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Trial likely to end after move for mistrial

Behind closed doors, judge instructs lawyers not to discuss dismissal

By Joseph Basco
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The trial between veterans affected by the parade and train crash on Nov. 15, 2012, and Union Pacific Railroad Co. is likely to end in a dismissal after the presiding judge made a decision behind closed doors.

According to multiple sources with knowledge of the trial, visiting Judge James Rush of Ector County said to attorneys from both the plaintiffs' and defendant's sides behind closed doors that the trial will be dismissed when official documents can be filed. Sources did not want to be named because the case had not been officially closed.

In the judge's chambers Thursday afternoon, Rush agreed to grant a summary judgment dismissing all the issues that would go to the jury, which essentially would dismiss the entire case, sources said.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs would not speak publicly about the case, citing Rush's order to not allow discussion of the trial outside the courtroom. Jeff DeGraff, Union Pacific spokesman, also said UP will not comment because its lawyers also were instructed not to talk.

According to sources, plaintiffs' attorneys are expected to appeal the ruling when it is officially filed with the clerk. An appeal would occur in the Texas 11th Court of Appeals in Eastland, which serves Midland County cases.

The intent to make a dismissal was made hours after plaintiffs announced in Thursday morning they were making a move for mistrial. Both sides were in dispute since Wednesday evening about whether certain evidence should be considered for the jury.

On Wednesday, railroad consultant Colon Fulk was called to the witness stand by the plaintiffs' attorney Jack Hill. Hill was questioning Fulk about his experience in the railroad industry. But when Hill was about to show the jury video the train crash from the locomotive's perspective and have Fulk comment on it, attorneys for UP objected to showing the footage in front of the jury.

The dispute that lasted Wednesday night into Thursday morning stemmed from the significance of the first parade float with veterans onboard, which was not hit by the train. Plaintiffs argued that when the UP train crew saw the first float and said "look at that idiot," referring to the parade float driven by James Atchison, it was an admission of a road hazard.

UP says the first float was not a hazard because it fully cleared the crossing as the train moved forward.

Plaintiffs' attorney Steve Malouf asked for the mistrial request at 9:30 a.m. but Rush denied it after hearing both sides.

Malouf added that in the 32 years he has

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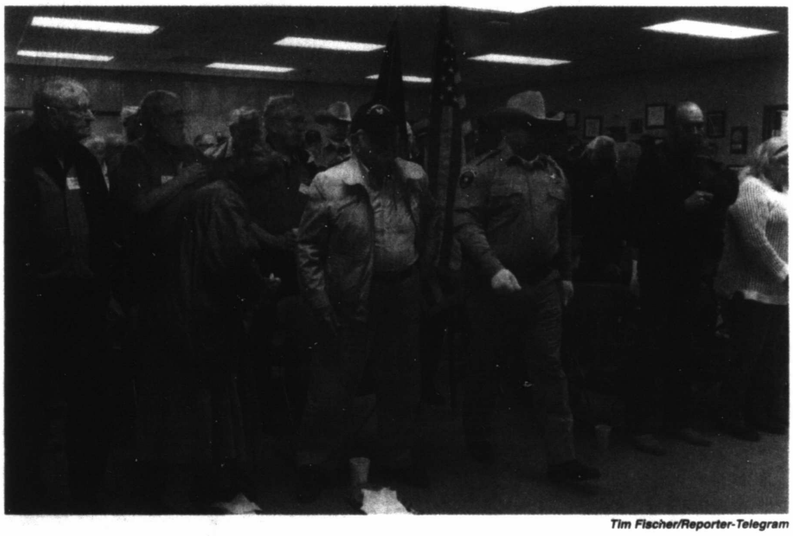

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Veterans and guests stand as the Midland Sheriff and Fire Department Honor Guard present the colors Thursday at a press conference. Permian Basin Honor Flight will send its next round of local veterans on a "once-in-a-lifetime" trip to Washington, D.C., in late May, according to a Thursday announcement. The next flight is scheduled for May 28-30, and the organization is looking for donations and sponsorships to get the trip off the ground. Visit permianhonorflight.org for more information. See more coverage in Sunday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram.

Feds: Store used as front for cocaine distribution

■ 23 people arrested on drug, firearms charges

From staff reports

Authorities on Thursday arrested 23 people in Midland and Odessa on federal drug and firearms charges, according to a U.S. attorney with the Western District of Texas.

Federal grand jury indictments returned Wednesday were for alleged drug trafficking offenses or federal firearms violations stemming from two separate investigations, according to the press release. The indictments were for 21 of those arrested Thursday, five people who were already in custody and seven people who remained at large Thursday.

In one investigation, authorities arrested 14 people, including 30-year-old Andrew Cortez of Midland, who is considered the ringleader. Cortez is a partial owner and operator of a family business called "Alfredo's Paleteria" with stores in Midland, Odessa, San Angelo and Fort Stockton. Authorities allege that Cortez, along with his 32-year-old brother, Albert Cortez, used the business operation as fronts for cocaine distribution, according to the press release. The men allegedly conspired since February 2014 to possess with intent to distribute more than 5 kilograms of cocaine, according to the release.

In a second investigation, authorities arrested nine people on federal drug charges, including so-called ringleader Brandon Derington, 33, of Midland. Authorities allege that Derington and the other defendants conspired since February 2014 to possess methamphetamine with intent to distribute throughout the Permian Basin.

Midlander Ruben Long, 35, who also was arrested Thursday, is charged by federal indictment with being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, according to the release.

Odessans Tiffany Stepford, 26, and Michael Johnson, 58, were not indicted but were arrested Thursday in connection with the Derington investigation. They were charged by federal criminal complaints following their arrests. Stepford is charged with being a felon in possession

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Road trip: Snow showers make this a great time to hit Ski Apache

From staff reports

Ski Apache weather report

Today: High near 35. Low around 24. Chance of precipitation: 80-90 percent. New snow accumulation of 3 to 7 inches possible.
Saturday: High near 36. Low around 23. Chance of precipitation: 60 percent.
Sunday: High near 37. Chance of snow showers: 20 percent.

Source: National Weather Service

The El Nino weather system has brought cooler, wetter conditions to Midland and apparently has brought some of the best ski conditions to Ski Apache in some time.

Ski Skeller owner Scott Ragan said the closest ski mountain to Midland got 15 inches of snow last weekend and is expecting similar fresh powder this weekend.

The National Weather Service on Thursday called for up to 11 inches through tonight and likely snow showers through Saturday. The Associated Press, in its ski report, stated that the mountain was 91 percent open as of Wednesday morning.

For those looking to take advantage of the conditions this weekend or later this winter, Ragan offered a few pointers.

First, if you don't have it, get your equipment set up. Ski Skeller, located on Wadley Avenue, allows skiers to get what they need — skis, boards, blades, poles, boots and bindings.

"They can do that here," said Ragan, who has been with Ski Skeller for 23 years. "We will even put a ski rack on their vehicle and get them on their way."

Second, line up a place to stay. Ragan said that the region has inexpensive cabins, but, if a person wants something more upscale, the Inn of the Mountain Gods has packages available.

Third, prepare to get your lift tickets at the mountain. Ragan said there aren't opportunities for advance purchase, aside from the occasional package with a hotel like Inn of the Mountain Gods.

Mountain hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to AP's Ski Report, and Ragan said those who make the trip to Ski Apache can see the only gondola in New Mexico.

"We are thinking this weather will continue for them," Ragan said. "We are anticipating Ski Apache will finish the season strong."

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Midlander to pay $8.5 million in fraud claim

From staff reports

A Midland landman has been ordered to pay more than $8.5 million to Houston-based Smith Energy Co. after a jury found that the man breached his fiduciary duty to the company and committed fraud and theft.

The lawsuit claimed that Midland landman Mark P. Hardwick agreed to obtain and manage oil and gas leases in several West Texas counties for Smith Energy but instead charged the company for work not done, double-billed and improperly obtained leases he was legally prohibited from acquiring.

Hardwick worked in joint ventures with Smith Energy from 2008-11 before abruptly quitting in a dispute over reimbursements. According to the lawsuit, Smith Energy later discovered that Hardwick had defrauded the company from the beginning and never performed the services he had agreed to complete.

A Terry County jury in the 121st Judicial District Court in Brownfield deliberated for less than a day before deciding the case completely in favor of Smith Energy on all contested points. On Monday, Judge Rick Morris affirmed the jury's verdict and issued a judgment awarding Smith Energy more than $8.5 million.

The jury awarded more than $5.1 million in compensatory damages, plus nearly $3.5 million in attorneys' fees for Smith Energy.

Smith Energy, which was founded by Houston oilman and philanthropist Lester Smith, was represented by attorneys from Rusty Hardin & Associates of Houston.

"We are pleased that the jury quickly discerned the truth from this dispute and fully awarded Smith Energy for the fraud committed," said Ryan Higgins, who represented the energy company with firm founder Rusty Hardin.

Other attorneys from Rusty Hardin & Associates who represented Smith Energy in the case were Lara Hollingsworth and Carolyn P. Courville.

DRUG BUST

From 1A

of a firearm, and Johnson is charged with possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, according to the release.

In the course of the two investigations, authorities seized 1.5 kilograms of cocaine, 1.5 kilograms of methamphetamine, 12 firearms and approximately $127,000 in cash, according to the release. Additional money was seized but the amount was not disclosed.

If convicted, the defendants face sentences of between 10 years and life in federal prison; between five and 40 years in federal prison; or, up to 20 years in federal prison depending on the amount of controlled substances involved. Stepford and Long each face 10 years in federal prison for the felon in possession charge, according to the release.

All of the defendants remain in federal custody. Detention hearings are scheduled for Tuesday and Feb. 9 before U.S. Magistrate Judge David Counts in Midland.

The investigations were conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Midland Police Department, Midland and Ector counties sheriff's offices, the FBI and Homeland Security Investigations.

More information

Federal indictments on drug and firearms charges were returned Wednesday on the following people:

Cortez Investigation

*Andrew Cortez, 30, of Odessa
*Jose Dominguez, 37, of Midland
*Daniel Yearicks, 32, of Midland
*Guillermo Borunda, 19, of Midland
*Manuel Valensuela, 43, of Odessa
*Albert Cortez, 32, of Odessa
*Fidel Segura, 23, of Midland
*Benito Sanchez, 44, of Midland
*Ramiro Castillo, 56, of Midland
*Jose Valenzuela, 39, of Odessa
*Curtis White, 28, of Midland
*Raul Saldana, 22, of Odessa
*Jose Gardea, 25, of Odessa
*Miriam Saenz, 30, of Odessa
**Avelardo Castillo, 25, of Stanton
***Alejandro Esquivel, 40, of Odessa
***Gabriel Miller, 30, of Denver City
***Paul Hicks, 34, of Midland

Derington Investigation

*Brandon Derington, 33, of Odessa
*Chris Wayne Grimes, 41, of Odessa
*Steven Egge, 45, of Odessa
*John Steven Renfro, 48, of Big Spring
*Jeffrey Lynn Lane, 52, of Odessa
*Lacy Brooks, 32, of Odessa
*Ruben Long, 35, of Odessa
*Michael Johnson, 58, of Odessa
*Tiffany Stepford, 26, of Odessa
**Sherry Ledford, 44, of Midland
**Olivia Ramon, 18, of Odessa
**Juan Martin Arteaga, 44, of Odessa
**Eddie Herbert Alviso, 62, of Riverside, California
***Bryant Douglas Black, 50, of California
***Danny Ray Blakely, 28, of Odessa
***Wesley Williford, 41, of Odessa
***Ruben Mancha, 53, of Andrews

* Arrested today
** Already in custody
*** Fugitive

Source: U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas

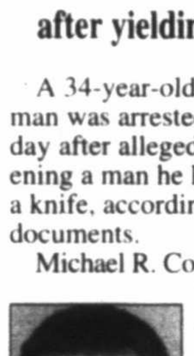
CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Man arrested after yielding knife

A 34-year-old Midland man was arrested Wednesday after allegedly threatening a man he knew with a knife, according to court documents.

Michael R. Coss was held Thursday on a $75,000 bond for the first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a weapon.



Coss

Authorities responded late Wednesday to a disturbance call at a Wadley Avenue apartment complex. An alleged victim told police that Coss had just stolen an iPad and that he was following him through the complex, according to his arrest affidavit.

The alleged victim said Coss had been drinking that day and he was just trying to keep him inside. But after confronting Coss, the alleged victim said he took an aggressive stance and grabbed a knife from his waist.

"(The alleged victim) stated he felt threatened by Coss and was in fear for his life — scared that Coss was going to attack him and stab him," the affidavit states.

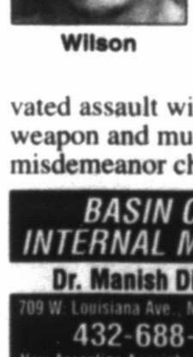
Police took Coss into custody after finding a man matching his appearance, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Coss faces between five and 99 years in prison for the first-degree felony charge.

MPD: Man arrested on assault charge after alleged shotgun scare

A 24-year-old Midlander was arrested Wednesday after allegedly assaulting a man and then threatening him with a shotgun, according to court documents.

Jared Michael Wilson was held Thursday on a more than $50,000 bond for the second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and multiple misdemeanor charges.



Wilson

Authorities responded Dec. 14, 2014, to a call in northwest Midland.

The alleged victim told police that Wilson threatened and pointed a shotgun at him, according to the arrest affidavit. No reason was given for the alleged assault.

Wilson at first denied the incident and then admitted to using a toy shotgun to scare the alleged victim.

If convicted, Wilson faces up to 20 years in prison for the second-degree felony.

STATECRIME

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ABILENE

Authorities investigating toddler's injuries

Authorities are investigating how a toddler in a medically induced coma at a Lubbock hospital suffered her injuries.

Fisher County Sheriff J.A. Robinson told the Abilene Reporter-News that the 18-month-old was taken to Lubbock last week.

A deputy previously told the newspaper that the girl was "severely bruised and bleeding from the ears" when she was initially brought to an emergency room in Sweetwater.

No charges have been filed.

The child reportedly was at her mother's boyfriend's house between Sweetwater and Roby when she was injured.

Sheriff's officials have questioned the girl's mother and father and also the mother's boyfriend.

No names have been released.

DALLAS

Police turn to social media in cold homicide cases

Dallas police are turning to social media to help solve homicide cases that have gone cold.

Officials hope posting video interviews with family of homicide victims to the department's blog and Facebook page will result in someone coming forward with new information.

BOWIE

Trooper: Suspect fatally shot after killing police dog

The state's public safety department says a suspect was fatally shot after he killed a police dog following a car chase in North Texas.

The Wednesday pursuit began after authorities said Montague County deputies attempted to arrest a man on an outstanding warrant. WFAA-TV reported the suspect, whose identity wasn't released, displayed a gun and drove away in a vehicle.

Deputies chased the suspect, who eventually pulled over and ran into a wooded area near the Wise County border line.

Trooper Tony Fulton says 2-year-old Pepper, a Dutch Shepherd who had been with the Wise County Sheriff's Office for several months, was released to find the man.

Fulton said the suspect fatally shot Pepper after finding him, and a deputy returned fire.

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Raymundo Acosta, 29, of Midland was charged Wednesday with a third offense of driving while intoxicated.

Michael R. Coss, 34, of Midland was charged Wednesday with aggravated assault of a date, family, or house member with a weapon.

Anthony S. Dejacimo, 28, of Midland was charged Wednesday with possession of a prohibited substance in a correctional facility and theft of a firearm.

Jared M. Wilson, 24, of Midland was charged Wednesday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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NTSB: Guard rail factor in prison bus crash

Odessa American

A preliminary report on a West Texas prison bus accident that killed two prison guards and eight inmates says the bus likely hit a piece of displaced highway guardrail before it veered onto the median, went down an embankment and struck a passing freight train.

The National Transportation Safety Board report released Thursday states that a 225-foot section of metal guardrail was damaged in an accident the day before the bus crash. Investigators placed traffic cones in the area.

The report says that two of three other accidents caused by icy road conditions on Interstate 20 on the day of the bus crash could have displaced the guardrail and pushed it into the path of the bus. The accident happened Jan. 14 in Penwell, just west of Odessa.

Originally investigators deemed an icy roadway as the "primary factor" that caused the prisoner bus to skid from Interstate 20 through a guard rail and down an embankment and into a moving train, killing eight inmate and two correction officers.

"Our investigation is still getting started," NTSB spokesman Peter Knudson said Thursday afternoon. "This is the factual information we have developed at this very early stage."

In the preliminary report it states that the day before the bus wreck occurred a 225-foot-long metal beam guardrail leading up to the overpass had been damaged in a separate collision.

The Texas Department of Transportation reportedly responded, photographed the damage and placed cones around the area, according to the preliminary report.

At about 7:35 a.m. Jan. 14, three other wrecks were reported and the NTSB report states that in two of the crashes an eastbound vehicle went out of control, crossed the center median and traveled through the area of the damaged guard rail "possibly displacing it partially into the left traffic lane."

Exploding air bag may have killed man

By Tom Krisher And Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Federal safety regulators are looking into the death of a Texas man who may be the latest victim of exploding automobile air bags made by Takata Corp. of Japan.

The man, identified by authorities as Carlos Solis, 35, died in a low-speed crash in the Houston area when an air bag inflated and sent shrapnel into his neck, U.S. Senator Bill Nelson, D-Fla., said Thursday on the Senate floor.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it was gathering information on the crash, which involved a 2002 Honda Accord and occurred Jan. 18. Honda said in a statement that the car was part of a 2011 national recall to fix the driver's air bag inflators, but records show the repairs had not been made. The company urged anyone with a vehicle recalled for air bag problems to take cars to dealers as soon as possible.

If authorities determine that the air bag inflator mechanism caused Solis' death, he would be the sixth person killed because of the problem, according to Nelson. Four victims were in the United States, while another was in Malaysia.

Inflators made by Takata can explode with too much force, blowing apart a metal canister and sending fragments into the passenger compartment. Nelson, who serves on a committee that's investigating the air bag deaths, said documents submitted by Takata show that 64 people have been injured by the faulty inflators in the U.S. and its territories. The government and Takata say prolonged exposure to high humidity can make the air bag inflator propellant burn too fast, causing it to blow apart the canisters.

Christina Garza, a spokeswoman for the Harris County Sheriff's Office in Texas, confirmed that the crash took place at 9:45 p.m. in the Houston suburb of Spring. Solis was trying to turn left into an apartment complex parking lot when he hit another vehicle, according to the sheriff's office.

The air bag in Solis' Honda inflated, and a deputy who responded to the accident "observed he had a large open wound to his neck," Garza said.

A preliminary report by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences lists Solis' cause of death as "blunt force injuries of the neck." But an exact determination of what caused the neck injuries was not immediately known. A final autopsy report has not been completed, said Tricia Bentley, a spokeswoman for the institute.

Nelson said Solis was traveling with an 11-year-old cousin at the time of the wreck.

In a statement, Takata offered condolences to Solis' family and said the company is working with Honda "to determine the facts and circumstances surrounding the vehicle's status."

A Honda spokesman said in an email that the Accord equipped with a Takata driver's side air bag was purchased on April 25, 2014. Honda mailed recall notification letters to the previous owner starting in 2011, but it had not yet sent a letter to the current owner, spokesman Chris Martin said.

In testimony to a Senate committee in November, a Honda executive proposed laws requiring that cars under recalls for safety problems be repaired before states allow registration to be renewed.

NHTSA and the Justice Department are investigating whether Takata concealed information about the faulty inflators from the federal safety agency. The agency has asked current or former Takata employees to come forward with information and is offering legal protection.

Nelson revealed the death while giving an update on the Commerce Committee's probe into the air bags. Nelson said the number of injuries from the problem is greater than previously thought.

One of the deaths and 18 of the injuries occurred in Nelson's home state of Florida, which leads the nation, he said. The committee, he said, is awaiting further information from Takata. The injury toll came from volumes of documents that Takata submitted at the committee's request, Nelson said.

Nelson and Commerce Committee Chairman John Thune, R-S.D., reintroduced a bill Thursday that would reward auto company employees for reporting safety defects to the government.

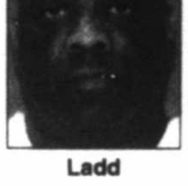
Ten automakers have recalled about 12 million vehicles in the U.S. and about 19 million globally for problems with Takata air bag inflators.

Texas executes man for 1996 strangling, beating death

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — A Texas man convicted of killing a 38-year-old woman nearly two decades ago while he was on parole for a triple slaying years earlier was executed Thursday evening.

Robert Ladd, 57, received a lethal injection after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected arguments he was mentally impaired and ineligible for the death penalty. The court also rejected an appeal in which Ladd's attorney challenged whether the pentobarbital Texas uses in executions is potent enough to not cause unconstitutional pain and suffering.



Ladd

Ladd was executed for the 1996 slaying of 38-year-old Vicki Ann Garner, of Tyler, who was strangled and beaten with a hammer. Her arms and legs were bound, bedding was placed between her legs, and she was set on fire in her apartment.

In his final statement, Ladd addressed the sister of his victim by name, telling her he was "really, really sorry."

"I really, really hope and pray you don't have hatred in your heart," he said, adding that he didn't think she could have closure but hoped she could find peace. "A revenge death won't get you anything," he said.

Then Ladd told the warden: "Let's ride."

As the drug took effect, he said: "Stings my arm, man!" He began taking deep breaths, then started snoring. His snores became breaths, each one becoming less pronounced, before he stopped all movement.

He was pronounced dead at 7:02 p.m., 27 minutes after the drug was administered.

Teresa Wooten, Garner's sister, said afterward that she accepted Ladd's apology and held no anger toward him.

"We hate the sin he committed. We hate the deed he committed," Wooten said. "But at the end of his life we no longer hated the man and have sympathy for his family."

Ladd came within hours of lethal injection in 2003 before a federal court agreed to hear evidence about juvenile records that suggested he was mentally impaired. That appeal was denied and the Supreme Court last year turned down a review of Ladd's case. His attorneys renewed similar arguments as his new execution date approached.

"Ladd's deficits are well documented, debilitating and significant," Brian Stull, a senior staff lawyer with the American Civil Liberties Union Capital Punishment Project, told the high court.

Kelli Weaver, a Texas attorney general, reminded the justices in a filing that "each court that has reviewed Ladd's claim has determined that Ladd is not intellectually disabled."

Ladd's lawyers cited a psychiatrist's determination in 1970 that Ladd, then a 13-year-old in custody of the Texas Youth Commission, had an IQ of 67. Courts have embraced scientific studies that consider an IQ of 70 a threshold for impairment. The inmate's attorneys also contended he long has had difficulties with social skills and functioning on his own.

Ladd also was a plaintiff in a lawsuit questioning the "quality and viability" of Texas' supply of its execution drug, pentobarbital. The Texas Attorney General's Office called the challenge "nothing more than rank speculation."

Study: Texas cut juvenile jail rates, saw youth crime fall

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A sweeping nonpartisan study released Thursday suggests Texas can be a model for improving juvenile justice systems nationwide, concluding that the state's dramatic shift away from sending youths to detention facilities has coincided with a sharp drop in crime committed by young people.

Compiled by the Justice Center at the Washington-based Council of State Governments, the report found that the number of juveniles held in state centers fell 66 percent between 2007 and 2012, from around 4,305 to about 1,500. Youth crime rates over the same period declined by a third.

Michael Thompson, director of the Council of State Governments Justice Center, said much of the country has moved to reduce the number of juveniles jailed in state facilities and youth crime rates have also declined in many areas—but Texas' saw both fall sharply at the same time.

Lawmakers spent years redesigning the system after pervasive 2007 reports of physical and sexual abuse at youth lockups. As the number of young people confined to state facilities began to fall, many were assigned to community-based programs run by counties and situated closer to their homes.

"Out of sight, out of mind was no longer the standard," said state Sen. John Whitmire, a veteran Houston Democrat who chairs the chamber's Criminal Justice Committee. Of young offenders, he said, "getting them back in their community has been very successful."

The study also found that cutting the number of kids in state-run facilities saved Texas $150 million — much of which was reinvested in community-based programs.

Tracking 1.3 million individual case files, the report noted that Texas continues to have the nation's second-largest juvenile justice system.

It also determined that while re-arrest rates remain too high for all kids who enter the system, those assigned to community programs were 20 percent less likely to be arrested again than those sent to state detention facilities. They were also three times less likely to commit serious offenses

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practiced law, he has never called for a mistrial.

After the denial, the plaintiffs' attorney Charla Aldous, prefacing with how she had been working on this lawsuit for the past two years for the family of deceased veteran, U.S. Marine Corps Chief Warrant Officer Gary Stouffer, made a final plea to Rush. Aldous asked Rush to grant the mistrial so that the case will proceed to an appeals court.

An emotional Aldous said she would not be able to prove causation for her case if the trial proceeded. She repeatedly asked Rush why they were proceeding, choking up.

"Why are we proceeding when I'm telling you we can't prove our case?" Aldous asked Rush.

UP attorney John Proctor then asked for a break, saying he would like to meet with the plaintiffs' attorneys to work options out.

From about 10:20 a.m. to 4:10 p.m., attorneys met in private with each other in the small conference rooms outside the courtroom. At about 4 p.m., the select group of lawyers met with Rush in the judge's chambers, where Rush allegedly said he was going to grant summary judgment.

At 4:10 p.m., lawyers on both sides began packing their items and clearing everything out of the courtroom.

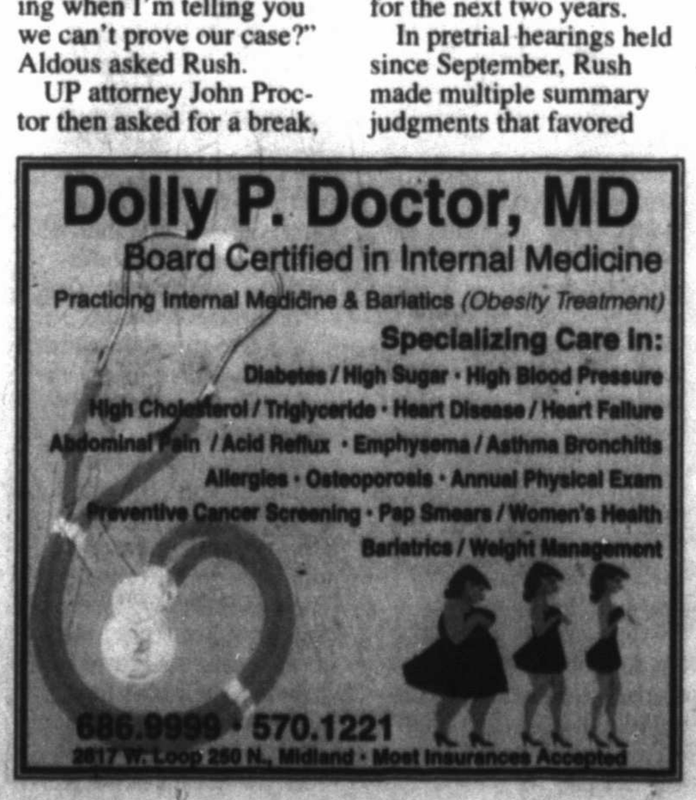
District Clerk Ross Bush said the jury for the trial was dismissed, adding that the jurors will not be summoned again for jury duty for the next two years.

In pretrial hearings held since September, Rush made multiple summary judgments that favored UP and effectively limited what the plaintiffs could argue, including the timing of the warning signals at the Garfield Street railroad crossing and the train's speed.

In all, after more than two years since the initial filing of the lawsuit on Nov. 28, 2012, the trial in Midland consisted of two days of jury selection, one day of opening statements and witness examination, and one day of mostly private proceedings.

Rush did not make himself available for comment.

Odessa American Reporter Jon Vanderlaan contributed to this report.



TODAY IN MIDLAND

See what Midland-Odessa looked like 75 years ago

Dust, shrubs and oil tanks — is Midland-Odessa still the same after 75 years?

Library of Congress photographs from 1937 to 1942 seem to suggest so. The U.S. Farm Security Administration photography project was the largest ever sponsored by the federal government, according to Photogrammar, which organized the photos and mapped them by county.

"In order to build support for and justify government programs, the Historical Section set out to document America, often at her most vulnerable, and the successful administration of relief service," Photogrammar states.

The collection illustrates what life was like in Midland and Ector counties after the Great Depression and during World War II. Images feature migrant workers, farmers, oil well supply companies and iconic Tall City windmills.

Click through the slideshow at mrt.com to view the collection.

Things to do

Today

■ "The Addams Family" at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Saturday

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

■ American Girl craft time, 5 p.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

■ Silver Spur and Gun Show at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

■ Tyler Farr, 8 p.m., La Hacienda. haciendamidland.com.

New movies in Midland

■ **At Tall City 14:** "Black or White," "Project Almanac," "The Loft"

■ **At Big Sky Drive-In:** "Paddington"

Gas Prices in Midland

Cheapest gas: $1.88 (generally stations in northwest and central Midland)

Most expensive: $2.02 (Chevron, Briarwood Avenue/Holiday Hill Road)

Most common price: $1.99

Cheapest prices in West Texas: Lubbock $1.67, Abilene $1.76, San Angelo $1.77, Midland $1.88, Odessa $1.93

	Midland-Odessa	Texas
Thursday	$1.975	$1.854
Last week	$1.983	$1.836
Last month	$2.263	$2.044
Last year	$3.104	$.094

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week.

Even-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. until midnight.

Odd-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays from 6 p.m. until midnight.

Any violation may result in a fine up to $500.

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital has partnered with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa for the telephone nurse triage program "68-NURSE" to bring the service to the entire Permian Basin.

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

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

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 9-6-3
Pick 3 day: 5-7-3
Pick 3 evening: 7-7-0
Pick 3 night: 4-5-2
Daily 4 morning: 1-1-8-2
Daily 4 day: 3-0-9-1
Daily 4 evening: 0-7-7-9
Daily 4 night: 7-2-1-2
Cash Five: 16-26-28-35-36
Texas Two Step: 24-25-27-31 BB: 20
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-5-6-8-13-14-16-19-21-22-24
All or Nothing day: 1-4-6-10-12-13-14-15-16-18-19-21
All or Nothing evening: 2-3-5-6-7-9-10-11-13-14-18-24
All or Nothing night: 1-2-4-8-10-12-14-16-17-18-20-24

Today in history

Today is Friday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 2015. There are 335 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1948, Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi, 78, was shot and killed in New Delhi by Nathuram Godse, a Hindu extremist. (Godse and a co-conspirator were later executed.)

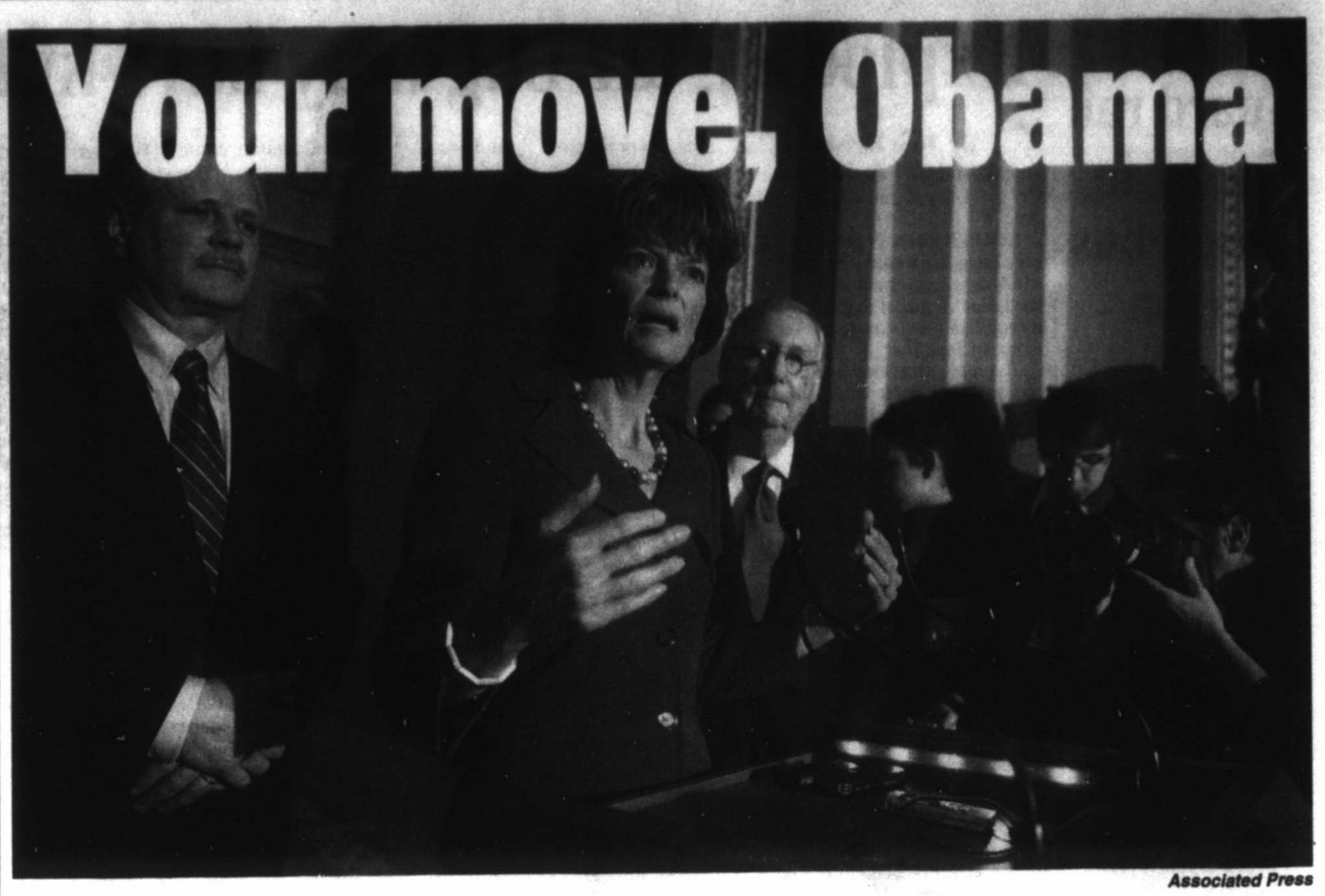
In 1969, The Beatles staged an impromptu concert atop Apple headquarters in London; it was the group's last public performance.

In 1972, 13 Roman Catholic civil rights marchers were shot to death by British soldiers in Northern Ireland on what became known as "Bloody Sunday."

In 1981, an estimated 2 million New Yorkers turned out for a ticker-tape parade honoring the freed American hostages from Iran.

Today's birthdays: Actor Gene Hackman is 85. Former Vice President Dick Cheney is 74. Singer and Alamo historian Phil Collins is 64. Actor Christian Bale is 41.

Your move, Obama



Associated Press

From left, Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., sponsor of the Keystone XL pipeline bill, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chair Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., meet with reporters after winning a critical procedural vote on the Keystone XL Pipeline bill, at the Capitol in Washington on Thursday. The passed later in a 62-36 vote. The bill authorizes construction of the nearly 1,200-mile pipeline to carry oil primarily from Canada's tar sands to Gulf Coast refineries.

Senate passes Keystone XL pipeline bill

By Dina Cappiello
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Republican-controlled Senate on Thursday approved a bill to construct the Keystone XL pipeline, defying a presidential veto threat and setting up the first of many battles with the White House over energy and the environment.

The 62-36 vote advanced a top priority of the newly empowered GOP, and marked the first time the Senate passed a bill authorizing the pipeline, despite numerous attempts to force President Barack Obama's hand on the issue. Nine Democrats joined with 53 Republicans to back the measure.

This bill "is an important accomplishment for the country," said Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. "We are hoping the president upon reflection will agree to sign on to a bill that the State Department said could create up to 42,000 jobs and the State Department said creates little to no impact on the environment."

Still the vote was short of the threshold needed to override a veto, and the legislation still must be reconciled with the version the House passed.

"We hope President Obama will now drop his threat to veto this common-sense bill that would strengthen our energy security and create thousands and thousands of new, good-paying American jobs," said House Speaker John Boehner.

Most Democrats framed the bill as gift to a foreign oil company that would have little benefit for the American people, because much of the oil would be exported. They tried and failed to get amendments on the bill to construct the pipeline with U.S. steel, ban exports of the oil and the products refined from it, and protect water resources.

