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The Midland High boys basketball team got exactly the start it was hoping for on Tuesday against cross-town rival Lee. See coverage of this and the girls' game inside.

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Council to vote to put 4B measure on May ballot

Tax created to build Scharbauer Sports Complex to end this year

By Cassie Burton
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Mayor Jerry Morales confirmed at the annual "Tall City Tomorrow" presentation that City Council will vote later this month on having a May election to decide the future of the 4B tax.

Currently, the 4B tax pays for the debt incurred to build the Scharbauer Sports Complex. Council has also used 4B funds for maintenance and operations to keep it a "first-class" sports complex, which it would continue to be used for if repurposed, Morales said. The quarter-cent addition to the sales tax will expire at the end of the year unless voters choose to repurpose it, Morales said.

If the council creates a May ballot item, Morales said the city will campaign to spread information about how the funds would be used.

He said that some ideas for the tax could be initiatives that certificates of obligation typically fund, such as parks or roads.

Sales tax inside the city of Midland is 8.25 percent on eligible items.

The quarter-cent tax has raised from $5.678 million in fiscal year 2012 to $11.143 million in FY 2015. This year, the tax could is expected to raise anywhere from $7.5 million to $9 million. Sales tax revenues for the fiscal year are down by more than 20 percent.

Councilman Jeff Sparks wrote in an op-ed article that he wanted to see the sports complex paid off in March, the earliest

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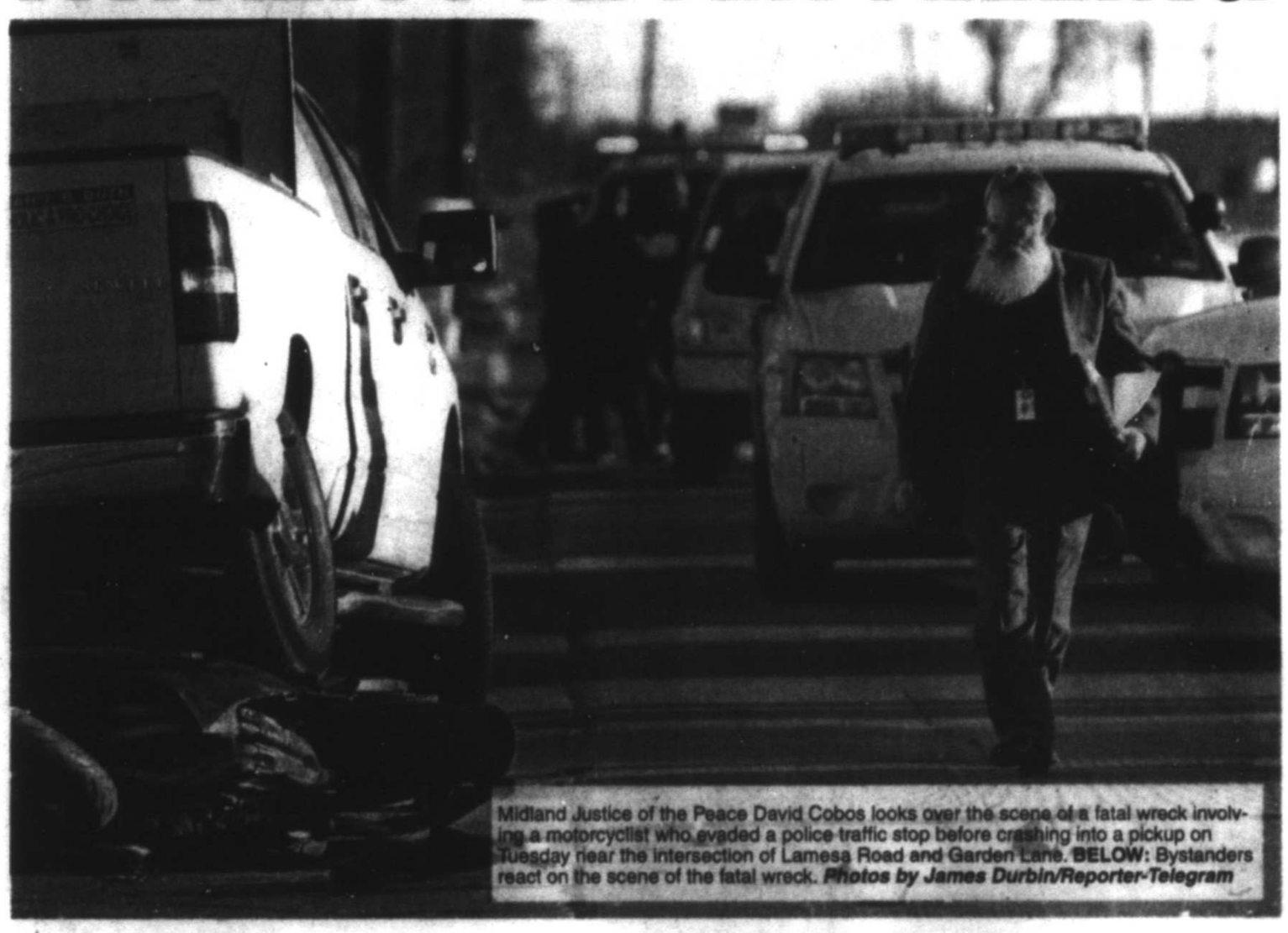
FATALITY AFTER FLEEING



Midland Justice of the Peace David Cobos looks over the scene of a fatal wreck involving a motorcyclist who evaded a police traffic stop before crashing into a pickup on Tuesday near the intersection of Lamesa Road and Garden Lane. **BELOW:** Bystanders react on the scene of the fatal wreck. ***Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram***

Motorcyclist dies after fleeing traffic stop

From staff reports

A motorcyclist died Tuesday afternoon in a collision with a Ford F-150 at the intersection of Lamesa Road and Garden Lane, city officials said. Midland police had attempted to conduct a traffic stop when the motorcyclist sped off northbound along Lamesa Road, they said.

Midlander Miguel Angel Brito, 31, is the second person to die on roads in Midland County this year. A 25-year-old Midland man died Monday when the pickup in which he was a passenger collided with a commercial truck along the Interstate 20 service road.

Officers "were calling in that they weren't going to pursue (the motorcyclist) further when the accident happened," city spokeswoman Sara Bustilloz said Tuesday afternoon.

"We can't deploy tire deflation devices (against motorcycles) during a pursuit," Bustilloz said. "The officers' decision to commence, continue or discontinue a pursuit is based on the totality of circumstances such as the offense committed, the manner in which the violator is operating the vehicle, road and traffic

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PBBOR: Housing supply drops again

■ Days on the market rises, still less than year average

From staff reports

The year ended with another drop in the number of houses on the market, according to statistics provided by the Permian Basin Board of Realtors.

The number of houses on the market inside Midland County dropped to a five-month low and reversed a trend experienced in 2013 and 2014. The market has 517 houses, which is fewer than the 530 reported in August and 34 less than the

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Tech student from Midland dies campaigning for Carson

From staff reports

A Texas Tech University student from Midland volunteering for Ben Carson's presidential campaign was involved in a crash in western Iowa and later died in an Omaha, Nebraska, hospital, according to the Des Moines Register newspaper.

Braden Joplin, whose Facebook page indicates he is from Midland, had more serious injuries than the other occupants in the vehicle, which, according to the newspaper, hit a patch of ice and flipped then was hit

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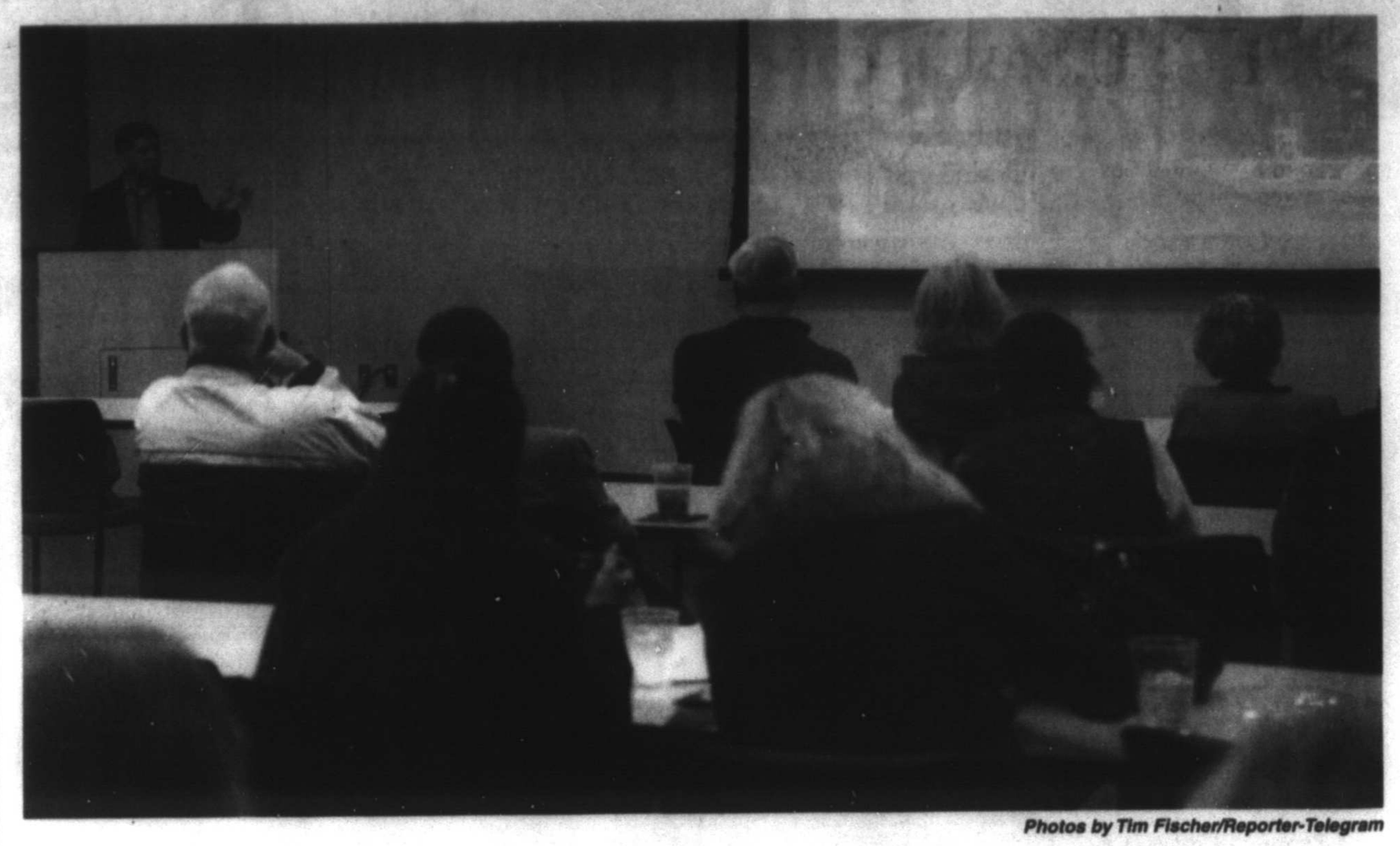

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Mayor Jerry Morales speaks Tuesday at the monthly Petroleum Museum Brown Bag Luncheon series. **BELOW:** Mayor Jerry Morales talks with Midlanders Tuesday before speaking at the Brown Bag Luncheon series.

COUNCIL

From 1A

he said the debt could be paid off without an early payment penalty. If the city waits until the end of the year, that could result in millions more being collected, which would go into the city's unappropriated fund balance. City officials said previously that the city could have $12 million left over in the 4B fund even after the sports complex is paid off.

The exact language of the tax that would appear on a referendum — should the City Council approve the item — has yet to be solidified as council members and other officials work on it. However, Morales said that language would center around a key feature of a "Tall City Tomorrow," which is quality of Midland's facilities.

"It would be used for maintenance and operation, as well as capital expenditures for the sports complex, in addition to quality-of-place issues in Midland," Morales said.

Sparks, in his op-ed, had called for 20 percent to be used for the operations and general maintenance of the Scharbauer Sports Complex and 20 percent for construction and maintenance of the city streets. The remaining 60 percent could be used to upgrade/construct Midland's parks and recreation facilities.

In November of last year at the State of the Economy event, Morales mentioned the possibility of using a future 4B tax to transform Hogan Park into a multi-million-dollar soccer-softball-baseball complex. There have been few details on that plan, including whether the city would take out debt to pay for what would become the sports complex on Midland's east side. Under the scenario, the city would then likely have to use 4B revenue to pay off the principal and interest payments.

Morales said the council chose May for an election because voters would likely be more concerned with this year's presidential election in November.

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Sales Tax 101

How Midland's 8.25 percent sales tax is divvied up:

Percent to the state of Texas	6.25
Percent to the city of Midland	1.00
Percent to Midland County	0.50
Percent to the Midland Development Corp.	0.25
Percent to pay off the debt of the Scharbauer Sports Complex	0.25

One man arrested after standoff in Odessa

Odessa American

A man was taken into custody following a brief standoff Tuesday afternoon in Midland County, but the identity of the man has not been released.

Law enforcement officials received a shots-fired call at about 4 p.m. at a residence on South County Road 1313 just north of West County Road 124, according to Lt. Benny Matlock with the Midland County Sheriff's Office. It originally was reported as a disturbance, he said.

The man surrendered at about 5 p.m. A woman inside the residence was not injured, Matlock said. He said officials were still investigating the residence and trying to obtain a search warrant.

The identities of the man taken into custody and the woman who was inside the residence were not released Tuesday.

Troopers with the Texas Department of Public Safety also responded to the scene.

No charges were filed as of press time Tuesday.

PHOTO: The Midland County Sheriff's Office responds to a standoff Tuesday near 3700 South County Road 1313 in Odessa. ***Edyta Blaszczyk/ Odessa American***

Livestrong CEO resigns after less than 1 year

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The chief executive and president of Livestrong resigned Tuesday after less than a year on the job, another blow to the cancer foundation that has struggled with sharp declines in donations and revenue since founder Lance Armstrong's performance-enhancing drug use scandal.

Chandini Portteus said she wanted to focus on her family. She was brought in to help rebuild Livestrong, but the foundation now finds itself with yet another leadership change as its once-global brand continues to shrink. Greg Lee, the chief financial officer for Livestrong for nearly 10 years, will serve as president.

"It has been a privilege and an honor serving the Livestrong Foundation," Portteus said in a statement released by Livestrong. "At this time, I am concluding my leadership in order to focus on my family. I will continue to support the organization and its mission and I'm proud of what we had achieved together."

Portteus did not respond to telephone and text messages seeking comment.

Livestrong had two straight years of sharp declines before Portteus took over in early 2015 at an annual salary of $350,000.

According to federal financial records, Livestrong's 2013 donations dipped from nearly $23 million to $15 million after Armstrong's televised admission of drug use. It also took a 38 percent dive that year in commercial revenue after sponsorships were canceled or not renewed.

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OPEC: U.S. will cut output amid lifted sanctions on Iran

■ Iran's increase in oil supply amid lifted sanctions has mixed effects

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — OPEC's prediction of a steep drop in crude production this year temporarily buoyed oil prices Monday, even though analysts expected markets to crumple as Iran starts selling crude to oversupplied international buyers for the first time in years.

Iran vowed to bring 500,000 barrels a day into the market as international sanctions were lifted over the weekend. But an expected free fall in prices never materialized after OPEC predicted that other producers, especially those in the U.S., would scale back production, which could boost prices that have fallen more than 70 percent since the summer of 2014.

But in today's unsettled and often contradictory oil markets, even forecasts of a reduction in supplies can't be taken as a sign the downturn that is squeezing the oil industry will end any time soon. Signals of a decline in U.S. shale production picking up steam could give the Saudi-led Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries confidence to ride out the downturn without making the deep production cuts that could spike prices within months.

Without cuts by OPEC, which produces about 40 percent of the world's crude, U.S. oil companies will struggle through "a one to two-year grind" of stagnant prices, said Morgan Downey, author of "Oil 101" and an oil trader. It'll be up to oil producers outside OPEC — especially the United States — to go through the painful process of curbing oil production to lift prices.

Oil price settles below $29

Floor trading in New York resumed Tuesday after a three-day hiatus for the weekend and observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. The extended break, however, didn't reverse the trend of lower oil prices.

February contracts for West Texas Intermediate closed at $28.46 a barrel, down 96 cents or 3.26 percent. It marked the lowest close since Sept. 29, 2003, when the trading day ended at $28.40, according to data from the Energy Information Administration.

The intraday high was $30.21, while the low was $23.23.

March contracts closed at $29.57 a barrel, down 82 cents or 2.70 percent.

Plains All American posted prices also were down Tuesday. WTI fetched $24.50 a barrel, down $1.50 or 5.77 percent. West Texas sour fell $1.50 to $20.85 a barrel, down 6.71 percent.

March contracts for Brent crude, the global benchmark, settled at $28.76 a barrel, up 21 cents or 0.70 percent, in London.

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Market puzzle

Today's oil market has collapsed over the past 19 months because of a historically small global oversupply and has shrugged off geopolitical conflicts in the Middle East that would in the past have kept oil prices elevated. Investors and traders are trying to figure out what oil will be worth down the road, but lately the stream of market signals has raised more questions about supply and demand than it has answered.

Recently, signs of an economic slowdown in China have prompted crude prices to sink below $30 a barrel. It's an immediate, obvious risk to global oil demand, and markets have historically sent prices hurtling amid signs of weakening demand.

Yet, an escalating Middle East conflict hasn't even registered in the oil market, even though it has escalated in the wake of recent Saudi executions. The executions, including that of a popular Shiite cleric, have also caused unrest in Iran and a diplomatic split between Iran and Saudi Arabia, amid attacks on oil facilities in Libya and civil war in Syria.

The odd market behavior comes at an inconvenient time for U.S. oil companies trying to figure out how much money to spend on drilling.

If violence in the Middle East causes a crude-production outage and sends crude prices higher, it would be too late for domestic drillers to undo major layoffs or asset sales used to cope with the downturn.

"It's unwise to just say 'lower for longer' and expect it will never change," Amy Myers Jaffe, executive director of energy and sustainability at the University of California-Davis, said of forecasting oil prices.

Yet, OPEC's forecast kept prices from plummeting. In a monthly report Monday, the cartel said collapsing crude prices could squeeze a lot more oil out of the market than it previously believed. It predicted non-OPEC output would sink by 660,000 barrels a day in 2016. That's a 69 percent bigger decline than OPEC forecast last month.

No-man's land

The bulk of the production declines will come from the United States, where shale oil output falls at a steep 60 percent a year unless production losses are stemmed by drilling new wells. Crude prices have fallen below $30 a barrel, and the average shale well costs $50 to $55 a barrel to make a profit. Even the best fifth of shale oil wells in Texas and North Dakota require crude to be above $30 a barrel to break even.

"Under $30 is an economic no-man's land for oil," Downey said.

Crude prices have dropped so low it will be hard for oil producers to maintain even less costly, marginal projects that are collectively called conventional oil fields, he added.

But outside of OPEC, the consultancy Rystad Energy estimates 4.2 million barrels equivalent a day won't reach the market because of canceled oil projects.

Wood Mackenzie says $380 billion in projects have been scrapped, and Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. says the canceled projects will keep 5 million barrels a day out of the market by 2020. OPEC said production in Canada, the North Sea, Latin America and Asia has become "vulnerable."

Royal Dutch Shell said it has canceled plans to develop large gas reservoirs in the United Arab Emirates as the project became untenable after the collapse of energy prices.

"2016 will be a supply-driven market," OPEC said. "It will also be the year when the rebalancing process starts."

OPEC projects global demand growth will slip by 18 percent this year even as crude produced outside of OPEC slides 1.2 percent to 56 million barrels a day.

But even in a slowing market, OPEC has the upper hand. Its biggest exporter, Saudi Arabia, can generate revenue on expanding its drilling operations even when oil prices are $11 to $19 a barrel.

Crude output within OPEC fell by 210,600 barrels a day in December as Saudi Arabia, Nigeria and Iraq curbed production, according to estimates by secondary sources.

Onshore wells in Iran, which has vowed to boost production this year, can break even at $15 to $23 a barrel, according to the International Energy Agency, well below what it takes to make shale and some conventional plays profitable.

And yet — in another odd twist for the oil market — there are plenty of Western oil projects coming into production this year.

Oil projects that were begun years ago and finally bringing up oil and gas this year will produce about 2 million barrels of oil a day, OPEC estimates. Anadarko Petroleum Corp., for example, recently announced it has brought on the first barrels of oil from its large Heidelberg project in the Gulf of Mexico. The facility can produce up to 80,000 barrels a day of crude.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man arrested after allegedly stabbing man with knife

A Midland man was arrested Friday for allegedly pushing a male against a car and stabbing him repeatedly, according to court documents.

Taylor

Alvin Taylor, 53, was being held Tuesday on a $75,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon family violence.

A man reported to police that on Dec. 7, Taylor grabbed him and shoved him against a vehicle. Witnesses said that Taylor came to a residence where the man lived and began to argue with him about an altercation that took place earlier that day with one of Taylor's family members, according to the arrest affidavit.

Witnesses said that Taylor used a knife to stab the man and wrestled with him until someone broke up the altercation. That person said "he felt the broad side of a knife blade against his own ribs while doing so," according to the affidavit.

If found guilty of a second-degree felony charge, Taylor could face up to 20 years in prison.

MPD: Man attacks house members with wooden club

A 37-year-old Midland man allegedly high on methamphetamines was arrested Saturday evening after attacking house members with a wooden club.

Hazelton

James Hazelton was being held Monday on first-degree and second-degree felony charges of aggravated assault with a weapon, according to court documents. Bond was set at $160,000 between all his charges.

Midland police arrived at an apartment unit at an undisclosed location when two alleged victims and a witness advised police of Hazelton's aggressive and dangerous behavior. Blood was found throughout the apartment, and the air was sharp with lingering peppery spray, according to the police report.

Hazelton allegedly became aggravated after he learned one of the alleged victims was moving out of the apartment. The alleged victims told police that Hazelton had broken off a chair leg and hammered nails into it to use as a weapon against them, according to his arrest affidavit. One of the alleged victims had allegedly used pepper spray in defense, which had caused Hazelton to finally release the weapon.

A witness told police that Hazelton was possibly coming down off a methamphetamine high, causing him to be "dangerous and unpredictable," his arrest affidavit read.

Police arrested Hazelton, and he was charged with the felony crimes having to do with family violence, according to the report.

If convicted of the first- and second-degree felonies, Hazelton could face respectively up to 99 and 20 years in prison.

MPD: Woman assaults, chokes woman

A 20-year-old Midland woman was arrested Sunday for allegedly punching and choking a woman, according to a police report.

Evans

Keekee K. Evans was being held Tuesday on a $20,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault of a family/house member impeding breath.

Police officers were dispatched Saturday night to Santa Fe Apartments in reference to a physical altercation between Evans and an alleged female victim, according to the affidavit.

The alleged victim stated that she and Evans were having a verbal argument when Evans kicked her off the bed and repeatedly struck her in the face, according to the affidavit.

The alleged victim stated that Evans then placed her neck between her inner forearm and bicep and began to apply pressure, which caused the alleged victim to be unable to talk or breathe, according to the affidavit.

Hours later, early on Sunday morning, police officers received a call that a subject had returned to the Santa Fe Apartments and was breaking windows, attempting to gain entrance to a residence, according to the affidavit.

Officers entered the residence through an open front door and found Evans in the bedroom in front of a broken television that was not broken when the officers were there previously, according to the affidavit.

Because of the previous assault, officers attempted to take Evans into custody, but she refused, according to the affidavit. Evans ran out of the bedroom and toward the front door, with the officers pursuing her, according to the affidavit.

When Evans reached the front door, she collided with one of the officers causing him to be thrown to the ground, according to the affidavit. Officers were able to restrain Evans and place her under arrest, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the third-degree felony, Evans could face up to 10 years in prison.

Mother, boyfriend charged in death of newborn

Associated Press

ABILIENE — An 18-year-old woman and her 22-year-old boyfriend have been charged with murder in the death of the woman's newborn daughter, whose body was found hidden in an Abilene home.

In a statement Tuesday, Abilene police said they've charged Amber Craker and Damian Cate with murder and felony evidence tampering in the death of the unnamed child.

Police say the severely bleeding woman arrived Monday morning at Hendrick Hospital in Abilene. Medical personnel determined that she had delivered a full-term baby within the previous few hours but had not arrived with an infant, so they contacted police.

Police went to a residence, found tissue remains in the sewer of the residence and later found hidden in the house the body of an infant who showed signs of trauma.

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This date in Midland

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Things to do

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 8 p.m., Torino's. challengeentertainment.com.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Bariatric Support Group, 11:30 a.m., ACT Counseling Center, 2445 E. 11th St., Odessa; 272-4333.

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

Basin Derby

2016 Season Kick-Off and Recruitment Night, hosted by Basin Derby Revolution, is set for 6:30 p.m. today. The roller derby team is recruiting skaters of all levels, referees and non-skating officials as well as welcomes fans.

Donations are accepted. The event will take place at Odessa Roller Rink, 4140 W. University Blvd. in Odessa.

Community calendar

■ The opening of the West Texas Food Bank's new Odessa facility is planned for 2-4 p.m. Friday at 411 S. Pagewood.

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway is to be the guest speaker. Tours of the facility will follow a the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The new facility is about four times the size of the original one on Second Street. For more information, visit www.wtxfoodbank.org.

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday. This month's featured book is "The Mystery Glove."

Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served. To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

Recycling container locations

Large 30-cubic yard open top containers

■ Midland Citizens Collection Station — 4100 Smith Road, 685-7278 — has recycling containers for cardboard, aluminum, paper and No. 1 and No. 2 plastics.

■ Midland College (Chaparral Center) — 3200 N. Garfield Road — Cardboard, paper, aluminum and No. 1 and 2 plastics

■ Security Bank Ballpark west side — 5514 Champions Drive — Cardboard, No. 1 and 2 plastics

■ H-E-B — 3325 W. Wadley Ave. — No. 1 and 2 plastics and cardboard

■ Super Mercado — 2208 N. Big Spring St. — Cardboard

There are also 3-cubic yard containers at most of the local elementary schools where you can recycle cardboard, paper and aluminum.

All recyclables can be taken to Butts Recycling Monday through Saturday. Butts Recycling is located at 26 West Industrial Loop.

For more information call Keep Midland Beautiful at 688-7745 or visit KMB's website at keepmidlandbeautiful.org.

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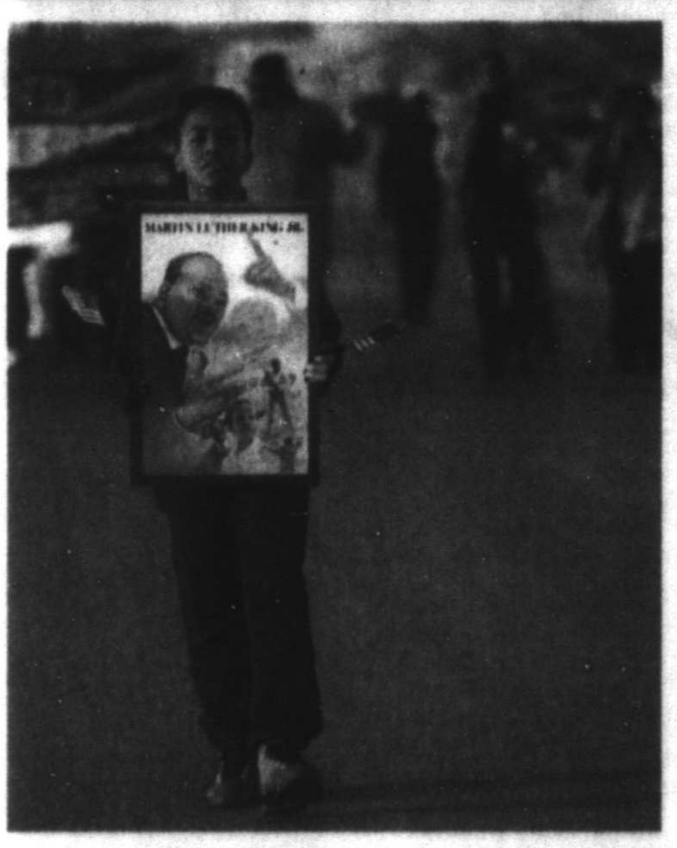
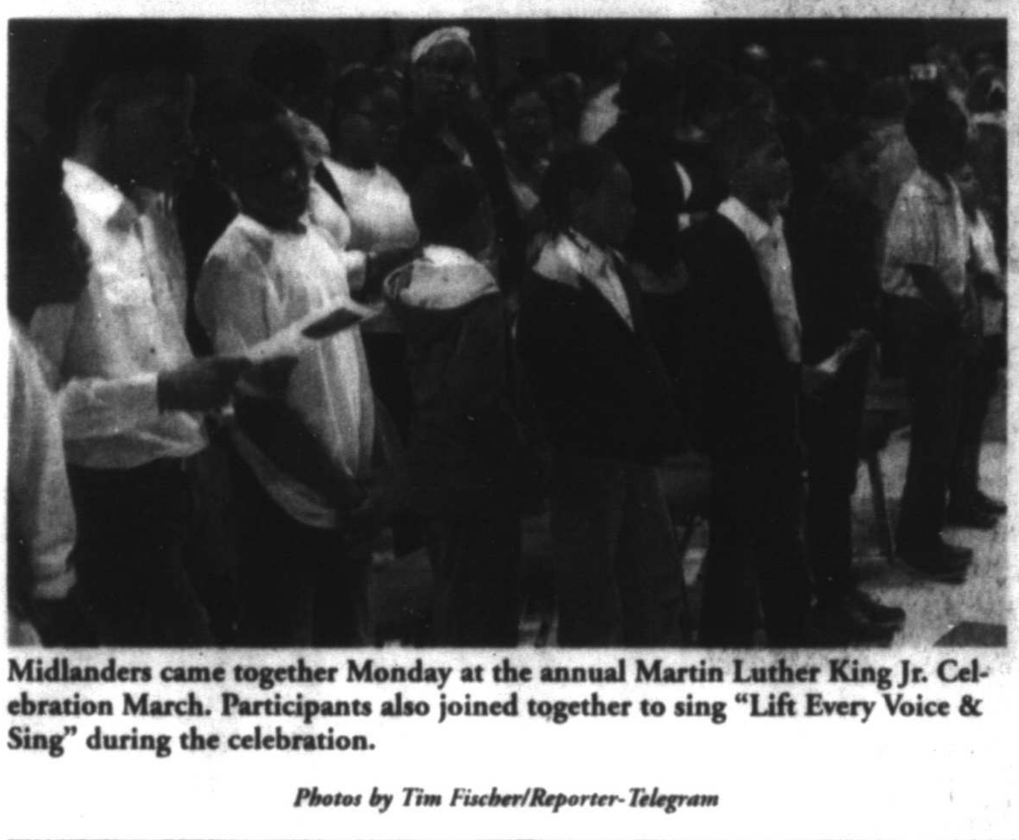
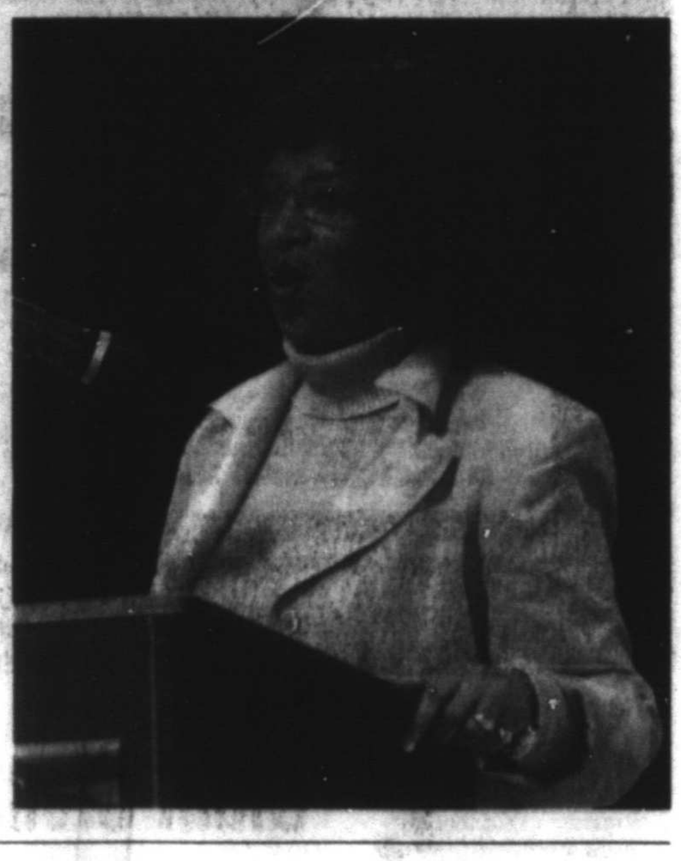






Midlanders came together Monday at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration March. Participants also joined together to sing "Lift Every Voice & Sing" during the celebration.

Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

HOUSING

From 1A

551 reported in September. In 2013 and 2014, the PBBOR reported an increase in supply from November to December. This past year, there was a five-house drop in supply.

The December report showed a rise in days on the market (DOM) from 29 to 40. Figures for the entire year showed that the 29 in November to be an outlier — it was the fewest since May 2013 — and the 40 in December to be more representative of what was experienced the entire year. Year over year, the 40 days is slightly higher than December 2014 (36) but still lower than December 2012 (49) and December 2013 (45).

Days on the market statistics as a whole were effected by the rise in the number of days that it took to sell homes in the $200,000 to $399,999 range. In those categories, the number of days on the market increased by at least 50 percent. Time spent on the market tripled in November for houses costing $300,000 to $399,999. Still, the PBBOR reports just less than half of the inventory sold (74 homes) were on the market 30 days or less.

The PBBOR did report a drop of nearly $12,000 in the average price of a house sold in December compared to November. Still the $275,844 was more than the monthly average in 2015 ($275,042) and slightly less than December 2014 ($277,656). December 2015 did out-perform Decembers in 2012 and 2013 in average price. The month also outperformed Decembers in 2012-14 in terms of median price of a home sold ($245,680), according to PBBOR statistics.

Lastly, the monthly numbers show a bounce back in the number of houses sold in December (158) compared to November (99), which was the fewest since January 2013. Coincidentally, the PBBOR reports 158 houses also were sold in December 2012 and 2014.

Officials with the PBBOR were not available for comment.

By the numbers

December statistics

Total houses on market	517
Houses sold	158
Days on market	40
Average sold price	$275,042
Average median sold	$245,680
Total sold dollar volume	$35 million

Year-to-date average/totals

Total houses on market	506
Houses sold	1,864
Days on market	41.8
Average sold price	$241,630
Average median sold	$245,639

Past Decembers

Houses on market	2012, 264; 2013, 327; 2014, 387
Sold	2012, 158; 2013, 118; 2014, 158
Days on market	2012, 49; 2013, 45; 2014, 36

Average sold price

2012	$277,656
2013	$265,897
2014	$235,897

Source: Permian Basin Board of Realtors

STUDENT

From 1A

by another vehicle near the town of Atlantic. The report indicates the staff driver and passengers were sent to Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic with injuries.

Joplin died just after 4:30 p.m., the Register reported, citing a statement from hospital officials.

The accident happened Tuesday morning, according to the Register, which also reported Carson cancelled campaign stops Tuesday and Wednesday and, according to a campaign spokesperson, was traveling to Omaha "to be with the family and help in any way he can."

The newspaper reported Joplin, 25, is a student at Texas Tech and had been in Iowa since early January volunteering for the Carson campaign.

Several of Carson's rival Republican presidential candidates offered their sympathies over social media. Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio, Mike Huckabee and Rick Santorum each offered prayers over Twitter to those involved in the crash.

Joplin said in a previous interview with the Register that he was studying agriculture economics at Texas Tech but decided to take off this spring semester "to save some money."

The newspaper wrote that Jopin said "he started volunteering for the campaign in Iowa on Jan. 4 and planned to stay in the state the entire month.

"(Carson is) an inspiring man," Joplin told the Register. "I feel like he can bring hope to a nation that's in turmoil."

FATALITY

From 1A

conditions, weather conditions and more."

The motorcyclist hit the pickup at a high rate of speed as it was heading southbound along Lamesa and attempting to make a left turn, officials said. The cyclist was wearing a black helmet with a red Mohawk-style panache.

Condition of the pickup driver was unknown as of press time.

Police blocked traffic along Lamesa Road between South Street and Cuthbert Avenue while they investigated the scene.

Monday's and Tuesday's fatalities are the first since Dec. 5, according to Reporter-Telegram records. The first road fatality of 2015 was on Jan. 8, and was the only one that month.

