, $15,000. 432-557-2987.

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RVs

2011 NUWA Hitchhiker Champagne 38 CKRD and 1998 Intl FL 4700 Weir conversion and new air ride hitch. $75,000 for both. Call for more detail and pics (760) 375-2256 (physically in El Paso, TX)

Utility Trailers

2013 TIGER gooseneck trailer, 40 foot. Tandem duals. Excellent condition. $7,950. 432-631-9868.

Watercraft

1991 DIJAL console, 184 Champion bass boat with 150 horsepower. Evinrude engine. Call 553-3067.

2010 MOOMBA WAKE BOARD BOAT. STEREO AUX PLUG W/ SPEAKERS, BOAT COVER, SKI BOOM, WAKE BOARD RACKS, WAKE BOARD LIGHTS. COMES WITH 2010 TANDEM TRAILER. 432-661-3090.

NITRO 2013 Z9, Mercuury 250hp, duel console, power pole, low rance elect. $32,0000. 432-631-9868.

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2006 CHEROKEE 28C travel trailer. 12 ft. slide, 18 ft. awning, bumber pull. $12,000 OBO. 432-661-3090.

APEX 2013 151RBX travel trailer, great condition. $10,950. 432-631-9868.

Merchandise

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AAA Appliance 15 minute pickup. 432-556-0104 / 432-528-3046

Free Stuff

FREE TREADMILL, 4 ceiling fans & 19" TV. 432-556-1154

FREE WOODEN PALLETS!
Midland Reporter-Telegram (on dock side)

Miscellaneous for Sale

FOR SALE-Resthaven Memorial Park, Lot 53 -Space 3, lower & upper, $6,295 OBO. 210-317-9632.

Miscellaneous for Sale

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THURSDAY & FRIDAY 9AM-3PM
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For pictures go to...
http://www.estatesales.net/TX/Midland/79705/1121862

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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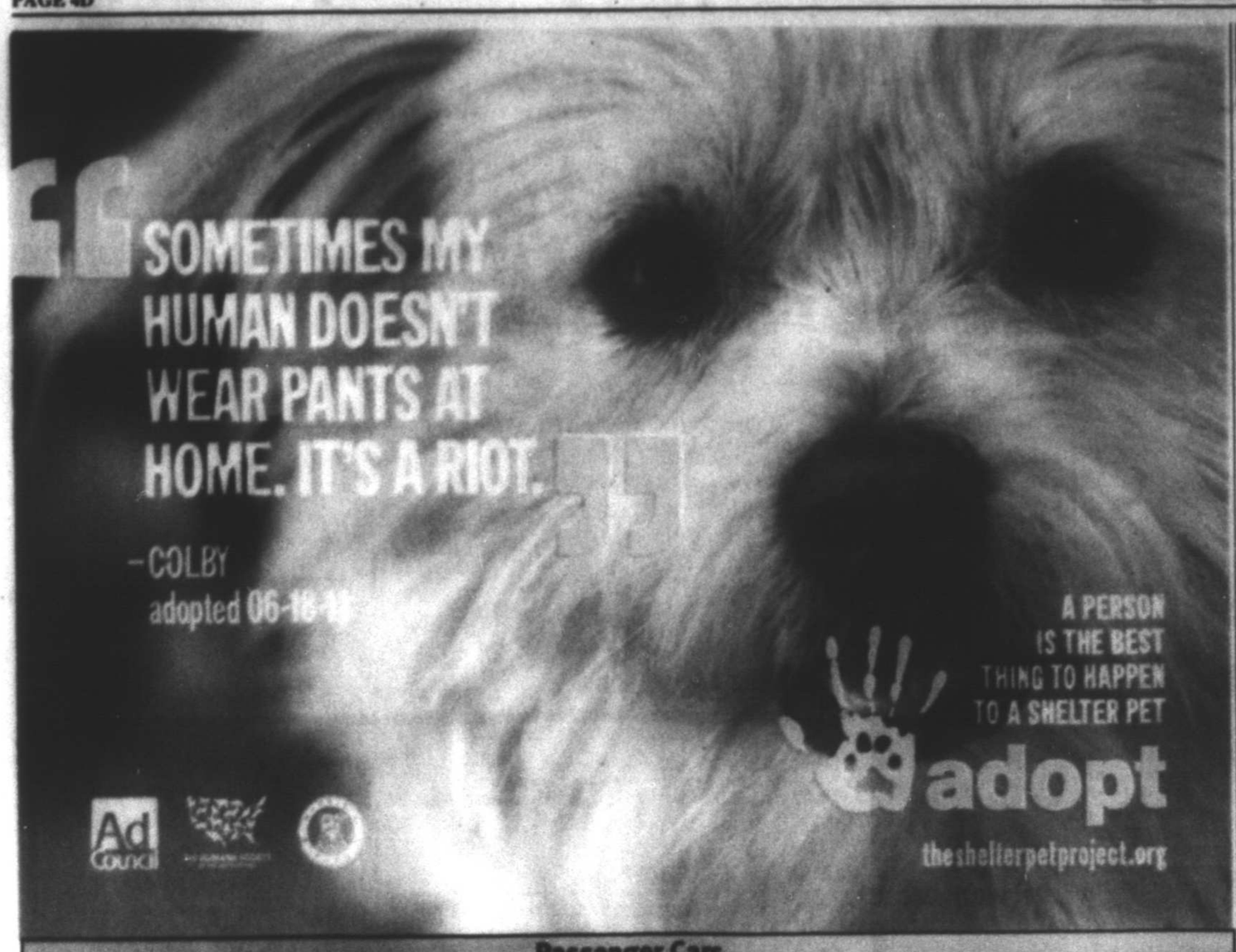

