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HILLARY RUNS AGAIN

It's official. One of the things that's been inevitable and on everyone's minds just became official. Hillary Clinton is now in the running for the presidency.

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Could $60 Brent be the norm for a long time?

OPEC has many of its own reasons for wanting to keep a lid on crude prices

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

■ COMMENTARY

The military has an axiom that no plan survives first contact with the enemy. That's because the best military officers know the enemy is constantly learning and adapting.

Executives should know that every business plan must be flexible to respond to competitors. But last year U.S. oil company leaders were caught flat-footed when their biggest competitor, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, didn't prop up prices. It looks like Americans may be making the same mistake again.

Oil prices have risen in recent weeks as new data shows North American production slowing down in late 2015. Some analysts believe that once the current glut is gone, prices will march upward to where shale drilling makes sense again. This prediction, though, relies on OPEC maintaining production and prices at current levels.

That's a dreadful mistake because the most powerful OPEC countries will likely keep prices from returning to last year's levels, about $90 a barrel for the international benchmark Brent crude. Many in OPEC will be happy to keep prices where they are now, around $55 a barrel, because it stokes demand and keeps competition out of the market.

Many analysts disagree, arguing that OPEC governments rely on national oil companies as cash cows. When the price of oil goes down, the governments can't pay for the programs that pacify their citizens and risk revolt. Ergo, OPEC governments need prices above $90 a barrel for Brent crude to pay for generous social programs.

If Saudi Arabia, the de facto leader of OPEC, is feeling any pain, however, oil minister Ali al-Naimi wasn't blinking at a conference on April 7 in Riyadh.

"The challenge is to restore the supply-demand balance and reach price stability," he said, according to Bloomberg News. Despite a glut of crude, Saudi output has risen to 10 million barrels a day, and Naimi said that will not change. Russia is pumping oil at record levels, and in 2015 the U.S. will produce the most crude since 1972.

OPEC is not cutting because $90 oil is expensive for people in developing countries where most of the growth in oil demand is expected. Wealthy Europeans and North Americans are using less and less oil every year, largely because of climate change concerns.

Last year China became the world's largest energy consumer, largest purchaser of automobiles, largest petroleum importer and largest carbon dioxide emitter. China remains a key source of oil consumption growth, with a projected annual average increase of 300,000 barrels a day in both 2015 and 2016, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. But that's down from 400,000 barrels a day in 2014.

Customers of the future

OPEC's future customers live primarily in developing East Asian nations, according to Jim Krane, an expert on OPEC at Rice University's Baker Institute.

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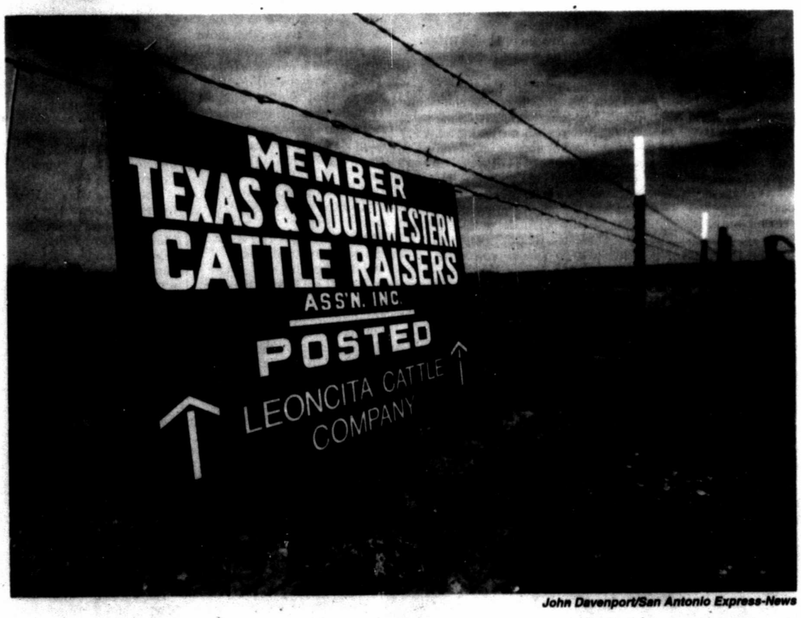
Big Bend bent out of shape



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A sign at the Leoncita Ranch near Alpine warns people about boundaries. A proposed gas pipeline might pass through the area. The exact route of the natural gas pipeline, called the Trans-Pecos Pipeline, is undisclosed and will run across the Big Bend area. The pipeline would start near Coyanosa and run between Marfa and Alpine. The plan calls for gas to be flowing south into Mexico by 2017. Area ranchers are upset about the project.

Pipeline proposal has residents riled up

By John MacCormack
San Antonio Express-News

ALPINE — In the wide-open Big Bend, where private property rights are sacrosanct and a "no trespassing" sign means just that, unwelcome interlopers, from nosy environmentalists to federal employees, always have been quickly sent packing.

Thus, the news that a couple of billionaire businessmen intend to run a large natural gas pipeline through 143 miles of mostly private ranch land to the Mexican border has folks here in shock.

"We are all under the impression that private property is private property. You go to talking about condemning something by eminent domain, you'll get shot in this part of the country," said Mary Luedeke, a rancher and local justice of the peace.

Luedeke, who owns a ranch and runs another, was among the more than 150 anxious locals who turned out last week for a community meeting on the project.

"I'm here to try and find out where it's going and what their intent is, and to not be painted into a corner by my ignorance. When I come out fighting, I'll know the facts," she added.

The Trans-Pecos Pipeline is to be built for the Mexican Federal Electricity Commission (CFE) to deliver up to 1.4 billion cubic feet of Permian Basin natural gas a day, enough to meet all of San Antonio's natural gas needs for a week.

From the border, the gas will be piped inland to the Laguna region, including Torreón, for power generation and industrial use, according to the CFE.

Although the exact route across the Big Bend remains undisclosed, the pipeline would start at a large hub in Waha, near Coyanosa, run south between Alpine and Marfa toward Presidio, and connect near Ojinaga, Mexico, with a large pipeline on the Mexican side.

If all goes well for the operators, gas will be flowing south into Mexico by 2017.

In January, a consortium including Carso, a company owned by Carlos Slim, the richest man in Mexico, and Energy Transfer Partners, led by CEO Kelcy Warren, who Forbes says is worth $6.7 billion, won the construction contract with CFE with a bid of $767 million.

The consortium, called Trans-Pecos Pipeline Ltd, will own the pipeline, just one component of an extensive

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Job seekers see opportunity, change as industry adjusts

■ Job fairs see low attendance

By Rye Druzin
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The Horseshoe Arena was full of tables, employers and few jobseekers Thursday at a job fair.

Recruiters talked and laughed amongst themselves as they stood across the aisle from each other, some tables full of drink Koozies and other trinkets while others sported displays. But most of the items remained on the tables, untouched by the few job seekers who showed up.

Jose Cozar and Francisco Rodriguez moved to Midland from the Spanish capital Madrid in mid-2014. Their wives are teachers on an exchange program in the Tall City, and both men were looking for work after receiving their work permits.

"The thing is that since last July, we've seen that the oil field is going down, it's more difficult to get jobs. Even with that, it's easier than in Spain," said Cozar, who has a bachelor's degree in political science and was working for a hotel company in his home country.

Both men said they are flexible with what job they take, and that Midland still has a lot of opportunity despite what has been happening with the local economy. But that doesn't mean they don't worry about the implications of oil's fall.

"We know that we can teach as substitute teachers and there isn't any problem because there are a lot of positions," said Rodriguez, a former engineer. "But it's a problem because it's the motor that drives the economy here, and if the oilfield doesn't work, there are no children in the schools, and it's a chain."

For Dustin Warren from Odessa, his job as a welder at family-owned Roundup Fabrication in Odessa is beginning to slow down.

"I've got family; I've got needs," he said. "We're still busy, but I don't want to sit around and wait for work not to come in one day and me not be able to pay my bills and support my family."

Warren was looking for other possibilities, and said even though he had worked at Roundup for five years he had even volunteered to leave the company to help cut costs and gain new skills.

"I kinda want to diversify a little bit and try to find something new, kinda get

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In this 2014 photo, workers blast river rock off of a barge into Galveston Bay with high-pressure water cannons as part of Texas Parks and Wildlife's oyster reef restoration project. The Texas oyster industry is in the middle of a turf war. What's at stake is one company's claim to some 23,000 acres of land at the bottom of Galveston Bay.

Oyster competitors spar over Galveston Bay reef lease

By Erin Heffernan
Galveston County Daily News

GALVESTON — The Texas oyster industry is in the middle of a turf war. What's at stake is one company's claim to some 23,000 acres of land at the bottom of Galveston Bay.

Oysterman Tracy Woody knew his company's effort to purchase the exclusive right to dredge what are now mostly public oyster reefs would create an upheaval, so he named it accordingly.

Woody tells The Galveston County Daily News that STORM, or Sustainable Texas Oyster Resource Management, is the effort's mission, but also a description of what it was bound to create.

The move was as controversial as he expected. Woody and his father-in-law, Ben Nelson, of Jeri's Seafood in Smith's Point, were part of a family that has been fishing the bay since the 1920s. They bought the lease to the 23,000 acres of submerged land last April from the Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation District and expected the right to control all oyster harvests in a narrow strip of the bay stretching from Smith's Point to San Leon.

The area, however, has been populated for decades by public reefs and private leases controlled and monitored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

According to department figures, if the navigation district's claim to the area is valid it would take control of more than 452 acres of currently private oyster beds held by seven of Woody's competitors and more than 3,900 acres of public oyster reef under its supervision.

With the rights to the bay at stake, Woody's competitors say STORM is nothing more than an underwater land grab of a living resource. They say the lease would threaten the lifeblood of the local oyster industry in the bay, which is nearly the last place where wild oysters are still dredged.

Michael Ivic, a member of the Croatian-American family that owns Misho's Oyster Company, one of the largest producers of oysters in the bay, stands to lose the rights to some 160 acres of reef under STORM.

Since Miisho's began cultivating oyster beds in the 1970s, Ivic says those acres have become some of the company's most productive.

"I spend 25 years building the reefs, putting in new shells, making it my life's business," Ivic said. "And now all of a sudden this is going to be taken from me and given to the Nelson family? It's unethical."

Ivic said that while the oyster industry has always been competitive, with the companies all vying for the same reefs to hold onto customers, this action has changed the business.

"We were competitors before, but we were like among family also," Ivic said. "We tried to dance without stepping on toes. With this, that is over."

The validity of the lease is still in question, however, so Misho and other leaseholders have continued to harvest from waters STORM claims, despite receiving cease and desist letters.

The state General Land Office and the Parks and Wildlife Department have issued opinions arguing that the Navigation District is limited to controlling navigation rights for the submerged land it leased to STORM, but doesn't have the authority to control the living reefs submerged in the water.

The disagreement has created an impasse for the 23,000 underwater acres. In March, House Bill 3335 was filed by state Rep. Joe Deshotel, D- Beaumont, seeking to validate STORM's claim, but industry officials predict an impending court battle will be the only way to resolve the issue.

In the face of opposition, Woody argues the goal of STORM extends beyond a land grab. It is, he said, instead a legal purchase of land with the mission of creating a more sustainable model to save the oyster industry. He said something bold had to be done to protect the resource.

Woody argues the industry now operates as a free-for-all at the beginning of the season, with public reefs picked clean of legal oysters within a month. Overfishing, he says, has been putting the reefs at risk for years.

"You would think they were piranhas without any regard for tomorrow," Woody said. "The management of this resource in Texas is pathetic. I don't want to think that the next generation will say my grandparents really messed this up. They're going to know I did what I could."

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department has made efforts in recent years to rebuild reefs in the bay that had been decimated from Hurricane Ike in 2008 and increased salinity in the water. The department distributed more than 79,000 cubic yards of reef-building materials, known as cultch, last summer.

Woody said, however, that those efforts go to waste when competitive fishing practices overfish those areas.

Galveston Bay is still the largest source of the valuable mollusks in Texas, but the bay has gone from dredging 90 percent of the state's oysters in 2000 to just 42 percent last year.

Woody's competitors, however, doubt STORM's environmental motives.

"They are saying it's all about doing a better job than Parks and Wildlife, but that's a smokescreen," said Lisa Hall of Prestige Oysters Inc., one of the largest oyster producers in the U.S. "Unless you have the money of Bill Gates, you don't have the resources to maintain an area that huge. And I don't think we can take his word for it."

San Antonio musician played for JFK before his death

By Rene A. Guzman
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Fernando Herrera's magical musical moment with John F. Kennedy lasted 17 minutes. That's how long the San Antonio musician and a few other performers would entertain the president in Houston just hours before his tragic death.

Now that memory will be immortalized in film, along with the very car Kennedy rode in during his brief visit to the Alamo City the day before his assassination in Dallas in 1963.

Herrera is the subject of "Kennedy's Last Song: The New Frontier," a documentary featuring the guitarist and pianist who would be the last musician ever to perform for the president. Los Angeles director/executive producer Steven Barber and producing partner/co-director Matthew Hausle recently were in town to film Herrera, along with that sprawling 1963 Lincoln Continental, for the finishing touches on the film that should be released later this year.

"It was just this unprecedented historical evening, full of love and joy and song. That is really the story," Barber told the San Antonio Express-News. "We all know the story of Nov. 22 (in) Dallas. But very few people know the story of the LULAC event the night before, and Fernando Herrera."

Rene A. Guzman/San Antonio Express-News

San Antonio musician Fernando Herrera poses with the 1963 Lincoln Continental that John F. Kennedy rode in during his visit to the city the day before his assassination in Dallas. Herrera was the last musician to ever perform for Kennedy. He will be featured in the documentary, "Kennedy's Last Song: The New Frontier," which chronicles the event.

Kennedy was scheduled for a two-day, five-city Texas tour to build momentum for his 1964 re-election bid. He spent two hours and 25 minutes in San Antonio before heading to Houston.

Herrera traveled to Houston to play for that League of United Latin American Citizens event, which unfolded Nov. 21, 1963, at the Grand Ballroom of the Rice Hotel. Herrera played mostly Spanish guitar in a duo with another guitarist, playing flamenco and rumba flamenca, right behind President Kennedy and first lady Jacqueline Kennedy — with Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson and his wife, Lady Bird Johnson, also in attendance.

Herrera recalled the night as very patriotic yet also multicultural, with the Kennedys and Johnsons showered in shouts of "Ole!" and the first lady addressing the gathering in Spanish. The night was punctuated by the president turning to Herrera at the end of the performance to shake his hand with both of his, followed by the first lady's own gracious handshake with a warm "Gracias."

"Lady Bird was dancing," said Herrera, 85. "Oh, it was beautiful."

Barber got the idea for "Kennedy's Last Song" in the summer of 2013, the 50th anniversary year of Kennedy's death. Barber happened to be in San Antonio shooting "American Blade Runner," a film about U.S. Paralympian Blake Leeper, better known as the American Blade Runner for the prosthetics he wears since he's missing both legs below the knee.

While on his own jog in town, Barber happened upon the pink home of local artist Luis Lopez. Barber figured the Tobin Hill home would make a good backdrop for a Leeper photo shoot. Lopez obliged, and also invited Barber and his crew to a barbecue. That's when Barber met Herrera and latched onto his memorable moment with the Kennedys.

As for securing the vehicle Kennedy rode in through San Antonio, Barber would only say that its wealthy anonymous owner lent it for use with a flatbed delivery from Austin to Lopez's home.

"That's just Texas hospitality for you," Barber said.

Barber said the JFK component of the film was not only to chronicle what he called "this last moment in Camelot" but also to tell Herrera's story — that of "this very humble, incredible artist" who has played with the Boston Pops Orchestra and entertained throngs at the 1962 Seattle World's Fair and the King of Spain himself, Juan Carlos I, when he visited San Antonio in 1987.

Obituaries

Betty Ada Sherard

Betty Ada Sherard passed away peacefully in Brownwood, Texas April 11, 2015. She was born in Midland, Texas December 9, 1922 to Charles A. and Martha A. (Boumann) Bleiker.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers, John Lewis Bleiker and Charles "Buzz" Bleiker.

Betty is survived by a sister Charlene Dobbs of Midland, Texas, and several Bleiker cousins throughout Texas and Oklahoma, her four children: Homer Thornton of Leander, Texas; Sue Conner of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; Judy Bench of Brownwood, Texas; Kittie Johnson of Midland, Texas; and 5 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild.

A graveside service has been scheduled at 9:00 am Wednesday April 15, 2015 at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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

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DC Lottery director Buddy Roogow of Maryland dies at 65

Buddy Roogow, the director of the D.C. Lottery and a former official in Maryland, has died after suffering an aneurysm. He was 65.

District of Columbia Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey DeWitt announced Roogow's death. He died Saturday at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. DeWitt called Roogow a "consummate professional" known for his warmth, enthusiasm, energy and humor.

Roogow spent most of his career working in government. He has led the D.C. Lottery since 2009. Previously he served as director of the Maryland Lottery since 1996.

Prior to his work in state lotteries, Roogow served as deputy chief of staff for Maryland Gov. William Donald Schaefer and Gov. Parris Glendening. He also served as county administrative officer in Howard County.

A funeral service is planned for Tuesday in Ellicott City.

LONDON

Natural childbirth expert Sheila Kitzinger dies at 86

Anthropologist and childbirth expert Sheila Kitzinger, whose books helped people around the world begin new lives as parents, has died. She was 86.

Her publisher, Pinter & Martin, said Kitzinger died Saturday at her home near Oxford in southern England after a short illness.

Kitzinger was an early leader of the natural childbirth movement and sought to empower women during pregnancy and birth. She wrote more than two dozen books, including "The Complete Book of Pregnancy and Childbirth," "The Experience of Childbirth" and "Ourselves as Mothers."

Daughter Celia Kitzinger said her mother was "so much more than a 'natural birth guru,'" and had campaigned on issues including an end to female genital mutilation.

Her autobiography, "A Passion for Birth," is due to be published next month.

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What to Watch: School finance versus vouchers; athlete EKGs

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The House's top education leader is focused on school finance, promoting a $3 billion plan to overhaul the way Texas distributes classroom funding.

In the Senate, it's all about "school choice," with Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick pushing a school voucher plan to let parents get state money to remove students from struggling public schools and send them to private alternatives.

Something will have to give.

House Public Education Committee Chairman Jimmie Don Aycock's proposed school finance fix comes amid a lawsuit during which Texas' classroom funding was declared unconstitutionally inadequate and unfairly distributed. The case is now before the state Supreme Court on appeal.

Aycock says he can nonetheless steer the plan through the House. But the Senate may be wary given the ongoing case — especially with the June 1 end of the legislative session only seven weeks away.

Meanwhile, a major school voucher plan sponsored by Senate Education Committee Chairman Larry Taylor should hit the floor and easily pass this week. It'll face a far rockier road in the House, though, where Democrats and moderate Republicans have traditionally teamed up to keep public funding exclusively with public schools.

Could a swap be in the works that lets the House get school finance and the Senate see vouchers? Elders in both chambers insist the issues are too big to bargain with and that it's too early to even begin whispering about doing so. For now, at least.

Here are other key things to look for this week at the Texas Capitol:

HIGH SCHOOL HEART SCREENINGS: A bipartisan bill requiring that high school athletes have electrocardiogram heart screenings as part of the physicals they undergo to participate in sports is up for debate on the House floor Monday. The proposal is designed to prevent sudden cardiac arrest from heart abnormalities that can occur in young people on the field but often aren't detected in traditional physicals.

FRACKING BAN BACKLASH: Set to hit the House floor Tuesday is a much-watched bill prohibiting cities from banning hydraulic fracturing — though it would still allow ordinances related to some surface oil and natural gas exploration operations. The bill's author, Energy Resources Committee Chairman Drew Darby, softened an original, stricter proposal amid staunch opposition from major municipal lobbies. Still, the bill would wipe out an ordinance in the North Texas city of Denton, where residents approved a fracking ban in November. Opponents of the proposal say it's hypocritical for top Republicans to decry federal government overreach, only to use the Legislature to override local voters' wishes. Darby's measure is expected to pass, though.

SANCTUARY CITIES: A GOP-backed immigration plan may hit the Senate floor this week, and should be approved despite staunch opposition from Democrats and Hispanic advocacy groups. The term "sanctuary city" has no legal meaning but typically describes local governments that forbid police from asking about a person's immigration status. Lubbock Republican Sen. Charles Perry's bill would ban local governments from implementing such policies.

Motorists snarl traffic as they leave cars to grab cash

Associated Press

WEATHERFORD — Motorists who thought they struck it rich when money flew out of an armored car and onto a highway have been returning what they took, a police official said Sunday.

An undisclosed amount of money escaped onto Interstate 20 in Weatherford on Friday when the passenger-side door of a Brinks truck accidentally opened, slowing traffic to a crawl.

Motorist Joel Aldridge said he saw other drivers stop in the middle of the road and get out to collect the cash, leaving their doors open.

"At first, I thought there had been a wreck or something, and then I noticed this one guy with two handfuls of cash, like he was carrying a basketball or something," Aldridge said.

Weatherford police spokesman Cmdr. Chris Crawford said Friday that detectives would look into pursuing criminal charges against people who don't return the money. Those who had cash were asked to call the Weatherford police department to arrange to return it.

"The money belongs to Brinks, and we are hoping that people's integrity outweighs their greed," Crawford said. "As of right now, most of the money has not been returned. Officers have talked to a couple of people, and they have returned the money."

Tammy Payne, a Weatherford police dispatcher, said Sunday that people had been returning the cash.

Reckoning point: Ex-US guards face sentencing in Iraq case

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A yearslong legal fight over a deadly shooting of civilians in an Iraq war zone reaches its reckoning point with the sentencing this week of four former Blackwater security guards.

Dustin Heard, Evan Liberty and Paul Slough face mandatory, decades-long sentences because of firearms convictions. A fourth defendant, Nicholas Slatten, faces life in prison after being found guilty of first-degree murder.

At the hearing Monday in U.S. District Court, defense lawyers intend to appeal for mercy by arguing that their clients acted in self-defense during a chaotic firefight in Baghdad. They also plan to argue that sending the defendants to prison for decades would be an unfairly harsh outcome for men who have close family ties and proud military careers, and who were operating in stressful conditions in a war-torn country.

The men were charged in the deaths of 14 Iraqis at Nisoor Square, a crowded traffic circle in downtown Baghdad. The killings caused an international uproar and became a dark episode of contractor violence during the Iraq war. Defense lawyers argued that the contractors, who arrived there after a car bomb exploded, were targeted with gunfire from insurgents and Iraqi police, and shot back in self-defense. Prosecutors contended that there was no incoming fire and that the shooting was unprovoked.

The defendants — who were in Iraq to protect American diplomats — were convicted in October after a trial that stretched months and featured testimony from Iraqi witnesses and from other Blackwater guards who cooperated with the government.

The sentencing hearing arrives with much at stake for the men given the heavy punishments the government is seeking. The firearms convictions alone carry mandatory minimum sentences of 30 years in prison. But prosecutors are seeking sentences far beyond that, partly because they say the men have never shown remorse or accepted responsibility. The murder conviction against Slatten carries a life sentence.

"By imposing substantial sentences, this court would hold the defendants accountable for their callous, wanton and deadly conduct, and deter others wielding the awesome power over life or death from perpetrating similar atrocities in the future," prosecutors wrote in a sentencing memorandum.

Defense lawyers say the mandatory minimums in this case violate a constitutional prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment.

"The defendants in this case did not have the option to 'leave their guns at home.' They were required to carry their government-issued weapons in order to do their job in a war zone," they wrote in court filings.

The lawyers said they were "aware of no other case in which the government has prosecuted government security contractors for conduct undertaken in self-defense in a war zone, much less for having used weaponry of a particular magnitude, when the weaponry was issued by the United States government for official use."

The sentencing won't bring an end to the legal wrangling, which began even before the guards were first charged in 2008. A judge later dismissed the case before trial, but a federal appeals court revived it and the guards were indicted again in 2013.

Defense lawyers have identified multiple legal issues likely to form the basis of an appeal, including whether the Justice Department had jurisdiction to charge the contractors in the first place.

The statute under which they were charged, the Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act, covers the overseas crimes of Defense Department civilian employees, military contractors and others who are supporting the American war mission. Defense lawyers note the Blackwater defendants worked as State Department contractors and were in Iraq to provide diplomatic, not military, services.

The legal fighting continued right up to sentencing, with defense lawyers seeking Friday to postpone the hearing after receiving new information — a victim impact statement from a witness — that they said was favorable to the defense. A judge denied the request.

Geoffrey Corn, a professor at the South Texas College of Law who has followed the case, said that while the sentences could seem harsh given the circumstances, the Justice Department has signaled that it sees an opportunity to use the case to send the message that contractors cannot act with impunity when abroad.

"A prosecutor is never obligated to bring a case," Corn said. He added, "The fact that they pursued this case tells you that they saw that there was some societal value in prosecuting this."

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FORT WORTH

Wreck involving Good Samaritans kills 5

Fort Worth police say five people died in a fiery accident when an 18-wheeler crashed into several vehicles and people who had stopped to help a motorist involved in a one-vehicle accident on Interstate 30.

Police said the 18-wheeler struck the vehicle that had been involved in the initial accident early Sunday morning and then struck several vehicles and people who stopped to help. The 18-wheeler then caught on fire.

Police said four people died at the scene. A fifth person later died at a hospital.

Medstar spokesman Matt Zavadsky said 10 people had minor injuries from the accident. Two others suffered more serious injuries.

Police said they are still investigating accident.

DALLAS

Art honoring blues guitarist Vaughan brothers planned

Plans are in the works in Dallas for an art piece honoring blues guitarist brothers Stevie Ray and Jimmie Vaughan at a park located just blocks from the home where they grew up.

The Dallas Morning News reported that documentary filmmaker Kirby Warnock has been working since last year with Kay Kallos, the public art program manager in the City of Dallas' Office of Cultural Affairs, to secure a spot in the Oak Cliff neighborhood's Kiest Park to honor the late Stevie Ray Vaughan and his older brother, Jimmie.

It's "been a long, slow slog," said Warnock, whose 2013 documentary "When Dallas Rocked" lamented the lack of a Stevie Ray Vaughan memorial in Dallas. "But it will be worth it."

Stevie Ray Vaughan, a two-time Grammy winner, was killed in a 1990 helicopter crash at the age of 35. This month he's set to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Warnock's website on the project said it has the approval of Jimmie Vaughan.

Last April, the City Council approved spending $74,000 for a piece of public art in Kiest Park, but had not decided what the artwork would be. That's when Warnock entered the picture and began the paperwork to justify his request.

He noted in his proposal that a nearby middle school gives out a scholarship established by the brothers' mother. He also said the brothers proudly proclaimed their Dallas roots in media interviews and recorded a song titled "DFW" to honor their hometown.

To make the project a reality though, Warnock needs to raise $68,000 more. The Park Board will vote Thursday on an agreement allowing a local foundation to donate funds to augment the existing project.

There isn't a design yet for Warnock's project. Once the Park Board signs off, Kallos said the city will put out the call for proposals.

"This is not for the faint of heart," Warnock said of the process. "If you're looking for a quick fix, this is not the way to go. But I wanted to make this real. And if it's in a city park, it's real. You know it's really going to happen. Doing it with the city puts the official stamp of approval on it."

Vaughan and his band Double Trouble produced the platinum album "Couldn't Stand the Weather" in 1984. He won a Grammy Award that year for best traditional blues recording for the song "Texas Flood."

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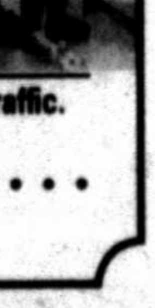

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Thing to do

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Meetings this week

Commissioners' Court
9 a.m.
Midland County Courthouse Auxiliary Courtroom
500 N. Loraine St.

Midland ISD board of trustees
5:30 p.m.
Midland ISD Central Office Board Room
615 W. Missouri Ave.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ PFLAG Odessa (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays), 7 p.m. (except on holidays), Alternative Life Solutions Counseling, 2458 E. 11th St., Odessa; 432-279-0749, pflagodessa@yahoo.com or www.pflagodessa.weebly.com.

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

■ Midland Amateur Radio Club, 7:30 p.m., clubhouse, Loop 250 and Lamesa Road; 561-9729.

Job fairs today

■ Chipotle Mexican Grill is hosting a job fair today at its restaurant at The Commons at North Park, 2820 W. Loop 250 N. The job fair is planned for 8-10 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. Part-time and full-time positions are available.

Candidates can fill out an application at http://jobs.chipotle.com, use Chipotle's new job application app on their smartphones or tablets or complete an application on site.

■ Experience Works hosts a job fair for workers 55 and older 9 a.m.-noon Monday at Midland Workforce Solutions' 3600 N. Garfield St., Technology Center Room 138. The agency focuses on people who desire to learn new skills.

For more information, call toll free 855-307-1171, or email liz_cox@experienceworks.org.

Volunteers needed for disaster exercise

The Midland International Air & Space Port seeks volunteers for a disaster exercise set for 6-11:30 p.m. May 8.

Federal aviation regulations require that the airport conduct a full-scale emergency exercise — designed to test the response time and performance of first responders — once every three years.

In order to simulate an actual emergency, volunteers are required to play the roles of victims and family members. The exercise will require that some volunteers are assessed and transported to area medical facilities, family reunification locations, and the terminal building.

To participate, sign up at www.midlandtexas.gov/AirportDrill.

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5-6 p.m. Local news reports
6-9 p.m. Roger Hedgecock
9-midnight Hugh Hewitt
Midnight-6 a.m. Coast to Coast with George Noory
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6-10 a.m. Morning Show with Craig Anderson
10 a.m.-noon. Herman Cain
Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
Web: http://www.kwel.com

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9 a.m.-noon The Herd with Colin Cowherd
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Today in history

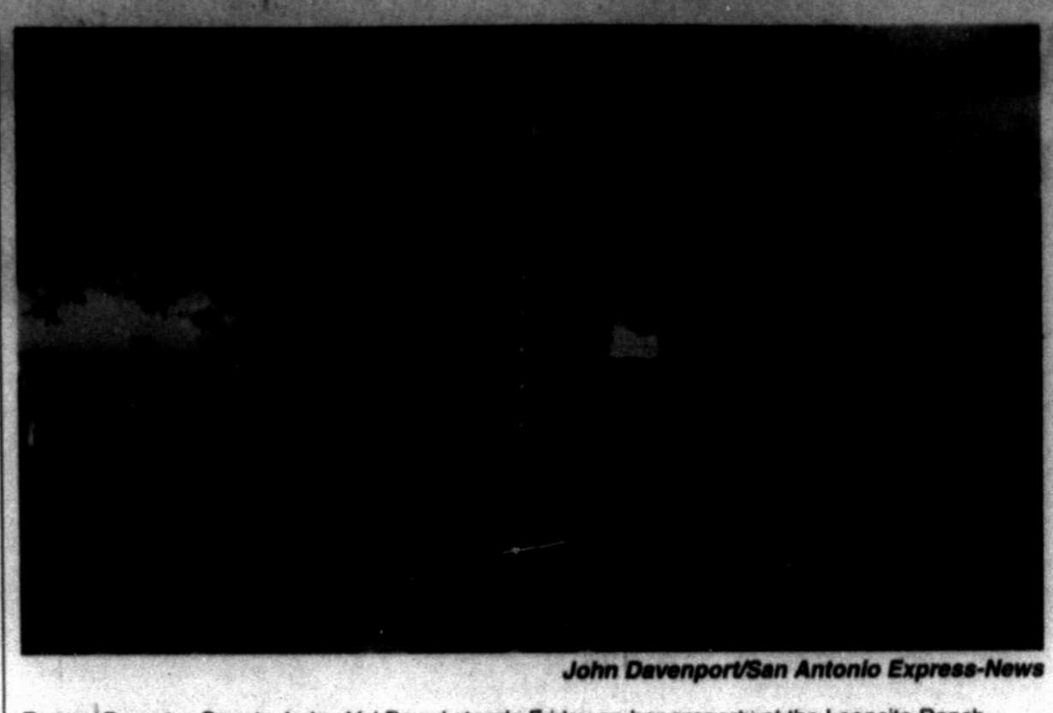
Today is Monday, April 13, the 103rd day of 2015. There are 262 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1861, at the start of the Civil War, Fort Sumter in South Carolina fell to Confederate forces.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial in Washington D.C., on the 200th anniversary of the third American president's birth.