Calls for boycott over diversity throw Oscars into turmoil

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Growing calls for a boycott of the Academy Awards over the lack of diversity among this year's Oscar nominees are forcing stars to choose sides and threatening to throw the movie industry's biggest night of the year into turmoil.

The backlash over the second straight year of all-white acting nominees is also putting heavy pressure on the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences to diversify its overwhelmingly white male membership.

The furor grew on Tuesday when the Rev. Al Sharpton said he would lead a campaign encouraging people not to watch the Feb. 28 telecast. On Monday, Spike Lee, this year's Oscar honoree for lifetime achievement, and Jada Pinkett Smith announced they will boycott the ceremony in protest.

Academy president Cheryl Boone Isaacs, who has led efforts to diversify the academy, responded late Monday evening with a forceful statement saying that those previous measures weren't enough.

Isaacs, the academy's first African American president, said that "it's time for big changes" and that she will review membership recruiting to bring about "much-need diversity" in the academy's ranks.

At a Los Angeles gala honoring Isaacs on Monday night, actor David Oyelowo — who was famously snubbed last year for his performance as the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in "Selma" — expressed frustration with the academy.

"This institution doesn't reflect its president, and it doesn't reflect this room," Oyelowo said. "I am an academy member, and it doesn't reflect me, and it doesn't reflect this nation."

Other stars began weighing in. George Clooney, in comments to Variety, said that after earlier progress by the industry, "you feel like we're moving in the wrong direction." He noted that movies like "Creed," "Straight Outta Compton," "Beasts of No Nation" and "Concussion" may have deserved more attention from the academy.

"But honestly, there should be more opportunity than that," Clooney said. "There should be 20 or 30 or 40 films of the quality that people would consider for the Oscars. By the way, we're talking about African Americans. For Hispanics, it's even worse. We need to get better at this. We used to be better at it."

A 2012 Los Angeles Times study found that the academy was 94 percent white and 77 percent male.

UCLA's latest annual Hollywood Diversity Report concluded that women and minorities are substantially underrepresented in front of and behind the camera, even while audiences show a strong desire for films with diverse casts. Hispanics and African Americans go to the movies more often than whites do.

UCLA surveyed film and TV executives and found that 96 percent are white.

In his comments Monday, Lee said the Oscars' problems ultimately reside with "the gate keepers" who have the power to green-light projects.

Isaacs enlisted Chris Rock, who famously called Hollywood "a white industry" a year ago, as host of this year's ceremony. The backlash all but ensures Rock's opening monologue will, for many, be the most anticipated event of the show.

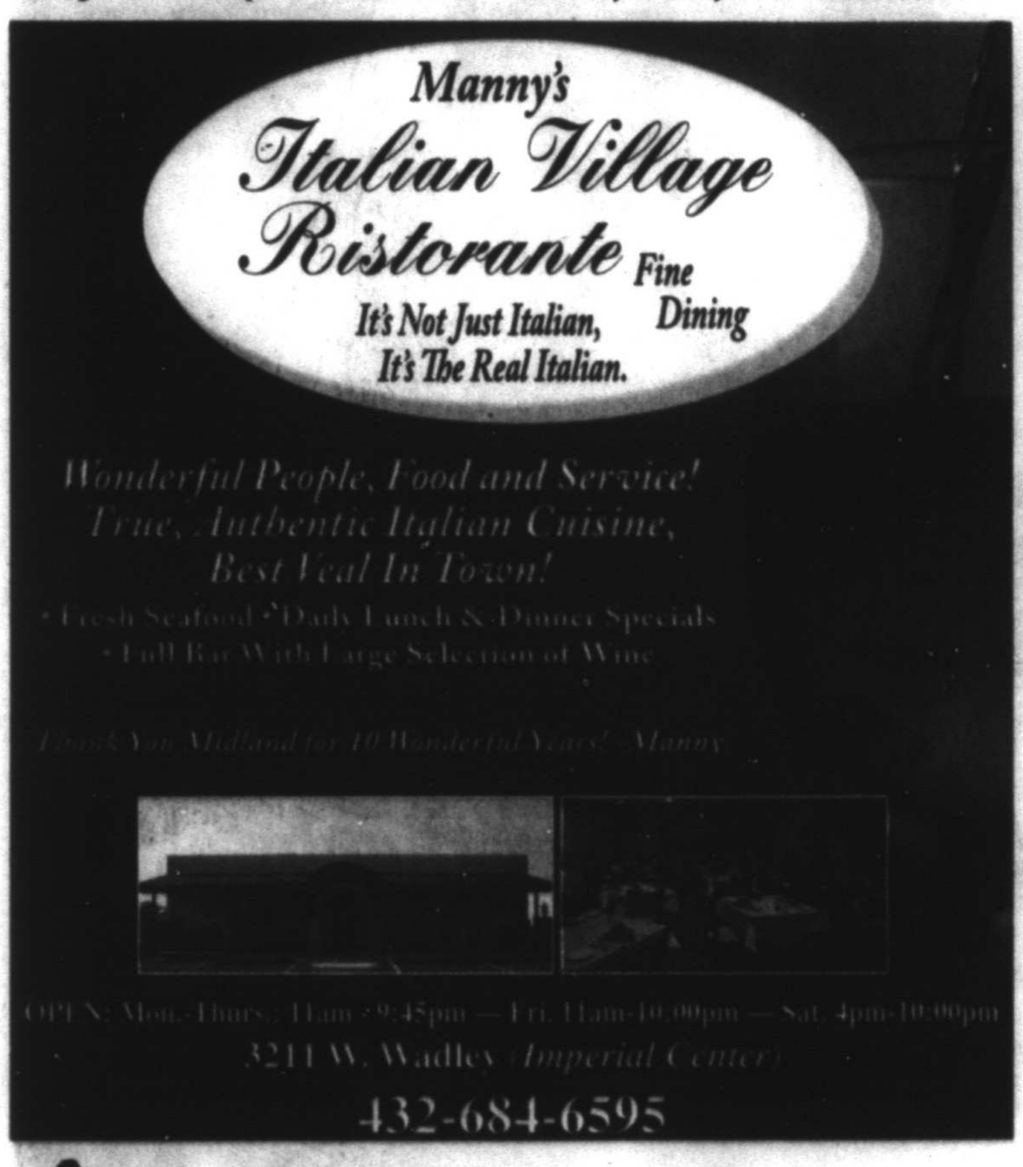
Last year's broadcast, hosted by Neil Patrick Harris, was also boycotted by some viewers because of the all-white slate of acting nominees. Ratings dipped to a six-year low for ABC.

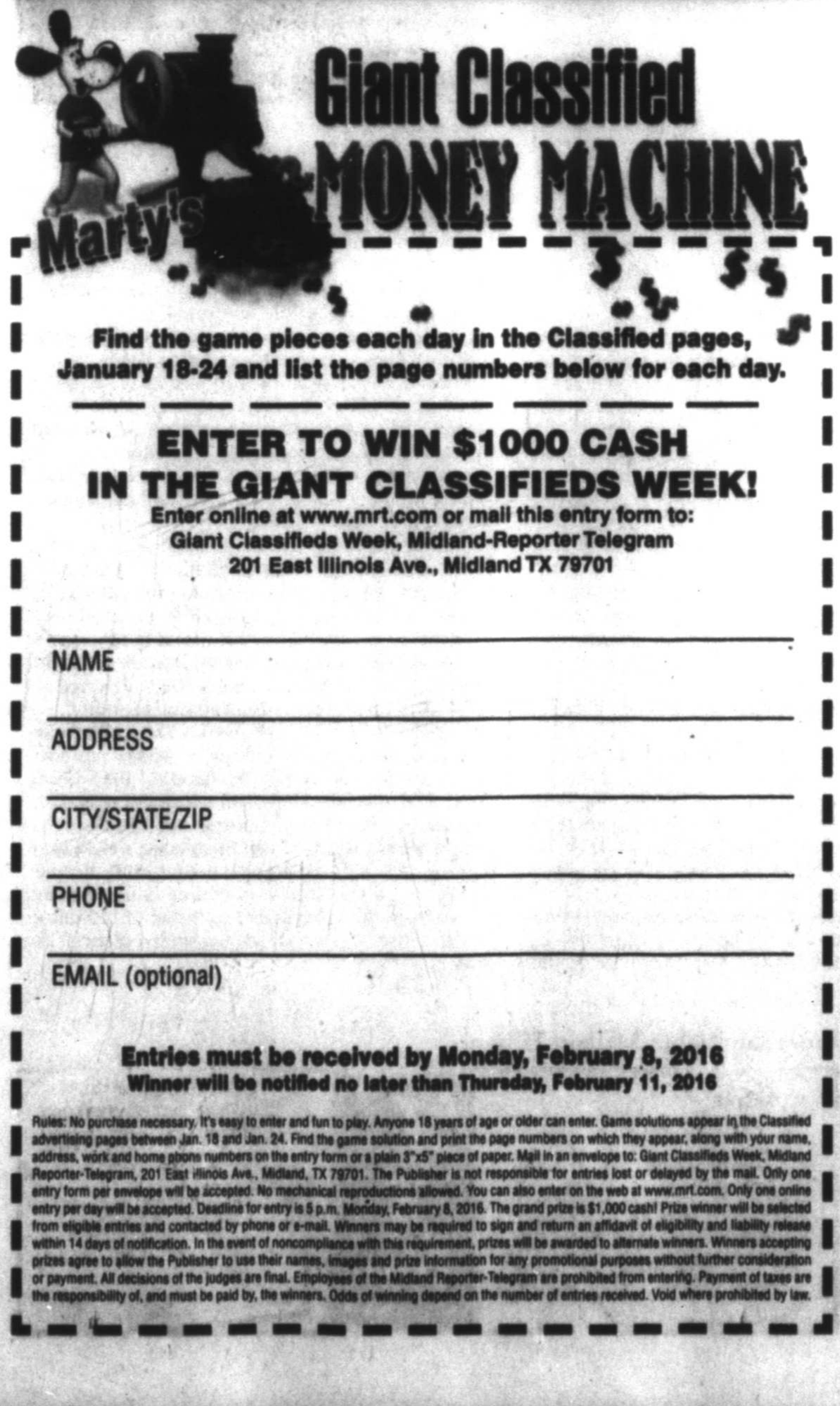
Some on Tuesday put pressure on Rock to join the boycott. The rapper 50 Cent urged on Instagram: "Chris, please do not do the Oscars awards. You mean a lot man, don't do it." A representative for Rock didn't immediately respond to an email.

Just how much more Boone Isaacs can do to promote diversity at the academy, where membership is for life, remains to be seen. In November, she launched a five-year initiative to encourage more diversity in Hollywood, called A2020.

But Isaacs noted there is some precedent for more drastic steps. In the late '60s, for example, academy president Gregory Peck tried to inject more youth by stripping many older members no longer working in the industry of the right to vote.

PHOTO: Comedian Chris Rock speaks during an event celebrating the life and legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Riverside Church on Monday in New York. Rock, who is scheduled to host the Oscars on Feb. 28, has unveiled a new promotion for the broadcast, calling the ceremony "The White BET Awards." ***Associated Press***





Trump has anger for minority commentators

■ Remarks "have a particularly sharp, insulting and condescending tone"

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Donald Trump often talks about how he wants to return America to what it used to be.

A big part of it is about taking the country back to a time when people of color knew their place, when they were seen but not heard, and when one could insult them with impunity.

Trump is never at a loss for words. And yet, while he goes around speaking his mind, he can't seem to pipe down when others speak theirs. And the GOP front-runner has this especially foul habit of trying to shout down minorities who dare speak out against him.

Of course, Trump does this with white people, too. Since he started his presidential campaign, the billionaire blowhard has picked fights with NBC's Chuck Todd, Fox News' Megyn Kelly, conservative radio host Hugh Hewitt, and others in the media.

But his attacks on minority commentators are different. They have a particularly sharp, insulting and condescending tone. The criticisms are usually personal, and the barbs are meant to wound.

Trump doesn't just criticize people of color for what they say or believe. He zeroes in on who they are and what they represent. The jabs are always about someone's skill, competence, intelligence or talent.

And the implied message is always the same: Feel free to ignore what critics say because, according to the real estate mogul, their opinion doesn't matter.

One of Trump's most recent targets was Tavis Smiley, my old friend and former radio co-host who is now the host of a nightly talk show on PBS.

The tiff began when Smiley, during an appearance on ABC's "This Week," did what Trump often does: He gave a provocative opinion, without holding back and with no concern for who might be offended. You would expect nothing less from one of the most prominent African-American voices in America.

The media commentator called Trump "an unrepentant, irascible religious and racial arsonist" because of controversial remarks the candidate has made about minority groups.

Smiley was actually criticizing the media, arguing that it's not enough to gin up ratings and increase readership by reporting on the horse race. Instead, he said, reporters should explain that Trump has fueled his ascension in the polls with divisive language and inspired citizens who consider themselves "real Americans" to take back their country from the politically correct, racial groups and special interests.

The next morning, the thin-skinned businessman returned fire by tweeting: "Why does ['This Week'] allow a hater & racist like @tavissmiley to waste good airtime? @ABC can do much better than him!"

See what I mean? Trump acts like, instead of running for president, he's running an executive search firm for media companies.

I can see the commercial now: "Want better media commentators? Tired of mediocre minorities? Call us now!"

Smiley responded to Trump's tweet in an interview with CNN's Don Lemon later that evening.

"I don't know how I'm a racist," he said. "I'm not the one who went after Muslims, I'm not the one who went after undocumented workers."

That's not all. In November, Trump retweeted a graphic that made the case that more African-Americans are killed by other African-Americans than by police. The image included these lines: "BLACKS KILLED BY POLICE — 1 percent" and "BLACKS KILLED BY BLACKS — 97 percent."

The figures were wrong and the group that put them out turned out to be fake. Other than that, Trump was spot-on.

Before setting his sights on Smiley, Trump also attacked CNN contributor and Republican strategist Ana Navarro after she criticized him. A few months ago, Trump went so far as to sign a ridiculous online petition demanding that CNN fire Navarro, a self-described supporter of Jeb Bush, and then linked to the petition in a tweet that read: "@CNN should listen. Ana Navarro has no talent, no TV persona, and works for Bush — a total conflict of interest."

Even surrogates have gotten into the act. In August, Trump adviser Roger Stone tweeted that Navarro and former CNN contributor Roland Martin were "quota hires." Trump didn't disavow the offensive message.

Say, maybe what Trump really wants to run is a talent agency for minority commentators. After all, as the former star of NBC's "The Apprentice," the businessman prides himself on recognizing qualified job candidates when he sees them.

And wouldn't you know it? The most "qualified" people are the ones who agree with him.

OUR VIEW

Our country continues to change; it always has and always will

An interesting observation was made at Monday's celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Wendell Smith, pastor of Visionary Hollowell United Methodist Church, made a call for continuing the struggle for equality, a struggle that he said was far from over.

Smith went on to say the following:

"How can we love this country if we don't love each other? ... How do we live in a lie and turn a blind eye to the ills of society? Terrorism, domestic terrorism. Everybody want us to be the heroes of everybody else's country. Yet here in this nation we have domestic terrorism. We have Americans attacking elementary schools, universities, movie theaters, Bible studies. ... The dream has to be protected."

Smith added that "life has been lost in a manner that transcends the law of protection. And it reflects the continued rejection of equal rights. I have to tell the truth here. Not by law-abiding officers, but by criminals who would execute a man without due process. Violent men who harbor hate abuse the system that they vow to protect.

"Whether you are wearing a badge on your chest or a bandana on your face, a crime is a crime according to the Constitution."

We want to add our own take on the idea that struggle for equality continues — and that is to offer that our country is not a complete work. What Americans, no matter the race, gender or sexual orientation, experience now is different than 50 years ago, just like it was different 100 years before that. We expect 50 years from now we will experience the same thing.

We expect entire communities will learn from what America and Americans do well and what we could do better. We hope that all people realize they have a dog in the fight. We hope that every American realizes our country will fail to be all it can be without participation from every person. We know that participation can lead to change, and seeing one's self as a stakeholder often changes the experience.

We in America not only have a duty to point out what's wrong, but then we must be active in fixing that problem. We aren't talking about if you want something done, do it yourself, but our actions do and will speak louder than our words.

We wholeheartedly agree with Smith who said, "I thank God I live in Midland, Texas." We agree there is opportunity, no matter one's race, to pursue an education, and even graduate with a hugh school diploma and an associate degree.

We hope initiatives like the Village — a program that will have the mission of uplifting young black women — is so successful that a similar program to help young black men soon follows. We think there are other local initiatives, many led by Greater Ideal Baptist Church, that show a community taking control and not waiting for someone else to take a lead.

This newspaper has a responsibility to be even more active in telling those stories.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations are typically a reason for community members to celebrate the accomplishments and teachings of the slain civil rights leader.

What about the other 364 days of the year? What then? Well, how about participating in the American experience. It's an experiment that continues and shouldn't ever be considered completely finished.

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Clinton puts forward shabby attack

■ Candidate's family apparently all-in on calling Sanders too progressive

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The children of political candidates are useful adornments in campaign literature and ads, and when they are older, as character witnesses on the campaign trail.

Rarely are they used as attack dogs, let alone armed with shameless talking points to try to dampen the rise of an inspirational political rival. But nothing is beneath Bill and Hillary Clinton. So they trotted out their daughter, Chelsea, to warn about the dastardly designs that Bernie Sanders has for ending Medicare as we know it.

It's part of a hammer-and-tongs assault that should feel familiar to Republicans. It turns out that becoming the target of Medicare demagoguery isn't just for Newt Gingrich or Paul Ryan anymore. No one has released an ad of Bernie Sanders pushing a senior citizen over a cliff yet, but if the Vermont senator continues his rise, just give it a couple of more weeks.

Chelsea Clinton charged that Sanders "wants to dismantle Obamacare, dismantle the Children's Health Insurance Program, dismantle Medicare and dismantle private insurance." For those keeping score at home, that's a lot of dismantling. Chelsea said she worried — the chain of reasoning was left fuzzy — that Sanders would somehow give Republicans "permission" to go back to the pre-Obamacare era and "strip millions and millions and millions of people of their health insurance."

Frightened yet? What Sanders is proposing is so-called Medicare for all, a universal, single-payer health-care program that has been the goal of progressives for decades. For this, he is being savaged by a Hillary Clinton who in the early 1990s famously immolated herself in a doomed fight for her version of universal coverage.

The gravamen of her case against Sanders is that he is a socialist — and an enemy of the welfare state. He is advocating a further step in the Democratic crusade to expand the social safety net — and is a dangerous radical because of it. He is a threat to all that has been achieved by the left — because he wants to achieve more.

None of this makes much sense, especially on progressive terms. The dynamic of progressivism is never to rest, and always to ask for more. Hillary Clinton's implicit contention is that after a century of progressive agitation for the steady expansion of government, the ultimate has been achieved via Obamacare and only needs some tinkering.

Obamacare is a massive government intrusion into American health care, but it's not the universal coverage that the likes of Teddy Kennedy made a generational cause. At enormous cost and disruption, it pushed the portion of the population with insurance coverage up from roughly 85 percent to about 90. As Sanders points out, that still leaves 30 million people uninsured.

Hillary wants to identify herself with President Barack Obama and reactivate his coalition, but her anti-Sanders tack is hardly inspiring. To put it in Obama 2008 argot, Hillary is touting the fierce urgency of ... maintaining the status quo. Her supporters are fired up and ready ... to adopt a prudent incrementalism. She fervently believes that, Yes, we can ... modestly adjust American health care around the edges.

This is not to say that the Sanders approach isn't vulnerable to attack. It would be enormously expensive. By the sunny estimate provided by the Sanders campaign, it would cost $14 trillion over 10 years. It would require far-reaching tax increases, including — as even Sanders admits — on the middle class. To achieve cost savings, it would inevitably rely on price controls and rationing.

Sanders makes his plan sound like a cost-free exercise that would be a boon to American families. Sanders insists that they would save $3,800 to $5,100 annually on health care, seeing and raising Barack Obama's (implausible and since discredited) promise that Obamacare would save families $2,500. Hillary wants to portray Bernie Sanders as some kind of wrecking ball, when he is firmly in the progressive tradition of fervency in the cause of the endless aggrandizement of the state.

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Cruz backers: Should he temper conservatism with moderation?

By Scott Bauer
Associated Press

WHITEFIELD, New Hampshire — Ted Cruz says he is the first true conservative running for president since Ronald Reagan — and that will carry him to the Republican nomination come July.

But as he campaigns through New Hampshire, which tends to favor more moderate Republicans, many undecided voters — and even some of his supporters — say the Texas senator needs to broaden his appeal to mainstream conservatives.

The balancing act of wooing moderate Republicans while staying true to his unwavering conservative political brand presents a dilemma.

Cruz doesn't always present a hard edge; he rose to prominence nationally after reading Dr. Seuss' "Green Eggs and Ham" during a filibuster of President Obama's health care law. But if he changes too much, he risks losing the ideological consistency and reputation for challenging both Democrats and Republicans that have come to define him.

In an interview with The Associated Press on his campaign bus, Cruz rejected the idea that he needs to shift gears.

"People are tired of campaign conservatives," Cruz said as the bus rolled north toward the small town of Whitefield. "They're tired of empty rhetoric. They want a consistent conservative — someone they know and trust."

He said that evangelical Christians, many of whom sat out presidential elections in 2008 and 2012, could help catapult him to victory. So could "Reagan Democrats," whom he defines as blue collar workers, union members and gun owners living mainly in the Midwest and through the Northeast.

Many in the Republican Party view Reagan as the model commander in chief. Cruz has often said that, like Reagan, he will bypass Congress, including lawmakers in his own party, if members try to impede his ability to serve the American people. That "Reaganite" approach, he says, is how Reagan clinched the Republican nomination in 1980 and how he wants to do it now.

"In 1980, as a 9-year-old boy, I was cheering loudly for Ronald Reagan in that primary watching those debates as a kid," he said. "The Republican Party has never once nominated a Reaganite for office since 1984."

Guy Eaton, a 57-year-old letter carrier, came to see Cruz on Monday in Washington, New Hampshire, a hilly resort town of about 1,000 people that was incorporated in 1776. Eaton said Cruz needs to broaden his appeal.

"If he's going to be president, he has to represent the whole country, not just one portion of the Republican Party," Eaton said.

John Oliver is one of Cruz's staunchest backers. He made "Cruz for President" bumper stickers on his own way back in 2013. But he, too, wants to see some changes.

"He needs to become more positive, not so angry," said Oliver, a 43-year-old retired member of the U.S. Navy who drove more than two hours from his home in Vermont to see Cruz at Lindy's Diner in Keene.

Not so angry? Cruz himself has raised questions about rival Donald Trump's temperament, and Trump responded in kind Tuesday when asked about it in Winterset, Iowa.

"When you talk about temperament, Ted has got a rough temperament," Trump told reporters. "You can't call people liars on the Senate floor when they're your leader. ... I haven't talked about his temperament, but he's got to be careful because his temperament is, you know, has been questioned a lot."

Back in New Hampshire at Lindy's an obligatory stop for presidential candidates, payment is cash only, the specials include apple crisp and split pea soup, and decorations include a model of the bus from the 1950s TV show "The Honeymooners."

As a longtime Cruz watcher and supporter, Navy retiree Oliver is hoping Cruz can tweak his sometimes divisive message to bring along other Republicans more reticent to embrace him.

"I think he can," said Oliver, who has tattoos of a bald eagle and American flag on his forearms. "I think it's built into his campaign to do that. The guy started out in the single digits. As it moves along, he's going to broaden and open it up."

But Cruz backer Harry Price, a New Jersey firefighter who drove five hours to see the candidate in New Hampshire, doesn't want his man to give an inch.

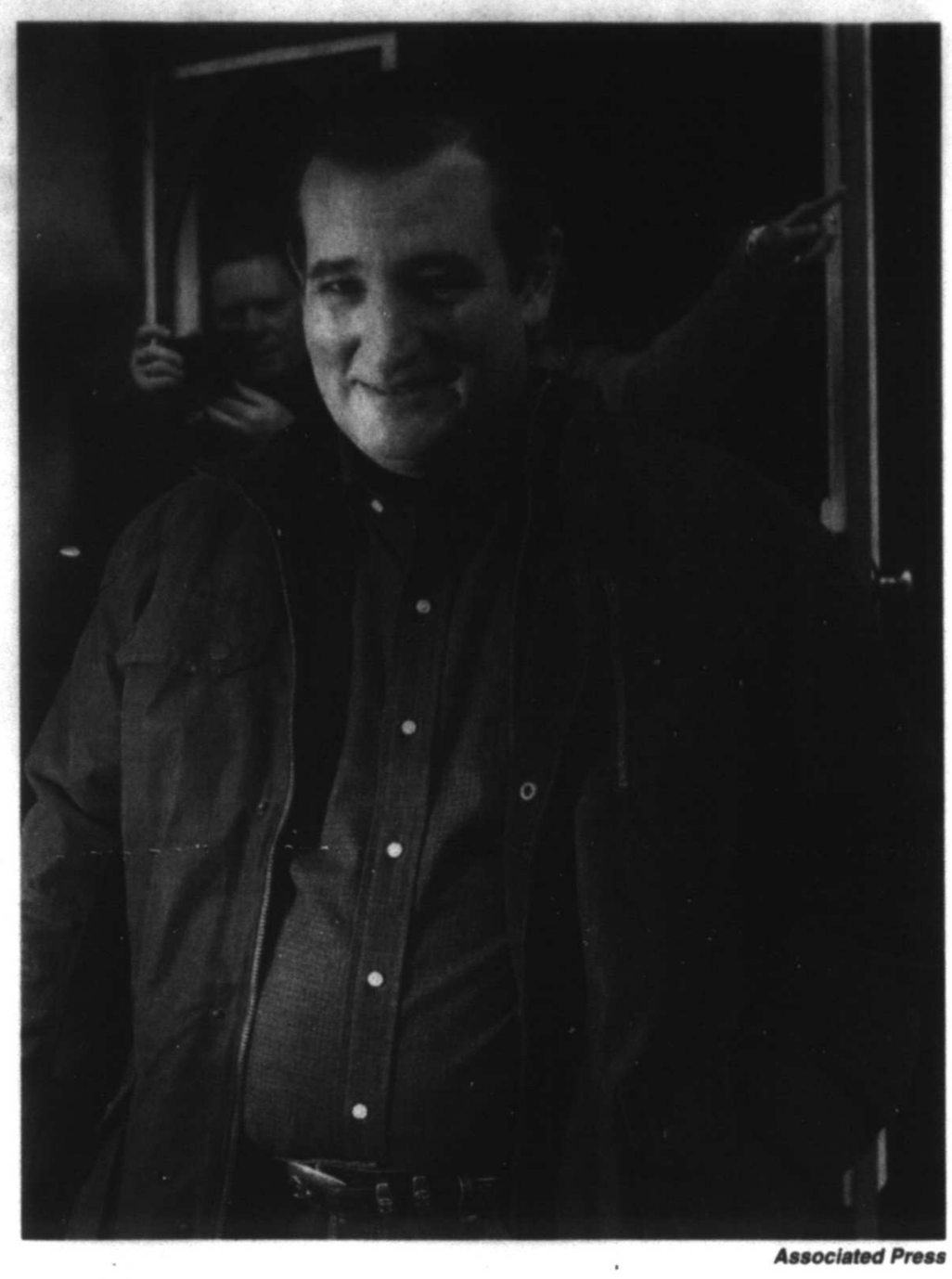
Bushy mustache draped over his mouth, Price described Cruz as a principled politician who understands how the Washington establishment works and can "blow the whole place up."

"I love that," Price said inside the Keene diner. "His message is very clear, very simple, well thought out."

But Cheryl Charron, an undecided New Hampshire voter, said she wanted to see more out of Cruz.

"He needs to appeal to a broader audience," the 57-year-old Charron said, sitting in a booth at Lindy's as she waited with her college-aged daughter for Cruz to arrive. She praised Cruz as someone who "sticks to his convictions" but said she wasn't sold fully on him just yet.

But some of his supporters believe Cruz should stay on message for now, and consider modifying his strategy if he wins the nomination.



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Republican presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz leaves a campaign stop at the Freedom Country Store on Tuesday in Freedom, N.H.

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Republican presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz

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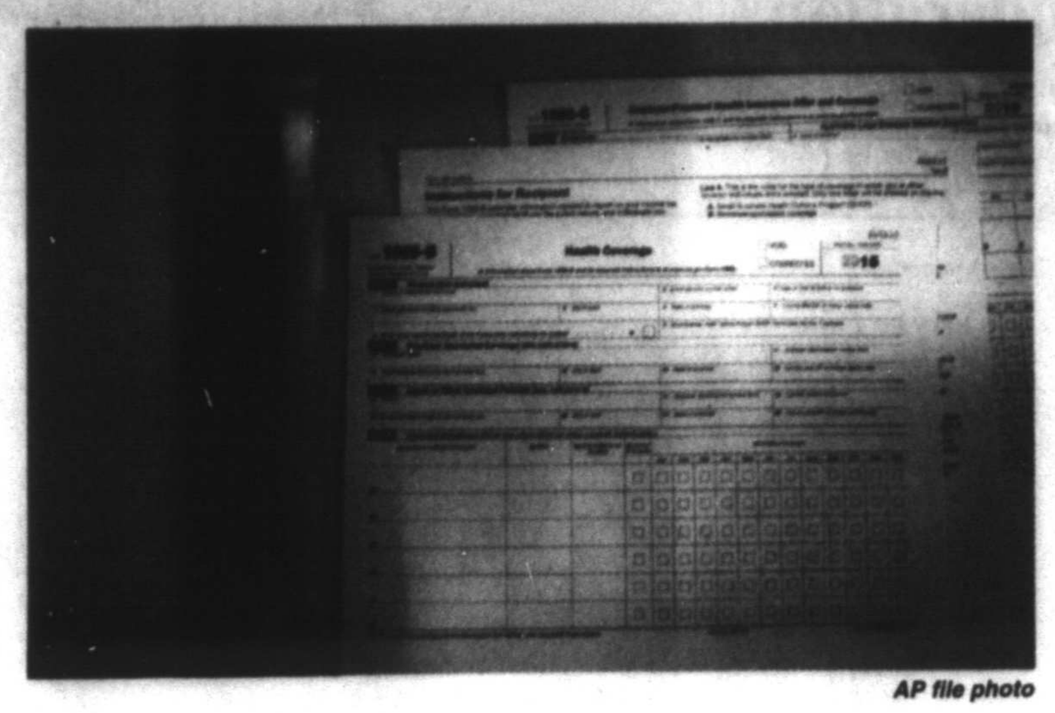
Tax season starts as IRS begins to accept returns

By Carole Feldman
Associated Press



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New IRS forms, 1095B and 1095C, for employer-provided health insurance or for use if a taxpayer got health insurance from the marketplace, are displayed Dec. 30, 2015, in Los Angeles. Taxpayers who didn't have coverage in 2015 will face significantly higher penalties than the previous year, meaning a bigger tax bill come April or a smaller refund.

WASHINGTON — What's new when you file your taxes this year? Taxpayers without health insurance will face larger penalties, and those insured by their employers will get a new tax form. There also have been adjustments for inflation and Congress extended expiring tax breaks, some permanently.

"The good news is that we finally have some certainty," said Kathy Pickering, executive director of the Tax Institute at H&R Block.

The arrival of the new year means it's time to start thinking about gathering the documents needed to file taxes. They include W-2 forms reporting wages or salaries, which employers will send out this month. You'll also need Form 1099 reporting interest and dividend income, Form 1098 showing interest paid on a home mortgage, and Form 1095-A if you bought coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace.

More time to file

Tax season opens Jan. 19, when the Internal Revenue Service begins accepting returns.

If you like to procrastinate, you'll have four extra days — counting Feb. 29 because this is a leap year — to file without needing an extension. The deadline is April 18 because of the celebration of Emancipation Day in the District of Columbia. If you live in Massachusetts or Maine, Patriots Day means you'll have still another day to file.

Taxpayers will not see many significant changes when they start filling out their forms, said Greg Rosica, tax partner at Ernst & Young LLP.

But do take into account any changes in your personal life, he urged. Did you get married, have a child or begin caring for an elderly relative, for example?

"As things change in your personal life, so do taxes change," he said.

Tax brackets, the value of each exemption and the standard deduction have been adjusted for inflation. So have the levels at which certain tax credits and deductions begin to phase out.

Fewer people are itemizing because the standard deduction continues to creep upward, said Barbara Weltman, a consultant and author of books on taxes, law and finance.

For 2015, the standard deduction is $6,300 for single filers, $12,600 for married couples filing jointly and $9,250 for heads of household.

Each personal exemption is worth $4,000, up from $3,950 in 2014, according to the IRS.

Filing electronically

Taxpayers increasingly are choosing to file electronically.

Electronic filing was up 2.4 percent in 2015 from 2014. Similarly, the use of direct deposit for refund checks also is gaining in popularity. Last year, more than 86 million tax refunds were paid through direct deposit, up 2.7 percent over 2014.

Overall, the average refund in 2015 was $2,797, a slight increase over the previous year.

"Choosing e-file and direct deposit for refunds remains the fastest and safest way to file an accurate income tax return and receive a refund," the IRS said on its website.

The agency expects to pay more than 90 percent of refunds in less than 21 days.

Identity theft

Identity theft continues to be a problem. Sometimes the first indication is a notice from the IRS that a tax return already has been filed with a taxpayer's Social Security number.

To combat the problem, the IRS launched a public awareness campaign in November and began issuing a series of tips on how to protect data online.

"The IRS and the states have been working to get better at detecting these false returns, but as the criminals steal more and more personal data, they can do an even better job of making a tax return look legitimate," IRS Commissioner John Koskinen said in a statement.

"In short, the criminals are evolving, and so must we," he said.

At an IRS security summit, tax preparers, software companies and the agency came together "to establish standards for authenticating tax filers online, and sharing information with the IRS and state departments of revenue on patterns of fraudulent behavior," Pickering said.

Taxpayers filing electronically might see requests for stronger passwords, and security questions to help validate that they are who they say they are.

The extra security "shouldn't be burdensome," Pickering said, and could help taxpayers feel "a little more protected."

States also are taking steps, she said; more than a dozen now require employers to send copies of the W-2 directly to them by Jan. 31. The IRS also plans to require that in the future.

Taxpayers should know that the IRS "does not initiate contact by email to request personal or financial information," the agency emphasizes on its website. "This includes any type of electronic communication, such as text messages and social media channels."

If your identity is stolen, resolving the issue can take months, even longer. "It's very difficult for taxpayers as well as practitioners to effectively resolve issues," says Joseph Perry, the partner in charge of the tax and business services at Marcum LLP.

Health insurance and taxes

"The Affordable Care Act has now made health care a tax issue," Pickering said.

In a report to Congress earlier this month, National Taxpayer Advocate Nina Olson said the IRS faced "a few unanticipated challenges" last year regarding the tax-related provisions of the health care law. "In general," she said, "the IRS has sufficiently addressed the issues as they arise in order to avoid similar issues in future filing season."

Taxpayers will see some new forms, 1095B and 1095C, if they have employer-provided health insurance or got it outside the marketplace. Lisa Greene-Lewis, CPA and editor of the TurboTax blog, called the forms a "non-issue." She said they are informational only.

"The IRS computers are going to be able to verify your information that you and your dependents had the coverage," she said.

Taxpayers who didn't have coverage in 2015 or didn't qualify for an exemption from coverage will face significantly higher penalties than last year, meaning a bigger tax bill come April or a smaller refund.

"The fee is calculated two different ways — as a percentage of your household income and per person," according to the federal website healthcare.gov. "You'll pay whichever is higher."

For those who don't qualify for an exemption, the penalty for not having insurance in 2015 is generally the greater of $325 per person or 2 percent of taxable income over the filing threshold up to certain limits.

Last year was the first time penalties were collected. Recently released IRS numbers indicate that 7.9 million households paid fines averaging $210 apiece on their tax returns for 2014. The penalties then were lower — $95 for the flat fee, or 1 percent of taxable income.

Many lower-income people are exempt from the penalty, so taxpayers should check if they qualify for an exemption (use Form 8965 to do so).

About 3.5 million returns were filed that included the health insurance premium tax credit — a key part of the health care law.

Taxpayers can either get the credit in advance when buying insurance through the exchanges or receive it as a refund on their taxes. Either way, they need to fill out Form 8962 and attach it to their return.

Tax breaks extended

Congress acted in mid-December to extend about 50 expiring tax breaks for individuals and businesses. "Some of the credits and deductions which are pretty popular with people have been extended permanently," Pickering said.

The American Opportunity Tax Credit, for example, provides eligible students with a maximum annual credit of $2,500 for the first four years of college. The congressional action making it permanent helps students or their parents plan four years out, she said.

Congress also made permanent the $250 above-the-line deduction for elementary and secondary-school teachers who use their own money to buy school supplies, as well as the deduction for state and local sales taxes, primarily designed for people who live in states without a state income tax.

