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Water district to dig deep within county

District projects population, water demand to continue growing

By Joseph Basco
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The Midland County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1 discussed the rapid increase in anticipated county population and water demand during Monday's Commissioners' Court meeting.

The presentation, shown to the commissioners by district General Manager Jay Edwards, revealed that the county population outside the Midland and Odessa city limits might increase to 28,277 in 2016, and the water demand might increase to 8,651 acre-feet.

The 2013 data, according to the presentation slides, is 25,102 for county population and 8,043 acre-feet for water demand. The district predicts county population and water demand as far as 2030, with an estimated 38,049 people and 9,843 acre-feet for that year.

The district's next step is to assess county groundwater sources and rank them by their distance, volume, quality and economic feasibility. The top three sources will have cost estimates, according to the presentation slide.

James Beach, senior vice president for LBG-Guyton Associates, a groundwater and environmental engineering consulting firm, said the next report that includes the viable sources will be released by August.

County Judge Mike Bradford said if there are not feasible sources within the county, then they might look for sources outside the county border.

He said the county might not be able to solve the water demand issue by itself and that it may join other groups such as the state.

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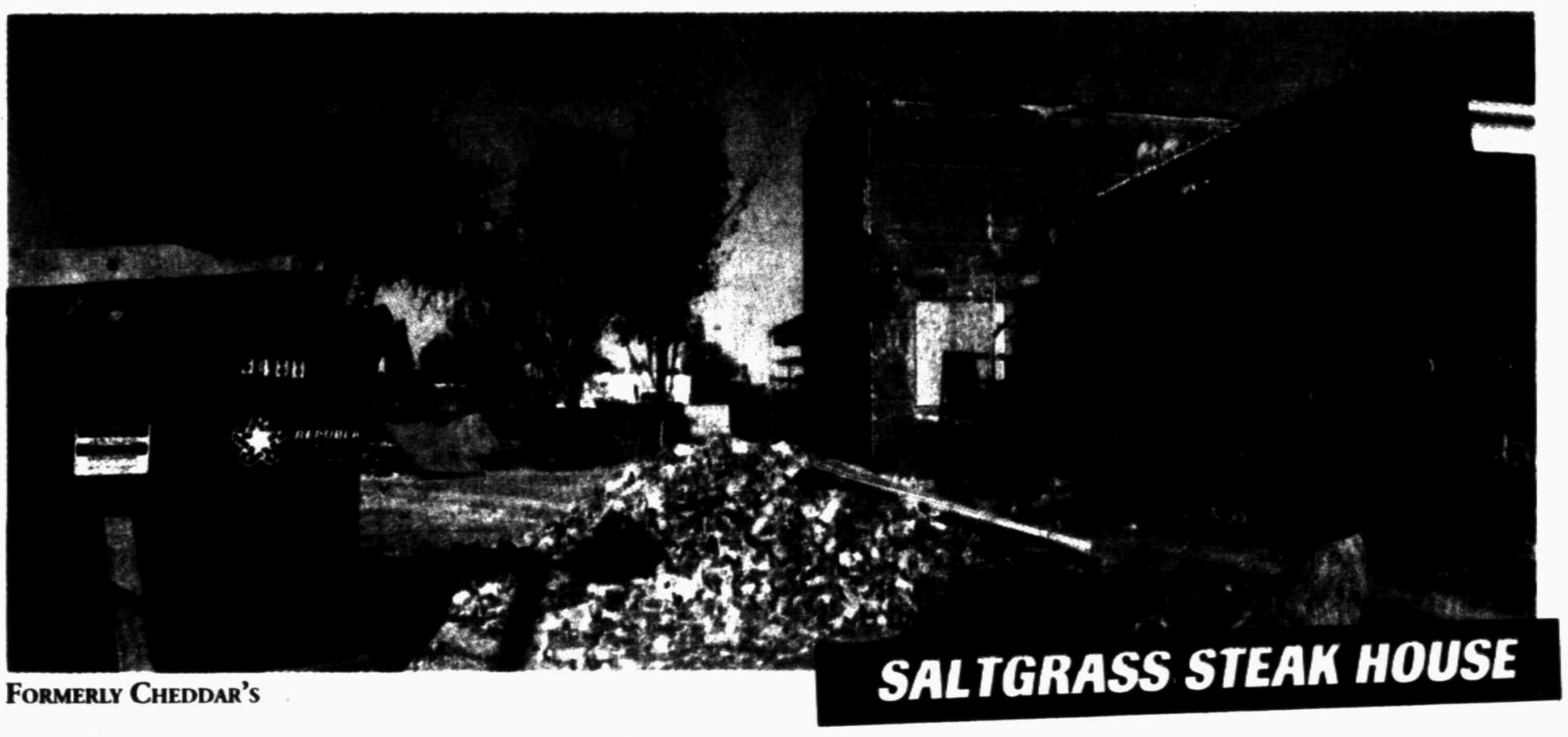
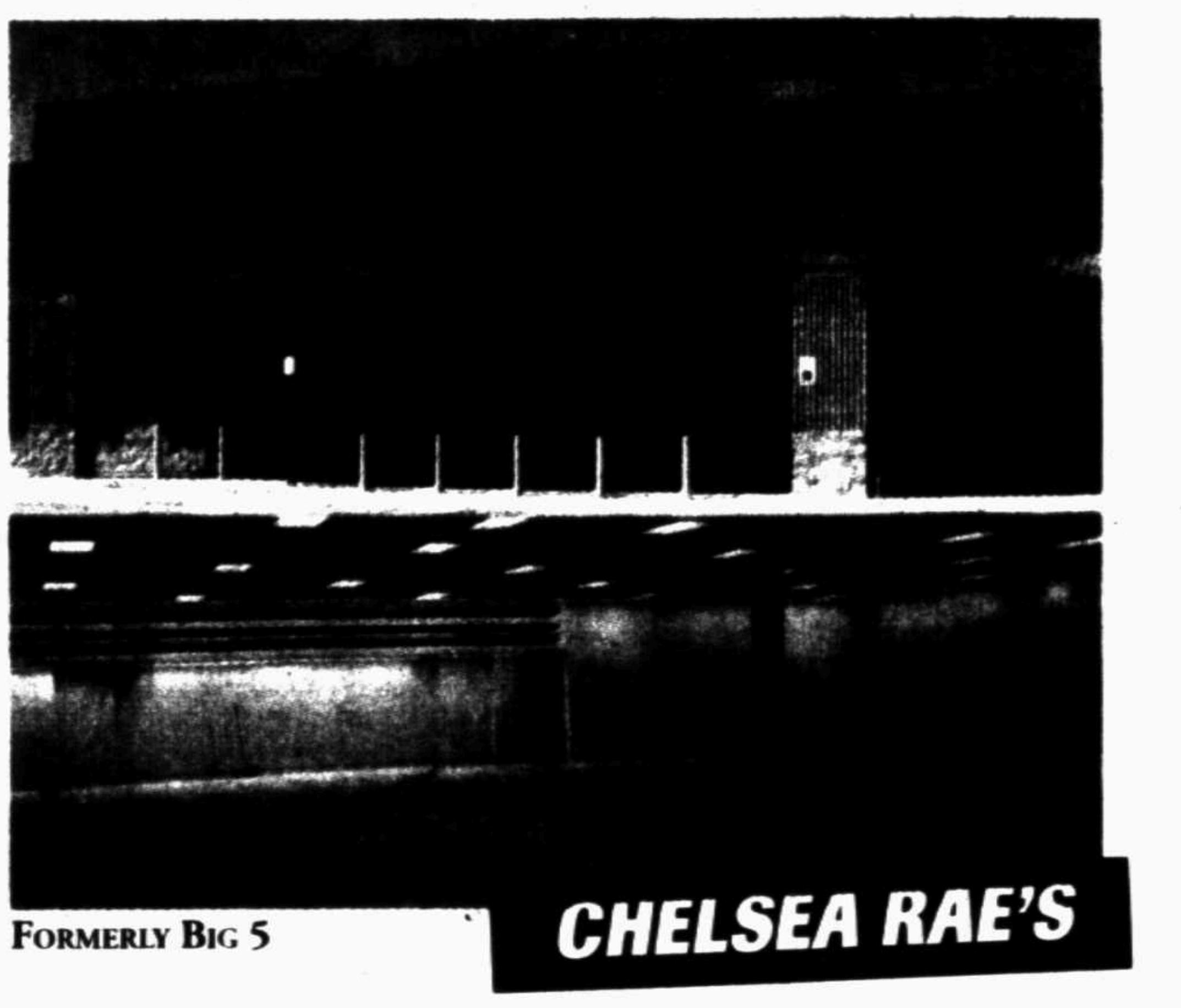


Formerly Cheddar's

Formerly Putt-Putt



Formerly Big 5

Developments along Midland's Loop 250

Saltgrass coming to Midland

Saltgrass Steak House has received a permit from the city of Midland to renovate the former Cheddar's at 4511 W. Loop 250 North. Completion is expected this summer.

Cheddar's closed down in May 2010.

Saltgrass is one of 40 brands owned by Houston-based Landry's Inc. This is believed to be the Landry's first Midland location.

According to its website, the closest Saltgrass location to Midland is in Amarillo.

Putt-Putt to be replaced by shopping center

Developers have acquired the former Putt-Putt at 3415 N. Loop 250 West, next to Lowe's Home Improvement with plans for a new shopping center on the site.

"We're already about 30 percent leased, and we haven't even started advertising it yet," said Kevin Leary, one of the partners in the project, a 50,000 square-foot center.

He said he and his partners are talking with some "big names" about the center and plan to release additional details soon.

Leary and John Morrow, another partner in the shopping center, acquired Ranchland Hills Golf Club last summer.

What's moving into the old Big 5 location?

Workers are busy converting the former Big 5 Sporting Goods location at 4100 W. Loop 250 North into the new home of Chelsea Rae's, which is currently in the Courtyard Shopping Center at 4410 N. Midkiff Road.

Chelsea Rae's does custom floral design, makes custom bedding and drapes and carries home decor from furniture to lamps, rugs, lighting, accessories and jewelry and scraped hardwood flooring. The store also offers interior design services and in-home consulting.

The story first appeared in the "Business Scene" column in Sunday's Business section.

ONLINE

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Photos by James Cannon and Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Landwoman broke new ground in man's world of oil leases

By Jeannie Kever
Houston Chronicle

Hellen Reasoner got her first big break in 1972, putting together a land project in North Texas.

She had been doing the paperwork that landmen handle for years, but she was still officially a legal secretary in Wichita Falls, and as a single mother with four kids, the chance to make more money sounded pretty good.

Convinced she was ready by Tom Hutchison, the geologist and independent oilman who hired her for the job, Reasoner sent five men to start leasing mineral rights in Haskell County.

But when she pulled into Haskell County to join her crew, the motel desk clerk refused to tell her what rooms they had booked.

The sexual revolution had not yet reached that corner of the state, nor had the idea that women could hold positions previously held only by men.

Getting the job done

Reasoner, however, had a job to do.

"I recognized their pickups and started knocking on doors," she said.

Landmen negotiate with landowners to create the leases that allow oil and gas companies to work on private land. And as the title suggests, it long was a man's world, although Marty Schardt, executive vice president of the American Association of Petroleum Landmen, said the name really is a shorthand job description for "land manager."

The semantics didn't matter to Reasoner, now Hellen Reasoner Hutchison. She married Tom Hutchison in 1975.

"I wanted to be called a landman," she said. "It's what I am."

About a third of the members of the American Association of Petroleum Landmen are women, and Schardt said the numbers are growing, but Hutchison said she was the first when she joined in 1973. By the time the organization named her landman of the year in 1997, Hutchison and her husband had moved to Houston, where she still maintains an office.

"She ran in a man's profession when women weren't there," said Jerry Ritter, a landman at Cobra Oil and Gas in

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Coalition applauds graduation requirement overhaul

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A coalition of 22 industry trade organizations said Monday it strongly supports a bill to reduce standardized testing and increase emphasis on career training in high schools statewide, endorsing the high-profile proposal a day before the Texas House is scheduled to debate it.

Jobs for Texas, which says it represents 300,000 Texas employers and more than 6 million jobs, wrote to all 150 state representatives saying House Bill 5 "will give students greater flexibility to pursue their interests and will allow schools to develop relevant, up-to-date programs that reflect the demands of Texas employers."

The bill is sponsored by Rep. Jimmie Don Aycock, a Killeen Republican who chairs the chamber's Education Committee. So far, there has been relatively little public opposition to the bill, though scores of proposed amendments will make for a long day of discussions.

"Our students and their parents deserve more flexibility to choose courses that interest them and will prepare them to thrive in higher education and the workplace," the letter said. It urged House members to support the bill and follow Aycock's lead on voting for or opposing amendments.

The measure would reduce from 15 to five the number of standardized tests that high school students must pass to graduate, leaving exams only in English reading and writing, Algebra I, biology and U.S. History. It also modifies curriculum requirements so students can choose one of five coursework pathways to get a diploma.

"It gives the flexibility for kids who don't necessarily want to be a nuclear scientist to find a job," Aycock said, promoting his bill to a group of reporters last week.

Others, though, say the bill dumbs down curriculum.

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Energy prices

WTI Futures	$94.81	▲	$1.10
WTI Posted	$91.00	▲	$0.75
WTS Posted	$83.05	▲	$0.75
Natural Gas	$3.865	▼	$0.062
Gasoline	$3.541	▼	$0.019

The big number
On Sunday, Midland used
10.2 million gallons
See more about the city's water usage on 2A.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Thing to do

- Permian Basin Master Gardeners' Spring Landscape School, 6:30-9:30 p.m., CAF Museum, 9600 Wright Drive. Admission: $100.

Meetings today

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

Midland Empty Bowls

There will be a community dinner fundraiser for the West Texas Food Bank from 6 to 9 p.m. at Trinity School Gym, 3500 W. Wadley Ave. The event cost is $10 for dinner in a ceramic bowl made by local potters and students from Trinity, Lee and Midland College.

Prayer gathering continues at Midland Center

A prayer gathering called Awake 7:14 continues 7-8:30 p.m. through Wednesday at Midland Center. Members of the Midland Prayer Breakfast team organized the four-day event.

The Rev. Jim Denison, president of Denison Forum on Truth and Culture and former pastor at First Baptist Church, will lead the program that is inspired by 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Today's program will be on "Seek My Face" and Wednesday's program will focus on "Turning Away From Wicked Ways." Child care will be available at First Baptist Church and First Presbyterian Church. For more information, visit www.awake714.com.

'Fracknation' to be shown today

The movie "Fracknation" will be shown today during the Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series event, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 I-20 West.

According to a press release, journalist Phelim McAleer faces threats and lawsuits as he questions "green extremists" about the truth about hydraulic fracturing.

During the movie, he uncovers facts suppressed by environmental activists and talks with Americans whose livelihoods are affected by the debate.

Club meetings, support groups today

- Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570 5935.
- Overeaters Anonymous; 7:30 p.m.; B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.
- Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m., Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org.
- Midland Optimist Club, Tuesdays, Abuelo's, 4610 N. Garfield St.; 685-7486.
- TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly) — at Christian Church of Midland, 2608 Neely Ave. Weigh-in at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 694-8643.
- Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St.; 687-1671.
- Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.

Water tracker

The following is the amount of water delivered to the city of Midland from the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the Paul Davis water fields.

Friday's total: 13,376,000 gallons (CRMWD 8,275,000, Paul Davis fields 5,101,000)

Saturday's total: 9,643,000 gallons (CRMWD 0, Paul Davis well fields 9,643,000)

Sunday's total: 10,241,000 gallons (CRMWD 132,000, Paul Davis fields 10,109,000)

Source: City of Midland

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 5-7-3
Pick 3 night: 4-6-6
Daily 4 day: 6-2-3-0
Daily 4 night: 9-9-1-3
Cash Five: 1-5-10-15-27
Texas Two Step: 7-10-13-19 BB: 33
All or Nothing (morning): 4-7-10-11-15-16-17-18-20-21-22-24
All or Nothing (day): 3-9-10-11-13-14-15-16-18-20-21-23
All or Nothing (evening): 1-3-4-5-8-10-12-15-16-18-22-24
All or Nothing (night): 1-4-7-9-11-13-16-17-19-20-21-24

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, March 26, the 85th day of 2013. There are 280 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On March 26, 1979, a peace treaty was signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and witnessed by President Jimmy Carter at the White House.

On this date:

In 1937, a 6-foot-tall statue of the cartoon character Popeye was unveiled during the Second annual Spinach Festival in the Texas community of Crystal City.

In 1982, groundbreaking ceremonies took place in Washington, D.C., for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Today's Birthdays:

Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is 83. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi is 73. Actor James Caan is 73. Singer Diana Ross is 69. Rock singer Steven Tyler (Aerosmith) is 65. Singer and TV personality Vicki Lawrence is 64. Country singer Kenny Chesney is 45.

MOTOR MPO plans for 8 workshops in April and May

By Joseph Basco
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The Midland Odessa Transportation Organization is planning eight public workshops in April and May to let citizens of both counties get involved in the transportation planning process.

The meetings will have nine stations that will educate the public on what MOTOR MPO is, as well as allow them to voice their traffic concerns, according to the collection plan that was discussed during the organization's policy board meeting Monday.

Robin Donnelly, MOTOR vice chair and Midland County Precinct 2 commissioner, said the information gathered from the meetings will be used for the organization's various plans, such as the metropolitan transportation plan and the regionally coordinated transportation plan.

The meetings, split evenly between Midland and Odessa, will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at various times throughout April and May. Donnelly said these meetings will allow MOTOR to identify areas in both counties that may have traffic safety or congestion concerns, by way of public comment.

The workshops also will be a time for the public to tell MOTOR about their travel patterns, transit option concerns, bicycle path desires and needs, ways to get involved in the transportation planning process and other general comments they may have, according to the collection plan. The workshops also include educational stations for the public to learn more about MOTOR and inform them about transportation funding sources.

MOTOR MPO announces new executive director

Former city of Midland Planning Division Manager Cameron Walker is the new MOTOR MPO executive director, as announced by MOTOR Chair Susan Redford during Monday's policy board meeting.

"We are more than excited," Redford said.

Walker, who was the chair of the organization's Technical Advisory Committee, said he met with Redford in Mid-January to talk about the position. The policy board then met in late February and later offered the job to Walker, which eventually led to Monday's official announcement.

"I'm very pleased to have this opportunity," Walker said. "The MPO function is known to me."

The executive director served his last day as the city's planning manager on March 18, according to city officials.