In 1958, Van Cliburn of the United States won the first International Tchaikovsky Competition for piano in Moscow; Russian Valery Klimov won the violin competition.



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Former Brewster County Judge Val Beard stands Friday on her property at the Leoncita Ranch where she lives near Alpine.

PIPELINE

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modernization of Mexico's energy systems. The country is creating a national gas pipeline system and wants to increase the use of natural gas instead of coal in electric plants.

Energy Transfer spokeswoman Lisa Dillinger said construction is expected to begin later this year or early in 2016.

In a fact sheet issued last week, Energy Transfer said the pipeline will provide millions of dollars of financial benefits to local communities in construction jobs, goods and services and taxes.

Landowners will be compensated for easements along the pipeline, which will follow existing power lines and railroads where feasible, according to the sheet.

The company further said that safety is its top priority, and that all federal standards will be met. The pipeline will be regularly inspected and safety sensors along the line will warn of any problems.

The company said the pipeline will be constantly monitored for flow pressures by a remote Gas Control Center, and can be shut down in case of an emergency. The 42-inch pipeline — larger than the controversial 36-inch Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada — will be pressurized to 1,440 psi.

The pipeline will be buried at least 4 feet deep and the affected landscape will be replanted.

"The route is not yet final and is subject to change. We are currently conducting civil, environmental and archaeological surveys along the proposed route. We work with landowners individually to obtain voluntary survey permission," Dillinger wrote in an email.

Dillinger said condemnation is a last resort rarely used by Energy Transfer.

"Historically we have successfully reached voluntary easement agreements with all but a very small percentage of landowners," she said.

Opposition builds

The touchy issue of getting easements through private ranch land so far is not going well. Although the law in Texas favors the pipeline companies, the process can become messy if landowners resist.

For starters, the whole legal concept of eminent domain, in which private citizens are forced to surrender their property for a project that serves the public good, does not translate well in the Big Bend, particularly when it involves businessmen working for Mexico.

"Mexico can turn blue as far as I'm concerned if they think they can condemn my land. There are times when the greater good has to find a better way. I'm praying this is one of those," Luedeke said.

Texas is riddled with roughly a half-million miles of energy transmission pipelines, but there is none in the Big Bend region, nor is there any production of oil or natural gas.

Instead, the region boasts vast state and national parks, high peaks and scenic river canyons, pronghorns by the roadside, and a rich cultural history that includes ghost towns and real Texas cowboys.

There also is the sense here that this is a special place, the last unspoiled region in Texas, and that a pipeline would ruin that.

Since 300 or so letters were sent last month to local landowners by Legacy Field Services asking for permission to survey land, anxiety about the project has grown.

Included in the mailing was a copy of the Texas Landowners Bill of Rights, which, upon close reading, shows that saying no to condemnation is not among them.

Ranchers who never gave a thought to such obscure legal matters now are studying recent condemnation cases, including Texas Rice Land Partners vs. Denbury Green Pipeline, and LaSalle Pipeline vs. Donnell Lands, both of which ended favorably for landowners.

Adding to the general angst was the experience of former Brewster County Judge Val Beard, who found a surveyor in an unmarked pickup on her property, far from the public road.

"You don't show up unannounced on private property in far West Texas. And we have all these ugly, tacky signs up and down the road. Big warning — 'No trespassing. Don't come in,' " she said.

The hastily formed Big Bend Conservation Alliance has created a Facebook page and a website, "Notinourbigbend.com?," and also is handing out information sheets to landowners.

It also has started a petition asking President Barack Obama to refuse to sign the presidential permit required for the pipeline to cross the international boundary.

"This is the last battleground for Texas as far as staying totally uncontrolled by oil and gas. This is a fight about principle," said Mark Glover, an Alpine carpenter who helped start the alliance.

"I think the people who live here and people who come out here to enjoy the area are with us, but we're the underdogs, no doubt about that," he added.

Pros and cons

At last Wednesday's meeting, the pensive crowd quickly overflowed the library meeting room, leading to a second informational briefing outside.

What was soon clear is that very few really knew very much about pipelines, natural gas or condemnation, and the anxiety in the room thus was palpable.

"Everyone here knows this will absolutely kill Alpine. Does anyone here know what we can do to stop it," asked Kay Nowell of Alpine, expressing the familiar sentiment.

"We should take the stance that the soul of the Big Bend is not for sale," said Joanna Barnett, who lives in a Sunny Glen, a subdivision near Alpine rumored to be on the route.

Fears of crime, man camps, chemical contamination, cross-border sabotage by terrorists, earthquakes, pipeline explosions and worse were voiced.

"All of us know how dangerous this line is for blowing up. This (area) is a bowl. If that springs a leak, it will fill up the bowl and level the whole country," said Tony Snyder, a landowner.

Brought in for advice was Bill Adler, a grizzled veteran of a titanic environmental battle in Texas several decades ago in which the little guys won.

Adler was one of the key organizers in efforts to block creation of a radioactive waste dump in Sierra Blanca, a town on Interstate 10, 150 miles to the west.

"You've got to get every elected official from the dog catcher on up to be against this. You need resolutions. We had 17 counties in the border region, and 22 cities passed resolutions," he coached.

At one point in the meeting, when Bill Green, a hydro-geologist from Midland began telling folks their fears were overblown, he was shouted down and called a liar.

"I'm here on my own. I'm not representing anyone. If they are going to organize, they need the real facts," Green said afterward.

"They are not going to be able to stop this," he added, saying the best locals can do is negotiate the most favorable terms for things like compensation, easements and land remediation.

Not everyone in the Big Bend is against the pipeline. In Presidio, snug on the border with Mexico, it even looks attractive, said the city's economic director.

"We're hoping to get a feeder line off of it and run it into town. We have no natural gas in Presidio," Brad Newton said. "We have propane tanks in everyone's backyard. It's inconvenient. It's expensive and people can run out."

Further, Newton said, it would address a chronic problem of hazy air wafting over from Mexico.

"The biggest benefit, outside of getting natural gas for our community, is getting Mexico's power plants off coal and onto burning cleaner natural gas," he said.

He said it would be likely to give Presidio at least a temporary economic boost.

"You can't drop $767 million on a 150-mile zone and not have some of it rub off in your community," he said.

Who's in charge?

Energy Transfer also has announced a series of public meetings in Fort Stockton, Alpine and Presidio in two weeks so company officials can talk with local residents about the pipeline.

Energy Transfer says in its fact sheet that the pipeline will be regulated by the Texas Railroad Commission and the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, but confusion remains on that point.

Railroad Commission spokeswoman Ramona Nye has said repeatedly that because the pipeline crosses an international border, the commission will not be involved.

The federal pipeline agency did not respond to e-mailed questions last week.

Joe Will Ross, a San Angelo lawyer who often handles eminent domain cases, already represents Big Bend area clients in the gas pipeline matter.

"Who knows what is going on? There is no transparency," he said. "This particular pipeline is confusing because the pipeline company does not appear to have filed an application for its route with the Railroad Commission. I don't think anyone knows who has full regulatory authority."

Ross said he has advised his clients to do nothing and also to refuse access to surveyors until things become more clear.

Caffeine High: Space station getting Italian espresso maker

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The next space station grocery run will carry caffeine to a whole new level: Aboard the SpaceX supply ship is an authentic espresso machine straight from Italy.

SpaceX is scheduled to launch its unmanned rocket with the espresso maker — and 4,000 pounds of food, science research and other equipment — Monday afternoon.

The experimental espresso machine is intended for International Space Station astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti of Italy. It was supposed to arrive in January, shortly after her arrival, so she could get some relief from the station's instant coffee. But it ended up on the back burner after a station shipment from Virginia was lost in a launch explosion.

The espresso maker is dubbed ISSpresso — ISS standing for International Space Station. Italian coffee giant Lavazza joined forces with the Turin-based engineering company Argotec and the Italian Space Agency to provide a specially designed machine for use off the planet. NASA certified its safety.

NASA's space station program deputy manager, Dan Hartman, said it's all part of making astronauts feel at home as they spend months — and even up to a year — in orbit.

"The psychological support is very, very important," Hartman told reporters Sunday. "If an espresso machine comes back and we get a lot of great comments from the crew ... It's kind of like the ice cream thing, right, when we fly ice cream every now and then."

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more on my plate," he said. "I for sure want to stay in the oilfield, gas or oil. ... There's still a lot of stuff that's still going."

Some see a layoff as a new opportunity, like Midlander Andre Powell, who was let go as a project manager by Schlumberger at the end of March after five years with the company.

"I contemplated business ownership quite a bit, so I have been doing a little bit as far as getting myself ready for it, and it's going to be in the energy industry," he said.

With his wife still working, Powell says he feels more secure than some of his friends who have single-income families.

"A lot of times you don't hear these conversations come up as far as the oil prices dropping and stuff like that. People don't want to talk about that stuff," he said. "There's stress, but I think in a way it kinda makes some of them work hard."

Cozar believes the key to finding a job in Midland is not what you know or who you know, but what job someone expects to have.

"I feel like if you want to work, you can work," he said. "I am flexible. I am not looking for a management position or something like that ... but I can start from the bottom."

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"To the extent low oil prices can boost demand in Asia and help the economy in China, that is part of their thinking," Krane said. And leaders in OPEC, like Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, are looking to make sure demand in Asia will last for generations.

Developing countries, by definition, are making strategic decisions about how to grow, Krane explained. If oil is expensive, planners will make low-energy choices, such as designing compact cities that rely on public transportation and fuel-efficient vehicles. But if oil is expected to remain cheap, planners may design more sprawling cities that rely on energy-intensive vehicles.

"The choices you make now will affect demand for decades, or centuries, even," Krane said. "If you're OPEC, you'd like to see countries developing more energy-intense city design."

Substitute technologies

High oil prices are also what led to so much competition in the energy market, ranging from hydraulically fractured shale wells in Texas, to deep-water operations off Africa to a massive lithium battery factory in Nevada.

"The substitute technologies come online when the price for oil is high," Krane told me. "Cars all of the sudden get smaller, you get these weird new technologies that get more oil out of the ground. Drillers go offshore, and refiners try to get oil out of coal or natural gas."

But what about those government budgets?

"Naimi has said that the Saudis are happy to go into deficit spending, and even into debt, to finance their government budgets for the next few years," Krane said. "The last oil bust lasted two decades, and all of the Gulf monarchies survived intact, so these guys know how to survive a bust."

Low prices are tougher for less wealthy OPEC countries, such as Iran, Iraq and Venezuela, but none of those countries has the power to raise prices alone. Ironically, if unrest does break out and endanger production from these countries, prices will spike and give them the cash injection they need.

Cutting fat

Michelle Michot Foss, who heads the Bureau of Economic Geology's Center for Energy Economics at the University of Texas, said that during a recent meeting, OPEC ministers spoke frankly about needing to cut fat from their budgets and to diversify their economies.

"They see erosion of demand in response to price, and that's something they think they can do something about," Foss told me. "If you take that fiscal contribution to the state out of the picture, they are cheap and they have lots and lots of volume."

Planning accordingly

In its short-term outlook, the Energy Information Agency forecasts that Brent crude will average $59 a barrel in 2015 and $75 a barrel in 2016, with Texas crude trading about $6 cheaper. But that assumes no increase in production from OPEC. If sanctions on Iran are lifted and the country adds 700,000 barrels a day to the market, the agency says to subtract $15 from the 2016 forecast.

The American oil industry needs to take OPEC's desire to encourage greater oil use while maintaining market share very seriously. And that means planning for $60 Brent in 2016 and possibly for years to come.

Sharpton leads service to remember shooting victim

Associated Press

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. — The Rev. Al Sharpton thanked the mayor and police chief in North Charleston on Sunday for their response to the fatal shooting of Walter Scott.

Sharpton gave the sermon at Charity Missionary Baptist Church, where Mayor Keith Summey and Police Chief Eddie Driggers were among those in the congregation. Later, he led a vigil for a small crowd in the grassy, fenced-in area where Scott, 50, was fatally shot after fleeing a traffic stop April 4.

Then-officer Michael Slager initially said Scott was shot after a tussle over his Taser, but witness video later surfaced showing Scott being shot as he ran away. Slager was fired and has been charged with murder.

Scott's death was criticized as another police shooting of an unarmed black man by a white officer under questionable circumstances. In Sharpton's commendation of the city's response, he said the mayor and police chief's swift action could set the tone for handling future questions of police misconduct across the country.

Despite the city's response and Sharpton's praise, there's still a lingering sense of skepticism about whether Scott's death would have been thoroughly investigated without the witness video.

"The mayor and the chief, they did what they had to do because none of us are blind," Keith White, 60, of North Charleston, said before the church service. "Everyone saw the video and they did what they were forced to do once that video became public."

The response by city officials and the local community hasn't been similar to that of Ferguson, Missouri, where protests after the fatal shooting of Michael Brown and a grand jury's decision not to indict the officer who shot him turned violent and exposed striking social rifts between black and white residents in the area.

Some North Charleston residents have said they suspect abuse of power and public trust among law enforcement as issues that may have played a more pivotal role than race in Scott's death.

"It's not about the color of your skin, it's about social justice. When we all practice social justice we're all free," said Mattese Lecque, a North Charleston resident who heard Sharpton preach Sunday. "Sometimes it takes disaster to bring about change, and that's what's happening now."

Before concluding his sermon, Sharpton mentioned that South Carolina is an important state in the upcoming presidential race. He charged the congregation with pressing candidates about their stances on community policing.

"Don't let anybody run for president and come through South Carolina without addressing what they would do as president of the United States about police accountability," Sharpton said.

"Don't let them come through here and eat some sweet potato pie and sing with the choir and then get your vote on the cheap. Make them stand up and discuss your issues."

Shooting drew together ordinary lives of driver, officer

By Mitch Weiss and Michael Biesecker
Associated Press

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. — But for a series of split-second decisions that followed a traffic stop, Walter Scott might still be alive and police officer Michael Slager still patrolling the streets.

When the two men's lives intersected on April 4, Scott had just purchased a used car from a neighbor. Slager was starting a routine weekend shift on a warm spring day. In a matter of minutes, one man was dead. Within days, the other was charged with murder.

A third man on his way to work captured the encounter on cellphone video that shocked the world and added fuel to the national debate about race and aggressive police tactics that began in August with the shooting death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri.

Family members said Scott was so fearful of returning to jail over late child-support payments that he tried to outrun the law. And the officer, amid the adrenaline of a short foot chase, fired a fatal volley of eight bullets at the back of a fleeing suspect who appeared to pose no immediate threat.

It all began with a traffic stop along a busy stretch of commercial road in North Charleston, a city that, not unlike Ferguson, has a large working-class black population policed by a force that is overwhelmingly white.

Scott was buying a nearly 25-year-old Mercedes-Benz sedan from a neighbor, and he knew in advance that it needed a few repairs. But it was still better than his van, a beater that would break down on the way to his job as a forklift operator in a distribution warehouse.

So that Saturday morning, he jumped into his car, picked up a friend from work and headed to an auto-parts-store a few miles away. He called his girlfriend: He wouldn't be long.

Slager had been with the North Charleston Police Department for about five years, following a stint in the Coast Guard. He was watching out for traffic violations and waiting to answer trouble calls over the radio. If things went right, maybe he'd get home early enough to enjoy the rest of the day with his wife, who was eight months pregnant, and their two children.

A few blocks away, 23-year-old Feidin Santana was getting ready for work. As usual, the immigrant from the Dominican Republic planned to walk to his job at a barbershop, passing storefronts, houses and empty lots.

The three men did not know each other when they left their homes, but their lives collided shortly after 9:30 a.m., when Slager flipped on his blue lights to pull Scott over. Police said it was for a burned-out taillight.

Scott knew he was in trouble. The father of four children had fallen behind, again, on child support owed to his ex-wife.

So while he was still in the car, he called his mother to tell her he might be heading to jail, according to his older brother, Anthony Scott.

"He wanted to let her know he was getting pulled over and the way this was going, he'd probably be getting arrested," said Anthony Scott, his older brother. "In other words: Get ready to come and get me."

Slager told authorities that he fired his Taser at Scott as he ran, but the stun gun didn't work. Then during a scuffle over the weapon, Slager said, he shot Scott with his handgun in self-defense.

Within minutes, North Charleston police turned the investigation over to state law-enforcement officials. That night, the police department issued a news release, repeating Slager's account of the shooting.

"This is part of the job that no one likes and wishes would never happen," the North Charleston police chief said in the release.

But Scott's family was suspicious. It just didn't add up.

Yes, Scott was behind on child support. But he wasn't violent. He may have tried to run from the officer because he didn't want to go to jail.

They said the 50-year-old was happy, had a steady job and was making plans to marry his girlfriend. As a young man, he served two years in the Coast Guard before receiving a general discharge under honorable conditions. The discharge was prompted by misconduct related to a drug offense.

Years later, his brothers said, he earned a degree in massage therapy.

Even with all his struggles to keep up with child-support payments, his brothers said, Scott stayed close to his four children — a 24-year-old daughter and three sons ages 22, 20 and 16.

Despite two failed marriages, he was planning to tie the knot a third time. Scott had been dating Charlotte Jones for about five years. They got engaged about a week before he was killed.

The family wanted answers. As word of the shooting spread in the community, many feared police would close the case without taking any action against the officer.

Then there was the video.

On his way to work, Santana noticed the confrontation between the white officer and a black man in an empty lot. He stopped, pushed record on his iPhone and captured a video that showed Scott running away and Slager firing eight shots at his back.

After much soul searching, Santana decided that night to find a way to reach out to Scott's family.

At first, Santana said, he was scared to come forward because he knew the video was potentially explosive. He told multiple news organizations that he didn't hear Slager say "stop" before the officer fired.

Santana also said a law enforcement officer told him to stay, but in the chaos of the shooting, he slipped from the scene without being questioned.

When Santana heard the man who was shot died, he started checking Facebook to see if he had a friend who knew the family. He did, and Santana reached out to them. On Sunday, a day after the shooting, he showed them the video.

It confirmed the family's worst fears, said Chris Stewart, attorney for the Scott family.

The following day, Santana gave a copy to state investigators.

The video immediately changed perceptions of what happened.

But there was more evidence that contradicted Slagel's story, including video captured by a camera mounted on the dash of the officer's cruiser, as well as radio traffic. They all provided investigators with disturbing new details.

With the dash cam, the traffic stop starts like any other. Slager is seen walking toward the driver's side window and heard asking for Scott's license and registration. Slager then returns to his cruiser. Next, the video shows Scott starting to get out of the car, his right hand raised above his head. He quickly gets back in the vehicle and closes the door.

Seconds later, he opens the door again and takes off running. Within a block or two, out of the dashboard camera's view, Slager catches up to him in an empty lot.

A recording of police radio traffic shows about three minutes pass between the call from Slager that he is conducting a traffic stop on a Mercedes and a second call to report that he is in a foot pursuit of a "black male, green shirt, blue pants."

The dispatcher can be heard calling for all other police units in the area to respond. Several officers reply that they're on the way. About a minute later, Slager can be heard yelling "Lie on the ground!"

About 50 seconds later, Slager radios the dispatcher: "Shots fired. Subject is down. He grabbed my Taser." On Santana's video, Slager is seen walking over to handcuff Scott, who is face down and motionless in the grass.

A voice on the radio asks Slager if everyone at the scene is "10-4," a radio code often used by officers to mean "OK."

Police officer Clarence Habersham, who arrived at the scene seconds after the shooting, kneels over Scott and responds: "Everyone is 10-4, except for the suspect. ... Gunshot wound, it looks like, to the chest, to the right side. Unresponsive. ... Another gunshot wound to the buttocks."

About five minutes pass after the shooting before an officer radioed the dispatcher that he was administering first aid to Scott and beginning chest compressions. An ambulance arrives about seven minutes after the shots were fired.

Scott is declared dead at the scene.

North Charleston officials announced Tuesday that Slager had been charged with murder. They quickly fired him from the police force.

Authorities refused to provide some details, including the name of the passenger who was with Scott at the time of the incident. A police report said the man was questioned at the scene and released.

In the aftermath of the charges, new details came out about Slager, who was also in the Coast Guard before joining the police department.

In separate matter, a man had alleged that Slager used his stun gun against him without reason. But Slager was exonerated and the case closed. Witnesses told The Associated Press that investigators never followed up with them. Police say they are now looking at that case again.

Slager lived a mile from the shooting scene in neighboring Hanahan. Days after the shooting, the house looked empty. A car covered in pollen with a Coast Guard sticker on the window sat in the driveway.

Associated Press

Walter Scott's casket is moved from the World Outreach Revival Deliverance Ministries Christian Center after his funeral service in Summerville, S.C., on Saturday. Scott was fatally shot a week earlier by a North Charleston police officer after a traffic stop. Officer Michael Slager has been charged with murder.

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■ Anyone who heard Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's response this past week heard revolutionary intent; that's never good

DAVID BROOKS
New York Times News Service

Beyond all the talk of centrifuges and enrichment capacities, President Barack Obama's deal with Iran is really a giant gamble on the nature of the Iranian regime. The core question is: Are the men who control that country more like Lenin or are they more like Gorbachev? Do they still fervently believe in their revolution and would they use their post-sanctions wealth to export it and destabilize their region? Or have they lost faith in their revolution? Will they use a deal as a way to rejoin the community of nations?

We got a big piece of evidence on those questions Thursday. Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, delivered his first big response to the sort-of-agreed-upon nuclear framework. What did we learn?

First, we learned Iran's supreme leader still regards the United States as his enemy. The audience chanted "Death to America" during his speech, and Khamenei himself dismissed America's "devilish" intentions. When a radical religious leader uses words like "devilish," he's not using it the way it's used in a chocolate-cake commercial. He means he thinks the United States is the embodiment of evil.

Second, we learned the West wants a deal more than Khamenei does.

"I was never optimistic about negotiating with America," he declared.

Throughout the speech, his words dripped with a lack of enthusiasm for the whole enterprise.

Obama is campaigning for a deal, while Khamenei is unmoved. That imbalance explains why Western negotiators had to give away so many of their original demands. The United States had originally insisted upon an end to Iran's nuclear program, a suspension of its enrichment of uranium, but that was conceded to keep Iran at the table.

Third, we learned that the ayatollah is demanding total trust from us while offering maximum contempt in return. Khamenei communicated a smug and self-righteous sense of superiority toward the West throughout his remarks. He haughtily repeated his demand that the West permanently end all sanctions on the very day the deal is signed. He insisted that no inspectors could visit Iranian military facilities.

Fourth, we learned Khamenei and the United States see different realities. It's been pointed out Iranian and U.S. officials describe the "agreed upon" framework in different ways. That's because, Khamenei suggested, the Americans are lying.

"I'm really worried as the other side is into lying and breaching promises. An example was the White House fact sheet," he said. "This came out a few hours after the negotiations, and most of it was against the agreement and was wrong. They are always trying to deceive and break promises."

Fifth, Khamenei reminded us that, even at the most delicate moment in these talks, he is still intent on putting Iran on a collision course with Sunnis and the West. He attacked the Saudi leaders as "inexperienced youngsters" and criticized efforts to push back on Iranian efforts to destabilize Yemen.

The foreign minister of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed al-Nahyan, characterized Iran's recent bellicosity this way: "It's about Iran believing in exporting the revolution. It's part of their regime, a part of their ideology."

Khamenei's remarks could be bluster, tactical positioning for some domestic or international audience. But they are entirely consistent with recent Iranian behavior.

His speech suggests Iran still fundamentally sees itself in a holy war with the West, a war that can be managed prudently but that is still a fundamental clash of values and interests. His speech suggests, as Henry Kissinger and George Shultz put it in a brilliant op-ed essay in The Wall Street Journal on Wednesday, that there is no congruence of interests between us and Iran. We envision a region of stable nation-states. They see a revolutionary anti-Western order.

If Iran still has revolutionary intent, then no amount of treaty subtlety will enforce this deal. Iran will begin subtly subverting any agreement. It will continue to work on its advanced nuclear technology even during the agreement. It will inevitably use nuclear weaponry, or even the threat of eventual nuclear weaponry, to advance its apocalyptic interests. Every other regional power will prepare for the worst, and we'll get a pseudo nuclear arms race in a region of disintegrating nation-states.

If Obama is right and Iran is on the verge of change, the deal is a home run. But we have a terrible record of predicting trends in the Middle East. Republican and Democratic administrations have continually anticipated turning points in the Middle East: Republicans after interventions, Democrats after negotiations. But the dawns never come.

At some point, there has to be a scintilla of evidence that Iran wants to change. Khamenei's speech offers none. Negotiating an arms treaty with Brezhnev and Gorbachev was one thing. But with this guy? Good luck with that.

GUEST VIEW

Line more than crossed during police shooting in South Carolina

Dallas Morning News

Walter Scott was behind the wheel of his used Mercedes-Benz when a police officer pulled him over for a broken tail light.

It's the kind of traffic stop that happens every day, all over America. This time, however, it ended with the black motorist shot to death, the white police officer charged with murder and all of America lamenting, "Oh, no, not again."

The 33-year-old North Charleston, South Carolina, officer, Michael Slager, fired eight shots at Scott, 50, as he attempted to run away. Scott was struck in the back several times and killed.

Officer Slager insisted for several days that he opened fire in self-defense when Scott struggled for the patrolman's Taser. The incident might have been clouded by uncertainty — like other recent killings that sparked community outrage and a rancorous national discussion on police brutality and treatment of minorities — if a passer-by hadn't captured smartphone video of the incident.

This time, there is no question about the narrative. The video clearly shows Slager in a gun-range stance, methodically firing. Moments later, he drops what appears to be a Taser next to Scott's lifeless body. Slager might have had a reason to arrest Scott, but nothing on the video remotely suggests deadly force was necessary.

This time, unlike in the cases of Michael Brown, Eric Garner or Tamir Rice, there are no vague details to cloud the discussion. This time, nothing should distract from a deep, national soul-searching about aggressive police tactics.

Statistically, we know a lot about crime, criminals and crime victims. But we still know little about shootings by police and excessive use of force — except that officers are rarely charged. In minority communities, the trust is lost, and good cops find it more difficult to do their jobs.

FBI Director James Comey got it right during a speech at Georgetown University this year, when he urged lawmakers to require law-enforcement agencies to report shootings by police. He acknowledged that unconscious racial bias plays a role in some incidents, and he implored law enforcement officials "to design systems and processes to overcome that very human part of us all." Those are all major steps toward greater transparency and accountability.

It's a stroke of luck that Feidin Santana, a young barber, was on his way to work and had the courage and presence of mind to record this horrific encounter. Without that video, rumors would have spread, and, perhaps, violent protests would have ensued. The incident underscores why we were glad that Texas state Rep. Jason Villalba, R-Dallas, abandoned his bill to make such video more difficult.

But here's the thing: Justice shouldn't depend on fortuitous timing.

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Free trade has unhealthy impact

■ Just look at Mexico to see how the invasion of junk food can change a country and its health

ESTHER CEPEDA
Washington Post Writers Group

Speaking recently at an economic forum, Richard Trumka, the outspoken president of the AFL-CIO, asked this about free trade: "Is our trade policy working for America's workers and for our nation as a whole? And the simple answer to that question right now is no, it isn't."

Trumka was addressing the controversial Trans-Pacific Partnership the Obama administration is attempting to fast-track through Congress. But our trade policy isn't working for other nations, either.

Writing last week in The Guardian, Ramon Vera Herrera blamed free trade for the obesity and Type 2 diabetes epidemic ravaging Mexico, Central and South America.

"Today, many countries in the global South are seeing an explosion of these afflictions — all because their governments welcomed in transnational food companies looking for new 'growth markets' for poor quality, heavily processed or just plain junk food," wrote Vera Herrera.

"For big conglomerates to increase their profits, they need to develop and sell products aimed at hundreds of millions of the world's poor. ... To reach these potential consumers, large food corporations are infiltrating, inundating and taking over traditional food distribution channels around the world, and replacing local foods with junk, often with the direct support of local governments."

Vera Herrera said the North American Free Trade Agreement, signed by President Clinton in 1993, destabilized Mexico's food system — in terms of loss of economic stability, the undercutting of local food producers' profits and, in many cases, the gobbling up of land by huge agricultural companies. These are major reasons for Latin Americans' skyrocketing incidences of malnutrition, obesity and associated diseases, he said.

Recall this irony: In 2013, Mexico became the fattest nation on earth, taking the title from the United States, which had reigned supreme for years. Today, both countries are neck and neck for the dubious title.

Mexico's obesity epidemic should be no surprise to anyone who has traveled south of the border in the past few years. Where once sidewalks were packed with vendors selling freshly cut fruit and vegetables, freshly squeezed juices and handmade comestibles, vendors are now likelier to be hawking bottled soft drinks, American candy bars and colorful packets of salty, fried chips.

When I visited family in Mexico in the 1980s, it was rare to see American stores, restaurants or products. My mom used to pack Snickers bars and Oreos to treat the family kids because those items were generally unavailable there.

But on my last trip to Mexico City, in 2007, I was shocked to see that my aunt's formerly sleepy neighborhood had been transformed into a mini-American suburbia with a Burger King, two Kentucky Fried Chicken franchises, several Wal-Marts teeming with Nabisco and Frito-Lay packaged goods and even a Hooters chicken wing restaurant.

So many Mexican citizens drink sugary sodas that the country's status as the world's top consumer of soft drinks led to a tax on the beverages in order to help curb the rapid expansion of obesity-related disease. Less publicized, however, are communities who rely on bottled soft drinks as their No. 1 alternative to water because their governments have not prioritized providing clean, running water for their citizens' use.

This is not to say malnutrition in Mexico and other Latin American nations can be blamed solely on free trade agreements. But many experts point to such deals as force multipliers in poor countries where an influx of cheap calories can quickly become a very expensive national health crisis.

Vera Herrera writes: "After visiting the country in 2012, the U.N. Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food got it right when he said: 'The overweight and obesity emergency that Mexico is facing could have been avoided, or largely mitigated, if the health concerns linked to shifting diets had been integrated into the design of the country's trade policies.'"

It begs the question about how such dietary concerns are being addressed, if at all, in regard to the 12 countries involved in the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership. Vietnam, for instance, is currently juggling both hunger and rising obesity, while Singapore is struggling to stem obesity and Malaysia is already Asia's most obese country.

But with the text of the proposed trade agreement shrouded in secrecy, we may not find out whether nutrition was even a consideration until it's much too late.