As part of the legislation, small-business owners will be able to take a deduction right away for up to $500,000 in eligible property without depreciating it.

Also made permanent was the expanded and enhanced earned income tax credit for taxpayers with three or more children. "It's really a lifeline for low-income working families," Pickering said.

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PERMIAN BASIN MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE PREVIEW

Doctor: 80 percent of teen suicide attempts are directly related to a traumatic event

Two major institutions in Midland have watched with concern as mental health problems have taken a toll on the community over the past few years.

Midland Independent School District was responding to a wave of teen suicides, while Midland Memorial Hospital was identifying more mental health issues in people of all ages.

MMH sought solutions by bringing more mental health practitioners into the community, such as myself. I'm a psychologist specializing in diagnosis and treatment of children. One of MISD's responses is to hold a mental health conference: "Powering Forward for the Prevention of Suicide; Energizing the Conversation."

I hope this conference, planned for the end of January, will become an annual training event for our community.

BARBARA RILA
Behavioral Outlook Center

I will be sharing here some of the information that I plan to present at the upcoming conference about childhood trauma and its relationship to suicidality. In our community, we have children who are abused in all the ways children are hurt, neglected and sexually exploited by adults. We also have children exposed to domestic violence, parental substance abuse and sudden and shocking losses of family members. We have children who have lost parents because of divorce, incarceration, military deployment, mental illness and more recently because of financial setbacks.

Register for conference

The Permian Basin Mental Health Conference, "Powering Forward for the Prevention of Suicide; Energizing the Conversation," is planned for Jan. 29 and 30 at First Baptist Church. To register online, go to bit.ly/1PoQtsu.

Children who suffer an accumulation of these traumatic events are at greater risk. The Center for Disease Control conducted a major study of the long-term effects of trauma a few years ago. The stunning conclusion was that multiple childhood traumatic events predicted both mental and physical health problems and significantly raised the risk of suicide attempts across the lifespan.

Current data finds 80 percent of teen suicide attempts are directly related to a traumatic event. Adult suicidal crises are related to their childhood trauma in 67 percent of the cases, signifying trauma effects linger and continue to threaten its victims' well-being for a lifetime.

What is a community to do? MMH and MISD have taken the lead by providing opportunities for diagnosis, treatment and education. I encourage members of the community to take note of these efforts and join the efforts to protect and nurture the children of Midland. How do we do

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YOGA AT THE YMCA

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Yoga class taught by Jaime Edwards on Jan. 7 at the Midland YMCA.

San Jacinto teacher awaiting transplant receives support from students, community

By Erin Stone
estone@mrt.com

Charles Testerment, the wood shop teacher at San Jacinto Junior High, sparingly sips his coffee at the Starbucks in Odessa's Market Street. He is tired this day, as he has been almost every day since he was diagnosed with kidney failure in mid-December.

Testerment, 51, has had Type-1 diabetes, a risk factor for kidney disease, since he was 11 years old, but the discovery that his kidneys were functioning at less than 5 percent was sudden.

About 30 percent of individuals with Type 1 (juvenile onset) diabetes and 10 to 40 percent of those with Type 2 (adult onset) diabetes will eventually suffer from kidney failure, according to the National Kidney Foundation.

"They had been holding out for so long and then, all of a sudden, they just took a nose dive," Testerment said. "I didn't have much warning."

The news only got worse. At a recent doctor's appointment, Testerment was told he'd have to have surgery to remove malignant melanoma, as well.

In learning about Testerment's current time of trial, San Jacinto students have rallied around him. The students recently had a "put a teacher in jail day" and they donated $2 per student with all proceeds going

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DENESSA LEARY
Midland YMCA

What you need to know about protein and carbs

I often get asked about protein and carbohydrates — how much of each should a person have? There is a lot that goes into that answer. The recommended dietary allowance for adults is established at 130 grams/day for carbs — which meets the minimum daily amount of glucose utilized by the brain. General protein needs 45-80 grams perday depending on your body size, physical activity level and sex. We are all not in the same shape, and we don't all have the same goals when it comes to exercise and health.

Protein is a macronutrient which your body needs every day to function properly. Proteins key function is to repair and maintain existing tissue, synthesize additional tissue, hormones, enzymes and antibodies while providing energy for your body when necessary. All proteins are made of amino acids. Your essential amino acids (EAA) that you may hear used a lot consist of: leucine, isoleucine, valine (BCAA's or branch chain amino acids) + lysine, methionine, phenylalanine, threonine, tryptophan and Histidine. Animal proteins contain all the essential amino acids

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In the eyes of a child, even the best video game pales in comparison to spending quality time with parents. Studies have shown that children are more receptive to healthy lifestyle choices when they have a positive role model to guide them. Start the New Year off right...get your children off the couch and get active. A family that chooses to get and stay physically fit is one more step toward our goal of making Midland the healthiest community in Texas.

MIDLAND HEALTH

Obituaries

Evelyn "Jerry" Rhoads

Evelyn "Jerry" Rhoads, 90, of White Deer, died January 17, 2016 in Midland.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors in Pampa.

Services will be 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at First Baptist Church in White Deer, with Reverend Alan Wilson, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in White Deer Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Jerry was born October 31, 1925 in Lubbock County. She was reared in Cotton Center, where she attended school. She married A. E. "Dusty" Rhoads on July 3, 1948 in Lubbock. They moved to White Deer in 1956 and he preceded her in death on November 11, 1996.

Jerry worked as a teller for First Bank & Trust in White Deer. She was proud of her contributions to the war effort at Pantex where she worked building munitions. Jerry was a longtime member of First Baptist Church in White Deer. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Survivors include her son, Terry Rhoads and wife Jenny of Midland; a daughter, Tina Rhoads of Pecos; three grandsons, Michael Rhoads and wife Nicole of Midland, Tyler Rhoads of Denver, Colorado, and Beau Hendrick and wife Laura of South Lake; two granddaughters, Jamie Rhoads of Midland, and Megan Sewell and husband Jesse of Waverly, Tennessee; six great grandchildren, Ellie, Maddie and Jake Rhoads, Evelyn Sewell, and Tristan and Tatum Hendrick; and extended family.

Jerry was also preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the people of White Deer for their friendship and loving support of Jerry.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, PO Box 337, White Deer, Texas 79097; Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, PO Box 1980, Amarillo, Texas 79174-0001; or a charity of choice.

Sign the online register at *www.carmichael-whatley.com*.

George Robert Drake

George Robert Drake, 73, passed away Sunday, January 17, 2016.

Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday in the Greenwood Chapel with interment in the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday at Greenwood.

George was born to George Lewis Drake and Erra Cathreen Deford on August 6, 1942 in Ranger. He was married December 6, 1966, in Port Arthur. He was a member of Birchman Baptist Church and served in the United States Army.

George was preceded in death by his parents; and by his twin daughters, Jeanette and Paulette Drake.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Drake; daughter, Barbara Helmick and Matt Helmick; daughter, Brenda Woolsey and Mark Woolsey; grandchildren, Brittany Frasier, Gabrie Gallier, Breanna Frasier, Taylor Felan, Bella Helmick, Braiden Helmick, Clint Woolsey, Jeannine Woolsey, and Luke Woolsey; great-grandchildren, Konnor Hibdon, Annabelle Felan and Elisabeth Felan; beloved stepmother, Claudie Faye Mosely; brother, Greg Drake; sisters, Marsha Conner, Tama Drake; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Greenwood Funerals-Cremation, 3100 White Settlement Rd., 817-336-0584.

John E. Crosby, Jr.

John E. Crosby, Jr. went to be with the Lord on January 16, 2016. His legacy of patriotism, helping others through volunteer activities, Boy Scouts of America and love of the grape growing industry was unprecedented.

John was born to Norine Brown Crosby and John E. Crosby, Sr. in Austin, Texas on March 16, 1919. He married the love of his life, Mary Louise Davis, on May 17, 1941 in Austin. His parents, brothers, Dick and James, sister, Pauline, and son, Steven Davis, and wife, Mary, preceded him in death.

He became an Eagle Scout in Troop 9, Austin, Texas at the age of 17 and had a long history of supporting the Boy Scouts of America, first as Cubmaster then as Scoutmaster of the Rotary Club Troop 9, and received the Silver Beaver Award for exceptional character and distinguished service. John worked for Lyndon Johnson in the National Youth Administration as a photographer, completing pictures for the director, and developing a scrapbook of pictures for presentation to Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt.

In 1939, he joined the Texas National Guard and was inducted into the 111th Quartermaster Regiment, Company C stationed at Camp Bowie in Brownwood, Texas. He proposed, developed and shot a motion picture for moving the 45th Division from Oklahoma to Camp Bowie Brownwood. On release from the military in 1945, John started Crosby Reproduction Company in San Angelo, Texas.

John and his family moved to Midland in 1957, where he joined Lindley Latham in The Southwestern Geophysical Company and organized the Graphic Arts Division of the company. He acted as Vice President and territory salesman of the Graphic Arts Division, and purchased the Southwestern Company, Inc. in 1972.

In 1975, John and other grape growers in Texas established the Texas Grape Growers Association. In 1990, he was named President Emeritus of the Association.

After being successfully treated at The Allison Cancer Center in 1989, John later became a volunteer at the Center with over 20,000 hours of service. He was a 1997 Coping Magazine Hero Award Finalist for his tireless efforts, support of others, and sharing of himself. The Gifts of Hope and Allison Cancer Center honored John with the Volunteer of the Year Award in 2015.

John organized Midland's First Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony in 1999 with the help of Mayor Bobby Burns, The Midland Reporter-Telegram and the Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America. Over 2,500 tattered, torn, and worn out United States, Texas, and MIA Flags have been retired with dignity and honor.

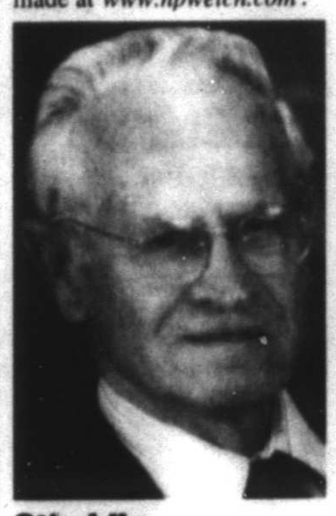
John was a member of the First Baptist Church in Midland for 58 years. For five years, he conducted the Jail Ministry at the Midland Courthouse. He was a member of the Samuel Department at First Baptist Church and served as a Church Greeter on Sunday mornings.

He is survived by his son, John E. Crosby, III and wife Patty; daughter, Susan Smith and husband Walter; five grandchildren, Amy Stroup and husband Jon, John Michael Crosby and wife Laurie, Brandon Smith, Catheryn Aguirre and husband Fernando, Cynthia Witt and husband Colin; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel of First Baptist Church on Saturday, January 23, 2016.

In lieu of flowers, you may honor John's memory, with a contribution to Gifts of Hope, P.O. Box 1323, Midland, Texas 79702 or the Allison Cancer Center, 400 N. Garfield Street #100, Midland, Texas 79701. He loved to tell anyone who would listen, "They do good things for lots of people."

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



Othal Ike Fitzgerald

Ike Fitzgerald, of Midland, went to be with his Lord Jesus on Saturday, January 9, 2016.

He was born November 11, 1926 to Esley Doyle Fitzgerald and Dola Lee Henley in Guion, Texas. Six weeks after Ike was born the family moved to Midland, Texas.

Ike grew up playing music in his Dad's band "The Lone Star Ramblers". He also played with his dad in the Downtown Midland Lions Club Orchestra.

After graduating from Midland High School, Ike joined the Navy on November 3, 1944 and was later transferred to the Marines. He fought in World War II and was honorably discharged July 9, 1946.

Ike and Sue were high school sweethearts. Sue waited for Ike and upon his return from the service, they were married on May 30, 1948 in Austin, TX by Ike's Uncle Brice Fitzgerald, who was a Baptist Preacher.

Ike was a devoted husband and his wife's best friend, a loving Dad, Grandad and a blessing to all who knew him.

Ike learned at an early age to make money running parts for his dad. Ike sold his first advertisement space on the side of his dad's downtown City Service Garage. It was all uphill from there. He and Sue owned a skating rink, an amusement park with a super slide in Midland, and Ike trained a hockey team, "The Silver Wheels". They also made numerous real estate investments throughout their lifetime together.

Ike and Sue achieved many accomplishments. He was a jack of all trades but a master of none. Like his Dad, E.D. "Fritz" Fitzgerald, Ike retired as a Captain with the Midland Fire Department. Ike held several positions with the Lions Club, locally, nationally and internationally. Ike was the driving force developing TLERC, Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center. He's eternally grateful to all the people who assisted in developing this program. He was PID, Past International Director. Ike was bestowed the highest honor a Lion can receive when he was awarded the "Ambassador of Good Will", and inducted into the Lion's Club international Hall of Fame.

He has been an active member of the Midland Downtown Lions Club since 1960. The Midland Downtown Lions Club building is named in his honor.

Ike was always smiling, laughing and pestering people.

He was preceded in death by his parents and loving wife of sixty years.

Ike is survived by his son, Guy Wayne Fitzgerald and Cheryl Reed; granddaughter Shanla Joann Chesnut and husband Jason; grandsons, Eric Wayne Fitzgerald and wife Shayla and Brice Wayne Fitzgerald and wife Ashley; and great granddaughters Camber Christine and Kymber Leanne Fitzgerald all of Midland, Texas.

The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home Friday, January 15, 2016 between the hours of 6:00 PM to 8:00 P.M., Services will be held at Ellis Funeral Home Saturday at 11:11 A.M. followed by graveside services at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in honor of Ike may be sent to the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Program C/O Midland Downtown Lions Club, 200 Plaza Dr., Midland, Texas 79701.

Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com

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Ruby J. Griffith

Ruby J. Griffith, 96, of Gatesville, passed away Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 22, 2016 at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at Scott's Funeral Home.

Ruby was born on January 20, 1919 in Meeker, Oklahoma. She grew up in Oklahoma and Texas. She moved to Midland in 1934 and married Raymond Griffith in 1937. She worked for many years at Memorial Christian Church in Midland. Her husband preceded her in death in 1984. She moved to Gatesville in 1997. She loved peacocks and during the time she resided at The Meadows, she was known as the "Peacock Lady."

She was preceded in death by her son, Jimmie Griffith; grandson, Raymond Carl Griffith; granddaughter, Heather Brock; and by 11 brothers and sisters.

Ruby is survived by her sons, Dennis Griffith and wife, Peggy, and David Griffith and wife, Angela; daughters-in-law, Jeanne Griffith and Nedah Griffith; and by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great- great-grandchildren.

Todd (Toad) Eugene Martinez

Todd (Toad) Eugene Martinez, 34, of Midland, Texas, passed away on January 11, 2016 after his heroic battle with cancer.

He joined the Navy in 2000 after graduation. He was loved by many. He touched the hearts of anyone and everyone. He was so unselfish, always putting others before himself. He will be greatly missed.

Todd was born in Maxwell, New Mexico. He loved to hunt, fish, and golf. He loved the outdoors and was the type of person who didn't like to stay in one area. He loved spending time with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Mandy Jo; his paternal grandparents, Celestino and Angelina Martinez; and his maternal grandparents, Jack and Ora Jean Demchek.

He is survived by his daughter, Natasha; parents, Janine Demchek and Celestino Martinez, Jr.; his wife, Sherry; one brother, Quentin Martinez; one sister, Tina Chavez and husband Ryan; step brother, Robert Cordova; stepsisters, Cassie and Tiana Cordova; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

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

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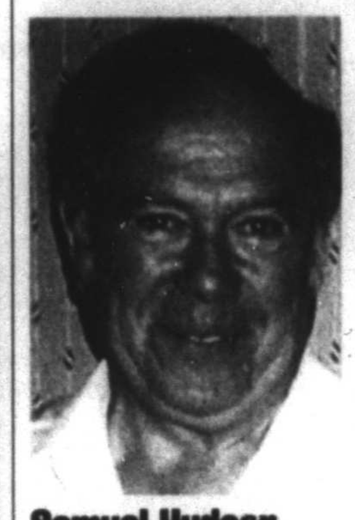

Samuel Hudson (Sam) Snoddy

Samuel Hudson (Sam) Snoddy passed away January 15, 2016. The family will accept guests from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel.

Sam was born to Fred and Dixie (Daniel) Snoddy on May 23, 1925 in Gilliam, Missouri. He graduated from Gilliam High School in 1943 and entered the Marine Corps shortly afterwards. Upon completion of his basic training in California, he was directed to the South Pacific Theater of war. Sam participated in four major island invasions, including Tinian, Saipan, and Okinawa. He was wounded during the invasion of Saipan as he served in a machine gun platoon of Company L, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division.

During the last 20 years, Sam greatly enjoyed the camaraderie of attending numerous Marine reunions. One of his joys was visiting his Marine buddies in their homes and hosting them in his.

Upon his return to civilian life, he married Patricia Noth in July, 1950. Patricia passed away in 1980, being survived by their children, Samuel Mark Snowdy of Denver, Colorado and Michelle Ann Ventris of Edmond, Oklahoma.

In 1990, Sam married Mary Tom Roper. He is survived by her, his two children, three step children, Don Roper of Houston, Pam Freni of Bradenton, Florida, and Janie Roper of Ocala, Florida, and three grandchildren, Samantha Snowdy of Denver, Emily Johnson of Dallas, and Daniel Johnson of Edmond.

Sam had a long career as a petroleum land man in the Permian Basin. He was employed by Great Western Drilling Company and Shell Oil Company, after which he became an independent land man. As part of his career, he served as the president of the Permian Basin Landmen's Association from 1965-1966.

Sam was an avid fisherman and golfer, but as he found later in life, his real love was antiquing. He was a partner in Packrat Antiques, located in Midland. Sam was also a passionate traveler, having been to Central America, Europe, South America, Russia, Turkey, New Zealand, and Fiji in the last two decades. One of his life-long endeavors was to have traveled to all 50 states within the United States, which he accomplished.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Hospice Midland, 911 West Texas, Midland, Texas 79701.

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

Death Notices

Belva Burnell Lucas

Belva Burnell Lucas, 76, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Sunday, January 17, 2016.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Lucas; three sons, Casey Lucas, Jesse Lucas, and Jerry Lucas; two daughters, Gayle Lucas and Jennifer Ogden; and by three brothers.

A viewing will be held on Friday, January 22, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at American Heritage Chapel.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., followed immediately by a burial at American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707.

Bobby Ybarra

Bobby Ybarra, 57, of Midland, passed away Monday, January 18, 2016.

Rosary will be Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral mass is set for Friday, January 22, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

He is survived by his parents, Pete and Ramona Ybarra; four children, Joe Luis Ybarra, Jacob Ybarra, Isaac Ybarra, and Jennifer Ybarra; and by three brothers and one sister.

John Mewborn

John Mewborn, 51, of Midland, passed away on January 12, 2016.

There will be a funeral service held at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, January 23, 2016.

Padmawati Jagmohan

Padmawati Jagmohan, aka Pearly, of Midland, Texas passed away on Monday, January 18, 2016.

A viewing will be held from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Friday, January 22, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

Survivors include children, Angela Ramkhelawan, Rohan Reggie Bhagwandin, and Chistina Ramdeo.

Revy L. Wharton

Revy L. Wharton, 86, passed away Monday, January 18, 2016. No services have been scheduled at this time.

He is survived by his children, Lucille Bode and Larry Wharton; and by his brother, William Wharton.

Tamara Hansen

Tamara Hansen, 44, of Midland, passed away January 18, 2016. A visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Friday, January 22, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorials Gardens in Odessa.

Survivors include parents, Olivia and Joe Moore; son, Dawson Blake Hansen; and brother, James Alan Moore.

Terrell C. (Tuck) Williams

Terrell C. (Tuck) Williams, 85, of Stanton, passed away on January 18, 2016. The family will receive those who wish to celebrate Tuck's life in Stanton on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton, Texas. The Service of Burial of the Dead and Holy Communion with subsequent interment of ashes in a niche at the columbarium at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 23, 2016 in Midland, Texas.

Survivors include wife, Margaret Williams; and his sons, Terry Williams and Larry Williams.

156K chickens added to list of poultry being euthanized

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Animal health officials investigating a bird flu outbreak in southwest Indiana have ordered 156,000 chickens at one of 10 affected commercial poultry farms to be euthanized, raising the total number of birds to be killed above 400,000.

The egg-laying chickens were housed at one of the 10 commercial farms where turkeys had been infected with the H7N8 virus and were at a high risk of contracting it themselves, Indiana State Board of Animal Health spokeswoman Denise Derrer said Tuesday.

The H7N8 strain is different than the H5N2 virus that led to the deaths of 48 million birds last summer.

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Support group meetings this week

■ Bariatric Support Group, 11:30 a.m. today, ACT Counseling Center, 2445 E. 11th St., Odessa; 272-4333.

■ Diabetes support group, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Midland County Public Library Centennial branch; sponsored by Midland Memorial Hospital; 221-3286.

■ New Beginnings cancer support group, 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Texas Oncology - Allison Cancer Center, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Suite 100, 218-8714, fatima@giftsofhopemidland.org.

■ Diabetes Support Group for Spanish Speakers, 2-3 p.m. Thursday, Casa de Amigos; sponsored by Midland Memorial Hospital; 221-3286.

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

■ The Knot Adoption Support Group, 11:30 a.m. Jan. 27, First Presbyterian Church; Kathy Hagler, Kathy@WTIE.net

■ Caregiver support, noon Jan. 27, HospiceMidland 911 W. Texas Ave., 682-2855.

Weekly meetings & hotlines

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

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

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

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

Midland Memorial Hospital classes

■ Weigh to Success Informational Seminar, 4 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital

■ Birthplace Tour, 5 p.m., Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital

■ Becoming a Mom Classes, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial West Campus

■ Evaluation and Management of Knee and Hip Pain, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital

■ Physician Leadership in a New Modle of Health Care, 6 p.m., Monday, Midland Memorial Hospital

Go to www.midland-memorial.com/classes-and-events for more information

MC, Alzheimer's Association to host workshops

Midland College is partnering with the Alzheimer's Association to host a series of workshops for people who work with Alzheimer's disease patients and for family and friends of Alzheimer's patients.

The series of 10 workshops will be offered periodically through June. Participants can register and attend each workshop separately. There is no charge; however, health and social work professionals can register for continuing education credit for $15 per workshop.

The first workshop, "Effective Communication Strategies," will be offered from 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursday in Room 213 of the Midland College Advanced Technology Center, 3200 W. Cuthbert Ave. (next to Furr's Cafeteria on the corner of Midkiff Road and Cuthbert). Seating is limited; interested participants are asked to call 800-272-3900 to make a reservation.

Thursday's workshop will discuss ways to "connect" with people suffering from Alzheimer's disease. Participants will discover how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer's, learn how to decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with dementia and identify strategies for effective communication at each stage of the disease.

All workshops in the series will be held on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m.-noon on the following dates: Feb. 18, March 17, March 24, March 31, April 14, April 21, April 28, May 12 and June 16.

For more information, contact the Midland College department of Health Sciences Continuing Education or email Kimberly Daw at kdaw@midland.edu.

How sick are you?

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

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

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

Contact your Hospital District representative

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THE WHEELS ON THE MEGABUS GO ROUND AND ROUND

Associated Press

Breast cancer survivors and their families ride the new Breast Cancer Research Foundation pink Megabus on Tuesday for its inaugural trip to New York City in Elizabeth, N.J. To give back to its employees who have been affected by breast cancer, Megabus.com donated $1 for every ticket sold to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

CONFERENCE

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this?

Get educated

Learn more about what trauma is and why we should be concerned about it. Trauma affects the child's brain growth, not just their emotions. A "brain on trauma" is vigilant, meaning the brain becomes increasingly distractible, with problems concentrating on tasks, for fear danger will overtake if it indulges in relaxation.

Cultivate trauma sensitivity

Become "trauma sensitive" with the children in your life. Many bad behaviors in children are trauma-related, so ask questions of those close to you, and exercise patience with children you don't know well. Every tantrum has a back story and it often doesn't involve brattiness or lax parenting.

Protect children

Whether they are your own children or children entrusted to you, keep them safe. Provide stability, structure, predictability, affection and safety for the children in your home. Children in your care should be treated as you want yours to be treated. A simple rule is the golden rule.

For educators

Know that trauma affects learning, concentration, academic performance and attendance, and that it is the cause of many discipline problems. Teachers, if a student discloses trauma, seek assistance from the counseling staff. Administrators, take time to get the whole story, including what is going on behind the scenes in a student's home. Clerical, food service, maintenance staff members, bus drivers all need to be trauma-sensitive. Trauma sensitivity helps prevent suicide in students. Educators are often in the best position to identify children at risk; it is an honor and a profound responsibility.

Medical professionals

You already know that people seek medical care when suffering emotionally. People don't feel good when bad things happen to them, and medical help is their first attempt to get relief from pain. Screening for traumatic events can help clarify whether a referral can help the patient with mental health issues. Perhaps less well-known among medical professionals is that development can be delayed in very traumatized children. Pediatricians and family practice professionals, take note and when in doubt, refer.

Parenting after trauma

Because this job is so complex, I often refer to it as "professional parenting." There is a reason our foster and adopting parents are required to have extensive training. Unfortunately, this is not available to all parents struggling to help children overcome adversity. Seek support, help, find a community of people in similar situations. Don't ever quit learning, trying, advocating and persisting in love. Suicide is often preventable. Suicidality is predictable with childhood trauma. Suicidal feelings are treatable. Identifying trauma in children is an important first step in identification and intervention. We are all first responders. We are all part of the treatment team. We are the Midland community.

Dr. Barbara Rila can be reached at the Behavioral Outlook Center, 207 Tradewinds Blvd., Suite 100, Midland, TX 79706, or at 289-7235.

Schedule & speaker topic information

Schedule for "Powering Forward for the Prevention of Suicide; Energizing the Conversation."

Jan. 29
7 a.m.-8 a.m. Registration and Breakfast
8:-8:15 Welcome
8:15-9 Maureen Underwood, LCSW — Making Mental Health Professionals Partners in Youth Suicide Prevention
9-9:45 Eric Hipple — Real Men Do Cry
9:45-10 Break
10-10:45 Dr. Thomas Joiner — Why People Die By Suicide
10:45-noon Lunch and Expo
Noon-3 p.m. Concurrent sessions
■ Dr. Thomas Joiner — The Perversion of Virtue, Understanding Murder-Suicide
■ Dr. Janet Froeschle and Dr. Charles Crews — Self-Injury
■ Maureen Underwood — Increasing Your Confidence in Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk
■ Shannon Tyson-Poletti, M.D., Anne Tyson — Impact of Trauma Work
3-3:30 Break and expo
3:30 - 5 Concurrent sessions
■ Dr. Amanda LaGuardia — Trauma Related Groups in the Community
■ Dr. Barbara Rila — Childhood Trauma and Suicidality
■ Eric Hipple — Real Men Do Cry
■ Lesley Casarez, Ph.D., Audrey Heron, M.ED, Kristen Lyons, M.ED. - Tweet! Ding! Chirp! The Good, The Bad and The Ugly of Technology and Self-Harm/Suicide

Jan. 30
8 a.m.-9 a.m. Registration and breakfast
9-9:15 Welcome
9:15-10 Maureen Underwood, LCSW — Creating Community Partnerships for Youth Suicide Prevention
10:00-10:45 Eric Hipple — Real Men Do Cry
10:45-noon Lunch and expo
Noon-1:30 Concurrent sessions
■ Eric Hipple
■ Dr. Amanda LaGuardia — Communication and Boundary Setting with Children an Adolescents Struggling With Disruptive Behaviors
■ Maureena Benavides, LPC — LGBT Inclusive Suicide Prevention: Inclusion Benefits All
■ Tegan Henke, MS, LMFT, Robert Shaw, MPH, Forest Hanna, MS.ED. — Everybody Has a Voice
1:30-2:00 Break and Expo
2:00-3:30 Concurrent sessions
■ Maureen Underwood, LCSW — Working Together for Youth Suicide Prevention
■ Shannon Tyson-Poletti, M.D., Anne Tyson — Addressing the Needs of Survivors: A Support Session
■ Leah Vernia-Amend — Depression in Children; What PBCC Can Do To Help

Session speakers

Thomas Joiner
Friday keynote: "Why People Die by Suicide"
In his new theory of suicidal behavior, Joiner proposes three factors that mark those most at risk of death: the feeling of being a burden on loved ones; the sense of isolation; and, perhaps chillingly, the learned ability to hurt oneself. He tests the theory against diverse facts taken from clinical anecdotes, history, literature, popular culture, anthropology, epidemiology, genetics, and neurobiology — facts about suicide rates among men and women; white and African-American men; anorexics, athletes, prostitutes, and physicians; members of cults, sports fans, and citizens of nations in crisis.
He is a consultant to NASA's Human Research Program, and is the Director, with Pete Gutierrez, Ph.D., of the DoD-funded Military Suicide Research Consortium, a $30 million project.

Eric Hipple
Depression Awareness, Suicide Prevention and Destructive Behavior
There are those who display the classic symptoms of so-called suicidal behavior, who build up to their act over time or who choose methods that require careful planning. And then there are those whose act appears born of an immediate crisis, with little or no forethought involved. In both casesm the decision to die is predicated on thoughts that joy of life no longer outweighs the unknown found in death. Feelings of worthlessness and the inability to connect with the sense of well-being can be influenced by stress, trauma, brain illness, and injury. Brain illnesses such as depression and PTS can influence one's perception and lead to a pattern of negative thoughts and destructive behavior. An understanding of brain illness symptoms, suicide ideation and ACT works for intervention. Discussion of mental fitness (self-esteem, values, communication and healthy boundaries) works for prevention. The more mentally healthy one is, the better the outcomes to negative influencing factors.

Maureen Underwood
Friday keynote: Making Mental Health Professionals Partners in Youth Suicide Prevention.
While there are similarities in suicide risk across the life cycle, children and youth present their own set of challenges. What do mental health professionals need to know to be culturally competent with this population? What are the essential components of a comprehensive assessment with youth? How can we address some of the unique challenges posed by youth and their parents/guardians? This presentation will combine theory with a practical application to address the realities of suicide risk assessment and management for mental health clinicians today.
Friday afternoon session: Increasing Your Competence in Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk in Youth. This workshop will use lecture, video and interactive exercises to demonstrate techniques that are grounded in theory and adapted to the challenges presented by suicidal youth and their families. Content will include techniques for dealing with the stigma of suicide, strategies for having a conversation about suicide instead of an interview, and discussion about managing youth who use threats of suicide to have control over parents/guardians.
Saturday keynote: Creating Community Partnerships for Youth Suicide Prevention
You don't need a bunch of initials after your name or an advanced degree to be a partner in youth suicide prevention. This presentation will highlight a model for a competent prevention community that uses the talents, expertise, and energy of all community members to weave a safety net for vulnerable youth. Find out what you need to know to be a part of the prevention equation and how to develop an action plan to address suicide prevention for all of Midland's youth.
Saturday afternoon session: Working together for Youth Suicide Prevention. Come to this workshop to learn basic information about youth suicide that can help you better understand ways to reach out to the vulnerable youth in your community. Learn techniques for talking with youth about suicide and understand the important role trusted adults play in the lives of all our youth.

Altering addictive thinking, behavior is vital for recovery

CHRISTINE HALL
Centers for Children and Families

Substance abuse has become a worldwide problem. About 12 million people take illegal drugs monthly, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration's website.

For many people, drugs are a common form of self-medicating, and they may not be conscious of the reasons they started using drugs. Whether the issues are caused by mental-health disorders or environmental problems, drug use is a quick way to forget the problems that are causing pain. This is only a temporary solution. Considering that the "high" diminishes so quickly that it causes the individual to use again, a repetitive pattern of drug dependency and addictions will occur.

Therapy is important when working with clients who are dealing with substance-abuse problems. Many drug and alcohol users have a deeper underlying problem that has been masked by their addiction. It is imperative for the addict to be allowed to process their past in a safe setting. Therapy will help reduce addictive behaviors by teaching recovering addicts effective coping skills to process their emotions and manage mental-health issues that are frequently diagnosed with addictions.

Personality and mood disorders such as depression and anxiety are common in individuals who have an addiction. People who suffer from depression have a constant feeling of self-worthlessness. Those who suffer from depression and addiction tend to have a higher risk of suicide because they lack hope that anything will get better, including themselves. By discovering the unconscious issues, restoring the person beneath the problems and working on healthy coping skills, the individual can regain self-worth.

Similar to individuals struggling with depression, those with anxiety also use alcohol or drugs as a way to alleviate emotions. Developing unrealistic expectations set up individuals for constant disappointment. These disappointments may lead people to begin using drugs or alcohol to decrease anger or anxiety levels. Therapy will teach clients the skills to become problem-solvers. Recognizing irrational thoughts and demands will modify the cognitive process into a healthy rational system.

Prevention is vital for an individual to stay drug- and alcohol-free. It is difficult for an individual to stay clean/sober once stressors are brought back into a daily routine. For many recovering addicts, a relapse occurs within 90 days of the time they begin abstaining. Setting weekly goals — even if the goal is minor — is significant for any individual's recovery. Crisis intervention and relapse-prevention are necessary steps in case of an emergency. The key is to be aware of the stressors that may lead to continued use of drugs or alcohol.

Participating in a 12-step program and identifying situations to stay away from will allow the recovering addict to keep the necessary mindset. The therapy process will guide the addict in changing their previous way of thinking. It is important not only to stop the addictive behavior but the addictive thinking. When this new way of thinking becomes consistent, the recovering addict's behavior will change.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Advance directive should be priority

I am writing in response to your Guest View, "Having end-of-life discussion is prudent plan," that was published Dec. 28.

Thank you for publishing the Houston Chronicle piece and for bringing attention to the crucial conversations everyone should have before a medical crisis.

The top four causes of death are heart attack, stroke, accidents and cancer.

Three of the four are sudden events. Victims of these emergencies are often unable to communicate their health care wishes. In what is already a highly stressful situation, medical staff need critical information very quickly. Family members are often left to guess at the treatment options their loved ones would or would not want.

Communicating one's health care wishes and documenting them in the form of an advance directive might afford those most important to us the assurance that treatment preferences will be honored. It is our hope that everyone 18 years and older will make this a priority in 2016.

I invite and encourage our community leaders, our faith communities, local employers and senior living communities to join us in making this important community initiative a reality.

What a gift and a source of comfort to know that a loved one's end-of-life wishes were honored.

Sarah Meinzer
Advance Care Planning coordinator,

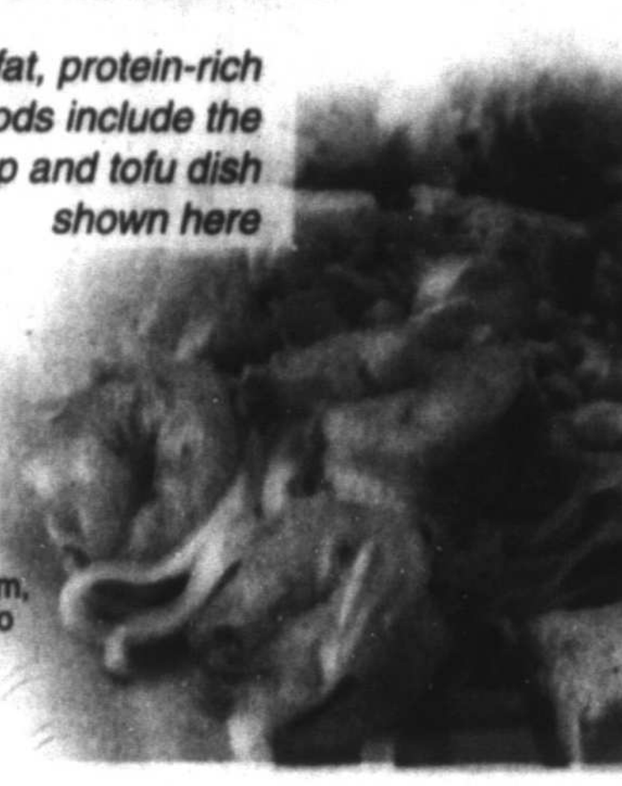
Healthy Living

Hunger reducer

Eating low-fat protein makes you feel less hungry and may help you lose weight.

Pumping up the glucose

- Protein increases glucose production in small intestine
- Liver detects glucose, signals brain that stomach is full



Low-fat, protein-rich foods include the shrimp and tofu dish shown here

Source: Cell Metabolism, TNS Photo Service

TRANSPLANT

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to Testerment, San Jacinto Principal Deborah Kendrick said. On Friday the school is hosting a "no uniform day" and donations on that day will also go to Testerment.