Walker's first day as executive director will be April 15. He said one of his first goals is to hear what the public has to say during the scheduled public workshops.

Workshops schedule

Odessa workshops

April 1: Sherwood Community Building, 4819 North Everglade

April 2: Woodson Commnunity Building, 1020 East Murphy

April 16: Slator Community Building, 1001 West 38th St.

April 18: Kellus Turner Community Building, 2261 W. Sycamore Dr.

Midland workshops

April 22: Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave.

May 6: Midland County Horseshoe Arena, 2514 Arena Trail

May 7: Centennial Public Library, 2503 W. Loop 250 N

Mid-Cities workshop

May 22: Atmos Energy Fischer Community Room, 2304 Loop 40, Midland

LANDWOMAN

From 1A

Wichita Falls, who worked for Hutchison off and on.

"If you were a good-looking woman like Hellen, you definitely had a leg up," Ritter said. "But even if you were a lady, you still had to know what you were doing."

Now, at 78 and battling the bad knees that are a legacy of years on her feet in courthouse clerks' offices, Hutchison thinks about how the job has been changed by technology, and what has remained the same. Even now, relatively few women in the business run their own firms, but Hutchison did from the start.

"It was new to the oil and gas business world, but I think the farmers trusted women more than they did men," she said. "I've been in a lot of situations where they'd say, I think we'll go with the lady."

And she said women are good at thinking outside the box. If she ever wants to know what's happening in the field, however, she doesn't have to look far.

Houston Chronicle

Hellen Reasoner Hutchison, seated, poses for a portrait with her son, Rick L. Reasoner and granddaughter, Rachel Reasoner, at her home on Thursday.

Her sons, a former daughter-in-law and a granddaughter all followed her into the business.

"Some people say, 'What's a landman?' " said granddaughter Rachel Reasoner, 27, who entered the field in 2011. "I never had that question because I grew up with my whole family being one."

Her oldest son, Rick L. Reasoner, started as a roughneck after graduating from high school in 1971.

What Hutchison wants, at least sometimes, is to still be in the thick of things, in the country's hottest shale plays.

She's not, although she hasn't completely retired.

"I still have a few people that call me," she said. "I don't take any big lease plays anymore."

She pauses for a minute, lost in thought.

"I'd like to, though."

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MCSO: Man assaults family members after anti-bullying event

An Odessa man was arrested Saturday after allegedly striking and choking two family members after a weekend wrestling show at the Horseshoe, according to his arrest affidavit.

Ismael Espinosa, 37, is being held on a $20,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault on a family or household member by impeding breathing. Espinosa also was arrested on a Class A misdemeanor for assault causing bodily injury and a Class C misdemeanor for public intoxication.

A sheriff's deputy was dispatched to a disturbance Saturday at about 10:30 p.m. at the Horseshoe, 2514 Arena Trail.

The deputy was traveling westbound on the north service road of Interstate 20 when the deputy saw the alleged suspect, identified as Espinosa, walking on the side of the road, according to the arrest report.

Espinosa told the deputy he had an argument with a female family member. The deputy allegedly detected alcohol odor coming from Espinosa. The deputy then transported Espinosa to the Horseshoe and made contact with the alleged victims, the report continues.

The complainant said Espinosa and some other people were attending the wrestling event, "Breaking the Silence." When the people were walking out of the arena, Espinosa allegedly was calling the brother of a family member names. Espinosa then allegedly grabbed the alleged male victim's throat and choked him when he told Espinosa to leave his relative alone, according to the report.

Espinosa allegedly tried to enter the driver seat of the vehicle and a female family member took the keys away from him. Espinosa then allegedly struck the woman in the face with his fist, causing her to bleed. Espinosa then allegedly began hitting the male victim, who was attempting to protect the female victim, according to the report.

If convicted, Espinosa could face up to 10 years in prison.

MPD: Suspect puts the squeeze on alleged robbery victim

Two Midlanders are behind bars after an alleged robbery Saturday where one suspect allegedly squeezed a man's genitals to help the suspects escape, according to the suspects' arrest affidavits.

Deborah A. Brown, 43, and Jeffrey S. Walling, 42, are being held on a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of robbery.

A MPD detective responded to a robbery call Saturday at about 12:40 p.m. in the 2400 block of Brunson Avenue.

The alleged male victim said he went to his backyard and found a woman, later identified as Brown, allegedly standing on a trailer parked next to his work shed.

When the alleged victim approached Brown, a man, later identified as Walling, allegedly exited the work shed with a shop radio in hand. When Walling saw the alleged victim, he ran toward a pickup parked outside of the shed and attempted to flee the scene, according to the arrest warrant affidavit.

The alleged victim followed after him and allegedly took the keys out of the pickup. Walling then squeezed the alleged victim's gentials, forcing him out of the vehicle, according to the affidavit.

Brown then entered the driver's side of the pickup and the alleged victim grabbed her purse as he was exiting the vehicle, according to the affidavit. The suspects then drove away from the scene. The purse contained Brown and Walling's driver's licenses.

MPD arrested both suspects at about 10:30 p.m. in the 400 block of East County Road 127, according to Midland County arrest records. If convicted, Brown and Walling could face up to 20 years in prison.

Sheriff's Office to receive more reserve deputies

By Tyler White
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The Midland County Commissioners' Court on Monday approved the expansion of the Sheriff's Office reserve deputy program, increasing the total by 10 for a total of 45 enrolled deputies.

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter requested this change to compensate for the county's population increase and an influx of security and retired peace officers.

Painter said many people are working security for the oil companies, and he wants to increase available deputy positions to attract them. The increase will not affect the budget as reserve deputies are unpaid volunteers. He said these deputies are helpful to have during big events such as the county fair or when an emergency situation occurs.

"We're having more situations where we need more assistance," Painter said. "Those individuals being available to help will be a big benefit."

Reserve deputies — who are part of a program that started in 1985 with a 35-deputy cap — work as volunteers for the Sheriff's Office. They are required to work eight hours a month and maintain various certifications, Painter said. The deputies also must have 40 hours of training every two years, said Deputy Sheriff Ed Krevit.

Krevit also said some reserve deputies are certified jailers, which the office may use to its advantage.

Ideals candidates for the reserve deputy program are certified peace officers with a clean background and recommendations from prior employers. They also must meet the Sheriff's Office's standards and pass physical and psychological evaluations during the application and interviewing process, he said.

City releases numbers for annual warrant roundup

By Tyler White
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The city of Midland municipal court made 60 arrests during this year's warrant roundup, according to the city's public information officer.

A total of 2,266 warrants — with a value of $825,946.95 in fines — were cleared through Midland Municipal Court because of the event.

The roundup, which ran March 2-9, had more than 250 Texas agencies participating in an effort to target defendants with outstanding warrants for traffic, parking city ordinance or state law violations.

Court officials mailed out 5,200 letters about the roundup in early February to remind people with pendig arrest warrants. The reminders urged them to contact the appropriate jurisdiction to close their cases voluntarily and avoid arrest during the roundup.

Defendants who didn't pay off their warrants prior to the roundup were arrested as law enforcement officials found them.

Meanwhile, officials at Midland County Warrant Services and Collections office continue to clear warrant. In fact, The office's chief, John N. Sikes, did not provide numbers specific to the roundup, but he said his office has cleared 82 warrants and received $170,579.46 for February. Ten cases resulted in arrests, he said.

He said his workers work out payment plans for defendants, but the responsibility of compliance falls on them.

He said his officers don't want to crowd up the jails, which is why they try to go to extensive measures to get people paying off "their debts to society."

"We want to get the money and not put someone behind bars," Sikes said. "We make sure everything is good before we roll on somebody."

Some people do not care about their tickets or fines and blow them off, which becomes a larger issue in the future, he said.

MPD: Toddler released from hospital after Friday's wreck

From staff reports

The 2-year-old boy involved in Friday's fatal head-on collision has been released from Midland Memorial Hospital, according to the city's public information officer.

His mother remains in serious condition after the crash that killed 54-year-old Dale Stevens, of Mayer, Ariz., on the Midkiff Road overpass at Interstate 20, said Sara Higgins, city public information officer.

The collision was the 11th fatal accident on roads inside Midland County this year. So, far 13 people have died in those accidents, according to Reporter-Telegram reports.

According to police, Stevens was traveling southbound on Midkiff in a white Ford pickup when he hit the guardrail at least one time before veering onto incoming northbound traffic. The white pickup then collided with a white four-door sedan, occupied by a female driver and the toddler, who had previously been identified as a baby.

WATER

From 1A

T-Bar Ranch Water Pipeline update

Edwards also gave a brief update on the T-Bar Ranch Water Pipeline project during Commissioners' Court.

He said the pump stations, which can provide up to 20 million gallons per day, went live and are being tested on Monday. He added that the city will start off with a daily demand of 10 million gallons but could increase as the population grows.

If the demand stays at 10 million gallons per day, the source could last 100 years, Edwards said. But if demand increased, he said T-Bar is then expected to last for 40 years.

Edwards also said that the pipeline is 95 percent complete and the 42 wells are 100 percent complete.

The roughly $200 million project is set to provide water to the city by May 31. Edwards said there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on that day.

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Brenda D. Bagwell, 49, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Abel Gonzales, 43, of Odessa, was arrested Sunday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Ruben D. Johnson, 21, of Odessa, was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault on a public servant.

Cary G. Lemons, 28, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of tampering or fabricating physical evidence.

Sylvia G. Ramirez, 18, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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REGION ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Ceremony breaks ground for Vietnam Monument

Vietnam veterans have broken ground on a monument at the state Capitol.

At a ceremony on Monday, hundreds gathered to help turn over the dirt.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson told their fellow veterans, "welcome home." Planning has been under way since 2005. Private donors have contributed $1.3 million, according to the monument's organizing committee.

More than 3,400 Texans died in the Cold War conflict, which spanned nearly two decades. The United States unsuccessfully fought to protect South Vietnam from takeover by the communist forces aligned with North Vietnam. The bronze monument will stand 14 feet tall, featuring a sculpture of infantry figures.

AUSTIN

Head of Ed: More school choice won't mean exodus

The state's top education official says expanding "school choice" in Texas likely won't trigger a mass exodus of students leaving public schools for private ones.

Education Commissioner Michael Williams spent decades as a proponent for charter schools and giving students additional options beyond traditional, public classrooms. Since taking his current post last year, though, Williams said he's neutral.

Still, several bills in the Texas Legislature would expand school choice. Williams said Monday that similar laws passed in other states didn't see students abandon public schools in droves. He told the state Senate Nominations Committee that even if Texas approves such a plan, he would still be responsible for overseeing "nearly 5 million kids."

AUSTIN

Hit-and-run suspect punched witness

An arrest affidavit says a man accused in the hit-and-run death of a woman in an Austin vehicle collision exchanged punches with a witness and left in a getaway vehicle before being arrested.

The Austin American-Statesman reported 20-year-old Christian Gonzalez-Martinez, who remained Monday in Travis County Jail, has been charged with manslaughter, intoxication manslaughter, intoxication assault, two counts of failure to stop and render aid and aggravated assault. Bail is set at $2.1 million. Jail records did not list an attorney.

AUSTIN

2 hospitalized after truck crashes into taco stand

Authorities say several people were injured after a pickup slammed into a taco stand in Austin.

Police Cpl. Anthony Hipolito said 22-year-old Osvaldo Galarza-Najera was charged with two counts of intoxication assault after the crash in the early morning hours Monday. Police said the driver had left the scene but was later located by police.

Austin-Travis County EMS spokesman Warren Hassinger said two women were transported with the hospital. One had a broken leg and the other had a suspected fractured pelvis. He said neither injury was life-threatening.

He said a man in the taco stand with grease burns refused to be taken to the hospital, as did a woman who said she had foot pains.

TEXAS

Chilly weather to linger for another day

The National Weather Service says the weekend cold front that brought dust storms, wind gusts and freeze advisories will linger for another day before temperatures moderate.

Weather service meteorologist Charles Aldrich in Lubbock said highs Monday will range from the mid-40s in the Panhandle to the 50s in many parts of West Texas, North Texas and beyond. Lows Monday morning range from the teens in the Lubbock region to the low 30s in North Texas, and from the low 40s in the Houston area to near 60 in South Texas.

Freeze warnings have been issued for many counties in North and East Texas until Tuesday morning.

COLLEGE STATION

2 killed, 5 injured in weekend auto collision

Authorities say a student at Texas A&M University and a teenager have been killed in an auto collision that also seriously injured five others.

Investigators said a pickup carrying six people was exiting the driveway of a home Saturday night when it was struck by another pickup. Killed in the accident were 19-year-old Taylor Leonard of Houston and 20-year-old Nathan Hardcastle of Cypress, who was a sophomore at A&M. Police said Leonard was driving the pickup that carried Hardcastle and others as it was leaving the driveway.

NEW MEXICO

Court allows retrial in beating death of horse

SANTA FE — A horse trainer can be prosecuted a third time on charges that he beat a colt to death with a whip handle in 2006, New Mexico's highest court ruled Monday.

The state Supreme Court said double jeopardy protections and the statute of limitations do not prohibit Greg Collier, of Lubbock, from being retried on a misdemeanor animal cruelty charge for the death of the 10-month-old colt.

Collier was training the horse in New Mexico for its owner, who lived in El Paso.

AUSTIN

New beer distribution rules clear Senate

The Texas Senate has approved new rules to help small brewers expand.

Under a bill passed 31-0 on Monday, changes to the beer industry's pricing structure would accompany an overhaul of regulations that apply only to craft breweries. The bill still must pass the House.

Current laws prohibit pubs such as Freetail, of San Antonio, from packaging their beer for retail stores. They also prevent breweries like St. Arnold's of Houston from selling beer to tour visitors.

In a compromise, brewpubs and small breweries would pay $250 for a license to sell their beer directly to consumers. Brewpubs would be limited to selling 1,000 barrels a year. And they would only be allowed to sell their own beer.

AUSTIN

Texas Wind Insurance Association seeks settlement talks

The board of the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association decided to delay making a decision on whether the agency that provides coverage to homeowners along the coast should go into receivership.

The association, better known as TWIA, has been in serious financial trouble for years. The board decided on Monday to start talks to settle pending lawsuits.

The association provides insurance to 266,000 homeowners and businesses who cannot find commercial insurance because of the risk of hurricanes or severe storms. TWIA relies on Texas insurance companies to help finance it.

But following major hurricanes and mismanagement, many question whether TWIA can provide coverage if another hurricane strikes.

WICHITA FALLS

3 men sentenced for roles in meth ring

Federal authorities say three men have been sentenced as part of a crackdown on a major drug distribution ring that operated in the Wichita Falls region and included at least 30 people.

Receiving the lengthiest sentence of 20 years was 46-year-old Randall Wayne Ezzell.

Twenty-seven-year-old Jason Alan Haney was sentenced to more than 19 years and 36-year-old Troy Radford to two years. Authorities said Monday that all three had pleaded guilty to their roles in distributing methamphetamine.

Lawsuit sets up test of gun range law

Associated Press

KAUFMAN — An Army Ranger is relying on an as-yet-untested Texas law to challenge a lawsuit that has shut down his gun range in Kaufman County citing safety concerns.

Adam Morgan, a sniper who completed tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, opened the range on 100 acres of land in Kaufman County, about 33 miles southeast of Dallas, but neighbors complained. The county's district attorney said residents near the range were at "immediate risk" and obtained a temporary injunction that stopped Morgan from operating the business.

Morgan, 30, told The Dallas Morning News that he and his associates operated the range safely and that it harmed no one.

"Unnecessary fears are big in this case," he said.

But Raymond Bedrick, whose family raises cattle on land adjacent to Morgan's property, said the gun range presented a danger.

"One of my grandsons was out there one day, and (he) called me about bullets whizzing around," Bedrick said. "I told him to get down off that tractor and go home. This is not the boondocks. We've got houses and subdivisions out here."

The case, initiated last May and set for trial in September, will be the first test of a 2-year-old state law backed by the National Rifle Association that is designed to prevent nuisance suits again gun ranges. The law states that civil litigation against gun ranges must involve personal injury, death, property damage or breach of contract. Suits can go forward if they are based on the premise that a range isn't operating within industry standards.

Records show that Kaufman County DA Mike McLelland hired Richard C. Whiting, a firing range design and safety expert from West Virginia. Whiting visited Morgan's range a year ago and observed that there were no earthen berms or other protective measures to keep bullets from straying off the property.

"To allow live fire on this particular site in its present condition constitutes a callous disregard for safety and may constitute gross negligence on the part of the owner(s)," Whiting wrote after his site visit. "Planning for the facility appears to be totally lacking. It appears that the owner(s) did nothing other than set up a few targets and start shooting."

Charles Cotton, the Houston-area lawyer who is representing Morgan, is an NRA board member and the gun-rights activist who wrote the language that became the law to limit lawsuits against gun ranges.

"I've seen a growing trend around the country of people filing frivolous lawsuits to shut down gun ranges," Cotton said. "The NRA is monitoring the case, but it's important to me personally because it was filed by a governmental entity with taxpayers' money behind it."

GRADUATION

From 1A

Former U.S. Education Secretary Rod Paige, an ex-superintendent of Houston schools, is urging lawmakers to "say no to these kinds of efforts to lower the standards in Texas schools."

"Our children and our schools need high standards of learning, and abandoning strong accountability and assessment is wrong for Texas," Paige said in a statement Monday.

Similar concerns have been voiced by powerful lobbying group the Texas Association of Business and a collection of mothers around the state who oppose easing testing standards.

While advanced math and science would no longer be required to graduate, the bill lets students work toward a "distinguished" degree by completing Algebra II and an upper-level science course.

Aycock said those who earn distinguished degrees would quality for admission into any public Texas university under existing laws which already call for automatically accepting the top 10 percent of each graduating class.

His plan comes amid a backlash against perceived "overtesting," with students, parents, teachers and school administrators complaining that schools place too much emphasis on high-stakes exams.

But as recently as 2009, ensuring that public school curriculum standards were sufficiently demanding was important enough that the Legislature approved the law creating 15 standardized tests.

"We're trying to get it right. I hope we don't overcorrect," Aycock said.