The Senate agreed to add an energy efficiency measure, and went on the record saying climate change was not a hoax and the oil sands should be subject to a tax that helps pay for oil spill cleanups. Oil sands are currently exempt.

"This bill is a disgrace," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., the top Democrat on the Senate environment committee. "We tried on our side to make this a better bill and they turned us away."

TransCanada Corp., the pipeline's developer, disputed the export argument Thursday, saying it didn't make sense.

"Those who argue this pipeline is for export are not being factual," said Russ Girling, president and chief executive officer of TransCanada. "It's time to approve Keystone XL so we can transport Canadian and American oil to fuel the everyday lives of the American people."

In Philadelphia, anti-pipeline protesters chanted outside a hotel where Obama was addressing a retreat of Democratic lawmakers: "Hey, Obama, we don't want no Keystone drama."

First proposed in 2008, the $8 billion pipeline project has been beset by delays in Nebraska over its route and at the White House, where the president has resisted prior efforts by Congress to force him to make a decision. In 2012, Obama rejected the project after Congress attached a measure to a payroll tax cut extension that gave him a deadline to make a decision. The pipeline's developer, TransCanada Corp., then reapplied.

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US Senate rejects amendment on lesser prairie chicken

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The U.S. Senate rejected an amendment sponsored by Sen. Jerry Moran of Kansas that would have removed the lesser prairie chicken from the federal government's threatened species list.

The vote Wednesday on Moran's amendment was 54-44, short of the 60 votes necessary to add it to a bill intended to expedite construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, The Kansas City Star reported.

Moran said Wednesday that listing the lesser prairie chicken as threatened jeopardizes the agriculture and energy industries in Kansas and four other states where the bird lives.

"There are ways to conserve the species without hindering economic development in rural communities, and I will continue to push for this straightforward, simple solution," Moran said.

The lesser prairie chicken, a species of grouse with feathered feet and striped plumage, lives primarily in Kansas but also in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Colorado. The bird once was plentiful in the Great Plains, but its habitat has shrunk by more than 80 percent since the 1800s.

The bird was designated as threatened last year by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, one step beneath endangered status under the Endangered Species Act. That means federal officials think the bird soon will be in danger of extinction.

In 2013, the lesser prairie chicken's population hit a record low of 17,616, about half of what it was in 2012, the wildlife service said.

Moran said federal officials underestimated the bird's population after a historic drought hit its habitat. With drought conditions easing, the lesser prairie chicken's numbers already have increased by 20 percent, he said.

"Yet a number of industries — farming, ranching, oil and gas development, transportation and wind energy — continue to feel the effects as the federal government attempts to dictate how individuals manage their land and resources," Moran said.

The senator said he probably will try to add the amendment as a policy rider to an appropriations bill later this year.

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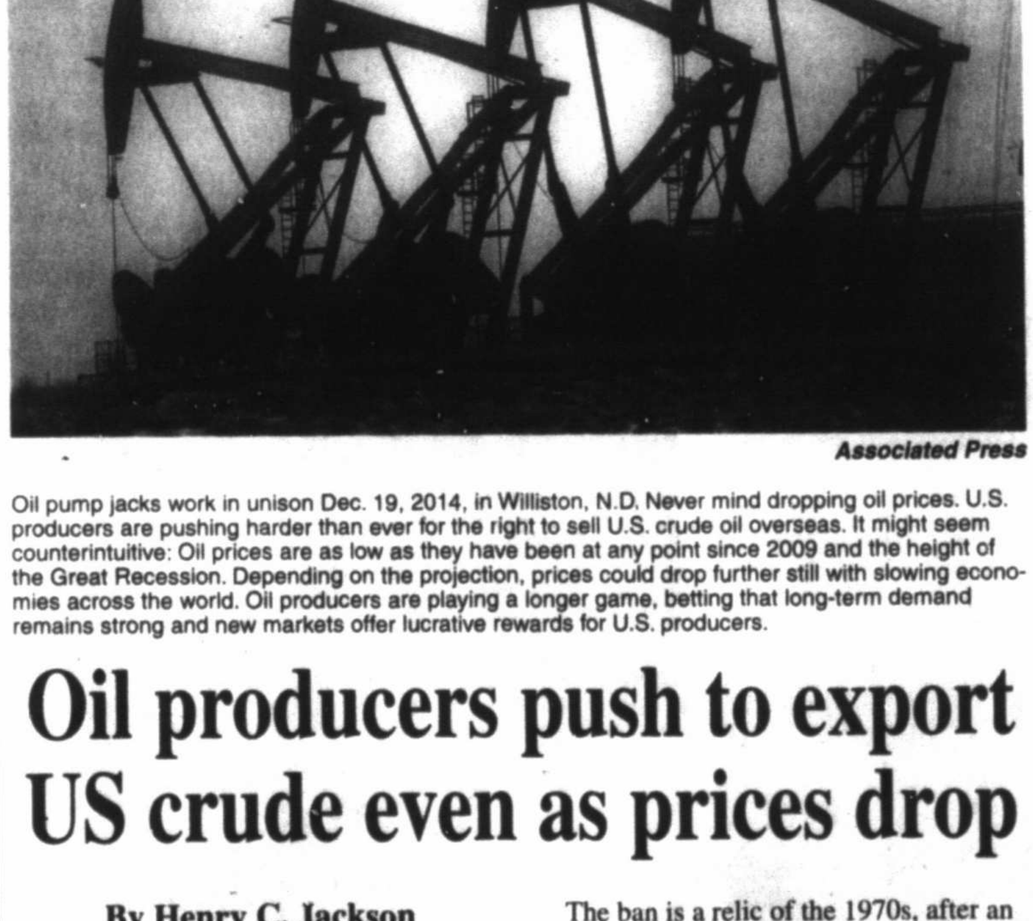

Associated Press

Oil pump jacks work in unison Dec. 19, 2014, in Williston, N.D. Never mind dropping oil prices. U.S. producers are pushing harder than ever for the right to sell U.S. crude oil overseas. It might seem counterintuitive: Oil prices are as low as they have been at any point since 2009 and the height of the Great Recession. Depending on the projection, prices could drop further still with slowing economies across the world. Oil producers are playing a longer game, betting that long-term demand remains strong and new markets offer lucrative rewards for U.S. producers.

Oil producers push to export US crude even as prices drop

By Henry C. Jackson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Dropping oil prices aren't slowing a push from U.S. producers to ship their crude oil overseas and change a decades-long ban on exports.

The cost incentive may not be obvious, with oil prices are as low as they've been since 2009 and with some analysts predicting they'll drop further. But oil producers are confident of long-term demand and believe that new markets will eventually offer big profits.

Backers see a changing landscape that includes a Congress controlled by Republicans generally viewed as more receptive to oil exports, and some signs the Obama administration will consider modifications to the longstanding policy that bans exports of raw crude.

The ban is a relic of the 1970s, after an OPEC oil embargo led to fuel rationing, high prices and iconic images of long lines of cars waiting to fuel up.

Supporters of exports, like the American Petroleum Institute, the oil industry's top lobbying arm, say those days are long gone. The group is running TV ads highlighting the growth of the U.S. shale oil industry as evidence that there's enough oil for both domestic and overseas markets. The organization lists overturning the ban as its top priority for 2015.

Jack Gerard, the organization's president, said the policy is the result of "a politically motivated disconnect between today's much-changed energy landscape and the political orthodoxy of some who continue to push for arbitrary and unfair limits or an outright ban."

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For traders, oil's plunge takes a toll on egos and accounts

By Bernard Condon And Jonathan Fahey
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The plunge in oil has crushed the Russian ruble, erased $80 billion from Exxon Mobil's market value and pushed Venezuela to the brink of economic collapse.

But to Justin Thomas, the real drama in oil unfolds on a smaller scale, a story told in tiny, second-by-second moves in prices on his computer screen. Lately, most of the moves have been down, taking a toll on him and other traders who believe oil should have turned up by now.

"It was quiet, then there was chaos," said Thomas after a few losing bets earlier this month from his one-man office in Boise, Idaho. "The market changes, and you lose your confidence."

Thomas is one of thousands of oil traders who have helped turn market fundamentals — lots of oil, not enough demand — into a plunge of nearly 60 percent in the price of crude in seven months, a drop with few precedents.

He trades futures contracts, and uses them to bet on where prices are headed. His bets, and hundreds of thousands of others like them, affect what drivers pay for gasoline, airlines pay for jet fuel and truckers pay for diesel.

Futures used to be traded mostly by drillers, refiners and others in the oil business looking to lock in prices for crude that they needed to sell or buy in future months. Now, much of the trading is done by pension funds, hedge funds or day traders like Thomas who almost never touch a barrel of oil. They have no use for it, except as a way of diversifying their investments or to make a quick buck for themselves or their clients.

That futures market has ballooned in size and importance. Since futures need not involve an exchange of a single barrel, the number of these side bets can outstrip the number of actual barrels available. In a typical month traders buy and sell contracts for 15 billion barrels of just one kind of crude, West Texas Intermediate, on the New York Mercantile Exchange. That's five times the number of barrels of all types of oil consumed globally each month.

Whether this furious trading distorts the market or helps it better reflect supply and demand is a subject of fierce debate. There is little consensus in dozens of academic papers on the issue, and little evidence their bets have a lasting impact on price.

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KEYSTONE

From 4A

The 1,179-mile pipeline is proposed to go from Canada through Montana and South Dakota to Nebraska, where it would connect with existing pipelines to carry more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil a day to refineries along the Texas Gulf coast.

Obama has said he will not be forced to make a decision on the pipeline, which requires presidential approval because it crosses an international border, until the review process concludes. Federal agencies' comments on whether the project is in the national interest are due Monday.

Environmental groups have called on Obama to reject the project outright, saying it would make it easier to tap a dirty source of energy that would exacerbate global warming. The State Department's analysis, assuming higher oil prices, found that shipping it by pipelines to rail or tankers would be worse for the planet. It also concluded that the project, after construction, would create only 35 permanent jobs, a figure Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., compared to a fried chicken franchise.

"The facts are clear: the Keystone XL pipeline will only create 35 permanent jobs while dumping millions of tons of carbon pollution into the air and threatening waterways and communities across the Midwest," said Tom Steyer, the investor and philanthropist who founded the NextGen Climate political action committee.

Supporters say the pipeline is a critical piece of infrastructure that will create thousands of jobs during construction and boost energy security by importing oil from a friendly neighbor.

"We urge the president to make the right decision and approve KXL because it is in this nation's best interest," said Jack Gerard, the president and CEO of the American Petroleum Institute. "The fact is that if all other infrastructure projects are delayed like Keystone XL, we are years away from approving anything that could create jobs and enhance our energy security."

Associated Press

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky. smiles as he returns to his office on Capitol Hill in Washington on Thursday after passing a bipartisan bill approving construction of the Keystone XL oil pipeline.

TRADER

From 4A

Whatever the truth, oil traders today seem more at the mercy of the market than its masters.

It is a market that Richard Weissman won't touch right now.

"I'm all about managing risk," said Weissman, who writes about markets and trades commodities and currencies from his home in Port Richey, Florida. "Right now oil is high risk."

Last summer the market didn't seem so treacherous. It was even sleepy. The price of oil was hovering near $100 a barrel, as it had for much of the previous four years. On June 6, one measure of market volatility — how quickly and dramatically prices change — reached its lowest level ever recorded. The number of contracts traded was 29 percent below normal.

But in the background, supply was rising and demand falling, a combination that lowers prices. U.S. production had risen 70 percent over six years. Demand was falling as rich countries became more fuel efficient and growth in the developing world slowed.

Then the economies of Europe and Japan began to sputter, pinching demand further.

Traders began selling. Buyers became scarce. Volatility quadrupled between June and December.

As drivers watched pump prices drop and exporters like Venezuela and Russia reeled from lost revenue, traders scrambled to make money.

Trafigura Beheer, a giant trading firm based in Amsterdam, said the pickup in oil trading helped boost its profits 14 percent last year.

Dominick Chirichella, an energy investor and consultant, trades a fraction of what Trafigura does. But he also had a terrific few months as the market moved steadily lower.

He kept betting that oil would fall further, but he was careful about it. He set up secondary trades that acted like insurance policies. When he was wrong and oil turned up, those trades would pull him out of the market quickly before losses snowballed.

"Whether you make 50 cents or $1, you don't care, you're making money," he said. "And as it keeps going down you find yourself in something special."

Oil's now around $44, down from $107 in June. And with little consensus about where crude's headed, the decision to buy or sell is more complicated.

Bernstein Research — bullish on oil throughout the collapse — predicts higher prices this year. Citigroup says oil will begin to rise later this year, too, after more turmoil. Goldman Sachs thinks oil could fall to $39 over the next six months.

For Boise trader Thomas, the fear these days is visceral. "You're worried you're going to get your face ripped off," he said.

To help deal with stress and hone tactics, he likes to rehash his moves on daily Skype calls with other traders — "therapy sessions," he calls them.

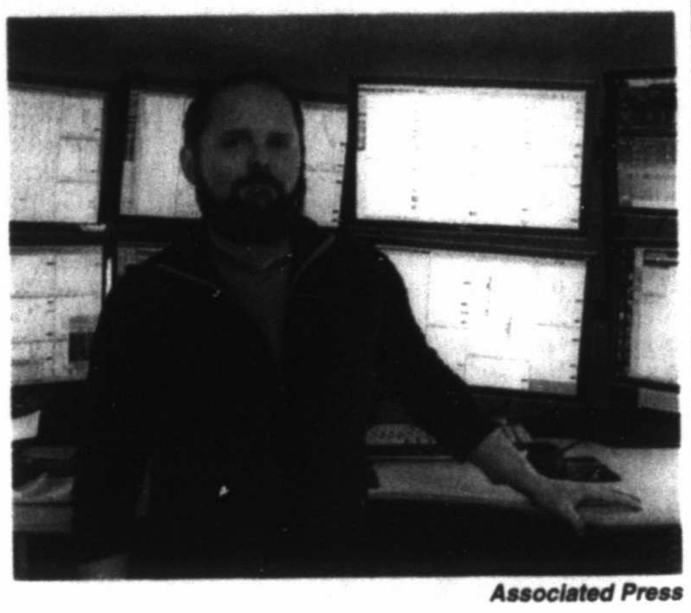
The 40-year-old trader had amassed $300,000 worth of oil one day earlier this month, certain it was about to rise. But prices started dropping and his convictions evaporated.

He dumped half of his holdings at a loss. Then, when prices began to rise, he bought back all the oil he had just sold, only to dump it again as prices renewed their fall. Within minutes, he had lost $5,000.

"I can't believe I just did that," Thomas scolded himself. "You have to be patient."

Or get out and stay out. That's what one of Thomas' friends, Alan Hirsh, did as he watched the same turmoil on his computer in New York. When prices started moving rapidly, he sold and didn't make another trade, breaking even for the day.

"To step away, that's a huge accomplishment. You should be proud," said a third trader on the Skype call. Then Thomas piped in: "Kudos to Alan."



Associated Press

Oil trader Justin Thomas poses for a portrait Jan. 22 at his one-person office in Boise, Idaho. Thomas is one of thousands of oil traders around the world who have helped turn market fundamentals, lots of oil and not much demand, into a plunge in the price of crude.

"You're worried you're going to get your face ripped off."

Justin Thomas on the current state of the oil trade market

EXPORTS

From 4A

Besides the financial incentive, Gerard and supporters argue that lifting the ban would help control prices for consumers and give the U.S. a stronger hand in foreign policy.

Opponents make the opposite case: Exporting oil now would result in higher gas prices, they say, and prevent the U.S. from achieving a goal of energy independence. Those opposed to a change in policy include many domestic oil refiners, which stand to lose business if crude oil is exported.

"The oil markets and the markets for various petroleum products are extremely complicated, and I think that to mess with this upsets the equilibrium that's there," said Jay Hauck, executive director of Consumers and Refiners United for Domestic Energy, or CRUDE, which represents a group of oil refiners.

Hauck said the policy shouldn't change while the U.S. continues to import great quantities of oil.

The U.S. imported 9.9 million barrels of oil per day in 2013, from some 80 countries, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Simply increasing U.S. production to eliminate imports is not that simple, though. Different types of oil have different uses, and U.S. production is predominantly lighter, so-called sweet crude oil.

Many U.S. refineries are equipped to handle heavier crude produced by countries like Mexico and Canada. Producers argue that shipping to countries in Europe and Asia, where refineries are equipped to handle lighter oil more efficiently, makes economic sense until more U.S. refineries can efficiently process lighter oil.

"The reason for allowing exports is primarily that not all oil is the same," the Aspen Institute, which backs abolishing the ban, argued in a 2014 report.

But even some supporters say it is too early to push for an up or down vote to resume exports.

Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, proposed an amendment that would link abandoning the ban with passage of legislation allowing the Canada-to-Texas Keystone XL oil pipeline to move forward. Soon afterward, two supporters of lifting the ban — Texas Sen. John Cornyn, the Senate's No. 2 Republican, and Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D. — said the amendment might be too much, too soon.

Cornyn and Sen. John Barrasso, of Wyoming and Lisa Murkowski, chairwoman of the Senate Energy and Commerce Committee, are among those interested in overturning the ban in the long run. Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D., whose state is the nation's second leading oil producer, shares their position.

Still, dozens of members of Congress have not taken a public stance on the oil exporting issue. House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton, R-Mich., has said the policy should be examined, but he stopped short of pushing for legislation.

Other House members, however, have pushed for a vote: Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, plans to re-introduce legislation to lift the ban.

The Obama administration has made some recent adjustments on oil exports.

Last year, it allowed increased exports of so-called condensate, a lightly refined, lighter form of crude. Administration officials, including Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz, have said overall policy at least needs to be examined, though no action is pending.

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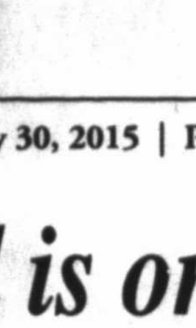

Amid the ritual expressions of regret and the pledges of "never again" on Tuesday's 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, a bitter irony was noted: Anti-Semitism has returned to Europe. With a vengeance.

It has become routine. If the kosher-grocery massacre in Paris hadn't happened in conjunction with Charlie Hebdo, how much worldwide notice would it have received? As little as did the murder of a rabbi and three children at a Jewish school in Toulouse. As little as did the terror attack that killed four at the Jewish Museum in Brussels.

The rise of European anti-Semitism is in reality just a return to the norm. For a millennium, virulent Jew-hatred — persecution, expulsions, massacres — was the norm in Europe until the shame of the Holocaust created a temporary anomaly wherein anti-Semitism became socially unacceptable.

The hiatus is over. Jew-hatred is back, recapitulating the past with impressive zeal. Italians protesting Gaza handed out leaflets calling for a boycott of Jewish merchants, as in the 1930s. A widely popular French comedian has introduced a variant of the Nazi salute. In Berlin, Gaza brought out a mob chanting, "Jew, Jew, cowardly pig, come out and fight alone!" Berlin, mind you.

European anti-Semitism is not a Jewish problem, however. It's a European problem, a stain, a disease of which Europe is congenitally unable to rid itself.

From the Jewish point of view, European anti-Semitism is a sideshow. The story of European Jewry is over. It died at Auschwitz. Europe's place as the center and fulcrum of the Jewish world has been inherited by Israel, now the largest Jewish community on earth.

The threat to the Jewish future lies not in Europe but in the Muslim Middle East, today the heart of global anti-Semitism, a veritable factory of anti-Jewish literature, films, blood libels and calls for violence, indeed for another genocide.

The founding charter of Hamas calls not just for the eradication of Israel but for the killing of Jews everywhere. Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah welcomes Jewish emigration to Israel — because it makes the killing easier: "If Jews all gather in Israel, it will save us the trouble of going after them worldwide." And, of course, Iran openly declares as its sacred mission the annihilation of Israel.

For America, Europe and moderate Arabs there are powerful reasons having nothing to do with Israel for trying to prevent an apocalyptic, fanatically anti-Western clerical regime in Tehran from getting the bomb: Iranian hegemony, nuclear proliferation (including to terror groups) and elemental national security.

For Israel, however, the threat is of a different order. Direct, immediate and mortal.

The sophisticates cozily assure us not to worry. Deterrence will work. Didn't it work against the Soviets? Well, just 17 years into the atomic age, we came harrowingly close to deterrence failure and all-out nuclear war. Moreover, godless communists anticipate no reward in heaven. Atheists calculate differently from jihadists with their cult of death. Name one Soviet suicide bomber.

Former Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani once characterized tiny Israel as a one-bomb country. He acknowledged Israel's deterrent capacity but noted the asymmetry: "Application of an atomic bomb would not leave anything in Israel, but the same thing would just produce damages in the Muslim world." Result? Israel eradicated, Islam vindicated. So much for deterrence.

And even if deterrence worked with Tehran, that's not where the story ends. Iran's very acquisition of nukes would set off a nuclear arms race with half a dozen Muslim countries from Turkey to Egypt to the Gulf states — in the most unstable part of the world. A place where, say, a moderate pro-American Yemen can fall to pro-Iranian rebels overnight.

The idea that some kind of six-sided deterrence would work in this roiling cauldron of instability the way it did in the frozen bipolarity of the Cold War is simply ridiculous.

The Iranian bomb is a national security issue, an alliance issue and a regional Middle East issue. But it is also a uniquely Jewish issue because of Israel's situation as the only state on earth overtly threatened with extinction, facing a potential nuclear power overtly threatening that extinction.

On the 70th anniversary of Auschwitz, mourning dead Jews is easy. And, forgive me, cheap. Want to truly honor the dead? Show solidarity with the living — Israel and its 6 million Jews. Make "never again" more than an empty phrase. It took Nazi Germany seven years to kill 6 million Jews. It would take a nuclear Iran one day.

GUEST VIEW

Lege, stop diverting tax proceeds for fixing up Texas state parks

Houston Chronicle

Not everyone has a ranch or a country club where they can get outside and enjoy nature. So it makes sense that as Texans, we value our parks. Eighty-eight percent of Texans see parks as "essential" to healthy, active lifestyles, and more than 8 million people enjoy our parks every year, according to a recent survey commissioned by a committee appointed by the chairman of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission.

More people enjoying nature is great. But the increased usage means more wear and tear on the parks. Upkeep has not been a state priority; it needs to be. The park infrastructure is old and in need of modernization. If you go camping this weekend in a state park, you might be using facilities built in the 1950s, '60s or even '30s, as some of the cabins, campsites, public areas and buildings were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps, a New Deal program.

Harsh environmental conditions such as the wildfire that devastated Bastrop State Park three years ago can wreak havoc on the operational and capital budgets of our state parks.

Tally these pressing needs, and you might expect a big-ticket, per capita investment in our parks. Not so. Each Texan spends only about the cost of a candy bar ($1.15) every year to support the annual operating costs of state parks. This scant investment yields a return of more than 3,000 percent, as calculated by John Crompton and Ji Yuon Jeong of Texas A&M University in an impact study, as well as providing for the stewardship of the state's major natural and cultural resources.

We need to do a better job of protecting our natural resources. Two decades ago, the Legislature dedicated a portion of sporting goods sales-tax proceeds — levied on everything from kayaks to pingpong balls — to state parks. Instead of using these funds as advertised, typically, the bulk of the proceeds are diverted into the general revenue fund to pay for schools, prisons and roads.

Such diversions are bad policy. If user fees are not used in the way intended, voters have a right to be skeptical about a future tax proposed for some dedicated purpose.

While it is true that holes exist in other parts of the state budget, robbing Peter to pay Paul balances the budget on the back of our aging park system. With state funding shrinking, over the past 10 years state parks have become increasingly entrepreneurial and produce more than $44 million annually in earned revenue to support operating costs. But unless we want to charge country club-sized fees for the use of our state parks, there's a limit to how much revenue the parks can generate.

The Legislature should act this year to grant a more appropriate and responsible percentage of the sporting goods tax toward maintaining and upgrading our aging state park system.

If the Legislature doesn't do so, perhaps the voters should use a constitutional amendment to accomplish this purpose. After all, highway and transportation advocates were able to rally behind a constitutional amendment to authorize disbursements to the State Highway Fund.

A healthy state park system is essential to our economy. State parks support almost 6,000 jobs in Texas and have a $202 million impact on income for Texas residents. More important, think about the vistas of Big Bend Ranch State Park, the mossy trees of Caddo Lake State Park and the rugged beauty of Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Unless we protect our state parks, we will lose the very things that make Texas a special place to live.

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Liberals are wrong about Kochs

■ The Kochs' money isn't what's wrong with campaign system today

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

It was interesting while it lasted, but the 2016 election is now officially "bought."

The purchasers are the Koch brothers, and the price, a cool $889 million.

The news that the network organized by David and Charles Koch plans to spend roughly $900 million in the 2016 cycle has freaked out Democrats, outraged so-called campaign-finance reformers and inspired hand-wringing about the future of the planet Earth.

The despair is misplaced. One sign it is still a free country is that a band of like-minded people, devoted to principles they consider essential to the country's thriving, can get together and try to affect them in public policy.

My only quibble with the Kochs' announcement is that they didn't nail a nice, round $1 billion as the most eloquent possible rejoinder to erstwhile Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's campaign of vilification last year.

For all that campaign reformers hate the Kochs, the brothers' network is, in part, their creation. "This is the natural consequence," campaign-finance reformer Lawrence Lessig griped about the $889 million, "of a regime with essentially no contribution limits."

Actually, it is the inevitable consequence of contribution limits. The campaign-finance reformers kneecapped the political parties with malice aforethought and then are stunned that, in a free country, political activity has found other outlets.

If Reince Priebus and Debbie Wasserman Schultz are limited to raising $32,400 per donor annually, they will inevitably lose ground to outside groups.

Rather than freeing up the parties, advocates of greater regulation want to make it as difficult, or perhaps even impossible, for everyone else to raise and spend money on politics. The only obstacle to this ambition is — damn you, George Mason — the Bill of Rights, specifically the First Amendment.

Years ago, then-House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, a stalwart of more campaign regulation, said that we have "two important values in direct conflict: freedom of speech and our desire for healthy campaigns in a healthy democracy. You can't have both."

On his terms, no, you can't. Which is precisely why Democrats like current House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi hope to amend the First Amendment to allow the government the latitude to further limit political speech.

Until such time (and may it never arrive), the Kochs and their allies get to run free.

In the abstract, there is a case for more disclosure of donations to the likes of the Koch network. In a political climate in which intimidation to try to shut people down is increasingly the norm, though, the reality is that disclosure would just open donors up to threats and harassment.

The left always wants to paint the Koch brothers as self-interested, to better fit the stereotype of the robber baron distorting government for his own ends.

But they are the rare breed of businessmen who don't seek special favors from government, who in fact oppose them on principle. They are capitalists who hate crony capitalism. In the libertarian paradise that they seek, the Kochs would be freer of government regulation — but so would everyone else.

The $889 million figure is not quite what it seems. It encompasses all the Koch spending, including support for academic programs and think tanks. Nor is "buying" an election all it is cracked up to be. The Kochs spent some $400 million on the 2012 election, and came up empty.

The brothers are archvillains, regardless. The left is invested in trying to find a way to squeeze them out of the political process, because it instinctively hates anything being unregulated, including political activity.

Also, its attitude is "influence for me, but not for thee." The left, by and large, owns the media, academia, the big foundations and Hollywood. Compared with all of that priceless political and cultural influence, the spending of the Koch network is a pittance.

The Koch brothers will nonetheless remain targets, so long as they continue to so prominently represent and advocate for a free society.

From the Left | Doonesbury

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Protesters heckle annual Muslim rally at Capitol

By Eva Ruth Moravec
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A small group of vitriolic hecklers and overt suspicion from one lawmaker greeted hundreds of Muslims who rallied Thursday during their biennial Texas Capitol lobbying day — the first time the event has drawn protesters.

As the Council on American-Islamic Relations opened the gathering on the Capitol steps, protester Christine Weick, who had been posing as a participant, grabbed the microphone.

"Islam will never dominate in the United States," the 50-year-old from Michigan said, "and by the grace of God it will not dominate Texas!"

The microphone was quickly wrestled back and a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper led her back to the crowd. But throughout the hourlong rally, about two-dozen protesters chanted things like, "No Sharia here," "One God," and "Remember 9/11" while holding posters and flags.

Despite the hecklers, the nonprofit council continued their program. About 300 people, including dozens of middle and high school students, attended the rally and then met with lawmakers to share their concerns with several proposed bills.

Council Executive Director Mustafaa Carroll said the event began in 2003 and never drew opposition before, but that online threats prompted the council to contact the FBI. FBI spokeswoman Michelle Lee wouldn't confirm or deny their involvement, and there was a noticeable DPS and law enforcement presence.

Carroll said the group's agenda in no way encouraged passage of Sharia law, the moral code and religious law of Islam.

"It's not even logical," he said. "It's a shame that I even have to address that."

Narwaz and Mariam Ghouri said they brought their 1-year-old son to the rally to introduce him to the realities Muslims face. The Plano couple also attended a recent event in a Dallas suburb that drew hundreds of protesters.

"We don't want Islamaphobia to affect our son in a negative way," said Narwaz Ghouri, 26. "We want him to see what the community is really about, and to be engaged."

No lawmakers attended the rally, but a representative from Houston Democratic Rep. Sylvester Turner's office spoke and welcomed the crowd.

Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who oversees the Senate, said he didn't attend because he didn't receive an invitation, not because of any anti-Muslim sentiment. When Patrick was a new state senator in 2007, he walked off the floor to boycott the chamber's first daily prayer that was led by a Muslim cleric.

Inside the Capitol, an Israeli flag — a symbol of support for the Jewish state — greeted visitors to Rep. Molly White's office. On Facebook, the first-year Republican lawmaker posted that she was out of the office but gave her staff instructions to ask visiting Muslims "to renounce Islamic terrorist groups and publicly announce allegiance to America and our laws."

The council responded by sending a note to House Speaker Joe Straus asking if White violated the chamber's rules by discriminating against religious minorities.

"Are House members prohibited from making constituents take oaths before meeting with their elected representatives or house staff?" the letter asks.

In a statement, Straus said only that all Capitol visitors should be treated respectfully, adding, "Anything else reflects poorly on the entire body and distracts from the very important work in front of us."

Associated Press

A protester yells to a group gathered for a Texas Muslim Capitol Day rally Thursday in Austin. Hundreds of Muslims gathered for the rally as part of their biennial Texas Capitol lobbying day.

Munisteri leaves role, joins Rand Paul political team

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Rand Paul on Thursday picked up the backing of the Republican Party of Texas' chairman, who is stepping down from his role to take a position as a national senior adviser to the Kentucky Republican's presidential campaign-in-waiting.

In doing so, Steve Munisteri bypassed two Texans who are also likely to seek the Republican nomination: Sen. Ted Cruz and former Gov. Rick Perry. Munisteri has known Paul for 34 years, dating back to when Paul's father represented Texas in Congress, and counts Paul as a friend.

"I couldn't say no to him," said Munisteri, who will formally leave his post next month and will split his time between Texas and Washington.

UT chancellor writes GOP leaders to oppose campus carry

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The new chancellor of the University of Texas System told Gov. Greg Abbott and other top Republicans on Thursday that concealed handguns at colleges will make campus less safe.

William McRaven, the former Navy admiral who directed the special forces operation to kill Osama bin Laden, took over the lead of the University of Texas System this month. As his predecessor, Francisco Cigarroa, did in previous years, McRaven wrote a letter to state leaders outlining campus opposition to allowing concealed weapons in campus building and classrooms.

The "campus carry" measure backed by gun rights groups has been among the hottest issues in previous legislative sessions, and opposition from higher education officials has been a key reason for its defeat.

But the issue also has new momentum, particularly in the Senate, where a bill filed this week already had 19 cosponsors, the precise number needed to ensure its passage in that chamber.

"I am very pleased that the Senate is poised to cast this historic vote," Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said this week.

Gun rights groups call campus-carry a self-defense measure in case of a campus shooter.

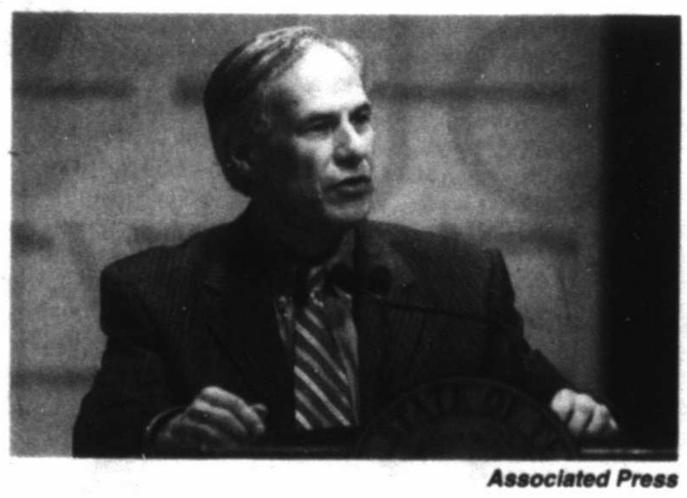
But McRaven's letter to Abbott, Patrick and House Speaker Joe Straus said students, parents, faculty and campus police fear that "concealed handguns on campus would contribute to a less-safe environment, not a safer one."

Texas law requires concealed handgun license holders to be at least 21 and pass a short class and shooting range test.

Even with those restrictions, McRaven wrote, mental health professionals worry that the mixture of guns and the emotional and psychological stresses on students — many of whom are away from home for the first time — could lead to more suicides and accidental shootings.

Perry's pet fund for Texas startups a goner under Abbott

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press



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Gov. Greg Abbott speaks at an announcement of a United Healthcare Foundation grant to the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine on Jan. 22 in Edinburg.

AUSTIN — Republican Gov. Greg Abbott began dismantling a flagship initiative of his predecessor Thursday, saying he will abolish Rick Perry's pet program that gave $200 million in taxpayer dollars to Texas startups and was beset by bankruptcies and questionable claims of success.

The decision was not surprising. Abbott signaled throughout his campaign that the Texas Emerging Technology Fund troubled him ideologically, but problems with the decade-old program ran deeper than new Republican distaste for governments "picking winners and losers" in the private sector.

Texas lost tens of millions of dollars investing in failed high-risk startups and the fund's inner workings largely were kept from public view. An Associated Press investigation last year revealed undisclosed troubles with state-funded companies that had stagnated, didn't file tax reports and made questionable job-creation claims.

Perry hitched his 2012 presidential campaign to a booming Texas economy and bragged about how the tech fund and his other economic policies kept the state prosperous while the rest of the U.S. lurched from a recession.

Now, as Perry gears up for a possible 2016 run, his conservative successor has scrapped the tech fund within his first 10 days in office. Abbott wants the money set aside for start-ups to be spent instead on recruiting top faculty talent to Texas universities.

"Texas will continue to make meaningful and effective investments in job creation," Abbott said in a statement. "Now we must also harness our resources to elevate Texas' higher education institutions as integral participants in our economic advancement."

Lawmakers still must OK abolishing the tech fund but Abbott is unlikely to face strong resistance.

Responding to Abbott's decision, Perry spokesman Travis Considine said the fund "has played an important part of the diversification of Texas' economy" and succeeded in keeping innovative technologies in Texas.

Perry likely won't see his legacy on economic development undone entirely. A similar but separate program, the Texas Enterprise Fund, appears headed for survival but not without reforms. That was Perry's signature "deal-closing" fund used to lure companies to Texas, such as when Toyota received $40 million last year to relocate its California headquarters to suburban Dallas.

Part of Abbott's announcement calls for taking half the unused money in the tech fund — which aides say is more than $100 million — and spending it on enterprise fund applicants instead.

During his final months in office, Perry defended the economic impact of having given taxpayer dollars to more than 140 startups. But he also seemed to give lawmakers his blessing to do away with his signature programs, saying it was "their call."

The tech fund worked by giving startups taxpayer dollars in exchange for giving the state an equity position. If the companies were successful, the state recouped its investment or even made a profit. If they went bankrupt or shut down — and at least 16 have so far — the dollars are lost.

The timing of Abbott's announcement is likely not random: A required annual report on the financial health of tech fund is due to be made public Saturday.

Conservative critics say the program's original good intentions became derailed by accusations of crony capitalism and fund managers who didn't have investment expertise.

"These were individuals who were friends or appointees of the governor — good people, smart people — but they really had no business making these decisions," Republican state Rep. Jason Villalba said.