"We're trying different things," Kendrick said. "One team even had a bake sale, and they sold homemade baked goods and all those proceeds went to him. Even our PTA, when they learned of his situation after Christmas, went around and got personal donations from the PTA moms, and we were able to help him out with his rent and car payment at that time."

Basketball players donated funds they collected during a basketball game to Testerment, as well.

"He's just a very gentle, kind spirit, and it's sad to see something like this happen to someone," said Kendrick. "He has a good rapport with all of his students."

The mother of a cheerleader in one of Testerment's classes was moved to start a Go Fund Me page to help raise money for the medical expenses Testerment is facing.

Testerment will undergo dialysis treatment until he is matched for a kidney transplant, which takes an average of about three to five years, according to KidneyLink, a resource on kidney transplantation written and reviewed by medical professionals across the nation.

"Moving slow the past couple days …" Testerment wrote recently on the GoFundMe page. "Everything seems to ache, burn, or make me nauseous…I keep repeating a little prayer I know, 'Lord of Light, lend me Your might, so I can win this fight.'"

Even with all the effort of San Jacinto students, faculty and parents and Testerment's church, the cost remains overwhelming. The average cost to Medicare for treatment with the type of dialysis — Testerment will be on (peritoneal dialysis, which can be performed at home) — is more than $71,000 per individual, according to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

The financial burden is made heavier by the emotional cost of a disease like kidney failure.

"I have no energy, so it's hard to get up and do things," Testerment said. "I eventually get up and do them, but it's a struggle, such a struggle. I was talking to one of the teachers last night about (depression) because that is an issue. It is a frustrating disease. (The depression) doesn't pass; you just have to face it and keep pushing forward. That's all you can do."

Testerment copes by reading and working toward getting back to San Jacinto. In fact, despite not technically working right now, Testerment has been writing grants to get 3-D printers and laser etchers into his classroom.

Testerment has always loved working with students, particularly those at the junior high school age, despite it being a notoriously difficult time in adolescence.

"They're just figuring things out," Testerment said. "You've gotta kinda remember what it was like when you were that age and what interested you and what didn't. Steer them away from the wrong choices."

The desire to return to teaching and see his students every day keeps him going.

"I miss working with the school. It's a job I enjoy. and I want to keep it," Testerment said. "The cost of everything is what's got me worried. Even though I have insurance through the school, there's still all those co-pays for all these procedures, the doctors, prescriptions, and then the (dialysis) supplies will be kicking in soon. …I don't know how I'm gonna do it. That's what scares me. I know times are getting harder around here with the oil prices and everything but — see this part's hard for me because I don't like asking for help but I've got to face the reality. I have to find some way to pay for these expenses so I can get back to work."

Testerment himself has given back to many of his students who were unable to afford materials required to take his wood shop class. Growing up, he came from a poor family in Appalachia, so he knows the feeling.

"I never had anything growing up except my imagination," Testerment said. "And that's one reason I like this class. I can encourage the kids to use their imagination to build things. So if I see kids that want to do something but they don't have the finances to do it, I'll try to help out."

Still, Testerment has his dark days. But when the pain and depression comes, he remembers that, most of all, he doesn't want his students to see him give up.

"I don't want to give up because I don't want (the students) to see that that's an option," Testerment said. "I guess that's really it … if something good is going to come out of this, I want it to be that they learn not to give up."

LEARY

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and are considered complete proteins. Some plants contain protein — but most are deficient — missing the EAA's. The whole egg is the most complete protein source found in nature and gives you the perfect EAA ratio.

To figure your daily protein needs, convert your weight in kilograms (divide your weight in pounds by 2.2) The CDC recommends 0.8 of a gram of protein per kilogram of body weight for healthy individuals. If you are pregnant, stressed or you exercise vigorously, your intake should be between 1.1 and 1.8 grams per day. A healthy but sedentary person that weighs 150/2.2=68*.08= needs 55 grams per day. The same active person weighing 150/2.2=68*1.1= needs 75 grams per day.

You can reach your protein goals through many different kinds of foods. A 3-ounce serving of meat, chicken and fish will equal up to 21 grams. One cup of dry beans or legumes equals 16 grams. One cup of skim milk has 8 grams of protein and most yogurts have 8-12 grams. For recovery after a workout, it is ideal to consume at least a minimum of 10 grams of protein or more depending on the intensity of your workout. Milk is a combination of casein and whey. Casein is 70-80 percent of protein in cow's milk. Whey is 20 percent of protein in cow's milk — translucent white liquid left when milk coagulates. Whey protein empties from the stomach faster than casein, it's cheaper, and can be also be used as a snack between meals. Casein breaks down over 5-7 hours, which makes it good to take at night. Your body will keep absorbing and using the nutrients.

Carbohydrates are comprised of three elements; carbon, hydrogen and oxygen. Carbs are the most immediate source of fuel; they break down 30-50 percent faster than fats. Carbs are your primary energy source and intermediate product needed for complete fat metabolism in aerobic pathways. There are two types of carbs: starches, which include grains, corn, rice, barley, vegetables, pasta, beans and wheat and sugars, which are sweets, sugars, fruit, and whole milk. You need carbs to burn fat or you will start to burn your muscle. High intensity exercise burns carbohydrates (when you hit your lactate threshold, you have hit 100 percent of your carb burn and you are entering your anaerobic burn). You need a good mix of complex carbs.

If you have ever been on a low carb diet you may have experienced ketosis. Ketosis is a metabolic state where most of the body's energy supply will come from ketone bodies in the blood instead of glycolysis state where blood glucose provides most of your energy. Your breath may smell like ammonia or if you smell sweet you need to eat some carbs — your body has gone into survival mode. Control your blood sugar cortisol and have something light before your morning workout.

There are many different options for proteins and carbs for you to choose from. If you're having trouble deciding what works best for your body, consult with your trainer or a certified nutritionist to review your current diet, training goals and plans in order to make the best possible decisions for you.

Denessa Leary is Health and Wellness coordinator at Midland YMCA

Guidelines part of effort to curb prescribing antibiotics

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's cold season and the miserable trudge in seeking antibiotics because of mucus turned green, or the cough has nagged for weeks.

Despite years of warnings, doctors still overprescribe antibiotics for acute respiratory infections even though most are caused by viruses that those drugs cannot help.

Now doctors are getting new tips on how to avoid unnecessary antibiotics for these common complaints — and to withstand the patient who's demanding one.

Sure, bronchitis sounds scary. So describe it as a chest cold. And no, color changes don't mean it's time for an antibiotic.

"Antibiotics are terrific. Thank God we have them for really bad things. But we need to be judicious in the way we use them," said American College of Physicians President Dr. Wayne J. Riley, an internal medicine professor at Vanderbilt University.

Rather than sending patients off with little advice about what to do while their bodies fight off a virus, how about a prescription instead for some over-the-counter or home remedies that just might ease the cough or the pain?

"We're calling for the symptomatic prescription pad," Riley said, describing information sheets that suggest simple aids like humidifiers and plenty of fluid, have a space to scribble directions for an OTC drug — and tell patients when to return if they're not getting better. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has a sample on its website.

Antibiotics are losing their effectiveness, and inappropriate prescribing is one factor. Repeated exposure can lead germs to become resistant to the drugs. The CDC estimates that drug-resistant bacteria cause 2 million illnesses and 23,000 deaths each year in the U.S.

Another reason not to use them unnecessarily: side effects. Antibiotics are implicated in 1 of 5 emergency-room visits for bad drug reactions, CDC says. Particularly troubling is an increase in severe diarrhea caused by C-diff, the Clostridium difficile bug that can take hold in the gut after antibiotics kill off other bacteria.

CDC has seen improvement from pediatricians in antibiotic prescribing but overuse remains a big problem for adults, especially with respiratory illnesses, said Dr. Lauri Hicks, who heads CDC's "Get Smart" antibiotic education campaign.

Monday's guidelines, from CDC and the American College of Physicians, move beyond simple statements that antibiotics don't work for viruses like the common cold or the flu. They lay out how doctors begin deciding if antibiotics are warranted for some other common respiratory complaints, explain that decision to patients and offer guidance on symptom relief.

Among the advice, published in Annals of Internal Medicine:

■ Acute bronchitis is airway inflammation, irritation that makes you cough, sometimes as long as six weeks. The guidelines say not to perform special testing or prescribe antibiotics unless pneumonia is suspected, something often accompanied by a fast heartbeat, fever or abnormal breathing sounds.

Over-the-counter symptom relief includes cough suppressants such as dextromethorphan; mucus-thinning expectorants such as guaifenesin; and antihistamines or decongestants.

■ Sore throats are hugely common but adults are far less likely than children to have the strep throat that requires an antibiotic. A rapid strep test is available if patients have suspicious symptoms such as persistent fever, night sweats or swollen tonsils.

Pain-relieving options for adults include aspirin, acetaminophen, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs such as ibuprofen, and throat lozenges.

■ Sinus infections can be very painful but usually clear up without antibiotics even if bacteria are to blame. The guidelines say antibiotics should be reserved for patients with no signs of improvement after 10 days, severe

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GIANT CLASSIFIED
GAME PIECE #3
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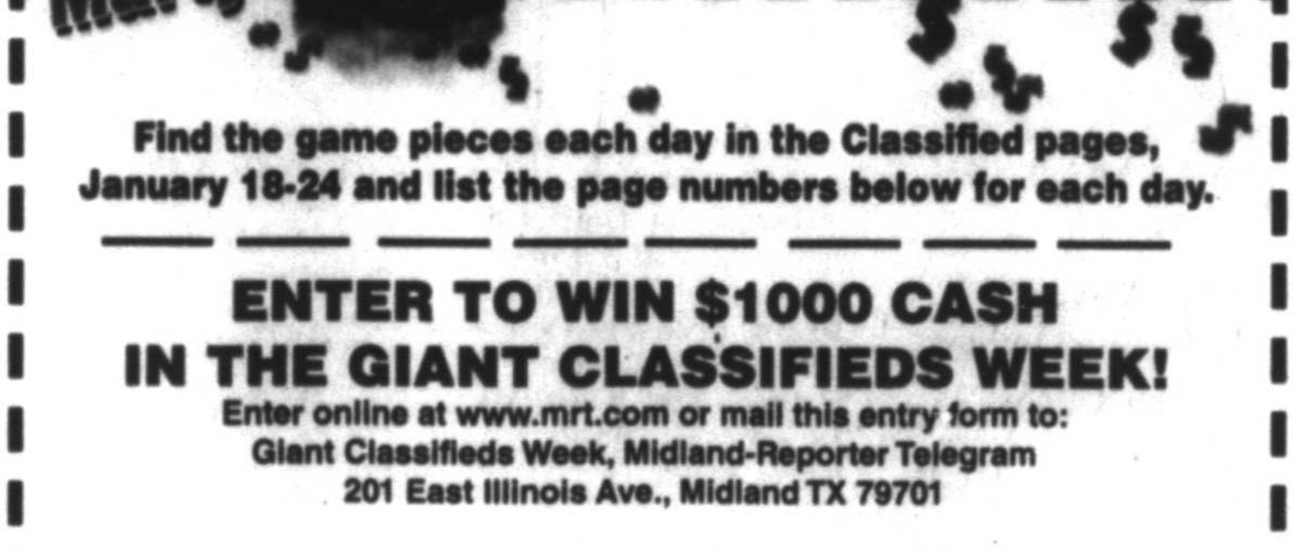

Find the game pieces each day in the Classified pages, January 18-24 and list the page numbers below for each day.

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TODAY: Mostly sunny	THURSDAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Mostly sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Mostly sunny	MONDAY: Mostly sunny
High: 63 Low: 36	High: 56 Low: 27	High: 55 Low: 32	High: 64 Low: 36	High: 67 Low: 38	High: 57 Low: 31

Local forecast

The National Weather Service has taken rain out of its seven-day forecast. What the NWS left in includes gusty conditions on Thursday and high temperatures moving above and below the normal (57 degrees) for this time of year.

The record high for Jan. 19 is 83 set in 2000. The record low is 8 set in 1963. On Jan. 19 of last year, the high was 75 and the low was 36.

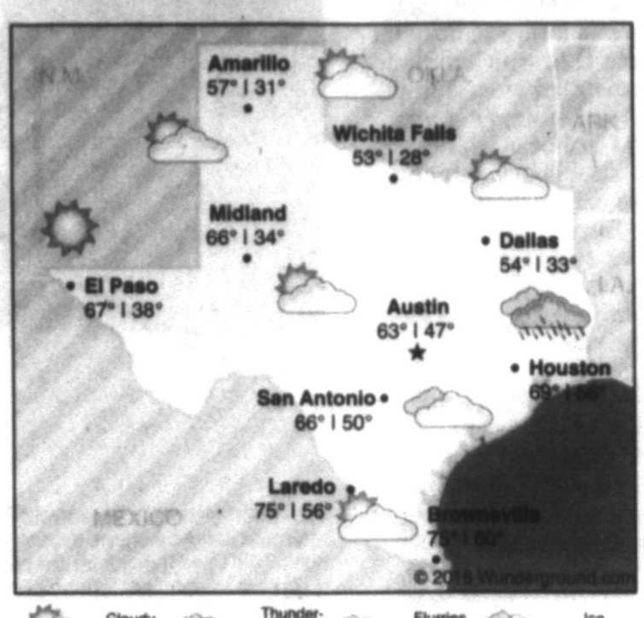
Weather brief

WYOMING

Woman found dead, son frostbitten after 3-day search

CHEYENNE — Sheriff's officials found a woman dead of exposure and her teenage son suffering from frostbite Tuesday, ending a three-day search for a family of three that went missing amid a series of mishaps while snowmobiling in the Medicine Bow Mountains.

Searchers had found the father in good condition Monday after he went for help and became separated from the other two.



Precipitation

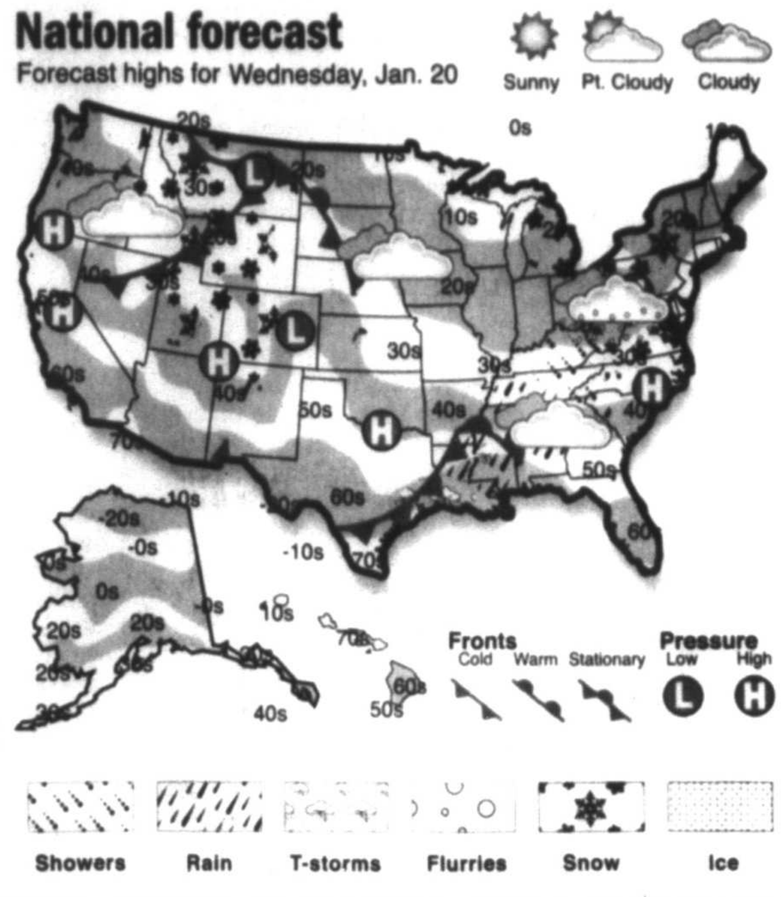
Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.09 in.
Year total	0.09 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.29 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	71
Low	41
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:48 a.m.
Sunset	6:11 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, Jan. 20



Wife fears losing her family if she leaves them for lover

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 live in Israel, and for the past five years, I've been having an affair with a great guy I'll call Yuri. I married very young to a man who is kind and very Orthodox. I love my children and grandchildren.

Yuri thinks we should leave our spouses and make a fresh start. (I'm not Orthodox and neither is he.) I am afraid if I do, I might lose my children and grandchildren. On the other hand, I can't survive without Yuri.

I have always had lovers since I discovered how Orthodox my husband is — it's a survival thing. I am going nuts. What should I do? — IN TURMOIL IN ISRAEL

DEAR IN TURMOIL: Consider VERY carefully what a new life with Yuri will cost you, because it's going to be emotionally expensive. Right now, you are part of a community, with standing in that community. If you leave it, all of that will be gone, and you will likely be shunned.

While running away with your lover might seem romantic, I would be very surprised if it didn't spell the end of your relationship with your children and grandchildren. A decision like this should not be taken lightly; it needs to be made rationally. If you are "going nuts," you are NOT thinking rationally, so please, discuss this with a counselor more familiar with Orthodox custom than I.

DEAR ABBY: My ex sent our children letters from prison. I didn't give them the letters because he was abusive. In one of them, he asked our daughter to forgive him and not punish him forever. Abby, her father had abused her, and he's asking for her to stop punishing HIM? She was going to kill herself because of what he did to her.

My daughter went through several years of intense counseling and still battles depression, so there is no way I'll permit him to have contact with her or my other children. I have had no contact with him since we split up several years ago. My lawyer mailed the divorce papers and that was that. Should I write him a letter and tell him what I think? — NOWHERE IN TEXAS

DEAR NOWHERE: No, your lawyer should. One of the hallmarks of abusers is that they tend to blame their victims for their actions. The statement in your ex's letter accusing your daughter of "punishing him" with her silence is troubling. She's under no obligation to forgive her abuser.

When he is finally released from prison, one of the conditions might be that he must have no contact with minors. And if by then your children are no longer minors, one can only hope that they have become mature enough to protect themselves emotionally — and physically, if necessary — from their father.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 13, and a girl in my grade likes me — REALLY likes me, but I think I'm too young. All my friends say I should go for it and have her as a girlfriend, but I'm not sure I should. I need professional help. — NOT QUITE READY IN GEORGIA

DEAR NOT QUITE READY: Determining when a person is "ready" for a romantic relationship isn't something other people can or should decide. If you're not sure you want a girlfriend right now, the fact that she likes you — REALLY likes you — isn't as important as what YOU think and YOU feel. You appear to have a good head on your shoulders. Let it be your guide and don't allow your well-meaning friends to push you into anything.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bridge magic

Both vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ Void
♡ J 10 3
◇ 10 9 6 3
♣ Q 10 9 6 5 3

WEST
♠ 9 8 7 2
♡ 7 4 2
◇ 8 4 2
♣ A 8 2

EAST
♠ K J 10 6 5
♡ A 8
◇ Q 7 5
♣ K J 7

SOUTH
♠ A Q 4 3
♡ K Q 9 6 5
◇ A K J
♣ 4

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♠	Dbl	Pass	2♣
Pass	2	Pass	3
Pass	4	All pass	

Opening lead: Two of ♠

When declarer can't see a road to success in his contract, it's often a good idea to cash all of his winners, including his last trump (in a trump contract). This will sometimes create an impossible situation for the defenders.

East won the opening trump lead with the ace and continued the suit. South won this in his hand with the king and ruffed a low spade with dummy's last trump. Declarer led a diamond to his jack for a winning finesse, and drew the last trump. It looked like he had three sure losers remaining, but he tried the effect of cashing both of his diamond winners and his last two trumps, leaving this position:

NORTH
♠ Void
♡ Void
◇ Void
♣ Q 10 9 6

WEST
♠ 9
♡ Void
◇ Void
♣ A 8 2

EAST
♠ K J
♡ Void
◇ Void
♣ K J 7

SOUTH
♠ A Q 4
♡ Void
◇ Void
♣ 4

East still had to discard and chose his low club. South exited with a club to dummy's 10, losing to the jack. East cashed the king of clubs, but declarer discarded his low spade. East was forced to lead a spade from the king and South took the finesse for his contract. Well done!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016:

This year you become more aware of others and their needs. You have become more sensitive and caring. Your inner circle grows as a result. You also experience many more options and opportunities. If you are single, you might meet someone in your day-to-day travels. The person you meet could have the same issues as you, but he or she will manifest them in a very different way. You can learn from each other if you respect your differences. If you are attached, the two of you act like new lovers. Clearly, you enjoy each other's company. GEMINI is always full of ideas.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Your creativity continues to dominate, but you'll communicate your thoughts more incisively. Conversations could go in many different directions. You will find out what works for you in no time. Be willing to go through the process. Tonight: Pretend that it is the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Others make demands that might distract you from some thoughts about finances. You need to deal with these money issues, but honor a need for a change of pace. An element of unpredictability runs through work. Tonight: Balance your checkbook before you head out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You see past the obvious, but you aren't always ready to share these thoughts. As a result, others find you to be most unpredictable and capable of doing anything. This perspective should give you an indication of how you project yourself. Tonight: Ready for some adventure?

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You could be more demanding than you realize. On some level, a close friend or associate might feel drained by your initial reaction. You seem to be concerned with some matters involving your finances that you are not ready to discuss. Tonight: Not to be found.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Others seek you out. At the present moment, you seem to prefer the company of many people all at once. Could it be possible that you are trying to avoid a situation or conversation? It is going to happen sooner or later, but play it your way. Tonight: Where people are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Others often look to you for leadership. You know when you have had enough and want to head in a different direction. How you handle a demanding situation could change radically in a few days. Know that there will be reactions you'll need to deal with. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Your ability to think fast and come up with several novel ideas emerges. Your understanding of others' predicaments will add to your mental resilience. Expressing a consideration for others is the type of thinking that creates mutual respect. Tonight: Say "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Work with individuals rather than a group of people. You could be confused about what to do and when. Listen to your inner voice if you feel iffy about verbalizing a problem. Timing could make a big difference. Honor your instincts. Tonight: Downtime with a loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You'll hear a lot of information all at once. You could be surprised by how overwhelming it is. Detach, and listen to what is offered and nothing more. You will be able to become more responsive soon. Tonight: An opportunity appears that seems too good to be true.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Security, both emotionally and financially, becomes more important to you in the next few weeks. You could find that an element of unpredictability surrounds you, especially when you're out and about. Reach out to someone at a distance. Tonight: Stick to your usual routine.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You feel energized, though you also might feel scattered. Don't worry — you will bounce back quickly. You could be surprised by what someone says or does. You won't be able to suppress your reaction. Remain nurturing with a loved one. Tonight: Go for what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might need some downtime. You could be doing a lot of processing in your mind. Be ready to take a risk if it feels comfortable, but don't lose sight of the financial implications involved. You'd be wise to exercise caution. Tonight: Happy to be close to home.

BORN TODAY

Comedian Bill Maher (1956), multi-instrumentalist Questlove (1971), musician Paul Stanley (1952)

DAILY CROSSWORD

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25 Make a bet
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29 Karachi language
31 Nursery purchase
32 Scrapped, at NASA
33 *Railroad track piece
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36 Deck honcho, informally
37 Recital highlights
39 Thomas, Dick and Harry
42 *Police surveillance
46 Rations for Rover
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68 El Día de Los Reyes month

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2 Actress Longoria
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5 Picking out of an LAPD lineup
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9 One of the Allman Brothers
10 Earth, to Mahler
11 Corrida stars
12 Portend
13 *Daytime observatory sighting
18 Moves effortlessly
22 Kid watchers
23 Jean-__ Picard: "Star Trek: TNG" captain
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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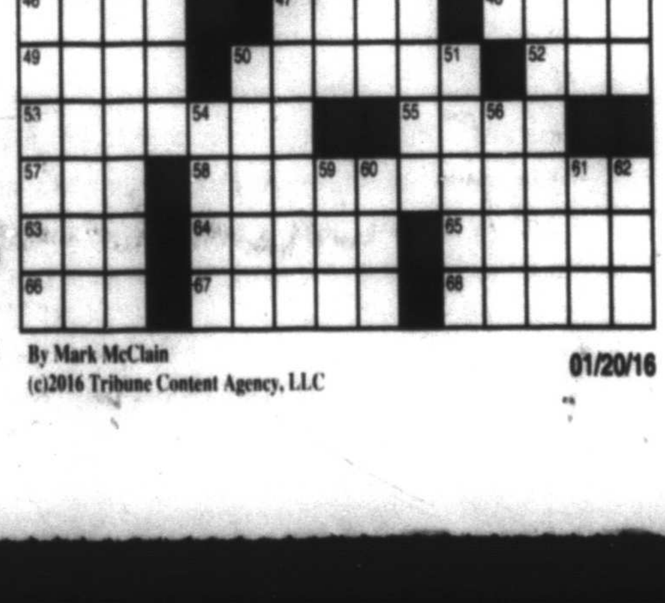

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Average age of new US moms at all-time high

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The average age of first-time mothers is at an all-time high in the U.S — over 26.

The change is largely due to a big drop in teen moms. But more first births to older women also are tugging the number up, said T.J. Mathews of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

He's the lead author of a report released Thursday that put the average age at 26 years, 4 months for women who had their first child in 2014.

The government began tracking the age of new mothers around 1970 when the average was 21. It's been mostly climbing ever since, and spiked in about the last five years.

The number rocketed immediately after a 1973 U.S. Supreme Court ruling legalizing abortion, which is used mostly by young unmarried women. Also fueling the rise were improvements in birth control and greater opportunities for women, experts said.

"Women are staying in school longer, they're going into the workforce, they're waiting to get married, and they're waiting to have kids," said John Santelli, a Columbia University professor of population and family health.

"It's been going on in the U.S. since the 1950s," and in many other countries as well, he added.

Overall, the average age of first-time moms has been rising in every racial and ethnic group, and in every state. Since 2000, some of the most dramatic increases were for black mothers and for moms living along the West Coast.

However, the Northeast still has the highest average ages. Topping the list are Massachusetts and the District of Columbia, each at about 29, and Connecticut and New York, at or near 28.

In New York's Park Slope neighborhood in Brooklyn — an enclave for families with young children — older moms are common.

Pushing a stroller on a frigid Wednesday morning, Meisha Welch said she didn't have the first of her two children until just after her 38th birthday.

"Many of my friends I grew up with, we all have small children," said Welch, now 42. "We had children at what in the past may have seemed like an older age. But now it feels more average."

Online:
CDC report: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/

ANTIBIOTICS

From 4B

symptoms such as fever higher than 102, or what's called double-sickening, when someone starts to recover and then gets worse.

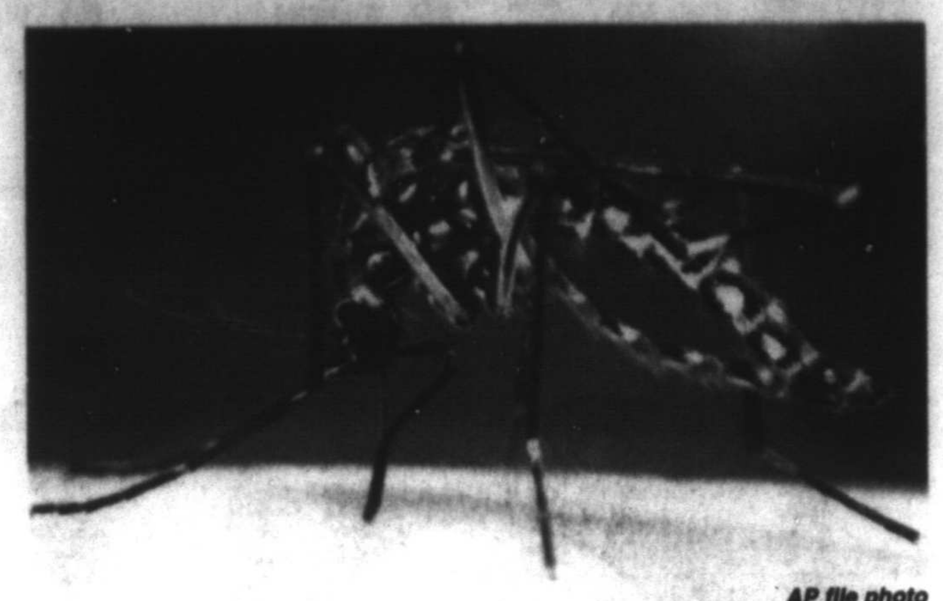
Possible symptom relievers include decongestants, nasal sprays, saline nasal irrigation and pain medications.

Riley often has to explain how to tell if cough and cold relievers contain a sedating antihistamine, and that nasal sprays clear congestion quickly but that using them for too many days can trigger rebound symptoms. He asks if patients are taking multiple products that contain acetaminophen, best known as Tylenol, because too much can damage the liver. Often, his patients say an over-the-counter drug isn't working when in fact, they didn't take it as directed.

"There is a dizzying array" of drugstore symptom relievers, so don't make miserable patients sort through them without help, said CDC's Hicks.

Hawaii baby born with defect linked to Zika

By Audrey McAvoy
Associated Press



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This 2006 file photo provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows a female Aedes aegypti mosquito in the process of acquiring a blood meal from a human host. The The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Tuesday announced new guidance for doctors whose pregnant patients may have traveled to regions with a tropical illness linked to birth defects. Officials say doctors should ask pregnant women about their travel and certain symptoms, and, if warranted, test them for an infection with the Zika virus. The virus is spread through mosquito bites.

HONOLULU — Health officials say a baby born in a Hawaii hospital is the first in the U.S. with a birth defect linked to the Zika virus, a tropical illness currently found in Latin American and Caribbean countries.

The Hawaii state Department of Health said the baby's mother likely contracted the disease while living in Brazil last year and passed it on while her child was in the womb.

Here are some questions and answers about the case.

Q: Is there a risk the virus will spread in hawaii?

A: Not from this case.

The Zika virus is spread when a mosquito bites an infected person and then bites someone else. It is not transmitted from person to person.

Dr. Sarah Park, the Hawaii state epidemiologist, said Tuesday the mother no longer had the virus when she arrived in Hawaii and the baby no longer had it at the time of birth. There was no chance a mosquito could have bitten them and spread it to others.

One of the mosquitoes that can carry the virus, Aedes aegypti, is not common in Hawaii. It has been found in some pockets of the islands and is blamed for an ongoing outbreak on the Big Island of the dengue virus, which is spread the same way as Zika. Dengue can cause high fever, headache, nausea and other symptoms.

Q: Have people in the United States contracted the virus before?

A: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said at least 26 travelers returning to the U.S. have been diagnosed with Zika since 2007 — all of them believed to have caught it overseas. In addition, a person in Puerto Rico who had not traveled was diagnosed with the illness. On Tuesday, Illinois said two pregnant women tested positive for the virus after traveling to countries where Zika is found. Physicians are monitoring their health and pregnancies.

Since 2014, the state of Hawaii has documented six people as having caught the virus in other countries, but there is no sign the disease spread to other people in the islands.

Q: How does the virus affect people?

A: Zika causes only a mild illness in most people. Those infected can show fever, rash and joint pain that can last several days to a week.

In Brazil, which is combatting a large outbreak, there has been a significant increase in cases of a birth defect linked to Zika. The birth defect is called microcephaly and involves babies being born with smaller than expected heads that might not have developed properly. Dr. Cynthia Moore of the CDC told reporters during a conference call last week that it's hard to predict at birth how the condition will affect a child. But in severe cases, babies with microcephaly may have seizures, vision problems and developmental disabilities.

Q: What are medical experts advising people to do?

A: The CDC has issued an alert asking women at any stage of pregnancy to postpone travel to 14 destinations in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The agency also has advised U.S. travelers to take steps to protect themselves against mosquito bites if they visit places in Latin America or the Caribbean where Zika has been spreading. The advice includes wearing long sleeves and long pants and using insect repellent.

Park said the Hawaii case is a reminder that there's potential for diseases to be introduced to new areas.

"It's a global village, people travel easily from various areas. You can't just say that we're so far away from where the disease is normally recognized that there's no possibility of ever seeing it where we live," Park said.

She urged people in Hawaii to get rid of potential mosquito breeding sites around their property.

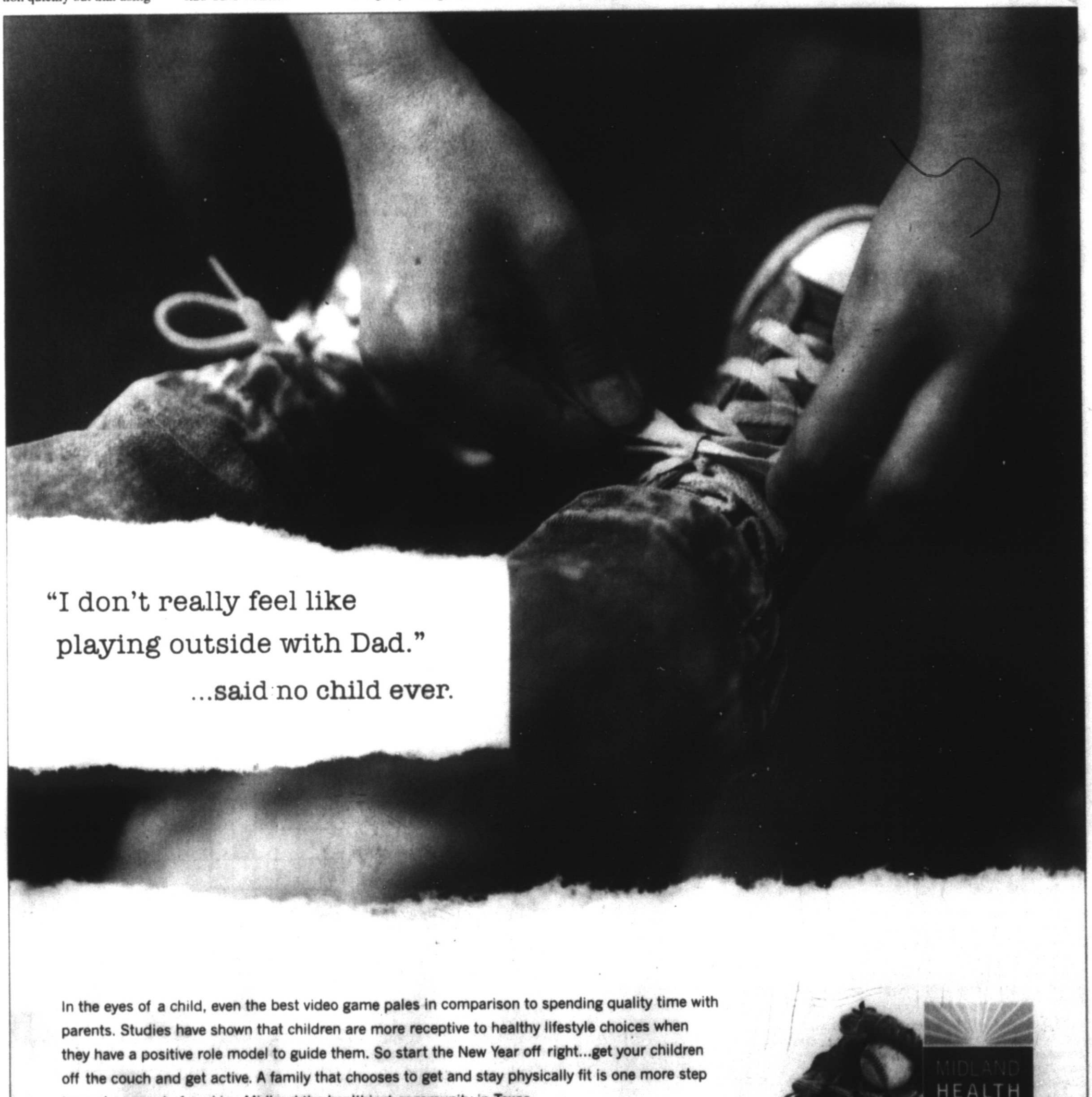
HIV testing uncommon in teens despite recommendations

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Fewer than 1 in 4 high school students who've had sex have ever been tested for HIV, a troubling low rate that didn't budge over eight years, government researchers say. Young adults fared slightly better, although testing rates have declined in black women, a high-risk group.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and an influential preventive health panel recommend routine HIV testing at least once for teens and adults. They also advise at least yearly screening for high-risk patients including those with multiple sex partners, gay or bisexual boys and men and injection drug users. The American Academy of Pediatrics has similar advice targeting teens only.

Nearly half of U.S. high school students have had sex, often without using condoms, which can help prevent the spread of HIV, which causes AIDS.



In the eyes of a child, even the best video game pales in comparison to spending quality time with parents. Studies have shown that children are more receptive to healthy lifestyle choices when they have a positive role model to guide them. So start the New Year off right...get your children off the couch and get active. A family that chooses to get and stay physically fit is one more step toward our goal of making Midland the healthiest community in Texas.