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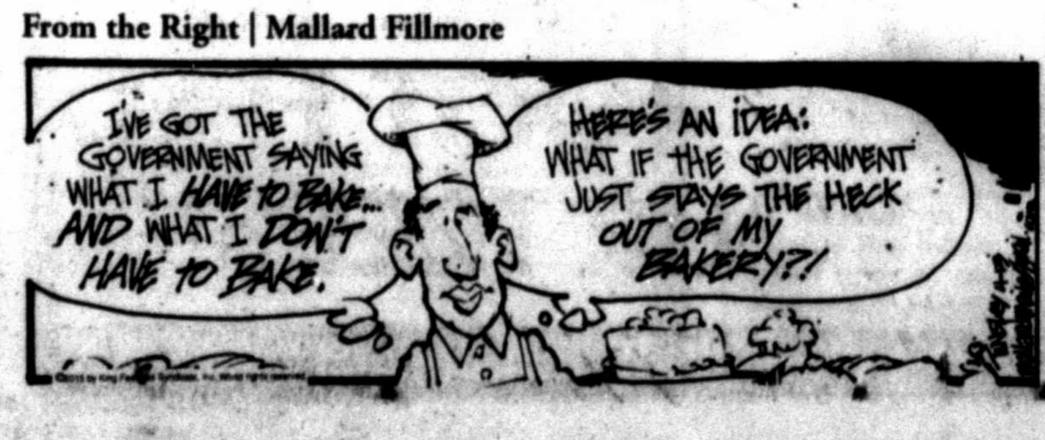


Another shot at the presidency

Hillary Clinton running again for president

ABOUT HER

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON — A look at key things to know about Hillary Rodham Clinton, who entered the 2016 Democratic presidential campaign on Sunday:

THE BRIEF

As first lady to President Bill Clinton during the 1990s, she was a driving figure in a failed health care overhaul and lived through multiple ethics investigations and her husband's impeachment. She won a Senate seat representing New York in 2000 and ran for the president in 2008, losing the nomination to Barack Obama. She was his secretary of state for four years. No woman has been a major party's presidential nominee or been elected president.

RESUME REVIEW

Lawyer, senator, diplomat. In Arkansas, she was a lawyer at a top firm while Bill Clinton was governor. She advised her husband after he won the White House in 1992. In the Senate, she struck a bipartisan tone at times. Her Senate vote for the 2002 Iraq invasion became a point of contention in 2008; Obama had spoken out against the "dumb war." At the State Department, she was a hawkish member of Obama's national security team. She helped set the foundation for nuclear talks with Iran.

PERSONAL STORY

The daughter of a small-business owner and homemaker, Clinton grew up in suburban Chicago. As a senior at Wellesley College, she delivered a 1969 commencement speech that earned national attention. At Yale Law School, she met Bill Clinton. After working as a child advocate, Clinton followed her future husband back to Arkansas, where he launched his political career. The couple's 35-year-old daughter, Chelsea Clinton, gave birth to her first child, Charlotte, in September.

CALLING CARD MOMENT

A 1995 address in Beijing and her final campaign event in 2008 are signature moments. As first lady, Clinton declared in a speech at a U.N. conference on women that "human rights are women's rights and women's rights are human rights." The speech challenged human rights abuses of women and helped set the tone for Clinton's work years later in the State Department. Her 2008 speech, delivered after Obama locked up the nomination, told supporters they had made "18 million cracks" in the glass ceiling, denoting the number of primary votes she won. It left the impression of unfinished business and the potential for a woman eventually to win the White House. Her critics remember her for blaming her husband's scandals on a "vast right wing conspiracy."

EARLY CAMPAIGN ACTION

Clinton has signaled that she intends to make a major push in the Iowa caucuses, won by Obama in 2008. Her team has hired a former top aide to Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to lead her Iowa campaign. Her ties to New Hampshire are much stronger. State Democrats remember Bill Clinton's surprising second-place finish in the 1992 primary that helped him overcome charges of draft dodging and womanizing. Hillary Clinton surprised Obama by winning the 2008 New Hampshire primary.

READING LIST

Clinton wrote "Hard Choices," about her time as secretary of state, and promoted the book around the country in 2014. The book generated mediocre sales and Clinton stumbled at times during the book tour, saying in one interview that she and her husband were "dead broke" when they left the White House. While they faced large legal bills from the Whitewater investigation, the couple made millions after Bill Clinton's presidency; the comments were considered tone-deaf.

By Ken Thomas and Lisa Lerer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton jumped back into presidential politics Sunday, announcing her much-awaited second campaign for the White House, "Everyday Americans need a champion. I want to be that champion," she said.

As she did in 2007, Clinton began her campaign for the 2016 Democratic nomination with a video. But rather than follow it with a splashy rally, she instead plans to head to the early-voting states of Iowa and New Hampshire, looking to connect with voters directly at coffee shops, day care centers and some private homes.

"So I'm hitting the road to earn your vote. Because it's your time. And I hope you'll join me on this journey," Clinton said at the end of a video, which features a series of men, women and children describing their aspirations.

This voter-centric approach was picked with a purpose, to show that Clinton is not taking the nomination for granted. Only after about a month of such events will Clinton will give a broader speech outlining more specifics about her rationale for running.

The former secretary of state, senator and first lady enters the race in a strong position to succeed her rival from the 2008 campaign, President Barack Obama.

Her message will focus on strengthening economic security for the middle class and expanding opportunities for working families. The campaign is portraying her as a "tenacious fighter" who can get results and work with Congress, business and world leaders.

"Americans have fought their way back from tough economic times. But the deck is still stacked in favor of those at the top. Everyday Americans need a champion and I want to be that champion," she said in the video.

"So you can do more than just get by. You can get ahead and stay ahead. Because when families are strong, America is strong."

Clinton's strategy, described ahead of the announcement by two senior advisers who requested anonymity to discuss her plans, has parallels to Obama's approach in 2012. He framed his re-election as a choice between Democrats focused on the middle class and Republicans who sought to protect the wealthy and return to policies that led the country into recession.

Clinton will face pressure from the progressive wing of her party to adopt a more populist economic message focused on income inequality. Some liberals remain skeptical of Clinton's close ties to Wall Street donors and the centrist economic policies of her husband's administration. They have urged her to back tougher financial regulations and tax increases on the wealthy.

"It would do her well electorally to be firmly on the side of average working people who are working harder than ever and still not getting ahead," said economist Robert Reich, a former labor secretary during the Clinton administration who has known Hillary Clinton for nearly five decades.

The GOP did not wait for her announcement to begin their campaign against her. The party's chairman, Reince Priebus, has outlined plans for a broad effort to try to undermine her record as secretary of state while arguing that her election would be like giving Obama a "third term."

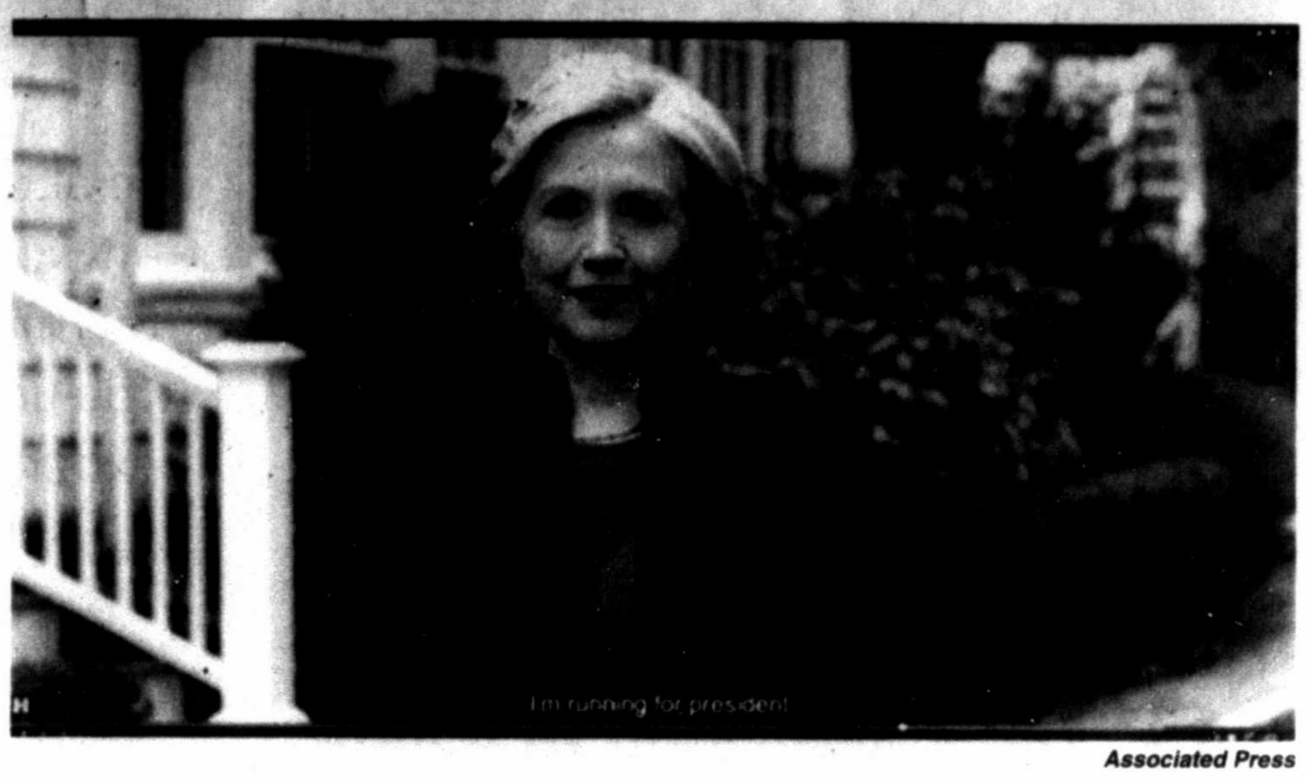
Republicans have jumped on Clinton's use of a personal email account and server while she was secretary of state, as well as her handling of the 2012 terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya.

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, in his own online video, said Sunday: "We must do better than the Obama-Clinton foreign policy that has damaged relationships with our allies and emboldened our enemies."

Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, who launched his presidential campaign last week, also pointed to the Clinton family's foundation, which has drawn criticism from Republicans for raising money from foreign governments.

Paul said it was hypocritical for the foundation to accept money from Saudi Arabia, which places public restrictions on the movement and activity of women, while Clinton carries forward with her long-standing effort to improve in women's rights.

"I would expect Hillary Clinton if she believes in women's rights, she should be calling for a boycott of Saudi Arabia," Paul said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "Instead, she's accepting tens of millions of dollars."



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In this image taken from video posted to hillaryclinton.com on Sunday, Hillary Rodham Clinton announces her campaign for president. The former secretary of state, senator and first lady enters the race in a strong position to succeed her rival from the 2008 campaign, President Barack Obama.

WHERE SHE STANDS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON — With Hillary Rodham Clinton announcing her candidacy Sunday for the 2016 Democratic nomination for president, a look at where she stands on some issues:

ECONOMY

Clinton sees growing income inequality and wage stagnation as a major problem, and has made this topic a prominent theme in many of her public remarks this year. As a senator and then as a presidential candidate in the 2008 race, she called for equal pay for women, increasing the minimum wage, expanding tax credits for poorer families, overhauling corporate tax provisions, expanding paid family leave and universal prekindergarten. Clinton has been careful to avoid a divisive message, shying away from the more populist rhetoric that many in her party believe is necessary. The paid speeches she has given since leaving the State Department and her lament in an interview last summer about once being "dead broke" led to criticism that she does not understand the concerns of working Americans.

FINANCIAL REGULATION

Clinton is under pressure from liberals to back plans raising taxes on the wealthiest and increase regulation of Wall Street, in part by reinstating Depression-era law repealed by her husband's administration that separated commercial from investment banking. Clinton has not taken a position on that law, though in 2007, she proposed raising taxes on income made by many investment managers. That income is taxed at the 15 percent capital gains rate. She has been supportive of policies increasing taxes on higher income families, saying in a 2010 speech that the "rich are not paying their fair share." Liberals are also critical of her 2001 vote for a bankruptcy overhaul — backed by banks — that would have made it more difficult for consumers to get relief from debts. She later said she regretted her vote. She has accepted hundreds of millions of dollars in contributions from U.S. companies, including Wall Street banks, for her political campaigns and philanthropic foundation, donations that make some in her party skeptical of her.

TRADE

As first lady, Clinton backed the North American Free Trade Agreement, saying in 1996 that the pact was "proving its worth." But as a presidential candidate in 2007, she called the deal "a mistake," calling for a "trade timeout" and the selection of a prosecutor to enforce current deals before entering into any new agreements. Labor unions and liberal activists are pushing Clinton to reject the Trans-Pacific Partnership, now being negotiated by the Obama administration. While Clinton has not expressed a clear opinion on the deal, she cast the agreement in more favorable terms in her memoir, "Hard Choices," writing that while it "won't be perfect" the pact "should benefit American businesses and workers."

FOREIGN POLICY

Foreign policy is one of Clinton's few areas of disagreement with the Obama administration. She has criticized President Barack Obama for taking a cautious approach to global crises, dismissing his doctrine of "don't do stupid stuff" as "not an organizing principle." As secretary of state, Clinton advocated for arming Syrian rebels fighting President Bashar Assad, a suggestion that was not followed by the White House. While acknowledging in an August interview that she could not definitively say that her recommendations would have changed the situation, she said "the failure to do that left a big vacuum, which the jihadists have now filled."

ISRAEL & IRAN

In recent weeks Clinton has avoided commenting publicly on U.S.-Israeli relations, which became strained after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's address to Congress and re-election. While supportive of Israel as a New York senator, she described her role as secretary of state as the "designated yeller," who angered Netanyahu by demanding a total freeze on settlement expansion. She called her position misguided in her memoir. She's expressed cautious support for Obama's nuclear deal with Iran, though remarked the "devil was in the details." Previously, she said she was skeptical that Iran would abide by any deal struck with the U.S.

SOCIAL ISSUES

Clinton now supports same-sex marriage, saying that she has "evolved" from her opposition as first lady, senator and secretary of state. She denounced an Indiana law that would give increased protections to businesses and religious groups that object to providing services to gay customers. She supports abortion rights and frequently cites the Democratic line that the procedure should be "safe, legal, and rare."

CLIMATE CHANGE

Clinton has described climate change as the most "consequential, urgent, sweeping" problem facing the world, telling college students in March she hopes for a "mass movement" on the issue. She has promised to protect "at all costs" regulations put in place by the Obama administration that set federal limits on carbon pollution from existing and future power plants. But Clinton has remained silent on the Keystone XL pipeline, which would carry oil from western Canada to refineries on the Gulf Coast, saying she would not express an opinion on a pending international issue.

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In this April 6 photo, Rob Williamson stands outside his deli in Darien, Conn. Williamson doesn't believe the town is being discriminatory in rejecting affordable housing applications. Local resident Christopher Stefanoni is suing the Darien Little League in federal court, saying league officials demoted his 9-year-old son to a lower-level team as retribution for his affordable housing proposal. Lawyers for the Little League deny the allegations.

Dad: Affordable housing plan led to son's demotion in league

By Dave Collins
Associated Press

DARIEN, Conn. — In one of the country's richest towns — where Mercedes, BMWs and Land Rovers cruise tree-lined streets of multimillion-dollar homes — a man who proposed building more accessible housing says angry neighbors took out their frustration on his son: a 9-year-old boy who was demoted to a lower-level Little League team.

Christopher Stefanoni said in a federal lawsuit that residents of Darien are so worried that affordable housing will draw black people to town that they'll do just about anything to stop it, including using his son to retaliate against him. Town and Little League officials said that's completely false.

"Darien is a little white enclave, sort of a holdout segregated town," said Stefanoni, 50, a Harvard-educated father of five who has lived in town since 2000. "The attitudes that people in Darien have are very exclusionary, demeaning. When they go after your kids, they've crossed the line."

The town of nearly 21,000 people on Connecticut's Gold Coast consistently appears in Top 10 lists of America's wealthiest towns, with a per-capita income around $95,000. About 94 percent of the population is white, with about 620 Hispanics and 70 blacks, according to the latest U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

The lawsuit and a federal housing investigation reopened old wounds in Darien, a New York City suburb depicted in the 1947 Oscar-winning movie "Gentleman's Agreement" starring Gregory Peck where residents conspired not to sell their homes to Jews.

Stefanoni and his wife, Margaret, filed the lawsuit in 2013 against the Darien Little League and its leaders over the demotion of their son for the fall 2010 season, just days after Stefanoni filed an affordable housing application for property right next to the home of a former league official. Several months later, Stefanoni was banned indefinitely from coaching in the league.

Lawyers for the defendants deny the allegations. A federal judge in Bridgeport is now mulling a motion to dismiss the lawsuit. According to court documents, league officials said they made a mistake placing the Stefanonis' son on a higher-level team, after the housing application was filed, and corrected the error by moving him to another team.

"Mr. Stefanoni is pursuing a baseless litigation as a means to harass and retaliate against defendants for an imaginary slight that has no connection to reality or to the civil rights laws that he purports to vindicate," the defendants' lawyers, Michelle Arbitrio and Fred Knopf, wrote in the motion to dismiss. Knopf has since withdrawn from the case.

Former Little League board members named in the lawsuit declined to comment.

Stefanoni said he has had three affordable housing proposals rejected by the town. They include a 16-apartment complex with five affordable units and a 30-apartment development with nine affordable units. A court sent both of those back to the town's planning and zoning commission for review and approved a third. The commission cited traffic safety and other concerns.

The lawsuit includes allegations about city officials blocking affordable housing applications to keep blacks from moving into town, claims identical to those in another pending federal lawsuit against the town by a different affordable housing developer whose project was rejected.

Woodley, 'Fault In Our Stars,' win big at MTV Movie Awards

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The emotional teen drama "The Fault in Our Stars" picked up the best movie of the year award at the MTV Movie Awards on Sunday, adding to a big night for star Shailene Woodley.

The irreverent show doled out such cheeky honors as best kiss and best shirtless performance, but it also served as an unofficial promotional platform for the upcoming blockbuster season. Winners included Bradley Cooper, Jennifer Lopez, Channing Tatum, and "Neighbors" co-stars Dave Franco and Zac Efron.

Woodley, who picked up one of the first awards of the night for best female performance in "The Fault in Our Stars" in addition to the Trailblazer Award and best kiss (with Ansel Elgort), gave an emotional speech dedicated to the book's author, John Green.

"He gave this world a beautiful masterpiece," she said directly to Green, who was seated in the audience. Woodley said that the book changed her life when she read it and that his words will transcend the test of time.

Lopez won for best scared-as-s--t performance in the campy thriller "The Boy Next Door."

Tatum, who danced on stage with his co-stars from the upcoming "Magic Mike XXL" while presenting the award to Lopez, went on to win a prize of his own for best comedic performance in "22 Jump Street."

"It's unfair for me to get an award for just hanging out with my buddy Jonah (Hill)," he said.

Cooper, who won best male performance for portraying the late Chris Kyle in "American Sniper," thanked the audience for making the film such a big success and bringing attention to the plight of the soldiers.

"Chris Kyle would have turned 41 four days ago. Chris, this is for you," said Cooper.

Popular films such as Marvel space adventure "Guardians of the Galaxy" competed for the fan-voted Golden Popcorn statuettes. In addition to the kiss and shirtless categories, other wacky awards included best villain, and best WTF moment. Vin Diesel, Sofia Vergara and Mark Wahlberg were among the presenters.

Host Amy Schumer, still a rising comedian, joked at the outset that, "half of you don't know who I am and half of you think I'm Meghan Trainor," she said, referring to the "All About that Bass" singer, before poking fun at MTV, Hillary Clinton and even Harrison Ford.

"This is going to be the party of the year. I just hope Harrison Ford doesn't crash it," Schumer said, referring to the actor's recent plane crash.

Robert Downey Jr. brought his fellow Avengers to their knees while accepting the Generation Award at the MTV Movie Awards Sunday night.

Cast mates Scarlett Johansson, Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo and Jeremy Renner all took the stage to present their co-star with the award, which Downey called "the recognition I so desire." They then fell to their knees as Downey talked about his memories of the first MTV Movie Awards, and "clawing" his way to the top.

"I partied way too much. I've squandered, resisted, repented," he said, imploring the audience to "dream big, work hard, keep your nose clean."

Kevin Hart, receiving the award for comedic genius, brought his kids up on stage, saying that he does it all for them. "I'm trying to leave a legacy behind," he said.

But the real focus was on what's coming up at the multiplex this summer. Last year's host Rebel Wilson and her "Pitch Perfect" co-stars introduced a new clip from their upcoming sequel.

The team behind "Paper Towns," an adaptation of John Green's novel, debuted a new clip as well.

There was also an agenda behind Downey Jr.'s accolade, of course: the promotion of "Ultron." The "Iron Man" star introduced a new clip from the summer blockbuster, which bows May 1.

Even host Schumer had a film to promote: "Trainwreck," a relationship comedy from director Judd Apatow that Schumer wrote and stars in.

"Go see my movie 'Trainwreck,' I think that's the biggest lesson we've all learned here tonight," said Schumer as the show's closing line.

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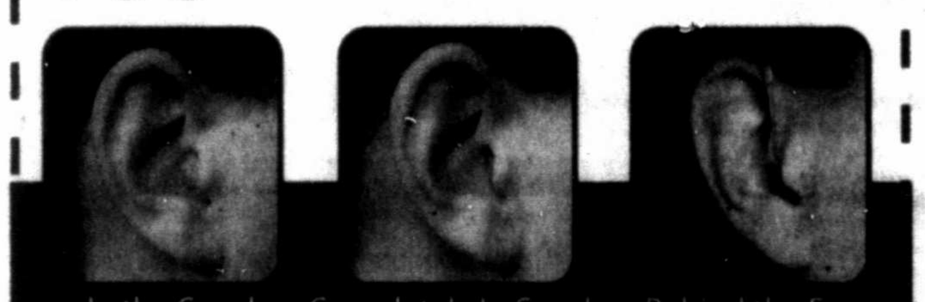

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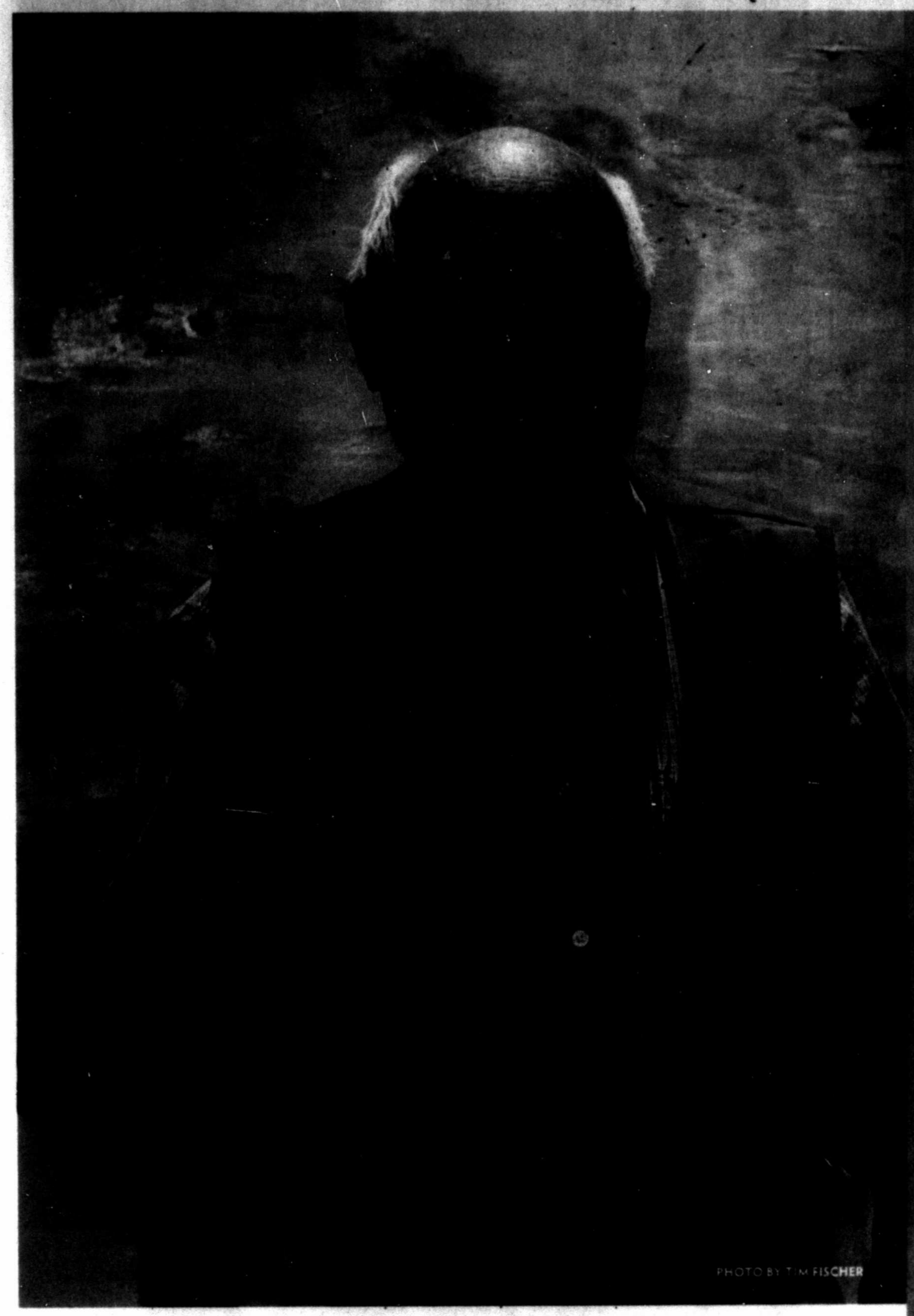

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VICTOR BRENON,

MMH AUXILIARY VOLUNTEER

Involvement:
Midland Memorial Hospital auxiliary member and Santa Claus. Past volunteerism includes Christmas in Action, St. Vincent de Paul, Helping Hands, St. Ann's Family Fair, Hospice Midland and Special Olympics. Brenon founded St. Rita's Safe House for men with AIDS in the 1980s and his family was named Knights of Columbus Texas Family of the Year for 2001-02.

When did you begin volunteering?
I was raised on a farm in Carthage, New York, and on the farm, you learn how to volunteer. The farm is an institution where everyone works together. When somebody's barn burns, you're out there helping them put it back together. I come from a family of 10 children - seven girls first, then three boys. I married my wife, Janet, in 1957 and we moved to Norfolk, New York, where my wife was from. I was a volunteer fireman for about 10 years and head of the city's parks and recreation department. I convinced the fire department to sell land they owned to the city for $1. On that land, we were able to build a skating rink for the city. I orchestrated the same deal in Raymondville, another town, and we built a ball field and a park. We moved to Midland in 1976 due to my work with Western Electric and I made up my mind – I was not going to do volunteering. I didn't – for probably six months. Then I got involved with St. Vincent de Paul, helped Father James Bridges establish Helping Hands and became active with Christmas in Action. As a member of the Knights of Columbus, we always work the Hamburger stand at the St. Ann's Fair and I was responsible for maintaining our hall on FM 1788 for a few years.

At age 80, why do you spend time volunteering?
Most of the men I've worked with retired, sat at home and became inactive. Most of them have died. With the volunteering, that's why I'm still here, because I keep so active. If people don't volunteer, you're not going to live long. I'm 80 now and volunteering has always been a big thing. We even taught our seven children how to volunteer. I couldn't do it if it wasn't for my wife being supportive of me. My first thought every morning when I wake up is, 'What can I do for you today, Lord?' I'm not a rich man, I don't have much. I never have been rich. I guess that's why I volunteer so much. I can't put money into things like others can, but I can volunteer.

Name a favorite memory.
I am a very dedicated Catholic. Three of my sisters are nuns and my son is a priest in Abilene. Because of my son, my wife, Janet, and I had an audience with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican in 2001. That was really an experience.

*To learn more about the **Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary**, call 432-230-3459.*

"THE NO. 1 'GO TO MAN'"

On almost any weekday, one can find Vic Brenon at Midland Memorial Hospital. He is a dedicated auxiliary volunteer and the No. 1 "go to man" when something needs to be done. Vic might be found delivering newspapers to the patients three days a week, giving patients and visitors a ride in the golf cart from the parking lot to the building, or you might run into him at Sam's Wholesale Club purchasing food items for the gift shop. Vic also works in the surgery waiting room helping families of patients who are in surgery. Vic is an indispensable member of the Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary having worked over 8,000 hours serving the hospital and our community. He currently is on the Auxiliary Executive Board of Directors, but he doesn't stop there. At Christmas, Vic is Santa for dozens of children in our community. Last Christmas he gave out dozens of pounds of candy and gifts from his family sleigh. As one child put it, "I know this is the real Santa because he gave us candy *and* gifts." For over 30 years, Vic Brenon has devoted his time to helping other people. In the 1980s when almost no one wanted to get involved, he helped organize Safe House for persons with AIDS. Vic worked at St. Vincent de Paul, and in the 1990s was instrumental in starting Helping Hands, which has grown into an enormous outreach program for our community. For all he has done and is currently doing for our community and all the lives he has touched, Vic Brenon is a worthy recipient of this honor.

***Yvonne Brooks**, MMH Auxiliary executive board member*

"GOD PLACED THIS MAN HERE TO HELP US"

Vic Brenon is a man of incredible integrity. He has a wonderful smile and a gentile mannerism that bridges all generations. He never meets a stranger and he never backs down from a challenge. Vic delivers the Midland-Reporter Telegram newspaper three mornings a week to all patients at the hospital. You just can't beat a warm smile and a morning newspaper to start your day. And Vic is your man. Vic, who is a member of the Auxiliary Executive Board, will do anything for you. God placed this man here to help us, and help us he does, every day. He maintains the golf carts that belong to the auxiliary. He trains the young junior volunteers to drive the carts. One day, a patient drove in from out of town to see one of the doctors in the medical office building. Their car literally died. Vic arranged for a tow truck and repair of the vehicle. He found a place for the patient to stay. He paid for the repairs. He will smile at you when you say thank you, but you know in an instant that he is an angel. Angels can come in the form of hospital volunteers. Vic continues a tradition that began long ago and has donated 8,000 hours of time to the auxiliary. Hats off to you our special angel.

***Kim Modisett**, MMH director of auxiliary services*

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BIRTHDAY PARTY

Lois Guthrie, seated left, and Shirley Stephenson; Sheryl Ryan, standing from left, Sheldon Skinner and Randy Skinner.

LADIES OF THE PETROLEUM CLUB

LaBecca Buselli, from left, Toni Smith and Kathryn Chandler.

LADIES OF THE PETROLEUM CLUB

Meredith Canon, left and Margie McKinney.

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Doris Chalfant, from left, Liz Henderson and Marion Frazier.

LADIES OF THE PETROLEUM CLUB

Colleen McLane, from left, Sarah Porter and Tiffany Meade.

80TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

More than 200 friends and family members joined in the joint 80th birthday celebrations of longtime friends, **Lois Guthrie** and **Shirley Stephenson.**

The milestone was marked by a dance March 21 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom. The date of the celebration is the midway point between Guthrie's birthday in February and Stephenson's later this month. Music was provided by **Larry Johnson** of Lubbock.

The table decorations — cowboy boots holding photos of the women — were made by Midlanders **Lauri and Randy Skinner,** Stephenson's son and daughter-in-law, and friends of the honorees.

Guests enjoyed the two cakes made by **Samatha Marshall** and served by **Jean Wadsworth** and **Bonnie Hudson.** A variety of snacks also were served.