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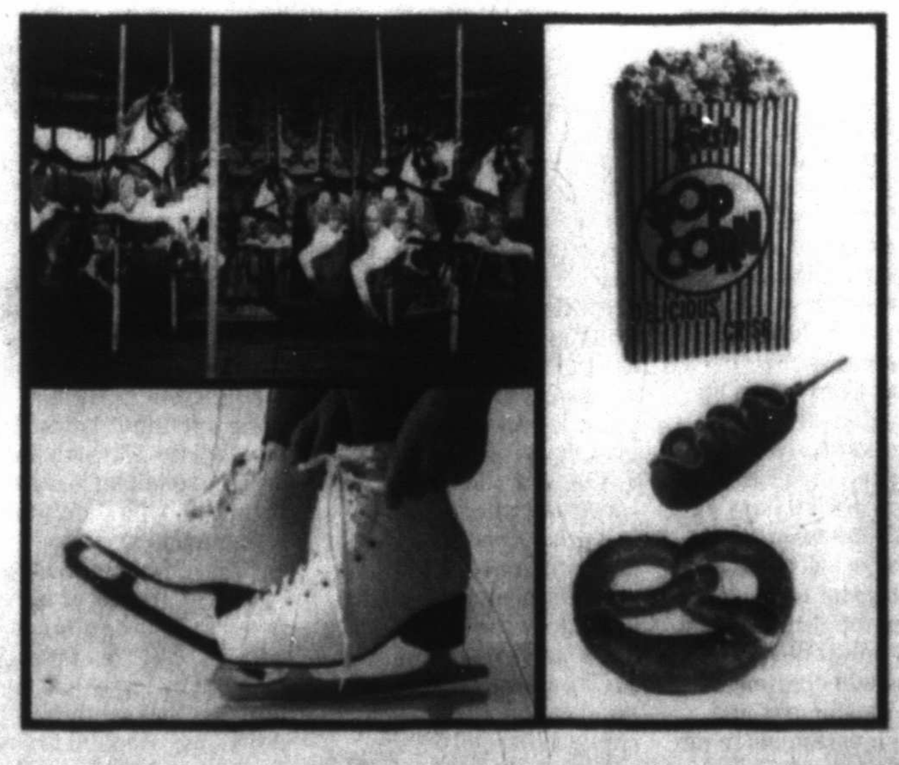

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COMING SOON

CHOCOLATE DECADENCE Aphasia Center of West Texas on Feb. 12 will host the first charity event at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

SHOPPING Rhea Lana's consignment sale offers children's clothes and gear at a discount Feb. 13-15 at the Horsehoe. Donated items benefit foster families and the Genesis Center.

COMEDY AND CONCERT Mark Lowry with The Martins and Mark Whitmire will perform Feb. 22 at First United Methodist Church.

See more calendar items on page 8B.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

HABITAT VOLUNTEERS Our Lady of Guadalupe Church volunteers will partner with Midland Habitat for Humanity for a home build this weekend. See photos from Habitat for Humanity's Tool Box Bash on page 8B.

IN NEED

SPARE CHANGE Managing Editor Mary Dearen is preparing for the 2015 Autism SHARE Walk, set for April 25 at Grande Communications Stadium. Her donation will include change she finds during her daily neighborhood walks.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the cause may contact Dearen at mdearen@mrt.com or 687-8852. You also may make a contribution at her walk fundraising page. Google "2015 Austism SHARE Walk" and type in Mary Dearen under participant.

FOOD BANK Albertsons stores are collecting donations for the West Texas Food Bank through the Souper Bowl of Caring program through Sunday. For $9, customers may purchase a bag that will be filled with food to be donated to the food bank.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES Midland Need to Read is in need of supplies for students enrolled in their spring classes. Needed items include paper, pencils, highlighters, Post-it notes, index cards, flash drives and pocket folders. Call 682-9693.

MENTORS NEEDED Big Brothers Big Sisters is in need of school-based mentors. Volunteers meet with a child for one hour a week at an elementary school. For more information, call 687-0195.

KIDS FIRST Centers for Children and Families is in need of volunteers for its Kids First program, a supervised visitation and exchange program for conflicted families. For more information, call 570-1084 or visit centerstx.org.

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Mark Alexander, new executive director for United Way of Midland.

A WAY OF HELPING

New United Way director is passionate about helping families

By Steve Kuhlmann
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It has been a winding road that has led Mark Alexander to his position as the executive director of the United Way of Midland, and he intends to channel all of his experiences to do the best he can in his new role.

A former Methodist pastor, employee in the oil and gas industry and, most recently, executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Alexander fell into his current position at the United Way without actively seeking it.

"I wasn't looking for anything else to do. I felt like I had 10 years' worth of work at Samaritan that I probably wouldn't be able to get finished in 10," said Alexander, adding he was first made aware of the opportunity while at lunch with a friend. "I was really surprised by the whole thing, it was just out of the blue."

Having lived in Midland from 1992 to 1996, working as a pastor at First United Methodist Church and acting as executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center since February 2013, Alexander's knowledge of Midland's culture made him an attractive candidate for the job.

Now that he is settling into the role, Alexander said it is high on his priority list to get to know the United Way network even better.

"Making site visits to all of the organizations that we support is something that I intended to do in the next few months because I want to have a real hands-on idea of what's going on out there and what we're supporting," Alexander said. "It's a whole lot easier to talk to people about giving to something like United Way if you really understand the mission and can have something that really resonates with who they are."

Alexander's faith has had a large impact on his sense of service in his view of and approach to nonprofit work.

"Methodists through their entire history have really had a sense of social conscience and social justice and about caring for, not taking care of, but caring for those who are less fortunate," Alexander said.

Personally, Alexander said he is most passionate about helping people — and particularly families — through any tough times they may be struggling through.

"Whether it's work in the church or work in the United Way, life change and transformation is the thing I'm most passionate about," Alexander said. "Helping families is something that I get really passionate about. It doesn't matter if we're helping less fortunate kids to learn to read or helping other kids learn that sitting on the couch, playing video games and eating the wrong kind of food is going to lead to adult issues that you're going

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Mega Force Ministries brings physical strength, personal testimony to local church

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Courtesy photo

Cornerstone Christian Fellowship Church in Midland is going outside of the box with its community outreach, bringing in Mega Force Ministries for a three-night event of physical strength, personal testimony and sharing of the Gospel.

Having been featured on "America's Got Talent," Steve Harvey's "Big Time," "Ripley's Believe It or Not" and ESPN, Mega Force Ministries and its founder Steve Carrier utilize feats of strength as a way to reach audiences that may not otherwise be interested in their message.

"We just thought that (Mega Force Ministries) would be a really unique kind of ministry to bring to Midland," said Bill Foster, senior pastor at Cornerstone. "We're trying to spike people's attention to the Gospel and this man has a really good Gospel-type message."

Carrier, who holds a Guinness Book of World Records record for breeking 30 bats over his knee in 60 seconds, was inspired to start the ministry by watching strong man competitions on ESPN and wanting to use the attention they attract for a positive purpose.

"(We) rip phone books and set world records and use that to deliver a real positive message for people that are going through a tough time," Carrier said. "The strong men just do their thing and leave, but our team, we really gear it toward life choices."

Foster said Carrier and his ministry bring the "cool factor" and he hopes

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Concert looks at stories behind old hymns

■ Golf Course Road Church of Christ to host Hallal Music's Hymns

By Steve Kuhlmann
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While for a time more contemporary Christian music has held favor in many churches across the nature, Ken Young, senior worship minister at Golf Course Road Church of Christ, said classic hymns are making a comeback with big-name Christian artists like Casting Crowns producing the older songs with a modern twist.

Following the trend, Golf Course Road Church of Christ is set to host the Hallal Music's Hymns event featuring the live performance of several classic hymns, the stories of their origins and their writers.

"The pendulum kind of swings back and forth on trends in music and one of the things that's really swinging back is the appreciation of the classic hymns," Young said. "Those have really resonated with older and younger audiences. We decided to host an event that would highlight some of the classic hymns themselves, but also telling the stories behind them."

The program will focus on hymn writers like Charles Wesley, John Fawcett and — especially — Fanny Crosby.

"We'll kind of weave in and out of the stories and songs," Young said. "We might tell the story of a song then the story of a writer — like Fanny

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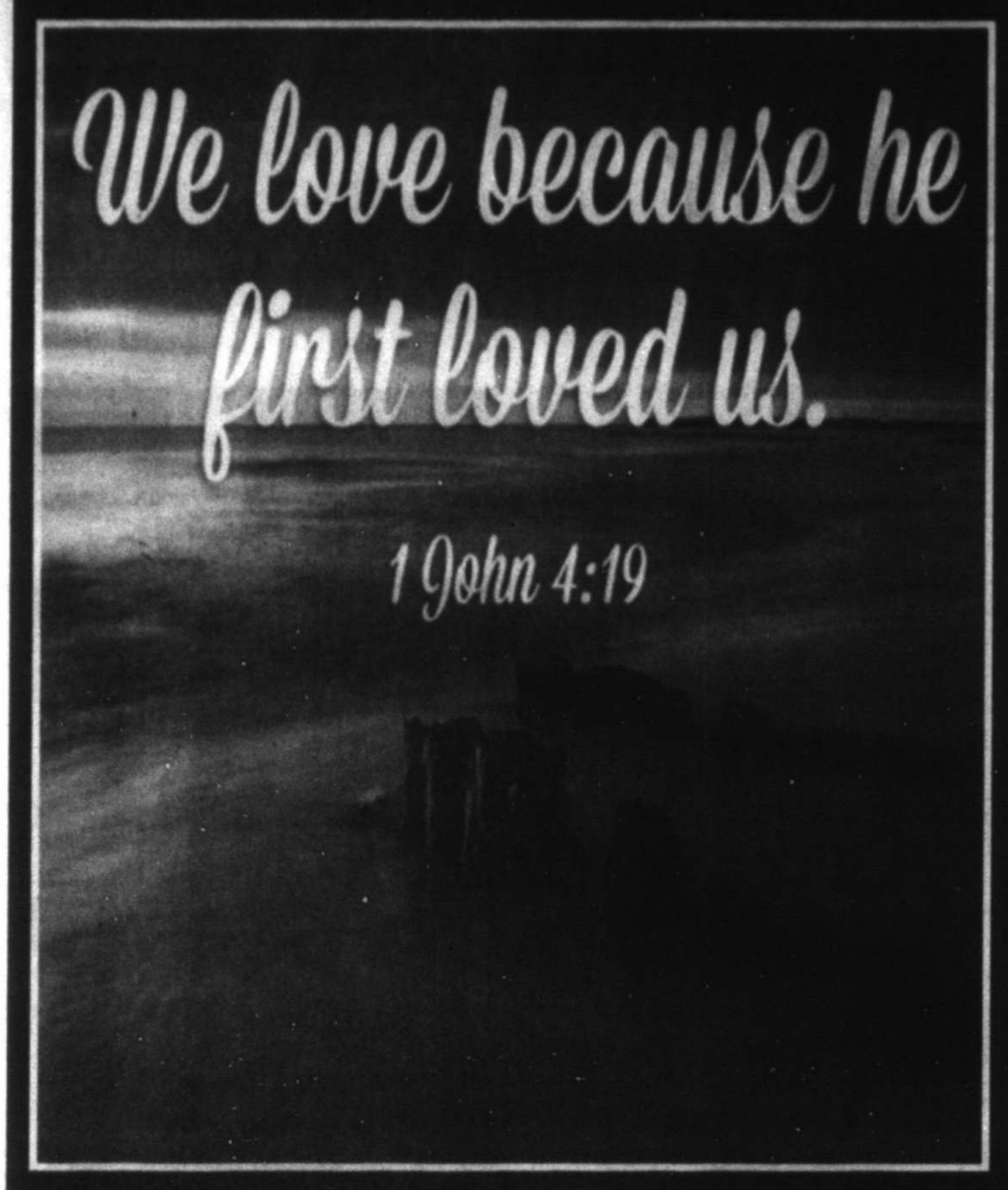

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Main & Ohio St.
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St. Luke's United Methodist Church
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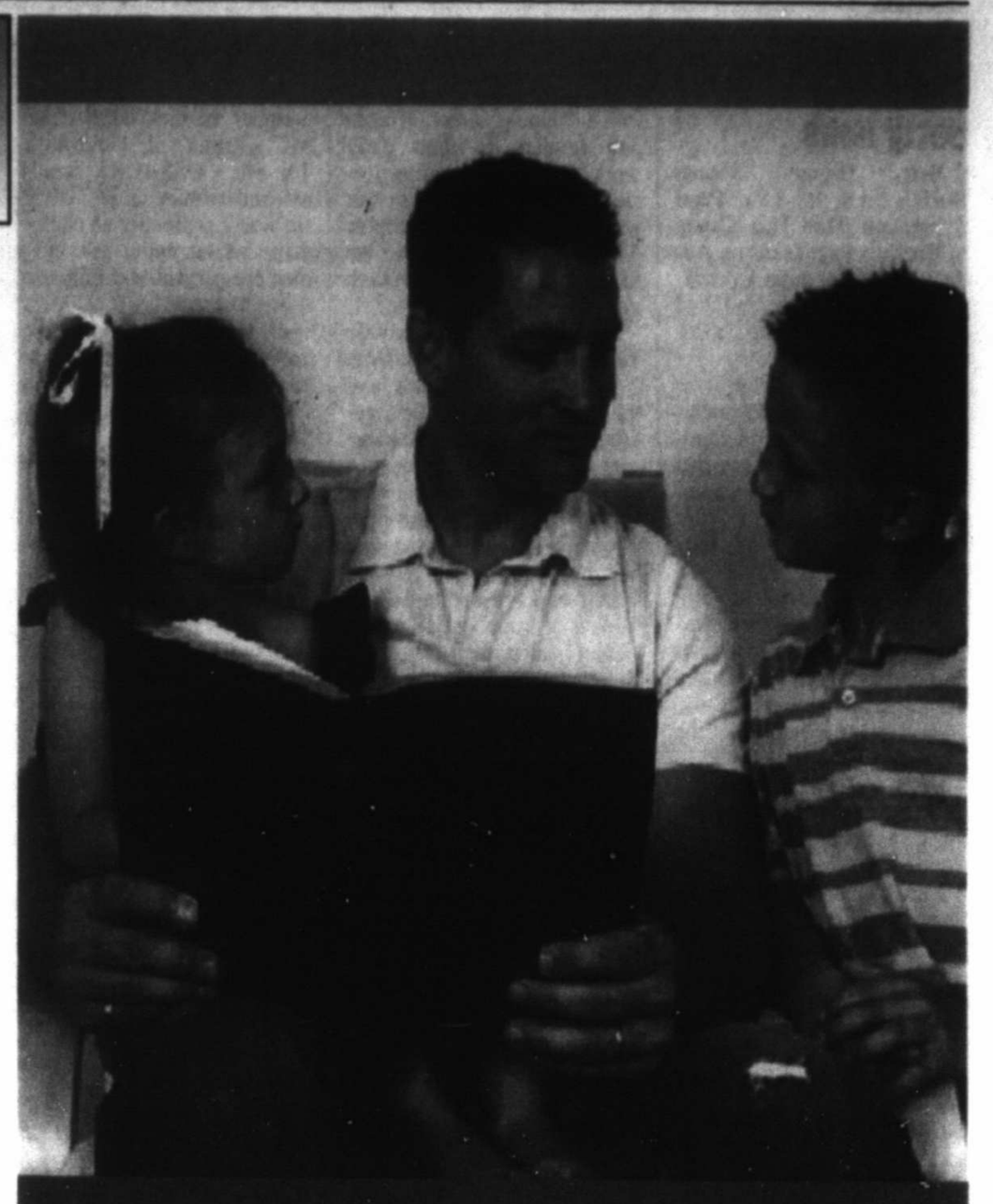

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Obituaries

Betty Robb

Betty (Boopy) Canon Robb, born to Eva Pearl Sypert and Olin Buz Canon in Brownwood, Texas on August 17, 1931, passed peacefully from this life and into the arms of her loving Savior on January 21, 2015.

Betty grew up in Longview, Texas and graduated from Southern Methodist University, where she met the love of her life, James Yuill (Ike) Robb Jr. After their marriage in 1952, they established their home and raised their sons in Big Spring, Texas. Betty was completely devoted to her husband, family, friends and her Lord, and brought beauty, grace and order into all of the lives she touched.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her brother, Buz Canon.

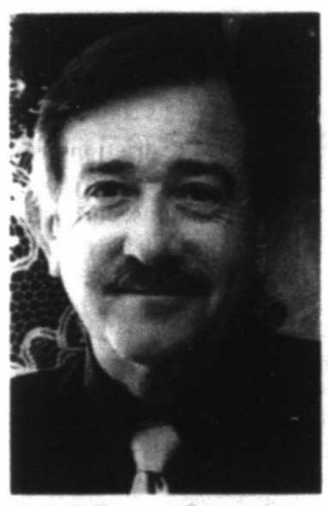
Betty is survived by her three sons, their wives, and four grandchildren: James Y. (Ike) III and Susan Robb and their children, James Y. Robb IV and Caroline Stone and her husband, Christian; Bennett and Sheree Robb and their children, Philip Robb and William Robb; and Scott and Sandra Robb. She is also survived by her niece, Amanda Willson, lifelong friend, Clara (Sister) Payne, and a myriad of close friends.

The family would like to thank the staff of Visiting Nurses Association and Wanda Moore and Margaret Hernandez for the loving care they gave to Betty.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 pm, Saturday, January 31, 2015 at Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Salvation Army of Dallas, (P.O. Box 36006, Dallas, TX 75235) or Visiting Nurses Association of Dallas (1600 Viceroy Drive, Suite 400, Dallas, TX 75235).

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



Carl Dean Carson

Carl Dean Carson, 62, of Sunnyside, Texas passed away on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 in Lubbock, Texas. Funeral services will be Saturday at First Baptist Church of Dimmitt at 10:00 AM with Brother David Harp officiating, graveside services to be at 4:30PM at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton, Texas. Arrangements are being handled by Colonial Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Carl grew up in the community of Sunnyside and attended school in Dimmitt, graduating in 1970. He attended South Plains College and later went on to computer school and completed a 6 month course. He married Terrie Newton on June 10, 1972. They lived in Sunnyside, where Carl farmed for 11 years. In 1981 Carl went to work for Farm Bureau Insurance. In 1983 he was made manager of Martin County Farm Bureau while he was living in Stanton, 2 years later Midland, Ector, Rankin and Upton counties were added to Martin County Farm Bureau. Carl Dean's first year in Farm Bureau he was awarded Rookie of the Year, considering he said he couldn't sell insurance, this was very rewarding to him. He made lots of close friends over the years in Farm Bureau and the communities where he and his wife lived. He loved going to his boy's football games, and stock showing with them. He enjoyed playing golf with his friends and playing cards when the opportunity arose. Carl Dean, Terrie and the boys had the opportunity to travel quite a bit because of the trips he won through Farm Bureau. He loved seeing new places and sharing them with his family and friends. He retired from Farm Bureau in 2005 and moved back to Sunnyside to pursue his love for farming. In 2012 he and Terrie purchased the Sunnyside Farm Store. He loved helping other friends and farmers in their daily work. He enjoyed telling stories to whoever would visit with him. He and Terrie have 5 grandchildren and he thought the world of each one of them.

He is survived by his wife Terrie Carson of Sunnyside; 2 sons Deakon Carson and his wife Chelcy of Georgetown, Texas and Joshua Carson and his wife Tiffany of Stanton, Texas; his mother Lillian Carson of Sunnyside, 2 sisters Louise Carson and her husband Richard Armstrong of Lubbock and Resa Carson of Lubbock; 1 brother Gene Carson and his wife Bonnie of Dodge City, Kansas; 5 grandchildren Evan and Chloe Carson of Georgetown and Colby, Brittyn and Trisity Carson of Stanton.

He is preceded in death by his father Carl Houston Carson.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Lubbock. 3702 21st Street, Lubbock, TX. 79410.

You may go online and sign the guestbook at www.colonialfuneralhome.org

D'Anna Worley Weyandt

D'Anna Worley Weyandt, 60, met her Savior Jesus face to face on January 27, 2015.

She was born in Midland, Texas to Jim and Anna Belle Worley on April 23, 1954.

D'Anna lived life fully with cancer for the last 17 years and finished her fight bravely surrounded by family. She will be remembered by many for her continuous smile, positive spirit and the cutest laugh ever heard. D'Anna was a dedicated mom, worker and friend and was admired by many as a strong woman who gave life her all.

She loved her family fiercely and treasured the time spent with them. D'Anna was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, daughter, sister and aunt.

D'Anna is survived by her daughters, Stephanie and Angela Hilliard; sons, Cody Hilliard and wife Megan and Casey Hilliard and wife Crystal; and grandchildren, Lauren, Madison, Austin, Jackson, Hannah, Chase, Megan, Madison, McKenzie and great granddaughter Payton. She is also survived by her mother Anna Belle Worley, brothers Jim and John Worley and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 31, at 4:00 in the First Baptist Church of Midland Chapel. Arrangements are made by Ellis funeral home.

Douglas Monroe Fox

Douglas Monroe Fox, 47, of Odessa passed away Sunday, January 25, 2015 in Odessa. He was born June 23, 1967 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

He is preceded in death by his son, Tyler Monroe Fox, and his father, Orvil Fox. He is survived by his loving wife of 16 years Nancy and their daughter Allison both of Odessa, TX. His mother Loretta Fox and two sisters, Carlotta Garza and Velma Youngs all from Maskegan, Michigan. His mother-in-law Mary Morgan of Midland, TX and brother-in-law, Rodney Morgan of Boerne, TX. Doug had numerous nieces and nephews along with a host of friends and his COSSACKS family.

Doug was employed at KOCH Industries and a member of the COSSACKS MC chapter of Goldsmith, TX. His COSSACKS family referred to him as U-TURN. He was a professional marksman and gun enthusiast and a member of Midland Shooters Assoc.

A visitation with family and friends will be 6:00 to 8:00 pm Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 4:00 pm Thursday, January 29, 2015 at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Services entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home

Dignity 601 North Alleghaney Odessa, TX 79761 (432) 332-0991

Condolences may be offered at www.hubbardkellyfuneralhome.com

Horace LaRue Atnipp

Horace LaRue Atnipp ("H.L.") Atnipp died at his home in Midland, Texas on January 26, 2015. H.L. was 84 years old. Visitation will be from 5-7 pm on Friday January 30, 2015, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. A graveside service and interment will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 11:00 am at the Resthaven Memorial Park.

H.L. was the only child of Horace and Bernice McMillan Atnipp and was born in Ballinger, Texas on December 29, 1930. H.L. graduated from Ballinger High School in the Class of 1948 and from the University of Texas with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Petroleum Engineering in 1954.

H.L. married his high school sweetheart, Sally McGahey Atnipp on September 13, 1949, and they were married for almost 65 years. Upon graduation from college in 1954, H.L and Sally moved to Midland, Texas where he began his professional career as a petroleum engineer with Texaco, Inc. While they made several moves around the oil fields in the Permian Basin, Midland became their permanent home in 1959. After H.L. left Texaco in 1961, he held executive positions with several independent oil and gas companies until 1980 when he began his own independent oil and gas operations which he continued until recently. H. L. and Sally loved to travel and he was an avid Texas Longhorn fan. He rarely missed an opportunity to watch his beloved Texas Longhorns on television. H.L. also took great joy in watching his 9 grandchildren grow up.

H.L. is predeceased by his parents, Horace and Bernice Atnipp, and his loving wife, Sally.

He is survived by son Michael H. Atnipp and wife, Myra of Midland, Texas, and their children, Marc Atnipp, Phillip Atnipp and Stuart Atnipp; son Stanley L. Atnipp and wife, Diane, of Midland, Texas and their children Thomas Atnipp and Samantha Atnipp; son Douglas C. Atnipp and wife, Roni, of Houston, Texas and their children, Julia Atnipp Stellar, Sarah Atnipp, Benjamin Atnipp and William Atnipp; and daughter VeeAnn Cross and husband Steve of North Falmouth, Massachusetts. H.L. is also survived by 6 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to Patricia Stewart for the wonderful care and devotion she showed to H.L. in the days since Sally passed away and to the other caregivers that provided such wonderful support for H.L. The family would also like to express gratitude to Diane Atnipp, H.L.'s daughter-in-law, for the faithful and selfless time and attention she devoted to H.L.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 550-5800

Jane Douglas Phillips

Jane Douglas Phillips, 64, of Midland, TX passed away on January 28, 2015.

Jane was born in Campbellsville, KY on September 13, 1950. She graduated from Taylor County High School. She then went on to receive an associate degree from Lindsey Wilson College.

Jane was married to Fred Phillips on May 2, 1975. They were married for 39 years.

Jane enjoyed reading, shopping, and spending time with family, friends, and her pets. She was actively involved in her church, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, as well as the Red Hat Society.

Jane is preceded in death by her mother, Edna Shreeve White. She is survived by her husband, Fred Phillips of Midland, TX; her father, James Douglas White and her brother, Danny White of Campbellsville, KY; her daughters, Michelle Cockrell and her husband Kip of Weatherford, TX, Danielle Bedingfield and her husband Jeremy of Midland, TX, and Amber Ervin and her husband Shannon of Brownwood, TX, as well as her grandchildren, Jonathan, Hunter, Kymberly, Kaden, and Isabella.

Visitation will be held on Friday January 30, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Ellis Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held on Saturday January 31, 2015 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Steven Mohr officiating. Burial will be at Brookeside Cemetery in Campbellsville, KY.

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

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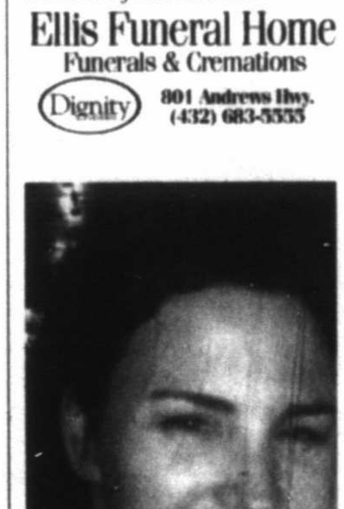

Jennifer Marie Silveira-Evans

Jennifer Marie Silveira-Evans, Odessa, aged 39, passed away January 26, 2015. Jen was born September 19, 1975 in San Jose, California, the daughter of Melvyn and Patricia Silveira. She moved to Midland, Texas in 2002. She worked for several companies, but worked the last 6 years as the office manager for the Junior League of Odessa, Inc.

She is survived by her parents, her beloved son, Jameson Evans, Odessa, her brothers Melvyn Silveira Jr, CA and Jeffrey Silveira, FL and her sister, Leoni Davis, Midland. She also leaves behind numerous loving relatives and friends in both Texas and California.

Her son Jameson, family and friends were Jen's passion, come and help us celebrate her life. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at Crossroads Fellows hip on 6901 E Highway 191, Odessa. Jen would not want her family and friends wearing black so in honor of her, please wear bright colors.

Questions about flash notices or online Guest Books? Email: obits@mrt.com

Katherine Ann Erwin Bowling

Katherine Ann Erwin Bowling, 71, of Austin, TX, was called to her Heavenly Home on January 27, 2015 surrounded by her family in Midland, TX, after a hard-fought battle with brain cancer.

Katherine was born on February 19, 1943 in Charleston, West Virginia to Arling H."Bud" and Melva Erwin. She was a 1961 graduate of St. Albans High School and a graduate of Marshall University in Huntington, WV. She married William "Ed" Bowling in 1965 and they began their life together in Huntsville, AL, later welcoming a daughter, Karen. The family moved to Austin, TX in 1977.

Kathy launched and developed the Westwood Community School in Northwest Austin, offering continuing education to adults and children in the area. Her success with continuing education allowed her to also open and direct campuses for Austin Community College and Texas State University at Westwood High School. She enriched the lives of many with the educational programs she provided.

As successful as she was in her career, she was even better at being a lovely person. Kathy was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She had a contagious smile, a caring heart, and a great sense of fun that will be dearly missed and fondly remembered.

Left to cherish her memory are her loving husband of 49 years, William "Ed" Bowling; and daughter, Karen Ann Bowling Sparks and husband, Todd, of Midland, TX, grandchildren, Will, Laura Kate, and Libby Ann Sparks, of Midland, TX, sister, Constance S. Erwin of Midland, TX, and brother, Dwight Randal Erwin and wife, Terri, and daughter, Samantha, of Villa Hills, KY, sister-in law, Dianne Bellomy and husband Lacy of Winston-Salem, NC and sister-in-law Gloria Tribou and husband, Dick of Satellite Beach, FL, and four nieces and one nephew.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Arling H. "Bud" and Melva Erwin and infant daughter, Elizabeth Bowling.

The family will be accepting guests from 6:00-8:00pm at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland, TX on Friday, January 30th. Graveside Services will be held at Resthaven Memorial Park at 1pm, Saturday, January 31st. A Memorial Service will be held at Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin on Friday, February 13th at 1:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Midland Fair Havens, 2400 Whitmire Blvd. #100, Midland, TX 79705 or Hospice of Midland, 911 West Texas Ave, Midland, TX 79701.

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

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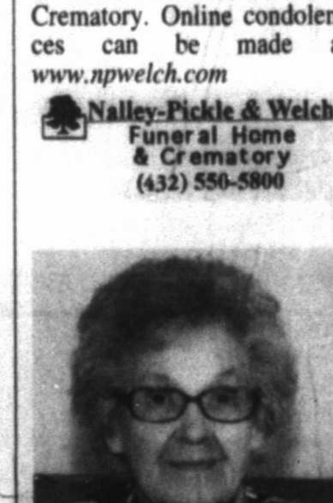

Jessie Pollard

Jessie Pollard went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, January 19, 2015. Jessie was born in Young County to the Rev. James Louis Hays and Mrs. Virginia Viola Allen Hays on November 24, 1919. She was the sixth child of ten children. Six of the ten survived infancy and they were all girls.

Jessie graduated from Wellington High School, Wellington, Texas in 1938, and attended Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, Texas for two years. From August 1942 to October 1944, she worked as a secretary in the Italian Prisoner of War Camp, in Hereford, Texas.

On October 27, 1944, she married Harold Lorell Pollard, a young sailor from Wellington. Jessie and Harold fell in love writing letters to each other while Harold was at sea. Jessie transferred to the Eleventh Naval Accounting District in San Diego, California. In 1945 they moved to Ector County where Jessie worked as a secretary for Stanolind Oil and Gas Company for eight years. In 1956 she embarked on a wonderful 24-year career as secretary for the Assistant Superintendent for Business with the Ector County Independent School District.

The door at Jessie and Harold's home was always open to family and friends, and they also hosted many family gatherings at their Oak Creek Lake cabin. Their siblings and their families made frequent visits which were times of great food, games and laughter, creating cherished memories for all. For Jessie's 90th birthday celebration, one of her nieces wrote, "I have and always will, look at you as a role model for the Fruits of the Spirit." Jessie's life was a living Bible for her children, and most of her pearls of wisdom have been passed on to her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was a member of Belmont Baptist Church, where she played piano for her Sunday school class. Jessie was also President of the Odessa/Ector County Retired School Personnel Association from 1990 to 1992.

Jessie was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, her five sisters, Harold's siblings and their spouses, which were considered her brothers and sisters, too.

She is survived by three children, James Hays Pollard of Odessa, Barbara Pollard Hammond of Colorado City, and Michael and Marilyn Pollard of Midland, her four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, Lori and Russell Vahrenkamp, Bryce and Chase of Magnolia; Cade Hammond of Austin; Kyle and Jamie Hammond, Jaxon and Karoline of Colorado City; and Tara and Sean McGuire, Emmie, Dan and Julianna of College Station. Jessie and Harold also dearly loved Kayla Benton Moseler and her sons, Blake and Sean, of San Angelo and Lori's mother and her husband, Glenda and Jim Wentworth, of Bulverde. "Aunt Jessie" was also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Dr. Anne Acreman and the nurses and caregivers at Odessa Regional Medical Center.

Burial was held at North Fairview Cemetery in Wellington by Adams Funeral Home. A memorial service celebrating Jessie's life will be held at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, January 31, 2015 at Belmont Baptist Church, 1200 West 8th Street, Odessa.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to your local Hospice, or the charity of your choice. Sign the online guest book at adamsfuneralsvc.com

Marilyn Miller Hanson

Marilyn Miller Hanson, 86, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, January 25, 2015. Memorial services were held on Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 North Midkiff Rd., Midland, Texas.

Marilyn was born on January 24, 1929 to Milward and

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Mary Kent Miller in Shreveport, Louisiana. On October 27, 1951, she married Bernold M. "Bruno" Hanson in Midland, Texas. Marilyn and Bruno were married for forty-eight years and traveled extensively through his involvement in the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. Together the couple raised a son, Eric, and two daughters, Karen and Gretchen.

Marilyn was very witty, kind, and compassionate. Marilyn had a way about her that impacted everyone whom she met. She was passionate about journalism and was a stickler when it came to grammar. She was a great role model to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Marilyn, or "Mutti", as she was fondly referred to by her grandchildren, lived for her 'girls weekends' at the ranch with her granddaughters.

She enjoyed hunting at their ranch, but she also enjoyed getting dressed up to go to the Petroleum Club with a close group of friends. She had many friends and was very close to all of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Traveling, playing bridge, and spending time with her Garden Club friends were some of her favorite hobbies. She loved going to the theatre, watching the Maverick Players and was involved on the Opera Board. In addition to the Green Thumb Garden Club, she was active in En Amie Review Club, Permian Basin Geological and Geophysical Auxiliary, and a Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae. Marilyn was the recipient of the Women of Distinction Award for her years of leading Girl Scout Troop 241.

Marilyn was a member of the Alter Guild, Daughters of the Cross, and a faithful member of Christ Church Anglican. Prior to joining Christ Church Anglican, she was an active member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church where she was on the Altar Guild, arranged the flowers for the Sunday services, member of the Daughters of the King, and served on the Vestry. Marilyn (Mutti) will be incredibly missed by her entire family and numerous friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Karen Hanson-Flowers and husband, Joe of Houston, Texas; daughter, Gretchen Bakke and husband James of Midland; daughter-in-law, Janet Hanson of Midland; sister, Mary Jane Andrews of Alexandria, Louisiana; sister, Marjorie Nagle of Houston; grandchildren, Elysse Denton (Keith), Harriet Shields (Jarrett), John Bakke(Dusty), Harris Hanson (Kaci), Mary Lisbeth (ML) Hanson, Rebecca Flowers, Kathryn Hanson, and Kristen (KK) Hanson; great grandchildren, Tilly Bakke, Anna Denton, Bailey Denton, Drake Shields, Bruno Shields, and Eric Hanson.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Bernold M. "Bruno" Hanson; son, Eric Karl Hanson; parents, Milward and Mary Kent Miller; and brother, Kent Miller.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be donated to a charity of your choice.

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Death Notices

John Hudson

John Hudson, 76, of Midland, died January 19, 2015 in Midland. He is survived by two sisters.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2015, 10:00 a.m. at American Heritage Chapel.

Freda L. Miller

Freda L. Miller passed away January 29, 2015.

A visitation for Freda has been scheduled for Sunday, February 1, 2015 at Ellis Funeral Home from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, February 2, 2015 at First Baptist Church Chapel at 1:00 p.m., with burial to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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Northwestern Baptist Church gears up for busy year

LUCIAN RUDD
Northwestern Baptist Church

Northwestern Baptist Church is gearing up for a busy 2015. Already in process is an ongoing Bible study on Tuesday mornings. Each Wednesday evening in February will feature a study of prayer, titled "Before Amen." April will see a revival led by Evangelist Eric Fuller of Fort Worth.

Last year the church was forced to deal with a major structural problem in the church building. The trusses in the roof structure were slowly collapsing, allowing the ceilings to crack badly. As a result, several months were spent having the 40-plus trusses repaired, redesigned and strengthened. The final result has been a refreshed, redone interior for the worship center. Members feel truly blessed that the project could be finished completely without the need for financing.

Northwestern gathers weekly for worship based primarily on traditional practices, singing and ministry.

The Tuesday morning Bible study is on the book of Acts, with a short video presentation by Max Lucado followed by discussion time. The hour-long sessions are enjoyed by those attending, with plenty of room for more to join in the studies.