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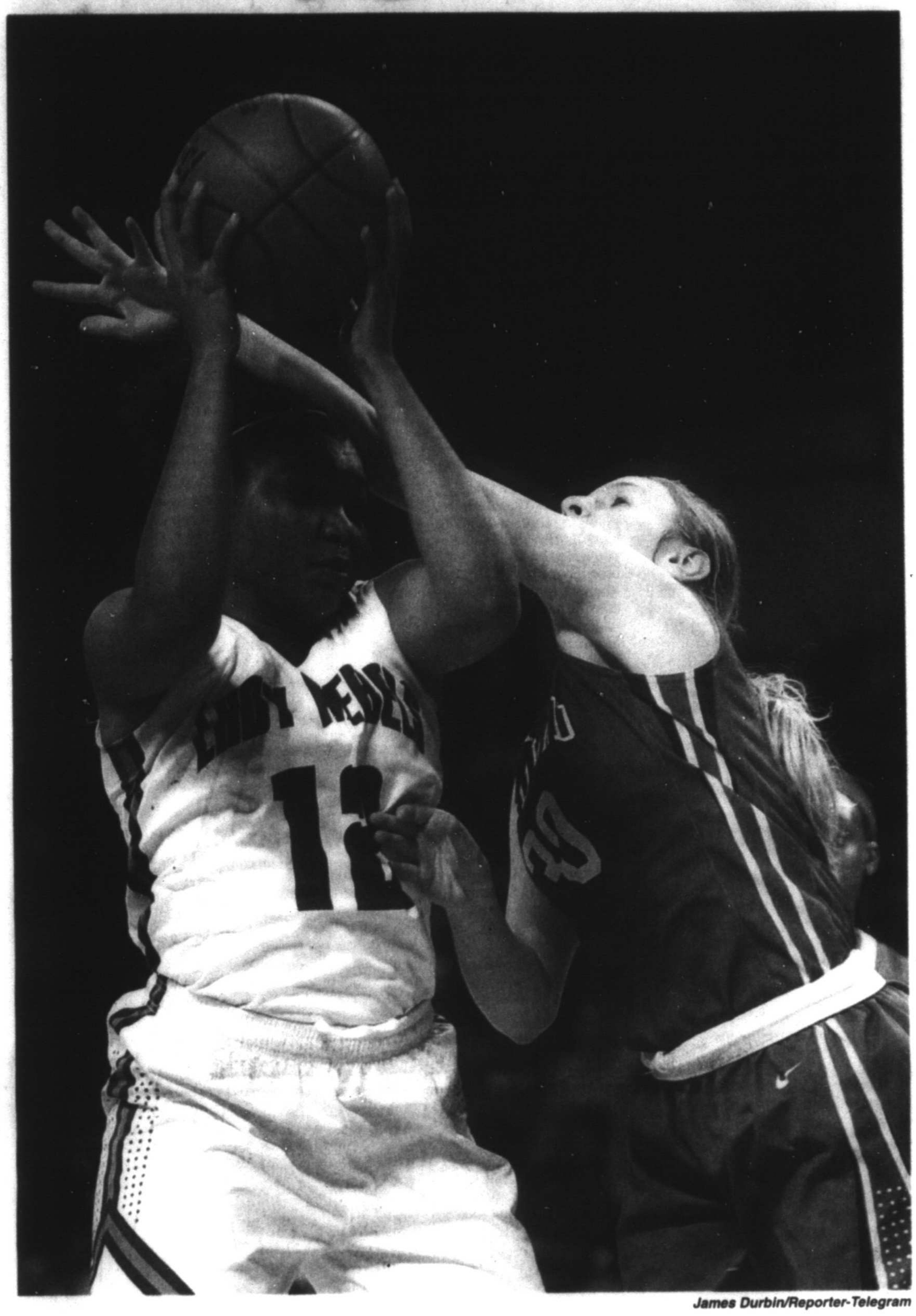
Rivalry games split



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Lee High's Kyra Lewis (12) comes down with a rebound against Midland High's Kilee Frazier (30) on Tuesday at Chaparral Center.

Stifling defense helps Lee topple MHS

By Christopher Hadorn
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Lady Rebels	61
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The Chaparral Center was buzzing on Tuesday night as two Midland ISD girls basketball teams hit the hardwood with unbeaten marks in District 3-6A play.

In front of an electric crowd, it didn't take long for Lee to exert its will on Midland High with its suffocating defense and fast break offense.

The Lady Rebels rode a commanding performance in the first half en route to a 61-44 victory over the visiting Lady Bulldogs.

With the win, Lee (18-4, 4-0 in District 3-6A) took sole possession of first place by jumping ahead of MHS (15-8, 3-1) in the district standings with six games left to play.

Lady Rebels senior post Kyra Lewis played a big hand in the first half with 17 points before intermission, propelling her team to a 33-16 advantage at halftime.

Lewis finished with 20 points and 13 rebounds to record her fourth double-double in as many District 3-6A games this season.

"Kyra started off with the offense," Lee senior guard Allison Valdez said. "She was on fire.

"It has to start with someone, it was Kyra this game. We just supported her and we told her to keep us going because she was the one pulling us."

The Lady Rebels' pressure defense forced 15 steals on MHS and Lewis even contributed to that effort with a team-high four steals. Valdez ranked second on Lee with three steals.

"We go after it," Lewis said. "Our guards, they're so quick. They started off getting the steals and it trickles down. The posts will get a steal every now and then. We all kind of share the wealth because they'll the start the trap and we will be able to get the steal and we wouldn't be able to do it without

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MHS jumps out early, rolls past Lee

By Will Korn
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The Midland High boys basketball team got exactly the start it was hoping for on Tuesday against cross-town rival Lee.

Hot shooting, a smothering full-court press and a balanced scoring effort helped the Bulldogs take a commanding halftime lead and they never looked back in an 84-68 District 3-6A win at Chaparral Center.

With his team coming off of a 72-64 loss at Abilene High on Friday, MHS (7-12, 1-1 in District 3-6A) head coach Shan Hooker said he was pleased with the way his team set the tone early in the game against the Rebels (3-15, 0-2 in District 3-6A).

"This is about our fifth game where we've had the defensive intensity, we, shot the ball well, ran the floor well," Hooker said. "This is what we've been working towards all year. We're setting the pace, we're setting the tone of the game. That's what we ask the boys to go out there and do as a coaching staff. Go jump on them, get after it and do what we do."

In just his second game after missing the entire non-district season, Courtney McMaryion's play in particular had a significant impact in the Bulldogs' victory.

McMaryion was quiet in the first quarter but then poured in 11 of his 18 points in the second. Over one stretch, he hit three consecutive 3-pointers and had the MHS faithful fired up as the Bulldogs eventually took a 44-24 lead into the locker rooms at halftime.

Throughout the evening, MHS was the aggressor both offensively and defensively and McMaryion — using his heralded length and athleticism — had quite a bit to do with that.

"We've been practicing like that the

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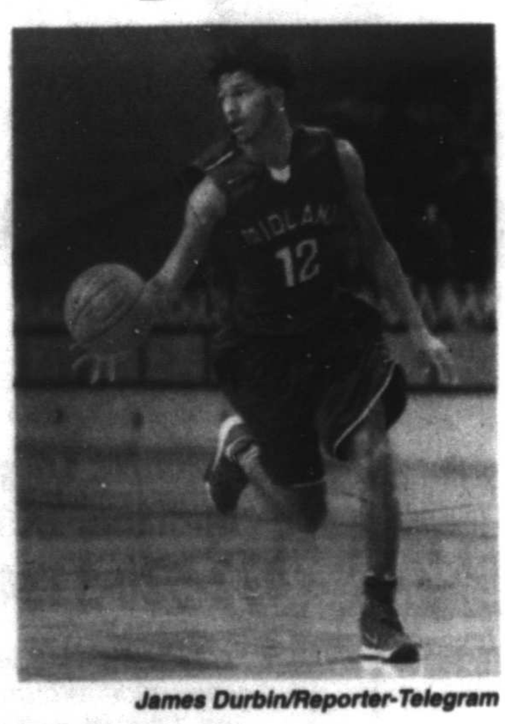

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Midland High's Courtney McMaryion (12) takes the ball down the court against Lee High on Tuesday at Chaparral Center.

Texas latest state to call daily fantasy sports illegal

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas attorney general sided Tuesday with the growing list of states that consider daily fantasy sports sites such as DraftKings and FanDuel illegal, stopping short of ordering the multibillion-dollar industry to pack up and leave.

Attorney General Ken Paxton said a court would likely find daily fantasy sports illegal under Texas law. But attorney general opinions in Texas are nonbinding, leaving the games essentially free to continue there for now.

Regardless, the opinion is another blow to daily fantasy sports operators. DraftKings and FanDuel took in a combined $3 billion last year and have gone to court in other states, including New York and Illinois, following similar actions by state attorneys general.

"Simply put, it is prohibited gambling in Texas if you bet on the performance of a participant in a sporting event and the house takes a cut," Paxton said.

Boston-based DraftKings responded by calling Paxton's prediction about how a court might rule wrong and said it will continue operating in Texas.

"The Attorney General's prediction is predicated on a fundamental misunderstanding" of daily fantasy sports, DraftKings attorney Randy Mastro said in a statement.

DraftKings and FanDuel have argued across the U.S. that daily fantasy is a game of skill, not chance, and insist that their operations are legal because they technically don't accept wagers and because their success doesn't rely on any particular result.

Paxton issued the opinion in response to a formal request from a Texas lawmaker. He said it was up to the Legislature — "not this office or the courts" — to change the legal framework to make daily fantasy sports permissible.

A spokesman for Texas Gov. Greg Abbott declined comment.

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Verdasco sends Nadal out in 1st round of Australian Open

By John Pye
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — For five sets and nearly five hours, two chiseled Spanish left-handers went head-to-head again at the Australian Open.

It wasn't a semifinal this time, though, and It didn't end nearly as well for Rafael Nadal, who lost 7-6 (6), 4-6, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2 to Fernando Verdasco and was eliminated in the first round of a Grand Slam tournament for only the second time in a career that has netted him 14 major titles.

Nadal won his only Australian title in 2009 after overcoming Verdasco in a 5-hour, 14-minute semifinal, a match that still ranks among the classics at Melbourne Park.

This time, Verdasco rallied from a 2-1 deficit to win the last two sets, and came from a break down in the fifth to win in 4:41 and reach the second round. Nadal's only previous first-round exit in a Grand Slam was at Wimbledon in 2013, when he lost in straight sets to No. 135-ranked Steve Darcis of Belgium.

"It's a hard and painful loss," the fifth-seeded Nadal said. "He was playing amazing in the last set ... more aggressive than me. He took more risks than me, and he won. Probably he deserved."

No. 2 Simona Halep and seven-time Grand Slam winner Venus Williams also went out in the first round on Tuesday, when a series of upsets took some focus off a match-fixing controversy that had overshadowed the first day of the season's first major.

Halep, the 2014 French Open finalist, lost 6-4, 6-3 to Zhang Shuai, giving the No. 133-ranked Chinese qualifier her first win at a Grand Slam after 14 losses.

"It's OK. I don't want to make this match like dramatic," said Halep, who refused to blame an Achilles tendon problem for contributing to her third first-round loss in five years at Melbourne Park.

Verdasco went for everything on his

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DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV
GOLF

European PGA: Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship, 1st Round, 9:30 p.m., GOLF

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

UCF at USF, 5:15 p.m., ESPNews
Nebraska at Michigan State, 5:30 p.m., BTN
Wake Forest at North Carolina, 6 p.m, ESPN2
Texas at West Virginia, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Georgia at Missouri, 6 p.m., SEC
Temple at La Salle, 6 p.m., CBSSN
DePaul at Marquette, 7 p.m., FS1
Davidson at St. Louis, 7 p.m., FCSA
Kansas State at Baylor, 7:15 p.m., ESPNews
Minnesota at Michigan, 7:30 p.m., BTN
Florida State at Louisville, 8 p.m., ESPNU
Vanderbilt at Tennessee, 8 p.m., SEC
Villanova at Seton Hall, 8 p.m., CBSSN
Colorado State at Air Force, 8 p.m., ROOT+
Colorado at Washington, 9 p.m., P12, P12 Mtn, P12 WA
Cai State Fullerton at UC Irvine, 9:30 p.m., FCSP
UCLA at Oregon State, 10 p.m., ESPNU

NBA

Golden State at Chicago, 7 p.m., ESPN
Minnesota at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW
Atlanta at Portland, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL

St. Louis at Detroit, 7 p.m., NBCSN
Minnesota at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m., NBCSN

TENNIS

Australian Open, 6 p.m., TENNIS
Australian Open, 8 p.m., ESPN2

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Texas Tech at Oklahoma, 10:30 a.m., FSN (FSSW, FSSW+)
UCF at Connecticut, 6 p.m., SNY
Kansas State at Kansas, 7 p.m., FSN (FSSW+)
Texas at TCU, 7 p.m., FCSC
Iowa State at Oklahoma State, 7 p.m., FCSP

ON RADIO
NBA

Minnesota at Dallas , KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended Baltimore LHP Zack Dotson (Bowie-EL) 100 games. N.Y. Mets 3B Eudor Garcia (Columbia-SAL) 80 games and free agent 1B Tyler Williams 50 games for violations of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL — Promoted Sean Brown to chief financial officer. Jeff Lantz senior director of communications. James Dispanet controller. Michelle Heystek senior accountant and Cory Bernstine manager of strategy and analytics.

American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Named Julio Vinas manager of Charlotte (IL). Ryan Newman manager of Birmingham (SL). Joel Skinner manager of Winston-Salem (Carolina). Cole Armstrong manager of Kannapolis (SAL). Tommy Thompson manager. Matt Zaleski pitching coach and Willie Harris hitting coach of Great Falls (Pioneer), and Aaron Rowand minor league outfield and baserunning coordinator.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with LHP David Huff on a minor league contract.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with RHP Al Alburquerque on a one-year contract. Designated INF-OF Efren Navarro for assignment.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Agreed to terms with SS Didi Gregorius and RHP Nathan Eovaldi on one-year contracts.

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Agreed to terms with LHPs Justin Marks and Adam Wilk on minor league contracts.

National League

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Signed RHP Joe Blanton to a one-year contract.

MIAMI MARLINS — Agreed to terms with LHP Wei-Yin Chen on a five-year contract.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with C Chris Stewart on a two-year contract. Claimed RHP A.J. Schugel off waivers from Seattle.

American Association

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed INF Jose Sermo.

WICHITA WINGNUTS — Released C John Nester.

Frontier League

LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Named C.J. Thieleke hitting coach.

RIVER CITY RASCALS — Named Josh Ludy hitting coach.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

DENVER NUGGETS — Signed general manager Tim Connelly and assistant general manager Arturas Karnisovas to multiyear contract extensions.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

NFL — Named Joe Lockhart executive vice president of communications. Promoted Cynthia Hogan to executive vice president of public policy and government affairs.

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Signed DE DeAngelo Tyson to a reserve/future contract.

DENVER BRONCOS — Placed S Omar Bolden on injured reserve. Signed CB Taurean Nixon.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Fired tight ends coach Jerry Fontenot and running backs coach Sam Gash. Signed DE B.J. McBryde.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed TE Ross Travis, LB Tyrell Adams, OL Michael Liedtke, RB Darrin Reaves, DT Jimmy Staten, WRs Da'Ron Brown and Fred Williams and OTs Reid Fragel and Laurence Gibson to reserve/future contracts.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed QB Zac Dysert and TE Dominique Jones to reserve/future contracts.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Placed LB Jerod Mayo on injured reserve.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Named Jim Schwartz defensive coordinator, Jeff Stoutland offensive line coach and Dave Fipp special teams coach.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed OT Matt Feiler, C B.J. Finney, TE Xavier Grimble, WR Shakim Phillips, DBs Jordan Dangerfield and Isaiah Frey and RBs Rajion Neal and Abou Toure to reserve/future contracts.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Signed RB Brandon Cottom, DT Justin Hamilton, C Drew Nowak, DE Will Pericak, CBs Stanley Jean-Baptiste and Trovon Reed and WRs George Farmer, Deshon Foxx, Antwan Goodley and Douglas McNeil to reserve/future contracts.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Named Nate Kaczor special teams coordinator. Mark Duffner linebackers coach. Jay Hayes defensive line coach and Jon Hoke defensive backs coach.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Placed D Jon Merrill on injured reserve, retroactive to Jan. 16. Activated F Michael Cammalleri from injured reserve.

American Hockey League

AHL — Suspended Manitoba LW Darren Kramer and Charlotte D Keegan Lowe one game.

CHARLOTTE CHECKERS — Recalled D Tyler Ganly from Florida (ECHL).

MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Announced F Alex Guptill was reassigned to the team by Ottawa (NHL).

SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Recalled F Garrett Thompson from Fort Wayne (ECHL).

SAN DIEGO GULLS — Recalled G Matt Hackett from Utah (ECHL).

SPRINGFIELD FALCONS — Released F Jon DiSalvatore from his professional tryout agreement.

ECHL

ATLANTA GLADIATORS — Signed F Shawn Skelly to a professional tryout agreement.

SOCCER
United Soccer League

LOUISVILLE CITY FC — Signed D Ben Newnam.

COLLEGE

INTERCOLLEGIATE TENNIS ASSOCIATION — Named Chris Eriksson championships and rankings coordinator.

FURMAN — Named Caroline Kingsdorf associate athletic director for finance.

HOFSTRA — Agreed to terms with women's soccer coach Simon Riddiough on a multiyear contract extension.

HOLY CROSS — Named Kirsten Britton associate director of athletics for facilities, operations and events.

LA SALLE — Named Paul Macht men's and women's water polo coach.

UNC GREENSBORO — Announced men's basketball G Justin Jordan has transferred from Milwaukee.

WASHINGTON — Named Jennifer Cohen interim athletic director.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	46	26	15	5	57	121	105
Detroit	45	23	14	8	54	111	116
Tampa Bay	46	25	17	4	54	125	111
Boston	45	24	16	5	53	137	117
Ottawa	46	22	18	6	50	129	141
Montreal	47	23	20	4	50	129	122
Buffalo	46	19	23	4	42	107	123
Toronto	44	17	20	7	41	111	124

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	46	35	8	3	73	155	100
N.Y. Rangers	46	25	16	5	55	132	122
N.Y. Islanders	45	24	15	6	54	123	112
New Jersey	47	23	19	5	51	105	112
Pittsburgh	45	21	17	7	49	110	113
Philadelphia	44	20	16	8	48	100	117
Carolina	47	20	19	8	48	111	129
Columbus	47	17	26	4	38	119	152

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	49	32	13	4	68	144	111
Dallas	46	29	12	5	63	154	124
St. Louis	49	27	15	7	61	126	123
Minnesota	45	22	15	8	52	113	106
Colorado	47	23	21	3	49	131	130
Nashville	46	20	18	8	48	117	127
Winnipeg	46	21	22	3	45	119	131

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	44	28	13	3	59	118	99
San Jose	44	23	18	3	49	127	121
Arizona	45	22	18	5	49	123	135
Vancouver	47	19	17	11	49	113	130
Anaheim	44	19	18	7	45	88	105
Calgary	44	20	21	3	43	118	135
Edmonton	48	19	24	5	43	119	142

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

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores

New Jersey 4, Calgary 2
N.Y. Rangers 3, Vancouver 2, OT
Toronto 3, Philadelphia 2
Washington 6, Columbus 3
Boston 4, Montreal 1
Tampa Bay 6, Edmonton 4
Chicago 4, Nashville 1
Dallas at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games

St. Louis at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	26	15	.634	—
Boston	22	20	.524	4½
New York	21	22	.488	6
Brooklyn	11	31	.262	15½
Philadelphia	5	38	.116	22

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	25	17	.595	—
Miami	23	19	.548	2
Orlando	20	20	.500	4
Washington	19	21	.475	5
Charlotte	19	22	.463	5½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	28	11	.718	—
Chicago	24	16	.600	4½
Indiana	23	19	.548	6½
Detroit	22	19	.537	7
Milwaukee	19	25	.432	11½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	36	6	.857	—
Memphis	24	19	.558	12½
Dallas	24	19	.558	12½
Houston	22	21	.512	14½
New Orleans	14	27	.341	21½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	31	12	.721	—
Utah	18	23	.439	12
Portland	19	25	.432	12½
Denver	16	26	.381	14½
Minnesota	13	30	.302	18

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	38	4	.905	—
L.A. Clippers	27	14	.659	10½
Sacramento	17	23	.425	20
Phoenix	13	30	.302	25½
L.A. Lakers	9	34	.209	29½

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores

Milwaukee 91, Miami 79
New Orleans 114, Minnesota 99
Oklahoma City 110, Denver 104
Indiana 97, Phoenix 94

Today's Games

Philadelphia at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Miami at Washington, 6 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Tue 5:20 am packed powder machine groomed 25-41 base 75 of 78 trails 96% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p Fri: 9a-8p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Pajarito — Mon Reopen 1/20 packed powder machine groomed 23-40 base 40 of 44 trails 91% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Wed-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Wed-Sun

Red River — Tue 7:22 am powder machine groomed 40-40 base 58 of 58 trails 100% open, 250 acres, 7 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Sandia Peak — Sun Reopen 1/22 packed powder machine groomed 20-38 base 38 of 39 trails 97% open, 4 of 5 lifts, Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Fri-Sun

Sipapu — Tue 6:01 am packed powder machine groomed 35-43 base 42 of 42 trails, 100% open 10 miles, 200 acres, 6 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

OHS hires Servance as head football coach

From staff reports

ODESSA — Odessa Permian grad and former Lubbock Estacado coach Danny Servance was introduced the head football coach at Odessa High during Tuesday's Ector County ISD school board meeting.

ECISD Executive Director of Athletics Todd Vesely made the recommendation and the board approved the hire 4-0-3 with three abstentions.

Servance, a 1986 Permian grad, turned a down program into a consistent winner in nine seasons at Estacado. He guided the Matadors to the playoffs every year and also led them to three district championships.

This last season, the Matadors struggled to a 2-8 season but still made the Class 4A Division I playoffs, losing to Andrews in the bi-district round. He leaves Estacado with a record of 53-50.

Servance was among 34 original applicants for the job and among the four finalists that included Whitesboro's Eddie Wayne Gill, Beeville Jones' Jimmy Mitchell and Gregory-Portland's Matt Anastasio, also a one-time Permian assistant.

Prior to Estacado, Servance was an assistant football coach at Permian and was also Permian's boys basketball coach from 2000-05.

Servance replaces Ron King, who was asked to resign by the ECISD administration in November.

King spent 10 years at OHS, leading the Bronchos to a 42-64 record, the second most wins by any coach in the program's history. Joe Coleman had 95 wins in two stints with the program, 1938-41 and 1946-50. King also coached the most games (106) than any other coach in the program's history.

Lee blanks SA Lake View at home

From staff reports

The Lee girls soccer team defeated San Angelo Lake View 5-0 in a non-district game at Lee High School on Tuesday.

The Lady Rebels improve to 3-1-1 on the year.

No other details were reported.

Lee next heads to the Richardson Tournament beginning on Thursday.

Manny Pacquiao insists he'll retire after Bradley rematch

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — With a beatific politician's smile on his face, Manny Pacquiao calmly insisted he'll step out of a boxing ring for the final time on April 9 after his third fight with Timothy Bradley.

After all, the eight-division champion has a senatorial campaign to plan and a loving family to please. The 37-year-old Filipino phenomenon quietly claims the spring is a good time to take his last punch.

"I'm so happy hanging up my gloves after this fight," Pacquiao said Tuesday. "I'm sure I'll feel sad after that, but that's life. It's time, I think."

That note of uncertainty is familiar to Pacquiao's promoter, Bob Arum. After a half-century in the fight game, the Top Rank boss knows a boxer's word on retirement is hardly ever the last one.

"I will not promote it as Manny's last fight," Arum said. "He says he's going to retire, and maybe he will. The truth is that you never know with any boxer, but I haven't known Manny to say things he doesn't mean. But we all realize this could be the last time he fights."

Nearly nine months after he failed to hurt Floyd Mayweather Jr. in the most lucrative fight in boxing history, Pacquiao is back stateside to promote his grand finale. His camp insists Pacquiao is recovered from shoulder surgery required to repair a rotator cuff injury that affected the Mayweather bout, and he'll be ready for a full training camp with Freddie Roach.

Pacquiao realizes that if he looks impressive in beating Bradley, he could stoke interest in a healthy rematch with Mayweather, who retired last fall. Even after their anti-climactic first meeting, a second bout would be another enormous financial windfall for the two biggest stars in boxing.

Pacquiao insists it's irrelevant to look beyond Bradley.

"(Mayweather) retired already, so I'm going to retire also after this fight," Pacquiao said. "I never regret. In fact, I thought I won the fight. A lot of people, my fans, believe I won the fight. ... I know (it's time to retire) because after this, I have another big responsibility in the Philippines, which is serving the people. My family wanted me to retire before I fought Mayweather. I started this boxing just to help my mother, and I'll end my boxing career to help the country."

Pacquiao will face Bradley at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, completing a trilogy between two of the world's top welterweights. Bradley won a hotly disputed split decision over Pacquiao in their first meeting in June 2012, but Pacquiao earned a unanimous decision victory in the April 2014 rematch.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

From 1C

ground strokes, ripping 90 winners against only 37 for Nadal as he worked to the extremes to unsettle his former No. 1-ranked rival.

"To win against Rafa here coming from two sets down is unbelievable," the No. 45-ranked Verdasco said. "I think I played unbelievable — the fifth set from the break that he made me, I just started hitting winners. I don't know how, just, you know I was closing the eyes and everything was coming in and I keep doing it and I was doing well."

Stan Wawrinka, who beat Nadal in the 2014 Australian final, and four-time runner-up Andy Murray advanced, along with No. 8 David Ferrer, No. 10 John Isner, no. 13 Milos Raonic and Lleyton Hewitt, the two-time major winner who is playing his 20th and last Australian Open tournament before retiring.

French Open champion Wawrinka was leading 7-6 (2), 6-3 when his opponent Dmitry Tursonov retired with what appeared to be an upper leg injury.

After beating Halep, Zhang burst into tears when asked about breaking the drought.

"I think in my life, it's the best tennis," she said. "To win against a top-two player, I'm so happy, so excited."

Williams lost 6-4, 6-2 to Johanna Konta, her eighth first-round loss at a major.

No. 3 Garbine Muguruza and No. 7 Angelique Kerber advanced along with two-time Australian Open champion Victoria Azerenka, who closed play on center court with a 6-0, 6-0 rout of Alison Van Uytvanck.

No. 2-ranked Murray, who opened with a 6-1, 6-2, 6-3 win over Alexander Zverev, answered questions about reports, published by the BBC and Buzzfeed News, that match-fixing had gone unchecked in tennis.

The ATP and the other governing bodies for tennis have denied the allegations, and no players have been identified in the reports, but Murray said the authorities should have taken a more obvious lead in stamping it out.

"I just think that it should be tennis that does a better job of explaining," Murray said. "You have to be proactive with things like this and go and speak to the players rather than them reading about it in the newspapers or listening to it on the TV or the radio."

AUSTRALIAN OPEN SCORES

Tuesday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: $30.18 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
First Round

Milos Raonic (13), Canada, def. Lucas Pouille, France, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.
Joao Sousa (32), Portugal, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.
Stephane Robert, France, def. Bjorn Fratangelo, United States, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.
Andrey Kuznetsov, Russia, def. Ryan Harrison, United States, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4.
Sam Groth, Australia, def. Adrian Mannarino, France, 7-6 (6), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
John Millman, Australia, def. Diego Schwartzman, Argentina, 3-6, 5-7, 7-6 (2), 5-0, retired.
Feliciano Lopez (18), Spain, def. Daniel Evans, Britain, 6-1, 6-0, 6-4.
Marcel Granollers, Spain, def. Matthew Ebden, Australia, 6-2, 4-6 6-1, 6-4.
Andy Murray (2), Britain, def. Alexander Zverev, Germany, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3.
Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, def. Fabio Fognini (20), Italy, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (7), 6-7 (5), 7-6 (1).
Rajeev Ram, United States, def. Kevin Anderson (11), South Africa, 7-6 (4), 6-7 (4), 6-3, 3-0, retired.
Jeremy Chardy (30), France, def. Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, 7-5, 2-6, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 13-11.
Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, def. Donald Young, United States, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Guido Pella, Argentina, def. Steve Darcis, Belgium, 2-6, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-1.
John Isner (10), United States, def. Jerzy Janowicz, Poland, 6-3, 7-6 (7), 6-3.
Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, def. Jordan Thompson, Australia, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.
Dudi Sela, Israel, def. Benjamin Becker, Germany, 6-1, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.
Tim Smyczek, United States, def. Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Steve Johnson (31), United States, def. Aljaz Bedene, Britain, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (3).
Gael Monfils (23), France, def. Yuichi Sugita, Japan, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2.
Nicolas Mahut, France, def. Marco Cecchinato, Italy, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.
Tommy Robredo, Spain, def. Malek Jaziri, Tunisia, 7-5, 3-6, 4-6, 7-6 (7), 8-6.
Fernando Verdasco, Spain, def. Rafael Nadal (5), Spain, 7-6 (6), 4-6, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2.
David Ferrer (8), Spain, def. Peter Gojowczyk, Germany, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.
Simone Bolelli, Italy, def. Brian Baker, United States, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (3), 6-7 (2), 7-6 (5).
Bernard Tomic (16), Australia, def. Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.
Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, def. Taro Daniel, Japan, 7-6 (2), 7-5, 5-7, 6-7 (5), 6-1.
Jack Sock (25), United States, def. Taylor Fritz, United States, 6-4, 3-6, 0-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, def. Tatsuma Ito, Japan, 6-4, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-2.
Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, def. James Duckworth, Australia, 7-6 (5), 6-2, 6-4.
Stan Wawrinka (4), Switzerland, def. Dmitry Tursunov, Russia, 7-6 (2), 6-3, retired.
Viktor Troicki (21), Serbia, def. Daniel Munoz de la Nava, Spain, 4-6, 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (4), 6-3.

Women
First Round

Ekaterina Makarova (21), Russia, def. Madison Inglis, Australia, 6-3, 6-0.
Annika Beck, Germany, def. Priscilla Hon, Australia, 6-0, 6-3.
Garbine Muguruza (3), Spain, def. Anett Kontaveit, Estonia, 6-0, 6-4.
Madison Keys (15), United States, def. Zarina Diyas, Kazakhstan, 7-6 (5), 6-1.
Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, def. Mirjana Lucic-Baroni, Croatia, 5-7, 6-2, 7-5.
Laura Siegemund, Germany, def. Kiki Bertens, Netherlands, 6-4, 7-5.
Timea Bacsinszky (11), Switzerland, def. Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 7-5.
Vania King, United States, def. Mona Barthel, Germany, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.
Tatjana Maria, Germany, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, 6-4, 6-3.
Jelena Jankovic (19), Serbia, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, 6-3, 6-3.
Johanna Konta, Britain, def. Venus Williams (8), United States, 6-4, 6-2.
Elina Svitolina (18), Ukraine, def. Victoria Duval, United States, 6-2, 6-3.
Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, def. Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, 6-4, 6-4.
Karolina Pliskova (9), Czech Republic, def. Kimberly Birrell, Australia, 6-4, 6-4.
Barbora Strycova, Czech Republic def. Caroline Garcia (32), France, 6-2, 6-4.
Anastasija Sevastova, Latvia, def. Jarmila Wolfe, Australia, 6-0, 4-2, retired.
Naomi Osaka, Japan, def. Donna Vekic, Croatia, 6-3, 6-2.
Ana Ivanovic (20), Serbia, def. Tammi Patterson, Australia, 6-2, 6-3.
Sabine Lisicki (30), Germany, def. Petra Cetkovska, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-4.
Varvara Lepchenko, United States, def. Lesia Tsurenko (31), Ukraine, 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-3.
Julia Goerges, Germany, def. Andreea Mitu, Romania, 6-3, 6-4.
Zheng Saisai, China, def. Carina Witthoeft, Germany, 6-1, 6-2.
Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, def. Storm Sanders, Australia, 6-4, 6-2.
Alize Cornet, France, def. Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, 6-1, 6-0.
Danka Kovinic, Montenegro, def. Samantha Crawford, United States, 6-2, 6-4.
Johanna Larsson, Sweden, def. Irina-Camelia Begu (29), Romania, 6-3, 6-2.
Madison Brengle, United States, def. CoCo Vandeweghe, United States, 6-3, 6-4.
Angelique Kerber (7), Germany, def. Misaki Doi, Japan, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (6), 6-3.
Denisa Allertova, Czech Republic, def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-3.
Lara Arruabarrena, Spain, def. Maryna Zanevska, Ukraine, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-3.
Zhang Shuai, China, def. Simona Halep (2), Romania, 6-4, 6-3.
Victoria Azarenka (14), Belarus, def. Alison Van Uytvanck, Belgium, 6-0, 6-0.

Early Wednesday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: $30.18 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Second Round

Kei Nishikori (7), Japan, def. Austin Krajicek, United States, 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-3.

Women
Second Round

Maria Sharapova (5), Russia, def. Aliaksandra Sasnovich, Belarus, 6-2, 6-1.
Kateryna Bondarenko, Ukraine, def. Svetlana Kuznetsova (23), Russia, 6-1, 7-5.
Lauren Davis, United States, def. Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, 7-6 (7), retired.
Anna-Lena Friedsam, Germany, def. Wang Qiang, China, 6-3, 6-4.
Daria Kasatkina, Russia, def. Ana Konjuh, Croatia, 6-4, 6-3.
Serena Williams (1), United States, def. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles
Women
First Round

Lyudmyla and Nadiia Kichenok, Ukraine, def. Kimberly Birrell and Priscilla Hon, Australia, 6-4, 6-3.
Ysaline Bonaventure, Belgium, and Raluca Olaru, Romania, def. Jelena Jankovic, Serbia, and Andrea Petkovic, Germany, 6-4, 6-4.
Madison Keys, United States, and Ajla Tomljanovic, Australia, def. Janette Husarova and Anna Karolina Schmiedlova, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-4.
Johanna Konta and Heather Watson, Britain, def. Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada, and Alicja Rosolska (16), Poland, 6-1, 7-6 (7).

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HIGHSCHOOLBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

LUBBOCK TRINITY 71
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 34

TAPPS 4A power Lubbock Trinity handed Midland Christian its first loss in District 1 play at the McGraw Events Center on Tuesday.

Trinity took a commanding 36-12 lead at the half and cruised from there.

MCS (17-11, 4-1) was led by Skyler Bennett with 12 points.

LUBBOCK TRINITY 71, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 34

Lubbock Trinity (5-0) — Duncan 17, Lucero 3, Himango 9, Cowen 18, Laverton 6, King 18, Wheeler 4

Midland Christian (17-11, 4-1) — Megan Ashton 3, Sheridan Snively 5, Anna Galindo 1, Kayla Ackerman 5, Skyler Bennett 12, Avery McKinney 8.

Trinity	15	21	8	27	—71
MC	6	6	13	9	—34

Free throws — LT 7-10, MCS 3-7. 3-point goals — LT 8 (Duncan, Cowen 3, King 4), MCS 3 (Snively, Bennett 2). Total fouls — LT 13, MCS 10. Fouled out — None.

Next: Midland Christian at Colleyville Covenant, 6 p.m. Friday

NO. 1 GARDEN CITY 89
WATER VALLEY 26

GARDEN CITY — No. 1-ranked Garden City had no trouble with Water Valley in a District 14-1A game on Tuesday night.

Hope Halfmann scored a game-high 32 points to lead the Lady Kats (19-2, 8-0), Ashlyn Koenning had 21, Madison Hastings 12 and Kortney Halfmann had 10.

NO. 1 GARDEN CITY 89, WATER VALLEY 26

Water Valley — Kolls 6, McCoy 1, M Sheppard 2, C Sheppard 14, Willborn 3

Garden City (19-2, 8-0) — Hope Halfmann 32, Kortney Halfmann 19, Payton Hastings 6, Madison Hastings 12, Carlie Hollingsworth 6, Alicia Gutierrez 2, Ashlyn Koenning 21

Water Valley	3	6	10	7	—26
Garden City	26	14	29	20	—89

Next: Garden City at Sterling City, 6:30 p.m. Friday

SEMINOLE 71
ANDREWS 51

ANDREWS — Kendall Freeman scored a game-high 24 points to lead Seminole to a District 4-4A win over Andrews.

Andrews led 13-10 after the first quarter but a 22-point second quarter gave the Maidens (3-1 in district) a 32-24 lead at the break.

Janey Leach led Andrews (8-16, 1-3) with 14 points and Mikyla Alvidrez added 12.