Stephensons's other family members present were another son, **Sheldon Skinner** of Houston; grandson, **McKenzi Skinner** of Dallas; her brother and sister-in-law, **Glenn and Lorna LeRoy** of Midland; her sisters, **Donna Clark** of Great Bend, Kansas, and **Marilyn Cooper** and husband **Gary** of The Villages, Florida; and nephew and family, **Dan, Bethany, Madison and Parker LeRoy** of Midland.

Guthrie was joined by family members, including her daughter, **Sheryl Ryan,** husband **Jeff** and granddaughter **Avrie** of Midland; grandsons **Matt Jordan** and wife **Lauryn** and **Chad Jordan,** all of Midland, and guest **Ryan Martin** of Fort Worth; her sister, **Lucy Keller** of Hutchison, Kansas; niece **Lynn McLaurine** of Arlington, Kansas; and nephew **Jeff Keller**, wife **Patty** and daughter **Katie** of Haven, Kansas.

The honorees are both members of several dance clubs. In addition, Guthrie is an avid golfer and bridge player. Stephenson continues to work part-time as a massage therapist and volunteers at Helping Hands.

LADIES OF THE PETROLEUM CLUB

The Ladies of the Petroleum Club ended their season on a high note on April 7 with a program by the Texas Tech University Matador Singers.

Before the program, **Cathy Burgess,** immediate past president; **Sara St. Clair,** current president; and **Dorcas Hight**, the Petroleum Club's director of membership, were recognized and presented gifts of appreciation for their service to the organization.

Gretchen Davis and **Carolyn Beall** were introduced as new board members.

Among those seen enjoying the event were **Mary Lou Wilson, Pat Causey, Kim Hatchett, Toyah Bell, Rhonda Davis** and her daughter-in-law, **Savannah Davis; Brenda McClure, Shannon Oldham** and **Schatzie Tighe.**

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KMID ABC	3	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Dancing With the Stars (N)				Castle "Last Action Hero"		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	2 Broke Girls (N)	Mike & Molly (N)	Scorpion "Cliffhanger" (N)		NCIS: Los Angeles "Rage" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Hogan's Heroes	Twilight Zone	B.New-hart	B.New-hart	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason		Perry Mason:...
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham "Beasts of Prey" (N)		The Following "Flesh and Blood" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. William	Dr. R.Booker	Update News	Day of Discovery	Light of the Southwest				House Call	Mani Erfan	Rocks/Manuscripts	Y.Salamanca
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		The Voice "Live Top 12 Performances" The top 12 artists perform live. (N)				The Night Shift "Parenthood" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Antique "Birmingham (Hour Three)" (N)		Antiques Rd. "Biloxi, MS (Hour One)"		Independent Lens "The Homestretch" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		Tavis Smiley (N)	Tavis Smiley
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KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million...	Law&O: SVU "Crush"		SVU "Liberties"		My News	Million..	Anger M.	M&M	Office	Access H.
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:15) Night of the...		★★ Hart's War ('02, War) Bruce Willis.				(:05) ★★ Men of War Dolph Lundgren.				★ Star Trek: Insurr...	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:45) ★ 42 ('13, Bio) Chadwick Boseman.				Living Lincoln (N)		(:15) ★ Jersey Boys ('14, Bio) John Lloyd Young.					Thrones
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Silicon	Last Week	Bill Maher		Game of Thrones		Vyep	★★★ Walk of Shame			(:10) ★ The Intern...	
HBO5	304	70	16	102		★★ The Heat ('13, Com) Sandra Bullock.						★★ Tammy Melissa McCarthy.	1stLook	★★ Escape Plan Sylvester Stallone.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:50) ★★★ The Hammer		(:25) ★★ Turistas						★★★ Platoon ('86, War) Charlie Sheen.		SinCity	(:40) SinCity
MAX2	382	72	18	122		Movie	(:25) ★★ The Marine					★★ Enemy of the State Will Smith.		(:15) Zane	(:45) ★ Dawn of the Dead		
PLEX			96			(5:10) ★★ Gattaca		★★★★ Paper Moon				(:45) ★★ Young Sherlock Holmes			(:35) ★★ Falling in Love		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(4:30) Cocaine Cow.		(:05) ★ Ask Me Anything Britt Robertson.				Nurse J.	Nurse J.	★ Elvis Costello:...		★ Scary MoVie	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	Movie	(:40) ★★ Evita ('96, Mus) Antonio Banderas, Madonna.							★★ Greetings From Tim Buckley		★ Quartet	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Bates Motel "Unbreak-Able"		Bates Motel "The Deal"		Bates Motel "Norma Louise" (N)		The Returned "Lucy" (N)		Bates Motel "Norma Louise"		Bates Motel "The Deal"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	TURN: WA Spies		TURN: WA Spies		TURN: Washington's Spies (N)				TURN "Thoughts of a Free Man/ Hard Boiled"			
BET	58	26		40		Being "Primetime"		★ Black November ('12, Dra) Kim Basinger.				Being "Primetime"		Game	Xperim.	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Shahs of Sunset		Housewives Atlanta		Shahs of Sunset (N)		Southern Charm (N)		Watch (N)	Shahs of Sunset		S. Charm
CNBC	46	45		39	72	American Tax Cheat		Shark Tank		American Vice		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		CNN Special		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Fast N' Loud		Fast n' Loud (N)		Fast N' Loud (N)		Misfit Garage (N)		Fast N' Loud		Misfit Garage	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Liv/Mad	Dog Blog	★★★ Sleeping Beauty		Jessie		Girl	Austin	Liv/Mad	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Baltimore Orioles (L)								Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter	SportsCenter
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	SportsC.	30 for 30			NBA Coast to Coast						30/30 "Without Bias"	NBA Tonight
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(4:30) ★ Dirty Dancing		★★★ The Notebook ('04, Rom) Rachel McAdams, Ryan Gosling.						The 700 Club		Boy MW	Boy MW
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Diners...	Diners, Dr.	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Food Fortunes		Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Sport-sDay-(N)	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park -- Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	UFC Road vs. Rockhold" (N)	"Machida	SportsDay On Air
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★ Grown Ups ('10, Com) Adam Sandler.				M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	The Waltons		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		H.Hunt	House (N)	Love It or List It		Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp People (N)		(:05) Rivermen (N)		(:05) Swamp People		Swamp People	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(5:00) If There Be Thorns		★ Seeds of Yesterday (2015, Drama) Jason Lewis, Anthony Konechny, James Maslow.				Lizzie Borden Chron. "Patron of the Arts"		Lizzie Borden Chron. "Acts of Borden"		★ Seeds of Yesterday	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				UCI Cycling Paris-Roubaix -- France						Blazers	Barclays	Review (N)	Premier L	Blazers	Soccer
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	MakePop"	Sam & Cat	News (N)	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh.P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	(:10) Lopez	(:50) Lopez
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TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Home Videos		Fam.Feud	(:35) Feud	(:10) Ray	Queens	(:25) King of Queens		Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Iceman"		WWE Monday Night Raw						(:05) DIG "The Well of Souls"		(:05) CSI: Crime "Appendicitement"	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		Salem "Blood Kiss"		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage

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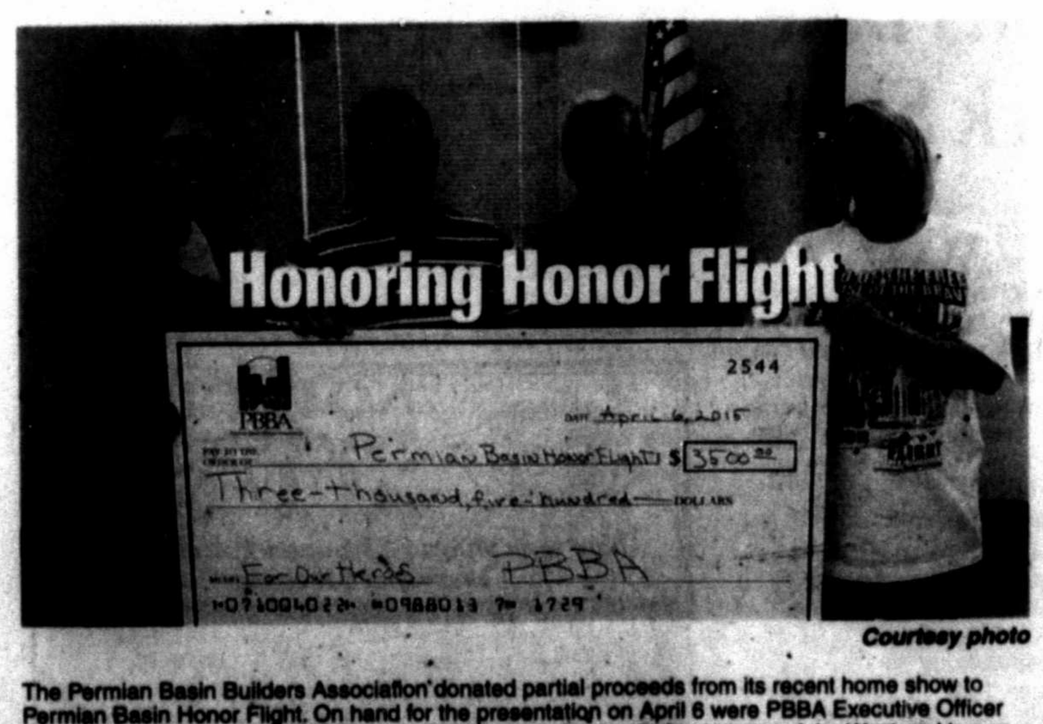
U.S. Navy Petty Officer Michael Gygax provides cover during a visit, board, search and seizure drill on the amphibious transport dock ship USS New York in the Gulf of Aden. Gygax, the son of Midlanders Mark and Mary Gygax, is a 2002 graduate of Lee High School and joined the Navy in 2009. He is an electronics technician second class, and in that capacity "works on maintaining and repairing navigation radars and radio communications for shore stations and ships underway," Gygax said via email.

Numbers don't lie.



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The Permian Basin Builders Association donated partial proceeds from its recent home show to Permian Basin Honor Flight. On hand for the presentation on April 6 were PBBA Executive Officer Annie Winkler, front left, PBBA President Scott Payne, honor flight chairman John West and honor flight treasurer Teresa Galloway.

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Rearrange the letters of each word below and place them in the blanks so that, together with the two letters that have already been placed, they form a new word.

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Yesterday's Answer: Common C; SOCIABLE, OBSTRUCT, PEDANTIC, DERELICT 4.13

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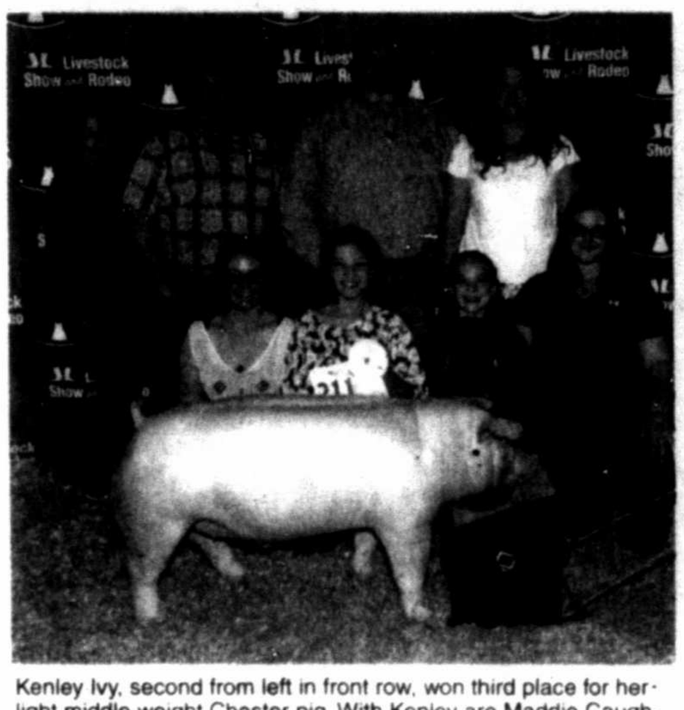
Hoofing it up in Houston

Courtesy photos

Judge Parks Tucker, right, congratulates Brooke Willhite after her goat was named champion at the Houston Livestock Show.

Devin McByrde, second from right, placed first for his Berkshire pig. With him are Robby McBryde, from left, Lyndsei McBryde, Emily McBryde and Paige Futrell.

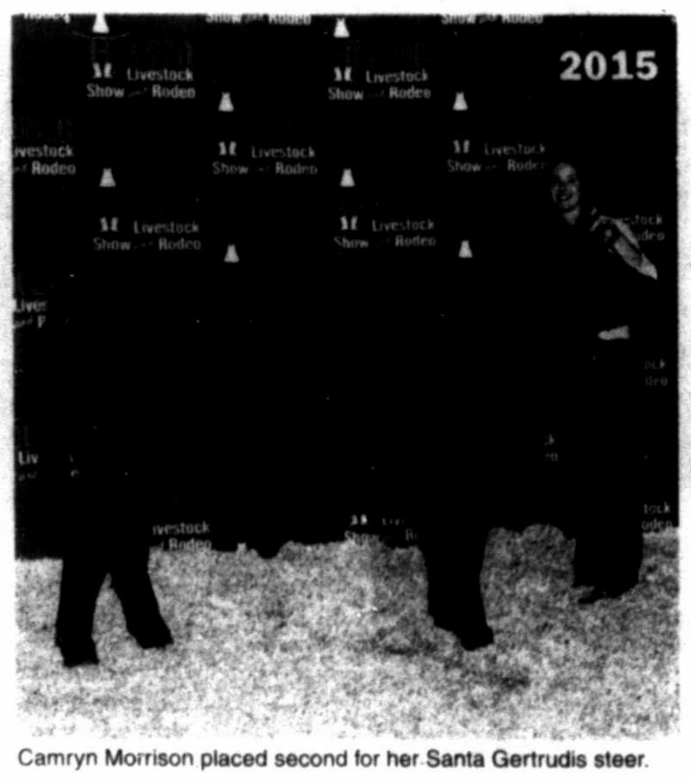
Julie Morin, far right, had the second-place medium weight Maine Anjou steer. With her are Brandu Holder, from left, Garrett Holder, Sonia Morin, Cassie Morin and Luis Morin.



Kenley Ivy, second from left in front row, won third place for her light middle weight Chester pig. With Kenley are Maddie Caughron, from left in front row, Kaitlyn Nix and Jaleigh Ivy; and Lesley Caughron, from left in back row, Jimmie Caughron, Jon Ivy and Minde Ivy.

Jaleigh Ivy won first-place for her medium-weight AOB steer.

McKy Lambert placed second for his red Angus steer. With McKy is his mother, Amanda Lambert.



Camryn Morrison placed second for her Santa Gertrudis steer.

3 Midland County 4-H students take first place in Houston Livestock Show

From staff reports

Three Midland County 4-H members won first place at the Houston Livestock Show last month, and three other students took home second- or third-place awards, according to information provided by the Midland County extension office.

Devin McBryde, 17, a senior at Midland Christian School, had the Berkshire pig campion. He is the son of Robby and Lyndsei McBryde.

Brooke Willhite, 13, an eighth-grader at MCS, had the medium weight champion goat. She is the daughter of Kevin and Janae Willhite.

Jaleigh Ivy, 12, a seventh-grader at Grady School, had the champion AOB steer. Her sister, Kenley, 10, a fourth-grader at Grady School, placed third with a Chester white pig. They are the daughters of Jon and Minde Ivy.

Coming in second were Julie Morin with a Maine Anjou steer, McKy Lambert with a red Angus steer and Camryn Morrison with a Santa Gertrudis steer.

Julie, 17, a junior at Greenwood High School, is the daughter of Sonia Morin and Luis Morin. She also showed a medium wool lamb and placed 16th.

McKy, 10, a third-grader at Greenwood Elementary School, is the son of Ty and Amanda Lambert. Camryn, 16, a junior at MCS, is the daughter of Howard and Paula Morrison.

Other Midland County 4-H students who competed are:

- Kendahl Nix, angus heifer, fourth place; and Maine Anjou steer, 11th;
- Luke Cowan, hair sheep, fourth;
- Brodi Bendele, Maine Anjou steer, fifth;
- Tab Cowan, hair sheep, sixth;
- Katie Joiner, Hereford steer, sixth;
- Colton Pool, AOB steer, sixth;
- Kadyn Williams, Simbraj steer, seventh;
- Callie Gilbert, Hampshire pig, ninth;
- Cutter Chambers, ABC steer, 10th;
- Brantly Hoover, FW cross lamb, 11th; and
- Nikki Caughron, medium wool lamb, 18th.

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MS often causes temporary vision loss

Generally, Multiple Sclerosis is thought of as a disease that causes difficulty walking and coordination in general, along with tingling or numbness in various places on the body. Less well known is the fact that, as a disease of the central nervous system, MS can cause temporary blindness as well.

Dr. Heather Kern Golson, who, along with her husband, Dr. Blake Golson owns Texas Country Eye Care, says blindness is often the first visible symptom of MS. "A sudden loss of vision—defined as occurring over a few hours or days—is often the presenting factor for MS. This vision loss may be accompanied by pain in eye movement," she says. The loss of the ability to see color may also be part of the equation.

While MS-related vision loss may occur at just about any age, it typically happens during the 20s and 30s. Five times as many women experience this as do men.

Fortunately, vision loss is usually temporary, lasting 2-4 months without treatment. With treatment, which involves both oral and IV steroids, the recovery time is usually cut in half. This treatment involves a three-day stay in the hospital. In most cases a patient's vision can be restored to a level that is at least very close to what it was before the onset of the symptoms.

So, while Dr. Kern and Dr. Golson can help identify an MS-related vision loss, they will refer any patients with this issue to their primary care physician for coordination of treatment.

Sunshades prepare you for warm weather fun

After such a cold winter, warm weather looks to be here to stay. That means hiking, boating, fishing and other outdoor activities, which means it's time to check your eye protection. Sunglasses can help you see better and look great, when you get frames from designers such as Michael Kors and others. But the most important thing for good eye health is to make sure your lenses have UV protection, say Dr. Kern and Dr. Golson. You can also get UV protection in your glasses, without diminishing your ability to see indoors.

In fact, says Dr. Golson, many people confuse polarizing lenses with UV protection. Both can be important, but they accomplish different things. UV protection simply blocks out the sun's damaging UV rays, which can damage eye tissue and, in some cases, lead to eye cancer.

Polarized lenses cut glare by blocking the light rays from one direction. They are great for skiing in the winter and water sports in the summer because cutting glare helps you see better, which is a must in both water sports and snow sports, among other outdoor activities.

When you're ready to see better and look great, go by Texas Country Eye Care. To have your eyes examined, an appointment is a good idea. For frames or sunglasses, you can stop in anytime during business hours.

Texas Country Eye Care, owned by Blake Golson, O. D. and Heather Kern Golson, O. D., is at 2200 West Wadley, Ste 22, in the Oak Ridge Square, across from La Bebe Boutique. Hours are 9-5:30 M-F. The phone number is 684-7287. Same day appointments available in most cases. Look for them on Facebook. Their web address is www.texascountryeyecare.com.

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'Hounds have trouble keeping up with Arkansas pitching

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The good news is that the Security Bank Ballpark grounds crew got to try out their new tarp.

The bad news is that they had to use it just four games into the 2015 season.

However, before the clouds darkened and the rain started coming down in buckets, the Arkansas Travelers got the pitching and the big hits they needed to beat the Midland RockHounds, 2-1, in a 5 ½-inning, rain-shortened game on Sunday.

It was the start of a three-game series between the teams, and at least in the small sample we got to see on Sunday, the Travelers showed why they are 4-0 to begin the Texas League season.

Arkansas starter Alan Busenitz set the tone in the game with his outing. The 23-year-old right-hander retired the first eight batters he faced and he did not allow a hit until the fourth inning.

Busenitz only threw 67 pitches through his five innings of work. Just like every year at this time in minor league baseball, pitchers are on pitch counts that range from about 45 to 65 pitches.

Regardless, Busenitz, who only allowed one run on three hits, did his job on a cloudy, and eventually rainy, Sunday.

The only run the RockHounds got came in the fifth inning when Carson Blair hit a two-out double to right-center and then scored on a Chad Oberacker single.

The bottom of the RockHounds' order accounted for two or the team's hits in this shortened game as the top four hitters in the order went a combined 2-for-10.

Arkansas backed Busenitz with single runs in the second and fourth innings. The biggest hit, and eventually deciding run

Please see **LEROY**/3C

Leading by example

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High freshman golfer Faith DeLaGarza is one of three golfers representing MISD at the Region I-6A tournament

MHS' DeLaGarza seeks to inspire young golfers

By Oscar LeRoy
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Adkisson

Valdez

Faith DeLaGarza already seems to be developing a nice little following among young female golfers.

With her positive personality and her play on the golf course, it's easy to see why.

"I always have a good attitude," said the Midland High freshman. "If they have a bad shot I always encourage (the younger kids). I feel like the more role model I am to them, the more I will inspire people. I feel like my attitude is a big deal on the golf course."

It is that combination that helped DeLaGarza capture the District 3-6A girls golf championship with a 15-stroke victory after shooting 77-69-146.

DeLaGarza is one of three young golfers from Midland ISD that will be competing in their respective regional golf tournaments this week. DeLaGarza will be joined by Lee junior Alexis Adkisson at Rolling Hills Country Club in Arlington beginning Wednesday. In the boys regional, which begins today at The Links at Waterchase in Fort Worth, Lee junior Jared Valdez will be the lone MISD representative.

While Adkisson and Valdez said they both started playing at a young age, they really didn't start taking golf seriously until they got to high school.

DeLaGarza is a slight exception as she started taking golf lessons when she was 5 years old. She also tends to play above her age group in the North Texas PGA. That kind of experience gives her a leg up on many other young Midland golfers, who usually don't start getting coaching until the ninth-grade level with no junior high programs in place in MISD.

"My grandparents and my parents would always go to the course to have fun, and I ended up liking it," she said. "My grandpa got me lessons, and I caught on quickly and started playing."

MHS coach Bryan Sledge said even though the bad weather early in the year hampered practice time for DeLaGarza, he's been pleased with the way she's progressed in her first year of high school golf.

"She's really come along just like we expected," Sledge said.

Please see **DELAGARZA**/2C

Houston's Springer thwarts Texas' rally

Astros	6
Rangers	4 (14)

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Prince Fielder knows the Rangers didn't finish a rally because they stranded 15 runners after Houston pitchers gave them seven walks and hit four batters.

The Texas slugger has a pretty simple explanation.

"If somebody doesn't catch a game-winning grand slam," Fielder said with a smile.

That would be Astros right fielder George Springer, who made leaping catch at the wall on a fly ball from Leonys Martin in the 10th inning Sunday.

Hank Conger hit a two-run homer in the 14th inning, giving Houston a 6-4 victory over the Rangers after Texas rallied from a four-run deficit.

Springer didn't need a replay to know he saved a home run. The video just let the Houston right fielder know how far over the fence the fly ball was.

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See Sunday's MLB roundup and linescores

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"I've seen it, so I know it was gone," Springer said of the two-out drive. "It was over my head for sure. It was a home run, but at the time I didn't know how far over."

Fielder and Adrian Beltre simply stared into right field from the edge of the dugout as Springer ran in celebrating the grab.

Houston left-hander Tony Sipp, who benefited from the flashy catch, was equally stunned.

"I was trying to put on my best face for TV on a walkoff," Sipp said. "I thought it was a home run. One catch turns everything."

Conger entered in the 12th inning and homered after Evan Gattis reached base for the first time this season — on a walk in his 21st plate appearance of the year.

Robbie Grossman ran for Gattis, but it didn't matter when Conger pulled a pitch from Jason Verrett (0-1) into the second row of seats in right field.

Will Harris (1-0) retired six straight batters. He struck out the side in the 12th, his 19th consecutive scoreless outing dating to August.

Samuel Deduno loaded the bases with two outs in the bottom of the 14th

Please see **ASTROS**/4C

Spieth captures Masters victory for the ages

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Jordan Spieth got more than redemption and a green jacket Sunday. He took his place among the best in the game with a Masters victory for the ages.

One year after Spieth lost a bid to become the youngest Masters champion, the 21-year-old Texan turned in one of the most dominant wins ever at Augusta National. He never let anyone get closer to him than three shots after his record start. He never gave anyone much hope on Sunday.

Spieth closed with a 2-under 70, missing a 5-foot par putt on the final hole that would have set yet another record. Instead, he tied the score set by Tiger Woods in 1997 at 18-under 270.

"This was the ultimate goal in my golf life," Spieth said.

For all the talk about the Grand Slam bid by Rory McIlroy and the return of Woods, this week was about the arrival of another star.

"It's awfully impressive," McIlroy said after finishing fourth. "It's nice to get your major tally up and running at an early stage in your career. It's great to see, great for the game, and I'm sure there will be many more."

Spieth became the first wire-to-wire winner at the Masters since Raymond Floyd in 1976, and this might have been even more special. Craig Woods in 1941 is the only other Masters champion who led by at least three shots from the opening round to the trophy presentation.

Phil Mickelson tried to make a run. So did Justin Rose. Neither got closer than three shots at any point, and it wasn't long before Spieth was making another birdie putt to take the drama out of the back nine.

Mickelson (69) and Rose (70) tied for second. It was the 10th time Mickelson has been runner-up in a major. Woods jarred his right wrist then he struck wood under the pine straw on the ninth hole. He recovered and closed with a 73, 13 shots behind.

Spieth won for the third time on the PGA Tour and fifth time worldwide. He will rise to No. 2 in the world rankings, still a ways to go to catch McIlroy at the top. When McIlroy won back-to-back majors last year to establish himself as the game's best player, the quest was to find a rival.

Spieth provided the answer on perhaps the biggest stage in the sport with his record-setting week at Augusta.

"I thought today might be easier having played with the lead on Saturday. It wasn't," Spieth said. "It's the most incredible week of my life. This is as great as it gets in our sport. ... I'm still kind of shock a little bit."

And he will keep the editors of the Masters record book busy. Among the marks he established this week:

- The 36-hole record at 14-under 130.
- The 54-hole record at 16-under 200.
- The most birdies for the tournament at 28.
- The lowest opening round by a champion at 64.

Please see **MASTERS**/5C

Charlie Riedel/AP

Jordan Spieth wears his green jacket after winning the Masters Sunday in Augusta, Ga.

'HOUNDSWATCH

SUNDAY'S SCORE
Arkansas 2, Midland 1, 5 1/2 innings

TODAY'S GAME
Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m., Security Bank Ballpark

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RECORDS
Midland 2-2, Arkansas 4-0

Saturday	Sunday	Today	Tuesday	Thursday
NW Arkansas 8, Midland 3	Arkansas 2, Midland 1 5 1/2 innings	Arkansas at Midland	Arkansas at Midland	Midland at NW Arkansas

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY
WHAT'S ON TV
COLLEGE BASEBALL
Purdue at Illinois, 6 p.m., BTN
Arizona at Arizona State, 9 p.m., P12/P12 BAY/P12 LA
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Florida State at Louisville, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Kentucky at Florida, 6 p.m., SEC
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Philadelphia at NY Mets, Noon, MLB
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 3 p.m., MLB
NY Yankees at Baltimore, 6 p.m., ESPN
LA Angels at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW
Oakland at Houston, 7 p.m., ROOT+
MEN'S SOCCER
La Liga: Valencia vs. Levante, 1:30 p.m., beIN/beIN2
Scottish Premier: St. Mirren vs. Ross County, 1:45 p.m., FOXSOCP
English Premier: Liverpool vs. Newcastle, 2 p.m., NBCSN/NBCU
NBA
Portland at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m., NBAtv
Memphis at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., NBAtv
TENNIS
ATP: Monte Carlo Rolex Masters, First & Second Rounds, 3:30 a.m., TENNIS
WHAT'S ON RADIO
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
LA Angels at Texas, 7 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY
HIGH SCHOOL GOLF
Boys, Region I-6A Tournament, Links at Waterchase, Fort Worth
Girls, Region I-4A Tournament, Lubbock
Boys, Region I-3A Tournament, Baird
HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS
District 4-4A Tournament, Seminole
JUNIOR COLLEGE GOLF
Oral Roberts Invitational, Tulsa, Oklahoma

NHL PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Montreal vs. Ottawa
Wednesday, April 15: Ottawa at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Friday, April 17: Ottawa at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 19: Montreal at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22: Montreal at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
x-Friday, April 24: Ottawa at Montreal, TBA
x-Sunday, April 26: Montreal at Ottawa, TBA
x-Tuesday, April 28: Ottawa at Montreal, TBA
Tampa Bay vs. Detroit
Thursday, April 16: Detroit at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 18: Detroit at Tampa Bay, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21: Tampa Bay at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Thursday, April 23: Tampa Bay at Detroit, 6 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 25: Detroit at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-Monday, April 27: Tampa Bay at Detroit, TBA
x-Wednesday, April 29: Detroit at Tampa Bay, TBA
N.Y. Rangers vs. Pittsburgh
Thursday, April 16: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 18: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Monday, April 20: N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22: N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
x-Friday, April 24: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
x-Sunday, April 26: N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, TBA
x-Tuesday, April 28: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
Washington vs. N.Y. Islanders
Wednesday, April 15: N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 6 p.m.
Friday, April 17: N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 19: Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 11 a.m.
Tuesday, April 21: Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
x-Thursday, April 23: N.Y. Islanders at Washington, TBA
x-Saturday, April 25: Washington at N.Y. Islanders, TBA
x-Monday, April 27: N.Y. Islanders at Washington, TBA
WESTERN CONFERENCE
St. Louis vs. Minnesota
Thursday, April 16: Minnesota at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 18: Minnesota at St. Louis, 2 p.m.
Monday, April 20: St. Louis at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22: St. Louis at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
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Nashville vs. Chicago
Wednesday, April 15: Chicago at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.
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x-Saturday, April 25: Nashville at Chicago, TBA
x-Monday, April 27: Chicago at Nashville, TBA
Anaheim vs. Winnipeg
Thursday, April 16: Winnipeg at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 18: Winnipeg at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
Monday, April 20: Anaheim at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22: Anaheim at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
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x-Sunday, April 26: Anaheim at Winnipeg, TBA
x-Tuesday, April 28: Winnipeg at Anaheim, TBA
Vancouver vs. Calgary
Wednesday, April 15: Calgary at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Friday, April 17: Calgary at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Sunday, April 19: Vancouver at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21: Vancouver at Calgary, 9 p.m.
x-Thursday, April 23: Calgary at Vancouver, TBA
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x-Monday, April 27: Calgary at Vancouver, TBA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Reinstated LHP Chris Sale from the 15-day DL.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Placed C Yan Gomes on the 15-day DL. Optioned LHP Kyle Crockett to Columbus (IL). Released RHP Charles Brewer. Selected the contract of RHP Shaun Marcum from Columbus. Recalled RHP Austin Adams from Columbus.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Sent RHP Josh Fields to Fresno (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Designated LHP Matt Tracy for assignment. Agreed to terms with RHP Kyle Davies on a one-year contract and called him up from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned INF/OF Tyler Ladendorf to Nashville (PCL). Reinstated OF Josh Reddick from the 15-day DL.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Sent SS Chris Taylor to Tacoma (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Sent RHP Alex Colome to Charlotte (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned RHP Jon Edwards to Round Rock (PCL).
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Placed C Gerald Laird on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Thursday. Recalled RHP A.J. Schugel from Reno (PCL).
CINCINNATI REDS — Sent RHP Homer Bailey to Louisville (IL) for a rehab assignment.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Placed RHP John Axford on the family medical emergency list. Selected the contract of RHP Scott Oberg from Albuquerque (PCL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Assigned RHP Ryan Webb outright to Oklahoma City (PCL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Assigned INF Pedro Florimon outright to Indianapolis (IL). Sent C Chris Stewart to Indianapolis for a rehab assignment.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Assigned INF Ehire Adrianza outright to Sacramento (PCL). Sent 1B Travis Ishikawa to Sacramento for a rehab assignment.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
SACRAMENTO KINGS — Signed G David Stockton through the 2015-16 season.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BUFFALO SABRES — Fired coach Ted Nolan.
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Assigned D Keegan Lowe to Charlotte (AHL).
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Recalled D Kyle Cumiskey and G Antti Raanta from Rockford (AHL).
DALLAS STARS — Reassigned D Patrik Nemeth to Texas (AHL).
LOS ANGELES KINGS — Assigned F Jordan Weal to Manchester (AHL).
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Assigned Fs Stefan Matteau and Reid Boucher to Albany (AHL).
NEW YORK RANGERS — Reassigned F Ryan Bourque to Hartford (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Reassigned F Jonathan Marchessault to Syracuse (AHL).
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Fired general manager Dave Nonis, interim coach Peter Horachek and assistant coaches Steve Spott, Chris Dennis and Rick St. Croix.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Reassigned RW Stanislav Galiev to Hershey (AHL).
American Hockey League
AHL — Suspended Bridgeport LW Brett Gallant two games.
ECHL
ELMIRA JACKALS — Released F Nardo Nagtzaam from an amateur tryout agreement and G Nick Niedert as emergency backup.
GREENVILLE ROAD WARRIORS — Released G Tony Giordano as emergency backup.
MISSOURI MAVERICKS — Released D Derik Johnson from an amateur tryout agreement.
READING ROYALS — Released D Curtis Leonard and F Cody Murphy from amateur tryout agreements.
STOCKTON THUNDER — Released G Nick Hopper as emergency backup.
WICHITA THUNDER — Released D Darren Bestland from an amateur tryout agreement.
COLLEGE
GEORGIA — Named Joni Crenshaw women's basketball coach.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

SOUTHWEST
Bakersfield 4, Texas-Pan American 1
Hendrix 3, Berry 1
New Mexico 5, Air Force 0
Sam Houston St. 5, Incarnate Word 0
SOUTH
Ala.-Huntsville 17, Christian Brothers 0
Austin Peay 10, Belmont 9
Chowan 8-11, Lincoln 1-4
Coastal Carolina 8, High Point 3
Delaware St. 6, Coppin St. 3
E. Mennonite 5-11, Roanoke 2-9
Emory 12, Maryville (Tenn.) 4
Florida 12, South Carolina 2
Florida Gulf Coast 8, Jacksonville 7, 10 innings
Kennesaw St. 12, N. Kentucky 7
Liberty 10, Campbell 2
Marshall 8, Charlotte 6
Middle Tennessee 3, Louisiana Tech 2
Millsaps 6, Sewanee 5
Morehead St. 17, UT-Martin 7
NC State 6, North Carolina 3
Norfolk St. 5, Md.-Eastern Shore 3
North Florida 8, Lipscomb 0
SC-Aiken 10, GRU Augusta 4
Southern U. at Loyola (NO), ccd.
Spring Hill 6-7, Stillman 3-6
St. Augustine's 5-1, Virginia St. 2-5
Tenn. Wesleyan 12, Milligan 2, 8 innings
Truett-McConnell 8, St. Andrews 0
Texas-Arlington 8, Georgia Southern 3
UCF 5, UConn 1
MIDWEST
St. Scholastica 9, St. Thomas (Minn.) 2
Wright St. 9, Youngstown St. 0
EAST
Binghamton 9, Hartford 3
Chestnut Hill 16-2, Dominican (NY) 6-10
Fairleigh Dickinson 4, Wagner 1
Fordham 6, Davidson 2
George Washington 3, Dayton 2
Farmingdale 7-5, Old Westbury 5-13
Maine 5, UMass-Lowell 4
Manhattan 6, Quinnipiac 5
Post (Conn.) 6-1, Mercy 4-4
St. John Fisher 20-2, Utica 4-1
Susquehanna 10, Moravian 9
Towson 20, Hofstra 19
Wentworth 9-4, Salve Regina 5-5
W. New England 8-1, Endicott 0-5

MISDREGIONALGOLFCAPSULES

BY OSCAR LEROY

FAITH DELAGARZA
Midland High, Freshman

Tournament: Region I-6A Girls Golf

When/where: Wednesday-Thursday, Rolling Hills Country Club, Arlington

Notes: DeLaGarza won the District 3-6A Tournament in impressive fashion by 15 strokes. That was her third tournament win this year, as she also captured the Red Raider Classic in the fall and the Abilene tournament.