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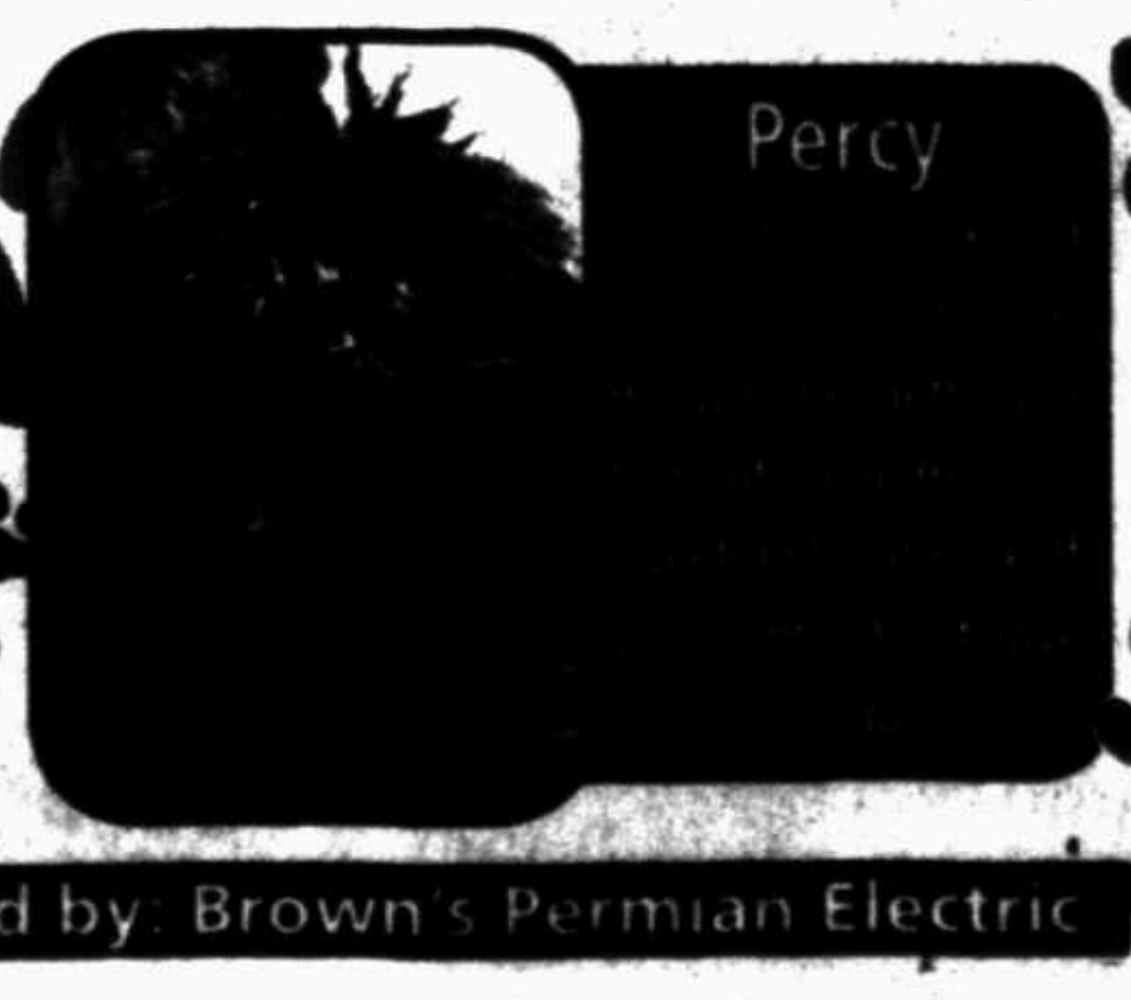

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KANSAS

Woman gets prison time in 'total identity theft'

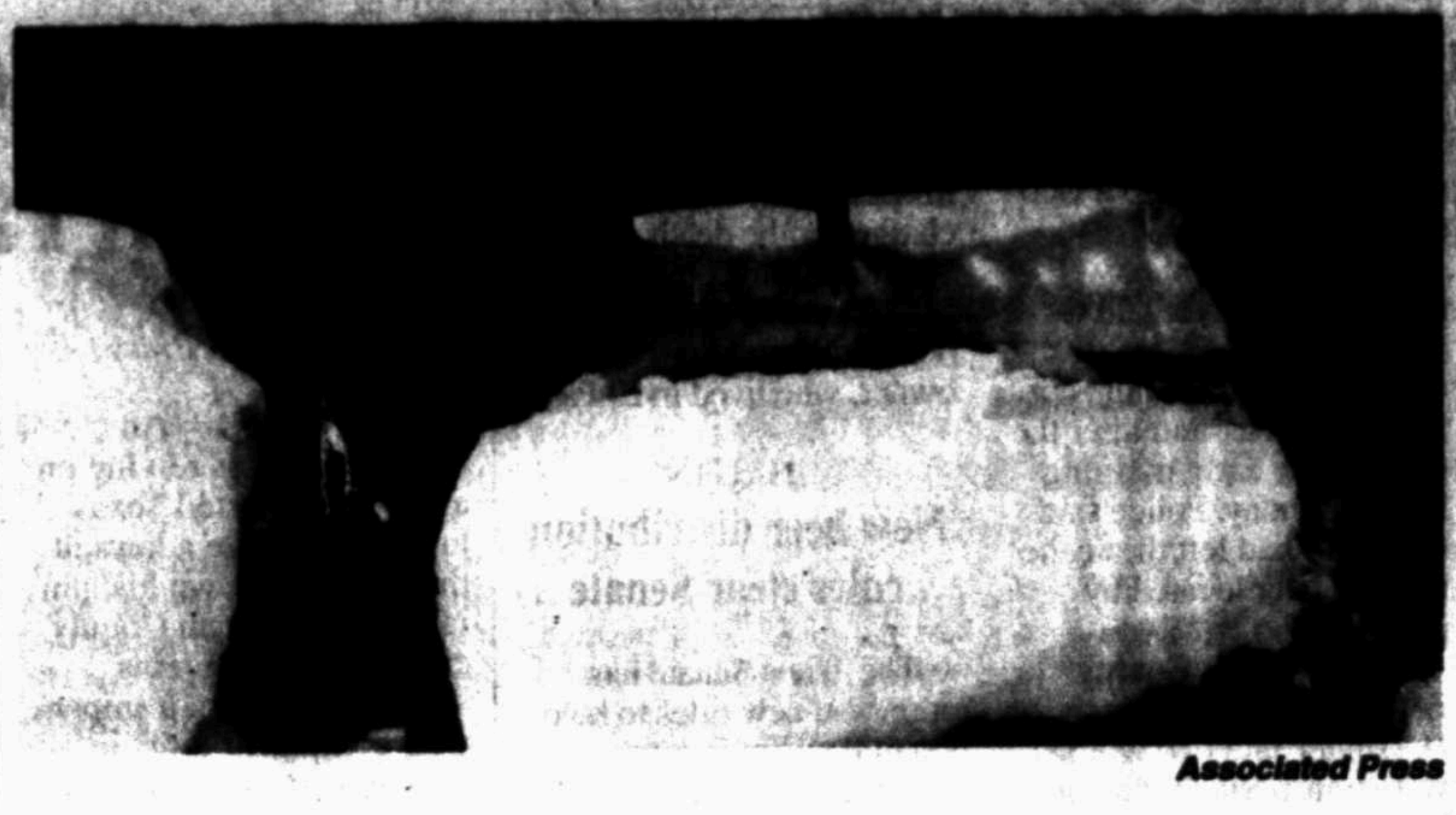
WICHITA— For almost 12 years, a Houston elementary school teacher and an illegal immigrant living in Topeka have engaged in a tug of war to claim the identity of Candida L. Gutierrez in a case that has put a face on the growing crime of "total identity theft" in the United States.

On Monday, the real Candida L. Gutierrez saw her identity thief, Benita Cardona-Gonzalez, for the first time.

Their encounter came inside a federal courtroom in Wichita, where Cardona-Gonzalez, a Mexican national, was sentenced to 18 months in prison for possessing fraudulent identification documents.

The plea deal Cardona-Gonzalez struck with prosecutors in January gave her less prison time but guaranteed she would not contest her deportation. She pleaded guilty to an aggravated felony, which typically results in automatic deportation.

When Gutierrez's identity was stolen, the thief didn't stop at opening fraudulent credit and bank accounts. Cardona-Gonzalez assumed Gutierrez's persona completely, using it to get a job, a driver's license, a mortgage and medical care for her children. She even put the stolen name on the birth certificates of her two U.S.-born children in the spots where they list who's the mother.



Associated Press

Corky Shanklin clears snow off cars at the Isringhausen auto dealership on Monday in Springfield, Ill., after a spring snowstorm moved through the Midwest.

Spring snow blankets Midwest

Associated Press

HAMBURG, Pa. — Five days into spring, warm weather and budding flowers were just a rumor Monday as the East Coast endured another blast of winter.

A wide-ranging storm that buried parts of the Midwest weakened as it moved east but still managed to carpet lawns and fields in a fresh layer of white. Many schools opened late or closed early, and hundreds of flights were canceled.

The cold temperatures and miserable mixture of snow and rain had people longing for more agreeable weather.

"I'm ready for flip flops," said Jessica Cunitz, 24 of Westchester County, N.Y., who stopped at a gas station along Interstate 78 in Pennsylvania to fill her overheating car with antifreeze. "It's supposed to be spring."

In Maryland, Michael Pugh donned a wool coat, knit cap, waterproof pants and heavy boots to trudge more than a mile through 4 inches of wet snow to his bank in downtown Hagerstown, about 70 miles west of Baltimore. He pronounced the weather "dreadful."

By this time of year, "I was hoping it'd be sunny and the weather breaking," said Pugh, a warehouse worker who turned 38 Monday. "Every day I think I can pack up the winter coat, and break out the spring clothes, and I can't."

Earlier, the storm walloped the Midwest, dumping a record 17 inches in Springfield, Ill., and a foot or more elsewhere in the state. Travel remained treacherous Monday afternoon, with Interstate 55 and 57 still covered in snow and ice, according to the Illinois Department of Transportation. Numerous vehicles were reported to be off roads, according to Illinois state police.

In downtown Springfield, coffee-shop manager Mike Zengilani said food-delivery trucks were hours late. But he didn't think about closing.

"Everyone else closes, so it's good for us to be open," Zengilani said. "It's Monday, it's definitely slower, but we all made the effort to come in."

The system was little more than a nuisance by the time it reached the East Coast. Air travel saw the biggest impact, with nearly 600 flights canceled as of Monday afternoon, according to the FlightAware tracking service. Hardest-hit airports included those in New York, Philadelphia and Washington.

Roadways, meanwhile, were mostly wet.

In Hamburg, Pa. — which has seen three here-and-gone snowfalls in little more than a week — carpet installer Seth Hanna drank coffee and surveyed the slush from a covered front porch.

Robert Fink, 25, of Magnolia, N.J. said the worst part about yet another snow storm was having to shovel.

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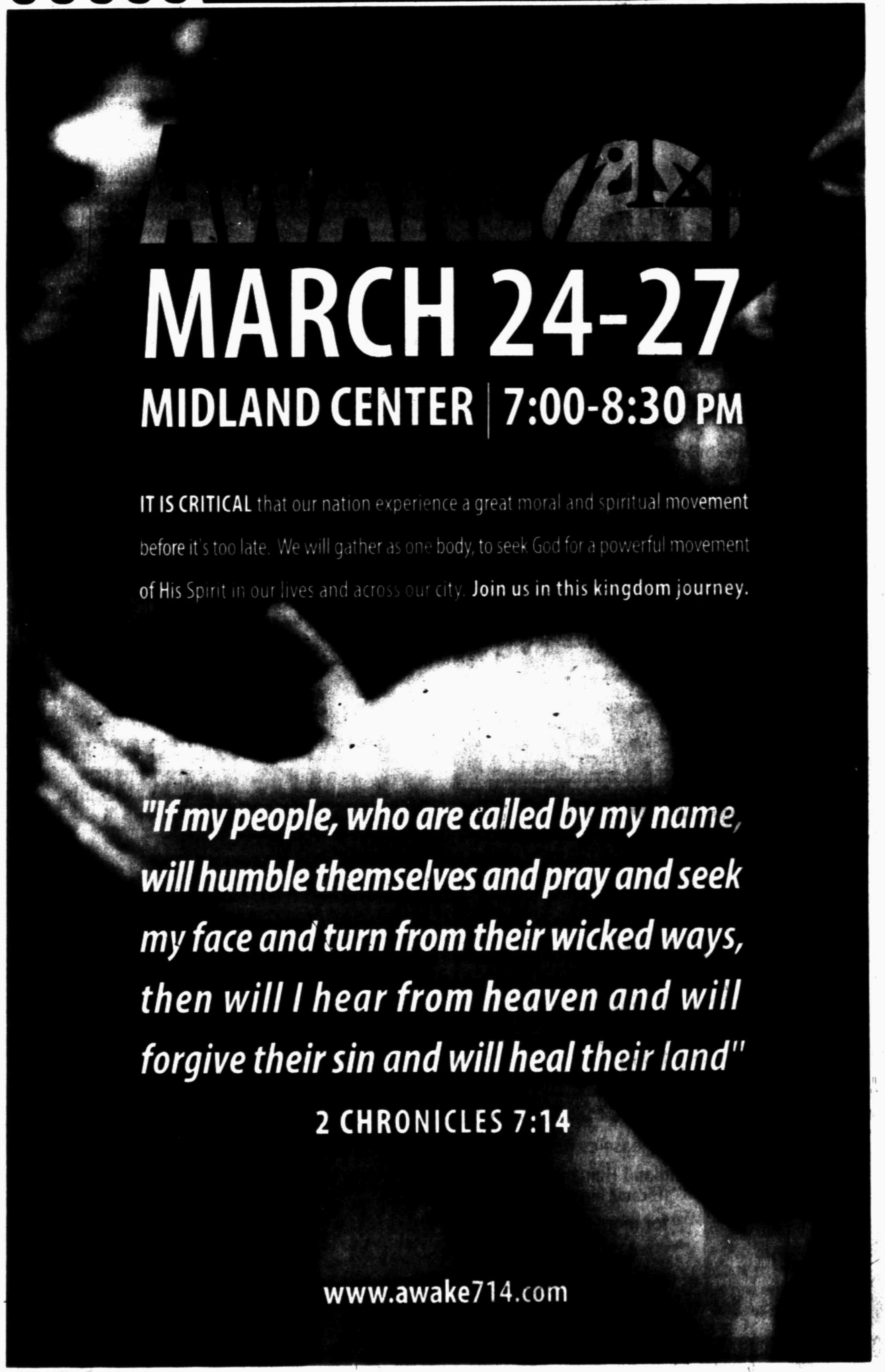

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Fashion helps you overcome dusty spring

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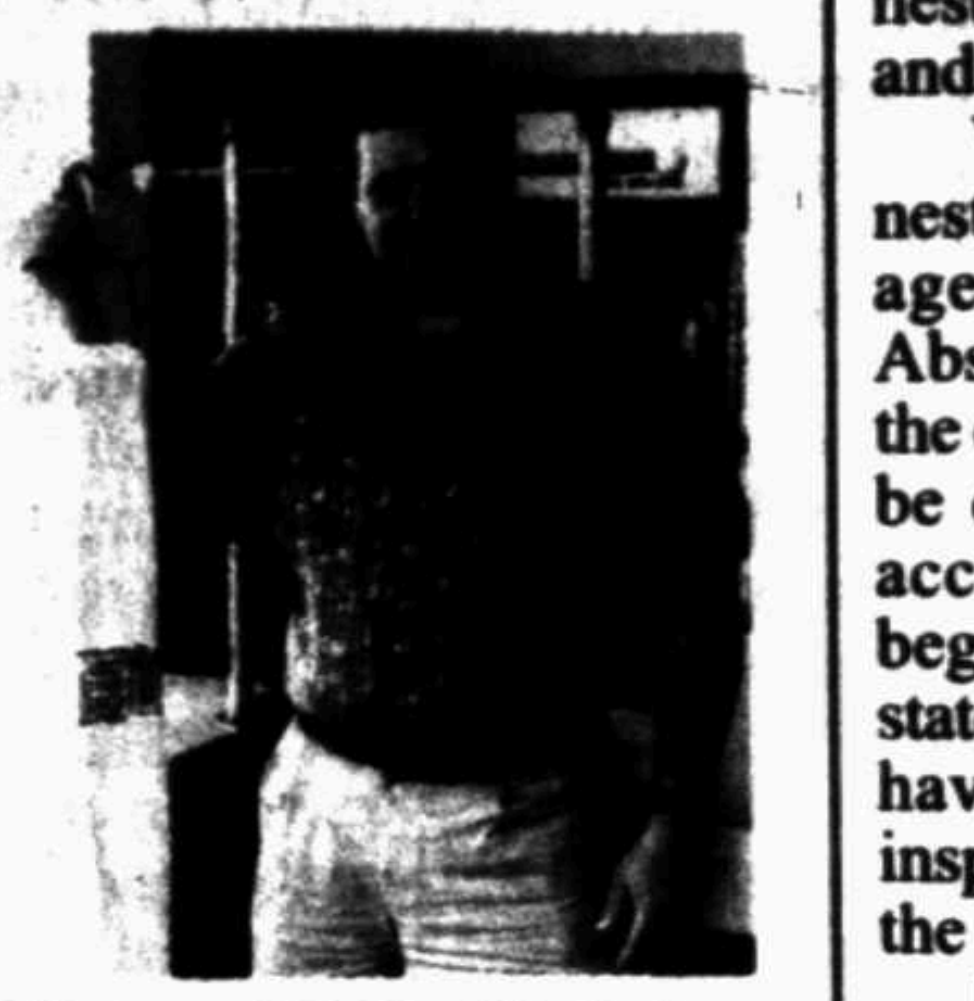

Owner Philip McCain says Fashion Cleaners can clean those large bedding and drapery items for you this spring.

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Fashion's Philip McCain suggests you take all your colormatched fabrics in at the same time, so they'll continue to match.

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Drive Safe and Save also offers InDrive's Co-Pilot system, which allows you to monitor secondary drivers (read: new teenage drivers) to be sure they're driving safely—and where they are.