SEMINOLE 71, ANDREWS 51

Seminole (3-1 in District 4-4A) — Lindsey Wimmer 7, Tatum McGehee 5, Kendall Freeman 24, Brogan Purser 3, Brittany Kelly 10, Kynedy Rosalez 5, Katie Spradlin 2, Jenny Gasca 3, Kelea Pool 12

Andrews (8-16, 1-3) — Taylor Bailey 13, Kataya Bazan 2, Rae Johnson 5, Rylea Diaz 5, Mikyla Alvidrez 12, Janey Leach 14

Seminole	10	22	16	23	—71
Andrews	13	11	15	12	—51

Free throws — SHS 6-12, AHS 4-8. 3-point goals — Seminole 13 (Freeman 6, Wimmer 2, McGehee 1, Purser 1, Kelly 1, Rosalez 1, Pool 1), Andrews 5 (Alvidrez 2, Bailey 1, Johnson 1, Leach 1). Total Fouls — Seminole 12, Andrews 15. Fouled Out - None.

Next: Andrews at Fort Stockton, 6 p.m. Friday

COLORADO CITY 46
COAHOMA 42

COAHOMA — Colorado City used a 10-7 run in the fourth quarter to defeat Coahoma in a District 3-3A game.

Lauren Simer had 14 points and Julia Castilaw added 12 for Coahoma.

COLORADO CITY 46, COAHOMA 42

Coahoma — Overton 6, Simer 14, Holgerson 4, Grant 6, Castilaw 12

Colorado City — No scorers reported

Colorado City	16	9	11	10	—46
Coahoma	10	10	15	7	—42

Next: Reagan County at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26

Boys

GREENWOOD 61
PECOS 30

PECOS — Behind 16 points from Sam Magallan, the Greenwood boys raced past Pecos, 61-30 in District 4-4A action on Tuesday at Pecos High School.

The Rangers (3-19, 1-1) outscored Pecos, 26-12 in the first half on the way to their third win of the season.

GREENWOOD 61, PECOS 30

Greenwood (3-19, 1-1) — Colton Moore 5, Sam Magallan 16, Tyler Ellison 5, Tyler James 6, Fabian Madrid 2, Kelley Cooper 6, Seth Keeton 8, Blake Cain 3, Blake Elliott 10

Pecos — Henson 6, Ornales 5, Padilla 6, Nicholas 3, Burleson 1, Danda 4, Portillo 2

Greenwood	14	12	16	19	—61
Pecos	7	5	9	9	—30

Free throws — Greenwood 13-20, Pecos 5-14. 3-point goals — Greenwood 4 (Moore, Magallan, Ellison, Elliott). Total fouls — Greenwood 19, Pecos 17. Fouled out — none.

Next: Monahans at Greenwood, 7:30 p.m. Friday

LUBBOCK TRINITY 62
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 59

Daniel Venzant scored a game-high 33 points for Midland Christian but it wasn't enough as MCS fell, 62-59 to Lubbock Trinity in TAPPS 1-4A action, Tuesday at McGraw Events Center.

Westin Elliott added 15 points for MCS (17-12, 3-2) which was locked in a 27-27 tie at halftime.

LUBBOCK TRINITY 62, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 59

MCS (17-12, 3-2) — Daniel Venzant 33, Bryce Waters 6, Colton Snively 2, Westin Elliott 15, Luke Watson 3

Trinity — Buchannon 11, Ewald 11, Womack 6, Dove 6, Parker 1, Brannon 18, Teal 7

Trinity	14	13	18	17	—62
MCS	12	15	14	18	—59

Free throws — Trinity 8-13, MCS 9-10. 3-point goals — Trinity 6 (Ewald, Womack, Brannon), MCS 8 (Waters, Elliott 5, Watson). Total fouls — Trinity 17, MCS 19. Fouled out — none.

Next: MCS at Colleville Covenant, 7:30 p.m. Friday

SEMINOLE 53
ANDREWS 46

ANDREWS — A 19-12 run in the second quarter proved to be the difference as Seminole defeated Andrews in a District 4-4A game.

Samuel Robertson had 13 points to lead Andrews, Devin Fitzgerald added 11 and Triston Williams chipped in with 10.

SEMINOLE 53, ANDREWS 46

Seminole — Larimore 17, Johnson 7, Wimer 12, Medlin 3, Moore 8, Childers 6

Andrews (0-2 in 4-4A) — Torey Kelly 1, Peyton Lopez 3, Joel Flores 4, Devin Fitzgerald 11, Triston Williams 10, Samuel Robertson 13, Aaron Doyle 4

Seminole	12	19	11	11	—53
Andrews	16	12	11	7	—46

Free throws — SHS 10-13, AHS 3-5. 3-point goals — SHS 3 (Johnson, Wimer 2), AHS 5 (Lopez, Fitzgerald 2, Williams 2). Total fouls — SHS 11, AHS 15. Fouled out — None.

Next: Andrews at Fort Stockton, 7:30 p.m. Friday

COLORADO CITY 66
COAHOMA 44

COAHOMA — Visiting Colorado City used a 36-22 run in the first half to run past Coahoma, 66-44 in District 5-3A action on Tuesday.

Mason Moore scored a game-high 18 points for Coahoma in the loss, while Adam Clark and Jonas Turnbough each added 7.

COLORADO CITY 66, COAHOMA 44

Colorado City (15-6, 1-0) — Maldeaux 12, Munoz 6, Maguire 5, Monroe 4, M. Boone 8, James 6, Williams 4, O. Boone 4, Hammond 8, Burrola 10

Coahoma (9-11, 0-2) — Adam Clark 7, Austin Sosa 2, Gage Clark 2, Mason Moore 18, Jonas Turnbough 2, Tyler Martin 7, Jon Bermea 6

Colorado City	22	14	11	19	—66
Coahoma	13	9	10	12	—44

Free throws — Colorado City 18-31, Coahoma 4-6. 3-point goals — Colorado City 3 (Malveauxm Munoz, Maguire), Coahoma 6 (Moore 4, Adam Clark, Bermea). Total fouls — Colorado City 15, Coahoma 19. Fouled out — none.

Next: Stanton at Coahoma, 8 p.m. Tuesday

GARDEN CITY 43
WATER VALLEY 41, OT

GARDEN CITY — Garden City improved to 5-1 in District 14-1A play after defeating Water Valley in overtime.

The teams were tied at 39 before the Bearkats outscored Water Valley 4-2 in overtime.

Tanner Davis led the Bearkats (10-7 overall) with 15 points, Ethan Goodwin had 12 and Riley Eggemeyer added 11.

GARDEN CITY 43, WATER VALLEY 41, OT

Water Valley (4-2 in District 14-A) — Reed 10, Rogers 10, Simmons 9, Urbantke 6, Marshall 4, Hoover 2

Garden City (10-7, 5-1) — Tanner Davis 15, Ethan Goodwin 12, Riley Eggemeyer 11, Bailey Matschek 3, Seth Miller 1, Scott Miller 1

Water Valley	8	10	8	13	2	—41
Garden City	12	12	6	9	4	—43

Free throws — WV 6-14, GC 12-22. 3-point goals — WV 3 (Simmons, Urbantke, Rogers), GC 3 (Matchek, Davis, Eggemeyer). Total fouls — WV 16, GC 16. Fouled out — Goodwin.

Next: Garden City at Sterling City, 8 p.m. Friday

OTHER AREA BOXES
LAMESA 63, LEVELLAND 60

Lamesa (17-4, 2-0) — Dre Smiley 11, KJ Hunter 10, Khalil Smiley 2, Jaleel Edwards 8, Tyquail Maxwell 10, Keshawn Hunter 14, Nathan Cunningham 2, Darius Jackson 6

Levelland — Nix 2, Williams 28, Elliott 13, Geber 14, Parsley 3

Lamesa	13	12	16	22	—63
Levelland	8	15	19	18	—60

Free throws — Lamesa 9-13, Levelland 13-22. 3-point goals — Lamesa 2 (Edwards, Hunter), Levelland 3 (Elliott, Gerber). Total fouls — Lamesa 18, Levelland 10. Fouled out — Smiley.

Next: Lubbock Estacado at Lamesa, 8 p.m. Friday

Evans' 22 leads Oklahoma State past No. 3 Kansas

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

Oklahoma State	**86**
No. 3 Kansas	67

STILLWATER, Okla. — Oklahoma State nearly knocked off a top-three team last week. The Cowboys got the job done this time.

Freshman Jawun Evans had 22 points, eight assists and six rebounds to help Oklahoma State upset No. 3 Kansas 86-67 on Tuesday night.

The Cowboys (10-8, 2-4 Big 12) almost beat then-No. 2 Oklahoma six days earlier, but they missed a last-second 3-pointer and lost by two points.

During a players-only meeting on Monday, the team decided how it would approach Kansas.

"We said to ourselves that we would just come out from the beginning and play desperately, and whatever happened, happened," guard Jeff Newberry said.

Oklahoma State's fans lost enthusiasm early this season when top returning scorer and captain Phil Forte suffered an elbow injury that he hasn't returned from. The fact that the win over Kansas came in front of a crowd that was barely half full couldn't steal coach Travis Ford's joy.

"It was a great win. It was a great win," Ford said. "I told our team that it was one of the great wins that I've been a part of, just from the fact of what we've been through as a team. A lot of people would give up on this team, say certain things, but we've been through a lot injury-wise. But to perform at the level we performed at tonight — I was so pleased with these guys."

TEXASCOLLEGEROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

NO. 10 TEXAS A&M 71
LSU 57

COLLEGE STATION — Jalen Jones scored 20 points and freshman Tyler Davis tied a season-high with 18 to lead the No. 10 Texas A&M to a 71-57 victory over LSU on Tuesday night, extending their winning streak to nine games.

The win improves the Aggies (16-2) to 6-0 in Southeastern Conference play, which is their best start to league play since they won their first seven in 1993-94 when they were in the Southwest Conference.

The lead changed several times throughout the first half and the early part of the second half and it was tied at 44-44 with about 15 minutes left.

The Aggies took over, using a 16-3 run to make it 60-47 with about 9 minutes remaining. Alex Caruso scored four points in that span and he was under heavy pressure from Ben Simmons when he passed to Jones, who finished with a two-handed dunk to highlight the run.

Tim Quarterman had 12 points for LSU (11-7, 4-2).

Simmons, LSU's freshman star, entered the game averaging 20 points but was held to 10 points with 11 rebounds and Craig Victor added 10 points while dealing with foul trouble most of the game.

The Aggies haven't lost since Dec. 5, and their winning streak is their longest since the team won 13 straight from Nov. 26, 2010 to Jan. 15, 2011.

NO. 8 SMU 77
HOUSTON 73

DALLAS — Nic Moore had 23 points and had some part in five consecutive SMU baskets down the stretch as the eighth-ranked Mustangs remained Division I's only undefeated team with a 77-73 victory over feisty Houston on Tuesday night.

Markus Kennedy had 16 points and 10 rebounds, and his two free throws with 5:35 left broke the game's 12th and final tie to put the Mustangs (18-0, 7-0 AAC) ahead to stay. Kennedy's tip-in a minute earlier tied the game and was part of an 8-0 spurt.

Moore, the senior point guard, then had consecutive baskets before missing two in a row — one tipped in by Sterling Brown and the other followed by Ben Moore to make it 67-64.

Damyean Dotson was on the 3-point line for a long jumper that got the Cougars (13-5, 3-3) within a point before Nic Moore's pass to Brown for a 3-pointer.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

Tuesday's scores

MEN
SOUTHWEST

Abilene Christian 75, McNeese St. 67
Houston Baptist 72, Cent. Arkansas 61
Oklahoma St. 86, Kansas 67
SMU 77, Houston 73
Texas A&M 71, LSU 57

SOUTH

Florida 81, Mississippi St. 78
Georgia St. 69, Georgia Southern 66, OT
Liberty 55, Longwood 53
Maryland 62, Northwestern 56, OT
South Carolina 77, Mississippi 74, OT
Texas A&M-CC 89, Northwestern St. 79
Tulsa 84, East Carolina 69
Virginia 59, Clemson 62
Wofford 89, Tenn. Wesleyan 66

MIDWEST

Akron 92, E. Michigan 86
Buffalo 77, Miami (Ohio) 60
Georgetown 81, Xavier 72
Green Bay 99, Chicago St. 66
Indiana 103, Illinois 69
Kent St. 76, Ball St. 68
N. Illinois 75, Cent. Michigan 70
N. Kentucky 90, Oakland 73
Ohio 82, W. Michigan 64
SE Missouri 84, Hannibal-LaGrange 61
Toledo 81, Bowling Green 74

EAST

Dayton 85, St. Bonaventure 79
NC State 78, Pittsburgh 61
Providence 71, Butler 68
St. Peter's 77, Fairfield 71
UConn 60, Tulane 42

WOMEN
SOUTH

Asbury 85, Alice Lloyd 36
Barton 87, Lees-McRae 51
Brescia 87, Indiana-Kokomo 71
Emory & Henry 61, Lynchburg 57
Gardner-Webb 67, Longwood 42
Georgia Southern 61, Georgia St. 50
High Point 74, Winthrop 67
Kentucky Christian 63, Miami (Ohio)-Middletown 49
King (Tenn.) 84, Mount Olive 61
Liberty 65, Coastal Carolina 63
Lindsey Wilson 83, Fisk 57
Martin Methodist 89, Brewton-Parker 41
Presbyterian 69, Campbell 45
Radford 55, Charleston Southern 40
Randolph-Macon 82, Bridgewater (Va.) 80
Rio Grande 86, Midway 59
Washington & Lee 66, E. Mennonite 50

MIDWEST

Alverno 85, Concordia (Ill.) 74
Concordia (Wis.) 78, Marian (Wis.) 64
Lakeland 69, Edgewood 56
Michigan St. 59, Rutgers 48
WVU Tech 80, Indiana-East 79
Wis. Lutheran 73, Milwaukee Engineering 55

EAST

Amherst 70, Farmingdale 32
Ithaca 75, Baruch 54
RIT 82, William Smith 78
St. John Fisher at Utica, ppd.
W. New England 85, Curry 50

EXHIBITION

Concordia (St.P) 73, Minn. St. (Mankato) 64

Today's games

MEN
SOUTHWEST

Kansas St. at Baylor, 7:15 p.m.

SOUTH

UCF at South Florida, 5:15 p.m.
Winthrop at Gardner-Webb, 6 p.m.
UNC Asheville at High Point, 6 p.m.
Wake Forest at North Carolina, 6 p.m.
Charleston Southern at Presbyterian, 6 p.m.
Campbell at Radford, 6 p.m.
Duquesne at VCU, 6 p.m.
Florida St. at Louisville, 8 p.m.
Vanderbilt at Tennessee, 8 p.m.

FAR WEST

Colorado St. at Air Force, 8 p.m.
San Jose St. at Boise St., 8 p.m.
Nevada at Wyoming, 8 p.m.
UC Riverside at UC Davis, 9 p.m.
Long Beach St. at UC Santa Barbara, 9 p.m.
Colorado at Washington, 9 p.m.
Cal St.-Fullerton at UC Irvine, 9:30 p.m.
UCLA at Oregon St., 10 p.m.

MIDWEST

Nebraska at Michigan St., 5:30 p.m.
Georgia at Missouri, 6 p.m.
Virginia Tech at Notre Dame, 6 p.m.
Illinois St. at Bradley, 7 p.m.
Missouri St. at Drake, 7 p.m.
DePaul at Marquette, 7 p.m.
Wichita St. at N. Iowa, 7 p.m.
Davidson at Saint Louis, 7 p.m.
W. Illinois at South Dakota, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Michigan, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana St. at S. Illinois, 8 p.m.

EAST

Boston U. at Colgate, 6 p.m.
George Mason at Fordham, 6 p.m.
Army at Holy Cross, 6 p.m.
Temple at La Salle, 6 p.m.
American U. at Lafayette, 6 p.m.
Navy at Lehigh, 6 p.m.
Bucknell at Loyola (Md.), 6 p.m.
Texas at West Virginia, 6 p.m.
Miami at Boston College, 8 p.m.
Saint Joseph's at Penn, 8 p.m.
Villanova at Seton Hall, 8 p.m.

WOMEN
SOUTHWEST

Texas Tech at Oklahoma, 10:30 a.m.
Tulsa at Houston, 7 p.m.
Iowa St. at Oklahoma St., 7 p.m.
Tulane at SMU, 7 p.m.
Texas at TCU, 7 p.m.

SOUTH

Belmont at Jacksonville St., 11:30 a.m.
Austin Peay at Morehead St., 5 p.m.
Fordham at Davidson, 6 p.m.
Cincinnati at East Carolina, 6 p.m.
Murray St. at E. Kentucky, 6 p.m.
VCU at George Mason, 6 p.m.
Northwestern St. at Nicholls St., 6 p.m.
Wofford at UNC Greensboro, 6 p.m.
Furman at W. Carolina, 6 p.m.
Incarnate Word at McNeese St., 7 p.m.
South Florida at Memphis, 7 p.m.

FAR WEST

Air Force at Colorado St., 8 p.m.
Wyoming at Nevada, 8:30 p.m.
San Diego St. at Fresno St., 9 p.m.
Cal St. Fullerton at Long Beach St., 9 p.m.
Boise St. at San Jose St., 9 p.m.
Utah St. at UNLV, 9 p.m.

MIDWEST

Toledo at Akron, 6 p.m.
E. Michigan at Ball St., 6 p.m.
St. Bonaventure at Dayton, 6 p.m.
UT Martin at E. Illinois, 6 p.m.
Illinois at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Ohio at Kent St., 6 p.m.
Cent. Michigan at Miami (Ohio), 6 p.m.
Nebraska at Purdue, 6 p.m.
Penn St. at Iowa, 7 p.m.
Kansas St. at Kansas, 7 p.m.
Northwestern at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Bowling Green at N. Illinois, 7 p.m.
Maryland at Wisconsin, 7 p.m.
SE Missouri at SIU Edwardsville, 8 p.m.

EAST

Lafayette at American, 6 p.m.
Holy Cross at Army, 6 p.m.
Colgate at Boston U., 6 p.m.
Loyola (Md.) at Bucknell, 6 p.m.
W. Michigan at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
UMass at George Washington, 6 p.m.
Lehigh at Navy, 6 p.m.
Saint Louis at Saint Joseph's, 6 p.m.
UCF vs. UConn at the XL Center, Hartford, Conn., 6 p.m.
Penn at Villanova, 6 p.m.

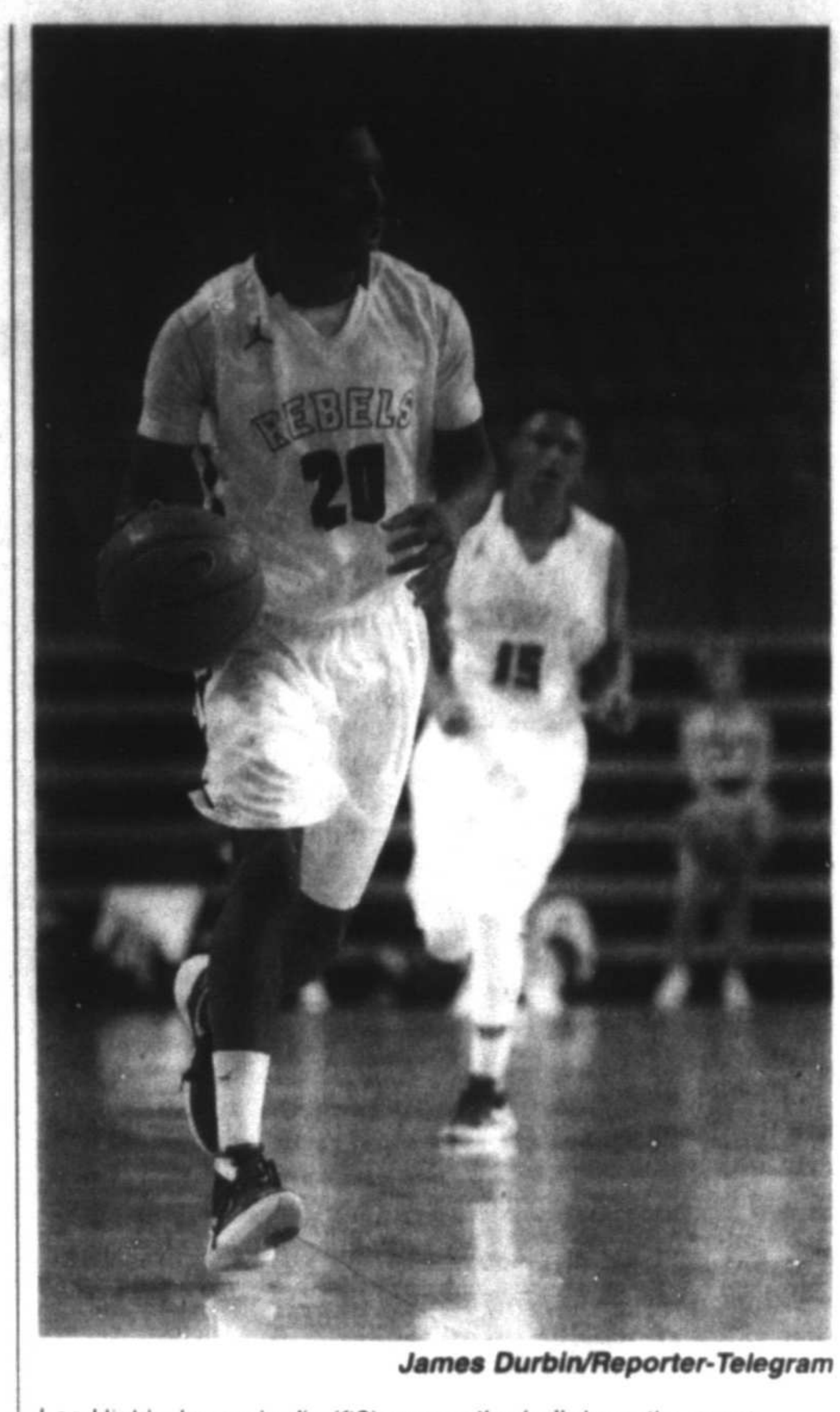
Top 25 fared

MEN
Tuesday

1. Oklahoma (15-2) did not play. Next: at No. 13 Baylor, Saturday.
2. North Carolina (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Wednesday.
3. Kansas (15-3) lost to Oklahoma State 86-67. Next: vs. Texas, Saturday.
4. Villanova (16-2) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Wednesday.
5. Xavier (16-2) lost to Georgetown 81-72. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Saturday.
6. West Virginia (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Texas, Wednesday.
7. Maryland (17-2) beat Northwestern 62-56, OT. Next: at No. 11 Michigan State, Saturday.
8. SMU (18-0) beat Houston 77-73. Next: at Temple, Saturday.
9. Iowa (14-3) did not play. Next: at Rutgers, Thursday.
10. Texas A&M (16-2) beat LSU 71-57. Next: vs. Missouri, Saturday.
11. Michigan State (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Wednesday.
12. Arizona (15-3) did not play. Next: at Stanford, Thursday.
13. Baylor (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Wednesday.
13. Virginia (14-4) beat Clemson 69-62. Next: vs. Syracuse, Saturday.
15. Miami (13-3) did not play. Next: at Boston College, Wednesday.
16. Providence (16-3) beat No. 18 Butler 71-68. Next: at No. 4 Villanova, Saturday.
17. Louisville (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Florida State, Wednesday.
18. Butler (13-5) lost to No. 16 Providence 71-68. Next: at Creighton, Saturday.
19. Iowa State (14-4) did not play. Next: at TCU, Saturday.
20. Duke (14-5) did not play. Next: at N.C. State, Saturday.
21. Southern Cal (15-3) did not play. Next: at Oregon, Thursday.
22. Purdue (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Ohio State, Thursday.
23. Kentucky (13-4) did not play. Next: at Arkansas, Thursday.
24. South Carolina (17-1) beat Mississippi 77-74, OT. Next: at Tennessee, Saturday.
25. Indiana (16-3) beat Illinois 103-69. Next: vs. Northwestern, Saturday.

WOMEN
Tuesday

1. UConn (16-0) did not play. Next: vs. UCF, Wednesday.
2. South Carolina (17-0) did not play. Next: at Auburn, Thursday.
3. Notre Dame (17-1) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse, Thursday.
4. Baylor (18-1) did not play. Next: at Iowa State, Saturday.
5. Maryland (16-2) did not play. Next: at Wisconsin, Wednesday.
6. Texas (16-1) did not play. Next: at TCU, Wednesday.
7. Ohio State (13-4) did not play. Next: at Michigan, Thursday.
8. Arizona State (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona, Friday.
9. Kentucky (14-2) did not play. Next: at Mississippi, Thursday.
10. Mississippi State (17-2) did not play. Next: at Georgia, Thursday.
11. Oregon State (14-3) did not play. Next: at Utah, Friday.
12. Stanford (14-4) did not play. Next: at Southern Cal, Friday.
13. Texas A&M (13-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Missouri, Thursday.
14. Florida State (13-4) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia, Thursday.
15. South Florida (12-4) did not play. Next: at Memphis, Wednesday.
16. Miami (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Florida State, Sunday.
17. Louisville (14-5) did not play. Next: at Syracuse, Monday.
18. Tennessee (11-6) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Thursday.
19. Oklahoma (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Wednesday.
20. UCLA (12-5) did not play. Next: vs. California, Friday.
21. Michigan State (14-4) beat Rutgers 59-48. Next: at No. 5 Maryland, Saturday.
22. Florida (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama, Thursday.
23. Missouri (15-3) did not play. Next: at No. 13 Texas A&M, Thursday.
24. DePaul (13-6) did not play. Next: vs. Creighton, Friday.
25. West Virginia (15-4) did not play. Next: at TCU, Sunday.



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Lee High's James Lydia (20) moves the ball down the court against Midland High on Tuesday at Chaparral Center.

Boys

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whole week getting ready to play Lee" McMaryion said. "(We were) working on our shots, working on our basics. So it just felt good coming out and hitting like that."

As expected, the game's pace was intense with both teams coming out with plenty of energy right after the tip.

But the two teams quickly fell in love with the outside shot and by the end of the first half, the game had turned into a 3-point contest. After the first 16 minutes of play, MHS and Lee had taken a combined 28 3-point attempts.

The Rebels, who were without freshman sharpshooter Avery Chambers due to academic ineligibility, hit their first three shots from distance to open the third quarter and cut MHS' lead to 14.

But the rest of the game, the two teams exchanged baskets and kept up with each other. Though they outscored MHS in the second half, the Rebels simply got down by too much in the first half to mount a comeback at the end.

For Lee head coach Chris Packer, Tuesday's game was the complete opposite of the Rebels' loss to Odessa Permian on Friday. Against the Bulldogs, scoring and generating offense wasn't the agonizing issue that it was in a 23-point effort against the Panthers.

"We made shots but didn't play a lick of defense," Packer said. "We played defense (Friday) night and didn't play any offense. We've just got to play both sides of the floor and we've got to put it all together."

Lee freshman guard Cory Sutton led all scorers with 21 points, while Taye Britt added 14 points for the Rebels. After McMaryion, five other Bulldog players — Shawn Rivers, Daveone Bass, Jamel Jones, Andrew Norwood and Devorian Defell — scored in double figures for MHS.

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3-6A boys basketball

Team	Overall W	Overall L	District W	District L
Abilene High	2	0	23	3
Odessa High	1	1	14	7
San Angelo Central	1	1	16	8
Odessa Permian	1	1	8	8
Midland High	1	1	7	12
Lee	0	2	3	15

Tuesday's Scores

Midland High 84, Lee 68; Abilene High 61, Odessa High 48; San Angelo Central 40, Odessa Permian 38.

Friday's Games

San Angelo Central at Midland High; Lee at Abilene High; Odessa High at Odessa Permian. All games tip off at 6 p.m.

MIDLAND HIGH 84, LEE 68

MHS (7-12, 1-1) — Javorian Grimes 6, Shawn Rivers 10, Daveone Bass 10, Jamel Jones 12, Camran Rock 5, Jalen Childress 3, Courtney McMaryion 18, Andrew Norwood 10, Davorian Defell 10

Lee (3-15, 0-2) — Sema J Davis 12, Taye Britt 14, Dustin Hunt 3, Cory Sutton 21, James Lydia 10, Brady Cain 6, Dedrick Strambler 2

MHS	22	22	16	24	—84
Lee	13	11	19	25	—68

Free throws — MHS 7-11, Lee 16-23. 3-point goals — MHS 9 (Bass 2, McMaryion 4, Jones, Rock, Childress), Lee 8 (Britt 4, Sutton 4). Total fouls — MHS 21, Lee 11. Fouled out — none.

Next: San Angelo Central at MHS, 6 p.m. Friday at Chaparral Center; Lee at Abilene High, 6 p.m. Friday

Girls

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someone else doing it first for us."

Once the Lady Rebels forced turnovers, they were able to race down the court and score fast points in transition with their speed. Lady Bulldogs head coach Wes Torres said the Lady Rebels can strike and make a field goal within two seconds off a turnover.

"It all starts with defense," Valdez said. "We came out ready. We came out fighting. That's what got us going, our defense."

Midland High at times had its scoring opportunities as guard tandem Alexis Washington and Alexandrea Washington were able to penetrate with their dribbling and set up scoring opportunities inside, but the Lady Bulldogs missed a bevy of easy shots inside the key.

Lee did a splendid job of clogging the Lady Bulldogs' passing lanes as well with its press.

"We just didn't finish," Torres said. "Those are shots we normally finish and I think part of it had to do with their pressure. Their pressure defensively was on another level. Early on in the first half, we just didn't respond. The second half I felt like we did a better job of scoring on their level and competing with their defense."

MHS equaled the Lady Rebels with a 28-28 score in the second half, but it wasn't enough to overcome a double-digit deficit.

Karysa Edwards scored in double figures for Lee with 10 points, which included two 3-pointers and a drive to the basket in transition following a MHS' missed shot on the other end.

On the other side, Alexandrea Washington led the Lady Bulldogs with 16 points. Alexis Washington had 13 points and a team-high nine rebounds for MHS.

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3-6A girls basketball

Team	Overall W	Overall L	District W	District L
Lee	4	0	18	4
Midland High	3	1	15	8
San Angelo Central	2	2	11	15
Abilene High	1	3	16	9
Odessa Permian	1	3	13	8
Odessa High	1	3	13	13

Tuesday's Scores

Lee 61, Midland High 44; Odessa High 54, Abilene High 50; San Angelo Central 56, Odessa Permian 42

Friday's Games

San Angelo Central vs. Midland High at Chaparral Center; Lee at Abilene High; Odessa High at Odessa Permian. All games tip off at 7:30 p.m.

LEE 61, MIDLAND HIGH 44

Midland High (15-8, 3-1 in District 3-6A) — Amber Salcido 3, Alexis Washington 13, Alexandrea Washington 16, Katie Jones 2, Claire Lancaster 6, Kaylyn Evans 4

Lee (18-4, 4-0 in District 3-6A) — Rivas 2, Allison Valdez 8, Alaysha Green 8, Karysa Edwards 10, Braydyn Hill 4, Madison Leavitt 2, Kyra Lewis 20, Zion Niblett 5, Aquincia Robinson 2

MHS	10	6	9	19	—44
Lee	17	16	12	16	—61

Free throws — MHS 14-20, Lee 12-17. 3-point goals — MHS 2 (Alexis Washington, Alexandrea Washington), Lee 3 (Edwards 2, Lewis). Total fouls — MHS 15, Lee 17. Fouled out — None.

Next: Lee at Abilene High, 7:30 p.m. Friday; San Angelo Central at MHS, 7:30 p.m. Friday

McCarthy: Lack of big target part of Packers' woes

By Genaro C. Armas
Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Coach Mike McCarthy intends to keep calling the offensive plays for the Green Bay Packers.

Now if quarterback Aaron Rodgers can just get back a healthy complement of receivers for the 2016 season, the Packers could have an easier time moving the ball.

The process of figuring out what went wrong in 2015 started this week for McCarthy after the Packers lost to Arizona 26-20 in overtime in the NFC playoffs to finish 11-7.

Nelson's absence wasn't the only problem. Rodgers didn't play up to his typical, two-time NFL MVP standards. Injuries battered the offensive line. The running game wasn't consistent.

McCarthy also saw a hole up the middle.

"I've said this for a long time, everyone wants to talk about passing game, speed of receivers," McCarthy said. "Philosophically to me ... to have a successful passing game you have to have big targets that can turn through the middle of the field, whether it's a tight end, whether it's a big receiver."

It's what made the versatile Nelson so valuable for the Packers. The 6-foot-3 veteran could get open for deep balls, or line up in the slot to make catches. The presence of Nelson helped make Randall Cobb better, and vice versa.

"You look at the production of Jordy when he went inside ... now you're dictating to the defense what coverage they can play to you. When you don't have that element or the element to complement that, you see what we saw this year," McCarthy said.

Six-foot-4 tight end Richard Rodgers had eight touchdown catches, but averaged just 8.8 yards per reception. McCarthy has said Rodgers and receiver Davante Adams, who both finished their second seasons, must contribute more next season.

The Packers could turn to the draft to fill the need, especially since general manager Ted Thompson historically hasn't been busy in the free-agent market.

Otherwise, McCarthy cites the Packers' 6-0 start as evidence of the team having adjusted well enough to being without Nelson, at least up that point. He doesn't think he did a good enough job handling other injuries.

Left tackle was a particular problem spot after starter left David Bakhtiari went down with an ankle injury.

"It's part of your game-planning ... and when we had uphill matchups we didn't do a good job helping that individual," McCarthy said.

Still, the Packers have made seven straight playoff appearances. Rodgers, who turned 32 last month, is in the prime of his career.

"We take full responsibility for the expectations here. We're not scared to talk about winning world championships and what you have to do to win world championships," McCarthy said. "The fact of the matter is we were a successful football team this year, we just did not reach the level of success that we wanted to attain."

Green Bay finished the regular season with a 4-6 stretch. The defense played well enough to carry the team at times, while special teams improved following a poor 2014 campaign.

This time, the offense took a step back.

Rodgers finished with a 92.7 passer rating, his lowest mark since taking over as starter in 2008. In the exit interview on Monday with Rodgers, McCarthy said he told his quarterback that "he did a heck of a job" dealing with the most adversity he's had to face since that 2008 season.

"I think he was really challenged this year more than ever with what he was trying to pick up for (Nelson) and so forth," McCarthy said.

AP file photo

On Nov. 29, 2015, New England Patriots kicker Stephen Gostkowski (3) celebrates his game-tying field goal during the second half against the Denver Broncos, in Denver. Denver and New England will play in the AFC Championship game Sunday in Denver.

AFC title may come down to kickers

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

DENVER — Antonio Smith says nobody can get into Tom Brady's head. That didn't stop Denver's defensive lineman from trying by labelling New England's quarterback a crybaby.

"I've never seen any quarterback look to the referee right after he gets sacked more than Brady," Smith said with a smile. "Every time he gets sacked he looks at the ref like, 'You see him sack me? Was that supposed to happen? He did it a little hard. Please throw a 15-yard penalty on him. Get him fined.'"

Both teams know the AFC championship won't be decided by potshots — and maybe not even by the golden arms of Brady and Peyton Manning when they square off for the 17th — and likely final — time Sunday in Denver.

Maybe it'll come down to two of the greatest toes on turf instead.

Especially with Denver sporting the league's stingiest defense and Manning reduced to managing the Broncos' no-longer explosive offense.

New England's Stephen Gostkowski was the NFL's top kicker in 2015, winning his second All-Pro honor after leading the league with 151 points.

Denver's Brandon McManus tied an NFL record by nailing all five of his kicks in tricky crosswinds in Denver's 23-16 win over Pittsburgh in the divisional round.

Sunday's forecast in Denver calls for a clouds and temperatures at kickoff in the lower 40s, dipping into the 30s, which is good news for both Manning and Brady.

Yet ...

Last weekend's game was also supposed to be mild.

"During warmups, we went out there and it was a pretty calm day, a nice, tempered day," McManus said. "We come out seven minutes before kickoff and I see a 30 mph crosswind come in over the Rockies."

With the goal posts swaying wildly from the gusts almost the entire game, McManus converted field goals of 28, 41, 51, 41 and 45 yards, joking it was such a tricky task that he just kept aiming "at the guy holding the beer in the top left corner."

"I think all of them were big," said Demaryius Thomas, who had one of seven dropped passes thanks to the blustery winds. "He kept us in the game with the field goals. Him being able to kick with this wind helped us."

Gostkowski is accustomed to kicking in bad conditions, too. So, if it gets windy Sunday, neither he nor McManus will fret.

"You kind of have to hit a ball to a spot and hopefully the wind takes it," McManus said. "I had that 51-yarder right before halftime. I thought it was going to be easy down the middle, and it barely sneaked in."