Did you expect to win the district tournament?: "I didn't know if I was going to win because I knew a bunch of people that were pretty good, so I had competition. I just had to practice and work hard all year up to district. That's my best score ever."

What's the best part of your game?: "My short game is pretty strong. I could work on my long distances more. I have a pretty good attitude. I don't get very mad easily, just shake it off and go to the next hole. There's a lot of pressure on me and anybody could be watching me, so I don't want to have a bad image."

How do you relax and get ready to play a round?: When I'm going to the tournament in the car I listen to upbeat music — hip hop, rap, normal teenager music — just to get me in the motion. I go to the range and hit everything. I have the same routine in every tournament. It helps me get focused."

What do you know about the course?: "I've never played it before. I have a practice round the day before. I was supposed to play it a long time ago, but it got rained out."

ALEXIS ADKISSON
Lee, Junior

Tournament: Region I-6A Girls Golf

When/where: Wednesday-Thursday, Rolling Hills Country Club, Arlington

Notes: This is Adkisson's third straight trip to regional. She went as part of Lee's team trip to regionals as a freshman and then as an individual as a sophomore. ... Adkisson finished in a tie for second place at the District 3-6A Tournament, shooting 85-76—161.

What are your expectations at regional?: "Right now I don't really have any expectations. I just want to go there, play my game and just have fun. Placement-wise, I don't really know where I'm going to fall because right now I'm just starting to work on my short game. I try not to worry about the outcome yet."

What do you know about the course?: "They changed it up this year from Rawls (in Lubbock). It's more of a traditional course, and of course it has more undulations than we do here. I hear the sand is difficult, and you need to get out of it. Weather-wise, it's also a lot more humid than it is here, so that affects how the ball is going to fly."

How do you relax and get ready to play a round?: "My pre-shot routine is about visualizing my shots. My mom has this saying: 'See it. Believe it.' Just to believe in yourself a lot. That really relaxes me, and I also try not to worry about my scoring. It helps to know that you're not playing against the other person, it's mainly the course. It helps to have the mindset that you're not playing to win the game, you're playing just to play the game. That helps relaxes me."

How much do you think your experience at regional helps?: "It helps tremendously. The regionals are higher stakes. People are so under pressure there. They want to go to state. It's just a great experience. I guess I don't freak out as much. I'm not stressing out and thinking (the competition) is so much better. They're all just playing the same game. Just having that experience, just makes you more calm and relaxed."

How much different is it going as an individual as opposed with a team?: "It was a lot different going as an individual than as a team. As an individual you're alone. Just being with team is more comforting in a way. I would rather go with my team than by myself."

JARED VALDEZ
Lee, Junior

Tournament: Region I-6A Boys Golf

When/where: Today-Tuesday, The Links at Waterchase, Fort Worth

Notes: Valdez is making his first trip to regional as he was the second lowest scoring individual not on the top two teams at the District 3-6A Tournament. He finished in ninth place and shot 76-83—159. ... He's been playing on the varsity since his freshman year. ... He used to play football and baseball until he realized golf was his sport.

What does this trip to regional mean to you?: "I'm pretty excited. I'm just really happy that all the hard work paid off. It's been a while since (a Lee boy) has been to regionals, so it's nice knowing that."

What do you know about the course?: "I don't know anything about the course. It kind of makes it fun. It's kind of like playing in a maze."

How do you relax and get ready to play a round?: "I just breathe. That's all I need. I may get mad at times, but if I just close my eyes and breathe, it helps me."

How long have you been playing golf?: "I've been playing since I was 11 years old. My next door neighbor was moving, and his mom asked me to I could help them. She comes to us and asked us if we would like a pair of golf clubs. From then on, I started playing on the weekends, and I found out that it's a natural challenge."

How much would you have liked to have played in junior high?: "That would have been fun. That would have gotten me a lot better. Playing with kids who have been playing since they could walk, we work so hard just to keep up with them. It's really tough to know that they are better and to know they have more experience. It's more of a competition, but it's also more exciting."

DELAGARZA

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Sledge added that one of his hopes is DeLaGarza inspires more young kids to pick up golf in Midland.

"I was talking to a junior high girl today that looks up to Faith," he said. "She idolizes what Faith does. She plays in the North Texas PGA, like Faith, and she's a seventh grader. I think it'll help us a whole lot. The more success you have, the more it's going to help you. We don't have the numbers that other programs do."

Sledge added that some of those other programs, with the facilities and the junior high programs, include some of the competition she's going to face this week at regionals.

"Looking at last year's scores, there were girls that shot in high 60s and low 70," he said. "If she plays well, she should be able to compete. It's going to be good for her to get there and see the competition. I'm excited for her to get to do that."

DeLaGarza seems to be taking it all in stride.

"I'm Pretty excited," she said. "It's my first time to go so I have to practice and hope for the best. I just want to say thanks to all my friends, coach, family, and God, of course, for getting me through this journey so far."

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Area regional qualifiers and This week's schedules

REGION I-6A TOURNAMENT
Boys
The Links at Waterchase, Fort Worth
(Today-Tuesday)
Jared Valdez, Lee
Girls
Rolling Hills Country Club, Arlington
(Wednesday-Thursday)
Faith DeLaGarza, Midland High
Alexis Adkisson, Lee

REGION I-4A TOURNAMENT
Girls
Rawls Golf Course, Lubbock
(Today-Tuesday)
Ryan Pate, Greenwood
Andrews Black: Kali Jennings, Hailey Burgan, Libby Walinder, Lexi Lopez, Madee McAllister
Andrews Gold: Katelynn Savell, Mikala Haynie, Savannah Pinson, Kristini McDonald, Kinee McAllister
Boys
Rawls Golf Course, Lubbock
(Wednesday-Thursday)
Landon Mack, Andrews
Andrews A: Austin Lovato, Ivan Armendarez, Braceton Parker, Logan Upton, Mac Rochell
Big Spring team

REGION I-3A TOURNAMENT
Boys
Shady Oaks Golf Course, Baird
(Today-Tuesday)
Stanton: Ben Crockett, Nathen Garlington, K.J. Glaspie, Kyle Inman, Blake Snellgrove
Logan Franklin, Coahoma
Girls
Shady Oaks Golf Course, Baird
(Wednesday-Thursday)
Stanton: Kayli Inman, Skyler Church, Amber Peterson

REGION II-A TOURNAMENT
Quicksand Golf Course, San Angelo
(Today-Tuesday)
Boys
Tanner Davis, Garden City
Colton Hare, Garden City
Girls
Garden City: Holly Halfmann, Hope Halfmann, Brooklyn Batla, Ally Burnett, Elizabeth Zuniga

New faces and big absences in NHL playoffs

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

The NHL's postseason dominoes tumbled throughout the regular season's wild final week. When the last ones fell Saturday night, they revealed that the league is set up for an extremely interesting spring.

This Stanley Cup tournament features seven teams that missed the playoffs last year. A whopping five Canadian teams earned berths, the most from hockey's heartland since 2004.

Defending champion Los Angeles won't be there, and neither will perennial power Boston. The New York Rangers and Anaheim landed atop the two conferences, but contenders with a tantalizing array of veteran talent and hungry youth are right behind them.

And expect fierce competition this season: The postseason contenders were separated in the standings by only 16 points, the smallest gap in the 16-team postseason era.

The puck drops Wednesday night in Montreal, Washington, Nashville and Vancouver. The action won't stop until a new champion raises the Cup in June.

Here's what to watch when the NHL postseason begins this week:

HOME COOKING: Sure, Canadian players and coaches are prominent on every NHL team. But when franchises based in the Great White North make the playoffs, there's an extra excitement — and this postseason will have plenty after a mad rush for position left five Canadian teams in the field and two all-Canadian first-round matchups.

Montreal was a no-doubt playoff contender, and remains a Stanley Cup favorite as long as Carey Price continues his unbelievable season in net.

Vancouver comfortably earned its postseason spot and second place in the Pacific Division with a remarkable bounce-back season under new coach Willie Desjardins.

Yet the Canucks' first-round opponent will be the upstart Calgary Flames, who defied expectations and the loss of injured captain Mark Giordano to end their five-year playoff drought.

The Winnipeg Jets also hung on late to earn their city's first home playoff games since 1996.

And then there are the Ottawa Senators, who went 23-4-4 over their final 31 games to earn a first-round showdown with Montreal. The Senators shocked the league with incredible play from Andrew Hammond, a mid-tier AHL goalie nicknamed "The Hamburglar" who has gone 20-1-2 since his February recall.

NEW BLOOD: The playoffs will go on without the teams that won three of the past four Stanley Cup titles — and for the first time in NHL history, the teams that won the previous season's championship and the team with the last Presidents' Trophy both missed the postseason.

The Los Angeles Kings struggled at midseason and flopped in the final week, finishing ninth in the West and ending their spectacular run of two championships, 10 playoff series wins and a record 64 postseason games over the past three years. For the first time since 2007, the playoffs won't feature the defending champion.

The Boston Bruins, who won the 2011 title and had the NHL's best regular-season record last year, joined the Kings on the golf course after seeing their hopes crushed in the final hours of the season.

NO REWARD: The top seeds in each conference drew tough matchups in the first round.

The Rangers emerged from a pack of top teams and streaked past Anaheim to claim the Presidents' Trophy in the final weeks, but their dubious reward is a perilous first-round matchup with superstar Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and the Pittsburgh Penguins, who squeaked into the postseason on the final day.

Anaheim led the overall league standings for much of the season before clinching the top spot in the West in its final game. Yet the high-powered Ducks' first opponent is the Winnipeg Jets, who made a late-season surge for their first playoff berth since the erstwhile Atlanta Thrashers moved north nearly four years ago.

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TRAVELERS 2, ROCKHOUNDS 1, 5 ½ INNINGS
At Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Arkansas' Kentrail Davis and Wade Hinkle each went 2-for-3 on the day. Davis connected for his second home run in as many days while Hinkle added a double.

TOP PITCHER: Arkansas righty Alan Busenitz allowed just one run on three hits, one walk and three strikeouts for his first win of the season.

HIGHLIGHTS: Davis' homer in the fourth gave the Travelers just enough to win this game as the RockHounds look to be threatening in the sixth. ... There was a delay of 50 minutes before the came was called a final.

NOTES: Former Rock-Hound D'Arby Myers returned to Midland as a member of the Travelers. Myers was a RockHound from 2013-14 and helped Midland to the Texas League championship last season and had a 33-game hitting streak in 2013.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Arkansas – RHP Kyle MGowin (0-0, 0.00); Midland – LHP Chris Lamb (0-0, 0.00).

Texas League
First half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	4	0	1.000	—
Tulsa	2	2	.500	2
Northwest Arkansas	1	3	.250	3
Springfield	1	3	.250	3

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi	4	0	1.000	—
Midland	2	2	.500	2
Frisco	1	3	.250	3
San Antonio	1	3	.250	3

Sunday's Scores
Corpus Christi 4, Tulsa 0
Arkansas 2, Midland 1, 5 1/2 innings
Frisco 7, Northwest Arkansas 2
Springfield 4, San Antonio 2

Today's Games
San Antonio at Springfield, 6:30 p.m.
Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.

TRAVELERS 2, ROCKHOUNDS 1, 5 ½ INNINGS

Arkansas	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Johnson 2b	2	0	0	0	Crocker cf	3	0	0	0
Hinshaw cf	3	0	0	0	Walsh 2b	3	0	1	0
Towey lf	3	0	1	0	Olson 1b	2	0	0	0
Hernandez dh	3	0	0	0	Healy 3b	2	0	1	0
Davis lf	3	1	2	1	Pinder ss	2	0	0	0
Hinkle 1b	3	1	2	0	Maxwell c	2	0	0	0
Maggi 3b	2	0	1	0	Brugman lf	2	0	0	0
Bemboom c	2	0	1	1	Blair c	2	1	1	0
Stamets ss	3	0	0	0	Oberacker rf	1	0	1	1
Totals	24	2	7	2	Totals	19	1	4	1

Arkansas 010 100 —2
Midland 000 01x —1

E – Johnson (1). DP – Midland 1. LOB – Arkansas 7, Midland 3. 2B – Hinkle (1), Blair (2), Walsh (2). HR – Davis (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arkansas						
Busenitz, W 1-0	5	3	1	1	1	4
Midland						
Sanchez, L 0-1	4 2	6	2	2	2	3
Dull	1 1	1	0	0	1	0

Wood pitched to 1 batter in the 6th.
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of the game, came in the fourth when Kentrail Davis drilled a Jake Sanchez pitch over the left field wall for the 2-0 advantage.

Sanchez had an OK outing for his Double-A debut as he went 4 2/3 innings and allowed the two runs on six hits, with two walks and three strikeouts.

The 25-year-old old righty also only threw 45 pitches in his first start of the season, so he will likely get plenty of more chances to improve from this game.

Still, the RockHounds had a chance to at least tie the game when Colin Walsh led off the sixth with a double and Matt Olson, with his massive power and pop with the bat, on deck.

But, Mother Nature brought nice downpour to end the game and the new tarp was put to good use.

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Duncan leads Spurs to 11th straight win

By Raul Domguez
Associated Press

Spurs	107
Suns	91

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs have refused to pay attention to the standings or any other team over the past month and a half, instead focusing on their own game.

The rest of the Western Conference better be paying attention to the surging Spurs.

Tim Duncan had 22 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Spurs to their 11th straight victory, 107-91 over the Phoenix Suns on Sunday night.

San Antonio moved into second place in the Western Conference and took a half-game lead over idle Memphis in the Southwest Division.

"We are just going to play the games," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "Wherever we end up, that's what we'll do. We can only control our game."

And that has resulted in the defending champions winning 21 of 24 games to vault up the standings.

The Spurs, who appeared in danger of missing the playoffs after going 4-5 on their annual Rodeo Road Trip in February, are primed to host a first-round series.

"I had a headache last night trying to figure out who I wanted to win or lose, or what I want the outcome of the game to be," Duncan said. "I actually sent a message to Tony (Parker) to try to figure it out, because he always knows. So, we're just going to try to win our games and whatever comes out of it comes out of it."

Kawhi Leonard had 18 points and nine rebounds, Marco Belinelli added 13 points and Tony Parker had 10 points and five assists to help San Antonio improve to 55-26.

Gerald Green had 23 points and Eric Bledsoe added 20 points and 10 assists for Phoenix, which was limited to eight players. Eliminated from playoff contention Wednesday night, the Suns have lost four straight and nine of 10 to drop to 39-42.

"We just play hard," Bledsoe said. "That's the least we can do these last couple of games, come out and play hard and try to give teams a fight."

The Spurs struggled against the short-handed Suns, failing to make a basket for 4:20 bridging the first and second quarters. They never relinquished their lead, however, and responded by going on a 15-6 run in taking a 38-24 lead midway through the second quarter.

Duncan, who turns 39 on April 25, helped spark San Antonio by diving into the stands for a loose ball in the first half.

"(Duncan getting injured) was not a concern, it was just admiration," Spurs guard Manu Ginobili said. "Just the fact that after the tough week we had, you know he worked a lot this week. Starting the game and doing those types of things really helps to get us all going."

Duncan is ready for the playoffs.

"He always seems to get excited this time of year," Popovich said. "He is steady all year long and then raises it to even another level when this time of year comes. It's remarkable on his part."

Hinchcliffe wins wet Indy GP of Louisiana

By Brett Martel
Associated Press

AVONDALE, La. — James Hinchcliffe is getting used to partying in New Orleans.

The veteran IndyCar driver was a guest at one of the biggest Mardi Gras parades in February. So, he looked like a natural tossing beads Sunday after winning the inaugural Indy Grand Prix of Louisiana.

The Canadian had a wet track and a fortunate pit strategy to thank for his fourth career triumph, and won by leading most of the last 14 laps under caution. But he'll take it.

"The inaugural event at any track is always special," said Hinchcliffe, who rode in the Bacchus parade and was among the drivers most involved in promoting the race. "To be able to come out on top in that first race means a lot."

Helio Castroneves overcame early front-wing damage that put him near the back of the field to finish second for Team Penske, giving him a consecutive top-five finishes to start the season.

"In normal conditions, it's extremely difficult to come back," Castroneves said. "The way it was playing around with so many yellows and so many variables, amazing that we never gave up and were able to go back in the game."

James Jakes was third to give Schmidt Peterson Motorsports two podium finishers.

The biggest enemy of green-flag racing wasn't so much the rain, which largely stopped during the race, but tricky wet spots that remained after much of track was dry and drivers switched to slick tires.

The variable conditions brought out one caution after another as drivers spun or slid off the track, causing what was scheduled as a 75-lap race to end as a timed race after just 47 laps. Several drivers lost control on the final turn before the front straight, where water was flowing across the spot where they wanted to accelerate.

AUTO RACING RESULTS

Indy Grand Prix of Louisiana Results
Sunday
At NOLA Motorsports Park
Avondale, La.
Lap length: 2.74 miles
(Starting position in parentheses)

1. (16) James Hinchcliffe, Dallara-Honda, 47, Running.
2. (4) Helio Castroneves, Dallara-Chevrolet, 47, Running.
3. (22) James Jakes, Dallara-Honda, 47, Running.
4. (18) Simona de Silvestro, Dallara-Honda, 47, Running.
5. (1) Juan Pablo Montoya, Dallara-Chevrolet, 47, Running.
6. (3) Tony Kanaan, Dallara-Chevrolet, 47, Running.
7. (2) Will Power, Dallara-Chevrolet, 47, Running.
8. (11) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda, 47, Running.
9. (12) Josef Newgarden, Dallara-Chevrolet, 47, Running.
10. (9) Luca Filippi, Dallara-Chevrolet, 47, Running.
11. (15) Scott Dixon, Dallara-Chevrolet, 47, Running.
12. (14) Carlos Munoz, Dallara-Honda, 47, Running.
13. (10) Marco Andretti, Dallara-Honda, 47, Running.
14. (21) Charlie Kimball, Dallara-Chevrolet, 47, Running.
15. (17) Gabby Chaves, Dallara-Honda, 46, Running.
16. (24) Carlos Huertas, Dallara-Honda, 46, Running.
17. (20) Stefano Coletti, Dallara-Chevrolet, 44, Running.
18. (19) Sage Karam, Dallara-Chevrolet, 44, Running.
19. (7) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Dallara-Honda, 43, Contact.
20. (5) Simon Pagenaud, Dallara-Chevrolet, 43, Contact.
21. (6) Sebastien Bourdais, Dallara-Chevrolet, 43, Contact.
22. (13) Takuma Sato, Dallara-Honda, 39, Mechanical.
23. (23) Francesco Dracone, Dallara-Honda, 23, Contact.
24. (8) Jack Hawksworth, Dallara-Honda, 19, Contact.

Race Statistics
Winners average speed: 71.995.
Time of Race: 1:47:19.4896.
Margin of Victory: Under Caution.
Cautions: 6 for 26 laps.
Lead Changes: 3 among 3 drivers.
Lap Leaders: Montoya 1-13, Castroneves 14, Montoya 15-32, Hinchcliffe 33-47.
Points: Montoya 84, Castroneves 74, Power 70, Hinchcliffe 65, Kanaan 63, de Silvestro 44, Jakes 43, Rahal 43, Filippi 42, Pagenaud 41.

NHRA Results
Sunday
At Las Vegas Motor Speedway
Las Vegas
Final Finish Order

Top Fuel
1. Richie Crampton; 2. Larry Dixon; 3. J.R. Todd; 4. Spencer Massey; 5. Steve Torrence; 6. Shawn Langdon; 7. Clay Millican; 8. Dom Lagana; 9. Doug Kalitta; 10. Tony Schumacher; 11. Brittany Force; 12. Antron Brown; 13. Steve Faria; 14. Dave Connolly; 15. Terry McMillen; 16. Troy Buff.

Funny Car
1. John Force; 2. Robert Hight; 3. Tommy Johnson Jr.; 4. Alexis DeJoria; 5. Matt Hagan; 6. Del Worsham; 7. Cruz Pedregon; 8. Tim Wilkerson; 9. Jack Beckman; 10. Ron Capps; 11. Courtney Force; 12. Tony Pedregon; 13. Gary Densham; 14. Jeff Arend; 15. John Hale; 16. Chad Head.

Pro Stock
1. Erica Enders-Stevens; 2. Vincent Nobile; 3. Greg Anderson; 4. Allen Johnson; 5. Jason Line; 6. Chris McGaha; 7. Jimmy Alund; 8. V. Gaines; 9. Rodger Brogdon; 10. Drew Skillman; 11. Shane Gray; 12. Deric Kramer; 13. Joey Grose; 14. Larry Morgan; 15. Jonathan Gray; 16. Matt Hartford.

Final Results
Top Fuel—Richie Crampton, 3.902 seconds, 301.33 mph def. Larry Dixon, 4.466 seconds, 201.73 mph.
Funny Car—John Force, Chevy Camaro, 4.148, 312.35 def. Robert Hight, Chevrolet Camaro, 4.154, 306.05.
Pro Stock—Erica Enders-Stevens, Chevy Camaro, 6.674, 207.24 def. Vincent Nobile, Camaro, 6.674, 207.91.
Top Alcohol Dragster—Joey Severance, 5.416, 267.16 def. Megan McKernan, 5.416, 269.51.
Top Alcohol Funny Car—Annie Whiteley, Chevy Camaro, 5.617, 261.98 def. Doug Gordon, Camaro, foul.
Competition Eliminator—Tony Mandella, Chevy S-10, 8.528, 155.54 def. Alan Ellis, '23-T Ford, 6.843, 204.54.
Super Stock—Jimmy DeFrank, Chevy Cobalt, 9.070, 148.79 def. Les Norton, Dodge Challenger, 9.394, 140.25.
Stock Eliminator—Jimmy DeFrank, Chevy Camaro, 10.941, 118.93 def. Brad Burton, Pontiac Firebird, 10.926, 116.93.
Super Comp—Tommy Phillips, Dragster, 9.060, 164.93 def. Ryan Cook, Dragster, 9.058, 159.87.
Super Gas—Michael Miller, '27-T Ford, 10.082, 146.70 def. John Whitmore, Chevy Cavalier, 10.033, 159.08.
Top Sportsman—Richard Okerman, Chevy Beretta, 7.334, 177.46 def. Bob Cornine, dodge Stratus, 7.018, 187.47.
Top Dragster—Andy Spiegel, Dragster, 6.824, 169.06 def. Aaron Steinkey, Dragster, 17.286, 32.12r.
Top Fuel Harley—Len Darnell, Harley, 6.413, 215.07 def. Mike Peirina, Harley, 6.766, 167.05.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

MAVERICKS 120
LAKERS 106

LOS ANGELES — Tyson Chandler had 20 points to lead seven Mavericks in double-figure scoring, and Dallas tuned up for the postseason with a 120-106 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday night.

Richard Jefferson scored 17 points and Dirk Nowitzki had 16 in the third straight victory for the Mavericks, who will finish seventh in the Western Conference. Dallas led for the final 44 minutes and completed a season sweep of the Lakers for the first time in franchise history.

Wesley Johnson scored 16 points and hit four 3-pointers for Los Angeles before spraining his left ankle shortly before halftime. He didn't return, leaving the Lakers with nine healthy players in the second half of their sixth loss in seven games.

Jordan Clarkson had 26 points for the Lakers, who extended their team record with their 59th loss.

ROCKETS 121
PELICANS 114

HOUSTON — James Harden scored 30 points and the Houston Rockets used a big run at the beginning of the fourth quarter to take the lead and held on for a 121-114 victory over the New Orleans Pelicans on Sunday night.

The Rockets ended a two-game skid behind the NBA-leading 35th 30-point game for Harden, who leads the league in scoring.

Corey Brewer and Dwight Howard carried Houston in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter combining for all of the Rockets' points in a 14-5 run that put them on top 100-91.

New Orleans scored six straight points to get within five with about a minute left, but Pablo Prigioni made two free throws to extend the lead.

Anthony Davis had 27 points for the Pelicans who are fighting for the final Western Conference playoff spot.

PACERS 116
THUNDER 104

INDIANAPOLIS — Russell Westbrook scored a career-high 54 points Sunday night, but Indiana fended off his late charge for a critical 116-104 victory over Oklahoma City.

C.J. Miles matched his season high with 30 points to lead Indiana (37-43) to its fifth straight win and into a tie with Brooklyn for the eighth and final playoff spot in the East. The Nets own the tiebreaker.

The Thunder (43-37) lost for the fifth time in six games despite a near triple-double from Westbrook, who had nine rebounds and eight assists. Oklahoma City is tied with New Orleans for the No. 8 seed in the West.

Indiana never trailed in the second half, but Westbrook tied the score at 88 on a breakaway dunk with 7:55 to go.

The Pacers scored 12 straight points, but Westbrook's 3-pointer with 1:19 left made it 106-103 before Indiana closed it out.

WIZARDS 108
HAWKS 99

WASHINGTON — John Wall had no trouble finding his rhythm after resting for two games, producing 24 points and nine assists Sunday night to lead the Washington Wizards to their highest win total in more than 30 years by beating a second-string group of Atlanta Hawks 108-99.

Washington improved to 46-34, its first time topping 45 victories since 1978-79. The Wizards closed their regular season home schedule at 29-12 after going 22-19 last season.

They are fifth in the Eastern Conference with two games remaining and will face Toronto or Chicago to open the playoffs.

Atlanta already has clinched the East's No. 1 seed and won a club-record 60 games, so coach Mike Budenholzer rested starters Jeff Teague, Kyle Korver, Al Horford and DeMarre Carroll.

NUGGETS 122
KINGS 111

DENVER — Kenneth Faried scored a season-high 30 points and the Denver Nuggets spoiled George Karl's return to Denver, beating the Sacramento Kings 122-111 on Sunday.

Wilson Chandler had 21 points and nine rebounds for the Nuggets in their home finale. At 19-22, Denver had a losing record at Pepsi Center for the first time since 2002-03.

That was two years before Karl arrived and turned around the struggling franchise. He won 423 games in nine seasons on the Denver bench, but was fired after losing in the first round of the 2013 playoffs. The Nuggets won a franchise-record 57 games that season and he was the NBA Coach of the Year, but his team failed to win a postseason series for the eighth time in nine years.

Omri Casspi had 22 points to lead the Kings. Sacramento has lost three straight and eight of nine.

PISTONS 116
HORNETS 77

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Andre Drummond had 15 points and 19 rebounds, and the Detroit Pistons turned their home finale into a rout, 116-77 over the Charlotte Hornets on Sunday.

Greg Monroe scored 17 points in what might have been his final home game at the Palace. Monroe is set to become an unrestricted free agent after the season.

Noah Vonleh led Charlotte with 16 points.

Drummond was dominant early, helping Detroit to a 30-10 lead after the first quarter, and the Pistons stretched it in the second. A jumper by John Lucas III made it 53-19 with 4:28 left in the half.

At that point, the Hornets were 5 of 30 from the field.

Jodie Meeks led the Pistons with 24 points, and Anthony Tolliver added 17. Reggie Jackson had 13 assists.