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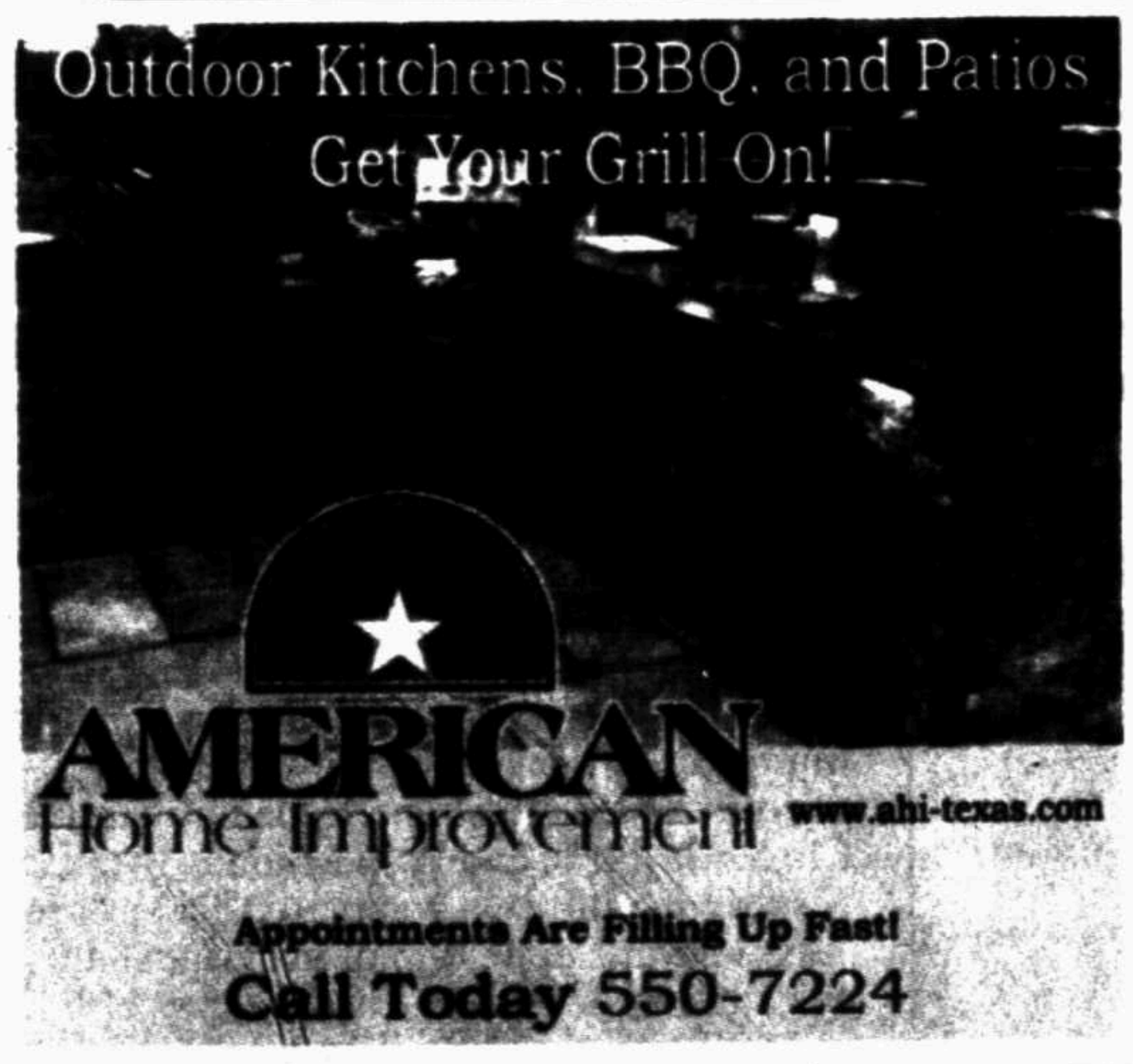

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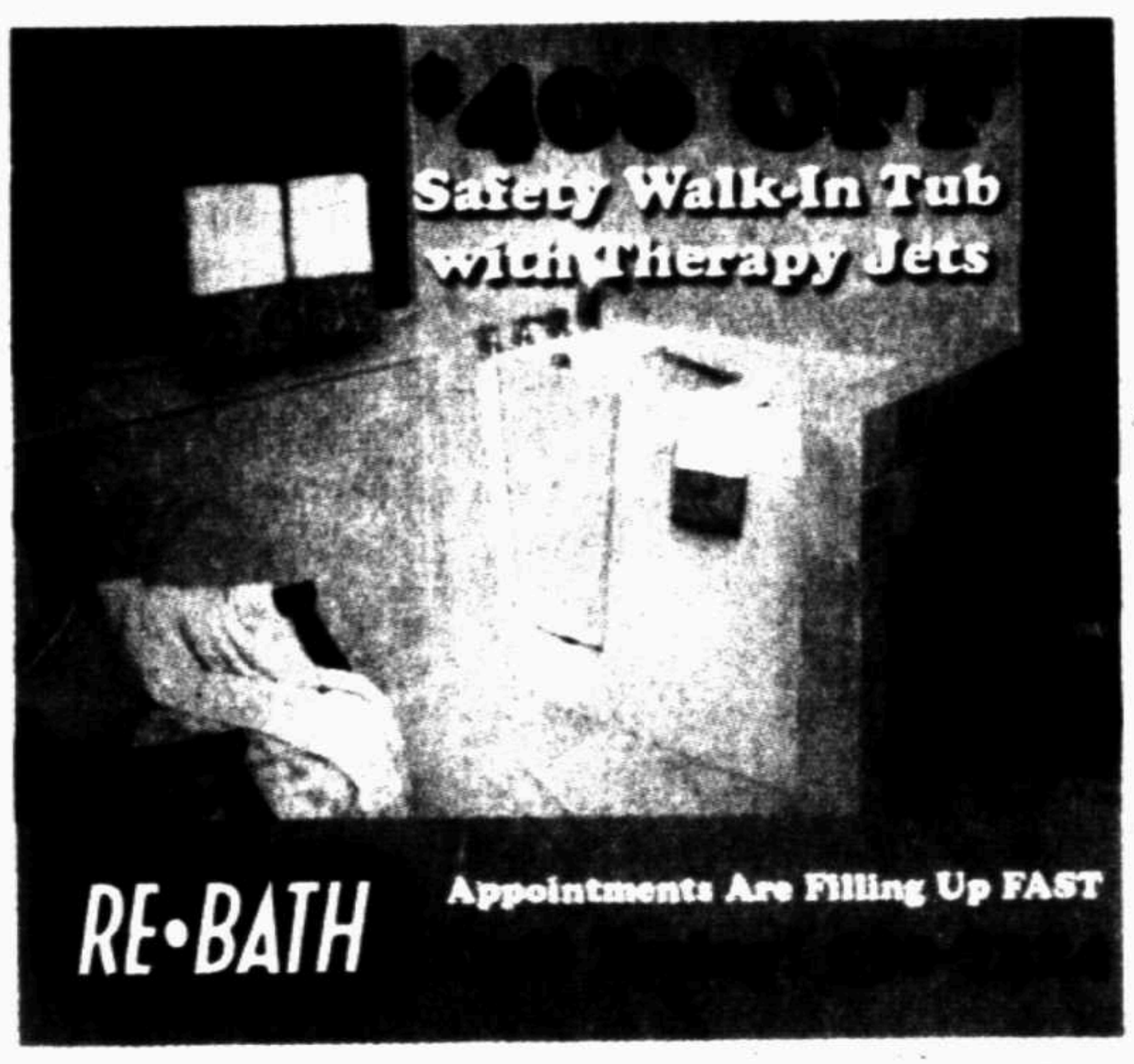

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OPINION

Are more Americans losing their religion?

■ **The numbers show a decline of institutional religion.**

MICHAEL GERSON

Washington Post Writers Group

There is a close relationship between culture and cult — between the shared attitudes and values of a people and their religious views and practices. American culture is increasingly shaped by men and women who would rather sleep in or play golf on a Sunday morning.

The nation's religious composition — as revealed in a recent presentation by Luis Lugo of the Pew Research Center — is changing. In 2012, America ceased to be a majority Protestant country — the result, mainly, of a decline in the numbers of mainline Protestants (though there have been smaller losses among white evangelicals as well). Catholicism is holding its own with a stable 22 percent of the public, but its ethnic composition has shifted dramatically — about half of all Catholics under 40 are Latino.

One group, however, has swelled: those with no religious affiliation, also known as "nones" — as in "none of the above." In the 1950s, this was about 2 percent of the population. In the 1970s, it was about 7 percent. Today, it is close to 20 percent. These gains can be found in all regions of the country, including the South. The trend is particularly pronounced among whites, among the young and among men.

Not all the nones, it is worth pointing out, are secular. Only about 30 percent of this group — 6 percent of the public — are atheists or agnostics. The rest of the nones describe themselves as indifferent to religion or as "nothing in particular." Sixty-four percent of the nones, however, say they believe in God or a universal spirit with "absolute certainty." Even 9 percent of atheists and agnostics — defying both dogma and the dictionary — report themselves absolutely convinced of God's existence. About equal proportions of the religiously unaffiliated (19 percent) and the affiliated (18 percent) report having "seen or been in the presence of a ghost."

So the nones are united, not by reading Richard Dawkins or by any particular set of theological beliefs but by a complete lack of attachment to institutional religion.

This amounts to a missionary movement, gaining converts (actually deconverts) at a serious pace. According to Pew, 74 percent of the nones grew up in a religious tradition of some sort. Yet, while conversion has increased the ranks of the nones, retention is not particularly good. Protestantism, for example, loses about 20 percent of those raised Protestants. Of those raised unaffiliated, 40 percent fall away from the non-faith and rebel toward religion, making for a new generation of awkward Thanksgivings.

Though the nones are varied, and occasionally confused, their overall growth has been swift and unprecedented. This has occasioned scholarly disagreement over the causes. Clearly, the social stigma against being religiously unaffiliated has faded. America used to have plenty of Protestant agnostics and Catholic agnostics — people who identified with a faith tradition culturally but not theologically. Such cultural attachment has become less expected and less common. But the decline of religious conformity is itself a major social development, requiring some explanation.

One theory: The accelerated growth of the nones coincided with the rise of the religious right in the 1990s, leading some scholars to assert a connection. Though causality is hard to establish, many nones hold a very dim view of religious conservatives — asserting that churches are too focused on rules and money and too involved with politics. It is easy to imagine some of the unaffiliated looking at the movement led by Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson and concluding: "If this is religion, I want no part in it."

But the trend appears to run deeper. As Lugo points out, declining trust in religious institutions since the 1990s has been accompanied by declining trust in most institutions (with the notable exception of the military). Confidence in government and big business has simultaneously fallen — and the public standing of both is lower than that of the church. Americans might be less affiliated with religious organizations because they have grown generally more individualistic and skeptical of authority.

Whatever the explanations for the decline of institutional religion, it has major social and political implications. Since the nones are disproportionately liberal and Democratic, what does their rise mean for American politics? More broadly: Is America on the path of secularization that — while delayed — inevitably leads to Sweden? Or can religious institutions adjust their appeal to a nation of individualists? Questions to be addressed in a future column.

OUR VIEW

Others need to see logic behind Warren's latest idea

Last week MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren came up with an intriguing idea for the school board to mull over that leads us to wonder if we need to rethink much of our education formula in the state.

Warren would like to create STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) academies, focused specifically on the oil and gas industry, for both Midland and Lee high schools.

Warren's idea is to give both college-bound and career-ready students the opportunity to take elective courses focused solely on preparing them for careers in the Permian Basin's petroleum industry.

This idea holds our interest because it has several factors that should appeal to students and the community, as well. First, the plan encourages selected students to focus on an area of interest in their lives. It also gives them incentive to move their education forward after high school for some and would prepare others to start a career following graduation.

Also, such a program actually could benefit the community by channeling college students, who leave the city for college, to possibly come back one day. Another striking benefit is that this program could provide a major impetus for some students to stay in school.

As intrigued as we are with this idea, we are left to wonder if the state should do a better job of providing an education for all students. Why couldn't we take the concept that Warren is talking about and expand it to affect the education experience for all students?

In part, we already do some of this, but could we do more?

We think public education should be about delivering an opportunity for all students whether or not they ever plan to attend college. This might require some innovative programs that take students on different pathways. This kind of educational approach is being done in other parts of the world.

Those students who want to focus on academics should be afforded opportunities such as early college centers or other programs to enhance that growth. Those not interested in further schooling after high school should be directed for more worker skills programs. We do see the inherent dangers of this movement because it could force students to make life-changing decisions before they are ready. We also don't want to move in a direction that would dummy down education, but students and their families need to have choices that fit their futures.

One thing we need to keep in mind is that education is not a self-defined art. That's why we always need to look at areas where we can make it better.

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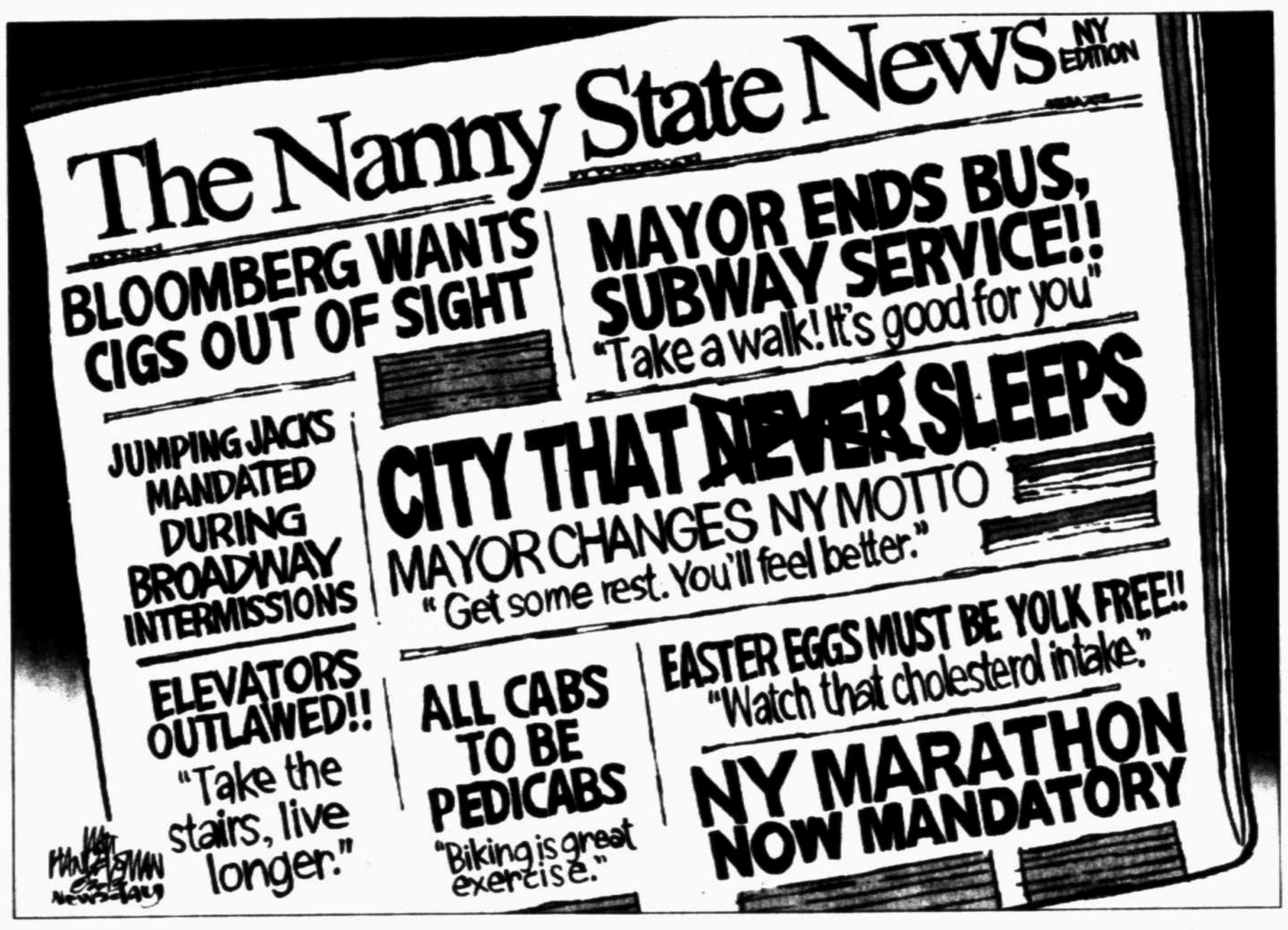
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Are we headed to gay marriage by fiat?

■ Gay marriage supporters have momentum on their side at the polls, but their biggest win could come in court.

RICH LOWRY

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This week's 10th anniversary of the Iraq War passed quietly, and that's not a bad thing.

It is a sign of how far supporters of gay marriage have advanced that the term "opposite-sex marriage" — an infelicitous phrase that once would have been a confounding tautology — is now in common usage.

They have all the momentum. The polls are swinging their way. They had victories in state-level referenda for the first time in 2012. The entire Democratic Party is converting to their cause, and conservatives are increasingly split.

This would all seem reason to conclude that their campaign of persuasion is working and to keep at it. Instead, supporters of gay marriage are asking the Supreme Court to declare the traditional definition of marriage — and by extension everyone who adheres to it — irrational and bigoted. They want to short-circuit democratic deliberation via court ruling as great cultural ukase.

The laws before the court are the Defense of Marriage Act, passed handily by a bipartisan majority of Congress and signed by President Bill Clinton in 1996, and Proposition 8, the measure passed by California voters in 2008 enshrining the traditional definition of marriage in the state's constitution.

The Defense of Marriage Act is a modest measure. For purposes of federal programs, it defines marriage as between a man and a woman, and it says that states don't necessarily have to honor same-sex marriages from other states. This creates a flexible environment whereby the federal government recognizes the traditional understanding of marriage that still applies in more than 40 states, while any state is welcome to adopt any other definition of the institution that it sees fit.

Opponents of the law have concocted an argument against it on federalist grounds. But it is bizarre to contend that a federal law defining marriage for federal purposes is an offense against the federalist structure of American government. The law has done nothing to arrest the progress of gay marriage at the state level, where it now prevails in nine states and the District of Columbia despite the Defense of Marriage Act.

The real reason for the court to invalidate the law would be that it supposedly has no rational basis and is borne of "animus" toward gays. This is the brief against Proposition 8, which was struck down by a federal appellate court, the famously activist 9th Circuit, on grounds that it has no "legitimate reason."

In this view, the promoters of Proposition 8 came up with a definition of marriage that has stood for centuries in the West and is endorsed by every major religion simply as an imaginative way to stick it to gay people. Every serious contender in the Democratic presidential primary in 2008, including Barack Obama, supported this same definition, presumably also out of the same simmering hostility to gays.

Supporters of traditional marriage believe that the institution exists as an expression of society's interest in children being raised by their biological fathers and mothers. You can say that this understanding is dated, given what has become of marriage the past 40 years. You can say that it is too pinched, given evolving mores. You can't say it is inherently hateful.