Gostkowski's field goals from 40 and 32 yards in the fourth quarter last weekend helped the Patriots stave off Kanas City 27-20. He also nailed a 47-yarder as time expired to send the game to overtime when New England visited Denver on Nov. 29, a game in which McManus missed from the same distance.

While Gostkowski, a 10-year veteran, breezed to his first All-Pro honor since 2008, McManus started out hot, then slumped down the stretch. He made his first 13 kicks, including 57- and 56-yarders in the opener against Baltimore, and was named the AFC's special teams player of the month in October.

His late-season slump included missed kicks in five consecutive games, including one off the left upright in a three-point loss to Oakland. He also shanked one from 45 yards against Cincinnati with no time left but atoned for that miss with a 37-yarder in overtime.

His coach never lost faith in the second-year pro who'd been cut by the previous coaching staff last year and won his job back over the summer.

"I think Brandon's confidence is up right now," Gary Kubiak said. "I think he's had a really good year. He's worked through a little rough patch and he's come back. Now he's as good as he's been all season long."

Gostkowski has missed on just three of 39 tries, counting the playoffs, and McManus is 35 of 40.

Of course, both would rather be kicking PATs Sunday than field goals.

"Any time No. 18 gets the ball, I'm thinking we're going to score a touchdown," McManus said. "I try to prepare my mind for the extra point. ... But I want to help my team any way I can. It's my job to go out there and make them."

Notes: The Broncos promoted CB Taurean Nixon from their practice squad after placing S/PR Omar Bolden (knee) on IR Tuesday. Bolden was Denver's leading punt and kickoff returner but was injured much of the season.

Seahawks' offseason priorities begin with offensive line

By Tim Booth
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — The Seattle Seahawks' offseason priorities were obvious in previous years.

Getting extensions done for key stars like Richard Sherman, Earl Thomas, Russell Wilson and Bobby Wagner — some of those taking a little longer than expected — were clearly a key. Adding depth in specific areas like the defensive line was a priority one year, while other seasons it's been going after one specific player.

This offseason is far broader for the Seahawks. There is no overarching, glaring need for a team that has reached at least the divisional round of the NFC playoffs in four straight seasons and played in Super Bowls twice during that span, with one exception. Pete Carroll acknowledged questions on the offensive line need to be answered before next season.

"I don't think we've nailed it yet," Carroll said. "I think this needs to be a really competitive spot again, and we're going to work really hard to build it up. For the course of the season, we weren't consistent enough."

Seattle's offensive line could see the biggest makeover because of contract situations. Starting left tackle Russell Okung and starting right guard J.R. Sweezy are unrestricted free agents. Center Patrick Lewis, who moved into the starting role just before midseason, and versatile backup Alvin Bailey are restricted free agents.

Issues with Seattle's offensive line were partly to blame for the Seahawks' 2-4 start and that's not something Carroll wants to repeat.

"I think that's a real area of focus again so we'll be talking about it. We've got a couple unrestricted guys there. We're going to have to deal with how that works out. There's just stuff we're going to have to work through," Carroll said.

Aside from the offensive line, the Seahawks' biggest free agent questions are on the defensive side, where they could end up trying to fill three or four starting spots.

NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 9
Kansas City 30, Houston 0
Pittsburgh 18, Cincinnati 16

Sunday, Jan. 10
Seattle 10, Minnesota 9
Green Bay 35, Washington 18

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 16
New England 27, Kansas City 20
Arizona 26, Green Bay 20, OT

Sunday, Jan. 17
Carolina 31, Seattle 24
Denver 23, Pittsburgh 16

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 24
AFC
New England at Denver, 3:05 p.m. (CBS)
NFC
Arizona at Carolina, 6:40 p.m. (FOX)

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 31
At Honolulu
Team Rice vs. Team Irvin, 6 p.m. (ESPN)

Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 7
At Santa Clara, Calif.
TBD, 5:30 p.m. (CBS)

Cardinals' running game sputtering heading into NFC showdown

By Bob Baum
Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — The Arizona Cardinals' once robust running game has all but vanished in recent weeks. Now the team has to try to rediscover it while facing the punishing defense of the Carolina Panthers.

In last Saturday's 26-20 overtime victory over Green Bay, the Cardinals managed just 40 yards rushing in 19 attempts, an anemic average of 2.1 yards per carry.

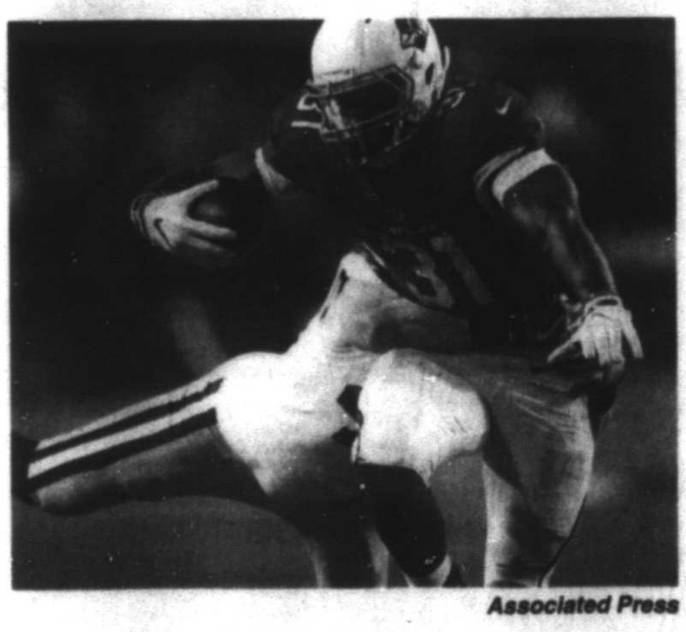
David Johnson gained 35 yards in 15 tries, an average of 2.3 per attempt. Arizona's longest running play of the game was eight yards.

"I think they had a good scheme against us from the two weeks before that when we played them, they were ready for us," Johnson said Tuesday after the Cardinals' walk-through practice.

Arizona coach Bruce Arians placed the blame squarely on the offensive line and not on his rookie running back.

"Getting their (behind) kicked up front," Arians said. "It's not anything David is doing. There's just not a lot of holes there and we have to do a better job. It's a tough challenge this week."

When the Cardinals face Carolina in the NFC championship game on Sunday, they will go against a defense that ranked fourth against the run in the regular season, allowing 88.4 yards per game.



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Arizona Cardinals running back David Johnson (31) is hit by Green Bay Packers inside linebacker Jake Ryan (47) during the first half of a divisional playoff game Saturday in Glendale, Ariz.

Arians said Star Lotulelei and Kawann Short are the best pair of defensive tackles Arizona has seen all season.

"The linebackers are great," Arians said, "but they (the tackles) help make them great."

Lotulelei and Short are great players, Cardinals left guard Mike Iupati said. "They're big, fast, strong."

And they help make linebacker Luke Kuechly the great player he is.

Kuechly, Arians said, has "got great instincts."

"He's really fast," the coach said. "What he really is, he's a great pass defender. People see all the tackles, but they do a great job of keeping him clean to make the tackles."

The absence of defensive end Jared Allen, who is doubtful for the game due to a broken foot, won't have that much impact, the Cardinals coach said.

"They've got good depth," Arians said. "Mario Addison gave us problems last year and I'm not sure there's a drop off there."

Rest assured that the Arizona offensive linemen will hear a lot this week about their run blocking from Arians and offensive coordinator Harold Goodwin, who specializes in coaching those positions.

Iupati, named to the Pro Bowl for the fourth time in his six NFL seasons, is considered one of the best run blockers in the league.

"We've got to execute better," he said. "We've got to block better, block longer, extend your guys. It's no secret. ... Us O-line guys, we know what we've got to do. We've just got to go out there and open holes for David or whoever's in the backfield and protect the quarterback."

Most of the season, the Cardinals' ground game has been humming along nicely, with Chris Johnson the featured back until he went down with a season-ending injury in Arizona's 19-13 win at San Francisco on Nov. 29. David Johnson stepped in and, if anything, the running game got better.

He gained 99 yards in his first start (at St. Louis), 92 in his second (against Minnesota) and a breakout 187 yards in 29 carries at Philadelphia.

But he had only 39 yards, 25 yards and 35 yards in the three games since.

Johnson, a third-round draft pick out of Northern Iowa, knows that the running game has been crucial to the success of the Cardinals, who had the No. 1 ranked offense in the NFL in the regular season.

"When we're able to run the ball, it keeps our offense on the field and it just overall helps our whole team," Johnson said.

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FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:45) ★★ The Parent Trap ('98, Fam) Dennis Quaid, Lindsay Lohan.						Shadowhunters		The 700 Club		★ Robin Hood: M...	
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FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:00) The Wolveri...		★★★ Iron Man 3 ('13, Act) Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr.						★★ The Wolverine Hugh Jackman.			
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Buying and Selling		Property Brothers (N)		Property Brothers (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Pickers "The Superfan"		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		Pawn (N)	Pawn S.	(:05) Pawn	Pawn S.	American Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(5:00) To Be Announced		★★ Ghosts of Girlfriends Past ('09, Rom) Jennifer Garner, Matthew McConaughey.				★★ The Switch (2010, Comedy/Drama) Jennifer Aniston, Jason Bateman.				★★ Ghosts of Girlfriends Past	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey St. Louis Blues at Detroit Red Wings (L)					NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild at Anaheim Ducks (L)				
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	MakePop	Thunder	Rufus ('16, Family)		F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	(5:00) ★★★ Parker Jason Statham.				★★ Homefront ('13, Act) Jason Statham.					★★★ Death Race		
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(4:30) Serenity		Face Off		Face Off (N)		Expanse "Windmills"		Face Off		Expanse "Windmills"	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld "The Trip"	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		2 Broke Girls	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) Mr. Blandi...		★★★★ The Caine Mutiny				(:15) ★★★★ The Apartment ('60, Rom) Jack Lemmon.					Movie
TELE	20	-	10	20		Gran Hermano		Celia (N)		Bajo mismo cielo (N)		Querida centauro		Al rojo	Titulares	Gran Hermano	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Angel's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Amber's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Chad's Story" (N)		Skin Tight (N)		My 600-lb Life "Chad's Story"		Skin Tight	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Castle "I, Witness"		Castle "Resurrection" 1/2 cont'd next		Castle "Reckoning" 2/2		Castle "The Wrong Stuff"		Castle "Hong Kong Hustle"		Castle "At Close Range"	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Younger	Teachers	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		Modern Family	Modern Family	Colony	
WGN	19	85				Person of Interest "Super"		Person of Interest "Legacy"		Person of Interest "Root Cause"		Person of Interest "Wolf and Cub"		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Parks and Rec

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Even the world's best golfers envy parts of others' game

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

HONOLULU — Jimmy Walker does not like to talk about another player's game when they are in the same group except for when "Good shot" is warranted. So he had to hold his tongue last summer while playing with Justin Rose.

"He drove it so good, on a rope. I was like ... wow," Walker said. "I waited two days and I said, 'Justin, I don't give out compliments very often, but I've never seen anyone drive the golf ball as good as you did the last two days.'"

Rose appreciated the kind words, but it was his response — "I wish I could putt like you" — that got Walker to thinking.

"We all have something out here that somebody else wants," Walker said. "You watch somebody and think, 'I wish I could do that.' You admire things about people out here. And there are people out here that I'm sure admire things about my game."

A small sampling showed there might be some truth to that.

No one has everything, and if he does, then not for very long. And no one is ever satisfied with any aspect of his game. But do the world's best at least recognize what they do well, and that someone else might want it?

"They definitely don't want my short putter," Adam Scott said with a laugh.

The long putter is not what made him the first Australian to win a green jacket. It's not why he rose to No. 1 in the world a year later.

"I think I'm a good driver of the golf ball," Scott said. "Someone must want to take my driver."

Scott has seen some good golf in his 15 years as a pro. He played a practice round with Tiger Woods before the 2000 U.S. Open that made Scott wonder if he should remain an amateur. He was paired with Ernie Els when the Big Easy shot 60 at Royal Melbourne in 2004, which Scott still considers the greatest round he ever saw.

But when asked if he could have something from another player, he went with Phil Mickelson's short game.

"There are a few guys that have outstanding areas of their games, but Phil's short game over all the years I've been out here stands out unbelievably," he said.

Players do pay attention.

Luke Donald and Steve Stricker were in the same group Friday at the Sony Open. Both shot 65.

Donald, a former world No. 1, figured that someone would like to have his short game and bunker play. What he wants is what he can't have, much as he has tried. Donald would love to hit the ball 320 yards. He chased distance once in his career and it led to a wrist injury that ultimately kept him out of the 2008 Ryder Cup.

Stricker, meanwhile, has long been regarded as one of the best putters in golf, so it would seem obvious what another player would want from him. Think back to Doral in 2013, when Woods sought his help for 45 minutes on the putting green on Wednesday and then won by two shots over Stricker.

GOLF GLANCE

PGA TOUR
CAREERBUILDER CHALLENGE

Site: La Quinta, California.

Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.

Courses: TPC Stadium Course at PGA West (7,113 yards, par 72), Jack Nicklaus Tournament Course at PGA West (7,159 yards, par 72) and La Quinta Country Club (7,060 yards, par 72).

Purse: $5.8 million. Winner's share: $1,044,000.

Television: Golf Channel (Thursday-Saturday, 2-6 p.m., 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m.; Sunday, 2-6 p.m., 7 p.m.-11 p.m.).

Last year: Bill Haas beat five players by a stroke. He also won the 2010 tournament.

Last week: Argentina's Fabian Gomez won the Sony Open in Hawaii, beating Brandt Snedeker with a birdie on the second hole of a playoff. Gomez had 10 birdies — seven in a row — in a closing 8-under 62.

Notes: Phil Mickelson is making his first start since the Presidents Cup in October. The 2002 and 2004 tournament champion is winless since the 2013 British Open. ... The Stadium and Nicklaus Tournament courses replaced PGA West's Palmer and Nicklaus private layouts in the course rotation. The final round will be played on the Stadium Course, used once previously in the tournament in 1987. ... In 2014, Patrick Reed shot 63-63-63-71 for a two-stroke victory. He broke the PGA Tour record for relation to par for the first 54 holes at 27 under and became the first player in tour history to open with three rounds of 63 or better. ... The tournament, long known as the Bob Hope Classic, was shortened from 90 to 72 holes in 2012. ... David Duval shot a 59 on the Palmer Course in the final round of his 1999 victory. ... Arnold Palmer won the first event in 1960 and added victories in 1962, '68, '71 and '73. ... The Farmers Insurance Open is next week in San Diego, followed by the Phoenix Open.

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EUROPEAN TOUR
ABU DHABI HSBC GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Site: Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.

Course: Abu Dhabi Golf Club (7,583 yards, par 72).

Purse: $2.7 million. Winner's share: $450,000.

Television: Golf Channel (Wednesday, 9:30 p.m.-7 a.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Friday, 1-7 a.m., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Saturday, 3-7 a.m., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30-7 a.m., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.).

Last year: France's Gary Stal closed with a 7-under 65 to beat Rory McIlroy by a stroke. Martin Kaymer, 10 shots ahead with 13 holes left, had a 75 to finish two strokes back.

Last week: Englishmen Ian Poulter, Lee Westwood and Andy Sullivan won all three of their matches to help Europe rout Asia 18 1/2-5 1/2 in the EurAsia Cup in Malaysia. ... South Africa's Haydn Porteous won the Joburg Open for his first European Tour title. He closed with a 3-under 69 for a two-stroke victory.

Notes: Top-ranked Jordan Spieth is coming off a victory two weeks ago in Hawaii in the PGA Tour's Tournament of Champions. He won the Masters and U.S. Open last year, tied for the PGA Tour victory lead with five and took the FedEx Cup title. ... McIlroy also is in the field along with Poulter, Westwood, Kaymer, Rickie Fowler and Henrik Stenson. Kaymer won in 2008, 2010 and 2011. ... The Qatar Masters is next week, followed by the Dubai Desert Classic.

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PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS
MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC CHAMPIONSHIP

Site: Kaupulehu-Kona, Hawaii.

Schedule: Thursday-Saturday.

Course: Hualalai Golf Course (7,107 yards, par 72).

Purse: $1.8 million. Winner's share: $309,000.

Television: Golf Channel (Thursday-Friday, 6-9 p.m.; Saturday, 1-3 a.m., 6-9 p.m.; Sunday, 1-2:30 a.m.).

Last year: Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez rallied to win the season-opening event. He birdied six of the final nine holes for a one-stroke victory over Mark O'Meara.

Notes: The tournament opens the 50-and-over tour's 26-event schedule. ... The 44-player field features major champions from the last five years, other tournament winners in the last two seasons and sponsor invitees. ... Bernhard Langer won in 2009 and 2014. He has 25 career victories on the tour, winning twice last year en route to his third Charles Schwab Cup points title. ... Vijay Singh, Davis Love III and Fred Funk played last week in the PGA Tour's Sony Open in Honolulu. Funk tied for 42nd, Singh tied for 50th, and Love failed to advance to the final round. ... John Daly will be 50 on April 28. ... The tour is off next week. Play will resume Feb. 5-7 with the Allianz Championship in Boca Raton, Florida.

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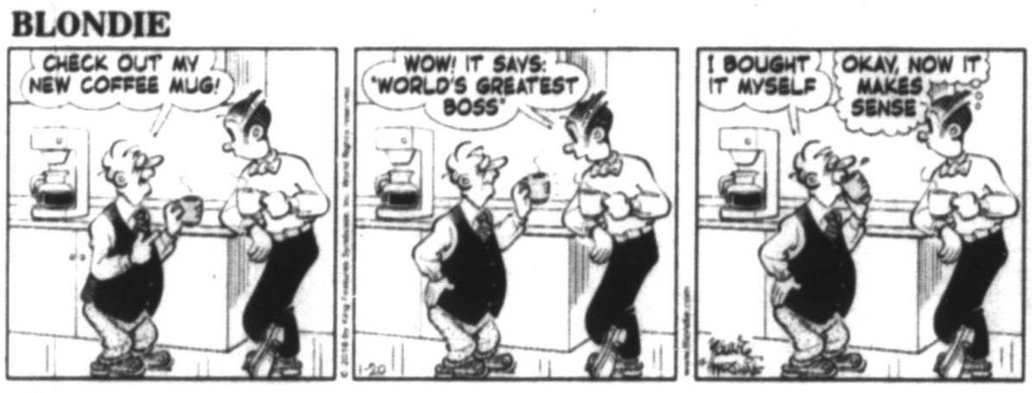

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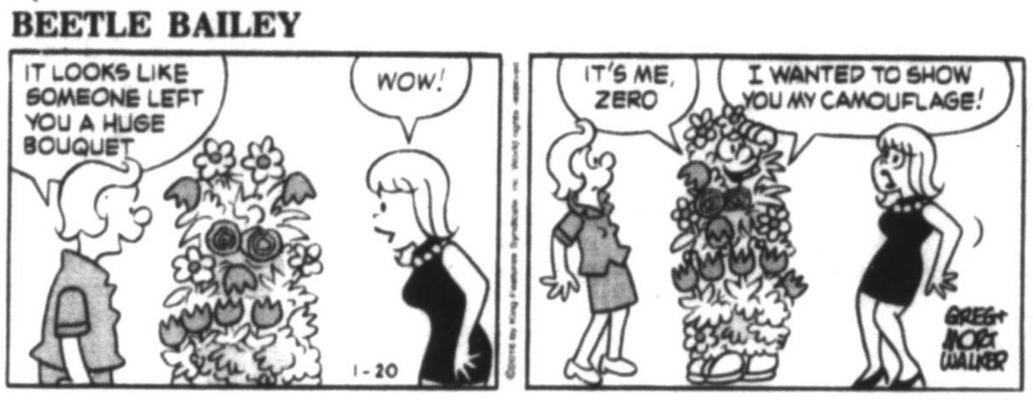

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Recognizing the next bungee jumper as the bully who gave him a massive wedgie in 9th grade, Dan exacted his revenge.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"WHO'S FRIAR TUCK? A FAST-FOOD COOK?"

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

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WIZARD OF ID

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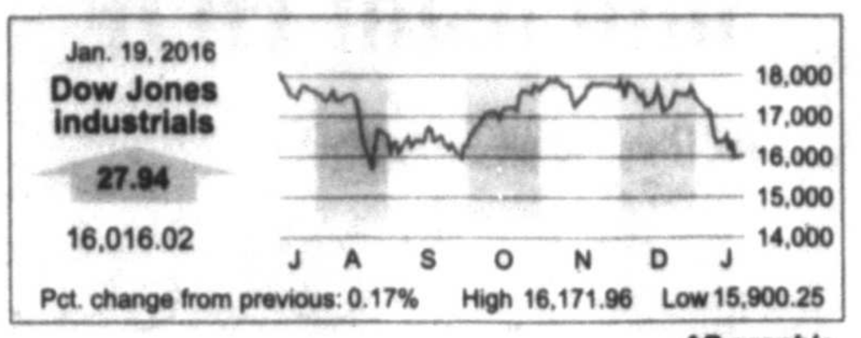

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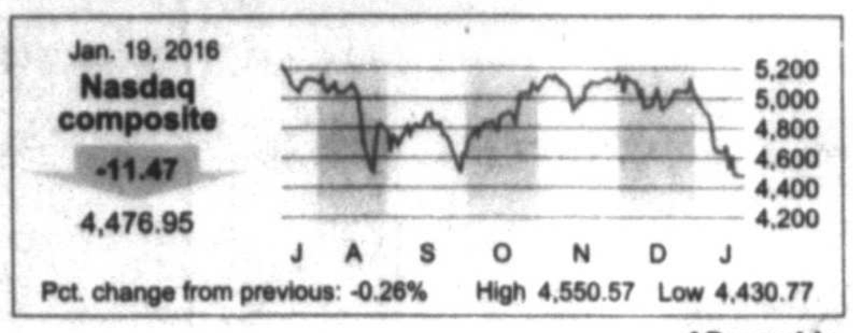

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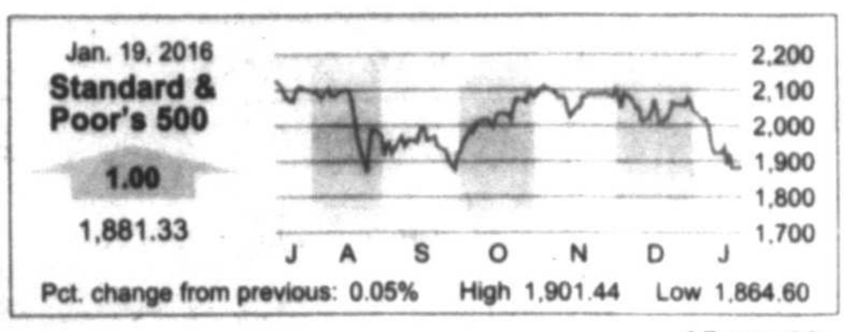

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Tuesday: $28.46
Previous: $29.42

POSTED
Tuesday: $24.50
Previous: $26.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR
Tuesday: $20.85
Previous: $22.35

NATURAL GAS
Tuesday: $2.091
Previous: $2.100

Oil prices may fall further this year, the IEA says

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The International Energy Agency says oil prices may fall further this year because of low demand, warm winter weather and an oversupply of crude.

The organization, which advises countries on energy policy, said in its monthly report Tuesday that global excess supply may reach 1.5 million barrels per day during the first half of the year.

"Unless something changes, the oil market could drown in over-supply," the IEA said.

U.S. crude prices have fallen 24 percent since the beginning of the year. Benchmark U.S. crude fell 96 cents, or 3.26 percent, to $28.46 a barrel in New York on Tuesday.

Many oil companies, including Chevron and BP, have cut jobs and reduced spending to save money.

The IEA noted mild temperatures at the outset of winter in the U.S., Japan and Europe lowered demand for oil.

Meanwhile, more oil from Iran could boost global supplies further. Iran has said it is aiming to increase its oil production by 500,000 barrels per day now that sanctions have been lifted under a nuclear deal with world powers.

"There will be enormous strain on the ability of the oil system to absorb it efficiently," the IEA said, referring to the overall excess supply.

Stocks rise

U.S. stocks struggled through a turbulent day of trading Tuesday and eked out small gains, led by utility and consumer stocks. The price of crude oil continued to fall, and energy and mining stocks tumbled.

Stocks in Asia and Europe had rallied earlier in the day as investors were satisfied with China's fourth-quarter economic growth. The Dow Jones industrial average rose as much as 183 points in the first minutes of trading Tuesday. The gains faded in the afternoon before a late spurt of buying in the last half hour sent indexes mostly higher.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 27.94 points, or 0.2 percent, to 16,016.02. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose one point to 1,881.33. The Nasdaq composite index fell 11.47 points, or 0.3 percent, to 4,476.95. Major indexes had plunged Friday, and the Dow and S&P 500 are coming off their worst opening weeks of a year in history.

Metals end mixed

The price of gold fell $1.60 to $1,089.10 an ounce. Silver rose 22.5 cents, or 1.6 percent, to $14.121 an ounce. Copper gained 3.4 cents, or 1.7 percent, to $1.978 a pound. Gold miner Newmont Mining lost $1.39, or 7.9 percent, to $16.31 and copper producer Freeport-McMoRan gave up 39 cents, or 9 percent, to $3.96. Freeport-McMoRan shares have skidded 41.5 percent in 2016.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1738642	188.06	+.25
BkofAm	1443196	14.24	-.22
B iPVixST	998864	26.71	+.01
iShEMkts	760197	28.88	+.43
CSVLgCrd rs	739246	1.76	-.21

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RousProp	17.50	+4.01	+29.7
NavMH pfH	3.15	+.45	+16.7
CHC Gp rs	5.70	+.75	+15.2
TimknSteel	4.56	+.56	+14.0
CypressEn	6.50	+.68	+11.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
C&J Engy	2.01	-.70	-25.8
BonanzaCE	2.06	-.70	-25.4
Flotek	5.52	-1.81	-24.7
DxNGBll rs	2.05	-.65	-24.1
ClayEng	12.67	-3.77	-22.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,025
Declined	2,105
Unchanged	76
Total issues	3,206
New Highs	11
New Lows	701
Volume	4,718,315,564

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	49537	1.80	-.20
CheniereEn	44863	30.01	-1.99
BarcGSOil	42181	5.58	-.03
SynergyRs	27890	5.52	-.61
Globalstar	26915	1.08	+.03

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MexcoEn	2.21	+.45	+25.6
GreenH pfC	3.31	+.26	+8.5
StrPathCm	14.21	+1.11	+8.5
GnEmp rs	5.15	+.35	+7.3
IEC Elec	3.24	+.19	+6.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Ampliphi rs	2.32	-.53	-18.6
IDI rs	4.26	-.74	-14.8
NthnO&G	2.55	-.35	-12.1
YumaE pfA	3.10	-.41	-11.7
VolitionRX	3.52	-.46	-11.6

DIARY

Advanced	142
Declined	241
Unchanged	19
Total issues	402
New Highs	2
New Lows	72
Volume	86,172,483

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CSVixSh rs	576014	10.58	...
PwShs QQQ	532656	101.06	+.22
Cisco	503946	23.85	+.23
Microsoft	422040	50.56	-.43
Apple Inc	400454	96.66	-.47

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BiotieTh n	24.62	+11.42	+86.5
Zynerba n	9.41	+1.55	+19.7
AEtern g rs	3.12	+.45	+16.9
Histogenics	2.57	+.34	+15.2
Cyclacel pf	4.09	+.54	+15.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AccVIXup rs	12.23	-8.57	-41.2
Hortonwks	10.44	-6.13	-37.0
Energous	3.86	-1.05	-21.4
The9Ltd	2.27	-.49	-17.8
CodeReb n	3.04	-.62	-16.9

DIARY

Advanced	985
Declined	1,886
Unchanged	116
Total issues	2,987
New Highs	6
New Lows	469
Volume	2,281,156,129

Justices to weigh limits on insider trading cases

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court signaled Tuesday that it could make insider trading cases harder to prosecute nationwide, dealing another blow to federal prosecutors.

The justices said they would hear the appeal of an Illinois man who is serving a three-year prison term after being convicted of trading on leaked inside information.

The court decided to take on the appeal of Bassam Yacoub Salman over the opposition of the Justice Department and a little more than three months after the justices sided against federal prosecutors who wanted to reinstate similar convictions in New York against two high-profile hedge fund managers.

The Justice Department had warned that warned that overturning the convictions could hinder the government's campaign to curb insider trading on Wall Street, a crackdown that has resulted in more than 80 arrests and 70 convictions over several years. But that argument made no headway at the Supreme Court in October.

Salman was convicted of 2013 of making investments based on confidential information he received from a member of his extended family who worked in the health care investment banking group at Citigroup Global Markets in New York.

Prosecutors said Salman was part of a $5.3 million insider trading scheme that involved the investment banker, Maher Fayez Kara, of San Carlos, California, and other family members. Kara pleaded guilty to conspiracy and securities fraud charges.

Responding to Salman's Supreme Court appeal, the Justice Department said there was no reason to take up his case after denying the government's appeal in October.

The justices offered no elaboration on their decision to hear the case.

It is not clear whether arguments will take place in April or wait until the court's new term begins in October. Salman is supposed to be released from federal prison in July.

The case is Salman v. U.S., 15-628.

Netflix impresses Wall St. with robust growth

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — As its U.S. subscriber growth tapers off, Netflix's Internet video service is setting out to conquer the rest of the world in an audacious expansion likely to sway the company's stock and the prices it pays for TV shows and movies.

The stakes riding on Netflix's next act came into sharper focus Tuesday with the release of the company's fourth-quarter report.

Netflix added 1.56 million U.S. subscribers from October through December, slightly below what management had predicted. It marked the second-straight quarter that Netflix's subscriber gains in the U.S. have disappointed.

But international growth topped the company's projections to give Netflix nearly 75 million worldwide subscribers through December.

Netflix Inc.'s fourth-quarter earnings also exceeded analyst forecasts, helping to lift the company's stock by more than 6 percent in extended trading.

Although most of Netflix's subscribers are in the U.S., the overseas markets are now the company's marquee attraction. The company picked up another 4 million international subscribers in the fourth quarter to give Netflix 30 million customers outside the U.S.

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Closing Price $3.02 Down 0.28

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $60.48 Down 2.68

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.08 Down 0.08

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.21 Up 0.45

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $18.33 Down 0.13

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $18.69 Down 1.96

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $4.54 Down 0.01

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $13.96 Down 0.44

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.92f	38	34.51	+.52	+.3
Abraxas	...	4	.75	-.06	-29.1
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	11.57	-.12	-9.8
AMD	...	...	1.95	-.08	-32.1
Alcoa	.12	12	8.74	-.16	-31.7
Alibaba	...	28	70.13	+.54	-13.7
AlonUSA	.60	7	11.82	-.27	-20.4
AlpAlerMLP	1.19e	...	9.23	-.58	-23.4
Amgen	4.00f	18	151.30	...	-6.8
Anadarko	1.08	...	30.85	-1.17	-36.5
Apache	1.00	...	34.48	-.85	-22.5
Apple Inc	2.08	11	96.66	-.47	-8.2
ApldMatl	.40	15	16.45	+.37	-11.9
Archrock	.60	15	4.84	-.45	-35.6
ATMOS	1.68f	20	63.96	+.99	+1.5
AutoData	2.12	25	79.11	+1.19	-6.6
BP PLC	2.40	...	28.92	-.24	-7.5
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	17.45	+.29	+1.2
BakrHu	.68	...	39.79	-.10	-13.8
BkofAm	.20	10	14.24	-.22	-15.4
B iPVixST	...	...	26.71	+.01	+32.9
BarrickG	.08	21	7.59	-.31	+2.8
BasicEnSv	...	...	1.94	+.21	-27.6
BerkHa A	...	14	191700.00	+1700.00	-3.1
BlkHillsCp	1.62	31	47.47	+1.27	+2.2
BrMySq	1.52f	61	63.21	+.43	-8.1
Broadcom	.56	23	52.96	+.02	-8.4
BrownFA	1.36f	32	102.01	+.47	-7.4
BrownFB	1.36f	29	92.63	+.63	-6.7
CVS Health	1.70f	21	95.06	+1.16	-2.8
Cameron	...	15	58.33	-.24	-7.7
Caterpillar	3.08	12	59.03	-.84	-13.1
Celestic g	...	11	9.21	-.13	-16.5
CntryLink	2.16	17	23.22	-.07	-7.7
ChesEng	...	...	3.08	-.48	-31.6
Chevron	4.28	18	81.51	-2.16	-9.4
Chicos	.31	44	10.04	-.10	-5.9
Cimarex	.64	...	81.19	-3.13	-9.2
Cisco	.84	13	23.85	+.23	-11.5
Citigroup	.20	10	41.94	-.53	-19.0
ClayEng	...	...	12.67	-3.77	-57.2
CocaCola	1.32	27	41.92	+.42	-2.4
ColgPalm	1.52	24	64.29	+.94	-3.5
ConAgra	1.00	21	38.87	-.17	-7.8

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ConchoRes	...	45	75.98	-1.09	-18.2
ConocoPhil	2.96	40	36.40	-2.96	-22.0
CrackerB	4.40a	18	124.37	+.68	-1.9
CSVLgNG rs	...	...	1.71	-.07	-29.9
CSVLgCrd rs		...	...	1.76	-.21
-55.4					
CSVelIVST	...	...	18.42	-.02	-28.6
CSVixSh rs	...	...	10.58	...	+69.0
CrosTim	1.56e	8	12.24	-.15	-5.9
DCP Mid	3.12	9	17.76	-1.54	-28.0
DTE	2.92f	16	82.23	+1.69	+2.5
Dataram	...	...	.58	-.01	-12.1
DevonE	.96	...	23.48	-1.01	-26.6
DxGBull rs	...	...	17.91	-2.78	-26.2
Disney	1.42f	18	93.97	+.07	-10.6
DowChm	1.84f	11	42.07	-.89	-18.3
EMC Cp	.46	20	24.35	-.66	-5.2
EOG Rescs	.67	...	60.98	-1.99	-13.9
EmpDist	1.04	21	27.94	+.25	-.5
EnCana g	.28	...	3.27	-.42	-35.8
Energen	.08	...	28.72	-2.55	-29.9
EgyTrEq s	1.14f	8	7.54	-1.24	-45.1
EngyTsfr	4.22f	72	23.12	-1.58	-31.5
EnPro	.80	...	39.93	-.84	-8.9
EntProdPt	1.56f	17	21.23	-1.27	-17.0
Ericsson	.39e	...	8.87	+.18	-7.7
ExxonMbl	2.92	16	76.40	-1.18	-2.0
Facebook	...	96	95.26	+.29	-9.0
FordM	.60a	10	11.95	-.02	-15.2
FrptMcM	...	...	3.96	-.39	-41.5
FrontierCm	.42	...	4.18	-.06	-10.5
GATX	1.52	7	35.12	-1.28	-17.5
GabMultT	.94e	...	6.56	-.11	-12.5
GAInv	1.15e	...	27.77	-.36	-13.1
GenElec	.92	...	28.49	...	-8.5
GenMotors	1.44	11	29.40	-.17	-13.6
GtBasSci rs	...	...	.20	+.02	-78.7
GtPlainEn	1.05f	20	27.24	+.42	-.3
HP Inc	.50	...	9.76	-.35	-17.6
HalconRs rs	...	...	.33	-.19	-73.8
Hallibrtn	.72	37	29.79	-1.06	-12.5
Hertz	...	...	9.19	-.53	-35.4
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	18.23	-.11	-11.8
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.27	+.10	-7.0

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iShChinaLC	.76e	...	30.54	+.75	-13.5
iShEMkts	.84e	...	28.88	+.43	-10.3
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	53.75	+.49	-8.5
iShR2K	1.73e	...	98.77	-1.35	-12.3
iShREst	2.76e	...	70.75	+.22	-5.8
Intel	.96	13	29.80	+.04	-13.5
InterDig	.80	16	43.19	-.83	-11.9
JPMorgCh	1.76	10	57.01	-.03	-13.1
JohnJn	3.00	18	97.50	+.50	-5.1
KimbClk	3.52	67	125.88	+.52	-1.1
KindMorg	.50m	24	12.55	-.45	-15.9
Kinross g	...	...	1.38	-.10	-24.2
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.08	-.08	-38.3
Lubys	...	...	3.90	+.04	-12.8
MarathnO	.20m	64	7.68	-.46	-39.0
MktVGold	.12e	...	12.47	-.62	-9.1
McDnlds	3.56f	24	117.50	+2.32	-.5
Merck	1.84f	14	51.34	+.20	-2.8
MeritMed	...	27	16.41	-.02	-11.7
MexcoEn	...	...	2.21	+.45	-31.5
MicronT	...	6	10.80	-.28	-23.7
Microsoft	1.44	34	50.56	-.43	-8.9
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Nabors	.24	...	5.87	-.50	-31.0
NatGrid	3.35e	...	67.56	+.84	-2.8
NOilVarco	1.84	8	29.53	-.42	-11.8
Netflix s	...	...	107.89	+3.85	-5.7
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NuvPI	.82a	...	14.12	-.02	+.1
NSTFI3	.55a	...	14.47	+.02	-.5
NTXQI	.65	...	14.27	-.16	-1.1
OcciPet	3.00	27	61.46	-1.33	-9.1
Oracle	.60	17	34.55	+.43	-5.0
ParTech	...	...	5.43	-.13	-19.3
ParkDrl	...	...	1.23	-.08	-32.4
PattUTI	.40	...	12.07	-.77	-20.0
Penney	...	...	6.57	-.44	-1.4
PennaRE	.84	...	19.55	+.10	-10.6
Prmian	.35e	10	4.49	-.34	-11.3
Petrobras	...	...	3.01	-.26	-30.0
Pfizer	1.20f	23	30.69	-.12	-4.9
PioNtrl	.08	21	111.62	-1.52	-11.0
PlainsAAP	2.80	11	19.10	-1.60	-17.3
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	101.06	+.22	-9.7