The Wednesday evening studies will delve into the whole spiritual concept of power expressed and unleashed in the prayers of Christians. The video presentation by Max Lucado will emphasize the power of a simple prayer, followed by discussions on putting the matter of prayer to work effectively in personal practices and in the church. Frank Page, a Southern Baptist Convention leader, spoke recently to call churches to pray earnestly for renewal, revival and outreach. He called upon pastors and churches to "pray as never before."

Emphasis through the winter and spring seasons will be on prayer, along with evangelism, outreach and preparation for the revival April 12-15. It will be an exciting four days and, of course, the public is cordially invited to attend and participate.

Midlanders across the city are invited to all of the activities and programs mentioned here and to join with the members in the regular services of the church located at 3901 Mockingbird Lane. Weekly Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m., following Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

SALT LAKE CITY

Mormon leaders call for measures protecting gay rights

Mormon church leaders are calling for a "balanced approach" in the clash between gay rights and religious freedom.

The church is promising to support some housing and job protections for gays and lesbians in exchange for legal protections for believers who object to the behavior of others.

It's not clear how much common ground Mormons will find with this new campaign. The church insists it still opposes gay marriage and believes that sex outside of marriage between a man and a woman violates God's law.

But Mormon leaders who held a rare news conference Tuesday said "we must all learn to live with others who do not share the same beliefs or values."

Elder Jeffrey R. Holland said, "Nothing is achieved if either side resorts to bullying, political point scoring or accusations of bigotry."

The Rev. Russell Moore of the Southern Baptist Convention called the Mormon leaders "well-intentioned, but naive" about gay opposition to religious exemptions.

UTAH

Sundance film pulls back curtain on Scientology

PARK CITY — "Going Clear: Scientology and the Prison of Belief" has premiered at the Sundance Film Festival to a packed house, and with police protection.

Director Alex Gibney's film claims that the church routinely intimidates, manipulates and even tortures its members.

Before Sunday's premiere, the Church of Scientology took out full-page ads in the New York Times and Los Angeles Times claiming the documentary is full of falsehoods.

But Gibney interviewed former Scientology believers, including Oscar-winning director Paul Haggis, who left the church in 2009 after decades of membership.

As Haggis climbed to the highest levels of Scientology, he finally learned its founder's ultimate theory: That a tyrannical galactic overlord named Xenu dropped frozen bodies from millions of years ago into volcanoes, and those spirits attach themselves to people today. Scientology claims to "clear" the body and mind of those spirits.

The church says Gibney refused to meet with members it offered as sources. But Gibney says the church declined all requests for interviews, as did John Travolta and Tom Cruise, both of whom are Scientologists.

LONDON

Church of England ordains first female bishop

The male monopoly in the leadership of the Church of England has ended with Monday's consecration of the 500-year-old institution's first female bishop.

The Rev. Libby Lane became the eighth Bishop of Stockport in a service at York Minster. Her consecration comes after the church ended a long and divisive dispute by voting last year to allow women to serve as bishops.

The consecration service was interrupted by a lone protester, the Rev. Paul Williamson. He stepped forward and objected when the congregation was asked if it was their will that Lane be ordained. Williamson said "No!" and asked to speak, arguing there was no precedent in the Bible for women bishops.

The archbishop of York, John Sentamu, answered with a prepared statement and then asked again if the church approved. This time, the response was a thunderous "Yes!"

SAN FRANCISCO

Catholic church in San Francisco to phase out altar girls

A Roman Catholic church in San Francisco has become one of a handful around the country to prohibit girls from being altar servers, a decision that has disturbed some parishioners.

The Rev. Joseph Illo told KPIX-TV that he decided to train only boys to assist him at Mass when he was assigned to Star of the Sea Church last year because he thinks the primary purpose of altar service is preparation for the priesthood, which women are ineligible to join.

In a statement posted on the church's website, Illo says boys often lose interest in altar service when the programs are co-ed because "girls generally do a better job."

Some churchgoers told KPIX they were unhappy with the change, calling it discriminatory.

ALEXANDER

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to have to face later on."

Alexander added it "breaks (his) heart" to know that teen suicide, self-injury, drug abuse and other social issues have become such prominent problems in the community.

"If those were not an option for them, their family life and our community life would be so much better," Alexander said. "Those are the kind of things that really resonate with me."

More than anything else, Alexander said it is the community of Midland that attracts him to the Tall City and drives him in his work.

"Asking people to help their fellow citizens so that we all have a better community to live in really resonated with me and I knew resonated with the community," Alexander said. "This is a unique place, in my opinion, in which folks have been truly blessed and are truly generous. They understand the give-back aspect of life in ways that lots of places do not."

For those who have yet to get to know him, Alexander said he wants them to know he has a "sense of gratitude and awe" to the community for the chance it has given him.

"I am extremely grateful for this opportunity and it is because of the community that I get to do this every day and I get to be driven by a passion that not everyone gets the chance to be driven by," Alexander said. "No matter how large or small their gift to the United Way may be, we will live and die every day to make sure that those dollars make all of the difference possible."

HYMNS

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Crosby who wrote about 8,000 hymns in her life and who was blind, then we'll do a whole medley of (her) songs because there are so many of them."

By portraying the history and meaning of the hymns in a new light, Young said he hopes the audience will go away with a greater appreciation for the songs that they may not have had before.

"We really can't compare modern lyrics with some of the classic lyrics of the 1800s," Young said. "When they hear the stories, when they see the pictures, from now on, when they sing that hymn, those will be impressed in their hearts and the hymn will mean a lot more to them than it probably ever has."

Through immersing the audience in song while intermittently unveiling the hymns' significance, Young hopes the event will give those in attendance the opportunity to experience a greater spiritual connection than they may get on a weekly basis.

Because many church-goers only receive "short spurts" of "30 minutes of worship time" in the average week, Young is hoping this event offers something a little more in-depth.

Young said in his experience, events with extended worship time give the opportunity for those in attendance to go "deeper spiritually."

"We just want to give them time to commune with God," he said. "In these two hours, we really hope that people go away with a deeper sense of God's presence through these old classic hymns."

The free Hallal Music's Hymns event will be 6-8:30 p.m. Feb. 7 in the GCR Worship Center. Homemade pie and coffee will be served after the program.

Anyone interested in taking part in the event by singing in the chorus can sign up at gcrcc.org/hymns.

MEGA FORCE

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Mega Force will be able to reach out to those in the community who are "into fitness and strength conditioning."

Offering a different show each night, Carrier said there will feats such as "rolling up a frying pan with his hands" all leading up to the evening of Feb. 8 when the group plans to "pull out all the stops" by performing "everything at world record proportions."

"(The audience) will be entertained, but the main force behind our message is our personal stories and things that we've gone through in life," Carrier said. "We want them to realize that it's not where you've been, it's where you're going."

In addition to its work in churches, Mega Force Ministries also participates in anti-bullying campaigns in schools across the nation.

"We wanted to focus on developing Christ-likeness in our people this year and obviously anti-bullying, leadership and Gospel preaching — his main message is Christ and salvation," Foster said. "Churches around the country love him and we feel privileged to bring him here. This is a real big event for us."

Carrier and Mega Force will perform at Cornerstone Christian Fellowship Church at 7 p.m. Feb. 6 through Feb. 8 and 10:30 a.m. Feb. 8. Admision is free to all events.

For more information on Mega Force Ministries visit megaforceministries.com.

Sin vs safety: Judge weighs arguments on Gitmo female guards

By David Dishneau
Associated Press

FORT MEADE, Md. — Religious-based restrictions on the use of female guards at Guantanamo violate the military's gender-neutral policy and weaken prison security, a government prosecutor argued Thursday in a dispute over assertions by detainees that their Muslim faith makes it a sin for them to be touched by woman soldiers.

A defense attorney for detainee Abd al-Hadi al-Iraqi countered that the restrictions imposed by a temporary court order in November must be enforced and expanded, at virtually no risk to security or soldiers' careers, to protect his client's religious rights.

The military judge, Navy Capt. J. Kirk Waits, gave no indication when he would rule. He recessed the hearing at the U.S. military base in Cuba after lawyers gave closing arguments. The Associated Press covered the four-day hearing from a video feed at Fort Meade near Baltimore.

Waits issued an order in November barring female guards from jobs requiring them to touch Hadi — to apply and remove restraints, for example — while escorting him to attorney-client meetings and court hearings. A similar ruling by another military judge earlier this month pertains to the five defendants in the Sept. 11 attacks. All are housed at Camp 7, a top-secret unit housing about 15 men deemed "high-value detainees" by the Pentagon.

Some female soldiers have filed gender discrimination complaints with the military over the issue.

Women were added to the escort teams in October, pursuant to a 2013 expansion of gender-neutral military jobs, prosecutors say. Defense attorneys say allowing women to handle prisoners upsets their clients, interferes with attorney-client meetings and could amount to unlawful pretrial punishment.

The men contend their faith prohibits physical contact between men and women who aren't married or closely related. The stricture in certain Muslim denominations is meant to prevent illicit sexual intercourse, according to the written testimony of Mohammad H. Fadel, an expert on Islam at the University of Toronto law school.

The judge seemed skeptical that routine handling of a prisoner could be sexually arousing.

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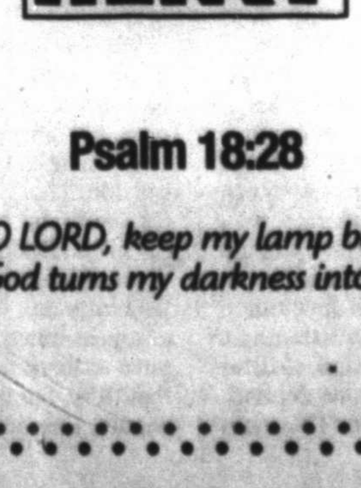

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Psalm 18:28

You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light.

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HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	(5:00) Sons of Liberty		Sons of Liberty "The Uprising"				Sons of Liberty "Independence"				Liberty "The Uprising"	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Bring It! "Prepare for Battle Preview"		Bring It! "Miami Heat Is Back"		Bring It! "Miss D Loses Her Cool" (N)		Preacher "Hot as Hell" (N)		Bring It! "Miss D Loses Her Cool"		Bring It! "Miami Heat Is Back"	
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Spiritual life calls for expanding notions of love

KELSANG CHONDZIN
American Buddhist Nun

Love in our lives is very important for us all. Having a feeling of being loved is a major element of whether we feel happy in life. But do we really understand love in the most helpful way?

Generally, we tend to focus too much on romantic love in our life. As Valentine's Day approaches, some of us will have a special person in our life, and some of us will not. It can be painful if Valentine's Day finds us without a partner.

However, our discomfort is essentially because we have several misconceptions about love. All our life we have been told love is something that comes from the outside. We are loved (and hence lovable) if we have people in our life — especially a romantic partner — who love us. We unconsciously feel love is something other people give to us — like a present.

Another misconception that hurts us is keeping our love circle too small. We don't risk enough to be generous in loving others. We need to broaden our circle of love. Loving in appropriate ways is skillful — we love our coworkers by being considerate; we love our children by being warm, yet consistent with boundaries; we love our friends by truly listening to them. The myriad, skillful ways we can love depend on the situation. The main thing is to have a warm and friendly feeling toward all people in our lives and to keep expanding our circle of who we consider important. In the grand scheme of things, all beings are important.

It's not a lack of intelligence that keeps us from mastering these skills, it's what culture has taught us throughout our lives. Most every movie and book has the drama of romance as a central theme. Every advertisement and every trip to the mall tries to convince us we will be lovable if only we have the right clothes, the right car, the right house or job. We spend our lives trying so hard to be the kind of person that can convince other people to love us.

One of the greatest gifts of life is when we realize love is a state of consciousness, not something that is given to us from the outside. That means we are the ones who create love in our lives. Buddhism posits that our true nature, who we really are, is loving and compassionate. We may have to work to develop that fully, but that is who we are, irrevocably, and deep inside. Our only job is to learn to develop it and bring it out. We become a source of emotional nourishment for ourselves and for others.

In the book "Transform Your Life," a great Buddhist teacher, Geshe Kelsang Gyatso, said, "We have found an inexhaustable source of happiness within ourselves, our love for others." When we shift the focus of our love and concern from ourselves to others, our hearts are healed. We grow, and we find satisfaction from within. The act of loving and caring for another being is satisfying in itself. Love feels good. It is a transformational force and helps both our personal world and the world at large. Imagine how this world would be if everyone in it had a loving heart. We can do our piece to help our world by making our heart loving and by making our heart peaceful.

The spiritual life, no matter what religion you follow, teaches us to do this. We grow spiritually by working deliberately to reduce our negative states of mind and to develop our positive states of mind. This is the essence, simplified, of a spiritual life.

We are not stuck with any patterns because of our childhood or events in our past. At every moment we are a free agent, able to change and recreate our lives. This is a new year, and we have the ability to change and make this year a more positive and vibrant year than ever before.

Kelsang Chondzin, an American Buddhist nun and teacher at the Bodhichitta Kadampa Buddhist Center in Lubbock, will teach a class 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Midland. Cost is $25. For more information, visit meditationinlubbock.org or uumidland.org.

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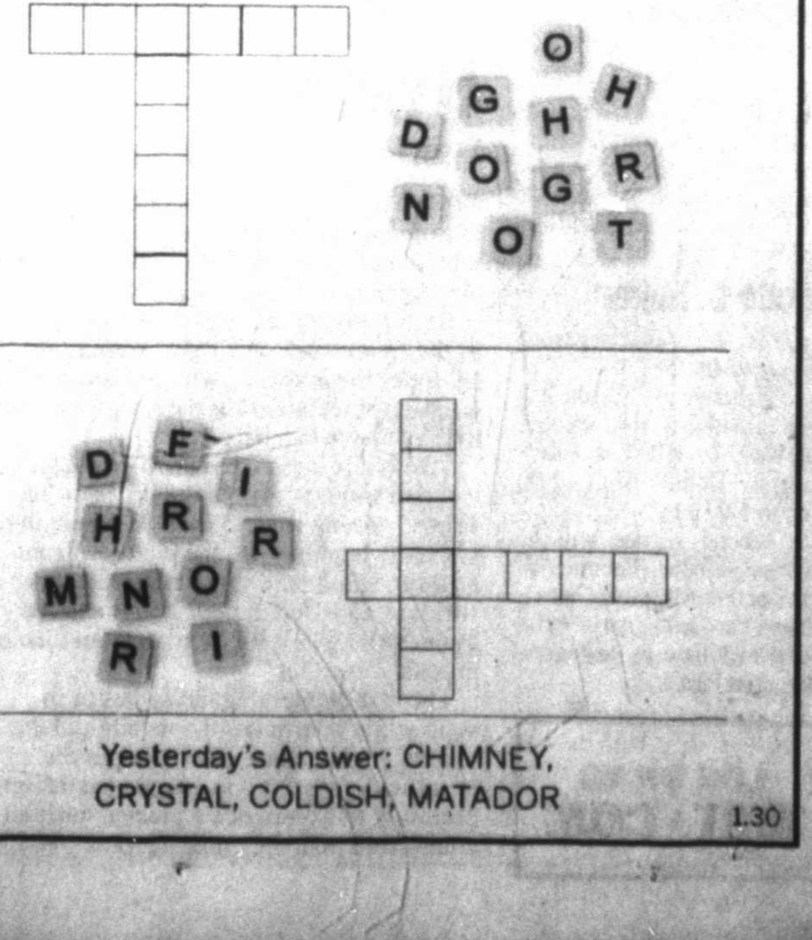

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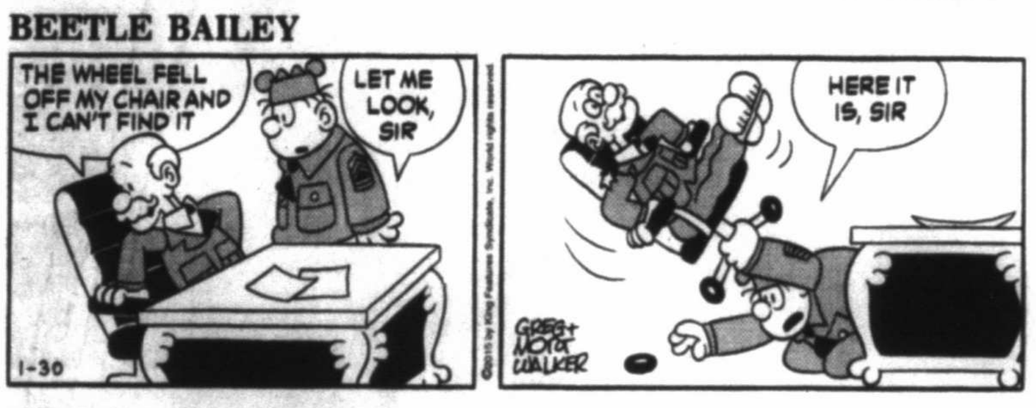

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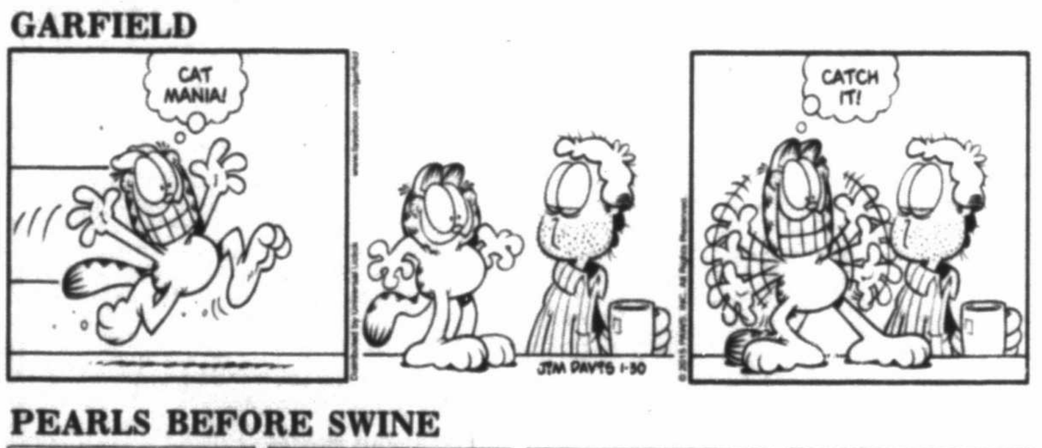

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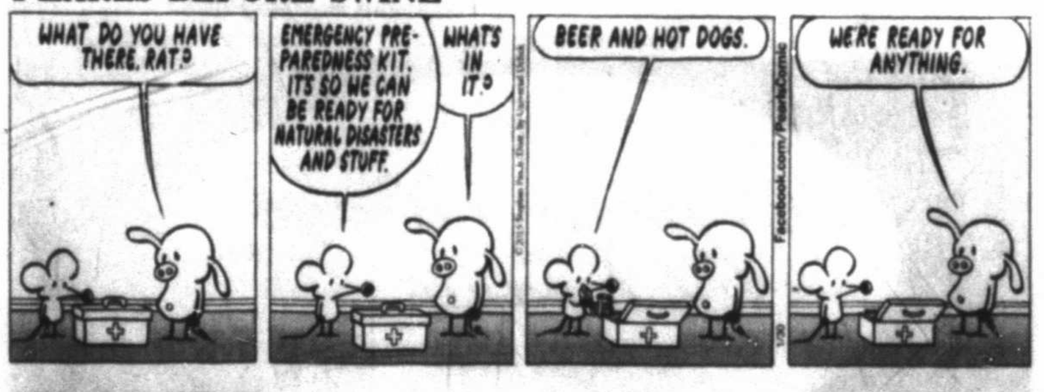

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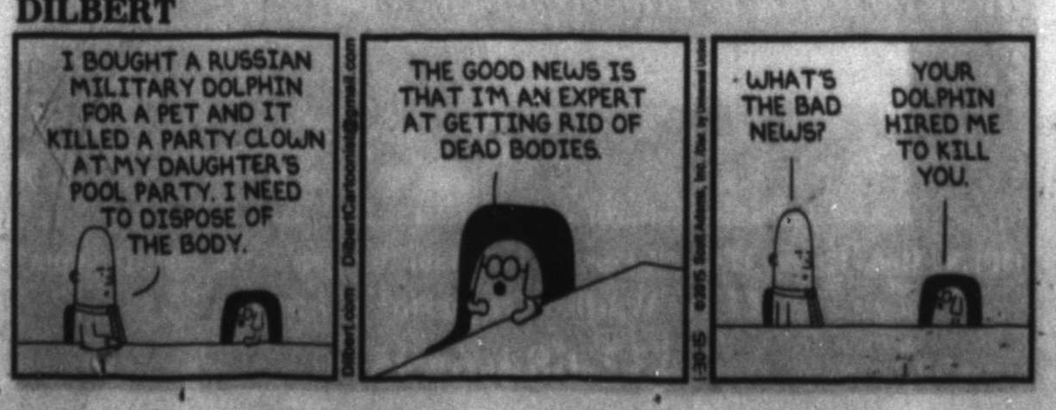

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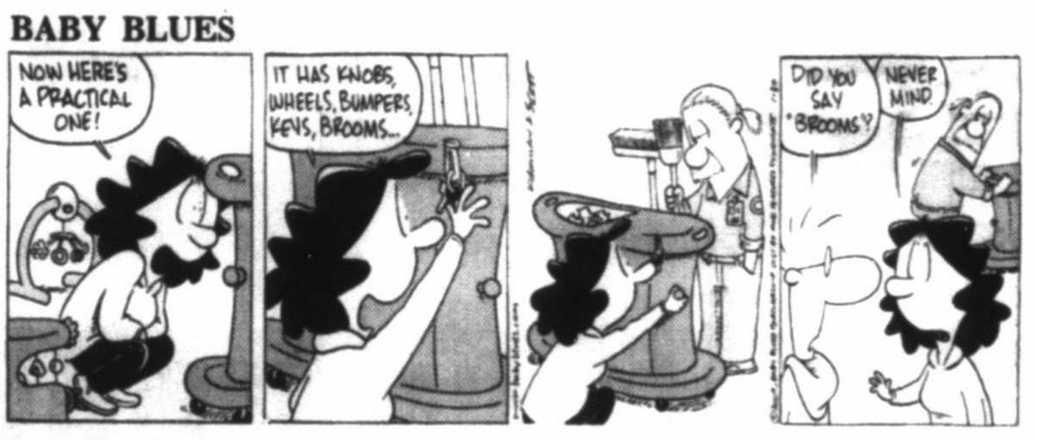

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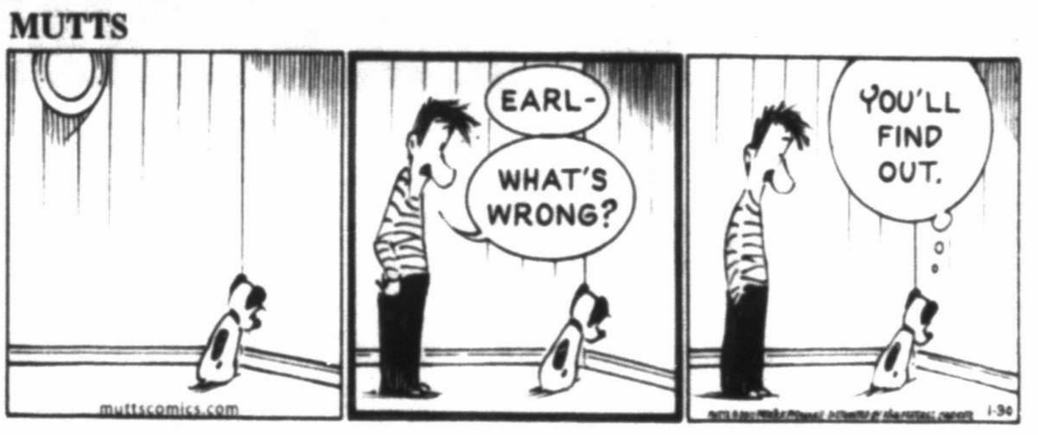

CLOSE TO HOME

After coming back from vacation abroad, teacher Lora Zerf was having trouble giving up her afternoon siesta.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I THINK I'VE GOT A 24-HOUR BUG, BUT ONLY *TIME* WILL TELL."

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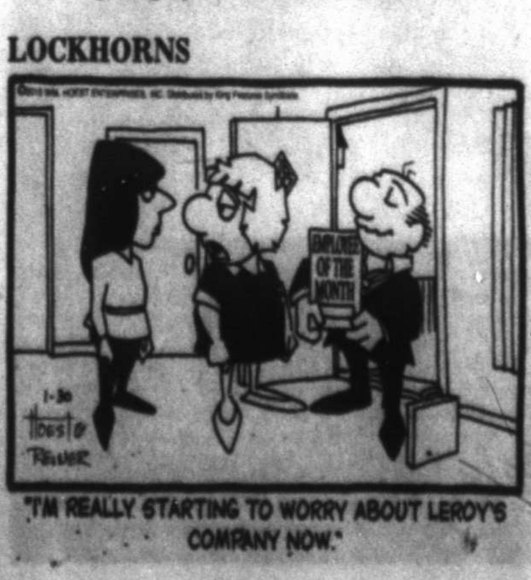

"I'M REALLY STARTING TO WORRY ABOUT LEROY'S COMPANY NOW."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Daddy, this man wants to know if you are home yet. Are you?"

Good times at the Tool Box Bash

Photos by Mary Powers for Reporter-Telegram, except where indicated

Habitat for Humanity hosted its annual Tool Box Bash family event Saturday at the CAF. **BELOW LEFT:** Javaid Anwar was honored by Habitat for Humanity for his contribution to the nonprofit's capital campaign to develop its new neighborhood. **BELOW RIGHT:** Susan Palmer was the winner of a PlayStation 4 Destiny Bundle at the Tool Box Bash

Photo courtesy of Habitat for Humanity

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

Speaker Oasis School of Prayer with Larry Lea, 6:30 p.m. Thursday and Feb. 11 and Feb. 18 at Crossbar Cowboy Church in Andrews. crossbarcowboychurch.com.

FEBRUARY

Speaker Steve Carrier with Team Mega Force ministry, Feb. 6-8 at Cornerstone Fellowship Church. cornerstonemidland.com.

Class with Buddhist nun Kelsang Chondzin, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Feb. 7 at Unitarian Universalist Church. uumidland.org.

Concert Hymns, 6-8:30 p.m. Feb. 7 at Golf Course Road Church of Christ. www.gcrcc.org/hymns

Fundraiser Chocolate Decadence benefiting Aphasia Center of West Texas, Feb. 12 at Horseshoe Pavillion. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Sale Rhea Lana's consignment sale with donated items going to local foster families and the Genesis Center, Feb. 13-15 at the Horsehoe. midland.rhealana.com.

Race YMCA All In Poker Dash and 5K, 8:30 a.m. Feb. 14 at Midland YMCA. raceplanner.com.

Concert City Rock Fest tour with Disciple, Decyfer Down, Seventh Day Slumber and Nine Ashes, 7 p.m. Feb. 15 at Andrews County Expo. whatyeshuacando.com.

Prayer gathering Midland Prayer Breakfast, Feb. 17 at Midland Center. npbmidland.org.

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

Marriage program Pour Into Your Marriage, Feb. 20 at Mid-Cities Community Church. midcities.org.

Bowling Bowl for Kids' Sake benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters, Feb. 21 at Bowlero. bbbsmidland.org.

Concert Mark Lowry with The Martins and Mark Whitmire, Feb. 22 at First United Methodist Church. firstmethodistmidland.com.

Fundraiser Ellen Noel Art Museum's Shrimpfest, Feb. 23 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Pancake breakfast Lions Club Pancake Jamboree, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Feb. 28 at Midland Downtown Lion's Center.

Luncheon Midland County Public Library Foundation's third annual luncheon featuring Bob Philips of "Texas Country Reporter," noon Feb. 28 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

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Brian Roman is the complete package." – The Welland Tribune

Not that long ago, Brian Roman was a salesman with a "9 to 5" job selling insurance and real estate. Although he was successful, he was not fulfilled. One day he did something that most of us would never consider: he followed his dream. Despite his silver-screen good looks, it turns out that he's the real deal – a gifted singer and national-born entertainer. Six short years later his undeniable talent has taken his performances worldwide. Brian's debut recording, "Dream," was released in 2013, produced by Mediterranean superstar Pavlo. The album features collaborations with illustrious songwriters Marc Jordan, Jody Raffael and John Capek in addition to acclaimed musicians Oscar Lopez, George Koller and Pavlo. Roman's repertoire features a lineup of pop vocalist classics including "My Way," Sweet Caroline," and "Bad, Bad Leroy Brown." His live show is backed by a quartet of live instrumentalists. Songs from Brian's set include hits tunes made popular by Bobby Darin, Engelbert Humperdinck, Tom Orlando, Jim Croce, Tom Jones, Neil Diamond, Dean Martin, and many more.

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HS BOYS BASKETBALL REPORT

Bulldogs look to rebound after loss to Permian

By Will Korn
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MHS head coach Charles Tatum was disgusted with his team's lack of hustle and competitiveness in its 90-55 loss to Odessa Permian on Tuesday night at Permian Field House. And he hopes the ugly showing sits with his players for a while.

"They (Permian) just played harder, and that's what it takes to win district championships, that kind of effort and determination every night," Tatum said. "Hopefully it stings. Hopefully, it's one of those things that touches your pride and you look forward to tomorrow's practice and Friday's game in order to put yourself back in position to compete. Hopefully as competitors, these kids will look at this game and do something more."

The Dawgs (12-9, 3-1 in District 3-6A) went on a 9-1 run over the first five minutes of the game. But all of the sudden, Permian (12-9, 4-0 in District 3-6A) took over the game. The Panthers began to turn over MHS time after time on the way to an 18-1 run over the final three minutes of the first quarter. Even after that coup by the Panthers, MHS trailed 19-10. But the game still felt as though it was already decided, as the Permian crowd was rocking.

MHS had no answer for Permian's Robert Thomas, who scored a game-high 34 points.

Tonight the Bulldogs will get an opportunity to rebound and see if Tatum's psychology will work when they take on last-place Odessa High at 7:30 p.m. today at Chaparral Center.

LEE GETS FIRST DISTRICT 3-6A WIN, SECOND OF SEASON

Lee head coach Chris Packer said he was happy with his players' effort in the Rebels' 39-36 win over Odessa High on Tuesday night. He says getting that result was a great feeling, but he knows there is still plenty of District 3-6A basketball left to be played.

"We've got to keep grinding and

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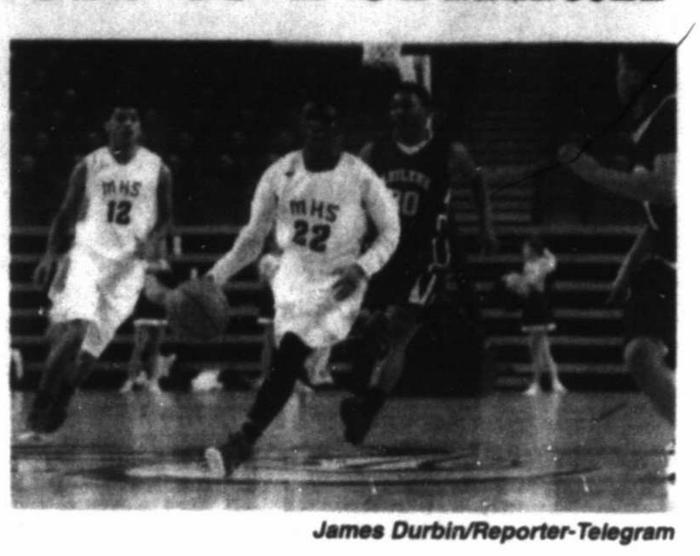

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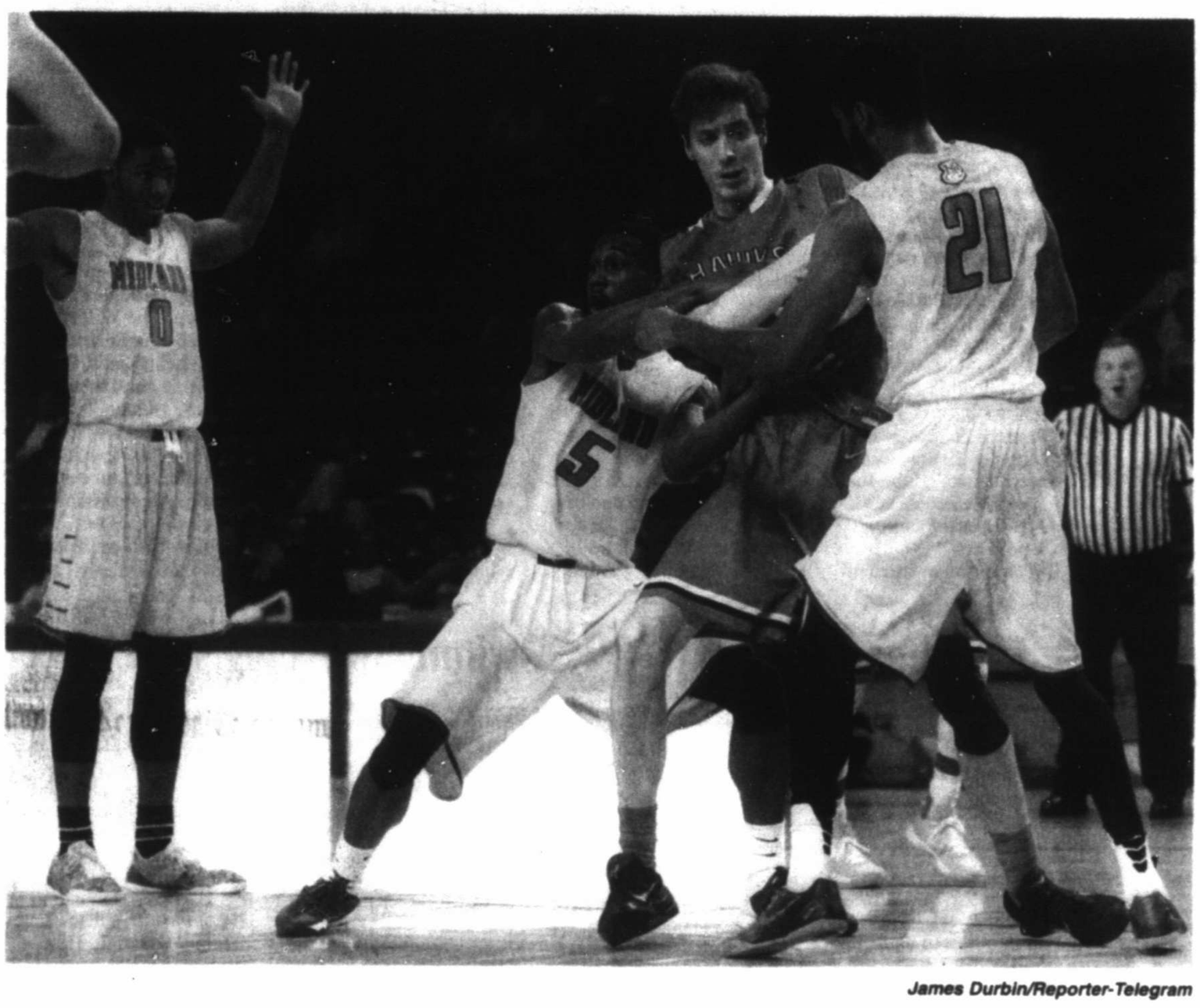
Midland High's Jalen Childress (22) takes the ball down the court against Abilene High on Jan. 16 at Chaparral Center.

Battle all the way



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Midland College's Maurice O'Field (5) and Jamal Evans (21) fight for possession of the ball with Howard College's Lis Shoshi on Thursday at Chaparral Center. The Hawks edged the Chaparrals, 73-70

Chaps' comeback bid falls short vs. Hawks

By Oscar LeRoy
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Hawks	73
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At one point in the second half of Midland College's game against rival Howard College on Thursday night, it looked like the Hawks were poised to run away with a win at Chaparral Center.

The Chaparrals had starting point guard Dontay Caruthers and leading scorer Torren Jones in foul trouble. Plus, Howard's Rob Gray was having a huge night thanks in part to five 3-pointers in the game.

But somehow, the Chaps continued to fight and even had a chance to pull off a comeback victory. However, Howard's guards made key plays down the stretch and Maurice O'Field missed a last-second 3-point attempt as the Hawks held on to a thrilling 73-70 Western Junior College Athletic Conference win.