If the Defense of Marriage Act is wrongheaded, the solution is simple and will be within reach in a few years if gay marriage continues to win converts — repeal it. And there is nothing wrong with Proposition 8 that California's voters can't fix by going to the polls again.

By seeking a shortcut in the courts, supporters of gay marriage want to end debate through judicial fiat. In an amicus brief in the case, the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty points out the consequences if traditional marriage is deemed irrational. Religious people and groups objecting to same-sex marriage will "face a wave of private civil litigation under anti-discrimination laws never intended for that purpose," and they will be "penalized by state and local governments."

In other words, supporters of the exotic-sounding practice of "opposite-sex marriage" will be marginalized forevermore.

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Gov't spent nearly $3.7M on former presidents in 2012

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Being the leader of the free world is an expensive proposition. And the costs don't stop once you leave the White House.

The government spent nearly $3.7 million on former presidents in 2012, according to an analysis just released by the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service. That covers a pension, compensation and benefits for office staff, and the government also picks up the tab for other costs like travel, office space and postage.

The costliest former president? George W. Bush, who clocked in last year at just more than $1.3 million.

The $3.7 million taxpayers shelled out in 2012 is about $200,000 less than in 2011, and the sum in 2010 was even higher. It's a drop in the bucket compared with the trillions the federal government spends each year. Still, with ex-presidents able to command eye-popping sums for books, speaking engagements and the like in their post-White House years, the report raises questions about whether the U.S. should provide such generous subsidies at a time when spending cuts and the deficit are forcing lawmakers and federal agencies to seek ways to cut back.

Under the Former Presidents Act, previous inhabitants of the Oval Office are given an annual pension equivalent to a Cabinet secretary's salary — about $200,000 last year — plus $96,000 a year for a small office staff.

Departing presidents also get extra help in the first years after they leave office, one reason that Bush's costs were higher than other living ex-presidents. The most recent ex-president to leave the White House, Bush was granted almost $400,000 for 8,000 square feet of office space in Dallas, plus $85,000 in telephone costs. Another $60,000 went to travel costs.

President Bill Clinton came in second at just less than $1 million, followed by George H.W. Bush at nearly $850,000.

The cost totals for ex-president don't include what the Secret Service spends protecting them, their spouses and children. Those costs are part of a separate budget that isn't made public.

High court takes on a new affirmative action case

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court's decision to hear a new case from Michigan on the politically charged issue of affirmative action offers an intriguing hint that the justices will not use a separate challenge already pending from Texas for a broad ruling bringing an end to the consideration of race in college admissions.

To be sure, the two cases involve different legal issues. The University of Texas dispute, with arguments already completed and a ruling possible soon, centers on the use of race to fill some slots in the school's freshman classes. The Michigan case asks whether a voter-approved ban on affirmative action in college admissions can itself violate the Constitution.

But the broadest possible outcome in the current Texas case — overruling the court's 2003 decision that allows race as a factor in college admissions — would mean an end to affirmative action in higher education and render the new Michigan lawsuit irrelevant.

If the justices are planning to overrule that earlier decision, "then I would think they would hold this case," the new one, and order lower courts to review it based on the Texas decision, said Erwin Chemerinsky, dean of the law school at the University of California at Irvine. He is representing students and faculty members in the Michigan case.

At the October argument in Fisher v. University of Texas, the court's conservative justices sounded as if they were ready to impose new limits on the use of race in college admissions. More than five months have passed without a decision, which is not unusual in the court's most contentious cases.

The appeal in the Michigan case comes from state Attorney General Bill Schuette, following a ruling from the sharply divided 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati. The appeals court, by an 8-7 vote, found fault with the 2006 constitutional amendment to outlaw "preferential treatment" on the basis of race and other factors in college admissions.

The provision also applies to affirmative action in public employment and government contracting, but those issues are not being challenged.

The appeals court said the constitutional amendment is illegal under Supreme Court rulings from the late 1960s and early 1980s that prohibit placing special burdens on minority groups that want to bring about changes in laws and policies. The court said that forcing opponents of the ban to mount their own long, expensive campaign through the ballot box to protect affirmative action amounts to different, and unequal, treatment.

That burden "undermines the Equal Protection Clause's guarantee that all citizens ought to have equal access to the tools of political change," the appeals court said. By way of example, the court said that children of university alumni remain free to lobby lawmakers and university officials to adopt policies to take family ties into account in admissions.

Schuette said the notion that a measure that forbids discrimination on the basis of race can be unconstitutional is legal nonsense.

"Entrance to our great colleges and universities must be based upon merit, and I remain optimistic moving forward in our fight for equality, fairness and rule of law at our nation's highest court," Schuette said Monday.

The American Civil Liberties Union's Dennis Parker said the constitutional ban discriminates against students of color.

"Michigan's proposal aims to unfairly keep students from encouraging universities to consider race as one factor in admissions but does not do the same for those who are trying to get the school to acknowledge other factors, such as legacy or athletic achievement," said Parker, director of the ACLU's Racial Justice Program.

High court tickets cost time, money

WASHINGTON — The most expensive ticket to "The Book of Mormon" on Broadway: $477. The face value of a great seat for this year's Super Bowl: $1,250. Guaranteed seats to watch the U.S. Supreme Court hear this week's gay marriage cases: about $6,000.

Tickets to the two arguments that begin today are technically free. But getting them requires lining up days or hours ahead, or paying someone else to. The first people got in line Thursday, bringing the price of saving a seat to around $6,000.

The court will hear arguments today over California's ban on same-sex marriage. On Wednesday, the court will take up the federal Defense of Marriage Act, the 1996 federal law that defines marriage as between one man and one woman. Supporters and opponents of same-sex marriage say the cases are so potentially historic that they want to be inside the courtroom to watch, no matter what the cost in time or money.

Part of the reason the seats are so coveted is the court doesn't allow TV broadcasts of its arguments, so coming in person is the only way to see the justices at work. The court has said it will release transcripts of the hearings, as well as audio recordings roughly two hours after each case ends, but advocates say that's no substitute for being there.

Seats, meanwhile, are at a premium because there aren't that many. The courtroom seats about 500 people, but seats are reserved for court staff, journalists and guests of the justices and lawyers arguing the case. After those people are seated, there will be about 100 seats for lawyers who are members of the Supreme Court bar and at least 60 seats for the general public. An additional 30 seats for the public will rotate every three to five minutes. Tickets for all those seats are handed out on a first come, first served basis.

Associated Press

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WASHINGTON

Obama calls for April debate on immigration bill

President Barack Obama challenged Congress Monday to "finish the job" of finalizing legislation aimed at overhauling the nation's immigration system.

With members of the House and Senate away on spring break, Obama made his most substantive remarks on the difficult issue in more than a month, saying he expects lawmakers to take up debate on a measure quickly and that he hopes to sign it into law as soon as possible.

"We've known for years that our immigration system is broken," the president said at a citizenship ceremony at the White House. "After avoiding the problem for years, the time has come to fix it once and for all."

The president spoke at a ceremony for 28 people from more than two dozen countries, including Afghanistan, China and Mexico. Thirteen of the new citizens are active duty service members in the U.S. military. The oath of allegiance was administered by Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano.

While Obama has hosted citizenship ceremonies in previous years, Monday's event was laced with politics, given the ongoing debate over immigration reform on Capitol Hill. A bipartisan group of eight senators is close to finishing draft work on a bill that would dramatically reshape the U.S. immigration and employment landscape, putting 11 million illegal immigrants on a path to citizenship. The measure also would allow tens of thousands of new high- and low-skilled workers into the country.

MIAMI

US military says Guantanamo hunger strike edges up

More prisoners have joined a hunger strike at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, officials said Monday, as defense lawyers expressed alarm about one of the most sustained protests at the base in several years.

There are 28 prisoners on hunger strike, up from 21 a week earlier, including three who were hospitalized for dehydration from refusing to eat, said Navy Capt. Robert Durand, a spokesman for the prison on the U.S. base in Cuba.

The military is force-feeding 10 of the prisoners to prevent dangerous weight loss, Durand said.

Lawyers for prisoners have been returning from visits to the base with reports that the hunger strike is much more widespread, involving a majority of the 166 men held there, and that some have lost significant weight in recent weeks.

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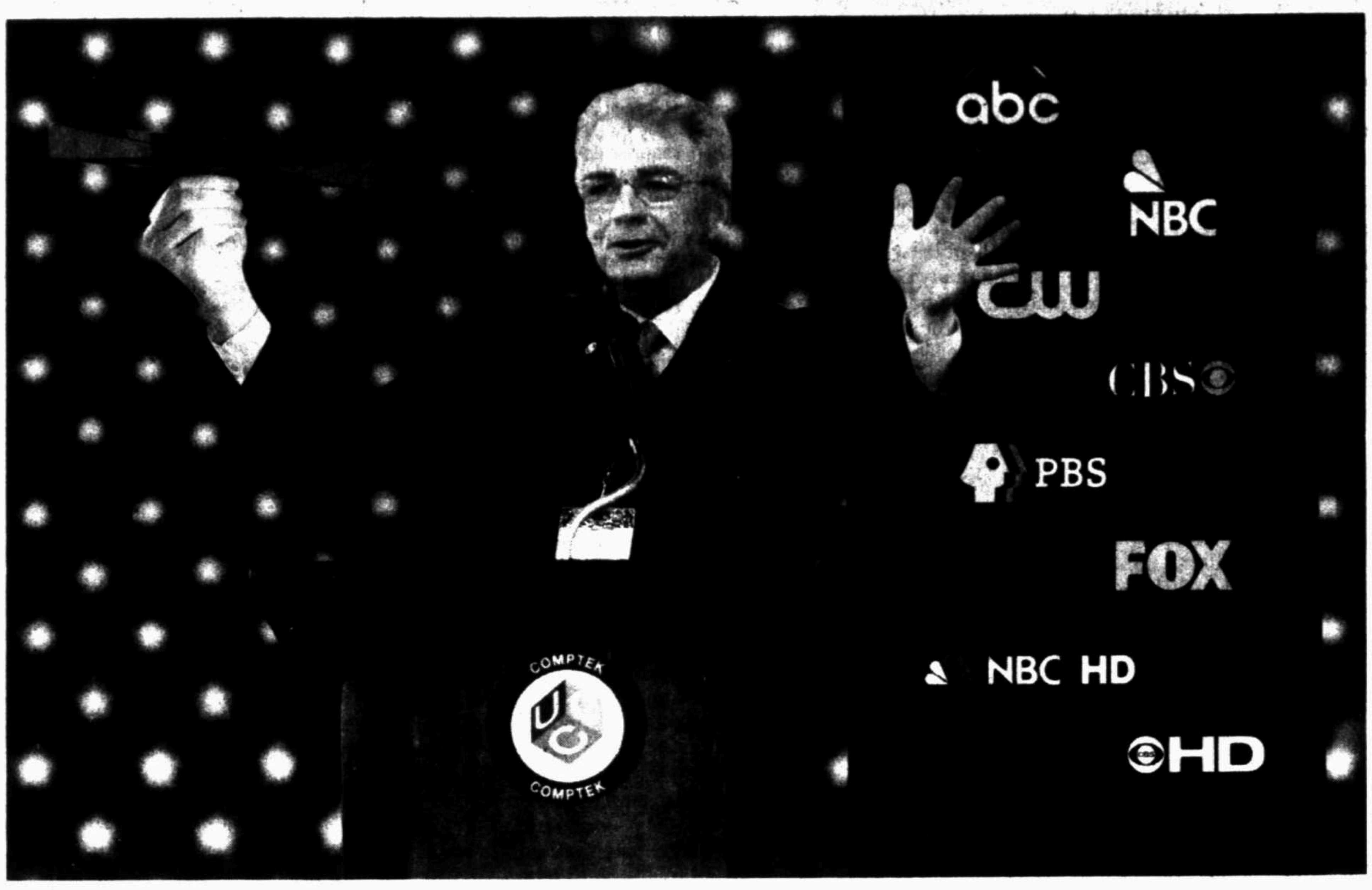

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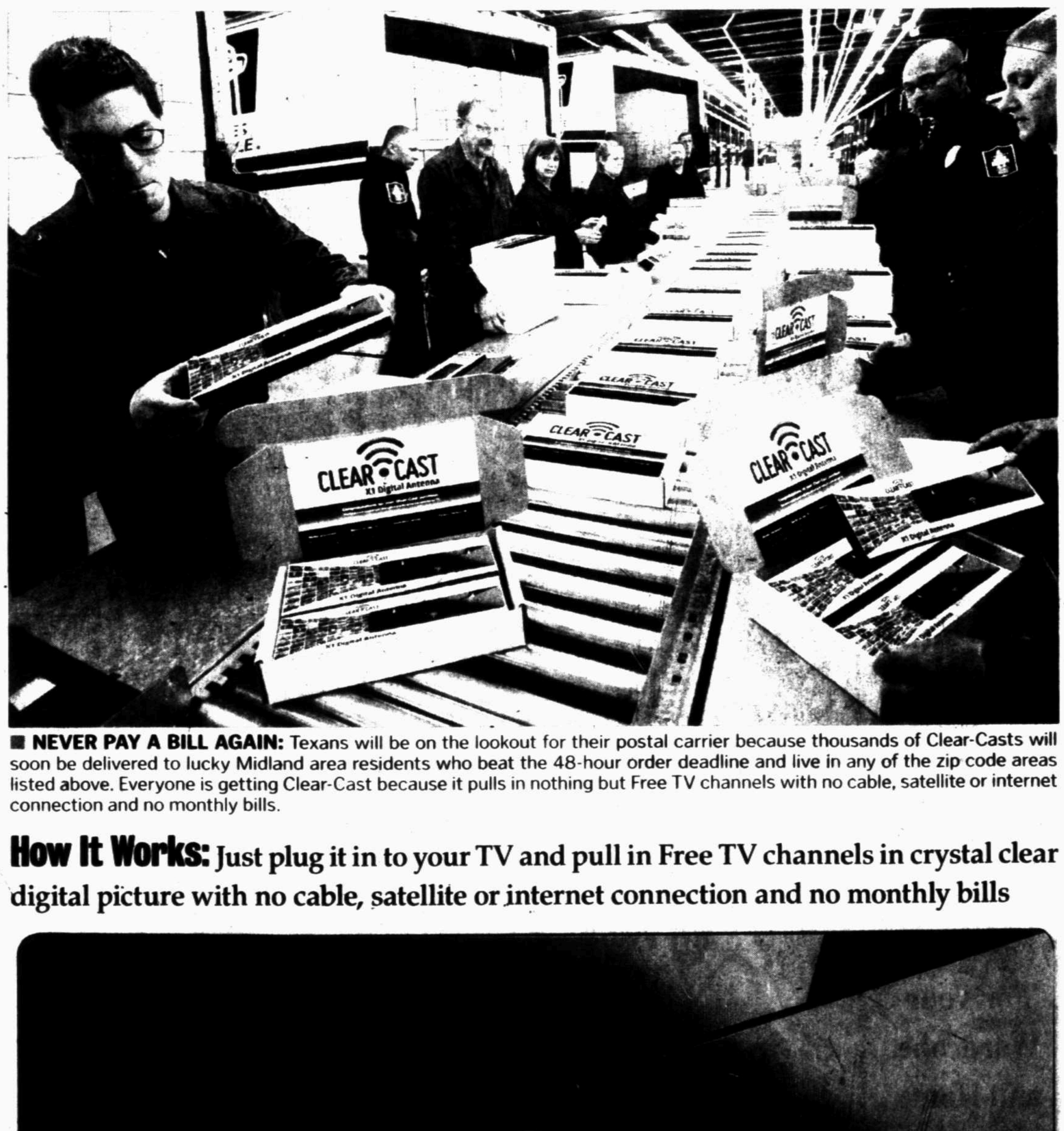

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EDUCATION

MISD designates 10 schools as bilingual campuses

Move will allow teachers, students to benefit from collaboration among classes

By Meredith Moriak
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To provide bilingual education teachers and students with more academic support and stability, Midland ISD administrators have chosen to offer bilingual instruction at only 10 of the district's 24 elementary schools for the 2013-14 school year.

MISD currently offers bilingual classes at 18 of its 24 elementary campuses, but in many instances there is only one bilingual class on a campus or only one class in each grade level, prohibiting teachers from aligning their curriculum both vertically from grade level to grade level and horizontally within the grade level, said Joanna Rowley, MISD's executive director of English language learners.

By designating specific schools as bilingual education campuses, rather than just adding classes at any campus with a need without taking into consideration the bilingual enrollment in each succeeding grade level, MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren said the bilingual students will be better served.

Campuses designated as bilingual education campuses for the 2013-14 school year — meaning up to 40 percent of the classes can serve bilingual education students, with the remaining 60 percent of classes remaining general education classes — are Bonham, Burnet, DeZavala, Lamar, Long, Milam, South and Travis elementary schools. For Pease Communications and Technology Academy and Washington Math and Science Institute, both magnet schools, will continue to offer bilingual education courses, Rowley said.

These 10 schools were designated as the district's bilingual campuses after an extensive geographic review of where bilingual students live and an audit of available space at each campus for additional classrooms and students, Rowley said.

By consolidating the classes to a few campuses, Chief Academic Officer Patrick Jones said it will keep teachers from having to work in isolation. By having the ability to lesson plan and collaborate with others in their grade level and subject areas, Jones said it will provide the teachers additional resources.

Having more bilingual teachers on a campus and in the same grade level will also provide campus principals the option to choose whether classes will be self-contained to team-taught, Rowley said. Many bilingual classes are currently self-contained purely because there is not another bilingual grade level teacher to split classes with, Rowley said.

MISD's current model for teaching bilingual students was adopted in 2009 and provides bilingual classes for

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RUN FOR THE MONEY

Midland Christian students run and walk around the football field Wednesday during the Mustang Run to raise funds for the school. The students were sponsored per lap they completed.

Photos by Tim Fischer | Reporter-Telegram

MC, MISD to celebrate Early College High School week

From staff reports

Early College High School at Midland College is a joint educational commitment by MC and Midland ISD. The majority of students attending the high school located on the MC campus include underserved minority, low-income and potential first-generation college students who often lack family resources and experiences with higher education.

In fall 2009, the first cohort of more than 100 ninth-grade students were admitted into ECHS @ MC. These students are now enrolled in their senior year of high school, and in May the majority will graduate with a high school diploma and a Midland College associate's degree. Seventy-three percent of ECHS @ MC graduating seniors have been accepted to four-year universities.