BUCKS 96
NETS 73

MILWAUKEE — Ersan Ilyasova scored 21 points and the Milwaukee Bucks clinched a playoff spot with a 96-73 victory over the Brooklyn Nets on Sunday.

Milwaukee also secured the sixth seed in the Eastern Conference, a year after a franchise-worst 67-loss season.

O.J. Mayo added 17 points for the Bucks.

Brook Lopez had his 17th double-double of the season with 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Nets. They are eighth in the East, a game behind Boston after the Celtics' victory Sunday over Cleveland. That race will be sorted out over the final few days of the season, with Indiana also bearing down on the Nets and Celtics.

CELTICS 117
CAVALIERS 78

BOSTON — Isaiah Thomas scored 17 points and the Boston Celtics moved closer to a playoff berth with a 117-78 rout of the Cleveland Cavaliers without LeBron James and three other starters Sunday.

The runaway was made possible by coach David Blatt's decision to rest James, Kevin Love, Kyrie Irving and J.R. Smith since the Cavaliers already had clinched the No. 2 postseason spot in the Eastern Conference. Blatt said all four would play Monday night against Detroit.

The Celtics outscored the Cavaliers 34-9 in the second quarter to take a 55-31 lead and stayed ahead by between 18 and 41 points the rest of the way as their magic number for reaching the postseason dropped to one.

They would clinch a berth if Indiana loses to Oklahoma City on Sunday night. If the Celtics remain in seventh place in the East, they would face the Cavaliers in the first round.

NBA STANDINGS AND BOXES

STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Toronto	48	32	.600	—
Boston	38	42	.475	10
Brooklyn	37	43	.463	11
Philadelphia	18	62	.225	30
New York	16	64	.200	32

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Atlanta	60	20	.750	—
x-Washington	46	34	.575	14
Miami	35	45	.438	25
Charlotte	33	47	.413	27
Orlando	25	55	.313	35

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Cleveland	51	29	.638	—
x-Chicago	48	32	.600	3
x-Milwaukee	40	40	.500	11
Indiana	37	43	.463	14
Detroit	31	49	.388	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	55	26	.679	—
x-Memphis	54	26	.675	1/2
x-Houston	54	26	.675	1/2
x-Dallas	49	31	.613	5 1/2
New Orleans	43	37	.538	11 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Portland	51	29	.638	—
Oklahoma City	43	37	.538	8
Utah	37	43	.463	14
Denver	30	50	.375	21
Minnesota	16	64	.200	35

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Golden State	65	15	.813	—
x-L.A. Clippers	54	26	.675	11
Phoenix	39	42	.481	26 1/2
Sacramento	27	53	.338	38
L.A. Lakers	21	59	.263	44

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Sunday's Scores
Milwaukee 96, Brooklyn 73
Boston 117, Cleveland 78
Detroit 116, Charlotte 77
Denver 122, Sacramento 111
Washington 108, Atlanta 99
Indiana 116, Oklahoma City 104
Houston 121, New Orleans 114
San Antonio 107, Phoenix 91
Dallas 120, L.A. Lakers 106

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

SUNDAY'S BOXES

SPURS 107, SUNS 91

PHOENIX (91): Tucker 3-8 1-2 8, Marc Morris 4-11 0-0 8, Mark Morris 4-10 3-4 12, Bledsoe 7-13 6-6 20, Goodwin 5-15 1-2 11, Warren 2-4 0-0 4, Barron 2-7 1-2 5, G.Green 8-16 5-7 23, McNeal 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 35-85 17-23 91.

SAN ANTONIO (107): Leonard 6-12 5-5 18, Duncan 7-11 8-9 22, Diaw 2-5 2-2 6, Parker 5-10 0-0 10, D.Green 3-7 3-3 12, Ginobili 1-3 6-10 9, Baynes 2-2 0-0 4, Mills 0-1 0-0 0, Belinelli 4-8 3-3 13, Joseph 5-7 2-2 13, Anderson 0-1 0-0 0, Williams 0-2 0-0 0, Ayres 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-69 29-34 107.

Phoenix	18	21	26	26	—	91
San Antonio	20	31	25	31	—	107

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 4-16 (G.Green 2-3, Tucker 1-2, Mark Morris 1-3, Marc Morris 0-2, Bledsoe 0-3, Goodwin 0-3), San Antonio 8-19 (D.Green 3-6, Belinelli 2-5, Leonard 1-2, Ginobili 1-2, Joseph 1-3, Parker 0-1). Fouled Out—Warren. Rebounds—Phoenix 45 (Tucker, Marc Morris 8), San Antonio 50 (Duncan 10). Assists—Phoenix 17 (Bledsoe 10), San Antonio 22 (Parker 5). Total Fouls—Phoenix 23, San Antonio 22. Technicals—. A—18,581 (18,797).

MAVERICKS 120, LAKERS 106

DALLAS (120): Jefferson 4-7 7-9 17, Nowitzki 5-10 4-4 16, Chandler 9-10 2-4 20, Rondo 4-11 2-2 11, Ellis 2-8 0-0 4, Aminu 4-7 1-1 10, Barea 4-6 1-2 9, James 1-3 2-2 4, Villanueva 5-11 1-2 14, Felton 7-10 0-0 15, Powell 0-0 0-0 0, Smith 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 45-83 20-26 120.

L.A. LAKERS (106): Johnson 6-9 0-0 16, Kelly 2-10 6-7 10, Black 3-5 4-6 10, Clarkson 9-19 5-5 26, Brown 4-13 8-9 18, Buycks 4-11 2-2 10, Davis 4-7 3-5 11, Sacre 2-4 1-2 5. Totals 34-78 29-36 106.

Dallas	33	29	27	31	—	120
L.A. Lakers	27	30	25	24	—	106

3-Point Goals—Dallas 10-21 (Villanueva 3-6, Jefferson 2-4, Nowitzki 2-4, Rondo 1-1, Aminu 1-2, Felton 1-2, Ellis 0-1, Barea 0-1), L.A. Lakers 9-24 (Johnson 4-5, Clarkson 3-6, Brown 2-6, Buycks 0-2, Kelly 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 48 (Aminu 10), L.A. Lakers 47 (Black 19). Assists—Dallas 31 (Rondo 11), L.A. Lakers 20 (Clarkson, Kelly 6). Total Fouls—Dallas 20, L.A. Lakers 20. Technicals—Dallas defensive three second. A—18,071 (18,997).

ROCKETS 121, PELICANS 114

NEW ORLEANS (114): Pondexter 4-8 2-3 13, Davis 10-16 7-10 27, Asik 5-11 3-4 13, Evans 5-13 2-4 12, Gordon 5-14 0-0 13, Anderson 6-13 1-1 15, Cole 1-5 0-0 2, Holiday 7-9 0-0 17, Cunningham 1-1 0-0 2, Ajinca 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 44-91 15-22 114.

HOUSTON (121): Ariza 2-6 0-0 5, Jones 3-5 0-0 6, Howard 7-10 5-11 19, Terry 4-7 0-0 12, Harden 10-18 9-9 30, Dorsey 0-0 2-2 2, Smith 5-11 4-9 15, Brewer 6-11 8-11 20, Prigioni 2-5 6-6 12. Totals 39-73 34-48 121.

New Orleans	28	27	31	28	—	114
Houston	22	30	34	35	—	121

3-Point Goals—New Orleans 11-27 (Holiday 3-3, Pondexter 3-7, Gordon 3-8, Anderson 2-7, Cole 0-1, Evans 0-1), Houston 9-24 (Terry 4-6, Prigioni 2-3, Smith 1-3, Ariza 1-4, Harden 1-6, Brewer 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 50 (Asik 10), Houston 52 (Howard 11). Assists—New Orleans 22 (Evans 8), Houston 16 (Harden 7). Total Fouls—New Orleans 30, Houston 18. A—18,318 (18,023).

PACERS 116, THUNDER 104

OKLAHOMA CITY (104): Roberson 1-2 0-0 3, Kanter 5-11 2-3 13, Adams 2-6 0-6 4, Westbrook 21-43 7-11 54, Waiters 7-16 0-4 16, Collison 0-4 1-2 1, Morrow 2-4 1-2 7, McGary 3-4 0-1 6, Augustin 0-5 0-0 0. Totals 41-95 11-28 104.

INDIANA (116): S.Hill 2-3 2-2 6, West 6-8 1-1 13, Hibbert 7-12 3-4 17, G.Hill 6-10 5-7 19, Miles 9-14 6-8 30, George 3-9 1-2 8, Mahinmi 1-3 0-3 2, Stuckey 3-9 1-2 8, Scola 3-8 3-4 9, Sloan 0-0 0-0 0, Allen 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 42-79 22-35 116.

Oklahoma City	32	19	25	28	—	104
Indiana	29	27	26	34	—	116

3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 11-28 (Westbrook 5-15, Morrow 2-3, Waiters 2-5, Kanter 1-1, Roberson 1-2, Augustin 0-2), Indiana 10-20 (Miles 6-8, G.Hill 2-3, Stuckey 1-3, George 1-4, West 0-1, S.Hill 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 55 (Adams 10), Indiana 66 (Miles, Hibbert 10). Assists—Oklahoma City 18 (Westbrook 8), Indiana 25 (G.Hill 7). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 28, Indiana 26. Technicals—Westbrook, Indiana defensive three second. A—18,165 (18,165).

WIZARDS 108, HAWKS 99

ATLANTA (99): Bazemore 2-8 3-4 7, Brand 3-4 2-4 8, Muscala 2-6 0-0 5, Schroder 6-16 2-3 14, Jenkins 6-12 3-4 17, Mack 5-12 4-4 14, Scott 6-15 4-5 19, Antic 3-5 0-0 8, Daye 3-9 0-0 7. Totals 36-87 18-24 99.

WASHINGTON (108): Pierce 4-7 2-2 14, Nene 6-8 2-2 14, Gortat 6-13 3-4 15, Wall 9-20 4-4 24, Beal 6-17 3-4 17, Gooden 2-6 1-2 5, Porter 4-7 0-0 9, Sessions 2-5 3-3 7, Humphries 0-2 3-6 3, Seraphin 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-85 21-27 108.

Atlanta	22	23	30	24	—	99
Washington	38	28	24	18	—	108

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 9-29 (Scott 3-7, Antic 2-3, Jenkins 2-6, Muscala 1-2, Daye 1-5, Mack 0-1, Bazemore 0-2, Schroder 0-3), Washington 9-21 (Pierce 4-6, Wall 2-4, Beal 2-7, Porter 1-2, Gooden 0-1, Sessions 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 47 (Antic 7), Washington 62 (Nene 10). Assists—Atlanta 24 (Mack 6), Washington 22 (Wall 9). Total Fouls—Atlanta 22, Washington 19. A—19,041 (20,308).

NUGGETS 122, KINGS 111

SACRAMENTO (111): Casspi 8-13 5-8 22, Williams 4-11 5-5 13, Thompson 4-8 1-2 9, McCallum 6-10 1-2 14, McLemore 6-12 6-8 20, Landry 1-1 5-5 7, Hollins 4-6 2-4 10, Miller 3-4 3-4 9, Stauskas 2-8 0-0 5, Stockton 0-1 2-4 2. Totals 38-74 30-42 111.

DENVER (122): Chandler 8-15 2-2 21, Gallinari 4-8 4-4 14, Faried 12-14 6-8 30, Lawson 4-7 2-4 10, Foye 3-11 7-8 16, Hickson 4-4 1-1 9, Barton 4-8 1-1 10, Nurkic 1-4 0-2 2, Green 1-4 0-0 2, Harris 1-2 0-0 2, Lauvergne 3-4 0-0 6, Clark 0-1 0-0 0, Franklin 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 45-82 23-30 122.

Sacramento	28	31	25	27	—	111
Denver	37	23	34	28	—	122

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 5-18 (McLemore 2-5, McCallum 1-2, Casspi 1-3, Stauskas 1-5, Williams 0-3), Denver 9-26 (Chandler 3-6, Foye 3-9, Gallinari 2-3, Barton 1-3, Harris 0-1, Green 0-1, Nurkic 0-1, Lawson 0-1, Clark 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 44 (Casspi 7), Denver 48 (Chandler 9). Assists—Sacramento 28 (Casspi, McLemore 7), Denver 32 (Lawson 11). Total Fouls—Sacramento 21, Denver 29. Technicals—Sacramento Coach Karl, Thompson, Denver defensive three second. Flagrant Fouls—Gallinari. A—14,004 (19,155).

PISTONS 116, HORNETS 77

CHARLOTTE (77): Taylor 3-7 4-5 10, Ma.Williams 1-3 2-2 4, Biyombo 2-4 1-2 5, Walker 2-11 2-4 7, Henderson 6-16 2-3 14, Vonleh 6-11 3-6 16, Hairston 1-5 2-2 4, Maxiell 2-5 0-0 4, Daniels 1-9 0-0 2, Roberts 3-8 3-5 11. Totals 27-79 19-29 77.

DETROIT (116): Butler 0-1 0-0 0, Monroe 4-10 9-10 17, Drummond 7-12 1-3 15, Jackson 1-1 3-3 5, Caldwell-Pope 4-9 0-0 10, Tolliver 6-7 0-0 17, Meeks 8-12 4-5 24, Miller 2-7 0-0 6, Lucas III 4-8 0-0 9, S.Williams 4-6 0-0 10, Anthony 0-0 1-2 1, Martin 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 41-81 18-23 116.

Charlotte	10	24	20	23	—	77
Detroit	30	29	23	34	—	116

3-Point Goals—Charlotte 4-15 (Roberts 2-2, Vonleh 1-2, Walker 1-3, Ma.Williams 0-1, Hairston 0-3, Daniels 0-4), Detroit 16-28 (Tolliver 5-6, Meeks 4-7, S.Williams 2-3, Caldwell-Pope 2-4, Miller 2-5, Lucas III 1-1, Jackson 0-1, Butler 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 43 (Vonleh 12), Detroit 64 (Drummond 19). Assists—Charlotte 16 (Walker 7), Detroit 33 (Jackson 13). Total Fouls—Charlotte 13, Detroit 23. Technicals—Charlotte defensive three second 2. A—17,297 (22,076).

BUCKS 96, NETS 73

BROOKLYN (73): Johnson 3-9 3-4 9, Young 4-14 0-0 9, Lopez 3-8 6-7 12, Williams 1-11 2-2 4, Brown 2-7 0-0 4, Bogdanovic 4-11 0-1 9, Ma.Plumlee 4-8 3-4 11, Jack 4-10 2-2 11, Clark 0-0 0-2 0, Morris 0-2 0-0 0, Jefferson 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 27-83 16-22 73.

MILWAUKEE (96): Antetokounmpo 6-14 1-3 13, Ilyasova 8-12 2-2 21, Pachulia 2-5 0-0 4, Carter-Williams 6-9 0-0 12, Middleton 7-11 2-2 16, Dudley 0-4 0-0 0, Mayo 6-13 2-2 17, Henson 3-6 0-1 6, Bayless 0-3 0-0 0, Ennis 0-0 0-0 0, Mi.Plumlee 1-2 0-0 2, Gutierrez 1-1 0-0 2, O'Bryant 1-3 1-2 3. Totals 41-83 8-12 96.

Brooklyn	24	17	18	14	—	73
Milwaukee	26	17	30	23	—	96

3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 3-18 (Young 1-2, Jack 1-3, Bogdanovic 1-4, Brown 0-1, Johnson 0-4, Williams 0-4), Milwaukee 6-20 (Mayo 3-5, Ilyasova 3-6, Antetokounmpo 0-2, Bayless 0-2, Middleton 0-2, Dudley 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 56 (Lopez 10), Milwaukee 52 (Antetokounmpo 9). Assists—Brooklyn 17 (Williams 7), Milwaukee 30 (Antetokounmpo, Middleton 7). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 20, Milwaukee 20. A—16,504 (18,717).

CELTICS 117, CAVALIERS 78

CLEVELAND (78): Marion 4-9 0-0 8, Thompson 5-11 4-6 14, Mozgov 4-11 1-2 9, Dellavedova 3-12 0-0 7, Shumpert 6-15 2-4 15, Harris 4-8 1-2 9, Jones 4-7 5-5 14, Miller 1-4 0-0 2, Perkins 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 31-79 13-19 78.

BOSTON (117): Turner 6-12 3-4 15, Bass 3-7 0-0 6, Zeller 5-6 0-0 10, Smart 3-9 0-0 7, Bradley 5-9 0-0 12, Thomas 5-10 5-6 17, Crowder 3-7 2-4 9, Sullinger 4-7 3-4 11, Jerebko 4-7 0-2 10, Olynyk 4-5 2-2 10, Datome 2-3 0-0 6, Pressey 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 46-84 15-22 117.

Cleveland	22	9	24	23	—	78
Boston	21	34	29	33	—	117

3-Point Goals—Cleveland 3-22 (Jones 1-3, Shumpert 1-5, Dellavedova 1-6, Marion 0-2, Miller 0-3, Harris 0-3), Boston 10-24 (Datome 2-2, Jerebko 2-3, Thomas 2-4, Bradley 2-5, Crowder 1-3, Smart 1-4, Olynyk 0-1, Sullinger 0-1, Turner 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 54 (Shumpert 10), Boston 45 (Crowder, Turner, Olynyk 7). Assists—Cleveland 18 (Dellavedova 9), Boston 29 (Thomas 6). Total Fouls—Cleveland 18, Boston 22. Technicals—Thomas. A—18,624 (18,624).

Astros

From 1C

but got his first big league save when Rougned Odor lined out to — you guessed it — Springer.

Deduno got two quick outs before allowing Fielder's third single, a walk and Houston's fourth hit batter — and the second to Mitch Moreland. Plate umpire Laz Diaz ruled Moreland wasn't hit, but the call was overturned by video review.

"Couldn't get that one to kind of push us over the top," Moreland said. "Great game played by both, I think."

Martin had a two-run single in the seventh to stop an 0-for-18 skid and end Dallas Keuchel's season-opening scoreless streak at 13 2-3 innings.

After Kuechel finally faltered, the left-hander's bullpen let him down in the eighth. Joe Thatcher and Chad Qualls combined for two hit batters and two walks, allowing the Rangers to pull even.

Odor's walk against Qualls forced home the first run in the eighth, and Texas made it 4-all on a sacrifice fly by Carlos Corporan, who also had two hits in his first game against his former team.

LM Otero/AP

Houston Astros right fielder George Springer, right, gets a hug from teammate pitcher Tony Sipp after making a play in right field in the 10th inning of Sunday's game against the Texas Rangers in Arlington.

FAMILIAR FACES

Besides Corporan, the Astros also saw former first-round pick Delino DeShields make his first big-league start for Texas in left field. He had a sliding catch to start a double play in the first inning. The Rule 5 pickup was replaced in the eighth by Shin-Soo Choo, who skipped Saturday's game with back spasms.

HOUSTON'S EARLY BURST

Colby Lewis gave up four runs in the second inning, but Texas' veteran right-hander didn't allow another hit until the seventh. Luis Valbuena led off with a homer for Houston just inside the pole in right field. After Colby Rasmus tripled and scored on a double by Marwin Gonzalez, Jake Marisnick hit a two-run shot down the left-field line.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: RHP Josh Fields (right groin strain) threw 25 pitches in a rehab assignment with Triple-A Fresno on Saturday night. After a day off, he is to pitch in consecutive games. Manager A.J. Hinch said there will be a spot in the bullpen waiting for him when he's ready. "Hopefully we have a good problem where we have too many good guys throwing well," Hinch said.

Rangers: RHP Tanner Scheppers (sprained right ankle) was ejected from a rehab appearance for Double-A Frisco on Saturday night for throwing behind Arkansas batter Eric Stamets. Manager Joe Mikulik also was ejected. Scheppers threw 21 pitches and is expected to make a few more rehab appearances.

Jack Sock wins US Men's Clay Court for first title

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Jack Sock won the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships on Sunday for his first ATP World Tour title, beating eighth-seeded Sam Querrey 7-6 (7), 7-6 (2) in an all-American final.

The 22-year-old Sock saved three set points in the first tiebreaker in the rain-delayed match and quickly answered a break by Querrey in the second set to get the match back on serve.

Sock became the sixth American to win the country's only men's clay-court tournament. He will climb to a career-high 36th in the ATP ranking.

"It's never easy playing friends — (we) Americans are pretty close," Sock said on the court after being presented with the trophy. "It was a great match. I hope we play many more in the future. I've been through a lot ... a rough few months."

Sock, the Wimbledon doubles champion with Vasek Pospisil, was playing his first ATP singles final in only his third tournament of the season. He underwent surgery to repair a torn muscle in his hip in December and didn't return until Indian Wells last month.

In addition to rehabbing from the operation, older brother Eric had a potentially fatal lung infection. Eric Sock came to Houston with him for the tournament.

"I've been battling through it for him," Sock said "Thanks for being here, Eric."

The 27-year-old Querrey, also finished second in the event in 2010. He served seven love games, but played several loose points in the two breaks he suffered. He also lost focus at crucial junctures in both tiebreakers, letting a 5-2 lead slip away in the first.

The match was interrupted for 2 hours, 20 minutes after a heavy thunderstorm soaked the courts, requiring major repairs. Sock was leading 30-love, having just belted an ace, but trailing 4-5 in games when play got stopped. After the match resumed, he lost the first two points, the second on a double fault, but never seriously wobbled thereafter.

Yedlin, Green, Agudelo on US roster vs Mexico in Texas

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Fresh off his Tottenham debut weekend, defender DeAndre Yedlin was among 22 players picked for the United States' exhibition game against Mexico on Wednesday night in San Antonio.

The 21-year-old, acquired by Spurs from Seattle and Major League Soccer in January, entered in the 79th minute of Saturday's 1-0 Premier League loss to Aston Villa in London.

Yedlin and Hamburg forward Julian Green were the only two Europe-based players selected for the match. Green also has seen little playing time for his club.

New England forward Juan Agudelo also was on the roster announced Sunday by U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann. While Agudelo has 18 national team appearances, he has played in just one international match since November 2012, as an 85th-minute substitute against Ukraine in March 2014.

His career slowed when he left the Revolution to sign with England's Stoke in January 2014, failed to get a British work permit and as loaned to the Netherlands' Utrecht for the latter part of the 2013-14 season. He returned to the Revolution in January.

U.S. captain Clint Dempsey, sidelined since a hamstring injury in training last month, will miss the game, which is preparation for this summer's CONCACAF Gold Cup. Forward Jozy Altidore is serving a one-game suspension after his red card against Switzerland last month.

MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

TIGERS 8
INDIANS 5

CLEVELAND — Miguel Cabrera homered twice and drove in four runs as the Detroit Tigers improved to 6-0 for the first time in 30 years with an 8-5 win over the Cleveland Indians on Sunday.

Cabrera hit a two-run homer in the first off T.J. House (0-1), and J.D. Martinez added a solo shot in the ninth as the Tigers finished off a three-game sweep.

Cabrera went 4 for 4 with his first two homers this season, a double and single. With Cabrera needing a triple for the cycle, Indians manager Terry Francona intentionally walked him in the eighth even though there was a runner on first.

BLUE JAYS 10
ORIOLES 7

BALTIMORE — Jose Bautista hit the last of Toronto's three home runs, a two-run drive in the eighth off Darren O'Day.

Dalton Pompey and Kevin Pillar also connected for the Blue Jays, who doubled their home-run total for the season. Toronto scored 23 runs in the three-game series, twice reaching double figures.

YANKEES 14
RED SOX 4

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez had a three-run double in a seven-run first-inning outburst, and the New York Yankees broke out the bats and avoided their worst start in more than 25 years with a 14-4 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Sunday night.

Chase Headley and Stephen Drew had consecutive homers as a New York lineup that entered hitting .193 throttled Clay Buchholz (1-1) to avoid a three-game sweep and win for just the second time in six games.

WHITE SOX 6
TWINS 2

CHICAGO — Chris Sale (1-0) struck out eight over six innings in his return from a broken bone in his right foot, allowing one run and five hits.

Adam LaRoche homered for the second straight day and had a run-scoring single

ROYALS 9
ANGELS 2

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Alcides Escobar and Alex Rios hit two-run doubles, Salvador Perez homered, and AL champion Kansas City improved to 6-0.

The winning streak is the Royals' second-longest to open a season after a 9-0 start in 2003.

MARINERS 8
ATHLETICS 7

OAKLAND, Calif. — Nelson Cruz homered for the second straight day, hitting a solo drive off Tyler Clippard (0-1) in the 10th inning.

Mariners ace Felix Hernandez left after five innings as a precaution because of tightness in his right quadriceps. Seattle took a 7-3 lead into the ninth before Oakland rallied to tie it against closer Fernando Rodney (1-0).

Interleague

RAYS 8
MARLINS 5

MIAMI — Nathan Karns (1-1) allowed two runs — one earned — and two hits in seven innings for his second career victory.

The Marlins, who came into the season with high hopes, went 1-5 on their opening homestand. Center fielder Marcell Ozuna was scratched from the lineup as punishment for being late to batting practice.

National League

PIRATES 10
BREWERS 2

MILWAUKEE — Andrew McCutchen homered and drove in four runs in his return to Pittsburgh's lineup, and Neil Walker hit a three-run shot.

McCutchen took himself out of Friday night's game because of soreness in his left knee and didn't play Saturday.

CARDINALS 7
REDS 5

CINCINNATI — Matt Carpenter hit a two-run homer off Kevin Gregg (0-1) in the 11th inning.

Carlos Villanueva (1-0) pitched two innings, working out of a bases-loaded jam in the 10th by striking out Todd Frazier. St. Louis took two of three in the series and has won 13 consecutive three-game series against Cincinnati.

NATIONALS 4
PHILLIES 3

PHILADELPHIA — Wilson Ramos drove in the decisive run in the 10th with his second RBI of the day.

Bryce Harper homered and Clint Robinson had three hits for the Nationals, who salvaged a win in the three-game series.

METS 4
BRAVES 3

ATLANTA — Bartolo Colon helped himself with his first RBI in a decade, and Daniel Murphy hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the eighth, dropping the Braves to 5-1.

Backed by Michael Cuddyer's two-run homer in the first inning, Colon led 3-2 before Jonny Gomes' seventh-inning homer just inside the left-field pole. Colon (2-0) allowed three runs and six hits in seven innings.

CUBS 6
ROCKIES 5

DENVER — Former Rockies player Dexter Fowler hit a two-run homer on a hanging slider from LaTroy Hawkins (1-1) on an 0-2 pitch with two outs in the ninth inning.

Neil Ramirez (1-0) earned the win by getting two outs in the eighth. Hector Rondon got his second save of the season as the Cubs won for the second time in the three-game series.

PADRES 6
GIANTS 4

SAN DIEGO — Backup catcher Wil Nieves hit his first career grand slam, a drive off former San Diego star Jake Peavy, and the Padres won three of four in their series against the defending World Series champions.

It was the first career slam and just the 10th homer overall for the 37-year-old Nieves, who was a 47th-round draft pick of the Padres in 1995. He signed as a minor league free agent in January and won the backup job after Tim Federowicz, obtained from the Dodgers in the Matt Kemp deal, was sidelined following knee surgery.

DODGERS 7
DIAMONDBACKS 4

PHOENIX — Alex Guerrero had his first big league homer, went 3 for 5 and four RBIs to back Zack Greinke (1-0), who allowed five hits in seven scoreless innings. Los Angeles avoided a three-game sweep with.

Yasiel Puig hit his first homer of 2015 off Josh Collmenter (0-2). Joc Pederson had his first big league homer and three of Los Angeles' 16 hits.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES AND LINESCORES

STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	4	2	667	—
Toronto	4	2	667	—
Baltimore	3	3	500	1
Tampa Bay	3	3	500	1
New York	2	4	333	2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	6	0	1 000	—
Kansas City	6	0	1 000	—
Chicago	2	4	333	4
Cleveland	2	4	333	4
Minnesota	1	5	167	5

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	3	3	500	—
Seattle	3	3	500	—
Oakland	3	4	429	1/2
Texas	3	4	429	1/2
Los Angeles	2	4	333	1

Sunday's Scores

Detroit 8, Cleveland 5
Tampa Bay 8, Miami 5
Toronto 10, Baltimore 7
Chicago White Sox 6, Minnesota 2
Houston 6, Texas 4, 14 innings
Kansas City 9, L.A. Angels 2
Seattle 8, Oakland 7, 10 innings
N.Y. Yankees 14, Boston 4

Today's Games

Detroit (An.Sanchez 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Cole 0-0), 12:35 p.m.
Washington (Zimmermann 1-0) at Boston (Porcello 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City (D.Duffy 0-0) at Minnesota (May 0-0), 3:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 0-0) at Baltimore (Chen 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 1-0) at Toronto (Dickey 0-0), 6:07 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 1-0) at Texas (Detwiler 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Kazmir 1-0) at Houston (Feldman 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Paxton 0-1) at L.A. Dodgers (McCarthy 1-0), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	5	1	833	—
New York	3	3	500	2
Philadelphia	3	3	500	2
Washington	2	4	333	3
Miami	1	5	167	4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	4	2	667	—
Chicago	3	2	600	1/2
St. Louis	3	2	600	1/2
Pittsburgh	2	4	333	2
Milwaukee	1	5	167	3

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	4	2	667	—
San Diego	4	3	571	1/2
Arizona	3	3	500	1
Los Angeles	3	3	500	1
San Francisco	3	4	429	1 1/2

Sunday's Scores

St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 5, 11 innings
Tampa Bay 8, Miami 5
N.Y. Mets 4, Atlanta 3
Washington 4, Philadelphia 3, 10 innings
Pittsburgh 10, Milwaukee 2
Chicago Cubs 6, Colorado 5
L.A. Dodgers 7, Arizona 4
San Diego 6, San Francisco 4

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Milwaukee (Garza 0-1) at St. Louis (Wainwright 1-0), 3:15 p.m.
Colorado (E.Butler 0-0) at San Francisco (Heston 1-0), 3:35 p.m.
Miami (Latos 0-1) at Atlanta (S.Miller 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Leake 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (De La Rosa 1-0) at San Diego (Cashner 0-1), 9:10 p.m.
Seattle (Paxton 0-1) at L.A. Dodgers (McCarthy 1-0), 9:10 p.m.

SUNDAY'S TEXAS BOX
ASTROS 6, RANGERS 4, 14 INNINGS

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	6	0	1	0	LMartn cf	7	0	1	2
Springr rf	6	0	1	0	Andrus ss	7	0	1	0
Lowrie ss	5	0	1	0	Beltre 3b	7	0	1	0
Valuen 3b	6	1	1	1	Fielder dh	7	1	3	0
Gattis dh	5	0	0	0	Smlnsk rf	2	0	0	0
Grssmn pr-dh	0	1	0	0	Peguer ph-lf	2	1	1	0
JCastro c	4	0	1	0	Rosales 1b	2	1	0	0
Villar pr	0	0	0	0	Morlnd ph-1b	2	0	0	0
Conger c	1	1	1	2	Odor 2b	5	0	0	1
ClRsms lf	6	1	2	0	Corprn c	5	1	2	1
MGnzlz 1b	6	1	1	1	DShlds lf	2	0	0	0
Mrsnck cf	5	1	2	2	Choo ph-rf	1	0	0	0
Totals	50	6	11	6	Totals	49	4	9	4

Houston .... 040 000 000 000 02 —6
Texas .... 000 000 220 000 00 —4

E—Odor (1). DP—Houston 1, Texas 4. LOB—Houston 5, Texas 15. 2B—Ma.Gonzalez (1), Corporan (1). 3B—Col.Rasmus (1). HR—Valbuena (1), Conger (1), Marisnick (1). SB—Springer (2), Villar (1), Marisnick (2). SF—Corporan.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Keuchel	7	6	2	2	3	3
Neshek	1-3	1	1	1	0	0
Thatcher	0	0	1	1	1	0
Qualls	2-3	0	0	0	1	0
Sipp	2	1	0	0	1	2
Gregerson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Harris W,1-0	2	0	0	0	0	3
Deduno S,1-1	1	1	0	0	1	1
Texas						
Lewis	7 1-3	7	4	4	0	5
Mendez	2-3	0	0	0	1	0
Feliz	1	1	0	0	0	1
Sh.Tolleson	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kela	1	1	0	0	0	1
Klein	1	0	0	0	1	1
Verrett L,0-1	2	2	2	2	1	0

Thatcher pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
HBP—by Qualls (Moreland, Choo), by Deduno (Moreland), by Sipp (Odor). WP—Deduno.
T—4:24. A—35,276 (48,114).

SUNDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE

TIGERS 8, INDIANS 5

Detroit .... 330 100 001 —8 11 1
Cleveland .... 102 000 020 —5 9 1

Lobstein, Nesbitt (6), B.Hardy (8), Soria (9) and J.McCann; House, A.Adams (2), Marcum (5) and R.Perez. W—Lobstein 1-0. L—House 0-1. Sv—Soria (2). HRs—Detroit, Mi.Cabrera 2 (2), J.Martinez (3).

BLUE JAYS 10, ORIOLES 7

Toronto .... 214 100 020—10 9 0
Baltimore .... 202 030 000 —7 8 1

Hutchison, Loup (5), Osuna (7), Cecil (8), M.Castro (9) and R.Martin; Tillman, Gausman (3), Matusz (5), Brach (7), O'Day (8) and Lavarnway. W—Loup 1-1. L—Tillman 1-1. Sv—M.Castro (2). HRs—Toronto, Pompey (1), Pillar (1), Bautista (1). Baltimore, A.Jones (2), Snider (1).

WHITE SOX 6, TWINS 2

Minnesota .... 001 000 010 —2 7 2
Chicago .... 201 000 03x —6 12 0

P.Hughes, A.Thompson (7), Boyer (8), Duensing (8) and K.Suzuki; Sale, Guerra (7), Da.Jennings (7), Duke (8), Robertson (9) and Flowers. W—Sale 1-0. L—P.Hughes 0-2. HRs—Chicago, LaRoche (2), G.Beckham (1).

ROYALS 9, ANGELS 2

Kansas City .... 040 021 200 —9 14 1
Los Angeles .... 100 001 000 —2 5 1

Ventura, Frasor (6), C.Young (8) and S.Perez; C.Wilson, Salas (6), Pestano (8), J.Smith (9) and Iannetta. W—Ventura 2-0. L—C.Wilson 1-1. HRs—Kansas City, S.Perez (3). Los Angeles, Pujols (2).

MARINERS 8, ATHLETICS 7, 10 INNINGS

Seattle .... 000 004 300 1 —8 7 1
Oakland .... 000 300 004 0 —7 14 2

F.Hernandez, Farquhar (6), Furbush (8), Rodney (9), Medina (10) and Zunino; Hahn, O'Flaherty (6), Scribner (8), R.Alvarez (9), Clippard (10) and Vogt. W—Rodney 1-0. L—Clippard 0-1. Sv—Medina (1). HRs—Seattle, Weeks (1), N.Cruz (2).

YANKEES 14, RED SOX 4

Boston .... 000 310 000 —4 8 1
New York .... 700 303 01x—14 16 1

Buchholz, Breslow (4), Layne (6), Varvaro (7), Mujica (8) and Hanigan; Tanaka, D.Carpenter (6), Davies (7) and B.McCann. W—Tanaka 1-1. L—Buchholz 1-1. HRs—Boston, H.Ramirez (3). New York, Headley (2), Drew (1), B.McCann (1).

INTERLEAGUE
RAYS 8, MARLINS 5

Tampa Bay .... 100 032 011 —8 14 1
Miami .... 000 110 021 —5 8 1

Karns, Belivegau (8), Yates (8), Frieri (8) and Rivera; H.Alvarez, Hand (6), Morris (9) and Mathis, Saltalamacchia. W—Karns 1-1. L—H.Alvarez 0-2. Sv—Frieri (1). HRs—Tampa Bay, DeJesus (1). Miami, Saltalamacchia (1).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CARDINALS 7, REDS 5, 11 INNINGS

St. Louis .... 000 030 020 02—7 10 0
Cincinnati .... 010 010 300 00—5 11 0

C.Martinez, Maness (7), Choate (7), Belisle (7), Siegrist (7), Walden (8), Rosenthal (9), Villanueva (10) and Molina; R.Iglesias, Cingrani (6), Diaz (8), Chapman (9), Gregg (10) and Pena, Mesoraco. W—Villanueva 1-0. L—Gregg 0-1. HRs—St. Louis, Jh.Peralta (1), M.Carpenter (1). Cincinnati, Bruce (2), B.Hamilton (1).

METS 4, BRAVES 3

New York .... 200 100 010 —4 9 0
Atlanta .... 020 000 100 —3 7 0

B.Colon, C.Torres (8), Blevins (8), Familia (9) and Recker; A.Wood, Co.Martin (7), Jaime (8), McKirahan (8) and Pierzynski. W—B.Colon 2-0. L—Jaime 0-1. Sv—Familia (1). HRs—New York, Cuddyer (1). Atlanta, J.Gomes (1).

NATIONALS 4, PHILLIES 3, 10 INNINGS

Washington .... 100 100 000 2 —4 9 1
Philadelphia .... 000 010 100 1 —3 9 0

Scherzer, Cedeno (7), Stammen (8), Barrett (9), Storen (10) and W.Ramos; O'Sullivan, L.Garcia (7), Giles (8), Diekman (9), De Fratus (10) and Rupp. W—Barrett 1-0. L—Diekman 0-1. Sv—Storen (2). HRs—Washington, Harper (2). Philadelphia, Ruf (1).

PIRATES 10, BREWERS 2

Pittsburgh .... 001 003 006—10 13 0
Milwaukee .... 002 000 000 —2 5 1

Sadler, J.Hughes (6), Caminero (7), Watson (8), Liz (9) and T.Sanchez; Lohse, W.Smith (7), Jeffress (7), Thornburg (8), Cotts (9) and Maldonado. W—Sadler 1-0. L—Lohse 0-2. HRs—Pittsburgh, McCutchen (2), N.Walker (1). Milwaukee, C.Gomez (1).

PADRES 6, GIANTS 4

San Francisco .... 011 001 100 —4 7 0
San Diego .... 000 401 10x —6 9 0

Peavy, Y.Petit (5), Machi (7), Lopez (8) and Posey; T.Ross, Thayer (7), Rearick (7), Benoit (8), Kimbrel (9) and Nieves. W—T.Ross 1-0. L—Peavy 0-1. Sv—Kimbrel (2). HRs—San Francisco, Posey (2). San Diego, Nieves (1), Venable (1).

DODGERS 7, DIAMONDBACKS 4

Los Angeles .... 001 111 102 —7 16 2
Arizona .... 000 000 004 —4 10 1

Greinke, Baez (8), P.Rodriguez (9), Hatcher (9), Jo.Peralta (9) and Grandal; Collmenter, Schugel (6), O.Perez (9) and Gosewisch, Pacheco. W—Greinke 1-0. L—Collmenter 0-2. Sv—Jo.Peralta (2). HRs—Los Angeles, Puig (1), Pederson (1), Guerrero (1).

CUBS 6, ROCKIES 5

Chicago .... 010 020 003 —6 7 0
Colorado .... 040 010 000 —5 11 4

Hendricks, Motte (5), Coke (7), N.Ramirez (8), H.Rondon (9) and M.Montero; Lyles, Ottavino (7), Logan (8), Hawkins (9) and McKenry. W—N.Ramirez 1-0. L—Hawkins 1-1. Sv—H.Rondon (2). HRs—Chicago, Fowler (1).

SATURDAY'S LATE LINESCORES
ROYALS 6, ANGELS 4

Kansas City .... 000 510 000 —6 12 0
Los Angeles .... 100 030 000 —4 6 0

Guthrie, W.Davis (8), G.Holland (9) and S.Perez; Weaver, Rucinski (5), C.Ramos (7), Morin (7), J.Alvarez (9) and Butera, Iannetta. W—Guthrie 1-0. L—Weaver 0-2. Sv—G.Holland (3). HRs—Kansas City, Moustakas (2), S.Perez (2). Los Angeles, Calhoun (1).

PADRES 10, GIANTS 2

San Francisco .... 000 100 010 —2 5 1
San Diego .... 203 003 20x —10 20 2

Bumgarner, Vogelsong (4), Kontos (7) and Posey, H.Sanchez; Shields, Garces (8), Maurer (9) and De.Norris. W—Shields 1-0. L—Bumgarner 1-1. HRs—San Francisco, Arias (1).

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Phil Mickelson	70-68-67-69—274
Justin Rose	67-70-67-70—274
Rory McIlroy	71-71-68-66—276
Hideki Matsuyama	71-70-70-66—277
Paul Casey	69-68-74-68—279
Ian Poulter	73-72-67-67—279
Dustin Johnson	70-67-73-69—279
Hunter Mahan	75-70-68-67—280
Zach Johnson	72-72-68-68—280
Charley Hoffman	67-68-71-74—280
Rickie Fowler	73-72-70-67—282
Ryan Moore	74-66-73-69—282
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Kevin Streelman	70-70-70-72—282
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Russ Henley	68-74-72-71—285
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Bernd Wiesberger	75-70-70-71—286
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Ernie Els	67-72-75-72—286
Steve Stricker	73-73-73-68—287
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Webb Simpson	69-75-72-71—287
Jason Day	67-74-71-75—287
Jonas Blixt	72-70-70-75—287
Jamie Donaldson	74-71-76-67—288
Ryan Palmer	69-74-74-71—288
Chris Kirk	72-73-72-71—288
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Champions

2015 — Jordan Spieth
2014 — Bubba Watson
2013 — x-Adam Scott
2012 — x-Bubba Watson
2011 — Charl Schwartzel
2010 — Phil Mickelson
2009 — x-Angel Cabrera
2008 — Trevor Immelman
2007 — Zach Johnson
2006 — Phil Mickelson
2005 — x-Tiger Woods
2004 — Phil Mickelson
2003 — x-Mike Weir
2002 — Tiger Woods
2001 — Tiger Woods
2000 — Vijay Singh
1999 — Jose Maria Olazabal
1998 — Mark O'Meara
1997 — Tiger Woods
1996 — Nick Faldo
1995 — Ben Crenshaw
1994 — Jose Maria Olazabal
1993 — Bernhard Langer
1992 — Fred Couples
1991 — Ian Woosnam
1990 — x-Nick Faldo
1989 — x-Nick Faldo
1988 — Sandy Lyle
1987 — x-Larry Mize
1986 — Jack Nicklaus
1985 — Bernhard Langer
1984 — Ben Crenshaw
1983 — Seve Ballesteros
1982 — x-Craig Stadler
1981 — Tom Watson
1980 — Seve Ballesteros
1979 — x-Fuzzy Zoeller
1978 — Gary Player
1977 — Tom Watson
1976 — Raymond Floyd
1975 — Jack Nicklaus
1974 — Gary Player
1973 — Tommy Aaron
1972 — Jack Nicklaus
1971 — Charles Coody
1970 — x-Billy Casper
1969 — George Archer
1968 — Bob Goalby
1967 — Gay Brewer Jr
1966 — x-Jack Nicklaus
1965 — Jack Nicklaus
1964 — Arnold Palmer
1963 — Jack Nicklaus
1962 — x-Arnold Palmer
1961 — Gary Player
1960 — Arnold Palmer
1959 — Art Wall Jr.
1958 — Arnold Palmer
1957 — Doug Ford
1956 — Jack Burke Jr.
1955 — Cary Middlecoff
1954 — x-Sam Snead
1953 — Ben Hogan
1952 — Sam Snead
1951 — Ben Hogan
1950 — Jimmy Demaret
1949 — Sam Snead
1948 — Claude Harmon
1947 — Jimmy Demaret
1946 — Herman Keiser
1945 — No tournament, WWII
1944 — No tournament, WWII
1943 — No tournament, WWII
1942 — x-Byron Nelson
1941 — Craig Wood
1940 — Jimmy Demaret
1939 — Ralph Guldahl
1938 — Henry Picard
1937 — Byron Nelson
1936 — Horton Smith
1935 — x-Gene Sarazen
1934 — Horton Smith
x-won playoff

Lefty completes Grand Slam of silver medals

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Phil Mickelson knew he needed a truly special round to catch Jordan Spieth.

Instead, Lefty settled for a familiar spot.

Runner-up.

Mickelson closed with a 3-under 69 that left him tied with Justin Rose, four shots behind the wire-to-wire winner.

"It was just a good, solid round of golf," Mickelson said. "I needed something exceptional."

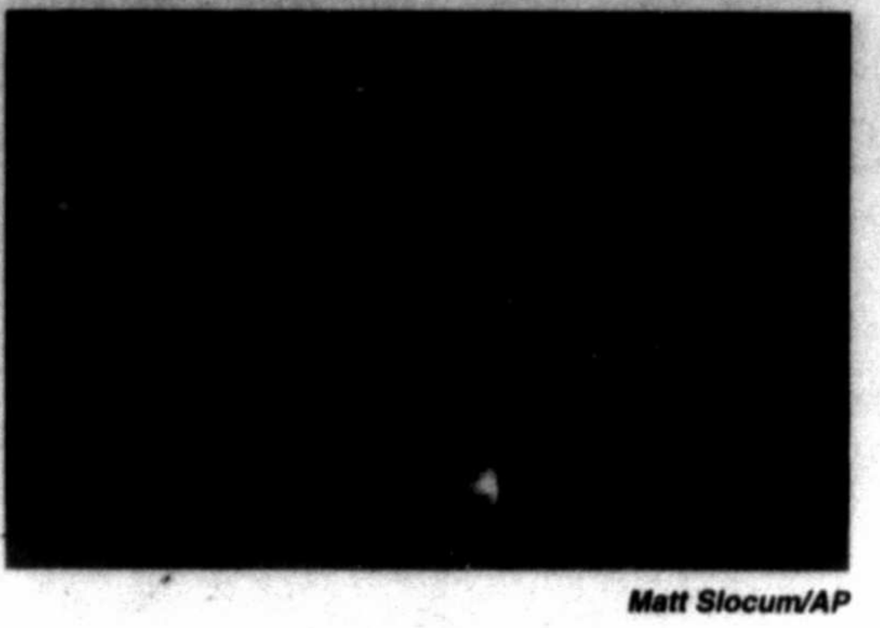
The 21-year-old Spieth won with an 18-under 270, tying the Masters record for lowest overall score.

Mickelson and Rose finished at 274, a score that would have been good enough to win the last three years. In fact, it was lower that Mickelson's score in two of his three Masters victories.

"The fact is, I would have taken 14 under at the start of the week," he said. "I played really well to shoot 14 under and I simply got outplayed by a young player who just played some incredible golf."

On a resume highlighted by five major titles, it was Mickelson's 10th second-place finish in golf's biggest events.

It also completed a Grand Slam of sorts, one he would prefer not to have.



Matt Slocum/AP

Phil Mickelson hits out of a bunker on the 16th hole during the fourth round of the Masters on Sunday in Augusta, Ga.

Mickelson has now finished second in every major championship.

This won't hurt nearly as bad as some of the others, especially all those close calls in the only major Mickelson has never won, the U.S. Open.

At 44, Mickelson hasn't played all that well in recent years on the PGA Tour. But he knows how to get up for the biggest events, having won the British Open in 2013 with a stirring final-round comeback, and finishing second in the last two majors going back to the 2014 PGA Championship at Valhalla, where he was one stroke behind Rory McIlroy.

"I don't have a great explanation other than I really focus on those events," Mickelson said. "It's not my motivation to go out and try to grind out wins week after week. I want to zero in on our four or five biggest events, and I've been fortunate in that I've been able to get some of my best golf out of those events."

Spieth dominated this Masters from start to finish. Mickelson started the final round five shots back and never got within four shots of the lead, even after holing out an eagle from the bunker at the par-5 15th hole.

He was doomed by three bogeys spread throughout the round, keeping the popular player from really getting the Augusta patrons on his side. They cheered him all the way, of course, but never unleashed one of those really big roars that would have signaled Lefty, playing just ahead of Spieth in the next-to-last group, was making a serious move.

"Every time I got a birdie here or there, I stalled with a bogey," Mickelson said. "It was a really fun tournament. I thought I played some good golf. I just got outplayed. Jordan was phenomenal."

Rose also played extremely well, and he was the only one who got as close as three strokes to Spieth in the final round.

Carrying on the momentum he had Saturday, when he closed with five birdies on his last six holes to get into the final group of a major for the first time, Rose birdied the first two holes Sunday in what looked for a while like essentially a match-play scenario with Spieth.

But Rose stalled, playing the next 10 holes at 2 over. He gave himself a glimmer of hope with three straight birdies starting at No. 13, and a last gasp came at the par-3 16th, when he stuck his tee shot to 15 feet for another birdie try, while Spieth faced a dicey 8-footer to save par.

Rose missed his putt. Spieth made his.

Game over.

"It was probably one of the best putts he hit all day," Rose marveled. "I was looking for that two-shot swing to keep it interesting."

Masters

From 1C

■ The youngest player to lead after the opening round.

"He has no weaknesses," Mickelson said. "He doesn't overpower the golf course, but he plays the course strategically well. He plays all the shots properly. And he has that ability to focus and see things clear when the pressure is on and perform at his best when the pressure is on.

"That's something that you really can't teach," he said. "Some players are able to do it, some players aren't. And he is."

Spieth showed early he was up to challenge. Rose, starting the final round four shots behind, rolled in a 10-foot birdie putt on the first hole, and Spieth calmly made his birdie putt from just inside him. Spieth went out in 35 to build his lead to five shots, and one putt later, the Masters effectively was over.

Spieth rolled in a 20-foot birdie putt on No. 10 for a six-shot lead. It was his 26th birdie of the Masters, breaking the tournament record that Mickelson set in 2001. Spieth managed this in only 64 holes. The next target was the 72-hole scoring record that Woods set in 1997 and he almost got there except for that bogey at the end.

He twice went for the green on par 5s on the back nine, barely clearing the creek at No. 13 and going just over the back on No. 15, both times making birdie. The birdie on the 15th made him the only player in Masters history to reach 19-under par.

McIlroy had a 68-66 weekend, hurt by his slow start and put him 12 shots going into the weekend. He will have to wait until next year to try to win the Masters and become the sixth player to complete the career Grand Slam.

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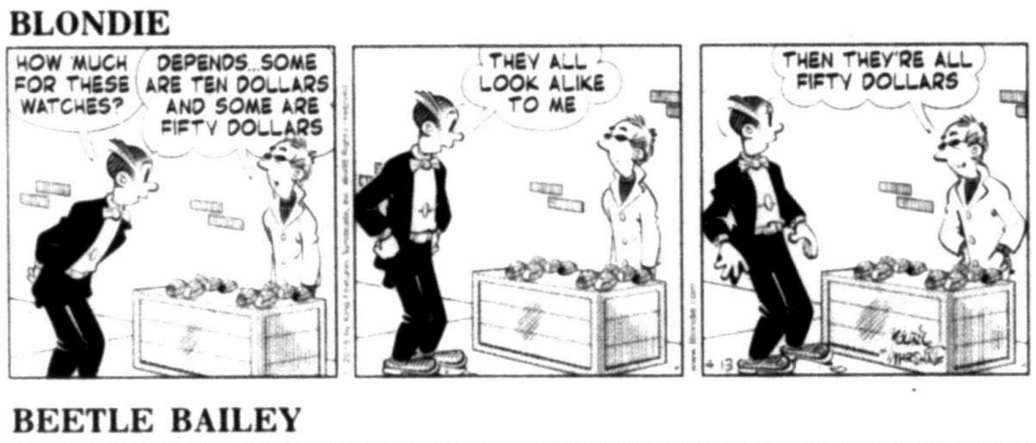

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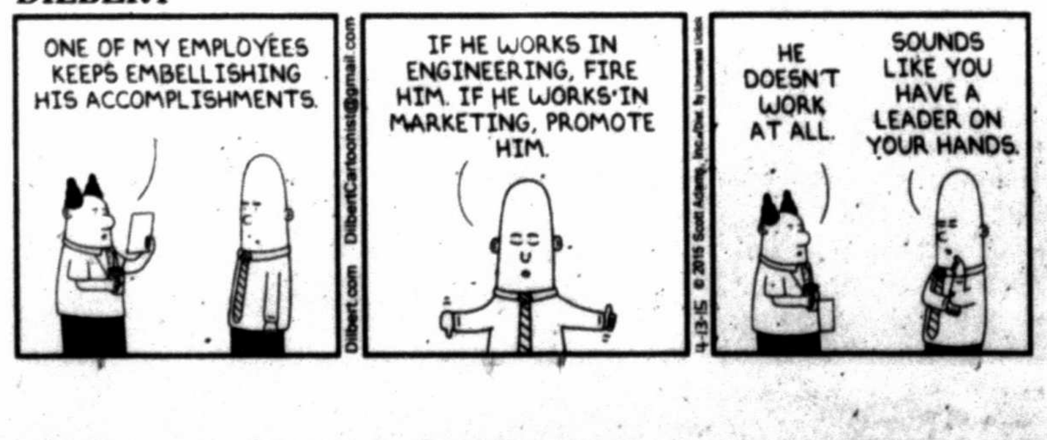

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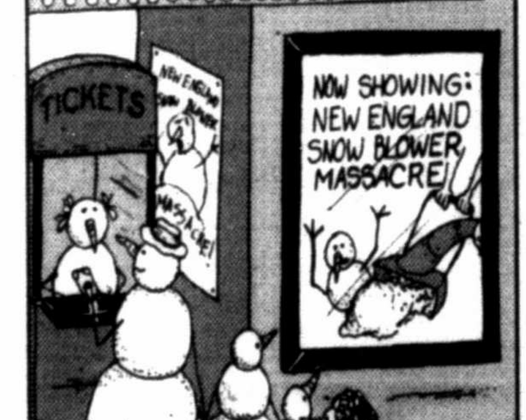


FAMILY CIRCUS

TODAY: Partly sunny High: 67 Low: 48

TUESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 70 Low: 53

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 82 Low: 55

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 79 Low: 49

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 73 Low: 50

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 78 Low: 52

Local forecast

Today look for partly sunny skies and a high of 67, and tonight expect mostly cloudy skies and a low of 48. There's a 50 percent chance of rain today and tonight.

Tuesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high near 70 and for tonight partly cloudy skies with a low of 53.

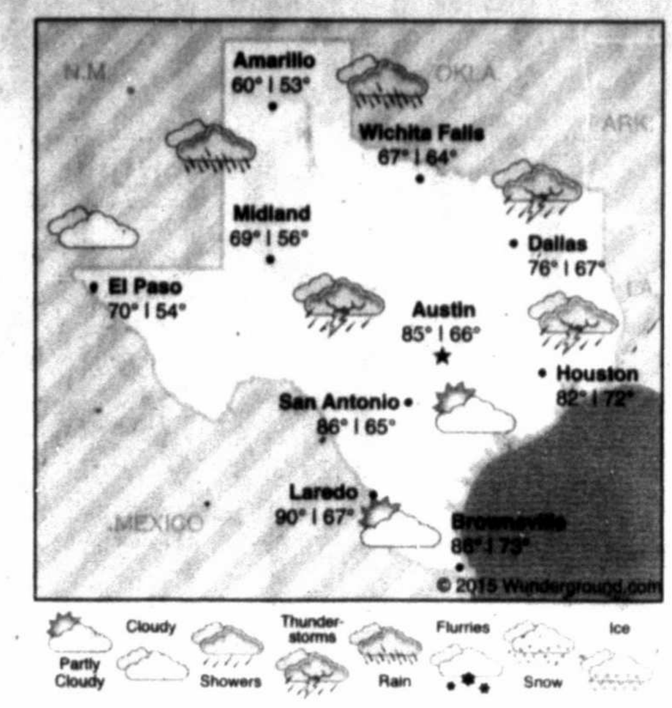
Showers and thunderstorms are in the forecast for Wednesday.

Sunday's high was 85, while the low was 61. The record high for April 12 is 99 set in 1972. The record low is 25 set in 1997.

National forecast

A storm system crossing the southern High Plains and moisture from the Gulf of Mexico will combine to produce an area of showers and thunderstorms across the southern Plains and South. The accompanying downpours could lead to flash flooding, especially from the central Gulf Coast to the Tennessee Valley. Across Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle, a cold wind will combine with the rain to create a raw day.

Along the cold front responsible for the storms, showers will expand north to the Great Lakes.

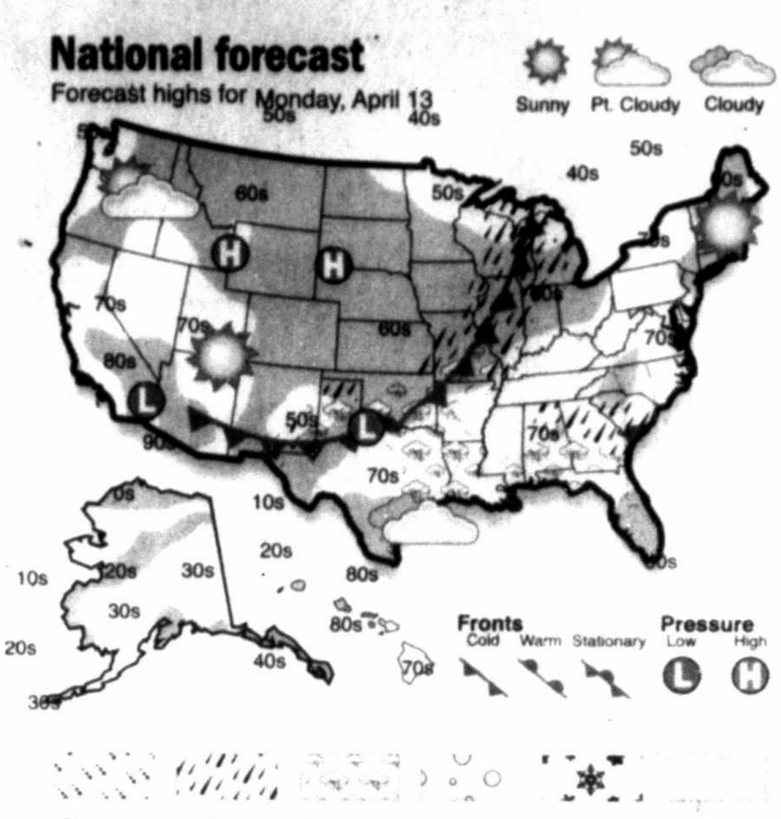


Precipitation

Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.75 in.
Month total	0.82 in.
Year total	5.16 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.13 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	85
Low	61
Normal high	78
Normal low	48
Sunrise	7:23 a.m.
Sunset	8:16 p.m.



Friendly divorce may be best for wife in unhappy marriage

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: I'm 38, married for 16 years and the mother of two small children. I was recently diagnosed with ovarian cancer and had a hysterectomy to remove it.

My husband has cheated more than once in the past, and since my recovery I have realized I never forgave him for it. I kept quiet and pretended I didn't know. Now I am bitter, angry and hurt. He goes out and stays out constantly. He does help with the kids, but I know I don't belong here. I know what I want, and it's not this life with him anymore.

I know I can leave at any time, but I feel my children deserve to be raised with both parents in the home since neither of us had that when we were growing up. (My father died. His parents divorced when he was a toddler.) His family has been my family since the beginning of our relationship.

I want my children to grow up thinking marriage is forever and growing old with your partner is great. I want them to have what I did not. If we are civilized and "pretend to be in love," would my children be OK? I'm willing to stay in this marriage until they are old enough and on their own before I walk away.

Will they understand that I sacrificed my happiness for them to live with both parents? I want to be in love and happy, but would rather raise my babies with their father than someone else. Your advice is greatly appreciated. — WILLING IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR WILLING: OK. First, let's talk about your diagnosis and the treatment you had. Being diagnosed with a life-threatening illness can cause anyone to rethink how one has been living one's life. It can cause all sorts of repressed emotions to boil to the surface, causing anger, bitterness and hurt. Before making any life-changing decisions, please talk with your doctor, a marriage counselor and your husband about those feelings.

If you think that staying in an unhappy marriage with a man who goes out and stays out constantly while pretending to be in love would be healthy for your children, I'd be less than honest if I didn't warn you that you would be doing them a disservice. Even if you could pull it off and the kids didn't sense the tension between you and your husband, how do you think they'll feel when they are older and realize what they were led to believe was a happy marriage was a lie?

Because you feel so strongly about raising them with your husband, my advice is to make every effort to clear the air and work out your marital problems with him. That said: It takes two to tango. If he is unwilling to cooperate, all of you might be happier if you separated and agreed to an amicable divorce and shared custody. I'm not saying it would be easy, but it can be done if both parties are willing.

DEAR ABBY: I recently received an invitation to a small wedding that specified the attire to be "dressy casual." I'm thinking of wearing a pair of nice black slacks, a white sweater and a black leather jacket.

Is it appropriate to wear black at a wedding ceremony? And who is the dress code guru who decides these matters? — DAN ON THE WEST COAST

DEAR DAN: MY "dress code guru" for weddings is Emily Post. According to Emily, "dressy casual attire" for men is a seasonal sport coat or blazer and slacks; a dress shirt, casual button-down shirt, open-collar or polo shirt; optional tie and loafers or loafer-style shoes with socks. The rule about not wearing black to a wedding was discarded years ago, and it applied to women — not men.

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 Monday, April 13, 2015:

This year you focus on your long-term desires and needs. How you handle someone and the choices you make could be very different from what you initially had expected. Your actions reflect this transformation. Your ability to move through issues becomes fine-tuned. If you are single, it is likely that you will meet someone of significance in the next few months. You will know when this person arrives on the scene. If you are attached, this year could be one of the best periods you have shared as a couple. You will act as if you have just fallen in love. AQUARIUS is your friend no matter what you do.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You might be more challenging than you realize. If you use your creativity, you'll be able to cut costs and find a better solution to a financial problem. A brainstorming session is likely to serve you well, as it could point you in the right direction. Tonight: Follow a friend's lead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ You might not be aware of how angry you have become. You could find yourself losing it at an inappropriate moment. This is a pattern you won't want to continue. Consider expressing your frustration earlier, before it erupts. Everyone will be happier, including you. Tonight: Out late.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ If you feel anger or irritation developing, it might be best for you to express these feelings as they occur. Others most likely will become more responsive and helpful as a result. A friend might surprise you by forcing you to think outside the box. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You could be at your wits' end when dealing with a friend who seems to be on the warpath. Understand that this person's anger is not directed at you. Resist having a knee-jerk reaction, and don't hold a grudge. Allow your sensitivity to emerge. Tonight: Your treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Others seem determined to express their feelings, and they want you to hear them loud and clear. Don't neglect to express your thoughts in addition to acknowledging theirs. You'll gain a new perspective as a result. Tonight: Be available, and know that anything can happen!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You could feel as if you're on top of the world when discussing an imminent change. You need to be direct and caring with a friend whom you see often. At this point, you might need some alone time, without the clutter of your day-to-day life. Tonight: Happiest at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could be quite sorry that you reacted to someone in such a volatile way. This person can be needy at times, which might be overwhelming. Remember this occasion so that you will not repeat this performance. Let your creativity open you up. Tonight: Fun and games.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Say little and respond in a more positive way. Your ability to read between the lines with a very angry person will help you find a way to get through to this person. You could feel as if an associate tends to be too forgiving of this individual. Tonight: Off to the gym.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You could be put off by the hectic pace of your day and by the many requests from others. Pull back some and consider what must happen in order for you to complete what you must, then follow through. Tonight: Work with a loved one who often is erratic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ Be aware of what you must do in order to promote a necessary change in your life. Financial security is always important to you, and you can't compromise on this level. A loved one could be challenging, as he or she tends to have different ideas from you. Tonight: Pay bills first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You will be all smiles, even in the face of an emotional storm. You might want to revise your schedule in order to bypass someone who seems to be creating a lot of uproar. A dear friend or loved one will support you in your ideas and your desires. Tonight: As you like it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You will be in a position where you need to take strong control of your assets and your work. You could have a surprise presented to you, yet you might seem somewhat scattered and unable to appreciate what is happening. Tonight: Treat a dear friend to dinner.