Despite his team dipping to 13-10 overall and 3-6 in the WJCAC, MC coach Jordan Dreiling said he was proud of how hard his team fought just to get back in the game.

"Guys just decided to come together, fight defensively and close out plays," said Dreiling, whose team was down by as many as 11 points in the second half. "We just established our post presence in the second half, battled and frustrated them. That's what we're going to have to continue to do. Of course, we've got to find a way to have Dontay on the floor more."

Dreiling said Howard's guards were a concern going into the game, and those guards made a huge difference. Gray, a 6-foot-2 freshman guard, finished with a game-high 25 points for the Hawks (17-4, 8-1 in WJCAC), while sophomore guard Sam Finley added 19 points with 10 of those points coming at the free-throw line in the final three minutes of the game.

"These conference wins are huge, especially if you can get them on the road," Gray said. "Now we have South Plains away a week from today. We have a long week to prepare and rest our bodies, get ready for South Plains, which is going to be another tough physical game. We just have to come ready to play."

As for his five 3-pointers on the night, Gray said, "That's what I live for. We're always in the gym working. It's just something that happens whenever you get into the flow of the game. I was glad I was able to hit these 3s tonight."

Dreiling said while Gray had a hot start with 17 of his points coming in the first half, he thought his team did a better job of defending him in the second half.

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Gronkowski, Chancellor make for must-see matchup

By Tim Booth
Associated Press

PHOENIX — On some point Sunday it will happen. At least everyone hopes it happens.

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Gronkowski

Chancellor

What will happen when the NFL's version of Thunderdome comes to the Super Bowl, featuring Rob Gronkowski in one corner and Kam Chancellor in the other?

"I don't know. I'll be sitting there with popcorn," Seattle's Richard Sherman said. "It'll be good football."

There are a bevy of important individual matchups when New England and Seattle meet on Sunday. Will Tom Brady throw at Sherman? Can the Patriots' defensive front slow down Marshawn Lynch? What about LeGarrette Blount trying to run against the best defense in the NFL?

All those factors could matter in the final outcome. Trumping them all might be whether Chancellor and the Seahawks are able to keep Gronkowski under control.

Even the NFL anticipated the potential matchup. Both Gronkowski and Chancellor sat at the same podium on media day.

"I guess it was destiny. It was destiny for us to have the same seat," Chancellor said.

While Seattle nickel cornerback Jeremy Lane said last week that he didn't think Gronkowski was that good, most of the Seahawks have been respectful of his skill.

Rightfully so.

Gronkowski might have been better in 2011, but considering the injuries he's overcome, 2014 could be his most impressive season. He had 51 receptions and eight touchdowns in the final eight games of the regular season and another 10 receptions and two scores

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Veiga leads Lady Chaps past Howard

By Oscar LeRoy
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Lady Chaparrals	61
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Midland College's Tajanay Veiga displayed the kind of toughness Thursday night that has become expected from the team captain and sophomore point guard.

Late in the second half against rival Howard College, Veiga took a shot to the ribs and fell at midcourt in obvious pain. It was a scary moment for the Lady Chaparrals, who can't afford to lose one of their key leaders in the middle of Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

Veiga got up about two minutes later, and then a couple of minutes later she drained a 3-pointer to help MC spoil any hopes of a Hawks comeback in a 61-51 victory at Chaparral Center.

"It got my team excited," said Veiga about her 3-pointer, which extended MC's lead to 56-43 at the time. "It made them want to score more."

Veiga was one of four Lady Chaps in double figures with 14 points to go with eight rebounds. Walnatia Wright finished with a double-double of 14 points and 11 rebounds, Mary Savoy added 13 point and eight boards, and Sierra Dixon chipped in with 10 points.

The Lady Chaps (15-8, 6-2) weren't surprised that Howard College (6-17) — despite being 0-8 in the WJCAC — came in ready to put up a fight. Even though MC had a double-digit lead through the second half, one key play by the Hawks could have changed the momentum.

However, at times the Lady Chaps were their own worst enemy with nine of their 12 turnovers coming in the second half. MC also shot 38.3 percent for the game.

"I expected this to be hard fought and I expect every team to give us their best effort," MC coach Ron Jones said. "We did some good things, but we had several possessions where we didn't finish it off and didn't go after balls. It's still a really important win in conference."

Added Veiga about Howard, "They did everything Coach told us they were going to do. They weren't going to give up and they were going to fight. We just had to prepare and be ready for that."

Please see **LADY CHAPS**/3C

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Tajanay Veiga (10) takes the ball down the court against Howard College on Thursday at Chaparral Center. Midland College beat Howard College, 61-51.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY

WHAT'S ON TV

AHL HOCKEY

Charlotte Checkers at San Antonio Rampage, 7:30 p.m., FSSWP/FSSWSA

BOXING

Karl Dargan vs. Tony Luis, 8 p.m., ESPN2

GOLF

PGA: Waste Management Phoenix Open, Second Round, 2 p.m., GOLF

LPGA: Coates Golf Championship, Third Round, 7 p.m., GOLF

European PGA: Omega Dubai Desert Classic, Third Round, 3 a.m., GOLF

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Harvard at Princeton, 5 p.m., ESPNU

Marist at Niagara, 7 p.m., ESPNU

Kent State at Buffalo, 9 p.m., ESPNU

MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY

North Dakota at Nebraska-Omaha, 7:30 p.m., CBSSN

Minnesota-Duluth at Denver, 8:30 p.m., ROOT

MEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

UC San Diego at BYU, 8 p.m., BYUtv

MEN'S SOCCER

Ligue 1: Paris Saint-Germain vs. Stade Rennais, 1:25 p.m., beIN

Bundesliga: Wolfsburg vs. Bayern Munich, 1:30 p.m., GolTV

La Liga: Rayo Vallecano vs. Deportivo La Coruna, 1:30 p.m., beIN2

Liga MX: Lobos BUAP vs. Zacatepec, 4:55 p.m., UniDep

Liga MX: Queretaro vs. Club Santos Laguna, 7:25 p.m., ESPNDEP

Liga MX: Club Tijuana vs. Monarcas Morelia, 9:25 p.m., ESPNDEP

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

Ces MMA XXVII: Dinis Paiva vs. Matt Doherty, 8 p.m., AXS

MOTORSPORTS

NASCAR Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, 7 p.m., NBCSN

NBA

Dallas at Miami, 7 p.m., ESPN/FSSW

Chicago at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

NFL

Commissioner's Super Bowl Press Conference, Noon, NFL

NHL

Buffalo at Vancouver, 9 p.m., NHL

OHL HOCKEY

Erie Otters at Kingston Frontenacs, 6 p.m., NHL

TENNIS

Australian Open, Women's Final, 2 a.m., ESPN/ESPNDEP

Australian Open, Men's Doubles Final, 4:30 a.m., TENNIS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE GYMNASTICS

Georgia at Florida, 6 p.m., SEC

WHAT'S ON RADIO

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Girls: Greenwood at Andrews, 6 p.m., KACT 105.5 FM

Boys: Greenwood at Andrews, 7:30 p.m., KACT 105.5 FM

NORTH AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

Corpus Christi at Odessa, 7 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Lee at San Angelo Central, 7:30 p.m.
Odessa High at Midland High, 7:30 p.m.
Greenwood at Andrews, 7:30 p.m.
Trinity at Abilene Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Midland Christiant at FW Southwest Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Garden City at Veribest, 7:45 p.m.
Midland Classical at Amarillo San Jacinto, 8 p.m.
Big Spring at Lubbock Estacado, 8 p.m.
Stanton at Coahoma, 8 p.m.
Grady at Dawson, 8 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Odessa High at Midland High, 6 p.m.
Lee at San Angelo Central, 6 p.m.
Greenwood at Andrews, 6 p.m.
Trinity at Abilene Christian, 6 p.m.
Midland Christiant at FW Southwest Christian, 6 p.m.
Garden City at Veribest, 6:15 p.m.
Stanton at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.
Midland Classical at Amarillo San Jacinto, 6:30 p.m.
Big Spring at Lubbock Estacado, 6:30 p.m.
Grady at Dawson, 6:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

Midland High at Lubbock High, 4 p.m., Lubbock Christian

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER

Midland High at Lubbock High, 5 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Boys and girls, Lee, MCS at Fort Stockton Invitational

JUNIOR COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Midland College at Coastal Bend College, Noon

HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

TAPPS North Region Meet, Mansfield

NORTH AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

Corpus Christi at Odessa, 7 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB PLAYERS ASSOCIATION — Named Omar Minaya senior adviser to the executive director.

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Agreed to terms with OF-1B Daniel Nava on a one-year contract.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with 3B David Freese on a one-year contract.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Agreed to terms with C John Baker on a minor league contract.

National League

MIAMI MARLINS — Designated RHP Arquimedes Caminero for assignment.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to terms with RHP Chad Billingsley on a one-year contract. Designated LHP Cesar Jimenez for assignment.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Released 2B Marco Scutaro.

American Association

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed INF Jake Blackwood and RHPs Kyle Devore, Joe Van Meter and Jared Messer.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed 1B CJ Zeigler.

Can-Am League

SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed RHP Michael Suk.

Frontier League

FLORENCE FREEDOM — Named A.J. Ciccone hitting coach and Chad Rhoades pitching coach.

FRONTIER GREYS — Signed OF Shatne Brown.

GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed 1B Ben Waldrip to a contract extension.

JOLIET SLAMMERS — Sold the contract of 3B Grant DeBruin to the Washington Nationals.

LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Sold the contract of RHP Brad Duffy to the Baltimore Orioles.

TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Traded RHP Will Rankin to Southern Illinois for OF Jay Austin and RHP Anthony Montefusco.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

HOUSTON ROCKETS — Assigned C Clint Capela to Rio Grande Valley (NBADL).

MIAMI HEAT — Signed G Tyler Johnson to a second 10-day contract.

MILWAUKEE BUCKS — Signed F/C Kenyon Martin for the remainder of the season.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Named Joker Phillips wide receivers coach.

NEW YORK JETS — Named Rex Hogan senior director of college scouting.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Named Ed Marynowitz vice president of player personnel.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Named Tom Gamble senior personnel executive.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Named Chad Grimm defensive quality control coach.

Canadian Football League

EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Released OL Matt O'Donnell.

HAMILTON TIGER-CATS — Signed WR Luke Tasker to a three-year contract extension.

MONTREAL ALOUETTES — Named Anthony Calvillo receivers coach.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Traded WR Cory Watson and the 26th-overall 2015 draft pick to Saskatchewan for WR Kristopher Bastien, the rights to a negotiation list player and the 15th-overall 2015 draft pick.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ARIZONA COYOTES — Recalled F Greg Carey from Gwinnett (ECHL) to Portland (AHL).

ST. LOUIS BLUES — Announced the retirement of G Martin Brodeur, who will remain with the club as a senior adviser.

WINNIPEG JETS — Recalled G Jussi Olkinuora from Ontario (ECHL) to St. John's (AHL).

American Hockey League

AHL — Announced the Anaheim Ducks will purchase the Norfolk Admirals and relocate to San Diego; the Adirondack Flames will relocate to Stockton, Calif., the Oklahoma City Barons will relocate to Bakersfield, Calif., the Manchester Monarchs will relocate to Ontario, Calif., and the Worcester Sharks will relocate to San Jose, Calif.

LEHIGH VALLEY PHANTOMS — Loaned G Martin Ouellette to Reading (ECHL).

ROCHESTER AMERICANS — Recalled F Allan McPherson from Elmira (ECHL).

WORCESTER SHARKS — Recalled D Kyle Bigos from Ontario (ECHL).

ECHL

ALASKA ACES — Released D Scott Warner.

ALLEN AMERICANS — Added G Josh Tomberger as emergency backup.

ELMIRA JACKALS — Loaned G Travis Fullerton to Rochester (AHL). Added G Justin Sand as emergency backup.

FLORIDA EVERBLADES — Traded F John McInnis to Orlando for D Gleason Fournier.

TULSA OILERS — Released F Steve Mele.

OLYMPIC SPORTS

USA TABLE TENNIS — Elected Peter Sudner chairman.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

NEW YORK CITY FC — Named Tom Glick president. Announced the resignation of chief business officer Tim Pernetti, effective March 9.

ORLANDO CITY SC — Named Fred Pollastri senior vice president and Diogo Kotscho director of business development.

TORONTO FC — Signed M Benoit Cheyrou.

North American Soccer League

ARMADA FC — Signed M Pascal Millien and G David Sierra.

COLLEGE

NCAA — Placed the Wichita State baseball program on one-year probation.

ALABAMA — Named Mel Tucker defensive backs/assistant head football coach and Jody Wright director of football player personnel.

DAYTON — Named Erica Echo men's and women's assistant tennis coach.

DUKE — Dismissed G Rasheed Sulaimon from the men's basketball team.

MISSOURI — Announced the resignation of athletic director Mike Alden, effective in August.

MUHLENBERG — Named Nate Milne offensive coordinator and offensive line coach.

NEW MEXICO — Named Heather Dyche women's soccer coach.

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI — Announced men's basketball F Jeremiah Eason and G Rasham Suarez have been ruled ineligible.

TCU — Named Sara Matthews assistant volleyball coach and recruiting coordinator.

VANDERBILT — Named Derren Ambrose women's soccer coach.

XAVIER — Promoted Christy Pfefferberger to head volleyball coach.

GLANTZ-CULVER

COLLEGE

NFL

Sunday

Super Bowl

At Glendale, Ariz.

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
New England	+3	1	(47 1/2)	Seattle

SKI REPORT

ROCKIES

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Thu 8:49 am packed powder machine groomed 32-32 base 73 of 78 trails 94% open, 525 acres, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p Fri: 9a-4p Sat: 8a-4p Sun: 9a-4p

Pajarito — Thu Reopen 1/30 MG machine groomed 24 base 21 of 44 trails 3 of 7 lifts. Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Fri-Sun

Red River — Thu 7:12 am packed powder machine groomed 25-30 base 46 of 57 trails 85% open, 225 acres, 7 of 7 lifts, 9m Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Sipapu — Thu 5:18 am MG machine groomed 24-32 base 41 of 41 trails, 100% open 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Ski Apache — Wed 8:31 pm MG machine groomed 20-52 base 52 of 55 trails 91% open, 22 miles, 550 acres, 6 of 10 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8a-4p

Ski Santa Fe — Tue 5:46 pm variable machine groomed 36-41 base 74 of 77 trails 97% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Taos — Thu 6:08 am MG machine groomed 40-41 base 83 of 113 trails, 74% open 14 of 15 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Enchanted Forest XC — Wed No Recent information powder machine groomed 12-24 base 40 of 40 trails, 22 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4:30p Sat/Sun 9a-4:30p

Boys HS basketball honorables

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Daniel Venzant, Jr., MCS — Venzant is averaging 29.6 points in the last three contests. He helped the Mustangs go 2-1 in that span, as he topped 30 points in two of those games.

Venzant

HONOR ROLL

Grant Little, Jr., MCS — Little averaged 24.6 points per game in the Mustangs' last three games.

Beau Lucas, Sr., Grady — Lucas scored a game-high 23 points in the Wildcats' win on Friday against rival Sands, and then tallied a team-high 22 points in Grady's win against O'Donnell on Tuesday.

Vincent Baiano, Jr., Trinity — Baiano scored 11 points in the Chargers' win over Amarillo San Jacinto last Friday, and then a team-high 14 points in the rout of Midessa on Tuesday.

Jaleel Edwards, Lamesa — Edwards scored a game-high 26 points in Lamesa's 64-61 District 2-4A loss to Big Spring on Tuesday.

Jase Love, Sr., Lee — Love scored 16 points and was critical down the stretch to help Lee to its first District 3-6A win against OHS on Tuesday.

Compiled by Will Korn

REPORT

From 1C

play one possession at a time," Packer said. "We've got to take care of the basketball and play hard, play together. Right now we're just trying to get focused for Central. They're a whole different team and we've got to focus and do our jobs."

Guard Jase Love led the Rebels with 16 points, as he nailed some clutch shots down the stretch to help hold off OHS for his team's second win of the season and first in District play.

The Rebels (2-20, 1-3 in District 3-6A) will look for their first winning streak of the season when they play San Angelo Central (9-15, 1-3 in District 3-6A) at 7:30 p.m. today in San Angelo.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN LIGHTING UP SCOREBOARDS

Nowadays, it's seems commonplace to see MCS rack up a ton of points. The Mustangs won't win every game they play, thanks to a stout TAPPS 1-4A, but you can almost always count on seeing an exciting offensive show.

The Mustangs (14-11, 4-3 in TAPPS 1-4A) beat Colleyville Covenant, 90-77, last Friday, but then fell, 91-87, to Grapevine Faith on Saturday at McGraw Events Center. MCS barrelled the Lubbock Titans on Tuesday, 110-61, after sinking 18 3-pointers.

That's an average of 95.6 points a game, and MCS will try do that again with a TAPPS 1-4A game at 7:30 p.m. today against Fort Worth Southwest Christian in the Metroplex.

District 3-6A basketball

GIRLS

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
x-Lee	6	0	14	6
Midland High	5	1	23	6
Odessa Permian	3	3	9	12
Abilene High	3	3	10	14
San Angelo Central	1	5	6	20
Odessa High	0	6	3	18

x-clinched playoff spot

Tuesday's Scores

Midland High 72, Odessa Permian 65, OT
Lee 70, Odessa High 21
Abilene High 48, San Angelo Central 33

Today's Games

Odessa High at Midland High
Abilene High at Odessa Permian
Lee at San Angelo Central
All games at 6 p.m.

BOYS

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa Permian	4	0	12	9
Midland High	3	1	12	9
Abilene High	3	1	11	9
San Angelo Central	1	3	9	16
Lee	1	3	2	20
Odessa High	0	4	6	17

Tuesday's Scores

Odessa Permian 90, Midland High 55
Lee 38, Odessa High 36
Abilene High 55, San Angelo Central 43

Today's Games

Odessa High at Midland High
Abilene High at Odessa Permian
Lee at San Angelo Central
All games at 7:30 p.m.

MCA RALLIES FOR WIN, READY FOR ASJ

Midland Classical Academy head coach Ron Miller said his team faced a real challenge in Tuesday's game against Abilene Christian.

The Knights trailed 33-21 at halftime but battled back for a thrilling 57-56 victory against the Panthers. That win came less than three days after being blown out by No. 3 Lubbock Christian on the road.

"That was a playoff atmosphere, and the loudest our gym has ever been," Miller said. "They've (Abilene) got a really good team and we knew we had to play well. We wanted to establish the pace of the game against them and we felt like we did that with the final score being in the fifties. We fought back and that gave our guys some confidence."

The Knights (18-6, 3-2 in TAPPS 1-3A) are currently in second place behind Lubbock Christian in the TAPPS 1-3A standings. MCA will play Amarillo San Jacinto at 8 p.m. today in San Jacinto.

TRINITY COLLECTS BIG TAPPS 1-3A WIN

Trinity perhaps gained some confidence with two straight wins against the Midessa Warriors and Amarillo San Jacinto, and head coach Chris Jauz said his team beating San Jacinto 52-46 last Friday was a step forward.

"It (the ASJ game) was a big win for our team and particularly our players," Jauz said. "That got a big gorilla off of their backs with that win. I think now we can play loose and carefree and see what we can do to try to get in position for that last playoff spot."

Trinity (10-12, 1-2 in TAPPS 1-3A) plays Abilene Christian at 7:30 p.m. today in Abilene.

GREENWOOD HOPING TO END STRUGGLES

Greewood continued its long skid last week, losing big on the road to both Monahans and Fort Stockton. The Rangers' (1-24, 0-4 in District 4-4A) playoff hopes are fading quickly, but for head coach Paul Hartman, there is still hope for a turnaround. At the very least the Rangers' schedule gets a little easier now with four of the five league games at home.

"We can finish the first half of District play 1-4 with a win against Andrews," Hartman said. "We have four out of five at home in the second half of District, so we have as good of an opportunity to turn our season around as we could possibly have."

Greenwood will tip off against Andrews at 7:30 p.m. today at Andrews.

GRADY CONTINUES TO ROLL IN DISTRICT 11-A

No. 4 Grady just keeps plowing through its opposition. The Wildcats (21-2, 5-0 in District 11-A) beat Sands, 79-59, last Friday and then took care of O'Donnell, 77-63, on Tuesday. Hot outside shooting has been key for the Wildcats' success this season. Against Sands

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5 Midland County TAPPS swimmers eyeing state meet

From staff reports

Five swimmers from Midland County's three private schools will compete at today's TAPPS North Region Meet at the Mansfield ISD Natatorium.

Trinity seniors Nathan Richter and Claire Abijay are looking to make their fourth straight trip to the TAPPS state swim meet, which is scheduled for Feb. 13 in San Antonio.

Richter finished fourth in the state in the boys 200-yard individual medley and the 100 butterfly in 2014. He enters today's regional meet as the first seed in the 200 IM and the second seed in the 100 butterfly in Division III.

Abijay will again compete in the girls 200 IM and the 100 butterfly, events she qualified for state in 2014. Abijay finished third in the 100 butterfly at the state meet last week.

Today, Abijay goes in as the top seed in the 200 IM and second in the 100 butterfly in Division III.

Midland Christian senior Kyle Martin will also compete today, looking for another trip to the state meet. Martin is the top seeded swimmer in Division II in the boys 500 freestyle and 200 freestyle. He finished second in the 500 freestyle at state in 2014.

Also competing today is Midland Christian senior Alex Soto, who will compete in the girls 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke in Division II, and Midland Classical freshman Dwight Hinton in the boys 100 freestyle and 100 breaststroke in Division III.

MCA's Sivalls, Wineinger combine to win Odessa Invite

From staff reports

ODESSA — Midland Classical Academy's Max Sivalls and Will Wineinger combined to win the boys doubles title at the Odessa Tennis Invitational on Thursday.

Sivalls and Wineinger won four matches, beating a team from Midland High, 8-6, in the pro-set final.

Midland Classical's Tracy Fu and Beth Sanders combined to take second in girls doubles, as the duo lost to a team from Odessa Permian in the final.

Beth Ann Holmes and Kelsie Kennedy won the girls doubles consolation final. After losing their opening match, Holmes and Kennedy rebounded and beat a team from Odessa High in the consolation final, 8-1.

UTPBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL UTPB SHUT DOWN ON THE ROAD

FORT SMITH, Ark. — The University of Texas of the Permian Basin's women's basketball team was slammed, 85-54, by the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, Thursday night on the road in Heartland Conference action.

The Falcons (11-6, 5-4 in HC) shot just 28 percent in the game and trailed, 45-27, at halftime. Valerie Barriga led UTPB with 14 points, going just 4-for-13 from the field.

Jasmine Brainard scored a game-high 21 points for UAFS (9-7, 7-2 in HC), while Maya Perry added 20 points for the Lions.

MEN'S BASKETBALL UAFS HOLDS OFF FALCONS

FORT SMITH, Ark. — The University of Arkansas-Fort Smith took a wild victory against the University of Texas of the Permian Basin on Thursday at the Stubblefield Center.

The Lions (11-8, 7-4 in the Heartland Conference) were up 43-34 at halftime but UTPB (12-7, 7-4) could not break any more into the lead in the second half as Arkansas-Fort Smith outscored UTPB 54-53 in the second half.

Codye Hatcher had a double-double for UTPB with 20 points and 18 rebounds, and Phadarius Taylor also added 20 points for the Falcons.

Chase Elliott to replace Jeff Gordon in No. 24 next season

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Chase Elliott will replace Jeff Gordon in the No. 24 Chevrolet when the four-time NASCAR champion gives up his seat at the end of this season.

The announcement Thursday was expected because Elliott is the reigning Xfinity Series champion and one of NASCAR's most promising young talents. Hendrick Motorsports had to find a seat for him at NASCAR's top level or risk losing the 19-year-old to another organization in 2016.

Gordon, who announced his plan last week to retire from full-time driving, told The Associated Press he believes Elliott is the perfect choice to replace him.

"Chase is extraordinary," Gordon told AP.

Elliott will defend his title in NASCAR's second-tier series this season with JR Motorsports. But Rick Hendrick will also prep him for his move into Gordon's car by entering him in five Cup races, beginning at Martinsville in March.

Elliott will drive the No. 25 Chevrolet with sponsorship from NAPA in this year's limited Cup schedule.

No sponsor was announced Thursday for his eventual Cup ride, but Elliott will be paired with Gordon's current crew chief, Alan Gustafson, in 2016.

Confirmation that Elliott will replace one of NASCAR's greatest drivers came the day before Elliott's father, Bill, is to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Known as "Awesome Bill from Dawsonville," the Georgia native won the 1988 championship. He had 44 career Cup wins, including the 1985 Daytona 500. Elliott was also voted NASCAR's most popular driver 16 consecutive times, but removed his name from consideration following his final win in 2002.

Since then, Dale Earnhardt Jr. has won a record 12 consecutive most popular driver awards.

Now, the father and son duo will celebrate their accomplishments together in one week. Elliott will be feted by the industry Friday night during his induction, and his son cemented his future on Thursday.

Chase Elliott will take over one of the most coveted rides in NASCAR, a seat that has been occupied by the driver with the third-most Cup wins in history since 1992. He will also join one of the most vaunted lineups in the sport: Along with Gordon, six-time champion Jimmie Johnson, Earnhardt Jr. and Kasey Kahne put all four of Rick Hendrick's cars in the 16-driver Chase for the Sprint Cup championship last season.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College women's basketball team huddles after a win against Howard College on Thursday at Chaparral Center.

WJCAC Women's basketball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico JC	8	0	21	1
Odessa College	6	2	20	4
Midland College	6	2	15	6
Frank Phillips	4	4	16	9
South Plains	3	4	7	14
Clarendon College	3	5	12	9
Western Texas	1	6	9	11
Howard College	0	8	6	17

Thursday's Scores

Midland College 66, Howard College 45; Odessa College 74, Clarendon College 42; New Mexico JC 91, Frank Phillips 53; South Plains College and Western Texas College were open

Monday's Games

Midland College at Clarendon College; Odessa College at Frank Phillips College; South Plains College at Western Texas College; Howard College and New Mexico JC are open

LADY CHAPS

From 1C

Howard was led by Rafaella Angelidou with 11 points and Bria McCullough with 10.

While the win helped the Lady Chaps stay in a tie for second place with Odessa College and within two games of leader New Mexico Junior College, they know they can't have a drop off in energy with some key games coming up in the second half of conference play.

"I'm glad we got the win, but we need to focus more on our energy and not giving up," Veiga said. "We need to focus on playing hard for 40 minutes straight."

Follow Oscar on Twitter: @OLeRoy_MRT

MIDLAND COLLEGE 61, HOWARD COLLEGE 51

Howard College (6-17, 0-8) — Courtney Jeffcoat 3-12 0-0 9, Bria McCullough 5-10 0-0 10, Monica Perez 1-6 0-0 3, Rafaella Angelidou 3-6 3-3 11, Rosemary Rita 4-8 0-0 8, Abigail Flores 1-7 2-2 4, Tamara York 1-3 0-0 2, Jaterika White 0-0 0-0 0, Halle Woods 1-5 2-2 4. Totals 19-57 7-7 51

Midland College (15-8, 6-2) — Taianay Veiga 4-15 2-3 14, Sierra Dixon 4-9 0-0 10, Tatiana Randle 0-5 0-0 0, Mary King 0-0 0-0 0, Valentine Zambelli 3-5 1-1 8, Mary Savoy 6-12 1-2 13, Wainetia Wright 7-13 0-0 14, Jula Zarth 0-0 0-0 0, Quinique Johnson 0-1 0-0 0, Marielka Garate 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 25-65 4-6 61

Halftime — MC 35, HC 23. 3-point goals — HC 6-28 (Jeffcoat 4-11, Angelidou 2-3, Perez 1-6, McCullough 0-4, Rita 0-2, Flores 0-2), MC 7-22 (Veiga 4-11, Dixon 2-6, Zambelli 1-3). Total fouls — HC 11, MC11. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — HC 28 (York 7), MC 51 (Wright 11). Assists — HC 7 (McCullough 3), MC 15 (Veiga 4). Turnovers — HC 11, MC 12.

Next: Midland College at Clarendon College, 5:45 p.m. Monday; Howard College at South Plains College, 5:45 p.m. Feb. 5

CHAPS

From 1C

"He was just on fire in the first half and Maurice O'Field just said that ain't happening again and really buckled down and guarded him," Dreiling said. "But he's a good player and he came up big with 25 points. Those guards are really tough."

To say that Thursday's game was physical would be an understatement. A total of 51 fouls were called and four players fouled out. Five more players were saddled with foul trouble.

For the second straight game, having Caruthers sit with foul trouble for an extended period of time got the Chaps (13-10, 3-6) out of sync offensively. Caruthers picked up three fouls in the first half before fouling out of the game with 30 seconds remaining. The freshman only spent 15 1/2 minutes on the floor.

But MC got back in the game in the second half thanks in part to going inside to the 6-foot-8 Jones, who finished with 17 points and 11 rebounds, while 6-7 forward Jamal Evans added 17 points before he fouled out.

"We've got tons of respect for them and how hard they competed," Howard coach Scott Raines said. "I thought they were really ballin', scratching and clawing. I thought they had a great plan going at us in the post. It wasn't pretty but we scratched one out.

But it just wasn't enough at the end for the Chaps, who are in major jeopardy of missing out on the postseason for the fourth consecutive year.

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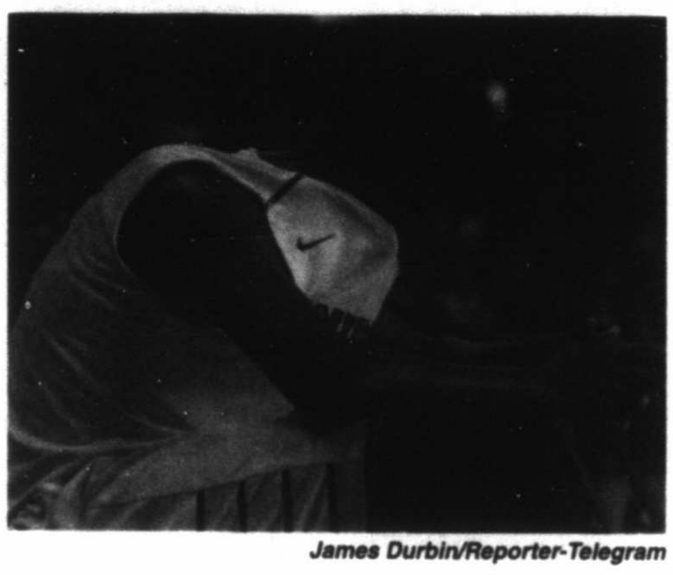

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Midland College's William Tchiengang reacts on the sidelines during Thursday's game against Howard College at Chaparral Center.

WJCAC Men's basketball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Howard College	8	1	17	5
South Plains	7	1	17	4
New Mexico JC	6	3	17	6
Odessa College	5	4	17	5
New Mexico Military	5	4	11	8
Frank Phillips	3	6	14	9
Midland College	3	6	13	10
Western Texas	2	7	11	10
Clarendon College	1	7	4	16

Thursday's Scores

Howard College 73, Midland College 70; Odessa College 93, Clarendon College 65; New Mexico JC 74, Frank Phillips College 67; New Mexico Military Institute 70, Western Texas College 67; South Plains College was open

Monday's Games

Midland College at Clarendon College; Odessa College at Frank Phillips College; South Plains College at Western Texas College; New Mexico Military Institute at New Mexico JC; Howard College is open

HOWARD COLLEGE 73, MIDLAND COLLEGE 70

Howard College (17-4, 8-1) — Rob Gray 8-18 4-5 25, Will Ferguson 2-9 2-2 7, Lis Shoshi 0-3 0-0 0, Sam Finley 4-9 9-14 19, William Wilson 1-1 0-0 2, Jeff Long 2-3 1-2 5, Travis Charles 6-10 0-0 12, Niels Bunschoten 1-4 0-0 3, Henry Wilson 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 24-59 16-23 73

Midland College (13-10, 3-6) — Torren Jones 4-10 9-12 17, Quaty King 4-14 0-0 11, Dylan Cham. 0-2 0-0 0, Maurice O'Field 4-12 3-5 11, Bryce Ervin 0-1 0-0 0, Jordan Miller 0-0 0-0 0, Jamal Evans 5-7 4-4 17, Dontay Caruthers 2-3 3-5 7, Tyler Herron 2-5 1-3 5, William Tchiengang 0-0 2-4 2. Totals 21-54 22-33 70

Halftime — HC 35, MC 28. 3-point goals — HC 9-23 (Gray 5-10, Finley 2-4, Bunschoten 1-4, Ferguson 1-5), MC 6-21 (King 3-11, Evans 3-3, Cham 0-2, O'Field 0-5). Total fouls — HC 27, MC 24. Fouled out — Shoshi, Charles, Evans. Caruthers. Rebounds — HC 35 (Ferguson 8), MC 43 (Jones 11). Assists — HC 9 (Ferguson 3), MC 11 (Caruthers 5). Turnovers — HC 11, MC 14.

Next: Midland College at Clarendon College, 7:45 p.m. Monday; Howard College at South Plains College, 7:45 p.m. Feb. 5

Rodolfo Gonzalez/Austin American-Statesman

Texas' Brooke McCarty (11), Brady Sanders (32) and Kelsey Lang (40) celebrate the Longhorns' double overtime victory over Oklahoma on Thursday in Austin.

No. 14 Texas women edge No. 24 Oklahoma in 2OT

Associated Press

No. 14 Longhorns 84
No. 24 Sooners 21

AUSTIN — Ariel Atkins scored 21 points and combined with Empress Davenport for 15 points in the two overtime sessions as No. 14 Texas defeated No. 24 Oklahoma 84-81 in double overtime on Thursday.

It was an Atkins free throw with 1:02 left in regulation that produced overtime and she scored six in the first extra session. The Sooners forced the second OT when Peyton Little scored with six seconds left.

Davenport had five points in the second overtime. The Longhorns scored six straight to lead 80-78 with 1:40 to go. After an Oklahoma free throw, Davenport scored to make it 82-79 and after a Sooner miss, Kelsey Lang made a free throw to make it 83-79 with 16 seconds to go. Gabbi Ortiz scored for Oklahoma but Davenport, who finished with 13, made one of two free throws with two seconds to do.

Imani McGee-Stafford had 15 points and 11 rebounds for Texas (15-4, 4-4 Big 12).

Gioya Carter and Little had 16 apiece for Oklahoma (13-6, 7-1), which had a seven-game winning streak snapped.

TEXASROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

UTEP 71
UAB 69

EL PASO — Vince Hunter scored 22 points and UTEP outscored UAB by 17 at the free throw line on Thursday for a 71-69 win that knocked the Blazers out of a three-way tie on top of the Conference USA standings.

The Miners (13-7, 5-3) scored 13 straight points, holding the Blazers (10-11, 6-2) scoreless for nearly 6 1/2 minutes to take a 62-55 lead with 1:24 left.

GEORGIA STATE 88
TEXAS-ARLINGTON 74

ARLINGTON — R.J. Hunter hit seven 3-pointers and finished with 32 points and Georgia State came back midway through the second half to beat Texas-Arlington 88-74 on Thursday night.

Georgia State (14-7, 7-3 Sun Belt) moved into second place in the conference with Louisiana-Monroe, a half game back of Georgia Southern.

TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO 69
MIDDLE TENNESSEE 58

SAN ANTONIO — Kaj-Bjorn Sherman scored 20 points, Jeromie Hill added 18 more and Texas-San Antonio slipped past Middle Tennessee with a 69-58 win Thursday night.

Sherman hit 7 for 10 from the field, including the go-ahead bucket midway through the second half. Hill shot 6 of 9 with two 3-pointers and hauled in 12 rebounds. They got help from Ryan Bowie's 16 points and Keon Lewis' 10 as UTSA (10-9, 4-4 Conference USA) shot 50 percent from the floor on 44 attempts.