In the fall of 2010, 2011 and 2012, ECHS @ MC accepted three additional groups of 85 students each into the program. Each cohort will complete four years of high school and several college courses exclusively on the MC campus. Since its opening in 2009, ECHS @ MC has had the highest state test scores in MISD, as well as the best discipline and attendance reports.

"One of the shining examples of success from the partnership between Midland ISD and Midland College is Early College High School at Midland College," MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren said. "Through the support of our two organizations, charitable foundations, business leaders and our community as a whole, we have developed a culture of excellence at ECHS @ MC in which hundreds of young men and women will not only earn their high school diplomas from MISD, but many will also earn an associate's degree from Midland College. Their success is a true testament to the nature of giving and support that Midland gives its children."

Early College High School is a bold approach, based on the principle that academic rigor, combined with the opportunity to save time and money, is a powerful motivator for students to work hard and meet serious intellectual challenges. Early College high schools blend high school and college in a rigorous, yet supportive program, compressing the time it takes to complete a high school diploma and the first two years of college.

"Early College High School at

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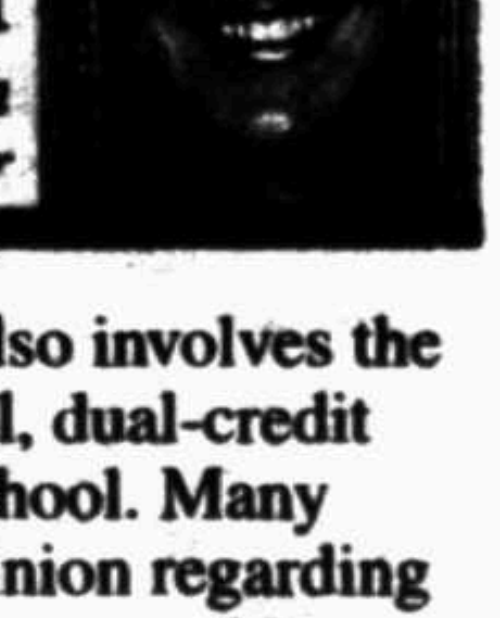
Is your child ready to earn college credit in high school?

■ If a student is ready for the responsibility, there are great benefits to taking dual-credit classes.



REBECCA RANDOLPH
Greenwood High School English teacher

High schools in West Texas and across the country now offer opportunities that were once not available to students. I graduated from high school more than a decade ago with honors but without a drop of college credit. College credit is something you earn after high school, right? Now, many students graduate from high school as college sophomores or even juniors. As Midland ISD offers Early College High School, the smaller schools in this area offer dual-credit courses.

My teaching schedule also involves the facilitation of college-level, dual-credit English courses in high school. Many parents have asked my opinion regarding their child's college-readiness, and I now have gained the experience to be able to do so.

When considering enrollment in dual-credit courses, a student and parent must first consider whether the courses will be useful and appropriate for the college destination and degree plan. The junior year of high school is a typical year to enter into a dual-credit program. This is a difficult decision for high school juniors because many students are still undecided regarding which college and degree to pursue. So, I suggest that parents and prospective dual-credit students check with any possible colleges for transferability of college credits. From my current year experience, our courses are transferring as expected, with a few schools transferring the sophomore level courses as elective credit. I would prefer to encourage all students to enter into dual-credit programs, but everyone should first be aware of transferability.

Prospective dual-credit students might also consider their motives for taking a college course in high school. These classes are not to be taken for social concerns and to remain with one's peer group. College course work requires a maturity level that simply cannot be met by all 16 to 18-year-olds. These students must be task-oriented and have the organization skills to maintain their own hectic schedules. Some students' plates are already full with extracurricular activities and jobs.

Students are paying junior college tuition and transferring credit to their

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Obituaries

Beulah Fae White Smith

Beulah Fae White Smith passed away peacefully following a lengthy illness on Friday, March 22, 2013 at Parks Methodist Nursing Home, Odessa, Texas. Born September 27, 1925, in Eastland County, Texas, Fae was the only child of John F. and Vera Crawley White. She graduated from Eastland High School and attended North Texas State University.

Fae married Mike O. Smith Jr. on November 28, 1946 at First Methodist Church, Odessa. They met through their fathers who were both employees of Humble Pipeline Company while she was working there as a switchboard operator at the Odessa station. At that time, Mike was serving in the Army during World War II. They corresponded and became engaged following his return from Europe.

Following their marriage, Mike completed his petroleum engineering degree at Texas Tech and Fae worked as a secretary for Stanolind Oil Company in Lubbock in order to help put him through school.

Fae and Mike had two sons, Jon Michael, born in 1951 and Kirk Timothy, born in 1956. They lived in Odessa, Hobbs, and finally Midland, where they lived out their retirement.

Fae was a stay at home mom and stayed active with her family in Sunday School, Scouting and school activities. She was a member of Mother's Club in Odessa, PE Wives and Garden Club in Midland. Fae and Mike were also long time members of the Keystone Sunday School Class at St. Luke's United Methodist Church of Midland.

Fae had a special gift for not only remembering names but could quickly connect relationships from her past. As a result, she met few people who were strangers. Her nickname in high school was "Static."

Fae is preceded in death by her parents and her husband Mike, who passed away August 10, 2012.

She is survived by her son Jon and his wife Becki of Odessa and her son Kirk and his wife Annette of Tomball, Texas. In addition, she is survived by grandchildren Mackenzie Smith, Michaele Smith, Jacob Rolls, Andrew Rolls, Macy Smith and Kirsten Smith; and, great grandchildren Bryson Rolls and Chloe Rolls.

Services are set for 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 27 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Odessa. The family plans to receive visitors at 10:00 AM at the funeral home. Interment will immediately follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Reverend Kathryn Boren of St. Luke's United Methodist Church will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Midland.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home. To sign the guest book, go to our website at www.sunsetodessa.com

SUNSET MEMORIAL
GARDENS & FUNERAL HOME

Frances Johnson Haynes

Frances Johnson Haynes, age 77, of Odessa, passed away on Saturday, March 23, 2013 in Odessa, TX.

Visitation will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2013 at Crossroads Fellowship with Griffin Jones of Crossroads Fellowship officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Frances was born in Sylvester, TX on March 12, 1936. She was raised by her mother, Lorena Pursley and step-father, Woodford Pursley. She attended schools in Sylvester and Monahans and graduated from Roby High School. She married Howard Johnson and together they raised two sons and a daughter. She worked most of her life in the automobile industry, as an executive assistant at Ormand Industries and started Car City.

She currently was owner of Midland Odessa Auto Auction for over 25 years and became a successful business woman in a man's business world.

Some of her favorite times were spent with her children and grand-children. She also enjoyed her shopping trips each Saturday to Chico's. Her favorite time of year was Christmas so she could lavish her family with surprise gifts. She had a most generous spirit that was bestowed upon her employees and friends. Her favorite memoires included her trips to Mexico, Las Vegas, Dallas and Ruidoso, or anywhere she could shop. Her license plate read "She who does with the most clothes wins."

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Frances is survived by one daughter, Starla King and fiancé Rick Flanagan; and two sons, Shan Johnson and wife Telene, and Kye Johnson and wife Deborah, all of Odessa; grandchildren, Tori Lange and husband Cody of Springtown, Paul King and wife Amanda of Odessa, and Jaide Johnson of Odessa. One great grand-daughter, Ainsley Lange. She is also survived by her best girlfriends, Claire, Billie, Phyllis, Ann, Marie and Jan.

Pallbearers will be Luis Gomez, Archie Rollie, Lelard Wood, Rick Goegory, Richard Thomason, Austin Keith, Bobby Swanson and honorary pallbearer, J.W. Denham.

Memorials may be given to West Texas Oncology.

The family of Frances wishes to extend our thanks to Dr. P. Khandalwal, staff at West Texas Oncology, staff at Health South and Parks Samaritan, Compass Hospice and Dr. Paul Slaughter and Barbara Norris.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home. To sign the guest book, go to our website at www.sunsetodessa.com

SUNSET MEMORIAL
GARDENS & FUNERAL HOME

Maria Luisa Villa

Maria Luisa Villa, 81 of Midland, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Sunday, March 24, 2013 after a long battle with cancer for two years. She was born on November 15, 1931 to the late Jesus and Martina Amezquita in Sierra Rica, Chihuahua Mexico. Maria was a homemaker and had been a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church.

Maria was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jose Villa, grandson, Jesus Jose Juarez and a sister, Basilia Garcia. She is survived by five sons, Ruben Villa, Francisco Villa and wife Lorina, Efrain Villa, Uriel Villa and wife Elvia and Raul Villa and wife Araceli; daughters, Carmen Rendon and husband Manuel and Rosa Ulate and husband Filiberto all of Midland. She is also survived by twenty-seven grandchildren, forty-one great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

A prayer service will be held tonight at 7:00 pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. A funeral mass is set for Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 10:00am at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Funeral mass is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.com or you can visit our website at www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin
Funeral Home
2506 N. Big Spring - Midland, TX - (432) 682-3700

Death Notices

Jackie Lewis Nelson

Jack "Greasy" Nelson, age 74, of Odessa, passed away March 24, 2013.

Greasy is survived by his wife of 54 years, Nelda; son, Brian Nelson and partner Lance McNiel, daughters Melissa and husband Trent Yates, Lisa and her husband Kirk Strahan; four precious grandchildren; two sisters; one brother; one sister-in-law, as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, March 26, 2013 from 7-8 PM at Sunset Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel.

Pearline Green

Funeral service for Pearline Green 75, of Midland are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Pearline Green died March 25, 2013, at a local hospital.

Ronald Leslie Strong

Ronald Leslie Strong passed away Friday, March 22, 2013 at Midland Memorial Hospital. Visitation Tuesday, March 26, 2013 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Graveside services Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Lou Strong; son, Anthony Kyle Strong and wife Latisha; daughter, Kathryn Strong Hardaway and husband Miles; five grandchildren, and four siblings.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements directed by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Thomas Franklin Harlan

Thomas Franklin Harlan, 92, passed away on March 24, 2013.

His family will honor his wishes of no visitation. Graveside service is scheduled at the Eternal Light Mausoleum at Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery on Saturday, March 30, 2013 at 2:30p.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Richardson Harlan, son Tom L. Harlan, daughter Janis Harlan Detloff , grandson Christopher Bryan Harlan and great-granddaughter, Callie Harlan.

BILINGUAL

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students from pre-kindergarten through fifth grade, Rowley said. Once these students enter sixth grade, they have the option to receive ESL services, if needed, and are continuously monitored.

Instruction for bilingual students is entirely in Spanish through third grade with the exception of a certain number of minutes each day designated for ESL, where the teacher will speak in English, Rowley said.

Fourth- and fifth-grade bilingual classes are considered transitional years where teachers instruct in both Spanish and English, teaching students how to transfer their skills from one language to the other, Rowley said.

MISD currently has 1,328 students from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade enrolled in bilingual education classes. Rowley projects the number of bilingual students will stay steady next year as the number of ESL students is likely to increase.

Changing the number of schools that offer bilingual education for 2013-14, should not affect the campus enrollment for general education students who do not receive bilingual or English as a Second Language services, Rowley said.

Only those students enrolled in bilingual or ESL education services might have to transfer to a different school, Rowley said. Those campuses which will be receiving additional bilingual and ESL students have the capacity to do so without displacing general education students zoned to attend that elementary school, Rowley said.

"This is a move to make the kids more successful. We've got to concentrate on the kids. If we can't make them successful, then the district can't be successful," Rowley said.

To educate parents about the changes to MISD's bilingual education program, Warren and Rowley plan to hold multiple parent meetings in the coming months, regarding the changes in campus locations.

"We will give them multiple dates to tell them why we are doing this and that 'We're going to pay attention to you now and serve you in every fashion we can,'" Warren said.

Once students are placed on a bilingual campus, Rowley said she would like to keep them there for the duration of elementary school.

"I don't like to displace kids from year to year to year," Rowley said. "To uproot is detrimental for a student's social and academic success. I want to grandfather them in and let them stay at that campus."

Coming next Tuesday: A look at initiatives MISD has already implemented to strengthen and transform the English as a Second Language program.

RANDOLPH

From 1B

more expensive four-year universities. These students will begin college with the credit that they deserve and less stress due to course load and tuition. The students who do function well in a dual-credit course will benefit greatly from taking these classes in high school. I have witnessed dramatic transformations during the present school year as students become mature, analytical writers and learn to pace their workload as well as any adult. Most of the schools in our area have a partnership with junior colleges for the dual-credit courses.

Parents should decide whether their child is well-suited toward this type of class or not. Find out if the course is taught through distance learning (a professor on a video screen), in class lecture or online learning. These distinctions might cause a different decision for enrollment. I also want to recommend that if parents make the decision to let a high school student enroll in a college course, make that child act as a college student — at least academically. The student should initiate contact and meetings with the professor when necessary. They should fill out applications and forms for enrollment. Several of my students worked all summer to pay for their college courses, and those students never failed an assignment. There is something to be said for paying for your education. Some parents pay for the courses as long as a certain grade is earned, which also seems to have a positive impact on students. There is a very blurry line between high school and college student in a dual-credit course, but this is a wonderful opportunity to teach responsibility. These students will leave for their universities with experience in enrollment and professional dialogue with professors. I recommend dual-credit courses to all students who wish to get a head start on college and are prepared to do the work.

Kansas House defeats school choice measure

Associated Press

TOPEKA, Kan. — The Kansas House defeated legislation Monday that would create a school choice scholarship program funded by corporate donations.

House members voted 63-56 against advancing the bill to final action, dealing a blow to supporters who saw the measure as a means to give parents of poor or special needs students a choice in where to send their children to school.

House Education Committee Chairwoman Kasha Kelley said the measure wasn't about the parents' party affiliation. It was about giving the students an opportunity they otherwise might not receive, she said.

"We are sacrificing their future because we are protecting a system," said Kelley, an Arkansas City Republican.

The measure would have let parents of low-income or special needs children in elementary or secondary grades apply for scholarships to send their children to private or parochial schools.

Corporations would receive tax credits for contributions to a qualifying scholarship-granting organization. The program would have been capped at $10 million annually and would have awarded scholarships to students for up to $8,000 annually.

Public school districts would not be penalized if any students who received a scholarship left for a private or parochial school. The districts would continue to receive state funding for one year.

Opponents argued there were too many questions about the tax credit provisions and whether schools accepting the scholarships would be accredited.

ECHS

From 1B

Midland College is closing the achievement gaps among different demographic groups," MC President Steve Thomas said. "Because of this successful partnership between MC and MISD and the support that both entities are able to give these students, they are successful in their high school classes, as well as their college courses. We set the standards high, and ECHS @ MC students have not disappointed us."

The goal of the nationwide early college high school (ECHS) week-long celebration is to bring attention to the successful ECHS initiatives in the United States. There are now 240 early college high schools throughout the U.S. with 75,000 students

At A&M, Sharp charts smooth course for major changes

By Reeve Hamilton
Texas Tribune

COLLEGE STATION — When the Texas A&M University System was looking for a new chancellor in 2011, alumni groups told Richard Box, the chairman of the board of regents, that the board should conduct nationwide search of academics.

"It was an interesting, well-meaning idea," Box said, but he was more intrigued by advice he received from Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who told him to "find somebody who can go over there to the Legislature and can communicate with those folks and also is well-known in the corporate offices in Texas."

Though former Texas Comptroller John Sharp fit that description, the ultimate selection of the longtime Democrat and former political rival of both Dewhurst and Gov. Rick Perry caught many by surprise. But halfway through his first legislative session as a chancellor, and after a year and a half on the job, the benefits of Sharp's political savvy are on full display as he shepherds the A&M System through a far smoother session than its chief rival, the University of Texas System.

When Sharp took the job — he, like Perry, is a Texas A&M University alumnus — both systems were in a state of politically tinged turmoil. Since then, lawmakers have focused their attention on Austin, where the tension between the UT System's board and the University of Texas at Austin seems to worsen by the day. Meanwhile, Sharp is receiving high marks for his overhaul of the Texas A&M system, which has included acquiring the system's first law school and an announced plan to double enrollment at its flagship university's engineering department.

"We keep a bunch of balls in the air all the time," Sharp said recently from his College Station office after he was briefed on upcoming initiatives. "Every now and then two or three will fall off or turn out to be a bad idea, or we'll drop it, because it turns out not to be a good deal." In the last year, the A&M system has also received praise for the release of a public interactive database and made waves by consolidating its health science center and flagship university, which is completing its first year in the Southeastern Conference. And Sharp is ready for more.

The Texas A&M University System includes 11 universities and seven state agencies. As he was briefed on other potential initiatives, most of them centered around on the flagship campus, Sharp imagined the news conferences he might get hold. "I love that stuff," he said.

Of many major announcements made during his tenure, the biggest came when the system landed a federal contract worth more than $285 million to establish a center for the manufacturing of medicine and vaccines, an effort that began before his arrival.

The announcement of the contract was celebrated by about 300 people in June in a downtown Austin ballroom. But the behind-the-scenes work, where Sharp excels, was not over.

To seal the deal, the A&M System had persuaded the state's leaders to approve a $40 million payout from the Texas Emerging Technology Fund, a discretionary pot of money overseen by the governor's office, from which the system has already benefited.

As lawmakers were crafting a draft budget early in the current legislative session, a clause requiring the Texas A&M System to demonstrate progress on the project in order to receive the funds was considered as an additional accountability measure.

So Sharp wrote to Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio. "The A&M System will perform its obligations," he wrote. "There is no alternative. You have my word, and you have the commitment of the A&M System."

The provision was quietly removed, first in the Senate and then in the House, never to be a part of the budget debate.

"One can say all they want about politicians," Sharp said months later, "but politicians to other politicians, their word is almost always good. It's written in stone and it's good, and if you ever violate that, then you'll never be able to do it again."

Of the state's six public university system chancellors, four are former politicians. But Sharp is widely viewed as a singular breed.

"He might be the most outside-the-box and creative person I've met in higher education," said state Rep. Eric Johnson, D-Dallas.

GHSHONORROLL

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A number of Greenwood High School students have been named to the "A" Honor Roll for the third six weeks

NOTE: The list does not include students whose parents have requested that information about their children not be released.