BORN TODAY

Outlaw Butch Cassidy (1866), former U.S. President Thomas Jefferson (1743), playwright Samuel Beckett (1906)

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Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 9 8 5 ♡ Q ♢ Q 10 7 5 3 ♣ A K J 2

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♡	Pass	2♢	Pass
2♡	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♡	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A — We would bid four hearts and hope for the best, but we have a feeling that pass may be the winning call.

Q 2 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 3 ♡ K 6 3 2 ♢ K Q 8 3 2 ♣ 9 7 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	1♠	2♡	3♡*

* pa e fit, invitational value or better

What call would you make?

A — As a passed hand, it is inconceivable that you would want to bid your own suit at this point. Any bid by you would be a heart raise. We like four diamonds, as lead directing, or to set up a possible sacrifice if partner also has diamond length.

Q 3 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q J 10 9 7 4 ♡ Q 10 8 7 ♢ Void ♣ J 6 5

With the opponents silent, partner opens one diamond, you respond one spade, and partner rebids three diamonds. What call would you make?

A — Three spades would be forcing, so that's a poor choice even though spades might be a better part-score. Pass and hope to survive. Live to fight another day.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Void ♡ K J 8 6 ♢ K J 8 ♣ Q 10 7 5 4 2

Right-hand opponent opens two spades, weak. What call would you make?

A — We will state emphatically that this hand is not strong enough for any action here. We would double anyway. Please don't tell anybody.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Software versions that probably have bugs
6 Deer sir?
10 Long-running TV forensic series
13 Reason for some food recalls
14 Tractor brand
15 Gavel sound
16 King of ragtime
18 California's Santa __ Mountains
19 2,000 pounds
20 Lee in the frozen foods section
21 Gives off
23 Presley film set in Sin City
26 Noisy insect
29 Seuss "Horton __ a Who!"
30 In any way
31 Artist Francisco
33 Right-angled pipes
36 Penalty flag thrower
37 Sincere
40 Promise to repay, for short
41 The "E" in FEMA: Abbr.
43 Fez and fedora
44 Speaks scratchily
46 "Sour grapes" storyteller
48 Multi-room accommodations
49 One chasing outlaws for money
53 Domed home
54 Zip, as a Ziploc
55 Static jolt
58 Bikini top
59 Counter wipers, or what the starts of 16-, 23- and 49-Across are
63 Lanai wreath
64 Preface, briefly
65 Yeas and nays
66 Mass. clock setting
67 Mix, as a salad
68 Make into a statute

DOWN

1 Unsurpassed, or surpass
2 Danish shoe company
3 Animated character
4 Mountain hgt.
5 Isn't used, as machinery
6 Leaf under a petal
7 Phone book no.
8 Tycoon Onassis
9 Swiss convention city
10 Site for online bargain hunters
11 Legendary sleigh rider
12 "Not interested"
14 Animated kid explorer
17 Morning cup
22 For a __ pittance
23 Actor Kilmer
24 "Now I remember"
25 Caspian and Black
26 Handle with
27 Gossip column couple
28 17-Down with hot milk
31 Boardroom diagram
32 Toronto's prov.
34 More than trot
35 Figure (out), slangily
38 Shout between ships
39 Soul mate
42 Nevada city
45 Word before base or ball
47 "Cut that out!"
48 Fantasy baseball datum
49 Holy Scriptures
50 Fairy tale baddies
51 Password creators
52 Fictional sleuth Wolfe
55 Second of four rhyming Greek letters
56 Actor Baldwin
57 Hissed "Hey!"
60 "Is that __?" "Are you declining?"
61 Pair in a qt.
62 Took first place

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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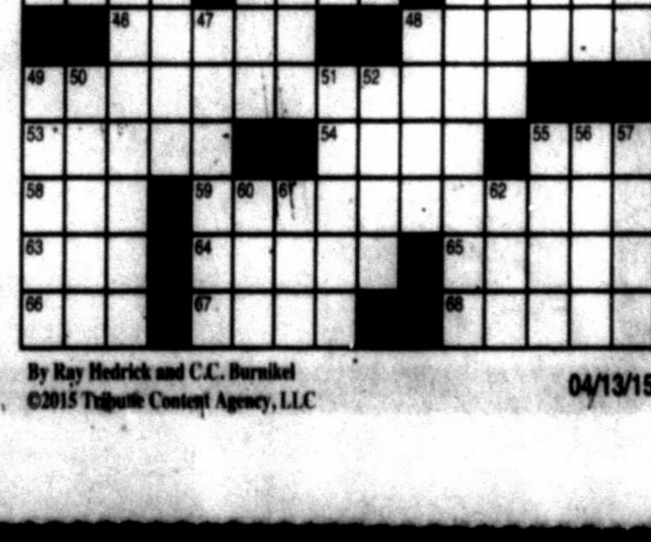

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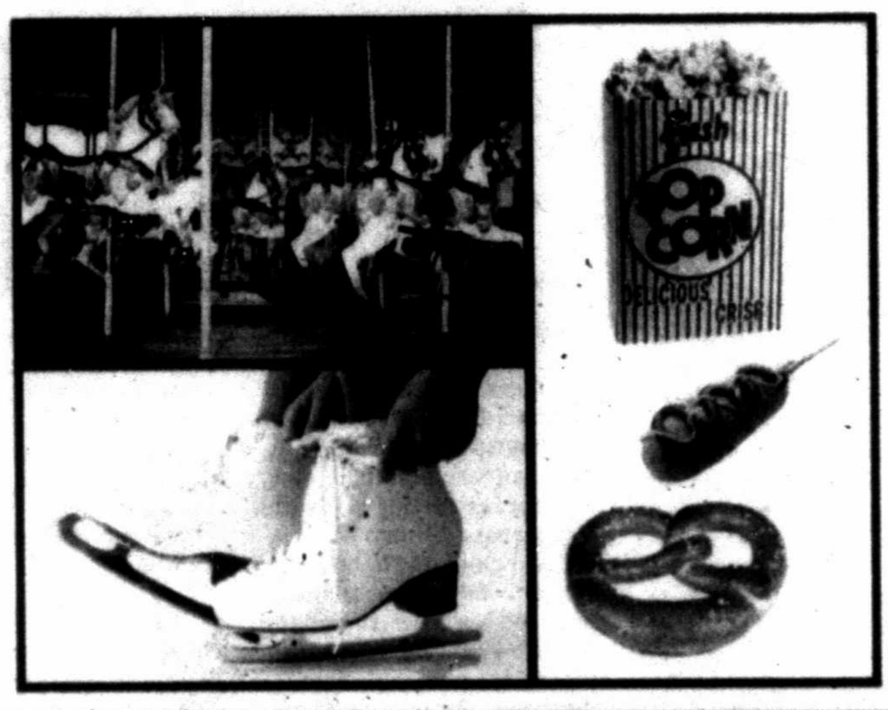

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OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

Starting pay $10.00 per hour/after 60 days pay will be $11.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Accounting Assistant

Master Tubulars, Inc. is now accepting resumes for an Accounting Assistant. The ideal candidate for this position should display strong attention to detail and be a motivated self-starter. Excellent computer skills are required.

Summary of Duties:
- Maintain inventory records, both manually and electronically
- Assist management with inventory inquiries
- Reconcile and document tallies, both manually and electronically
- Process well returns accurately and timely
- Assist Controller with month-end inventory reconciliations
- Other duties as assigned by management.

Summary of Desired Qualifications:
- Preference given to candidates with OCTG / Bookkeeping experience
- Computer skills, including Excel, Word, Outlook

Interested candidates should email their resume to humanresources@mastertubulars.com. Please include your salary expectations.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

ENERGETIC FITNESS INSTRUCTORS WANTED

COM Aquatics, Inc. is currently looking for energetic fitness instructors. We offer 60 fitness classes per week at our facility including land and aquatic classes. If you have a fitness background and are interested in teaching at our family focused, friendly environment please contact Tammy McAlister at 432 684 7755 ext. 108

Secretarial Assistant

Needed energetic, Secretarial Assistant for fast paced office. Send resume to: PO Box 923, Midland, Tx 79702.

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Carpenter, DryWall Finisher & Maintenance

Immediate opening at Barbed Cross Construction.
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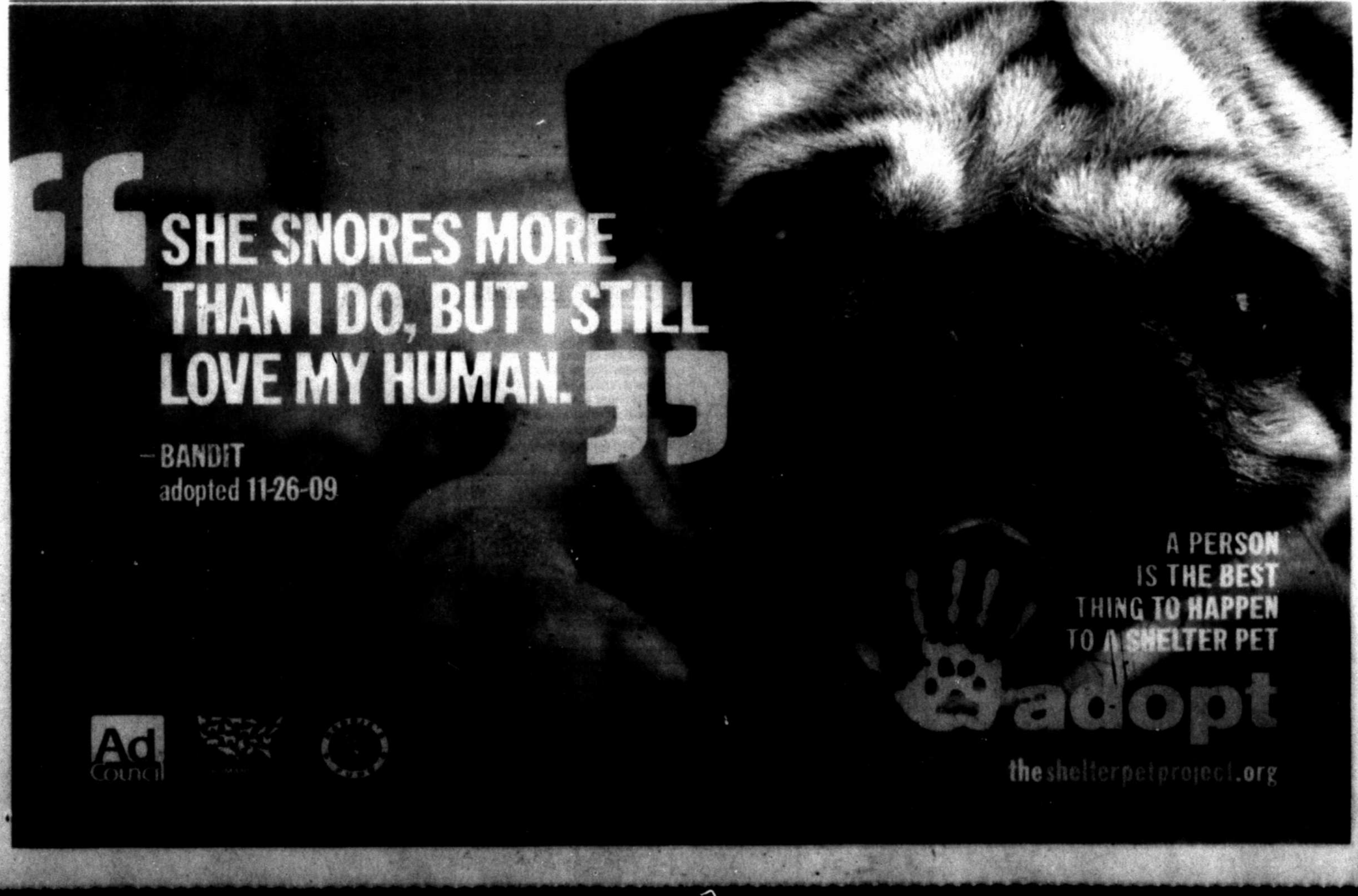
Position available for a Customer Service Representative with excellent communication skills who's enthusiastic, organized and a fast learner with a great personality. This position requires an individual who is bilingual with basic computer skills and who will be assisting current customers with their policies. Complete training is provided with the necessary materials to obtain your Texas Insurance License Certification. A guaranteed salary plus bonus is provided. Please e-mail resumes to ncrivera@allstate.com

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Division Order Analyst

Permian Crude Transport is seeking a Division Order Analyst to fill an immediate position. Candidate must be able to work with minimal supervision, have organizational skills, and have excellent attention to detail. As a Division Order Analyst you will be required to maintain oil lease ownership records in order to ensure the correct payment to land owners. Previous oil and gas related clerical experience and familiarity with the division order process preferred. Please contact Lacey or Adria at (432) 684-0020 or email us your resume at lbavousett@pctcrude.com



ENERGY & UTILITIES

ENDURANCE RESOURCES

MIDLAND, TEXAS - Downtown office location

GEOLOGIST/GEO TECH - Entry Level Geologist position with Geotech experience a plus. Geotech experience working with Petra, ArcMap, Drilling Info., etc. mapping, log analysis, OOIP calcs, competitive analysis are all key tasks. Delaware Basin experience, both Texas and New Mexico required. Full or part time (flexible hours) considered. Competitive salary and benefits. Equity shares available for the right combination of skills and experience.

DRILLING ENGINEER- 2-3 years' experience horizontal drilling in the Delaware Basin, 5-8+ years' experience in drilling a plus. Must be able to design casing, horizontal wells, manage interaction with the drilling rig foreman, manage the permitting process, and be able to monitor AFE vs. actual costs. Some onsite work required for casing points and other technical aspects. Competitive salary, benefits, vehicle allowance, 40% cash bonus and equity shares in company. Must be able to do drilling engineering in house, not through service companies. Experience with Landmark Drilling software a plus. Experience with extended laterals (7500 ft+ in the Bone Spring, Wolfcamp, Delaware a plus). Best Drilling Engineer job in the Basin.

DRILLING SUPERINTENDENT /MANAGER- 5+ years' experience horizontal drilling in the Delaware Basin, 10-15 years' experience in drilling a plus. Must be able to manage interaction with the drilling contractors, Service companies, drilling rig foreman, the permitting process, and be responsible for AFE vs. actual costs. Some onsite work required for rig inspections, casing points and other technical aspects. Competitive salary, benefits, vehicle allowance, 40% cash bonus and equity shares in company. Experience with extended laterals (7500 ft+ in the Bone Spring, Wolfcamp, Delaware required). Capable of scaling operation from a 2 rig to a 5 rig continuous drilling program. Work closely with Completion Superintendent and VP of Operations. Reports to VP of Operations.

ENGINEERING TECH - Experienced engineering tech to assist with economics and Federal Permitting with PHDwin and Drilling software (Landmark) experience a plus. Log analysis, OOIP calcs and competitive analysis are all key tasks. Delaware Basin experience in both Texas and New Mexico required. Full or part time (flexible hours) considered.

SENIOR LANDMAN- 5+ years of Texas and New Mexico experience. Interpret and negotiate various contracts including Joint Operating Agreements, Oil and Gas Leases, Surface Use Agreements, Right of Way Agreements, etc. Clear title for drilling locations. Conduct due diligence in connection with acquisitions of producing and non-producing properties. Setup/maintenance of JIB/Revenue decks. CPL is a plus. Competitive salary, benefits, vehicle allowance, 40% cash bonus and equity shares in company for right level of skills and experience.

FACILITIES SUPERINTENDENT- 5-10 years Texas and New Mexico experience managing field operations, design and construction of tank batteries, SWD stations, and managing construction of drilling location, lease roads, and frac ponds. Experience working with BLM on right of ways a big plus. Competitive salary, benefits, vehicle allowance, 30% cash bonus and equity shares in company for right level of skills and experience SE Lea Cty.,NM work area. Location is flexible.

COMPANY PUMPERS - 5-10 years overall experience, 2-3 years experience with horizontal wells, flow back, tank battery operations, working with higher pressure wells. Competitive hourly wage, benefits, company vehicle, vacation time. Operations are between Kermit, Andrews and Jal, New Mexico. - Location is flexible. Schedule is flexible.

HUMAN RESOURCES GENERALIST/MANAGER -PHR or SPHR preferred, oil and gas industry experience a plus. Position can be located in Midland or Dallas.

Send resume to leslie@enduranceresourcesllc.com

Electrician, Mechanic and I&C

Ector County Energy Center (TX) - Invenergy LLC

Invenergy LLC is currently constructing the Ector County Energy Center, a natural gas fired power generation plant, located in Goldsmith, TX.

O & M Technician candidates must possess a minimum of 3 years directly related experience in either electrical, instruments and controls, or mechanical industrial background. Candidates must be willing and capable of becoming multi-skilled and be part of a work team in a team environment. Each employee will perform both operations and maintenance. Invenergy will train extensively in the operations area to compliment your skills. To apply, please visit www.invenergyllc.com and click on "Career Opportunities."

Invenergy LLC is a developer, owner, and operator of renewable and clean energy generation facilities in North America and Europe. Invenergy is a highly-experienced leader in innovative clean energy solutions.

LAND / ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Midland oil and gas producer seeking highly motivated **land assistant** with division order experience for full-time position. Individual must be a self-starter who has experience with division order, lease, and file maintenance. The ability to multitask, handle routine clerical tasks, and utilize computer technology such as Microsoft Office is essential. This individual will assist the land manager in preparation of agreements and leases as well as all forms of land contracts. Candidates must have a minimum of 3 years' experience in land related matters, and possess strong organizational, verbal, and written communication skills. Competitive salary and benefits package commensurate with experience. Principals only send resume with job history, references and salary requirements to: **P-127 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701**

Pulling Unit & Hot Oil Truck Pusher/Salesman

Well Servicing Inc has an opening for a Pulling Unit & Hot Oil Truck Pusher/Sales for the Permian Basin area. Must have proven history of sales, management & safety knowledge. Competitive salary & benefits. Call for an interview 432-570-6440.

Outside Relief & Instrumentation Valve Sales Engineer

The Myers-Aubrey Company is looking for a self-motivated outside relief and instrumentation valve sales engineer in the Midland/Odessa area to help us manage and grow an established territory. Strong technical aptitude required, engineering degree preferred. Must have vehicle and good driving record. Duties include sales calls to customers, generating quotations, and working with customers to apply and sell the products.
See http://www.myersaubrey.com/careers for more details or send your resume to resume@myersaubrey.com

HEALTHCARE

Dental Front Desk Receptionist

Thomas Campagna, DMD

We are looking for an exceptional, experienced, reliable, **Dental Front Desk Receptionist**, experience with Eaglesoft required, Spanish a plus, to join our team, at Midland's premier dental practice. Please email: **info@smilemidland.com**, fax: **(432) 520-0720** or bring resume to: **3722 W. Loop 250 North, Midland, TX.**

LCDC

LCDC/LPC/Intern needed for Addiction medical clinic part time Monday-Friday, 6am-10:30am. Tx planning, case mgmt and therapy. Paid holidays, paid sick days, no health benefits. Midland/Odessa positions. Please send resume to 800-671-8364.

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Is seeking qualified applicants for the following positions:

- **RN/ LVN/ MEDICAL ASSISTANT**
- **RECEPTIONIST/ SCHEDULER**
- **BILLING AND COLLECTIONS**

All positions are full time Monday thru Friday 8:30 to 5:30

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Please email joann@msa.bz or fax resume to 432-697-7089

HEALTHCARE

Registered Dental Hygienist

Thomas Campagna, DMD PT

We are looking for an exceptional, experienced, **Registered Dental Hygienist**, full/part time to join our team, at Midland's premier dental practice. Recent graduates encouraged to apply. Please email: **info@smilemidland.com**, fax: **(432) 520-0720** or bring resume to: **3722 W. Loop 250 North, Midland, TX.**

OTHER JOBS

Consultant Dietitians

Midland Market Street is looking for Consultant Dietitians to do Dietitian Store Tours in the Midland Market Street location. Must be Registered Dietitian to apply. 6-10 hours per month. Please, send resumes to Rhawkins@unitedtexas.com.

Driver, Receptionist, and Sales Position

Full-time driver and part-time receptionist needed. Driver must have 2 years of experience. We also have a sales position open. Must have construction experience. Call 806-773-2520 for more information.

Field Hands & Supervisors

Field hands and supervisors needed at oil field water transfer company. Previous experience required. Please contact tingram@bcoperating.com for more details. Thank you.

FIELD SERVICE TECHNICIAN

CPI MIDLAND IS HIRING!

We are looking for a dynamic Field Service Technician who will be responsible for installation and service of compressor lubrication systems.

Candidates are required to be **Safety Conscience** and must have prior experience in the following:

- Compressor/Lubrication experience. Heavy mechanical experience considered or basic understanding of hydraulic systems in lieu of compressor industry experience.
- Must have strong commitment to safety.
- Effective written & verbal communication
- Must be able to work independently with interpersonal skills to work in a collaborative environment that includes shared responsibilities.
- Must be able to set job priorities & possess a sense of urgency in completion.
- Will be in direct contact with the customer so professional appearance and attitude is paramount.

Additional Requirements:

- High School diploma or equivalent.
- Trade School Certification
- Must have valid driver's license & have demonstrated safe driving habits.
- Basic knowledge of MS Office/Email

CPI offers competitive salary and benefits along with a challenging growth environment. Must be able to pass background check, drug screen and physical.

Please send resumes to pat.cartmell@c-p-i.com or fax 432-520-6707

Installer

Professional Communications is seeking a 2-way radio and wireless internet installer. Duties include installing and troubleshooting 2-way radios in different types of vehicles and installing wireless internet in homes and businesses. Must be able to work in tight spaces, climb ladders, and have a good driving record. Send resume to rsmith@procominc.net or fill out application at 3002 Fortress Dr, Midland, TX 79711

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Representatives

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Kitchen Staff

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Lead Cook

Lead Cook - Corporate Dining Aramark (Midland) Compensation: Circa $15.00 $17.00 based on experience. Great culinary skills, organized, Monday - Thursday daytime hours, 40 hours per week, new kitchen, lunch only, great customers, first class equipment, EEO, background checked. Please apply in person: Aramark @ Pioneer Natural Resources, 3617 N. Big Spring St. Midland, TX. 79705

RETAIL JOBS

Hiring All Positions

Worker's Choice Retail Store in Odessa (behind Music City Mall) is looking for candidates that are outgoing and energetic. Must have a genuine desire to deliver outstanding customer service. Retail experience is preferred but not required. Positions available are both FT and PT. Sales Associates pay starts at $10.50 an hour + monthly commissions + team bonuses. All other positions pay rates are commensurate with experience. If you are interested, please submit your resume to: **Williamson-Dickie Mfg. Co. Fax (817)877-5027 wdjobs@dickies.com AA/EOE**

SALES JOBS

Field Service Representative

WSI Enterprises, Inc. is looking for ambitious Field Sales Representative for the Permian Basin in Southern New Mexico. Successful candidate will be responsible for growing sales by cultivating current customers and recruiting new customers. Responsibilities include promoting products, providing technical support and ensuring customer satisfaction. Wellhead and rig experience preferred. Excellent Benefit Package to include: Medical, Dental, Vision, 401k, Company Paid Life, Short Term and Long Term Disability, 401k Match and Profit Sharing. Send resume to reports@wsienterprises.com

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Mechanic/Shop Manager

Wanted: Experienced Mechanic Shop Manager and Deisel Mechanic for Oilfield Service Company. Must have Experience with Caterpillar & Cumins Diesel Engines-John Deere Diesel Experience is a plus. Competitive salary and benefits. Contact #432-400-2250

Mid-Tex of Midland, Inc.

Now hiring commercial construction project superintendents. Competitive pay plus excellent benefits. Experience in commercial construction a must. Please send resumes to 5206 W. Wadley, Midland, TX 79707 or email them to Billy Mays at billy@midtexofmidland.com. You may also fax your resume to 432-694-9627

CMC Business Systems, Inc Service Technician

Canon copier dealership seeking an entry level service technician. Candidate must have basic electrical and mechanical troubleshooting skills, basic computer knowledge & good customer service skills. Willing to train right candidate. **Fax resume to Business Manager at (432) 563-9397 or email rbaker@cmcbsi.com**

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL and non-CDL Drivers

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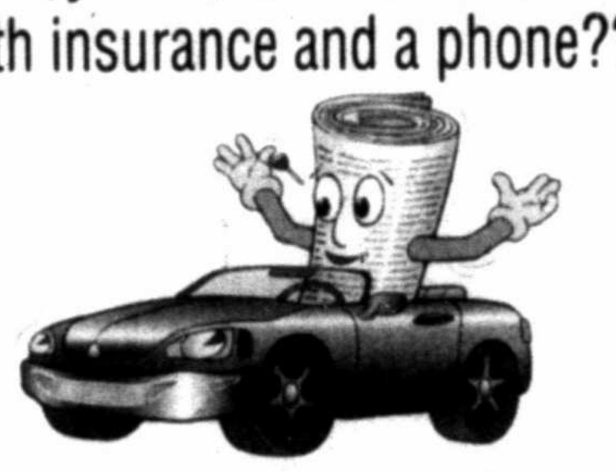

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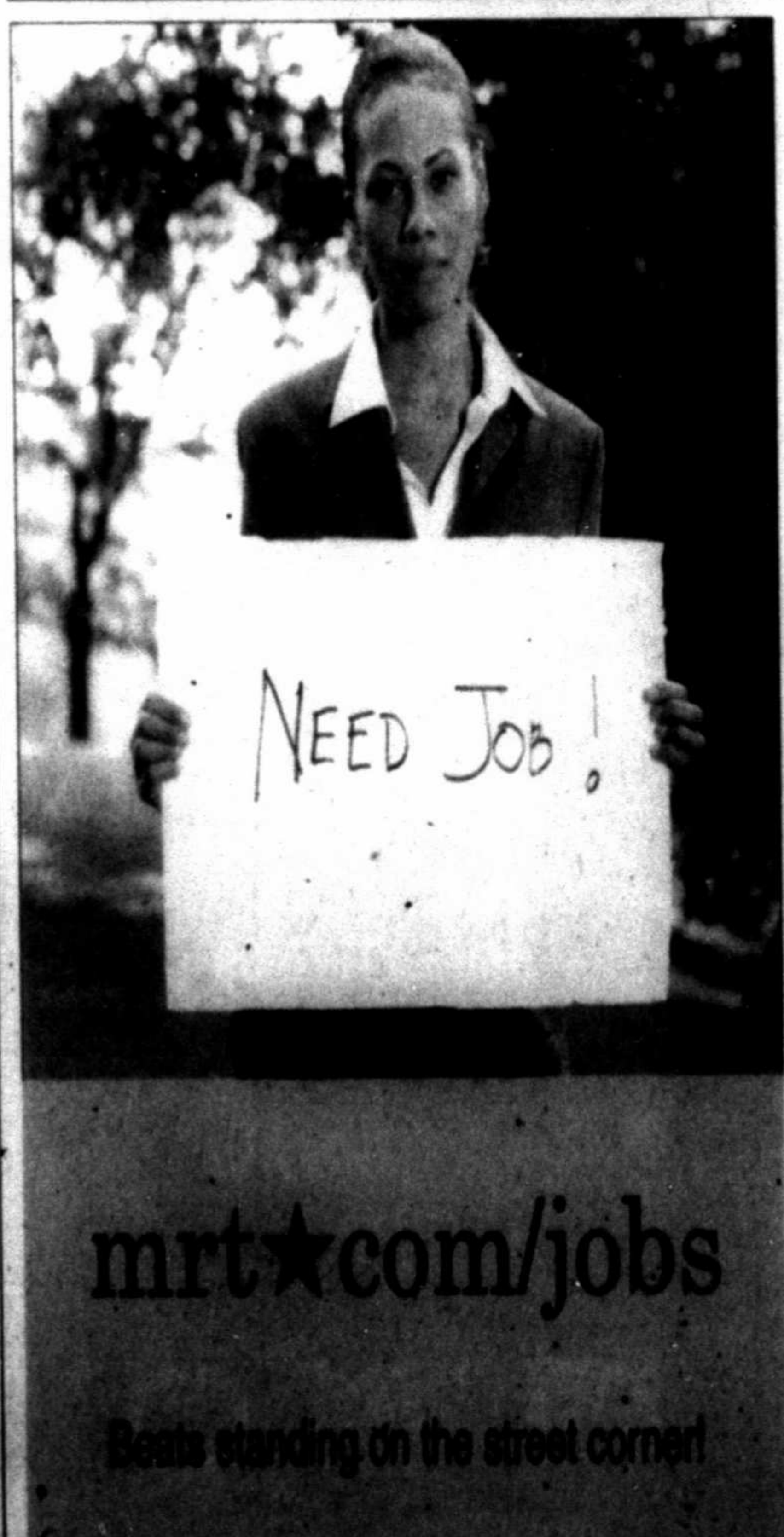

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Passenger Cars

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Free Stuff

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Miscellaneous for Sale

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25" TV for $25. queen bedding set $20. Call 432-813-9211

Auction #2015-001
An online auction of Midland College surplus property will be held by Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc. The auction will begin on Monday, April 13, 2015 and close on Monday, April 27, 2015. Items will be available for viewing and bidding on the auctioneer's website: **http://www.renebates.com.** The College will be auctioning two 2001 Chevrolet vans, 1998 Chevrolet van, 1998 Chevrolet S-10, and a 1911 Steinway grand piano. For additional information, contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432) 686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all auction bids. For a complete list of instructions, or to participate in the online auction go to **http://www.renebates.com.**

Sporting Goods

2012 EZ GO Express six seater golf cart for sale. Brand new condition, only has 10 miles on it. Yellow in color, radio with aux port, gas engine, headlights, tail lights, turn signals, extended roof, and off road tires and suspension. $9,500. 432-631-2468

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Smart Stop Self Storage located at 1904 West Loop 250 Midland, TX 79705, phone number (432)570-6612 intends to enforce its self-service storage landlord's lien pursuant to the Texas Self-Service Storage Facility Lien Law for non-payment of Rent for the following Units. If a description of property is not listed, the contents are household goods and furnishings.

N706: Robert Buck: Sofa, chairs, boxes, tables

The items will be sold on Tuesday April 21st at 2:00 o'clock p.m. at www.storagetreasures.com. The winner of the sale is subject to the terms and conditions of the website, preregistration to bid is required.

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201: Terry Harpole: Pool table, boxes
202: Diana Harpole: Pool table, boxes.
953: Rosanna Lopez: Totes, ladder, grill
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