SCORES AND SCHEDULES

Men

thursday's scores
SOUTHWEST
Georgia St. 88, Texas-Arlington 74
UALR 75, Arkansas St. 65
UTEP 71, UAB 69
UTSA 69, Middle Tennessee 58
SOUTH
Belmont 103, Jacksonville St. 82
Charlotte 86, FAU 61
Florida Gulf Coast 78, Lipscomb 62
Furman 59, ETSU 55
George Mason 68, Saint Louis 60
Georgia Southern 83, Appalachian St. 46
High Point 72, Liberty 53
Louisiana Tech 69, W. Kentucky 56
Louisiana-Monroe 58, Troy 55, OT
Marshall 69, Southern Miss. 54
Mercer 75, Chattanooga 72, OT
Murray St. 85, E. Kentucky 78, OT
North Florida 86, Kennesaw St. 67
Old Dominion 71, FIU 56
SC-Upstate 78, Jacksonville 65
South Alabama 89, Louisiana-Lafayette 85
Stetson 85, N. Kentucky 75
Tennessee St. 64, Tennessee Tech 56
UT-Martin 81, E. Illinois 51
W. Carolina 85, VMI 70
Wofford 58, UNC Greensboro 42
MIDWEST
Cincinnati 70, UConn 58
Detroit 93, Youngstown St. 87, OT
IPFW 66, South Dakota 55
Kentucky 69, Missouri 53
Milwaukee 71, Ill.-Chicago 65
N. Dakota St. 61, Denver 54, OT
Ohio St. 80, Maryland 56
SIU-Edwardsville 75, SE Missouri 61
Weber St. 67, North Dakota 60
FAR WEST
Gonzaga 64, Portland 46
Grand Canyon 78, UMKC 57
Montana 73, Portland St. 54
N. Colorado 79, Idaho St. 76
Pepperdine 50, Pacific 43
Sacramento St. 75, Montana St. 59
UC Davis 70, UC Santa Barbara 64
Utah Valley 78, Chicago St. 62
EAST
Army 71, Boston U. 67
LIU Brooklyn 67, CCSU 55
Loyola (Md.) 64, Holy Cross 54
Michigan St. 71, Rutgers 51
Providence 83, DePaul 72
Rider 58, St. Peter's 49
Robert Morris 87, Fairleigh Dickinson 65
St. Francis (NY) 73, Mount St. Mary's 67, OT
St. Francis (Pa.) 75, Bryant 68
Towson 74, Coll. of Charleston 70
UMass 66, Dayton 64
Wagner 75, Sacred Heart 64

TODAY'S GAMES
MIDWEST
IUPUI at W. Illinois, 7 p.m.
FAR WEST
Oregon at Arizona St., 7 p.m.
Oregon St. at Arizona, 9 p.m.
EAST
Harvard at Princeton, 5 p.m.
Quinnipiac at Canisius, 6 p.m.
Brown at Cornell, 6 p.m.
Siena at Manhattan, 6 p.m.
Marist at Niagara, 6 p.m.
Dartmouth at Penn, 6 p.m.
Yale at Columbia, 7 p.m.
Monmouth (NJ) at Fairfield, 7 p.m.
Kent St. at Buffalo, 9 p.m.

Women

THURSDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Abilene Christian 53, Houston Baptist 50
Arkansas 52, Auburn 47
Arkansas St. 70, UALR 69
Lamar 87, Sam Houston St. 68
Texas 84, Oklahoma St. 2OT
Texas A&M-CC 63, Incarnate Word 54
Texas-Arlington 57, Georgia St. 45
SOUTH
Appalachian St. 77, Georgia Southern 74
Duke 62, Pittsburgh 45
FAU 71, Charlotte 68
Florida Gulf Coast 71, Lipscomb 49
Kennesaw St. 46, North Florida 40
LSU 70, Mississippi 41
Louisville 78, Syracuse 58
Marshall 67, Southern Miss. 65
McNeese St. 78, SE Louisiana 57
Middle Tennessee 73, UTSA 53
Mississippi St. 89, Vanderbilt 44
Missouri 68, Florida 52
N. Kentucky 68, Stetson 62
Nicholls St. 56, New Orleans 40
Notre Dame 74, Virginia Tech 50
Old Dominion 80, FIU 67
SC-Upstate 66, Jacksonville 64
South Alabama 57, Louisiana-Lafayette 47
South Carolina 85, Alabama 54
Tennessee 73, Kentucky 72
Troy 90, Louisiana-Monroe 51
UAB 67, UTEP 52
Virginia 71, NC State 63
W. Kentucky 82, Louisiana Tech 66
Wake Forest 64, Clemson 62
William & Mary 67, UNC Wilmington 62
MIDWEST
Chicago St. 60, Utah Valley 55
Cleveland St. 67, Milwaukee 56
Grand Canyon 65, UMKC 59
Green Bay 67, Valparaiso 52
IPFW 70, Nebraska-Omaha 59
Iowa 102, Northwestern 99
Maryland 91, Michigan 65
Nebraska 59, Illinois 57
Ohio St. 86, Wisconsin 73
Rutgers 58, Purdue 49
S. Dakota St. 71, Oral Roberts 46
Saint Louis 52, Saint Joseph's 51
W. Illinois 73, IUPUI 62
Wright St. 108, Oakland 89
FAR WEST
BYU 68, San Francisco 62
Cal Poly 72, UC Davis 64
Idaho St. 70, N. Colorado 61
Montana 72, Portland St. 31
Montana St. 91, Sacramento St. 64
North Dakota 57, Weber St. 54
Pacific 63, Pepperdine 59
Saint Mary's (Cal.) 56, Loyola Marymount 49
UC Riverside 68, CS Northridge 56
EAST
Albany (NY) 89, Vermont 48
Army 65, Boston U. 40
Delaware 72, Towson 54
Fairfield 72, Iona 66
Hartford 60, Stony Brook 56
Hofstra 66, Northeastern 49
Loyola (Md.) 57, Holy Cross 51
Maine 87, New Hampshire 56
Marist 77, Manhattan 38
St. Peter's 65, Niagara 58

TODAY'S GAMES
SOUTH
Florida St. at Georgia Tech, 5 p.m.
Elon at James Madison, 6 p.m.
MIDWEST
Loyola of Chicago at S. Illinois, 6:05 p.m.
Georgetown at DePaul, 7 p.m.
Villanova at Marquette, 7 p.m.
Wichita St. at N. Iowa, 7 p.m.
Xavier at Creighton, 7:05 p.m.
Missouri St. at Drake, 7:05 p.m.
Bradley at Illinois St., 7:05 p.m.
FAR WEST
Arizona St. at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Arizona at Utah, 8 p.m.
EAST
Canisius at Monmouth (NJ), 11 a.m.
Cornell at Brown, 6 p.m.
Penn at Dartmouth, 6 p.m.
Coll. of Charleston at Drexel, 6 p.m.
Princeton at Harvard, 6 p.m.
Butler at Providence, 6 p.m.
Richmond at Rhode Island, 6 p.m.
Quinnipiac at Siena, 6 p.m.
Columbia at Yale, 6 p.m.

Brazilian organizers say IndyCar opener canceled

By Tales Azzoni
Associated Press

SAO PAULO — The IndyCar Series opener scheduled for March in Brazil's capital was canceled on Thursday.

The television network promoting the event released a brief statement saying the decision was made "unilaterally" by the local government in Brasilia.

Band TV did not provide any additional details, calling it a "hasty" decision by the government.

Brasilia officials did not immediately announce their reasons for the cancellation, but local media said the government determined that the event did not make sense financially. Local prosecutors and government watchdog groups had already warned about the financial challenges of the contract that had been signed by the previous administration.

"Band will inform in the next few days how those who have bought tickets will be reimbursed. The network laments this hasty decision," the statement said.

IndyCar said two-thirds of the tickets and all hospitality packages for the March 8 race at the Nelson Piquet Autodromo had already been sold. A deal with a title sponsor had been announced on Wednesday.

After what it called an "unexpected" decision, IndyCar officials said they had "every indication that the race was already a success."

"This comes as a great disappointment," IndyCar said in a statement sent to The Associated Press. "We will have further comment when we have had the opportunity to talk with all of our partners and the authorities in Brazil."

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Serena aims for 19th major in Aussie final vs Sharapova

By John Pye
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — It wasn't until Serena Williams forced herself to relax, and not focus too intently on a milestone Grand Slam title, that she rediscovered the art of winning the biggest events in tennis.

Now she's on the verge of a 19th major championship after beating 19-year-old Madison Keys 7-6 (5), 6-2 on Thursday and setting up an Australian Open final against long-time rival Maria Sharapova.

Williams has won all five Australian Open finals she has contested and won her last 15 matches against No. 2-ranked Sharapova, a five-time major winner who will be playing her fourth final at Melbourne Park.

While the 33-year-old Williams is peerless among active players, there was a period last year when she wanted so desperately to win her 18th major that it proved too distracting. After winning the U.S. Open in 2013, she lost in the fourth round at the Australian Open, the second round at the French and the third round at Wimbledon.

"I was so hyped on getting to 18 and I lost every Grand Slam early. I didn't make it to any quarterfinals," Williams said. "Then after Wimbledon I decided to just — not necessarily not care — but just relax. It all kind of came back for me after that ... and I think it's been working."

That approach helped her win the U.S. Open and, if it works again on Saturday against 2008 champion Sharapova, it will help Williams move above Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova on the list of major winners. She would be behind only Steffi Graf, with 22 titles, among champions in the Open era.

The statistics point to another win for Williams, but she's not getting ahead of herself.

"Again. I have to win. Everyone's expecting me to win. But we'll see," Williams said. "She's playing unbelievable. She was almost out of the tournament and has been playing better every single match. It's impressive."

Williams, who has struggled with a cold for a week, said she'd benefit from a tough workout in the all-American semifinal against Keys, who pounded her with heavy groundstrokes and a big serve for the first set.

Keys, playing in her first Grand Slam semifinal, saved seven match points on serve in a penultimate game that lasted more than 11 minutes. Williams closed with an ace in the next game to reach her 23rd major final.

"She pushed me really hard the first set ... and I had to really dig deep mentally to get through that," Williams said. "It was a little frustrating. I had like nine or 10 match points and couldn't close it out. That doesn't happen so much. She played like she didn't have anything to lose."

Sharapova, who beat No. 10-seeded Ekaterina Makarova 6-3, 6-2 in an all-Russian semifinal, has won only two of her 18 career meetings with Williams — both in 2004. She started 2015 with a title at the Brisbane International and, ever since saving two match points in her second-round match against Russian qualifier Alexandra Panova, has been growing in confidence.

"I think my confidence should be pretty high going into a final of a Grand Slam no matter who I'm facing and whether I've had a terrible record, to say the least, against someone," Sharapova said. "It doesn't matter. I got there for a reason. I belong in that spot. I will do everything I can to get the title."

In men's play, Andy Murray reached the Australian Open final for the fourth time, and is desperate to end a title drought Down Under.

The sixth-seeded Murray beat No. 7 Tomas Berdych 6-7 (6), 6-0, 6-3, 7-5 in a semifinal laced with heavy hitting, flashes of anger and profanities.

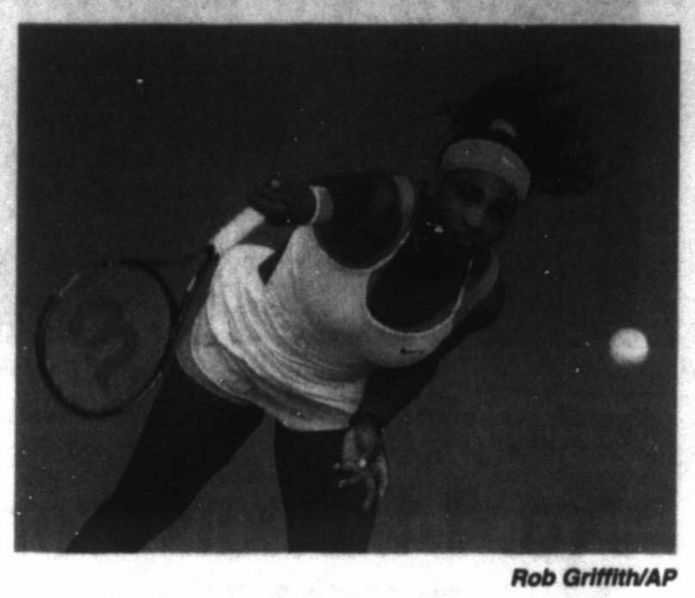
Murray lost finals here to Roger Federer in 2010 and Novak Djokovic in '11 and '13. Since then, he has won the U.S. Open and Wimbledon to end long title droughts for British men. He'll get another chance to claim the Australian title on Sunday, against the winner of Friday's semifinal between Djokovic and defending champion Stan Wawrinka.

Tension was high before the match because Murray's former coach, Dani Vallverdu, is now working for Berdych.

"You wanted there to be tension," Murray said. "A lot was made of Dani, my ex-coach, working with him. I felt it was a little unfair and unnecessary. This is sport, there's more to life than sport. It was a little unfair and created extra tension."

An aggravated Murray bristled when Berdych spoke a few words to him after the first-set tiebreaker, and yelled profanities throughout the match. TV cameras appeared to show his fiancee, Kim Sears, uttering expletives in support.

Murray said the emotional reactions were understandable given the hype leading into the match.



Rob Griffith/AP

Serena Williams serves to Madison Keys during their semifinal match at the Australian Open on Thursday in Melbourne, Australia.

Andy Brownbill/AP

Madison Keys makes a backhand return to Serena Williams during their semifinal match at the Australian Open on Thursday in Melbourne, Australia

Madison Keys new American star born at Australian Open

By Jocelyn Gecker
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — After Madison Keys walked off the court from the biggest match of her young career, she received quite a compliment from her celebrated opponent.

The opponent was No. 1-ranked Serena Williams, who won their semifinal at the Australian Open on Thursday after a tournament that might be remembered as the one where a new American star was born.

Williams does not say things like this lightly or very often: "I think she can be the best in the world." Then she added, for emphasis, "The way she played today, I definitely think she has potential to be No. 1 — and win Grand Slams."

Until now, Keys had never made it past the third round of a major. But the Australian Open marked many firsts for the 19-year-old American.

"Did I think it was going to happen here? Not particularly. But I'm very happy it did," said Keys, who won many fans with her sense of humor, big smile, a humble self-confidence and her very good tennis.

During the tournament, she talked about how she'll save most of her $510,000 prize money but allow herself one indulgence, possibly a Louis Vuitton handbag. She shared the advice of her new coach Lindsay Davenport, a three-time Grand Slam winner, who told her to stay off Twitter and keep focused on tennis for the tournament. That and other advice clearly paid off.

For the first time, Keys crossed the psychological boundary of entering into the second week of a Grand Slam.

On her way to the semifinal, she beat two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova in the third round and seven-time Grand Slam winner Venus Williams in the quarterfinals to set up back-to-back matches with the Williams sisters, a challenge that held special significance for Keys who had idolized both as a child.

Her ranking will improve from No. 35 into the top 20 as a result of reaching the semifinal.

Playing Williams marked the first time Keys had ever faced a No. 1-ranked player — and she put the 18-time major winner to the test.

Their semifinal on a breezy and chilly afternoon was the most-hyped women's match of the tournament so far: the up-and-coming prodigy against one of the greatest champions of all time. This time around the champion won, 7-6 (5), 6-2, but the score does not tell the story.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN RESULTS

Thursday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: $32.9 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles
Men
Semifinals
Andy Murray (6), Britain, def. Tomas Berdych (7), Czech Republic, 6-7 (6), 6-0, 6-3, 7-5

Women
Semifinals
Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Ekaterina Makarova (10), Russia, 6-3, 6-2
Serena Williams (1), United States, def. Madison Keys, United States, 7-6 (5), 6-2

Doubles
Men
Semifinals
Simone Bolelli and Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands, and Horia Tecau (6), Romania, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3
Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut, France, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Marcelo Melo (4), Brazil, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (5)

Mixed
Quarterfinals
Kristina Mladenovic, France, and Daniel Nestor (3), Canada, def. Cara Black, Zimbabwe and Juan Sebastian Cabal (5), Colombia, 6-2, 6-3
Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, def. Katarina Srebotnik, Slovenia, and Marcelo Melo (2), Brazil, 6-1, 6-2

Legends Doubles
Round Robin
Men
Jonas Bjorkman and Thomas Johansson, Sweden, def. Michael Chang, United States, and Wayne Ferreira, South Africa, 3-4 (3-5), 4-2, 3-4 (4-5), 4-2, 4-3 (5-2)

Junior Singles
Boys
Quarterfinals
Roman Safiullin (1), Russia, def. Marc Polmans, Australia, 6-4, 6-2
Hong Seong-chan (7), South Korea, def. Taylor Harry Fritz (3), United States, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (4), 6-0
Akira Santillan (16), Australia, def. Lee Duck Hee (6), South Korea, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3
Djurabeck Karimov, Uzbekistan, def. Stefanos Tsitsipas (14), Greece, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1
Girls
Quarterfinals
Tereza Mihalikova, Slovakia, def. Charlotte Robillard-Millette, Canada, 6-2, 6-2
Greet Minnen, Belgium, def. Marica Pislak, Slovenia, 6-2, 6-2
Katie Swan (14), Britain, def. Raveena Kingsley (11), United States, 6-4, 6-3
Dalma Galfi (5), Hungary, def. Aliona Bolsova Zadoinov (4), Spain, 6-1, 7-6 (4)

Doubles
Boys
Semifinals
Hubert Hurkacz, Poland, and Alex Molcan (8), Slovakia, def. Miomir Kecmanovic, Serbia, and Michael Mmoh (3), United States, 6-7 (9), 7-6 (5), 10-2
Jake Delaney and Marc Polmans, Australia, def. Mate Valkusz, Hungary, and Louis Wessels, Germany, 2-6, 6-1, 11-9
Girls
Semifinals
Miriam Kolodziejova and Marketa Vondrousova (2), Czech Republic, def. Sara Tomic, Australia, and Xu Shilin (4), China, 6-1, 6-2
Katharina Hobgarski, Germany, and Greet Minnen, Belgium, def. Emily Arbuthnott, Britain, and Emilie Francati, Denmark, 7-5, 4-6, 10-7

Wheelchair Singles
Men
Semifinals
Shingo Kunieda (1), Japan, def. Gustavo Fernandez, Argentina, 6-7 (5), 6-1, 6-2
Stephane Houdet (2), France, def. Joachim Gerard, Belgium, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3
Women
Semifinals
Yui Kamiji (1), Japan, def. Sabine Ellerbrock, Germany, 6-2, 6-1
Jiske Griffioen, Netherlands, def. Aniek van Koot (2), Netherlands, 6-4, 6-4
Quad
Round Robin
Dylan Alcott (2), Australia, def. David Wagner (1), United States, 6-4, 6-4
Lucas Sithole, South Africa, def. Andrew Lapthorne, Britain, 6-3, 7-6 (4)
Wheelchair Doubles
Men
First Round
Shingo Kunieda, Japan, and Stephane Houdet (1), France, def. Nicolas Peifer, France, and Adam Kellerman, Australia, 6-1, 6-0
Gordon Reid, Britain, and Gustavo Fernandez, Argentina, def. Joachim Gerard, Belgium, and Maikel Scheffers (2), Netherlands, 6-1, 7-5
Women
First Round
Yui Kamiji, Japan, and Jordanne Whiley (1), Britain, def. Sharon Walraven, Netherlands, and Katharina Kruger, Germany, 6-4, 6-3
Marjolein Buis, Netherlands, and Sabine Ellerbrock, Germany, def. Jiske Griffioen and Aniek van Koot (2), Netherlands, 6-4, 6-2
Quad
Championship
David Wagner, United States, and Andrew Lapthorne (1), Britain, def. Lucas Sithole, South Africa, and Dylan Alcott (2), Australia, 6-0, 3-6, 6-2

GOLFSCORES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Omega Dubai Desert Classic Leading Scores
Thursday
At Emirates Golf Club (Majlis Course)
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Purse: $2.85 million
Yardage: 7,357; Par: 72 (35-37)
First Round

Bernd Wiesberger, Austria	33-31—64
Peter Uihlein, United States	30-35—65
Nicolas Colsaerts, Belgium	33-32—65
Andy Sullivan, England	33-32—65
Lee Westwood, England	31-34—65
Seve Benson, England	33-33—66
Anders Hansen, Denmark	34-32—66
Hennie Otto, South Africa	33-33—66
Marc Warren, Scotland	33-33—66
Stephen Gallacher, Scotland	31-35—66
Rory McIlroy, Northern Ireland	32-34—66
Maximilian Kieffer, Germany	31-35—66
Emiliano Grillo, Argentina	37-30—67
Y.E. Yang, South Korea	33-34—67
Danny Willett, England	34-33—67
Graeme McDowell, Northern Ireland	34-33—67
Jorge Campillo, Spain	33-34—67
Mikko Ilonen, Finland	32-35—67
Martin Kaymer, Germany	34-33—67
Also	
Joost Luiten, Netherlands	33-35—68
David Lipsky, United States	35-33—68
Henrik Stenson, Sweden	34-36—70
Thongchai Jaidee, Thailand	33-38—71
Jose Maria Olazabal, Spain	36-36—72
Thomas Bjorn, Denmark	36-34—72
Ernie Els, South Africa	35-37—72
Branden Grace, South Africa	39-34—73
Sergio Garcia, Spain	40-35—75
Javier Ballesteros, Spain	41-42—83

PGA-Phoenix Open Scores
Thursday
At TPC Scottsdale, Stadium Course
Scottsdale, Ariz.
Purse: $6.3 million
Yardage: 7,266; Par: 71 (35-36)
Partial First Round

Ryan Palmer	33-31—64
Keegan Bradley	32-33—65
Bubba Watson	34-31—65
Zach Johnson	33-33—66
Robert Streb	34-32—66
Ben Martin	31-35—66
Martin Laird	32-34—66
Graham DeLaet	34-33—67
Shawn Stefani	33-34—67
James Hahn	33-34—67
Angel Cabrera	33-34—67
Justin Leonard	35-32—67
William McGirt	35-32—67
Brendon de Jonge	34-33—67
Michael Thompson	33-34—67
Jamie Donaldson	34-34—68
Seung-Yul Noh	35-33—68
Jonas Blixt	31-37—68
Aaron Baddeley	34-34—68
Freddie Jacobson	33-35—68
Chris Stroud	34-34—68
J.B. Holmes	35-33—68
Geoff Ogilvy	32-36—68
Brian Harman	34-34—68
Rory Sabbatini	35-33—68
K.J. Choi	33-35—68
Martin Flores	34-35—69
Ryan Moore	35-34—69
Hunter Mahan	33-36—69
Phil Mickelson	32-37—69
Russell Henley	34-35—69
Charley Hoffman	35-34—69
Boo Weekley	36-33—69
Russell Knox	35-34—69
Carlos Ortiz	33-36—69
Charlie Beljan	31-38—69
Nicholas Thompson	35-34—69
Billy Horschel	35-34—69
Hideki Matsuyama	32-37—69
Luke Guthrie	34-36—70
Billy Hurley III	34-36—70
Rickie Fowler	37-33—70
Gary Woodland	36-34—70
Matt Kuchar	34-36—70
Retief Goosen	34-36—70
Kevin Streelman	35-35—70
Matt Jones	35-35—70
Brandt Snedeker	36-34—70
Lucas Glover	35-35—70
Pat Perez	34-36—70
George McNeill	33-37—70
Francesco Molinari	33-37—70
Robert Allenby	33-37—70
Jordan Spieth	36-34—70
Charles Howell III	33-37—70
Stewart Cink	35-35—70
Mark Wilson	34-36—70
Chad Campbell	**35-35—70**
Andrew Svoboda	36-34—70
Troy Merritt	36-35—71
Scott Langley	36-35—71
Jason Bohn	36-35—71
Ricky Barnes	36-35—71
Bill Haas	35-36—71
John Merrick	35-36—71
Kenny Perry	37-34—71
Brooks Koepka	36-35—71
Andres Romero	36-35—71
Sung Joon Park	35-36—71
Michael Block	34-37—71
Ryo Ishikawa	35-36—71
Erik Compton	35-36—71
David Hearn	37-34—71
Jhonattan Vegas	35-36—71
Patrick Reed	36-35—71
Mike Weir	35-36—71
Nick Taylor	36-35—71
Stott Piercy	35-36—71
Michael Putnam	36-35—71
Brendan Steele	36-35—71
Bo Van Pelt	37-35—72
Kevin Kisner	36-36—72
Carl Pettersson	40-32—72
Robert Garrigus	36-36—72
Tim Wilkinson	36-36—72
Bryce Molder	36-36—72
Brian Stuard	36-36—72
Morgan Hoffmann	35-36—72
Jason Kokrak	34-38—72
Brice Garnett	35-37—72
Harris English	34-38—72
Scott Stallings	35-37—72
Chesson Hadley	37-35—72
Nick Watney	35-37—72
Woody Austin	33-39—72
Jim Renner	35-37—72
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano	35-37—72
Jason Dufner	36-37—73
Ken Duke	37-36—73
Daniel Summerhays	37-36—73
Derek Fathauer	36-37—73
Tiger Woods	38-34—72
Kevin Na	37-36—73
Steven Bowditch	38-35—73
Ben Crane	37-36—73
Spencer Levin	35-38—73
Matt Every	36-38—74
Brian Davis	41-33—74
Kyle Stanley	37-37—74
Derek Ernst	36-38—74
Kevin Chappell	36-38—75
Chez Reavie	35-41—75
Troy Kelly	39-36—75
David Toms	40-35—75
Sang-Moon Bae	36-39—75
Cameron Tringale	38-37—75
Jeff Overton	37-38—75
Camilo Villegas	36-40—76
Andrew Loupe	37-39—76
Scott Verplank	38-39—77
Justin Hicks	38-39—77
Danny Lee	37-40—77
Michael Hopper	41-40—81

Costes Golf Championship Scores
Thursday
At Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club
Ocala, Fla.
Purse: $1.5 million
Yardage: 6,841; Par: 72 (36-36)

Jessica Korda	34-32—66
Stacy Lewis	31-35—66
Azahara Munoz	33-33—66
Austin Ernst	34-33—67
Ha Na Jang	33-34—67
Na Yeon Choi	33-34—67
Lydia Ko	33-35—68
Mi Jung Hur	35-34—69
Lexi Thompson	35-33—68
Wei Ling Hsu	32-38—70
Mi Hyang Lee	35-35—70
Minjee Lee	33-37—70
Pernilla Lindberg	36-34—70
Sydnee Michaels	34-36—70
Sun Young Yoo	35-35—70
Yaeir Cindy Feng	36-35—71
Eun-Hee Ji	34-37—71
Cristie Kerr	34-37—71
Katherine Kirk	36-35—71
Alison Lee	37-34—71
Amelia Lewis	36-35—71
Inbee Park	35-36—71
Jane Park	34-37—71
Sarah Jane Smith	36-35—71
Angela Stanford	34-37—71
Paula Creamer	36-36—72
Juli Inkster	35-37—72
Moriya Jutanugarn	35-37—72
Christina Kim	36-36—72
P.K. Kongkraphan	37-35—72
Candie Kung	35-36—72
Ilhee Lee	35-37—72
Mirim Lee	35-37—72
Kristy McPherson	35-37—72
Beatriz Recari	35-36—72
So Yeon Ryu	37-35—72
Lizette Salas	36-36—72
Alena Sharp	36-36—72
Jenny Shin	36-36—72
Kris Tamulis	37-35—72
Mariajo Uribe	39-33—72
Michelle Wie	37-35—72
Chrissie Wollaston	35-37—72
Julieta Granada	35-38—73
Maria Hernandez	35-38—73
Danielle Kang	37-36—73
Joanna Klatten	36-37—73
Mo Martin	36-37—73
Ai Miyazato	37-36—73
Brooke Pancake	35-38—73
Hee Young Park	35-38—73
Gerina Piller	35-38—73
Dewi Claire Schreefel	36-37—73
Carlota Ciganda	38-35—74
Mina Harigae	37-37—74
Ariya Jutanugarn	36-38—74
Brittany Lang	37-37—74
Min Lee	38-36—74
Caroline Masson	37-37—74
Mika Miyazato	37-37—74
Anna Nordqvist	40-34—74
Ryann O'Toole	38-36—74

Stars beat Senators in Spezza's Ottawa return

Stars	**6**
Senators	3

Associated Press

OTTAWA, Ontario — Jamie Benn scored two goals, and the Stars beat the Senators 6-3 on Thursday night in Jason Spezza's first game in Ottawa since he was traded to Dallas in the offseason.

John Klingberg, Colton Sceviour, Alex Hemsky and Trevor Daley also scored for Dallas, and Kari Lehtonen made 25 saves.

Mika Zibanejad, Bobby Ryan and Alex Chiasson scored for Ottawa. Robin Lehner, making his first start since January 13th, stopped 33 shots.

Spezza made his NHL debut with Ottawa in 2002 and had spent his entire career with the Senators before the trade. The former Senators captain got a standing ovation from the crowd of 18,752 following a video tribute early in the first period.

The Stars grabbed a 4-3 lead midway through the third period when Klingberg took advantage of an Ottawa turnover to break in alone and beat Lehner with a wrist shot.

With just under a minute remaining in regulation, and Lehner on the bench, the Senators caught a break when Tyler Seguin took a hooking penalty, but a lost faceoff resulted in Daley sending a wrist shot all the way down the ice and into the empty net. Benn added a second empty-net goal to round out the scoring.

With Ottawa trailing 3-2 early in the third, Chiasson took a cross-ice pass from Kyle Turris and tapped it in for his first goal in 17 games.

The Senators got off to a rough start, and then had a much better second period, thanks to some solid goaltending from Lehner.

Lehner made huge saves on Spezza and Patrick Eaves, and got a little help when Seguin rang a shot off the goalpost.

Sean Kilpatrick/Canadian Press

Ottawa's Chris Phillips (4) pushes Dallas' Jamie Benn during the second period Thursday in Ottawa, Ontario.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Tampa Bay	50	31	15	4	66	160	132
Montreal	47	31	13	3	65	127	108
Detroit	49	28	12	9	65	145	128
Boston	49	26	16	7	59	131	123
Florida	48	21	15	10	52	114	129
Toronto	50	22	24	4	48	144	155
Ottawa	47	19	19	9	47	129	134
Buffalo	48	14	31	3	31	90	171
Metropolitan Division							
	GP	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
N.Y. Islanders	49	32	15	1	65	157	135
Pittsburgh	48	27	13	8	62	143	124
Washington	48	25	14	9	59	144	124
N.Y. Rangers	46	27	15	4	58	135	111
Philadelphia	50	21	22	7	49	139	151
Columbus	47	21	23	3	45	119	148
New Jersey	48	18	22	8	44	109	135
Carolina	47	17	25	5	39	102	122
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Nashville	47	31	10	6	68	145	112
St. Louis	47	30	13	4	64	153	115
Chicago	48	30	16	2	62	151	110
Winnipeg	50	26	16	8	60	140	127
Dallas	48	22	19	7	51	152	157
Colorado	46	20	18	11	51	120	141
Minnesota	47	21	20	6	48	130	138
Pacific Division							
	GP	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Anaheim	48	32	10	6	70	143	124
San Jose	48	25	17	6	56	131	130
Vancouver	46	26	17	3	55	124	118
Calgary	48	26	19	3	55	140	126
Los Angeles	48	21	15	10	54	120	109
Arizona	48	17	25	6	40	111	161
Edmonton	48	12	27	9	33	110	160

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

Thursday's Scores
St. Louis 5, Nashville 4, SO
Boston 5, N.Y. Islanders 2
Montreal 1, N.Y. Rangers 0
Philadelphia 5, Winnipeg 2
Arizona 3, Toronto 1
Dallas 6, Ottawa 3
Tampa Bay 5, Detroit 1
Florida 3, Columbus 2
Minnesota at Calgary, late
Buffalo at Edmonton, late
Anaheim at San Jose, late

Today's Games
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Nashville at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Chicago at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

3 Hawks, Durant and Westbrook are NBA All-Star reserves

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

Mark Duncan/AP

Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant runs the floor against the Cleveland Cavaliers on Sunday in Cleveland.

NEW YORK — Al Horford, Paul Millsap and Jeff Teague were picked Thursday as reserves for the Eastern Conference All-Star team, giving the sizzling Atlanta Hawks three selections.

Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook were selected in the West, despite early season injuries for the Oklahoma City stars. The Miami Heat also had two reserves in Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade.

But Portland surprisingly only had one in LaMarcus Aldridge. Point guard Damian Lillard was not among the seven reserves.

Atlanta has won 17 in a row and has a 38-8 record, second-best in the NBA. The Hawks were hoping for four spots, but Kyle Korver was not chosen by East coaches.

"Our whole starting five deserves to be there," Teague said before the results were announced. "We have a good ballclub. We're all playing at a really high level right now. And we're playing as a team. That's all you can really ask for."

Cleveland's Kyrie Irving, last year's All-Star game MVP, and first-timer Jimmy Butler of Chicago were the other players announced to the East roster.

The rest of the West reserves for the Feb. 15 game at Madison Square Garden in New York are James Harden (Houston), Klay Thompson (Golden State), Tim Duncan (San Antonio) and Chris Paul (Clippers).

Head coaches in each conference had to vote for two guards, three frontcourt players and two players regardless of position. They couldn't vote for players on their own teams.

The starters were voted by fans and announced last Thursday. LeBron James (Cleveland), Pau Gasol (Chicago), Carmelo Anthony (New York), John Wall (Washington) and Kyle Lowry (Toronto) will start for the East. Stephen Curry (Golden State), Kobe Bryant (Lakers), Anthony Davis (New Orleans), Blake Griffin (Clippers) and Marc Gasol (Memphis) were voted in from the West.

Bryant is out for the rest of the season after surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff in his shoulder and his replacement on the roster will be chosen by Commissioner Adam Silver. West coach Steve Kerr of the Warriors will decide who takes Bryant's spot in the lineup.

Atlanta's Mike Budenholzer will lead the East. He will get to coach three of his players, the first trio of Hawks All-Stars since John Drew, Eddie Johnson and Dan Roundfield in 1980.

"We love for our players to have success and for our players to be appreciated," Budenholzer said. "Yeah, there's a sense of pride. They work really hard. They do a lot of things we appreciate. If other people are appreciating them, that's a good thing."

Korver, shooting 53 percent from 3-point range, still might have a chance if Wade isn't able to play in his 11th consecutive All-Star selection. The Heat star is battling a strained right hamstring.

The powerful West has many more snubs, including Lillard, whose Trail Blazers are tied for third in the conference and who is averaging 21.8 points.

Sacramento's DeMarcus Cousins wasn't picked despite averaging 23.8 points and 12.3 rebounds as perhaps the best big man in the league this season, and neither Memphis nor Dallas had a reserve selected despite their strong play and worthy candidates.

Duncan did make it for a 15th time, joining Shaquille O'Neal and Kevin Garnett with the third-most selections behind Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (19) and Bryant (17).

Durant will get the chance to improve his 30.6 points per game average in the All-Star game, best all-time. West coaches went with the league's reigning MVP even though he has missed 25 of the Thunder's 46 games and the team is only 23-23, currently out of playoff position.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PACERS 103
KNICKS 82

INDIANAPOLIS — Rodney Stuckey scored 22 points, Roy Hibbert had 18 points and 10 rebounds, and the Indiana Pacers routed the New York Knicks 103-82 on Thursday night.

The struggling Pacers (17-31) picked up their most lopsided home victory of the season by winning for only the second time in 10 games.

Carmelo Anthony scored 18 points, 12 in the first 9 minutes for the Knicks (9-38). Lou Amundson added 17 as New York managed just 33 second-half points and fell behind Philadelphia for the worst record in the East.

Indiana turned the game midway through the second quarter, by rallying to take a 54-49 halftime lead.

The Pacers then opened the second half on a 10-2 run that extended the lead to double digits. Indiana pushed the margin to as much as 34, sealing the outcome.

BUCKS 115
MAGIC 100

ORLANDO, Fla. — Jerryd Bayless scored 19 points, Jared Dudley and Khris Middleton had 17 apiece and the Milwaukee Bucks ended a 17-game losing streak in Orlando with a 115-100 victory on Thursday night.

The Bucks never trailed and placed seven players in double figures, including all five starters. Brandon Knight had 16 points and eight assists, O.J. Mayo scored 13 points and John Henson had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

The Magic have lost seven straight and 13 of their last 15 games. Victor Oladipo led Orlando with 21 points. Nik Vucevic added 17 points and 14 rebounds.