Passenger Cars

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3900 West Wall
Midland, TX
Office: 432-697-2678
www.biritemidland.com

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2001 Ford F-150 XLT Supercrew $5,950	2001 Toyota Highlander Limited $8,950	2003 Jeep Wrangler Lifted, 4X4 $9,950	2006 Toyota Tundra Limited Double Cab $14,950	2014 Jeep Compass $15,950
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2009 Chevy Silverado Crew Cab $18,950	2015 Nissan Altima Factory warranty $18,950	2014 Chrysler Town & Country Van $19,950	2011 Ford Supercrew EcoBoost $20,950	2014 Dodge Challenger $20,950
2015 Dodge Charger SE Low Miles $21,950	2015 Chevy Camaro LT $22,950	2013 GMC Sierra Texas Edition $25,950	2013 GMC Sierra Crew Cab Only 27k Miles $29,950	2014 Chevrolet High Country Crew Loaded $42,950

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Miscellaneous for Sale

LARGE SIDE by Side stainless steel refrigerator 3 years old $750. 4 brand new tires & rims, 16" $500. 432-559-7611.

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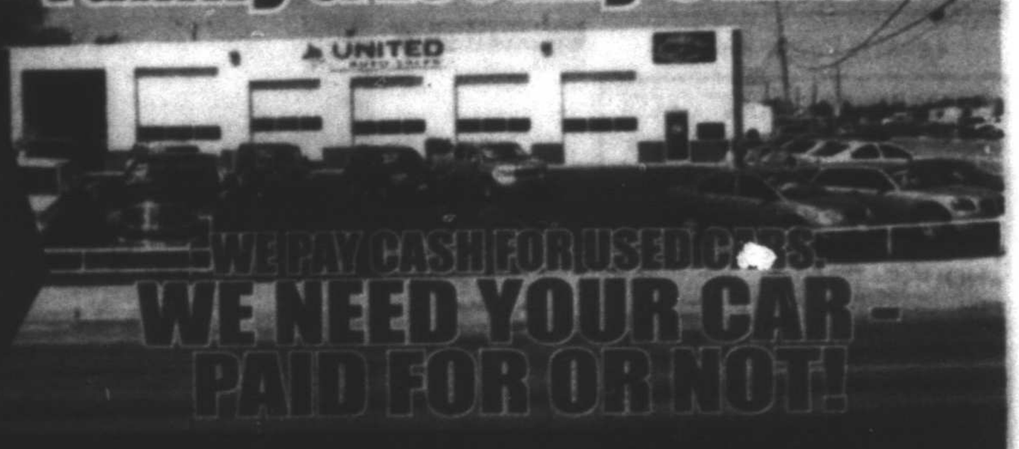

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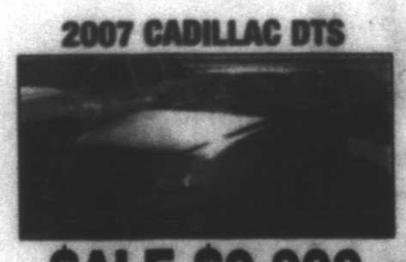
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LEATHER, MOONROOF

2005 LINCOLN LS

$ALE $7,999
LEATHER, MOONROOF

WE FINANCE! WAC

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LEATHER, MOONROOF

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