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Praxair	2.86	18	98.18	+.79	-4.1
PrmEgy	...	23	50.00	...	-5.7
PUVixST rs	...	...	48.36	+.21	+70.6
ProctGam	2.65	27	76.73	+1.75	-3.4
ProUShSP	...	...	23.30	-.03	+16.9
RangeRs	.16	12	20.45	-1.40	-16.9
RegionsFn	.24	12	8.08	-.12	-15.8
Rowan	.40	...	11.60	-.59	-31.6
RoyDShllA	3.76	58	38.49	-.66	-15.9
SpdrDJIA	3.90e	...	160.02	+.34	-8.0
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	188.06	+.25	-7.8
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	32.57	-.16	-4.0
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	23.87	-1.29	-21.0
SabnR	3.09e	7	24.22	-2.41	-7.8
SanderFm	.88a	8	74.47	-.19	-3.9
Schlmbrg	2.00	21	62.82	-.19	-9.9
SiriusXM	...	37	3.66	+.03	-10.1
Smucker	2.68	34	119.73	+1.47	-2.9
SwstnEngy	...	...	6.52	-.18	-8.3
Sprint	...	...	2.64	-.23	-27.1
SP Engy	2.04e	...	53.18	-1.17	-11.8
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	21.41	-.01	-10.2
SP Tech	.78e	...	39.38	+.04	-8.1
SP Util	1.55e	...	44.06	+.65	+1.8
SunEdison	...	...	2.47	-.27	-51.5
SunocoLog	1.83f	...	17.88	-1.56	-30.4

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TelefEsp	1.03e	...	9.88	+.05	-10.7
Tesoro	2.00	7	89.60	-3.11	-15.0
3M Co	4.10	18	138.39	-.30	-8.1
Torchmark	.54	13	52.87	-.08	-7.3
TriContl	.81e	...	18.20	-.15	-9.1
Twitter	...	...	16.69	-1.25	-27.9
TylerTech	...	75	157.10	-1.75	-9.9
UBSI	1.32f	17	33.31	-.17	-9.9
US OilFd	...	...	8.49	-.30	-22.8
Vale SA	.29e	...	2.33	-.04	-29.2
ValeroE	2.00f	7	66.54	+.13	-5.9
VangEmg	1.10e	...	29.16	+.40	-10.9
VangFTSE	1.10e	...	33.63	+.29	-8.4
VerizonCm	2.26	18	44.87	+.44	-2.9
Visa s	.56f	28	71.39	-.44	-7.9
VulcanM	.40	63	82.52	-1.32	-13.1
WEC Engy	1.98f	20	54.19	+1.44	+5.6
WalgBoots	1.44	24	80.70	+.77	-5.2
WellsFargo	1.50	12	48.21	-.61	-11.3
WstnRefin	1.52f	6	32.64	-1.76	-8.4
WhitingPet	...	...	4.72	-1.00	-50.0
WmsCos	2.56	45	15.78	-.32	-38.6
XcelEngy	1.28	19	37.21	+.71	+3.6
Xerox	.28	31	8.91	-.19	-16.2
Yahoo	...	...	29.74	+.60	-10.6
Yamana g	.06	...	1.41	-.14	-24.2

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9,214.77	6,560.11	Dow Jones Transportation	6,657.20	-31.86	-.48	-11.34	-24.77
657.17	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	591.87	+9.08	+1.56	+2.43	-7.98
11,254.87	9,192.07	NYSE Composite	9,301.75	+2.13	+.02	-8.30	-12.73
5,231.94	4,292.14	Nasdaq Composite	4,476.95	-11.47	-.26	-10.59	-3.82
2,134.72	1,857.83	S&P 500	1,881.33	+1.00	+.05	-7.96	-6.98
1,551.28	1,246.65	S&P Midcap	1,263.14	-6.69	-.53	-9.68	-11.48
22,537.15	19,075.51	Wilshire 5000	19,286.30	-48.93	-.25	-8.89	-9.28
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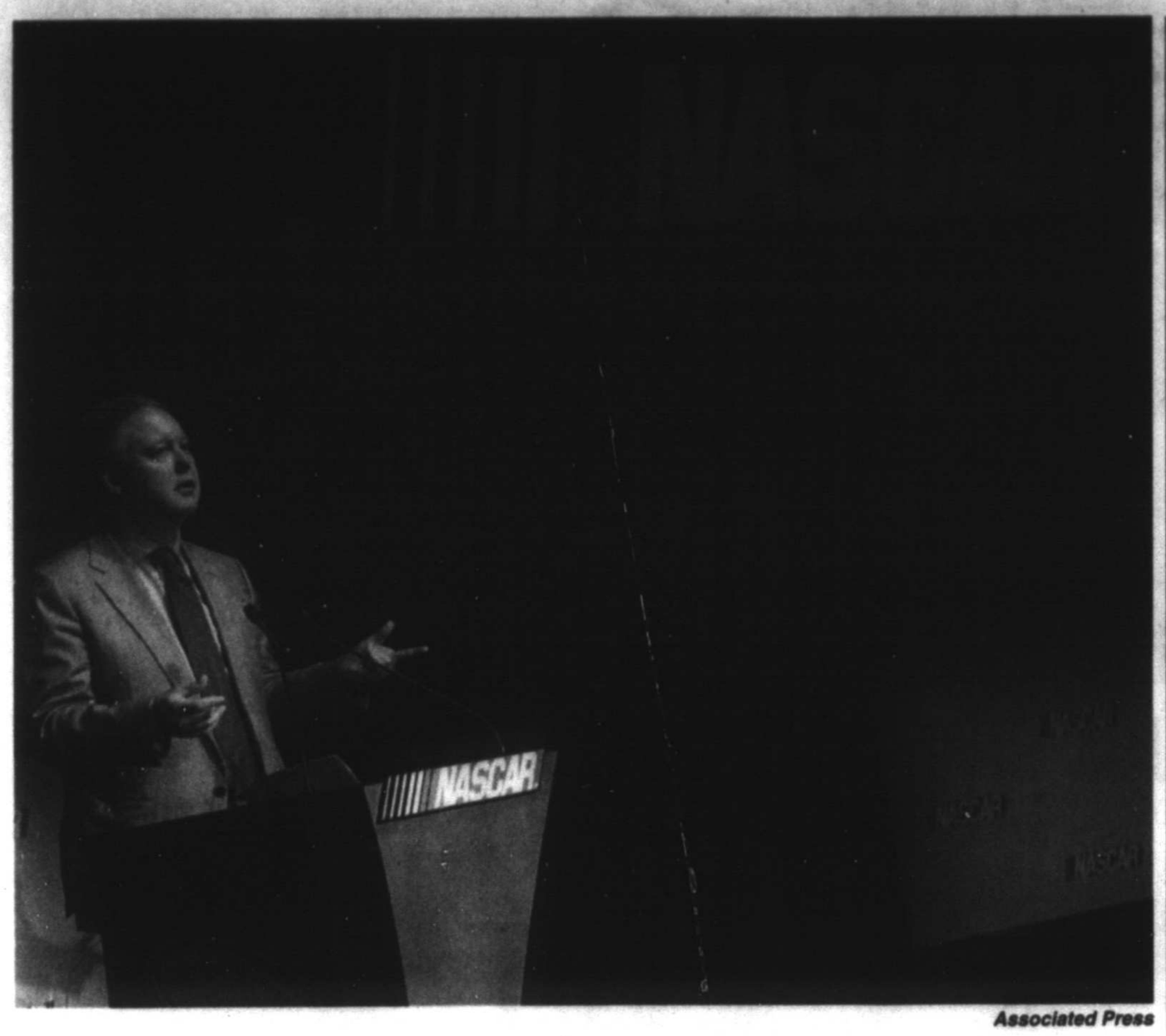

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NASCAR Chairman and CEO Brian France speaks to the media during the Charlotte Motor Speedway Media Tour in Charlotte, N.C., on Tuesday. France announced Tuesday that the Xfinity Series and the Camping World Truck Series will begin using a Chase format in 2016, mostly mirroring the playoff-style setup used to determine the Sprint Cup champion the last two years.

NASCAR expands its Chase format to other 2 national series

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR is expanding its Chase format to include its feeder series, meaning the champions from the Xfinity and Truck Series will now be crowned in a four-driver shootout at the season finale.

The format announced Tuesday by NASCAR Chairman and CEO Brian France mostly mirrors the playoff-style setup used to determine the Sprint Cup champion the last two years. That system has 16 drivers race through three rounds of eliminations to establish a field of four in which the highest finisher in the finale wins the championship.

The Xfinity and Camping World Truck Series will use a seven-race Chase to decide their champions. The Cup series uses a 10-race format.

All three series will crown a champ at Homestead-Miami Speedway. However, all three will begin at different tracks: Chicago (Sprint Cup), Kentucky (Xfinity) and New Hampshire (Trucks).

France said the change will prepare the sport's young drivers for the challenges of winning a championship at the Sprint Cup level.

"I think it's important that they understand how difficult it's going to be when they get to the next level," France said. "Certainly, it makes it more exciting for our fans. Fans love elimination style and emphasis on wins. I think for the drivers, I think it's important to get conditioned to what it's going to take ... to handle the next level."

There will be 12 drivers eligible for the Xfinity Chase, which will then be whittled to eight drivers and conclude with a final four championship race at Homestead. In Trucks, the format is eight drivers cut down to six and then a final four at Homestead.

NASCAR said the 16 Sprint Cup drivers who qualified for last year's Chase will not be eligible to compete in the lower-tier championship races. That eliminates Kyle Busch, Matt Kenseth, Denny Hamlin, Brad Keselowski and Joey Logano — drivers who often moonlight in at least the Xfinity Series — from participating in the season finale.

Other changes announced for the two lower series Tuesday include:

■ A caution clock for the Truck Series. The clock will be set to 20 minutes and triggered at the start of each green-flag run. When the clock reaches zero, the caution flag will be displayed. The clock will be restarted when the green flag reappears.

■ In the Xfinity Series, the four "Dash 4 Cash" races will include two heat races and a main event. Results of the heat races will set the starting field for the main. The fields for the heat races will be set via qualifying. Those races are at Bristol, Richmond, Dover and Indianapolis.

Meanwhile, France said he is so optimistic about the upcoming season that rain is NASCAR's most pressing concern. Two races last year were postponed a day, while several others had lengthy weather delays. The start of the season finale was delayed, and the event at Phoenix that decided the championship field was called before its completion, denying drivers a chance to race their way into the finale.

"There is no pressing thing that I would like to see get resolved. We have really worked at things that were out in front of us that we thought we could improve on in the industry," he said. "But we can't do anything about the rain, other than we can probably add some more Air Titans (jet dryers) over time to speed it up, but hopefully we'll get a little break on that in 2016."

Others topics covered Tuesday:

■ France said he is "very optimistic" that NASCAR and Sprint Cup teams will come to an agreement on a charter system that will give owners more economic security.

■ Sprint is in the final year of its contract as title sponsor of NASCAR's top series, but France was confident a replacement will be found for 2017.

■ All Sprint Cup teams will be required to use digital dashboards beginning this year. "We're going to embrace technology and innovation," said France. "We don't want to break the bank for the track operators, the team owners, or other stakeholders, but we're going to need to figure it out as we go along."

■ NASCAR is committed to a low-downforce rules package that will be used everywhere this season except Daytona and Talladega. NASCAR experimented with several different packages before settling on one that everyone hopes will improve passing opportunities.

■ International Speedway Corp. is eyeing Phoenix and Richmond as the next two tracks in need of capital improvements.

"It's so important to continue to modernize these tracks and to be able to bring the modern-day amenities and comforts into these tracks," said ISC CEO Lesa France Kennedy.

Joe Gibbs Racing makes a pair of crew chief changes for 2016

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Joe Gibbs Racing capped 2015 with its first Sprint Cup championship in a decade. Then the team made some major changes to one of the strongest organizations in NASCAR.

Kyle Busch won his first Cup title, the first for manufacturer Toyota and the first for JGR since Tony Stewart's 2005 crown. Behind the scenes, though, personnel changes were being made even though JGR put all four of its drivers in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

Dave Rogers was moved from crew chief for Denny Hamlin to crew chief for Carl Edwards, while Mike Wheeler was promoted from the Xfinity Series to replace Rogers. Busch and Matt Kenseth's teams were left intact.

Hamlin said the move was precipitated by a long-term plan to get Wheeler crew chief experience and then reunite him with the No. 11 team. Wheeler was an engineer for Hamlin's team for 10 years before he went to the Xfinity Series last year to crew chief.

"I was pretty happy with Dave Rogers, to be honest with you, but ultimately we've had a plan for many, many years to get me and Wheels together," Hamlin said Tuesday. "That started with him moving to the Xfinity Series. So we knew when he moved there, he was eventually going to make it back to the Cup Series and when he was going to move up, I needed to make myself available for him.

"He can't move up and I loan him to Carl for a year and then take him back. It just doesn't work that way. You've got to make the move the way we did it, and I think it works out best for everyone. Everyone got who they want right now."

JGR drivers combined to win 15 of 36 races last season and went into the Chase as the heavy favorites to win the title. Only Busch and Edwards advanced to the third round of the playoffs, though, and Busch moved on to the championship race.

Almost immediately after his victory there were rumblings that changes were coming at JGR.

The jockeying of jobs led to the departure of Darian Grubb, who had come narrowly close to winning the championship with Hamlin in 2014 and then led Edwards to a pair of wins in their only season together. Once he'd been replaced as crew chief, Grubb left for the role of vehicle production director at Hendrick Motorsports.

Grubb has indicated he was told when the Chase began that he would be replaced — a similar scenario to 2011 when Stewart told him he wouldn't be back as crew chief, though the two still went on to win the championship.

Edwards praised Grubb for being professional through the end of the season.

"Absolutely nothing went wrong. When we looked at everything toward the end of the season, I felt like two things: No. 1, I'm really proud of how Darian and I finished the season. I thought we performed very well," Edwards said. "We step back and look at it, it just seemed Dave was a natural fit for me, and the way everything shook out with all the changes, all the crew chiefs and drivers, it just seemed like the right thing to do."

Although he's yet to work with Rogers, a recent snowmobile trip to Vermont as a team building exercise has given Edwards hope that he's got the right crew chief.

"Dave really believes in getting the most out of each person and understanding each person and the competitiveness and what drives them," Edwards said.

Reds retiring Rose's No. 14, inducting him into team HOF

By Dan Sewell
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Pete Rose is getting a hall of fame induction — in the Cincinnati Reds' team hall during a weekend of honors this summer in his hometown — that will include retiring his No. 14.

The Reds' announcement Tuesday came after MLB commissioner Rob Manfred rejected Rose's application for reinstatement to baseball last month.

Manfred concluded that baseball's career hits leader hasn't shown evidence of "a reconfigured life" and continued to gamble, even while seeking to end the lifetime ban imposed in 1989 for betting on numerous Reds games while playing for and managing the team.

Reds' chief executive Bob Castellini said Manfred approved the plans to honor the 74-year-old Rose. The June 24-26 events also will feature a 40-year reunion of the 1976 world champion Reds, on-field ceremonies and a team hall of fame banquet in which Rose will be awarded the red sports coat its members wear.

"This is an honor, that you can't just believe how you feel," Rose said at a news conference, noting that he grew up a Reds fan and was born a few miles from the Great American Ball Park where he will be honored. He broke into baseball as a Red, played most of his career with them, and also managed the team.

The National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1991 adopted a rule that keeps anyone on the permanently ineligible list off the ballot. Manfred said last month that his decision to continue the MLB ban was separate from any determination on National Hall eligibility. He said while Rose remains banned from working for any major league team or minor league affiliate, he could make ceremonial appearances with the commissioner's approval.

"Pete was told that in the immediate future, he probably is not going to be able to look in terms of Cooperstown," Castellini said Tuesday. "And we certainly wanted to make sure that we picked up that vacuum. The commissioner gave us permission to do that; we couldn't be more pleased that it is now. Now's the time."

An MLB spokesman confirmed that the Reds had submitted ceremonial plans that were approved.

Rose offered his thanks to Manfred, while adding that he still holds out hope for some day joining the National Hall.

"I haven't given up on Cooperstown. I'm not the type who's going to give up on anything," he said. "But this is fine, I'm happy ... I'm not going to sit here and say it's the second-best thing, cause it's not ... I'm from Cincinnati. This is the first big thing."

MLB BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ARLINGTON

Darvish denies gambling as MLB looks into brother's arrest

Texas Rangers pitcher Yu Darvish said he is not and has never been involved in gambling activities amid a Major League Baseball investigation after the arrest of his younger brother in Japan.

Darvish issued a statement through his agent Tuesday that says he understands MLB must conduct an investigation.

"I am certain that they will find that I had no involvement in this matter whatsoever," Darvish said in the statement through his representatives at the Wasserman Media Group.

Sho Darvish was arrested in October in Japan for allegedly running an illegal gambling ring that reportedly took about 1,850 bets on MLB games as well as professional baseball games in Japan. The arrest came after an investigation of more than a year.

DETROIT

AP source: Tigers reach 6-year deal with Justin Upton

The Tigers have agreed to a $132.75 million, six-year contract with free-agent outfielder Justin Upton, according to a person with knowledge of the deal.

The person spoke Monday night on condition of anonymity because the agreement had not been announced. The deal was pending a physical, and Upton can opt out after two seasons.

The 28-year-old Upton gives the Tigers another powerful bat in the middle of the lineup and fills a need in left field after Detroit dealt slugger Yoenis Cespedes at the deadline last year. Upton hit .251 with 26 homers and 81 RBIs for the San Diego Padres last season.

It was another big move for the Tigers, who are coming off a last-place finish in 2015 but signed right-hander Jordan Zimmermann earlier this offseason. Detroit also traded for closer Francisco Rodriguez, but it was unclear how high the Tigers would be willing to increase a payroll that also includes big commitments to Miguel Cabrera, Justin Verlander, Victor Martinez, Anibal Sanchez and Ian Kinsler.

The expensive agreement with Upton could put Detroit in a position to challenge World Series champion Kansas City, which dominated the AL Central last year after the Tigers had won the division the previous four seasons.

FANTASY SPORTS

From 1C

State legislatures across the U.S. are grappling with the legality and possible regulation of fantasy sports as lawmakers returned to work this month. In New York, an appellate court allowed DraftKings and FanDuel to continue operating after state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman sued to end their operations.

The Texas attorney general's office did not immediately respond to questions about whether Paxton would now attempt to crack down on the companies.

Among those displeased with Paxton's ruling was Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, who tweeted "what a disappointment." He said Paxton didn't represent the views of Texans and tweeted that his stance had nothing to do with in his investment and ad revenue in daily fantasy sports, which he put at under $1 million.

DraftKings and FanDuel have become ubiquitous during televised sporting events and have partnered with sports companies such as ESPN and Major League Baseball. But their aggressive ad campaign ahead of the 2015 NFL season drew the attention of regulators and lawmakers who have questioned their business models in states such as Nevada.

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Please email resumes to personneldept.resume@gmail.com

Vice President of Lending

WesTex Community Credit Union is a full service financial institution which operates three branch locations in West Texas. The Credit Union has an opening for the Vice President of Lending in the Kermit branch. WCCU offers a wide range of lending products including consumer, commercial, and real estate. The VP of Lending is responsible for the daily operations of all lending and collection departments for all three branches. The ideal candidate would have a minimum of 5 years management experience in a wide range of loan products. The VP of Landing will also need to have a strong compliance background. Please No Phone Calls, send resumes and inquires to: Kenneth@wccu.net or WesTex Community Credit Union, C/O Kenneth Arnold, 200 E Austin , Kermit, TX 79745

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT & PUBLISHING

The Midland Reporter-Telegram is accepting résumés for a full-time Copy Editor/Page Designer position on our Universal Desk.

The right candidate should have a knack for grammar, punctuation and Associated Press style but also can find inconsistencies in stories and isn't afraid to ask questions. He or she also should have an eye for page design.

This is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to make a difference in the newspaper industry and who wants to perfect his or her craft at copy editing and page design.

A bachelor's degree in journalism or English, two years of editing experience, InDesign or Quark knowledge and proficiency in AP style are preferred. Recent college graduates and those who are graduating soon are encouraged to apply. Time on a universal desk and experience editing sports copy are pluses.

The Reporter-Telegram is part of Hearst and offers a competitive salary and benefits.

If you are interested in our copy editor/page designer position, please email a cover letter, résumé, your best design samples and three references in PDF or Word format to Trevor Hawes, Assistant Managing Editor, at thawes@mrt.com. You can also mail a hard copy submission to Midland Reporter-Telegram, Attn.: Trevor Hawes, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

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

$10.00 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
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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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CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Sales Assistant

Midland Reporter-Telegram - A Hearst Media Company

Immediate opening for a dynamic self-starter with great communication skills. Must be able to multi-task in a deadline oriented environment with minimal supervision. Duties include supporting the advertising sales staff in day-to-day operations and helping the sales team consistently reach its revenue targets. Conducting sales and marketing research, creating sales presentations, event coordination and preparing reports are a few of the duties required. Working knowledge of PowerPoint and Excel is necessary. Excellent wage and benefits package.

Please send resume to: jhouston@mrt.com or Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701, attn: Jeri Houston, Director of Advertising. No calls please.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

FIELD SERVICE TECHNICIAN

Field Service Technician with established company. Must have at least two years experience in oil and gas production. Benefits Package. Salary DOE. Submit resume to: Production Lift Systems, Inc. P. O. Box 9423, Midland, TX 79708.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

SLICKLINE OPERATOR

Slickline Operator with established company. Must have at least two years experience as a Slickline operator. Benefits Package. Salary DOE. Submit resume to: Wireline Services, Inc P.O. Box 9423, Midland, TX 79708

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Swab Rig Operator

Swab Rig Operator with established company. Must have at least two years experience as a swab rig operator and CDL license. Benefits Package. Salary DOE. Submit resume to: Swabbing Services, Inc., P. O. Box 9423, Midland, TX 79708.

HEALTHCARE

Available Positions

Desert Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705

Desert Gardens located in Midland, Texas is currently seeking staff to fill the following Positions:

- **RN $2,000 sign on bonus**
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New Shift Differential Rate
Full benefits

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Desert Gardens located in Midland, Texas is currently seeking staff to fill the following Positions:

- **Social Worker**

Full benefits
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Midland Surgical Associates, P.A.

is seeking a

Billing/ Coding & Collections Specialist

with prior experience to join our team. Applicant must have worked with CPT and ICD9 coding and compatibility, electronic billing & posting, exception reports, claim appeals, disputes and collection methodologies. Experience with Greenway practice management system preferred. M-F 8:30-5:30. Benefit package includes PTO, Health, Life & AFLAC insurance coverages and a 401-K retirement plan.

Send resume to joann@midland-surgical.com

Private Home Care Supervisor

Local Home Health Agency is seeking a private home care supervisor for its existing program. The minimal requirements are; candidate will have at least 2 years experience as a supervisor in the health field or equivalent and/or completed 2 years of college and/or be a licensed professional or a combination of 1 year college/1 year as a supervisor in the health care field or equivalent. This position is administrative, but will require being in the field caring for the sick and elderly and assisting with ADL's, recruitment, and sales and supervising staff. Experience and/or a CNA/LVN is preferred but willing to train the right candidate. Position also requires being on call. Bilingual is a plus but not necessary. Candidates must pass a background check and drug test to qualify for this position. We offer a competitive salary with benefits. Submit resumes in confidence to P-137 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79701.

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

Sales Manager

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Immediate opening for an experienced and dynamic sales manager with great communication skills. Must be able to multi-task in a deadline oriented environment and lead by example with confidence and enthusiam. Responsibilities include managing all aspects of the inside sales department,and lead generation process, including training and coaching Account Executives, helping the sales team consistently meet/exceed established revenue targets, monitoring and reporting on sales metrics, managing the administration process and providing support to the Director of Advertising as needed.

Working knowledge of PowerPoint and Excel is necessary. Excellent wage and benefits package.

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Now hiring Multiple Positions; **cooks, wait-staff and bussers.** Join our team! Apply in person after 2 pm at 607 N Colorado, Downtown Midland.

Restaurant Positions

Osaka Japanese Steakhouse FT

Pay range from **$15-$20** an hour, depending on position. Now hiring Hibachi Chefs, Waitresses, Hostesses, Cashiers, Bartenders, Bus Help, Dishwashers & Kitchen Help. Please apply in person: **1207 Tradewinds Blvd. 79706**

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SKILLED LABOR

NOTICE OF APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR THE POSITION OF INSIDE WIREMAN (ELECTRICIAN) APPRENTICE

The West Texas Electrical JATC will make applications available from: 1 PM until 4:30 PM Monday through Thursday or later by appointment at: 10021 Liberator Lane Midland, TX 79706

Applications accepted in person or by mail if requested in writing, or online at http://www.wtxjatc.org/applicants.html

Minimum qualifications for apprenticeship are: At least 17 years of age to apply, high school diploma or GED (documentation required), valid driver's license, and qualifying score on an aptitude test. Honorably discharged veterans and individuals with previous electrical work and/or training experience may also qualify for either direct entry or direct interview.

Prior to being selected, applicants must pass a drug screen, a background check, and be at least 18 years of age. Applicants meeting basic requirements will be interviewed and selected based on order of final ranking. The JATC will not discriminate against a qualified individual because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability.

For more information please go to http://www.wtxjatc.org or call 806-372-1561.

SKILLED LABOR

Drillers & Roughnecks

Pacesetter Drilling is looking for Safety minded Drillers and Roughnecks experienced in the operation of Top Drive and Mechanical Rigs. Applications are being accepted in person only at 12505 WCR 125 in Odessa, TX. We are between Midland and Odessa right off of Business 20. If you need directions please call 432-563-4000. All applicants must be able to pass a drug and alcohol screening before employment will be offered.

Geologist/ Geophysicist

Sharp Image Energy, Inc. is looking for a full time Geologist/ Geophysicist with a minimum of 12 years experience and must be familiar with Petra and Kingdom Suite Software. Will be working at SIE corporate headquarters in Big Spring, TX. Please send resumes to P.O Box 1888, Big Spring, TX. 79721.

In-House Diesel Mechanic

Catalyst Oilfield Services looking for a in-house diesel mechanic. Competitive wages based on experience. Please bring in resume or call office with questions. ASE preferred but not required. Benefits offered. 11999 E. Hwy. 158, Gardendale, TX, 79758. Human resources at: 432-563-0727

Mid-Tex of Midland

Mid-Tex of Midland, Inc. Now hiring commercial construction project superintendents and assistant project coordinators. Competitive pay plus excellent benefits. Experience in commercial construction a must if applying for the project superintendent position. Experience not necessary, but a plus if applying for the coordinator position. Please send resumes to 5206 W. Wadley Ave., Midland, Texas 79707 or email them to Billy Mays at billy@midtexofmidland.com. You may also fax your resume to (432) 694-9627.

Production/Facilities Engineer

Arris Petroleum Corporation

Currently seeking a 5-10 year experienced engineer with a wide range of production and facilities experience. Located in Midland, TX. Candidates are asked to send their resumes to: **HR@arrispetroleum.com**

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

SPOOLERS

JW Enterprise is looking for **Spoolers** with Class A CDL with Air Brake Endorsement. Great benefits and competitive wages, also on the job training available. It's a great place to work with a family-like atmosphere. Call Javius at 432-664-3408 or the office at 432-458-3675 for more information.

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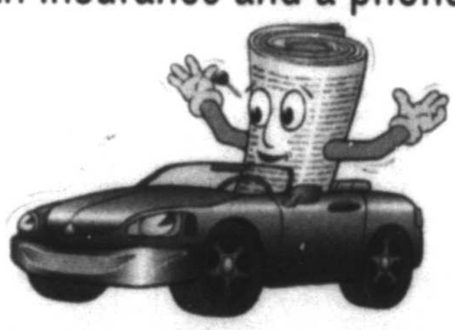

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Lost & Found

FOUND AT Imperial & Godfrey: Medium male, pit mix. Light brown with red collar. Found on 1/12. 432-935-2922.

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FOUND: WHITE, american eskimo/sheltie mix dog. Call 432-262-5524.

APPLE COMPUTER & camera equipment taken from SUV at LaQuinta on Loop 250. Reward. No questions ask. 432-889-1562

Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for REFURBISHED WIDE BORE/OPEN MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING SYSTEM for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after **Wednesday January 20, 2016.**

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 (Noon) on Tuesday February 9th, 2016.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1182-012016.**

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected for a period of **twelve (12) months.**

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Pkwy
Midland, Texas 79701

Legal & Public Notices

Notice of Application for Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

Pioneer Natural Resources, 5205 N. O'Connor Blvd., Suite 200, Irving, Texas 7509 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres, Glass J Lease, Well Number 2D. The proposed disposal well is located 17 miles West of Stanton, in the Spraberry (Tread Area) Field, in Martin County.

The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4400 to 5800 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone) 512/463-6792).

Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Meeting to discuss
Greenwood I.S.D.'s Texas Academic Performance Report

Greenwood Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 4:15 p.m., February 3, 2016 in the high school library located at 2700 FM 1379 Midland. The purpose of this meeting is to review Greenwood I.S.D's Texas Academic Performance Report.

Autos For Sale or Lease

Passenger Cars

CADALLIC 2006 CTS good condition, black, $6,200. See at 2109 Western Drive, Midland, TX. 432-238-0614

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RV PARK spaces between Midland & Stanton: quiet, clean, & safe. Adults only please. 432-238-3937.

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2009 18 foot Big Tex 10 PI Tandem Axle Pipe Utility trailer. $1600. 432-683-6649 or 432-230-2565.

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January 24th, 9am-5pm
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AUCTION #2016-003

AN online auction of Midland College surplus property will be held by Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc. The auction will begin on Thursday, January 14, 2016 and close on Wednesday, January 27, 2016. Items will be available for viewing and bidding on the auctioneers website: http://www.renebates.com. The College will be auctioning treadmills. 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

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For pictures go to...
http://www.estatesales.net/TX/Midland/79705/1092456

Free Stuff

FREE WOODEN PALLETS!
Midland Reporter-Telegram (on dock side)

ONE FISH - to good home. "Texas Chiclid" Free, needs a home. texast1836@gmail.com.

Miscellaneous for Sale

19" TV for $20. 20" rims & tires for $500. Chandelier $20. Call 432-813-9211.

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Animals & Pets

Pets

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3005 A Moss Court.
3bed, 2 bath 2 car garage, fireplace
Appx 1600 sf.
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ONE BEDROOM, electric, water, cable paid. Monthly or weekly. American Realty. 432-520-7577

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3 BED/ 2 BATH
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Lease to own options. $1200/mo.
575-937-9377

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Residential Sales

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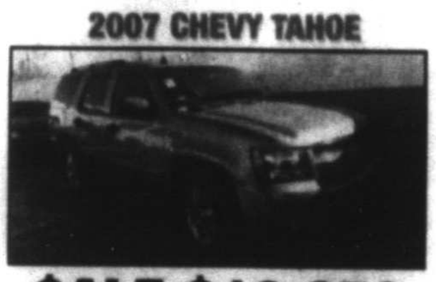
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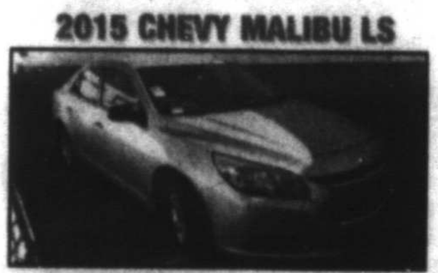
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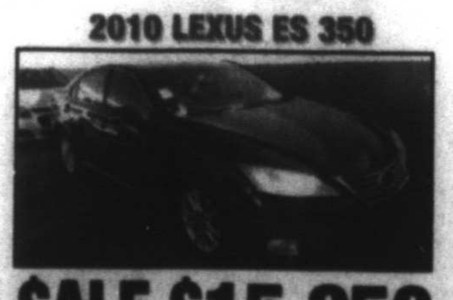
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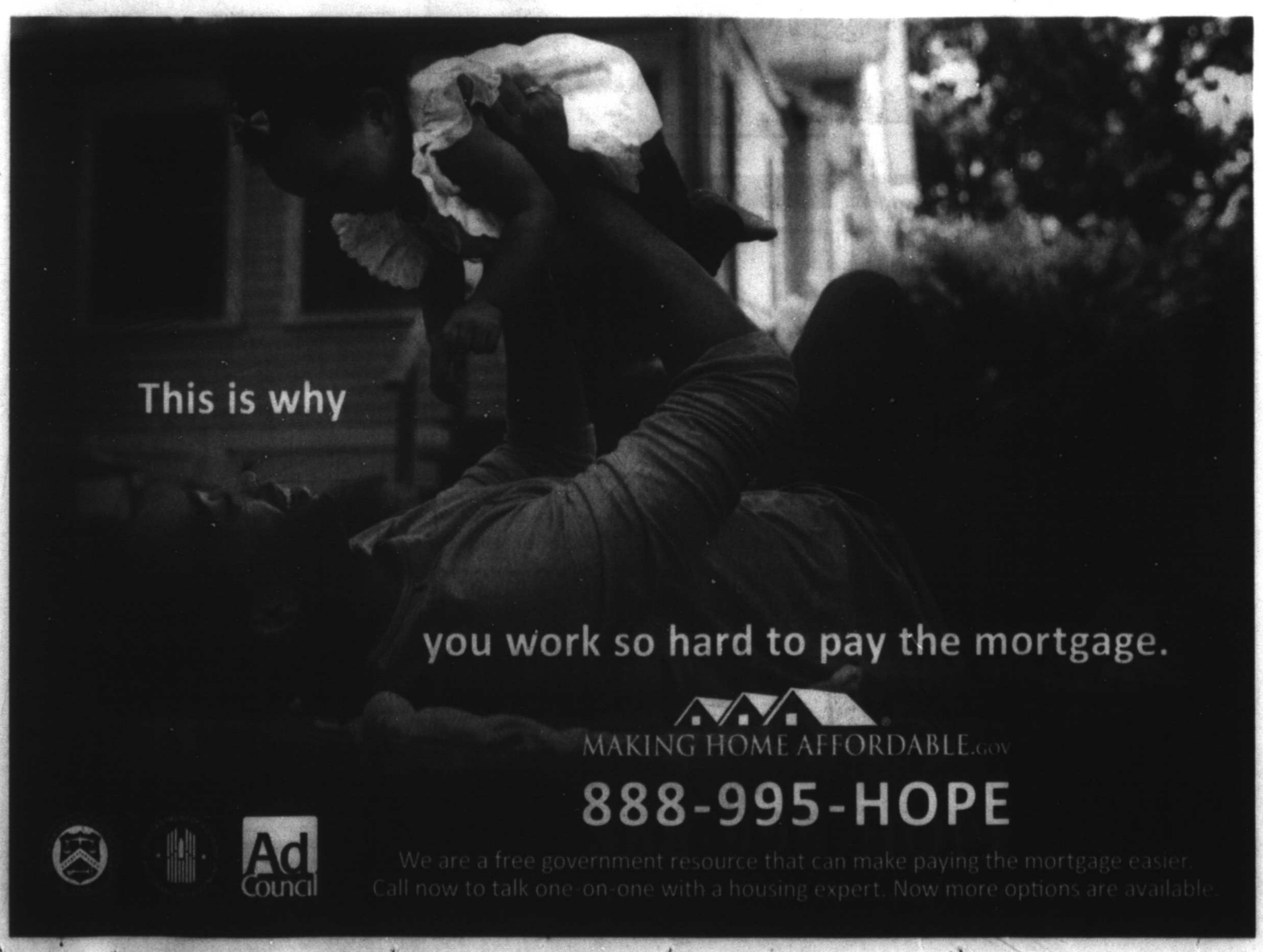

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