"A" Honor Roll

Ninth grade
Madeline Campbell
Colton Good
Garrett Grafe
Matthew Morgan

10th grade
Jessica Avery
Amanda Bell,
Alyson Drennan
Brenna Hartley
James Killebrew
Justin McKinney
Ashley Nelson
Allison Smith
Austin Ulcak

11th grade
Connor Brockman
James Brown
Kevin Campbell
Jeffrey Franklin
Zachary Gaffe
Clarissa Martinez
Lauren Morgan
Briana Pando
Brenda Rodriguez
David Sanchez
Natalea Sunderland
Ashley Turner
Hugo Vargas
Brandi Watkins

12th grade
Kailey Bouten
Bailey Brooks
Kacey Collins
Kyle Hansard
Amanda Hightower
Cade Jones
Kanada King
Candace Kingston
Blain Latham
Jay Long
Timothy Murphey
Sarah Ransom
Amy Rousselot
Megan Sitzman
Mayson Thompson
Kam Williams

A-B Honor Roll

Ninth grade
Emerald Galindo
Brantley Griffin
Annie Grimes
Erin Hickman
Chancey Kendall
Andrew King
Ariadna Lujan
Matthew Mackey
Faustino Madrid
Allson McCarty
William Minnick
Nicole Moss
Tanner Parker
Ariel Perez
Jacob Rogers
Chase Strumpfer
Traleese Tuala
Kwentan Williamson
Truman Young

10th grade
Marissa Brewer
Hope Brookshire
Jonathan Brookshire
Shyanna Cardenas
Brianna Dominguez
Priscilla Espinoza
Skyler Gallentine
Marcus Hernandez
Blake Herring
Jayden Lane
Madison Lesley
Caitlin Long
Kassie Maddox
Hannah Pfeiffer
Aime Quezada
Neilan Reid
Regan Shockley
Jaden Shoults
Joely Smith,
Sean Strickland
Mallory Worden

11th grade
Brittani Beggs
William Bujnoch
Cole Byerly
Sawyer Cobb
Brandon Cowan
Mackenzie Culwell
Scott Drebenstedt
Kambree Ebenstein
Brandon Elliott
Derek Fitzpatrick-Truelove
Brandon Gomez
Jose Hernandez
Jauscelyn
Rhet Hodnett
Neely Loft
Madison Lundgren
Anthony Madrid
Marissa Martin
Braydin Moreland
Derick Parsley
Hannah Peine
Ashli Perez
Dustin Rea
Matthew Rose
Austin Satterfield
Marissa Tovalin
Joshua Tuala
Arnol Urias
Brittani Watkins

12th grade
Cali Carmichael
Cali Claybrook
Whitney Collins
Yahir Desantiago
Christa Donahue
Mariana Flores
Michele Grimado
Zane Helms
Jennifer Hendriex
Quinton Holley
Kyra Jones
Shelbe Kelley
Cassandra Kraft
Joseph Kuhnert
Jody Lively
Elizabeth Lott
Juana Monroy Zamora
Jasmine Navarez
Alyson Schumann
Solin Sullivan
Brian Taylor
Judith Villalobos
Shelby Winn
Jessica Zarate

MCSHONORROLL

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Editor's Note: The following list is in the format in which the school provided it.

Following is the Midland Christian School honor roll for third six weeks

A.J. Brown
Abbeegail Dillard
Abby Claire Brown
Abby Flatt
Abigail Burkett
Abigail Needham
Alex Causey
Alex Wall
Allison Brown
Andrew Fields
Anna Flatt
Annie Brown
Annie Fisher
Anthony Aguilar
Ashley Beard
Ashley Brown
Ashley Hedrick
Audrey Tamplin
Austin Hafner
Avery Gossett
Bailey Warpula
Bethany Roach
Brittani Chaffin
Cailie Bradford
Caity Beeson
Caleb Barnwell
Cayden Connally
Chase Van Riper
Chloe Bice
Christen Beckham
Christian Duewall
Conner Mills
Courtney Hamilton
Dakota Jones
Daniel Crooks
Daniel Howard
Davis Fender
Elise Howard
Ellie Sevcik
Emily Brown
Emily Flatt
Evan McKinney
Faith McKinney
Faith Windham
Gabrielle Lyson
Garrett Clark
Garrett Eddison
Gilda Tchao
Hannah Hardeman
Hannah Reimert
Hannah Thomas
Hunter Pruitt
Hutt Reeger North
Jake Weathers
Jill Martin
Joe Smith
Joel Truett
Jon Yee
Jonathan Cheatham
Josh Brown
Kaden King
Kaitlyn Walker
Katherine Whiteman
Kayla Dupriest
Kelly Nelson
Kendall Blanchard
Kerilyn Gomez
Kevin Bohne
Kirsten Defrance
Lance Wagner
Landan Troglin
Laura McGraw
Lauren Hughes
Lexi Stoneman
Logan Schmidt
Luke Sheppard
Lynley Lewis
Madison Warpula
Mady Jo Warren
Makynna Wallace
Marcus Gower
Matthew Figel
McKenzie Stubbs
Megan Ashton
Megan Biodrowski
Megan McClendon
Mitchell Cochran
Molly Meeker
Morgan Lowery
Natalie Keesee
Preston Michel
Quinn Spear
Reagan Brown
Rebecca James
Rebekah Sowders
Roy Bateman
Ryan Keck
Rylee Hill
Rylee Machen
Sam Fields
Sara Calvin
Sean Gill
Sean Martin
Shea Fender
Shelby Bryant
Tarah Roman
Taylor Cohen
Taylor McComic
Torey Fikes
Tracey Taylor
Travis Causey
Viki Amend
Whitney Newman
Zach Patty
Zachary Bates

Nominations accepted for businesses that support volunteerism in public schools

AUSTIN – Applications are now being accepted by the State Board of Education (SBOE) for the 2013 Employers for Education Excellence (EEE) Award. Texas employers who encourage and support employee participation in school activities are eligible to be nominated for the 2013 award.

Any Texas employer is eligible, including private businesses, nonprofit organizations, governmental and educational entities that meet the criteria. Employers will be eligible to receive an award at one of three levels: bronze, silver or gold. Eligibility is based on the business meeting the following criteria for one of the three levels:

Bronze is for an employer that implements a policy to encourage and support employees who attend parent-teacher conferences.

Silver is for an employer that meets the requirements of bronze and implements a policy to encourage and support employees who volunteer in school activities.

Gold is for an employer that meets the requirements of silver and implements a policy to encourage and support employees who participate in student mentoring programs in schools.

The EEE program requires a business to submit an application to the Texas Education Agency. The application form is available online. The application can be downloaded and mailed to the address on the application form, or filled out online and sent in via e-mail.

Once the application is received, the Commissioner of Education's designee will review the applications and make recommendations to the SBOE regarding businesses that should receive an award and the level of recognition. The SBOE may approve or modify those recommendations.

The EEE awards will be valid for three years. At the end of three years, a business may reapply for the same level of recognition or for a higher level if they meet the criteria.

The complete EEE application must be emailed or postmarked by May 31 to: Texas Education Agency, Communications Division, Employers for Education Excellence Award, 1701 Congress Avenue, Room 2-180, Austin, Texas 78701.

Okla. rep. pulls in-state tuition bill

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Legislation that would extend in-state tuition rates to people who graduate from an Oklahoma high school but later move out of state was put on hold Monday after its author said the plan's intention was being muddled in misunderstandings.

The bill specifically says only U.S. citizens would qualify, which raised questions about whether it would block illegal immigrants from an existing program that grants them in-state tuition if they meet certain requirements. Sen. John Sparks, D-Norman, who sponsored the bill.

EDUCATIONINBRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland High DECA students head to international competition

In only its second year of implementation on the Midland High School campus, the DECA program is leaving its mark in a big way. Following state-level competition, four marketing students will advance to the ICDC (International Career Development Conference), to be held April 24-27, in Anaheim, Calif.

International competitors are James Barela, senior, and Ashton Brisco, junior, in the division of Marketing Communications. International Alternates and DECA Leadership Academy attendees are Reese Barden, senior, Sports and Entertainment Marketing, and Kayla Grant, senior, Business Services Marketing.

MHS Marketing Teacher and DECA Sponsor Justin Walker, said that, after one student advanced to international competition last year, he is particularly proud to see four students advance.

"Competition at the state level is extremely hard, and I am thrilled that my students' hard work paid off," said Walker, the MISD Secondary teacher of the year. "I am looking forward to having Midland High represented at the international level. My students are already recruiting their friends, siblings, and future Bulldogs to join DECA and to enter CTE classes. I am excited about the future of MHS DECA and the CTE (Career & Technology Education) programs."

The four students are among 14 MHS state competitors. Nine Lee High School DECA students advanced to the state-level competition as well. The program continues to gain traction at both high schools.

For more information, visit www.deca.org/events/icdc.

Lee High School receives book donation from 1979 alum

A book entitled, "Ranches, Villas, and Houses" by Michael G. Imber, a 1979 Lee High School graduate, was recently donated to the school.

The book outlines his early years, college years and profession, as well as displaying his amazing architectural and artistic talents, said Lee Principal Stephanie Howard.

Imber studied at Texas Tech University and currently works as an architect in San Antonio. His book will be on display in the office for a few days before moving to the library for permanent display.

Midland College Music Department receives prestigious Conn-Selmer designation

Midland College has become the first community college in the world to be designated as a Conn-Selmer school.

Conn-Selmer is the leading manufacturer and distributor of musical instruments and accessories and includes a portfolio of individual companies and brands that represent innovation, entrepreneurship and a focus on musical excellence. With a complete selection of band, orchestra and percussion instruments, Conn-Selmer is already the choice of music educators around the world. The honor of being designated as a Conn-Selmer school carries special benefits designed to strengthen the music program of Conn-Selmer's partner institutions.

Through private grants from the Rea Charitable Trust and the FMH Foundation, Midland College has obtained a complete line of orchestra and band instruments manufactured by Conn-Selmer. Grant funds also were used to purchase instrument storage cabinets.

Grant Johnston, program administrator in Conn-Selmer's Division of Education, said, "We look forward to expanding our partnership with Midland College as we develop programs that impact the school's students and the local music community at large. By having access to consistently high-quality musical instruments, Midland College students will learn superior skills and be better prepared for success in their careers, ensuring the stability and growth of music education and a long-term legacy for the school."

Thanks to previous gifts from the Rea Charitable Trust, F. Marie Hall and various other generous donors, MC became an All Steinway School in 2010. The Conn-Selmer designation further strengthens the college's outstanding music program. Midland College is one of only four institutions worldwide to be granted both an All-Steinway and Conn-Selmer School status.

New Univ. of Wyo. president makes good impression

Associated Press

LARAMIE, Wyo. — Robert Sternberg is making a good impression on his first visit to the University of Wyoming campus in Laramie since being named its new president in February.

Sternberg toured the campus Monday and met with university leaders, students and faculty, listening to concerns and describing his goals and leadership style.

Those who met with him described Sternberg as likable, intelligent and passionate for undergraduate education.

The 63-year-old Sternberg is to continue his campus visit today.

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How to fix a country? Prescribe a book

■ As a society we promote the benefits of healthy living. How about adding reading to that list.

ESTHER J. CEPEDA

Washington Post Writers Group

A few weeks ago, I approached an apocalyptic-sounding essay in The New York Times titled "The Country That Stopped Reading." Finally, I thought, another pessimist to join me in bemoaning the awful state of reading in America.

The author, David Toscana, was actually writing about Mexico. But he paralleled what I see here in this country. When he lamented that, in Mexico, baseline literacy is up but "the practice of reading an actual book is not," the observation rang true stateside.

Admittedly, it's not all (BEG ITAL)that(END ITAL) bad. According to a 2012 survey by the Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project, 83 percent of Americans between the ages of 16 and 29 had read a book in the past year and more of them did so for pleasure than for work or school.

But if you spend enough time in low-income communities and schools, the world looks a lot different than what the national statistics imply.

Toscana recalled asking an auditorium filled with 300 or so 14- and 15-year-olds the question "Who likes to read?" He was shocked to see but one shy hand. I've had similar experiences in my local schools.

He's also spent time among teachers, never seeing them crack open a book. I've witnessed instructors scoff at the very suggestion that they read a novel over the summer in order to participate in a back-to-school book discussion.

The underlying problem isn't simply about literacy. The reality is that while many people are taught to read, not enough grow up with a love of reading as young children. One group has honed in on this sad state of affairs and is doing something meaningful to change it.

Reach Out and Read is a national nonprofit organization of pediatricians and medical providers that prescribes books as part of well-child health visits. The organization helps young families learn how to read together and impresses upon parents that they are their child's most important teacher.

"The founders said 'We talk about nutrition, sugar, seat belts, car seats, exercise and such, why not start incorporating the message of the importance of reading?'" said Judith Forman, the Boston-based organization's public awareness manager. "Eventually, the program grew national. We now serve 4 million children and families a year via 5,000 health centers in all 50 states."

Doctors' offices volunteer to join the program, train in specific literacy tactics and fund the purchase of enough age-appropriate books to furnish each one of their young patients with 10 books over the span of a few years. Each child between the ages of 6 months and 5 years who comes in gets a book, and their parents are given a mini-lesson on what age-appropriate literacy activities should take place at home.

One thing that really stuck out to me as I spoke with Forman is that although the physician groups participating in the program are heavily concentrated in low-income communities — arguably, where they're most needed — once a practice signs on, all families are exposed to the benefits of reading.

"The medical provider tailors the program to each family," Forman said. "Particularly now, in the age of technology, some families are time-poor as opposed to economically poor and fall into the trap of replacing reading with screen time. In other families where parents might have low literacy, or a second language, we show parents how to sit with a child and flip through books, look at pictures and ask questions. The reading, talking, singing, and rhyming together are all the things that set the skills for children to be ready to read, learn and succeed. And it's a special bonding moment when kids are on a parent's lap."

Dipesh Navsaria, a pediatrician and children's librarian, as well as the director of Reach Out and Read Wisconsin, literally writes out prescriptions to his patients calling for doses that range in minutes per day to "every night at bedtime." Refills are to be requested at the public library.

"It's cute and gimmicky but families are surprised by it," Navsaria told me. "It helps them understand that I really mean this. It is as important as bike helmets, 'back-to-sleep' and immunizations. It is as important a prescription as one for (the antibiotic) amoxicillin."

Prescribing a love of reading to young families — what a brilliant idea. Sadly, it's one that needs to be more seriously considered for widespread adoption as book reading remains nonexistent in some families and gives way to our society's endless electronic entertainments in others.

Lawmakers: Jindal trying to oust college leader

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Six Republican state lawmakers said Monday that Gov. Bobby Jindal is trying to pressure the board of regents to fire the state's top higher education leader.

Commissioner of Higher Education Jim Purcell has been at odds with the GOP governor over the depth of budget cuts to public colleges and what that slashing means to higher education.

Reps. Brett Geymann, Cameron Henry, Lance Harris, Jim Morris, Rogers Pope and John Schroder issued a statement Monday defending Purcell.

The lawmakers, who have criticized the governor's budgeting tactics, condemned what they call the Jindal administration's attempt "to politically influence" the Regents to oust Purcell.

"This episode represents the latest in a string of exceptionally poor decisions by the governor and his staff," Morris, R-Oil City, said in a statement. "Having a staffer attempt to influence an independent academic board is just not acceptable."

The chairman of the board of regents, Clinton "Bubba" Rasberry, said it's no secret the Jindal administration is unhappy with Purcell. He said the governor's office has made that clear to its appointees.

"I've gotten messages, yes. I've certainly been made to understand they're unhappy with Dr. Purcell," said Rasberry, a Regents board member since 2003 and a current Jindal appointee.

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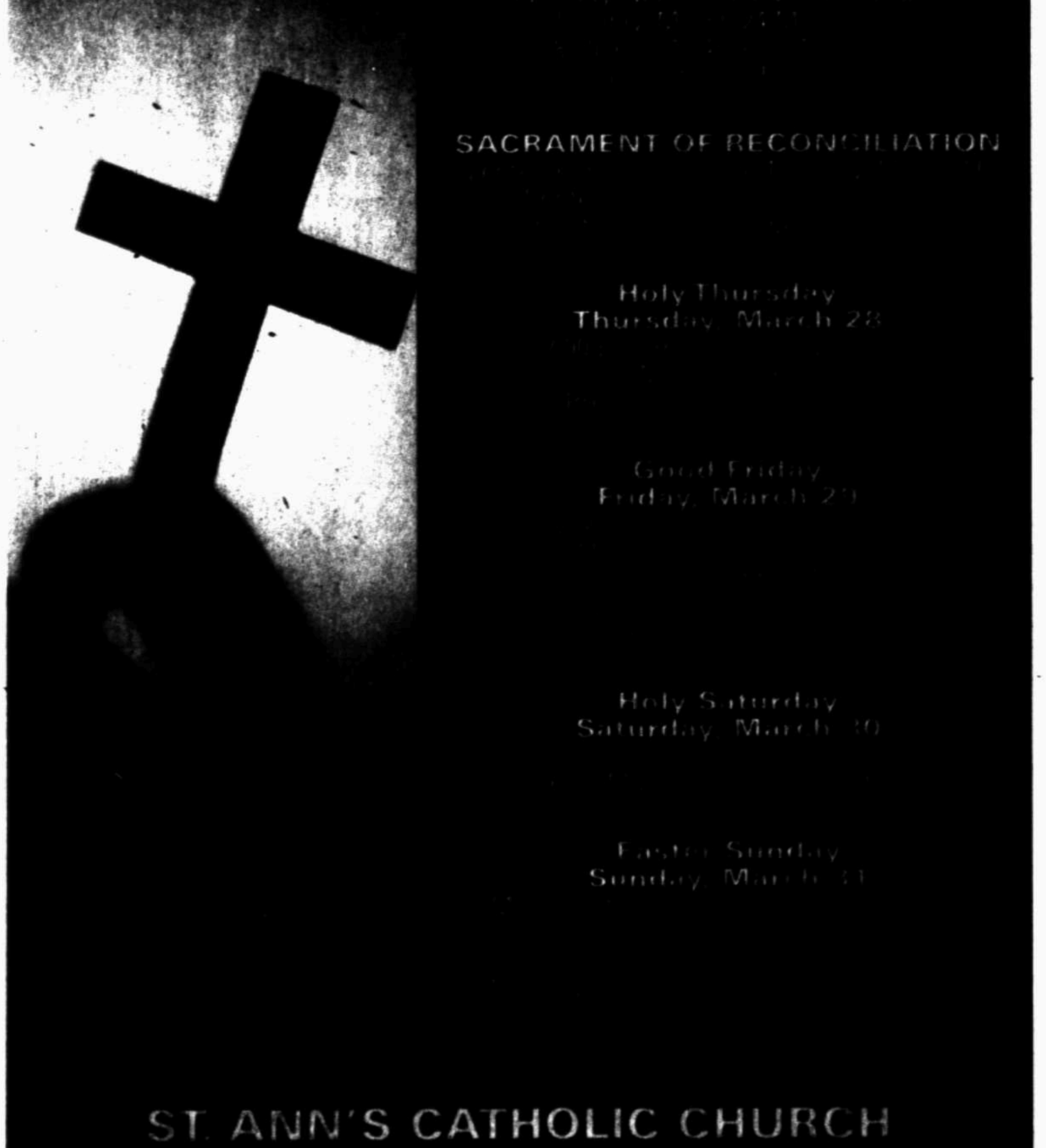

Spik rewar

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Spike, the Midland High School mascot, receives an award for "most spirited" during the Muscular Dystrophy Association's annual Muscle Walk on Saturday at the Petroleum Museum.