The Bucks led 59-44 halftime and then blew open the game in the third period.

GRIZZLIES 99
NUGGETS 69

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Zach Randolph had 15 points and 17 rebounds, Jeff Green added 13 points and the Memphis Grizzlies built an early lead en route to a 99-69 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Thursday night.

Memphis won its fifth straight, building a double-digit lead in the first quarter and never getting threatened the rest of the way as Randolph recorded his 10th consecutive double-double.

Courtney Lee, Nick Calathes and Beno Udrih, starting in place of the injured Mike Conley, scored 11 apiece, while Marc Gasol had 10 points.

NBA STANDINGS, BOXES AND ALL-STAR ROSTERS

STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	31	15	.674	—
Brooklyn	18	27	.400	12 1/2
Boston	16	28	.364	14
Philadelphia	9	37	.196	22
New York	9	38	.191	22 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	38	8	.826	—
Washington	31	16	.660	7 1/2
Miami	20	25	.444	17 1/2
Charlotte	19	27	.413	19
Orlando	15	34	.306	24 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	30	17	.638	—
Cleveland	27	20	.574	3
Milwaukee	24	22	.522	5 1/2
Detroit	17	30	.362	13
Indiana	17	31	.354	13 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	34	12	.739	—
Houston	32	14	.696	2
San Antonio	30	17	.638	4 1/2
Dallas	30	17	.638	4 1/2
New Orleans	24	22	.522	10

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	32	14	.696	—
Oklahoma City	23	23	.500	9
Denver	19	28	.404	13 1/2
Utah	16	30	.348	16
Minnesota	8	37	.178	23 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	36	7	.837	—
L.A. Clippers	32	14	.696	5 1/2
Phoenix	27	20	.574	11
Sacramento	16	28	.364	20 1/2
L.A. Lakers	12	34	.261	25 1/2

Thursday's Scores

Milwaukee 115, Orlando 100
Indiana 103, New York 82
Memphis 99, Denver 69
Chicago at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games

Minnesota at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Portland at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Miami, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S BOXES

PACERS 103, KNICKS 82

NEW YORK (82): Anthony 7-16 2-2 18, Amundson 8-10 1-3 17, Smith 3-6 2-2 8, Galloway 2-10 0-0 4, Calderon 4-7 0-0 9, Thomas 4-10 0-0 8, Hardaway Jr. 3-9 3-4 11, Acy 1-4 1-2 3, Larkin 1-4 0-0 2, Early 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 34-81 9-13 82.

INDIANA (103): S.Hill 4-9 0-0 10, West 3-8 4-4 10, **Hibbert 8-11 0-0 18**, Watson 3-9 0-0 7, Stuckey 8-13 5-5 22, Mahinmi 4-6 0-5 8, Miles 2-6 0-0 5, G.Hill 2-5 4-4 8, Rudez 2-4 0-0 5, Allen 4-5 0-0 8, Copeland 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 42-79 13-18 103.

New York	**29**	**30**	**12**	**21**	**— 82**
Indiana	**22**	**32**	**35**	**14**	**— 103**

3-Point Goals—New York 5-16 (Hardaway Jr. 2-4, Anthony 2-4, Calderon 1-1, Early 0-1, Smith 0-1, Acy 0-1, Larkin 0-1, Galloway 0-3), Indiana 6-18 (S.Hill 2-3, Stuckey 1-2, Rudez 1-3, Miles 1-4, Watson 1-4, G.Hill 0-1, Copeland 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 39 (Smith 7), Indiana 54 (Mahinmi, Hibbert 10). Assists—New York 22 (Calderon 6), Indiana 25 (West 6). Total Fouls—New York 18, Indiana 16. A—15,885 (18,165).

BUCKS 115, MAGIC 100

MILWAUKEE (115): Antetokounmpo 3-7 4-5 10, Dudley 6-10 2-3 17, Henson 6-10 0-0 12, Knight 7-14 0-0 16, Middleton 7-12 0-0 17, Martin 2-5 0-0 4, Mayo 5-12 1-3 13, O'Bryant 2-6 0-0 4, Gutierrez 1-2 1-2 3, Bayless 6-9 5-5 19. Totals 45-87 13-18 115.

ORLANDO (100): A.Gordon 1-1 2-4 4, Frye 0-1 0-0 0, Vucevic 8-19 1-1 17, Payton 6-10 3-4 15, Oladipo 6-17 9-11 21, Harris 2-12 3-4 7, Fournier 5-10 0-0 11, O'Quinn 2-2 2-4 7, Green 6-8 1-2 16, B.Gordon 0-1 0-0 0, Dedmon 1-1 0-0 2, Ridnour 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-82 21-30 100.

Milwaukee	**28**	**31**	**37**	**19**	**— 115**
Orlando	**18**	**26**	**27**	**29**	**— 100**

3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 12-25 (Middleton 3-5, Dudley 3-6, Bayless 2-2, Knight 2-5, Mayo 2-7), Orlando 5-18 (Green 3-5, O'Quinn 1-1, Fournier 1-4, B.Gordon 0-1, Frye 0-1, Harris 0-2, Oladipo 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 42 (Henson 11), Orlando 59 (Vucevic 14). Assists—Milwaukee 29 (Knight 9), Orlando 14 (Payton 6). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 24, Orlando 18. Technicals—Dedmon. A—16,071 (18,500).

GRIZZLIES 99, NUGGETS 69

DENVER (69): Cjandler 5-11 0-0 10, Faried 5-11 0-0 10, Nurkic 0-7 0-0 0, Lawson 3-11 3-3 9, Affalo 3-5 0-0 7, Gallinari 3-7 1-1 8, Nelson 1-4 0-0 2, Hickson 2-5 0-0 4, Foye 0-6 2-2 2, Arthur 3-7 1-2 7. Gee 3-9 0-0 6, McGee 1-2 0-0 2. Harris 0-6 2-2 2. Totals 29-87 9-10 69

MEMPHIS (99):	J.Green 4-9 3-4 13, Randolph 6-14 3-4 15, Gasol 4-8 2-2 10, Udrih 5-10 0-0 11, Lee 5-10 1-3 11, Allen 3-9 2-4 8, Koufos 3-5 0-0 6, Calathes 5-10 1-2 11, Carter 1-4 2-2 4, Leuer 2-5 2-4 6, Adams 0-3 0-0 0. Thomas 1-1 2-2 4. Totals 39-88 18-27 99.				
Denver	**11**	**24**	**14**	**20**	**— 69**
Memphis	**28**	**24**	**24**	**25**	**— 99**

3-Point Goals—Denver 2-26 (Affalo 1-2, Gallinari 1-3, Gee 0-1, Arthur 0-2, Nelson 0-2, Harris 0-3, Lawson 0-3, Chandler 0-5, Foye 0-5), Memphis 3-16 (J.Green 3-6, Udrih 1-2, Calathes 0-1, Adams 0-1, Leuer 0-1, Lee 0-2, Carter 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Denver 52 (Faried 7), Memphis 65 (Randolph 17). Assists—Denver 19 (Lawson 6), Memphis 17 (Calathes 5). Total Fouls—Denver 19, Memphis 11. A—16,736 (18,119).

NBA ALL-STAR ROSTERS

All-Star Game: Feb. 15 at Madison Square Garden

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Starters

Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Years
Carmelo Anthony, NY	F	6-8	240	8
Pau Gasol, Chi	F	7-0	250	5
LeBron James, Cle	F	6-8	250	11
Kyle Lowry, Tor	G	6-0	205	1
John Wall, Was	G	6-4	195	2

Reserves

Chris Bosh, Mia	F-C	6-11	235	10
Jimmy Butler, Chi	G-F	6-7	220	1
Al Horford, Atl	F-C	6-10	250	3
Kyrie Irving, Cle	G	6-3	193	3
Paul Millsap, Atl	F	6-8	253	2
Jeff Teague, Atl	G	6-2	181	1
Dwyane Wade, Mia	G	6-4	220	12

Coach: Mike Budenholzer, Atlanta
Assistant Coaches: Kenny Atkinson; Darvin Ham; Taylor Jenkins; Nevein Spahija; Charles Lee; Ben Sullivan
Trainer: Roger Hinds, New York

WESTERN CONFERENCE

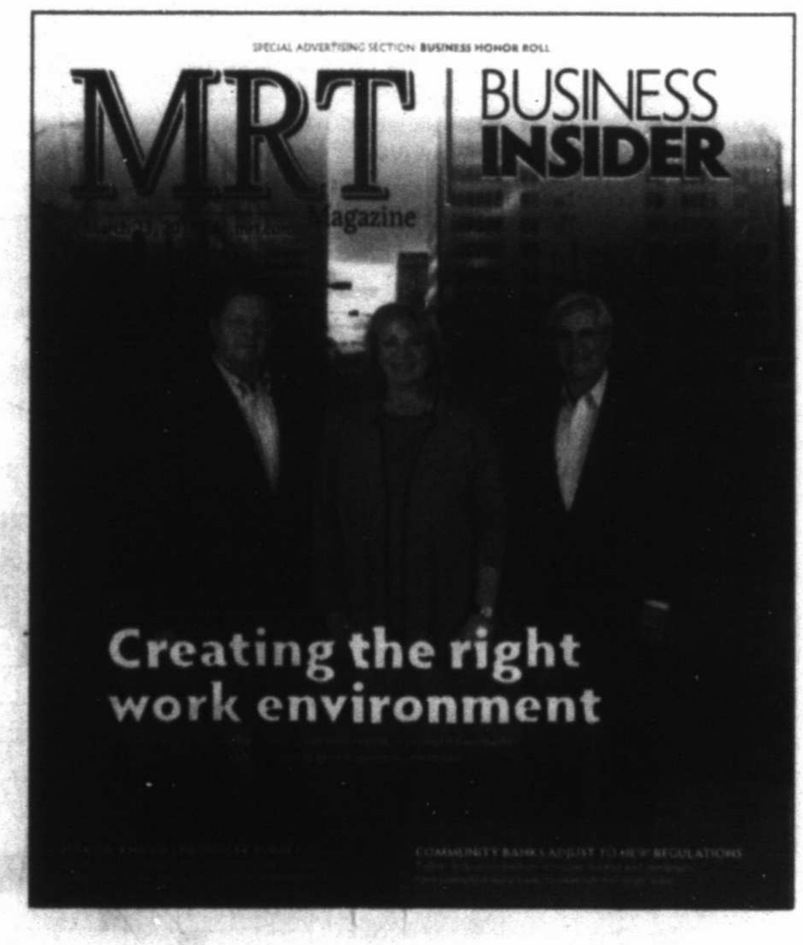
Starters

Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Years
Kobe Bryant, LAL	G	6-6	212	17
Stephen Curry, GS	G	6-3	190	2
Anthony Davis, NO	F	6-10	220	2
Marc Gasol, Mem	C	7-1	265	2
Blake Griffin, LAC	F	6-10	251	5

Reserves

LaMarcus Aldridge, Por	F	6-11	240	4
Tim Duncan, SA	F	6-11	250	15
Kevin Durant, Okl	F	6-9	240	6
James Harden, Hou	G	6-5	225	3
Chris Paul, LAC	G	6-0	175	8
Klay Thompson, GS	G	6-7	215	1
Russell Westbrook, Okl	G	6-3	200	4

Coach: Steve Kerr, Golden State
Assistant Coaches: Alvin Gentry, Ron Adams, Luke Walton
Trainer: Pete Youngman, Sacramento



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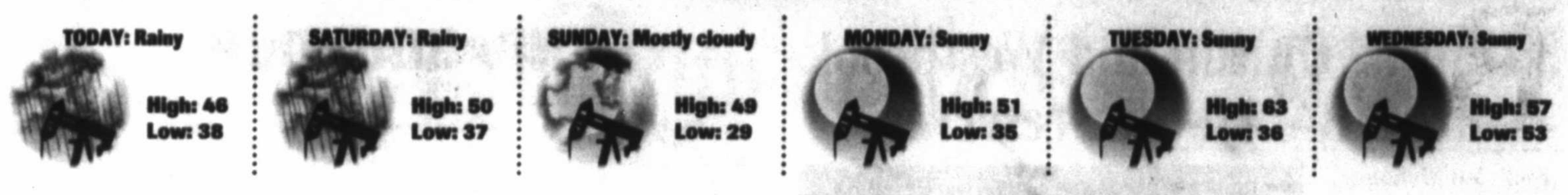


Local forecast

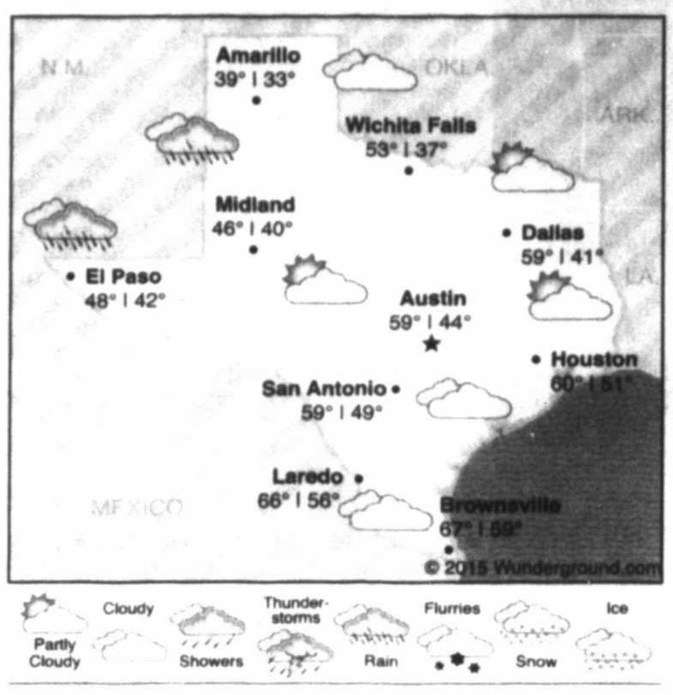
Expect wet conditions this weekend with a 40 percent chance of rain today, 90 percent tonight, 50 percent chance Saturday and 40 percent Saturday night.

The high on Thursday reached 63, while the low dropped to 43. The record high for Jan. 29 is 78 set in 1967. The record low is 2 set in 1948.

Weather Why

Q: How do El Niño and La Niña change our weather?

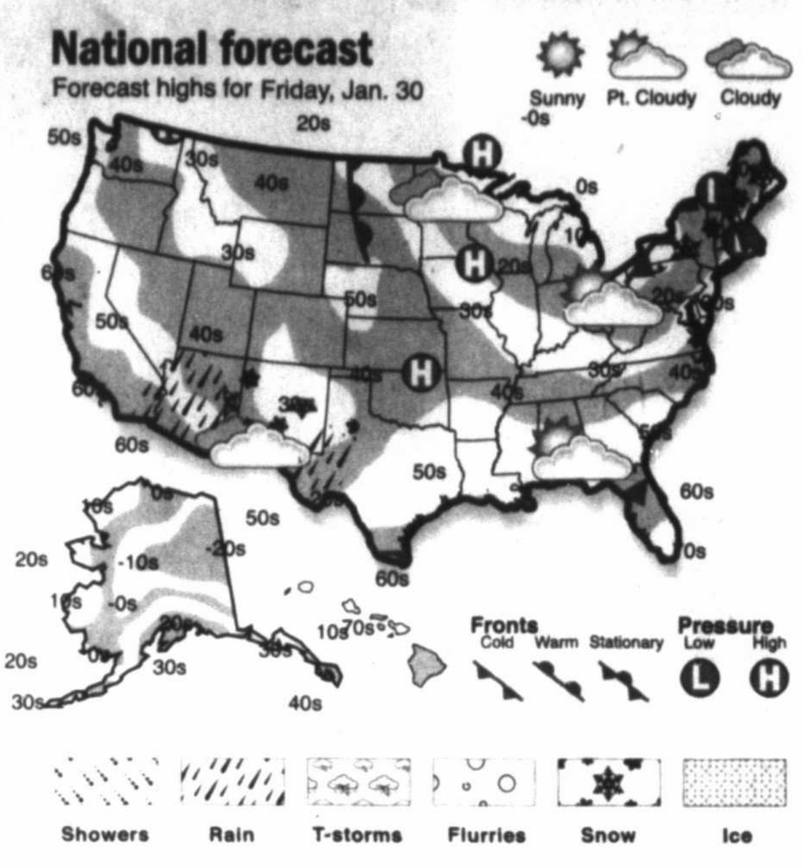
Both El Niño and La Niña events are more likely to affect the seasonal temperature and precipitation patterns during the winter than in any other season, according to Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "In general, a La Niña period means drier weather patterns for Texas, whereas El Niño is more likely to bring wetter weather during the cold season. There have been numerous studies done on how El Niño and La Niña affect weather patterns in other seasons, and this includes hurricanes and their intensity. Some research indicates that the types of hurricanes that affect Texas are more common during La Niña periods than during neutral or El Niño periods."



Precipitation		Thursday's temperatures	
Wednesday	0.00 in.	High	63
Thursday	0.00 in.	Low	43
Month total	1.87 in.	Normal high	59
Year total	1.87 in.	Normal low	31
Normal total (year to date)	0.51 in.	**Sunrise**	7:44 a.m.
		Sunset	6:21 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Friday, Jan. 30



Seizure in classroom prompts lesson on reaction for kids

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: Last week, I had a seizure in front of my fourth-grade students. This has never happened to me before, so I had never spoken to my students about such a thing. I want to write them and their families a letter expressing my apologies, thanking them for their kind thoughts and giving basic advice on how to handle a seizure. Is this appropriate? If so, how do I start the letter? — APPROPRIATE IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR APPROPRIATE: Before writing the letter, check with the principal of your school. Because you now know that you are prone to having seizures, I think it makes sense that your students should know what one is, and what to do in case it happens again in the classroom. Some seizures can be almost unnoticeable, while others can be quite severe. If yours are severe, a student should immediately inform another adult and ask for help.

P.S. While you may want to thank everyone for their kindness, it should not be necessary to apologize to anybody for something you couldn't control.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter has always been very independent. She had a normal childhood with the usual friends and events, nothing traumatic that I know of. She is a pretty girl with a funny personality and is very bright.

The issue is, she is 18 and has been on only two dates. She shows no interest in forming any sort of romantic relationship. She has never had a boyfriend, though many boys have expressed interest in her. The two dates she did go on, one in high school and one in college, she called "duds."

She says she's not gay, and has commented on good-looking guys. I don't know what to think. Do you? — WONDERING MOM

DEAR WONDERING MOM: You say your daughter has always been independent. It's possible she has enough self-assurance that she doesn't think she needs a man in her life right now. It may also be that before becoming emotionally involved with anyone she would prefer to focus on her education or career path. Whatever her reasons, you would be making a mistake to push her in any direction she doesn't feel ready for, or make her uncomfortable about being the way she is.

DEAR ABBY: Mom passed away five years ago, and Dad died four months ago. For the last years of his life Dad was hoping we'd move into their home. It's a beautiful place in a country setting with lots of trees, including pecan trees. We were undecided.

After Dad died, my husband and I were at home making all the funeral arrangements and we were both emotionally exhausted. While I tried to stay busy inside the house, my husband decided to go outside to clear his head. While walking around the yard, he found a pecan in the grass! Abby, there are no pecan trees in this entire neighborhood. We knew the rational answer was that a squirrel must have dropped it, but in our hearts we felt it was Dad giving us the hug we needed so badly, and his way of telling us that everything will work out.

We will be moving into my parents' home in the near future. — AT PEACE IN LOUISIANA

DEAR AT PEACE: There's nothing nutty about your experience. Sometimes we just need a nudge from above to guide us into doing what's right for us. I wish you well in your new home.

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 Friday, Jan. 30, 2015:

This year you go back and forth between being practical and emotional. People in your life might not be sure which personality will appear. Just go with the flow, and you will feel energized. If you are single, others find your energy appealing. You will have to sort through what might seem to be a flock of suitors. Enjoy the process. If you are attached, your sweetie could act as if you are new lovers as the intensity between you keeps building. You will want plenty of quality time together, and you'll need to plan for those special times. CANCER is a natural nurturer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You'll wake up with a smile and wear it throughout the day. You could discover that a very combative friend seems to be demanding changes in areas that you would prefer stay the same. Explaining the wisdom of your ways might be important. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You rarely exaggerate, yet your words will have a loud, extravagant quality to them. A friend at a distance could be far more provocative than you originally had thought. You might have second thoughts about inviting this person into your life. Tonight: Join friends for TGIF!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Before you act, you might need to evaluate your thoughts and needs. Make yourself aware of the financial implications of a potential change. Talk to someone who understands your situation and has more knowledge than you on the subject at hand. Tonight: Say "yes."

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You tend to go to extremes emotionally and financially. Be sure you can handle the implications of pursuing a dream before you take off. A friend might encourage you to take a hard look at what you are about to do. Tonight: Have an important discussion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You might feel the need for more privacy. Schedule time with a friend or loved one whom you enjoy and can share your feelings with. Be willing to shuffle your schedule around in order to suit your mood. You could be surprised by what happens. Tonight: Play it low-key.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Friends surround you. Even someone whom you view as an acquaintance could indicate that you are a friend to him or her. Wherever you go, invitations head your way. Do your best to get into weekend mode. Others seem to await your response. Tonight: Where the gang is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might want to switch gears and adapt to a situation involving your personal life. You are likely to have a lot of energy when completing certain tasks by a certain time. Lighten up, and know which direction you are heading in. Tonight: Out with your pals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Tap into your imagination and distance yourself while seeking a solution to a difficult situation. You could be surprised by what becomes evident as a result. Avoid repeating yourself in a conversation with a loved one or family member. Tonight: Go for a change of pace!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Be more forthright in your choices. You know what you want. At a certain point, you must act. You will feel better when you have committed to a path. Use caution with a Scorpio today; this person has a way of affecting you. Tonight: Love the one you're with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You might decide to move forward with a project that has been on the back burner. A partner could share a lot with you to encourage you to move on this matter. Communication could be powerful if you remain open. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer that is irresistible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You could be on top of what you are doing if you would relax and go with the flow of the moment. At this point, structuring plans might be futile, as there is a strong likelihood you will need to change them anyway. A loved one is lucky for you. Tonight: Around good music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You'll feel very cared about as a loved one demonstrates his or her feelings. You could find yourself in an unusual, creative situation. Right now, you need to follow your instincts. Your deep feelings are right-on. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

BORN TODAY

Former U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney (1941), actor Christian Bale (1974), former U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Surprise assets

Neither vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
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♡ 5 3
♢ A 5
♣ K J 3 2

WEST
♠ 4
♡ K 8 6 2
♢ Q 10 8 6 4 3 2
♣ 7

EAST
♠ Q J 9 7 6
♡ Q J 7
♢ J 9
♣ 10 9 8

SOUTH
♠ 8 5
♡ A 10 9 4
♢ K 7
♣ A Q 6 5 4

The bidding

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3	Pass
4	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	All pass		

Opening lead: Four of ♠

The final contract was excellent, and would have been easy to make with good splits. The 5-1 spade break combined with the 3-1 trump split caused problems.

South won the opening spade lead in dummy with the ace and played a club to his ace and another back to the king. He was hoping for a 2-2 trump split, which would have made it easy to ruff two hearts in dummy. That was not to be, so declarer led a heart from the board, hoping to duck this into the West hand. East rose smartly with the jack of hearts, South winning his ace.

Declarer crossed back to dummy with a spade to the king in order to lead another heart. East again rose to the occasion, winning his queen in order to play another round of trumps. South could no longer ruff two hearts in the dummy, but his ten-nine of hearts, seemingly useless a moment ago, had come into play. South was able take a ruffing finesse against West's king of hearts and bring home his slam. Well done!

This hand offers an important lesson — keep trying! Something might open up for you that wasn't there before. Bridge is a remarkable game in that way.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Ones calling the shots?
5 Rock blasters
9 Californie, for one
13 Apple variety
14 Goal for a runner
15 Renaissance painter Veronese
16 Deep-sea creature, literally
18 Mozart's "King of Instruments"
19 Seat of Dallas County, Alabama
20 Alternative strategies, literally
22 Churchill, for one
24 "Who, me?"
25 1,000 G's
27 Goes out for a bit?
30 Fusion, for one
35 Receptionist on "The Office"
37 It's frowned upon
39 Yellowish tone
40 Infomercial offers, literally
43 Time to say "¡Feliz año nuevo!"
44 Pioneers' journey, say
45 Unpopular spots
46 Buck
48 1980s surgeon general
50 Dennings of "Thor"
51 __ lane
53 "Who, me?"
55 Toddler's transport, literally
61 Alley wanderers
64 Certain Middle Easterner
65 Preflight purchase, literally
67 Pirouette, essentially
68 Settled down
69 "Truth in Engineering" automaker
70 First place?
71 Bothersome parasites
72 Block (up)

DOWN

1 Steals, with "off"
2 Former "Fashion Emergency" host
3 Surface fractures
4 Blockhead
5 Fire proof
6 Courses taken consecutively?
7 Depressing atmosphere
8 Energy
9 "Downton Abbey" title
10 Draped garment
11 The first "A" in A.A. Milne
12 Piles
15 Michael Jackson, e.g.
17 Tip off
21 One on the other side
23 Half a philosophical duality
25 "The Seven-Per-Cent Solution" author Nicholas
26 Adler of Sherlock Holmes lore
28 Look down
29 Snideness
31 Numerical prefix
32 "Look at this!"
33 Battleground
34 Start over, in a way
36 Sushi seaweed
38 Layered snack
41 Venue involving a lot of body contact
42 "Right Now (Na Na Na)" artist
47 Rogers Centre team, on scoreboards
49 Majestic display
52 Like some popular videos
54 Big brass
55 "Heavens to Betsy!"
56 Crossword component
57 Collapsed
58 Aware of
59 Where many subs are assembled
60 Really, really cool
62 Stir
63 Pass over
66 Downed

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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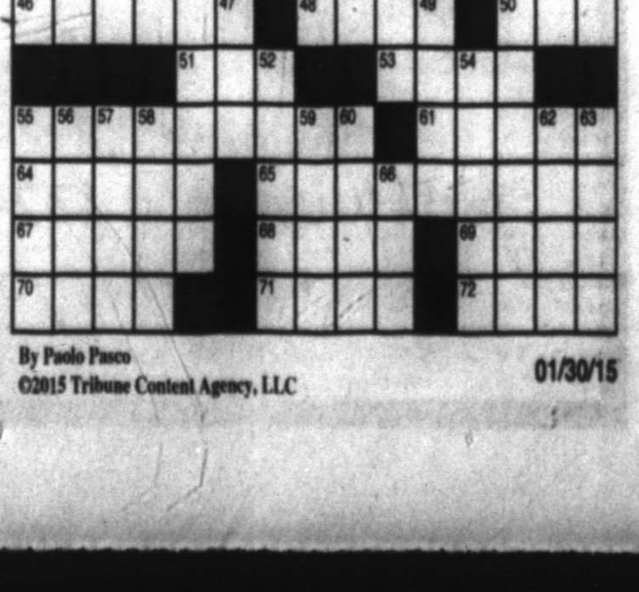

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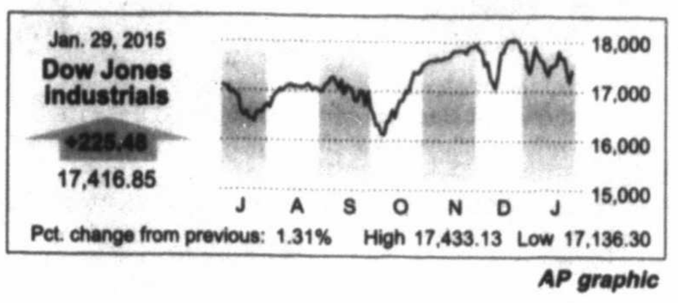

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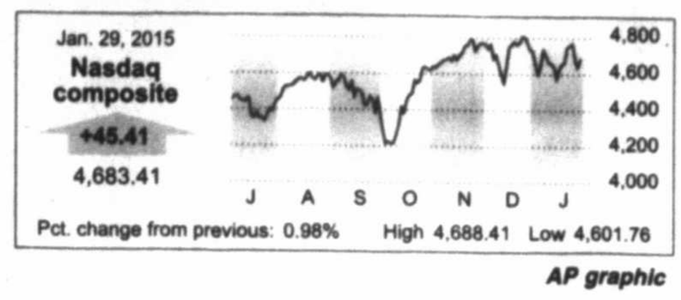

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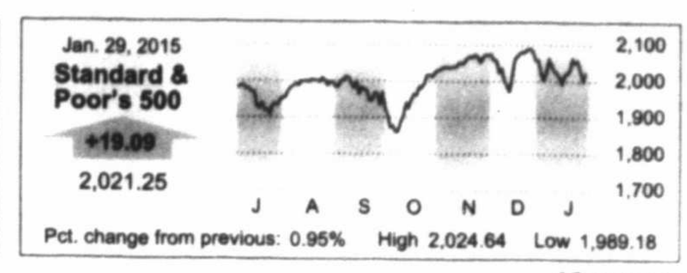

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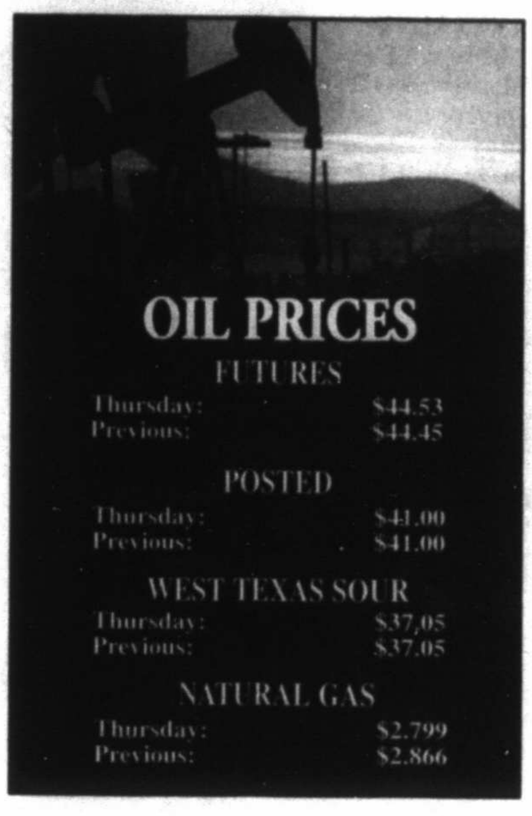

New McDonald's CEO faces onslaught of competition

Bay Candice Choi
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The new McDonald's boss must feel like a freshly crowned king under siege.

The world's biggest hamburger chain is facing an onslaught of competition, such as better-burger chains like Five Guys and brands like Chipotle that tout the superior quality of their ingredients.

Supermarkets and convenience stores are selling more on-the-go food, too. Last year, visits to convenience stores for prepared foods rose 3 percent, while visits to supermarkets were up 1 percent, representing millions of visits, according to The NPD Group.

After seeing its own customer visits decline at established U.S. locations for two straight years, McDonald's Corp. said Wednesday it was replacing CEO Don Thompson with its chief brand officer, Steve Easterbrook. It was the latest in a string of changes the company has announced in hopes of appeasing investors and winning back customers.

In addition to plans to simplify its menu and improve service, McDonald's recently launched a marketing campaign intended to associate its brand with the positive emotion of loving. And in early March, it's planning a "Turnaround Summit" for franchisees in Las Vegas.

But even if McDonald's gets its house in order, its rivals aren't going away. Here's a look at what it's up against in its flagship U.S. market:

BURGER BOOM: McDonald's is facing new burger competition.

Shake Shack, which is expected to make its much-anticipated debut on the New York Stock Exchange, promotes its use of hormone- and antibiotic-free beef and is emblematic of the "better burger" trend.

The company has grown to 63 locations around the world, including 36 in the U.S. Over time, it sees potential for at least 450 U.S. locations. That's tiny when compared with McDonald's, which has more than 36,000 locations around the world, including more than 14,000 in the U.S.

But Shake Shack isn't the only one rushing into the burger market. Five Guys, for instance, has more than 1,000 U.S. locations and more than 1,500 in development, according to its website. BurgerFi, which was founded in 2011 and has 63 locations, says it plans to add up to another 50 this year.

Traditional rivals also are pressuring McDonald's. Burger King in 2012 rolled out a new menu and marketing in hopes of revitalizing its brand. It has since introduced items that compete more directly with McDonald's, including a "Big King" sandwich that resembles a Big Mac.

Wendy's, meanwhile, is trying to position itself as a more premium fast-food chain with burgers and sandwiches made with speciqlty bread and remodeled stores with more inviting decor.

MCDONALD'S ANSWER: To step up its own game, McDonald's plans to roll out an option that lets people build their own burgers at 2,000 stores by later this year.

CHIPOTLE FACTOR: The gravitation toward places that promise better ingredients doesn't end with burger rivals. Chipotle, for instance, is often cited as the successful contrast whenever McDonald's troubles are mentioned.

A big part of Chipotle's draw is that people can walk down a line and watch their food being assembled quickly, exactly as dictated. Since McDonald's sold its stake in the chain in 2006, Chipotle has grown to more than 1,700 locations. In the latest quarter, sales surged 19.8 percent at established locations.

It's not just the format that attracts people, however. Chipotle also burnishes its image with its "Food with Integrity" slogan. That ethos around good ingredients is turning up throughout the industry. Subway this month rolled out new chicken strips that it says don't have artificial flavors or preservatives and says it's working on improving other ingredients.

MCDONALD'S ANSWER: McDonald's is taking note. Mike Andres, president of McDonald's USA, said last month the company is also looking at shrinking the ingredients it uses.

COFFEE AND BREAKFAST COMPETITION: For established coffee chains like Starbucks and Dunkin' Donuts, a key way of driving sales is becoming more of a destination for food.

Already, Starbucks says about a third of its transactions include a food item, and the company is pushing hard to increase that figure. It's introducing new salads and sandwiches that can be heated up in an oven. And to attract customers in the evenings, it's rolling out wine, beer and "small bites" like chicken skewers to thousands of locations in coming years.

Dunkin' Donuts is trying to boost food sales, as well, and has expanded sandwich offerings for the breakfast and lunch hours. Like Starbucks, it's trying to make more use of its stores in the afternoons, when the morning rush dies down.

Meanwhile, Taco Bell, which is owned by Yum Brands, last year launched a national breakfast menu in hopes of stealing some McDonald's customers. The Mexican-style food chain targeted the breakfast leader by featuring real-life people named Ronald McDonald professing their love for items like the waffle taco.

ANSWER: McDonald's has said it plans to play up its coffee offerings, which can be a draw for people who end up spending more on food. It's also playing up the fresh eggs it uses for its popular Egg McMuffin.

Stocks rise

After a shaky start, U.S. stocks rebounded Thursday, snapping a two-day losing streak.

Investors welcomed better-than-expected quarterly results from several companies, including Ford, Coach and Harley-Davidson. Homebuilder stocks surged.

Even energy stocks, which were down most of the day, recovered in concert with a slight uptick in oil prices. Benchmark U.S. crude oil rose 8 cents to close at $44.53 a barrel.

New government data showing that applications for unemployment benefits fell to the lowest level in almost 15 years added a dash of favorable economic news.

The broader market rally helped the major stock indexes regain some of the ground they lost earlier in the week, though they remain down for the year.

"We've had a bit of a turnaround since the lows we saw earlier in the day," said Anastasia Amoroso, global market strategist at J.P. Morgan Funds. "It appears earnings outside of energy (stocks) have been rather strong."

Investors have had no shortage of market-moving news to digest this week, from the outcome of a national election in Greece with potential implications for the Eurozone, to the Federal Reserve's latest take on the economy and interest rates. It's also the busiest week of the current earnings season, with 142 companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 scheduled to report.

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1402282	201.99	+1.85
BkofAm	747173	15.43	+.23
Alibaba n	660035	89.81	-8.64
CSVLgNGs	658306	2.85	-.45
B iPVixST	626594	33.50	-1.17

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
K12	14.40	+3.35	+30.3
Harman	125.01	+24.00	+23.8
MarineMx	24.98	+3.99	+19.0
MagnaChip	14.15	+2.13	+17.7
MillerE pfC	10.60	+1.20	+12.8

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Frontline	2.43	-.56	-18.7
DoralFin	2.66	-.54	-16.9
Albemarle	47.77	-7.60	-13.7
CSVLgNGs	2.85	-.45	-13.6
DrGMnBll rs	30.42	-4.12	-11.9

Diary

Advanced	2,116
Declined	1,029
Unchanged	96
Total issues	3,241
New Highs	232
New Lows	150
Volume	4,028,471,623

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	49141	4.82	-.18
SynergyRs	42972	11.84	+.59
CherienerEn	41965	71.25	-.16
BarcGSOil	39919	9.92	+.07
OrMnBll rs	34450	2.84	+.53

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ConMedix	2.84	+.53	+22.9
Bacterin rs	3.23	+.28	+9.5
Ashford n	118.98	+8.83	+8.0
Frischs	27.54	+1.74	+6.7
ContlMatls	17.52	+1.00	+6.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CT Ptrs	4.35	-2.17	-33.3
AttarcAst	172.01	-18.74	-9.8
PacBkM g	4.25	-.40	-8.7
MagHR pfE	15.33	-1.17	-7.1
BP Tin	40.13	-2.44	-5.7

Diary

Advanced	211
Declined	194
Unchanged	25
Total issues	430
New Highs	19
New Lows	12
Volume	94,029,371

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc s	8249401	118.90	+3.59
Microsoft	594564	42.01	+.82
Yahoo	590498	43.73	-2.73
Facebook	583669	78.00	+1.76
Qualcom	460430	63.69	-7.30

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GeneticT rs	3.61	+2.34	+183.1
SemierSc n	6.00	+2.31	+62.6
Neovasc g	9.00	+1.81	+25.2
NV5 wt	3.65	+.65	+21.7
SiteLkd	44.88	+7.94	+21.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Performnt	4.21	-1.65	-28.2
BostPrv wt	4.64	-1.16	-20.1
CS VSSlv	23.03	-5.14	-18.2
Cnova n	6.28	-1.09	-14.8
Attunity	9.05	-1.48	-14.1

Diary

Advanced	1,819
Declined	887
Unchanged	135
Total issues	2,841
New Highs	39
New Lows	112
Volume	2,043,952,309

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $55.55 Up 1.34

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $106.46 Unchanged

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $10.96 Up 0.32

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $68.64 Up 2.56

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $9.52 Down 0.64

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.61 Down 0.09

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $20.33 Up 0.22

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $26.62 Up 0.46

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $9.10 Up 0.10

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.48 Up 0.79

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	...	3.74	-.18	-37.0
AT&T Inc	1.88f	28	32.96	+.26	-1.9
Abraxas	...	10	2.89	-.02	-1.7
AdamsEx	1.18e	...	13.54	+.10	-1.0
AMD	...	...	2.61	-.02	-2.2
Alibaba n	...	...	89.81	-8.64	-13.6
AlonUSA	.40a	50	12.05	+.04	-4.9
Ambev	.27e	...	6.81	+.24	+10.4
AmAirlines	.40	13	52.24	+1.62	-2.6
Amgen	3.16f	23	156.37	+1.73	-1.8
Anadarko	1.08	...	80.14	+.96	-2.9
Apache	1.00	...	61.23	+.11	-2.3
Apple Inc s	1.88	16	118.90	+3.56	+7.7
ApldMatl	.40	27	23.82	+.25	-5.2
ATMOS	1.56f	19	58.89	+1.15	+5.3
AutoData	1.96	26	84.35	-.16	+1.2
BP PLC	2.40f	6	38.75	-.13	+1.7
BabeCCInv	1.20	...	15.90	-.07	+.1
BakrHu	.58	14	57.08	+.13	+1.8
BkofAm	.20	44	15.43	+.23	-13.8
B iPVixST	...	...	33.50	-1.17	+6.3
BarrickG	.20	30	12.29	-.32	+14.3
BasicEnSv	...	81	5.70	-.02	-18.7
BerkHa A	...	1721	199998.00	+2838.00	-2.7
BlkHillsCp	1.82f	20	51.84	+1.19	-2.3
Boeing	3.64f	20	147.78	+8.14	+13.7
BrMySq	1.48f	51	61.14	-.19	+3.6
BrownFA	1.28f	29	91.00	+.50	+3.7
BrownFB	1.28f	29	90.44	+.26	+3.0
CVS Health	1.40f	26	100.11	+.51	+3.9
Cameron	...	12	42.23	...	-15.5
Caterpillar	2.80	14	80.00	-.01	-12.6
Celestic g	...	12	11.18	+.33	-4.8
CntryLink	2.16	27	37.50	-.85	-5.3
ChenEng	.35	21	19.21	+.06	-1.8
Chevron	4.28	9	103.00	-.71	-8.2
Chicos	.30	26	16.60	-.01	+2.4
Cimarex	.64	16	100.64	-.15	-5.1
Cisco	.76	19	27.22	+.42	-1.5
Citigroup	.04	22	47.62	+.52	-12.0
CleyEng	...	12	55.55	+1.34	-12.9
Coach	1.35	15	38.94	+2.48	+3.7
CocaCola	1.22	23	42.10	+.18	-.3
ColgPalm	1.64	30	69.03	+3.91	-.2
Comcast	.90	17	53.87	-.72	-7.1
ConAgra	1.00	...	36.47	-.06	+.5
ConchoRes	...	23	106.46	...	+6.7
ConocoPhil	2.92	10	62.82	+.24	-9.0
CrackerB	4.00	24	137.55	+3.03	-2.3
CSVLgNGs	...	...	2.85	-.45	-28.4
CSVLgCrde	...	...	2.49	+.03	-49.1
CSVelIVST	...	...	27.82	+.89	-10.7
CSVixShI	...	...	2.99	-.21	+8.3
CrosTim	2.60e	7	18.63	-.13	+7.8
DCP Mid	3.08f	29	36.97	-.88	-18.6
DTE	2.76	21	91.54	+1.31	+6.0
Dataram	...	...	2.31	+.09	+35.9
Dawson	.32	...	10.96	+.32	-10.4
DevonE	.96	11	58.72	+.29	-4.1
DxGldBull	...	...	17.00	-.95	+52.3
DrxSCBear	...	...	12.18	-.53	+1.5
Disney	1.15f	22	93.22	+.55	-1.0
DowChm	1.68f	15	45.01	+1.98	-1.3
EMC Cp	.46	21	26.40	-.20	-11.2
EOG Res s	.87	16	88.91	+.81	-3.4
EmpDist	1.04f	19	31.45	+.69	+6.7
Energen	.08m	24	62.00	+.25	-2.8
EngyTsfr	3.98f	...	60.75	+1.62	-6.5
EnPro	.80	52	60.07	-.41	-4.3
EntPrdPt s	1.48f	23	34.36	+1.03	-4.9
Ericsson	.46e	...	12.36	+.38	+2.1
ExterranH	.80	18	26.69	-.69	-18.1
ExxonMbl	2.76	11	87.58	-.37	-5.3
Facebook	...	71	78.00	+1.76	...
FordM	.60f	10	14.85	+.39	-4.2
FrptMcM	1.25	...	16.83	-.59	-28.0
GATX	1.32	15	57.47	+.70	-.1
GabMdMT	1.05e	...	8.75	-.09	-2.6
GAInv	3.50e	...	33.94	+.09	-3.0
GenElec	.92f	16	24.08	+.24	-4.7
GenMotors	1.20	21	33.16	+.32	-5.0
GenelicT rs	...	...	3.61	+2.34	+87.5
GtPlainEn	.90f	19	30.06	+.50	+5.8
Groupon	...	...	7.34	+.39	-11.1
HalconRes	...	...	1.45	+.06	-18.5
Hallibrtn	.72f	9	39.57	+.10	+.6
HuntBrnch	.24	13	10.08	+.31	-4.2
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iShSilver	...	...	16.24	-.99	+7.8
iShEMkts	.88e	...	40.12	...	+2.1
iS Eafe	2.26e	...	62.20	+.84	+2.2
iShR2K	1.51e	...	118.30	+1.61	-1.1
IntegrysE	2.72	21	83.13	+.86	+6.8
Intel	.96	15	34.21	+.44	-5.7
InterDig	.80	...	51.41	+.92	-2.8
JPMorgCh	1.60	11	55.67	+.92	-10.5
JetBlue	...	16	17.16	+1.39	+8.2
JohnsJn	2.80	18	102.38	+.90	-2.1
KimbClk	3.36	27	110.22	+.59	-4.6
LegacyRes	2.44	...	9.52	-.03	-16.7
Lubys	...	...	4.84	...	+6.4
MVJrGold	...	...	26.59	-1.04	+11.1
MktVGold	.12e	...	21.59	-.38	+17.5
MktVRus	.64e	...	14.81	-.19	+1.2
McDnlds	3.40	19	93.27	+4.49	-.5
Merck	1.80f	34	62.09	+.64	+9.3
MeritMed	...	32	15.61	+.22	-9.9
MexcoEn	...	51	4.61	-.09	-15.1
MicronT	...	10	29.71	+.62	-15.1
Microsoft	1.24	17	42.01	+.82	-9.6
Nabors	.24	9	10.61	+.12	-18.3
NBGreece	...	...	1.21	+.18	-32.4
NatGrid	3.48e	...	71.94	+.38	+1.8
NOilVarco	1.84	9	53.26	-.27	-18.7
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NuvPI	.82e	...	14.33	+.05	+3.4
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NTXOI	.65e	...	14.71	-.01	+1.7
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PetrbrsA	.85e	...	6.61	-.33	-12.8
Petrobras	.46e	...	6.40	-.16	-12.3
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PioNtrl	.08	...	146.26	+1.71	-1.7
PlainsAAP	2.70f	20	48.90	-.90	-4.7
PwShs QQQ	1.65e	...	101.89	+.97	-1.3
Praxair	2.86f	22	121.45	-1.18	-6.3
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PUltVixST	...	...	27.13	-2.07	+7.9
Qualcom	1.68	14	63.69	-7.30	-14.3
RangeRs	.16	20	45.49	-1.49	-14.9
RegionsFn	.20	11	8.85	+.11	-16.2
RiteAid	...	22	7.26	-.16	-3.5
Rowan	.40	12	20.28	-.92	-13.0
RoyDShllA	3.76	12	62.31	-1.80	-6.9
SpdrDJIA	3.47e	...	173.90	+2.18	-2.2
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Torchmrk s	.51	13	50.85	+.53	-6.1
TrlConti	.75e	...	21.04	+.17	-1.7
Twitter	...	...	36.68	-.47	+2.3
TylerTech	...	72	110.50	+1.68	+1.0
UBWV	1.28	19	34.84	+.24	-7.0
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US OilFd	...	...	16.68	-.12	-18.1
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Vale SA	.55e	...	6.91	-.29	-15.5
ValeroE	1.60f	7	52.08	+.57	+5.2
VangEmg	1.17e	...	41.04	+.04	+2.5
VerizonCm	2.20	19	46.11	+.06	-1.4
VulcanM	.24	52	71.34	+1.31	+8.5
WslgBoots	1.35	35	74.57	+.80	-2.1
WellsFargo	1.40	13	52.76	+.60	-3.8
WstnRefin	1.20f	10	36.50	+.13	-3.4
WhitingPet	...	6	27.76	-.16	-15.9
WmsCos	2.28f	61	43.59	+1.08	-3.0
XcelEngy	1.20	20	38.11	+.86	+6.1
Xerox	.25	14	13.96	+.32	-2.2
Yahoo	...	6	43.73	-2.73	-13.4

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18,103.45	15,340.69	Dow Jones Industrials	17,416.85	+225.48	+1.31	-2.28	+9.90
9,310.22	7,009.98	Dow Jones Transportation	8,851.29	+52.45	+.60	-3.16	+21.22
657.17	491.27	Dow Jones Utilities	652.11	+8.88	+1.38	+5.51	+29.80
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22,004.68	18,575.20	Wilshire 5000	21,329.59	+194.02	+.92	-1.57	+10.99
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Ex-NFL star Aaron Hernandez goes on trial on murder charges

By Michelle R. Smith
Associated Press

FALL RIVER, Mass. — With his ex-teammates about to play in the Super Bowl, former New England Patriots star Aaron Hernandez went on trial on murder charges Thursday, watching from the defense table as prosecutors said DNA on a shell casing and security-camera video from his own home connect him to the crime.

Hernandez's lawyer countered that the NFL player had "the world at his feet" and had no reason to kill. He repeatedly told jurors that the athlete is innocent and said authorities "locked" in on him as a suspect early on, ignored evidence and conducted a "sloppy and unprofessional" investigation.

Hernandez, 25, is charged in the 2013 shooting death of Odin Lloyd, a 27-year-old semipro football player who was dating the sister of Hernandez's fiancee. Lloyd's bullet-riddled body was found in an industrial park near Hernandez's North Attleborough home, not far from Gillette Stadium.

Hernandez — who had a $40 million contract as a tight end but was cut by the Patriots just hours after his 2013 arrest — could get life in prison if convicted. On Sunday, the Patriots will meet the Seattle Seahawks in the Super Bowl.

In a separate murder case that has yet to come to trial, Hernandez was charged last year in Boston with killing two men in 2012 after someone spilled a drink on him at a nightclub.

Prosecutors in this trial have suggested that Lloyd may have been killed because he knew too much about that crime. But the judge has ruled that prosecutors cannot tell the jury about those slayings.

Hernandez

In opening statements Thursday, District Attorney Patrick Bomberg showed the jury before-and-after security video to connect Hernandez to Lloyd's killing.

He played footage that he said showed Lloyd getting into a Nissan Altima rental car driven by Hernandez, then video from the NFL player's home, taken shortly after Lloyd was killed, without Lloyd in the car.

Prosecutors say Hernandez and two of his friends drove Lloyd to the industrial park and shot him. The two friends are awaiting trial.

The prosecutor also presented an image taken off Hernandez's video surveillance system that showed Hernandez standing outside his basement, holding what Bomberg said was a gun.

He said a marijuana joint found near Lloyd's body had Hernandez's and Lloyd's DNA. Hernandez's DNA was also on a shell casing from a bullet found under the driver's seat of the rental car, Bomberg said. He told jurors that the casing was fired by the same weapon as casings found at the crime scene: a .45-caliber Glock.

As the prosecutor showed jurors a photo of Lloyd's body, his mother was overcome and had to leave the courtroom briefly.

Defense attorney Michael Fee told the jury that Hernandez is an innocent man.

"Aaron never had a chance," Fee said. "They locked on Aaron and they targeted him."

He said the evidence would show that Hernandez did not kill Lloyd and did not ask anyone to do so. He said authorities could offer no motive for the killing.

"The investigation was sloppy and unprofessional. What about the facts that showed Aaron's innocence?" he said. "The evidence will show that they were ignored."

Noting that Hernandez had long-term football contract, a new house, a fiancie and a 7-month-old baby, the defense attorney said Hernandez "was planning a future, not a murder."

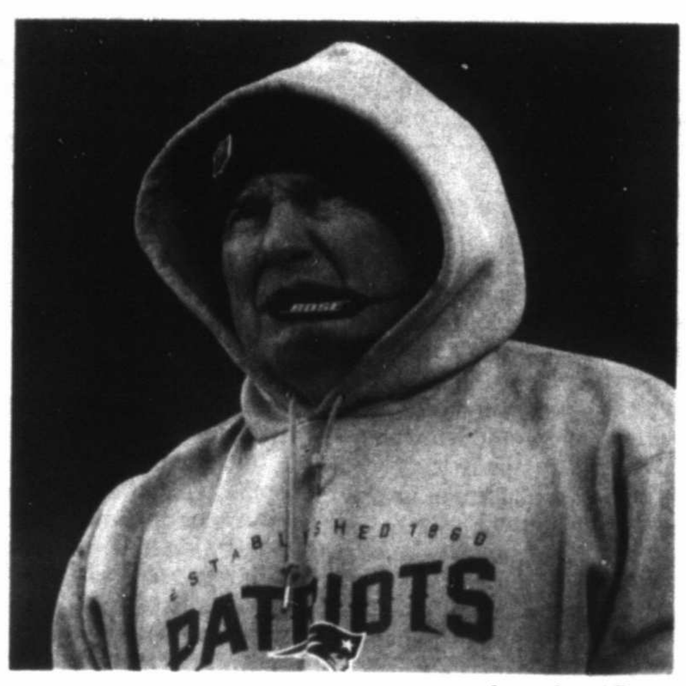
Evidence that Hernandez was at the scene is not enough to convict him, Fee said.

"Mere presence is not enough," he told the jury. "We can't be convicted of a crime just because we hang with the wrong people or are in the wrong place."

Hernandez often leaned forward in court, paying close attention to opening statements and witness testimony, including the account of Matthew Kent, who was a high school freshman when he found Lloyd's body while jogging.

Hernandez's fiancie, Shayanna Jenkins, sat behind him with Hernandez's brother, DJ, who coaches college football in Iowa.

Coaching Contrast



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LEFT: Seattle Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll stands on the sideline during a Sept. 21 game in Seattle. **RIGHT:** New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick watches from the sideline during a Dec. 21 game in East Rutherford, N.J. When the cameras are on, Belichick is the perfect antidote to insomnia. Carroll gets all touchy feely. But for all the differences, each has used his style to build an intense brand of team loyalty.

Belichick, Carroll coach Super Bowl from different angles

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Put Bill Belichick behind a microphone and he's C-SPAN — minus the information.

Pete Carroll is more like a Lifetime movie. Or, as defensive lineman Michael Bennett puts it, "He has that Benjamin Button effect on everyone."

The Super Bowl coaches approach their obligations to the public and media from opposite ends. Belichick, coaching for his fourth championship in New England, is dry, offers little to no insight and rarely makes anyone laugh. Carroll, looking for his second straight title, is a high-fiving, fist-bumping extrovert who started one of his news conferences this week with a welcoming, "What's up?!?"

Different styles have produced similar results, though.

Belichick is making his sixth Super Bowl appearance as a head coach and his Patriots are as close as there is to a dynasty in the current NFL. Carroll's team is being mentioned as a possible dynasty, as well, and that notion will only gain steam if the Seahawks win Sunday and become the first back-to-back champions since, who else?, New England in 2003-04.

Dissimilar as they are, they have both built their teams on a foundation of unflinching candor inside their locker and meeting rooms — a quality Carroll brings to some of his public speaking, but one that Belichick eschews.

"What you see on TV is what you get, pretty much, from the two," said Patriots cornerback Brandon Browner, who previously played for Carroll in Seattle. "They have similarities too, though. Their football IQ is way up there. They are so different, but at the same time they're the same. That's why they both have succeeded at this level."

Over his 15 years in New England, Belichick has made it increasingly difficult for anyone outside of Patriots Nation to love him. Nobody likes a boring cheater, and that is how he's sometimes portrayed. It's all summed up in his handling of the controversy of Super Bowl week — Deflategate — a subject he has refused to talk about since Saturday, when he held a news conference to deny wrongdoing and announce he was moving on. "We're just focused on Seattle this week," he's said, repeating some version of that time and again.

A much fuller picture of the coach was painted in the 2013 NFL Network production "A Football Life," which gave an inside and genuinely absorbing look at the coach — miked up and behind the scenes during what turned out to be a disappointing 2009 season.

"Hard not to get choked up about it," Belichick said, barely controlling the tears as he toured his old stomping grounds, the old Giants Stadium, where he won his first two Super Bowl rings as New York's defensive coordinator. "I spent a lot of hours in that room."

One trait his old boss, Bill Parcells, turned into an art was figuring out how to get the most from each of his players by treating them individually.

It's not a trait Belichick shares, at least in the sense that no one seems to get the Superstar Treatment in New England: High-priced cornerback Darrelle Revis got sent home one day for being late for a meeting. Jonas Gray ran for 201 yards in a win against Indianapolis but has barely been heard from again after showing up late for a meeting.

"He's done a good job of treating everybody fairly, treating everybody the same," said Patriots linebacker Rob Ninkovich. "If something goes wrong, he makes sure we know about it. It's all about knowing how to get the best out of everybody."

Carroll does the same thing — just differently.

Quirky as they come, he once said a book that guided many of his core philosophies was, "The Inner Game of Tennis," a 1974 self-help manuscript by W. Timothy Callwey that is about finding "the state of 'relaxed concentration' that helps you play your best."

It's also about tennis, but "the stuff really resonated," Carroll said in an interview while he was coaching Southern California.

In keeping with the touchy-feely theme, he has repeatedly made it clear this week that he respects the individuality of his players — from Richard Sherman, who is willing to speak on just about everything, to Marshawn Lynch, who doesn't want to talk about anything.

The coach's willingness to bend, however, does not mean he deviates from the consistent routine he established when he came to Seattle after nine years at USC. Wednesdays are "Competition Wednesdays." Thursdays are "Turnover Thursdays." And so on.

"He's got a philosophy he stays true to," said offensive line coach Tom Cable. "For a lot of us who've coached a long time, we've been around a lot of great teachers, but their philosophies can go up and down. For him, he's the way he is every day."

Patriots owner Robert Kraft, who hired Carroll back in 1997, then Belichick in 2000, called his former coach, "pretty special to be around. A lot of fun."

He feels he set Carroll back by not giving him the full control he wanted, and the owner adjusted his style when he made the next hire.

Everyone benefited: Belichick and the Patriots — and Carroll and Seattle.

There's no big mystery to all this coaching success, Belichick insists.

"It's about players making the plays that your team needs to win," he said. "I think as a coach, you want to make sure you don't screw that up."

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already in the playoffs. Only once this season did Gronkowski have fewer than three catches in a game.

"Aw man, Beast Mode. He's an animal, man," New England wide receiver Brandon LaFell said stealing a phrase normally used to describe Lynch. "When you put a corner on him, he's too small. When you put a safety on him, he's too slow, man. You know, when Gronk is out there doing his thing he is demanding a double team and if he's not being double teamed, he's out there making plays for us."

The difference with Seattle is they have Chancellor — a safety with a linebacker build and cornerback speed — who can match up with Gronkowski. Many felt it was Chancellor and not Malcolm Smith that should have been Super Bowl MVP a year ago. It was Chancellor's hit on Demaryius Thomas on Denver's second possession that set the tone for Seattle's rout.

"That hit alone could have gotten him Super Bowl MVP," Sherman said.

Seattle struggled earlier in the season defending tight ends, breaking from a trend of being able to shut down elite players at that position in the past. San Diego's Antonio Gates caught three touchdowns in Week 2 against Seattle and Oakland's Mychal Rivera had eight catches and two TDs in early November.

Those performances were outliers. Against most elite tight ends, Seattle has been at its best. In two games last season against New Orleans, Jimmy Graham had a combined four catches for 50 yards against the Seahawks. Vernon Davis hasn't caught more than three passes against Seattle in five games over the past two seasons. Julius Thomas was limited four catches for all of 27 yards in last year's Super Bowl romp.

"They definitely have an image of being physical. They've got an image of coming out and being ready to dominate," Gronkowski said.

Marshawn Lynch talks about why he doesn't talk to the media

By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Marshawn Lynch changed the script and fired back at his critics.

After two days of giving only scripted answers, the Seattle Seahawks' star running back gave his most extensive comments of Super Bowl week, mostly telling reporters why he won't talk to them.

"I don't know what story y'all trying to get out of me. I don't know what image y'all trying to portray of me," Lynch said Thursday. "But it don't matter what y'all think, what y'all say about me because when I go home at night, the same people that I look in the face — my family that I love, that's all that really matter to me. So y'all can go make up whatever y'all want to make up because I don't say enough for y'all to go and put anything out on me."

When Lynch arrived at the podium, a man with a reporter's credential who said he was a teacher asked him to give his students a "shoutout."

But Lynch wouldn't bite and began his unscripted statement.

"Y'all shove cameras and microphones down my throat," Lynch continued. "But when I'm at home in my environment, I don't see y'all, but y'all mad at me. And if you ain't mad at me, then what y'all here for? I ain't got nothing for y'all, though. I told y'all that."

Lynch, who had spurned reporters' efforts to get him to talk at mandatory news conferences Tuesday and Wednesday, seemed frustrated that they were still trying.

"I'm here preparing for a game. And y'all want to ask me these questions, which is understandable. I could get down with that. But I told y'all. I'm not about to say nothing. ... All of my requirements are fulfilled."

Lynch praised his teammates, his hometown of Oakland, California, and his Family First Foundation. When asked who the best player on the Seahawks was, he said: "All of them."

As he has all week, Lynch stayed five minutes before leaving.

At Media Day on Tuesday, Lynch repeated: "I'm just here so I don't get fined" while talking to reporters.

On Wednesday, he replied to all questions with: "You know why I'm here."

Singer Katy Perry borrowed Lynch's catchphrase during her news conference to discuss her halftime performance.

Asked which player she has her eye on, Perry said: "I'm just here so I don't get fined."

NFL says reported concussions down 25 percent

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

PHOENIX — The number of recorded concussions dropped 25 percent during the regular season, according to the NFL, even as injury reporting and trips to injured reserve list rose overall.

Data released by the league Thursday shows there were 111 concussions in games during the 2014 regular season, down from 148 in 2013, and 173 in 2012, a 36 percent drop over that three-year span.

This follows repeated changes by the NFL meant to cut down on blows to the head, including reduced practice time and rules protecting defenseless receivers and barring leading with the crown of the helmet.

"It would have been nice if we had started this in 1930, but we didn't," said San Francisco 49ers chairman John York, who leads the owners' health and safety committee. "And as things came to our attention, we took more interest in looking at these questions."

When preseason games, plus preseason and regular-season practices, are included, the 202 concussions this season declined 12 percent from 2013, and 23 percent from 2012. That's despite no new rules meant to protect players' heads.

"Players are changing the way they're tackling," NFL Senior Vice President of Health and Safety Policy Jeff Miller said. "They're changing the way they play the game."

Addressing two other areas of player health, Miller said that as concussions have gone down, "We have not seen a correlation with an increase of knee injuries, at all," and that "for the fourth consecutive year, injuries on Thursdays are no greater than they are on Sunday and Monday."

In all, the concussion rate is down to 0.43 per game, Miller said, adding: "You have to play more than two games to get a concussion in the NFL, by those numbers."

A total of 59 concussions were caused by helmet-to-helmet or shoulder-to-helmet hits this season, the league's data says, almost exactly half as many as two years ago.

"With all the technological innovations that we've had over the past few years, I'm surprised the numbers keep going down," St. Louis Rams team doctor Matthew Matava said. "Because you'd think, with more vigilance, you'd see more of any sort of condition."

According to STATS, there were 265 players placed on injured reserve during the regular season in 2014, a 17 percent jump from the 226 the year before.

This season, for the first time, NFL injury data was collected by all 32 teams through electronic medical records, allowing for more comprehensive accounting. That system does a better job of capturing all injuries — from a bruise, say, to a broken leg — according to Christina Mack, an epidemiologist at Quintiles, a clinical research organization that works with the league.

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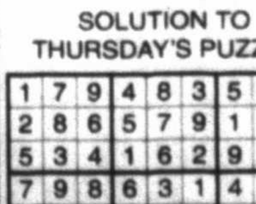

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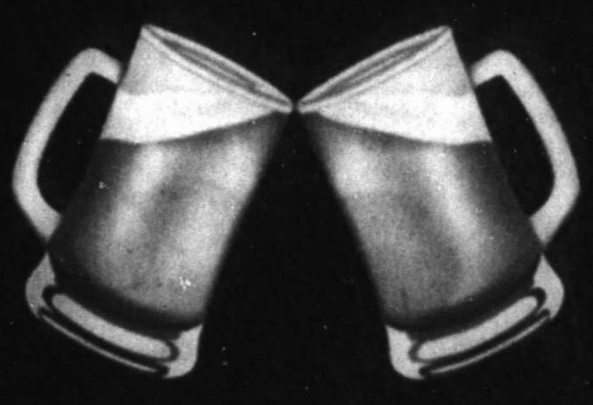

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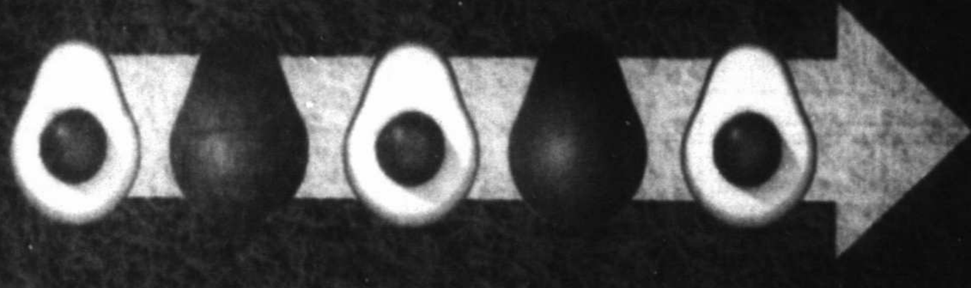

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Smoke free environment. Fax resume to 432-682-8949, apply in person, or email resume to tomwilliams@flowerlandmidland.com, no phone calls.

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Immediate opening for full time development assistant. Responsibilities include data entry and management of donor database. Will design and implement database queries in response to requests for information providing timely and accurate records, reports, and lists. Will serve as the primary liaison between the Development Office and the accounting department. Will assist Development Director in special events and other duties as assigned. Must be detailed oriented, proficient in data base management, have excellent skills in word processing and spreadsheets. Please send resume to West Texas Food Bank, Attn: Development Director, 1008 East 2nd Street, Odessa, TX, 79761

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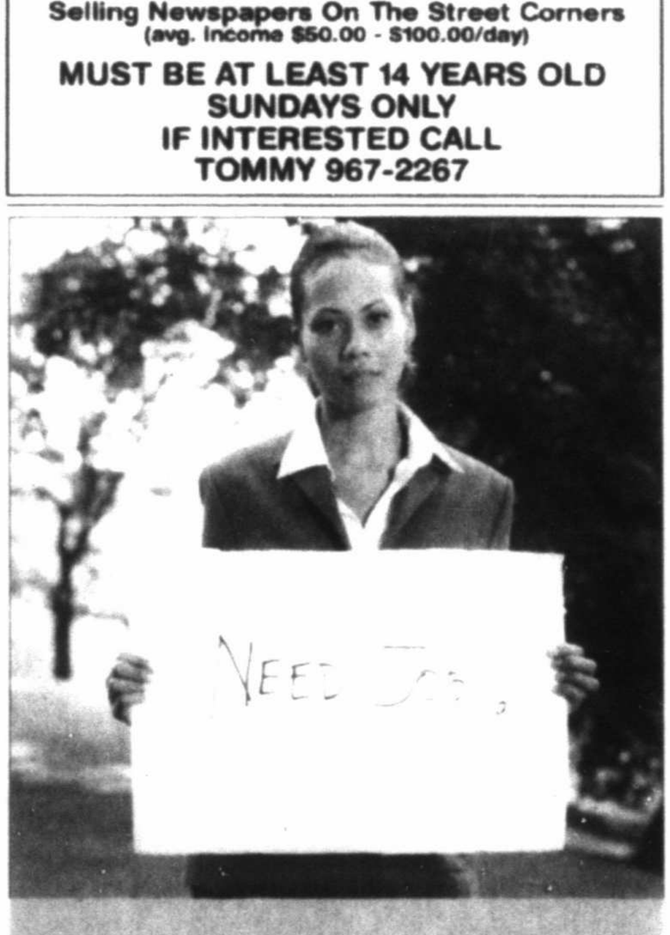

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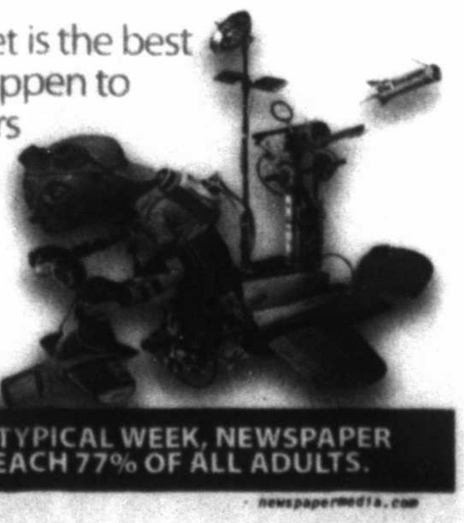

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These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

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The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the Position of "Fork Lift Operator" and other duties as assigned.

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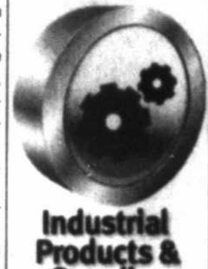

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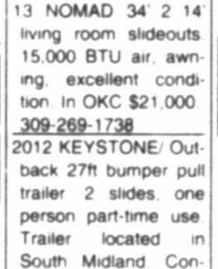

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Residential Sales

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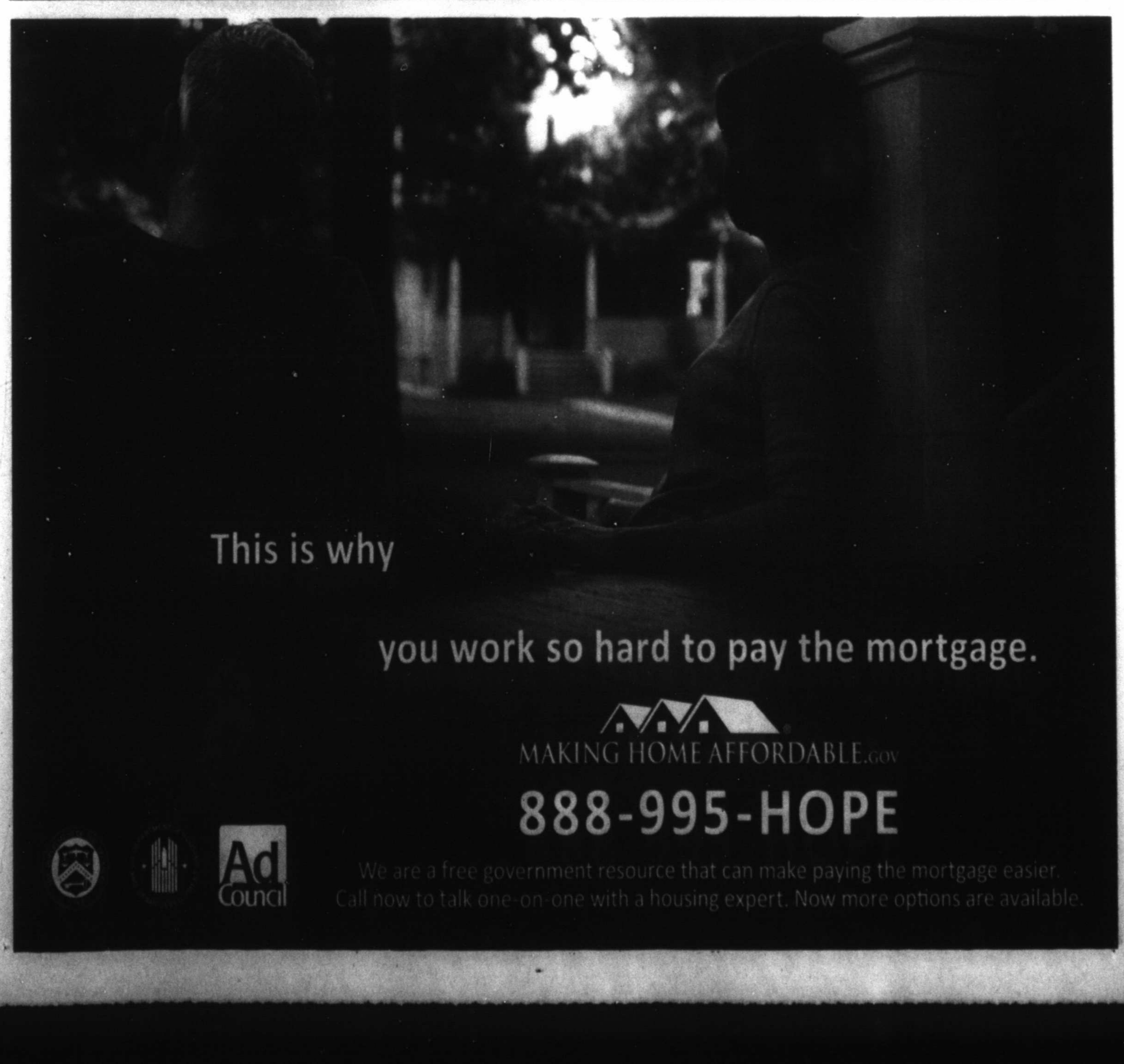

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