New Alaska education funding bill called unlikely

Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska — A major education funding package is unlikely to gain traction in the Alaska Legislature during the last three weeks of the session despite complaints about how much the state spends on education, according to the chairs of the House and Senate Education committees.

While there has been plenty of debate over proposed constitutional amendments that would allow for public funds to be used for religious and private schools, none of the education legislation that has momentum addresses the formula for calculating the per-student cost of education, known as the base student allocation.

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THURSDAY: Sunny
High: 78
Low: 55

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 62 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph in the morning. Wind gusts could reach 35 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 42. Gusts could reach 40 mph.

Wednesday and Thursday, expect highs in the mid to upper 70s.

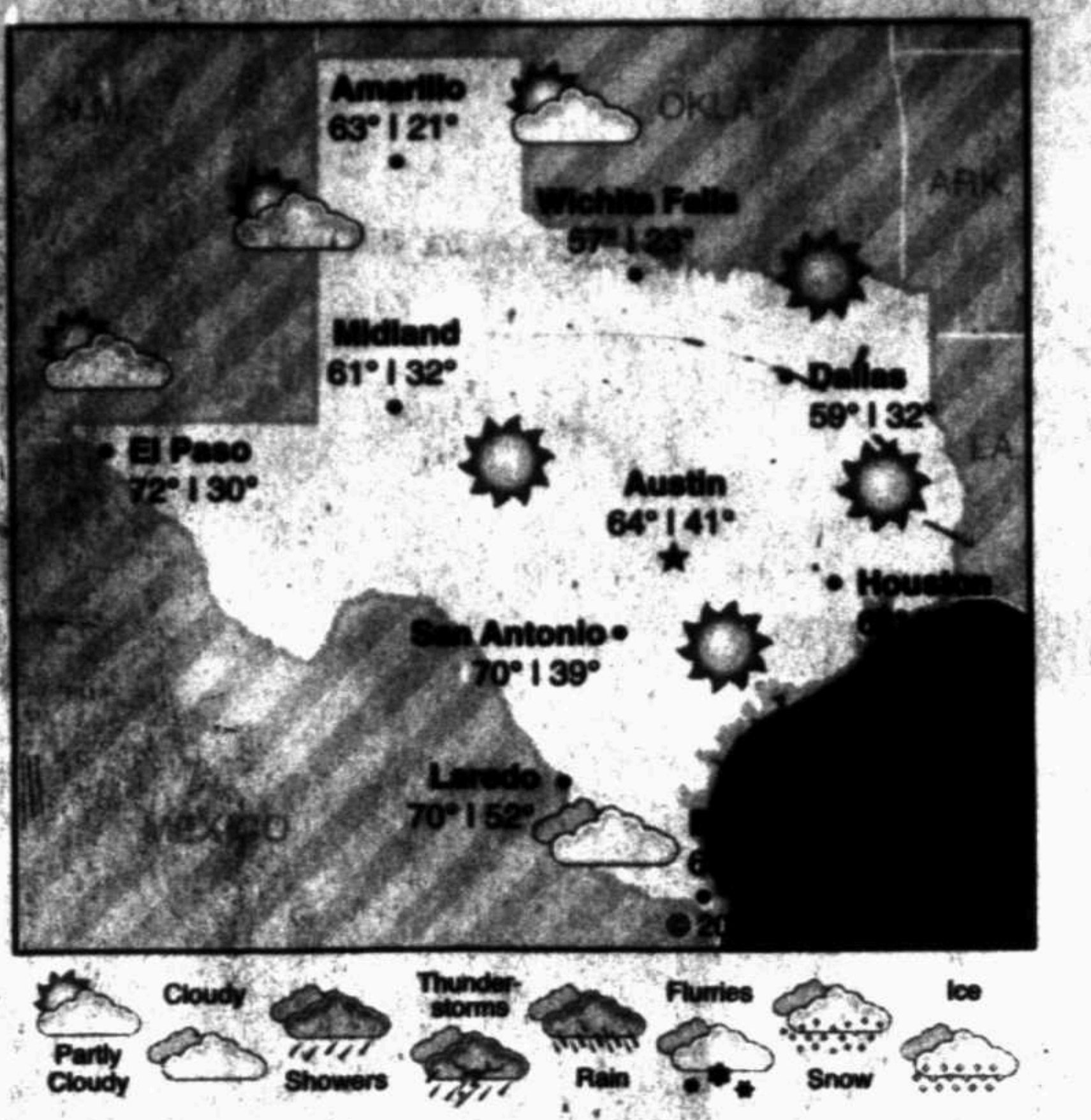
The high on Monday reached 53, while the low dropped to 28. The record high for March 25 is 90 set in 1938. The record low is 23 set in 1955.

Weather Whys

Q: What's the coldest it's ever been in Texas?

A: Texas is no stranger to below zero temperatures, Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University said. "There have been numerous times in the last 100 years when parts of the state have been below zero," he explained. "But one day stands out among all others. On Feb. 8, 1933, the temperature was minus-23 degrees in Seminole to set the state's all-time low.

Weather Whys is a service of the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University



Precipitation	
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	trace
Year total	1.53 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.75 in.

Monday's temperatures	
High	53
Low	28
Normal high	73
Normal low	43
Sunrise	7:44 a.m.
Sunset	8:05 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, March 26

Man hesitates before making commitment to messy marriage

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: "Rita" and I have been together three years and are getting ready to make the final commitment of marriage. My problem is that she's a slob. Rita isn't a "hoarder," but she does things like take the plastic off a package and drop it on the floor. (Don't get me started on the mess she leaves in the bathroom.)

I love her and would be willing to have separate bathrooms if that's what it takes. But I don't want to spend the rest of my life in a house that looks the way hers does right now. The thought of raising kids in that kind of atmosphere chills me.

I'm no neat freak, but at least I put my trash in the wastebasket. Rita gets offended if I raise the issue. I have offered to help her clean her house, but I don't want to nag because her mother already does, and it makes Rita respond like a defiant child.

Have you any ideas about what I can do to keep our relationship — and hopefully our future — intact? — WHATEVER RITA WANTS

DEAR WHATEVER: It appears your girlfriend wants to continue living exactly the way she is. Because she becomes defensive at the suggestion that she make a better effort, accept that you are not going to change her. She obviously has many good qualities or your relationship would not have made it this far.

There is help for people who are disorganized and sloppy, but only if they are willing to accept that they need it. Some people have successfully used a system originated by Marla Cilley, aka the FlyLady. ("Fly" stands for "Finally Loving Yourself.") To find out more about her system, visit www.flylady.net and click on "Get Started."

DEAR ABBY: I'm stuck in a dead-end job that doesn't pay much money, so I have to rely on help from my parents. I'd like to return to school for my master's, but a lack of funds and mild depression keep pulling me back.

I told my mother about how I have been feeling, hoping for reassurance — just a general, "Everything is going to get better." This is a woman who has longed for me to get married and have children, which I thought was no different than most mothers. I now realize I was wrong. Her motivation speech was: "You have always been beautiful and I want you to see it. Don't you know that you're good enough to become a rich man's wife?"

Now I realize that being a rich man's wife is what she always wanted for me. I always thought I could be more than that and support myself without the need of a man. I also believed I could one day be a writer.

Independence has always been important to me, and I would never marry unless I was. Now, however, my self-esteem is shot, and since I can't afford therapy, I feel my mother's plan is probably the only thing I can hope for. How can I improve my self-esteem so I can make the right decision? — DEPRESSED IN LEWISVILLE, TEXAS

DEAR DEPRESSED: A good first step would be to stop listening to your mother. Live your own life, and now that you know what poor judgment she has, make your own decisions about the path you will follow.

A suggestion: Write the story down and be sure to mention how you persisted in spite of your mother's advice. You may find inspiration in your own words. And if it's published, so might others.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

That elusive overtrick

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
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♥ Q J 8
♦ A 9 8
♣ K 10 4 2

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

EAST
♠ 10 9 8 7 6 4
♥ 10 9 4
♦ 7 4
♣ 7 6

SOUTH
♠ J
♥ A 3
♦ K Q J 6 5 3 2
♣ A Q J

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Nine of ♣

This deal is from a National Open Pairs Championship.

North's jump to two notrump showed 13-15 points and a balanced hand. South's four clubs was the Gerber Convention, asking for aces. That located one ace in partner's hand. South settled in the small slam.

West attacked with a club. There were 12 fast tricks available — seven diamonds, four clubs and the ace of hearts. However, there was play for an overtrick.

The simple way was via the heart finesse after discarding the jack of spades on the long club. But declarer postponed the finesse. South won the club in hand and ran all seven diamond tricks, discarding three spades and a heart from the table, followed by three more club tricks, ending in dummy — declarer coming down A 3 of hearts in hand and Q J in dummy.

On the run of diamonds the defender discarded four hearts, a club and a spade and, when the last club was cashed, West tossed the ace of spades! Convinced that West's last two cards were hearts, declarer thought the finesse was safe. When it lost to the bare king, West had a spade to cash for down one!

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 26, 2013:

This year you will be more concerned about your relationships. At times, you might question your boundaries, as well as those of the other parties involved. Know that everyone is different. You might wonder which approach would be best to take — to do what you feel or do what you think. Experiment, and see the results of each. If you are single, you could have difficulty deciding whom to date. If you are attached, the two of you have a hard time juggling your different needs. Kissing and making up will be a frequent habit. LIBRA can be challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Your drive helps you stay charged throughout the day. Nevertheless, you could be overwhelmed by all the inquiries you encounter. By late afternoon, you'll be looking for ways out of conversations and situations. Trust your imagination. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Carry a notebook with you in order to jot down your many ideas. You'll want to test them out on others before deciding which one works best for you. You could be looking at different options to make more money, or perhaps you just want to travel. Tonight: Play it low-key.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You might feel unusually knowledgeable, which could cause you to question the reasons for doing things in a certain way. Your creativity emerges, and you'll find the right path. Success greets you. A friend also could have some feedback for you. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ Give a presentation in the morning, and speak your mind. You will see a situation in a different light because you're able to make a change that you have desired for a while. Follow your instincts. A partner can be testy, so give this person some space. Tonight: At home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Take care of your business and financial concerns. News coming from a distance proves to be quite distracting. You have reason to smile, but you might doubt yourself or what you are hearing. Know that there are some details being left out. Tonight: Catch up with a friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Others note your self-confidence. Whatever you decide to put on your plate tends to work because of your upbeat attitude. Open up to a possibility of travel or consider taking on more responsibilities. A new friend expresses the intensity of his or her feelings. Tonight: Run errands.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Though you feel be out of sync in the morning, you'll feel far more together come dinnertime. You can see the difference in your energy through others' reactions. You might be taken aback by someone's behavior. Say little, and watch what happens. Tonight: Do your thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Your ability to read between the lines will come through for you. Others might not totally understand where they are heading in a key matter, but your insightful nature lets you know. Step back, and watch how the situation develops. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You know what to do, and you'll do it. Understand that you might need to have a difficult discussion with a loved one. You have gone long enough without saying anything, but know your limits. A meeting points to a fun adventure. Tonight: Whatever sets your imagination afire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ News from a distance could evoke a discussion. The topic involves real estate and your domestic life. Know that someone is passionate about his or her perception, but this could change, You will be centered and direct in your dealings. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ A partner has a lot to say, and he or she will say it. You can't escape this inevitable discussion, so step up to the plate and have it. Reach out to someone at a distance who cares about you; the discussion could be quite animated. Tonight: Learn a new hobby.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Others seek you out, and you will be forced to juggle many different concerns. Do be aware of the cost of pursuing several situations at once, as you could become distracted. A partner wants to talk money. Be available for this conversation. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

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BORN TODAY

Singer Diana Ross (1944), actor Leonard Nimoy (1931), poet Robert Frost (1874)

DAILY CROSSWORD

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1 PC screens largely replaced by LCDs
5 Exchange goodbyes
9 Breed, as salmon
14 Ghostly glow
15 "Nothin' doin'!"
16 "Dallas" matriarch
17 Sleight-of-hand scam
19 Cold temperatures
20 Fountain of Rome
21 Levies on smokes and booze
23 Prefix with present
26 Playfully shy
27 Houston of Texas
30 Agenda item
36 World's largest rainforest
38 Pearl Jam singer Eddie
39 Early whirlybird, for short
40 Winding curve
42 Body wash brand
43 Dressy ties
46 Mariachi's headwear
49 Filmed like most of today's films
51 Hyphenated ID
52 Fair-hiring abbr.
53 Wax-wrapped cheese
55 Alphabet soup, so to speak
60 Have an inkling
64 Abrasive mineral
65 Fight fiercely to the end
68 Barely burn
69 Continental cash
70 Armory supply, and a hint to the starts of 17-, 30-, 49- and 65-Across
71 Left one's seat
72 Slight impression
73 Author Uris

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1 Plaster bandage
2 Essen's region
3 "Magic __ House": kiddie lit series
4 Battleship barrage
5 Curly-tailed pooch
6 "So that's what that means!"
7 Caribbean liquors
8 It might be broken at a party
9 Prepare some letterpress printing
10 Appeal
11 Author Haley
12 Bistro beverage
13 Stack's role in "The Untouchables"
18 "How low can you go?" competition
22 Grounding rule, perhaps
24 Convent resident
25 "On second thought, that's not true"
27 Long stories
28 Pennsylvania Mennonites
29 Call before "Polo!"
31 Dogie catcher
32 Reminder to take out the trash?
33 Fritters away time
34 Gets within a stone's throw of
35 Check for size
37 Type of baggy '40s suit
41 One and only
44 Colored, hippie-style
45 Snooty sort
47 '60s chic
48 "The Godfather" hoodlum Luca
50 Discontinued
54 Lead or zinc
55 Military chow hall
56 "You're looking at the one and only"
57 Strange: Pref.
58 Therefore
59 Scrapbook adhesive
61 Alaskan seaport
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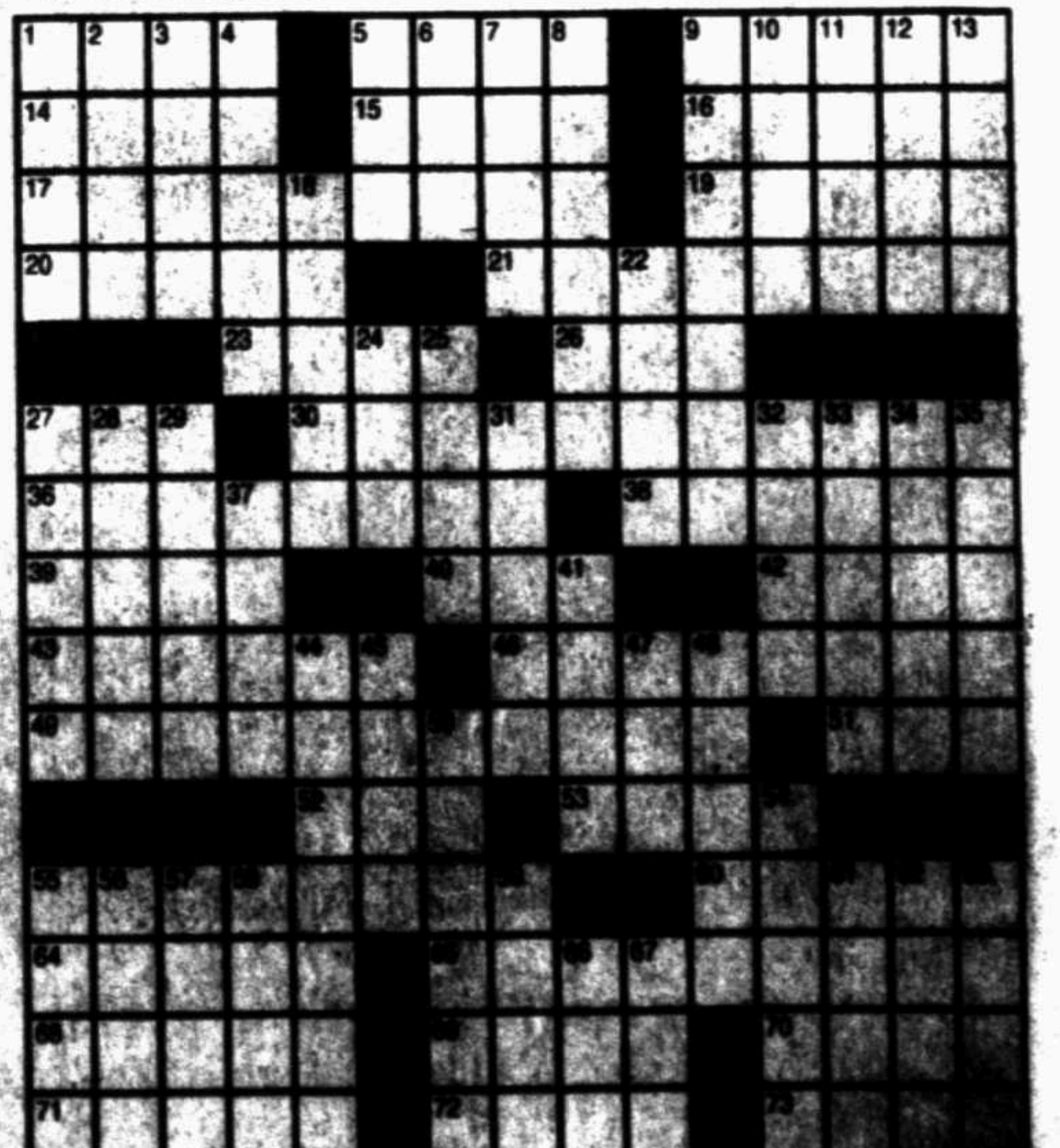

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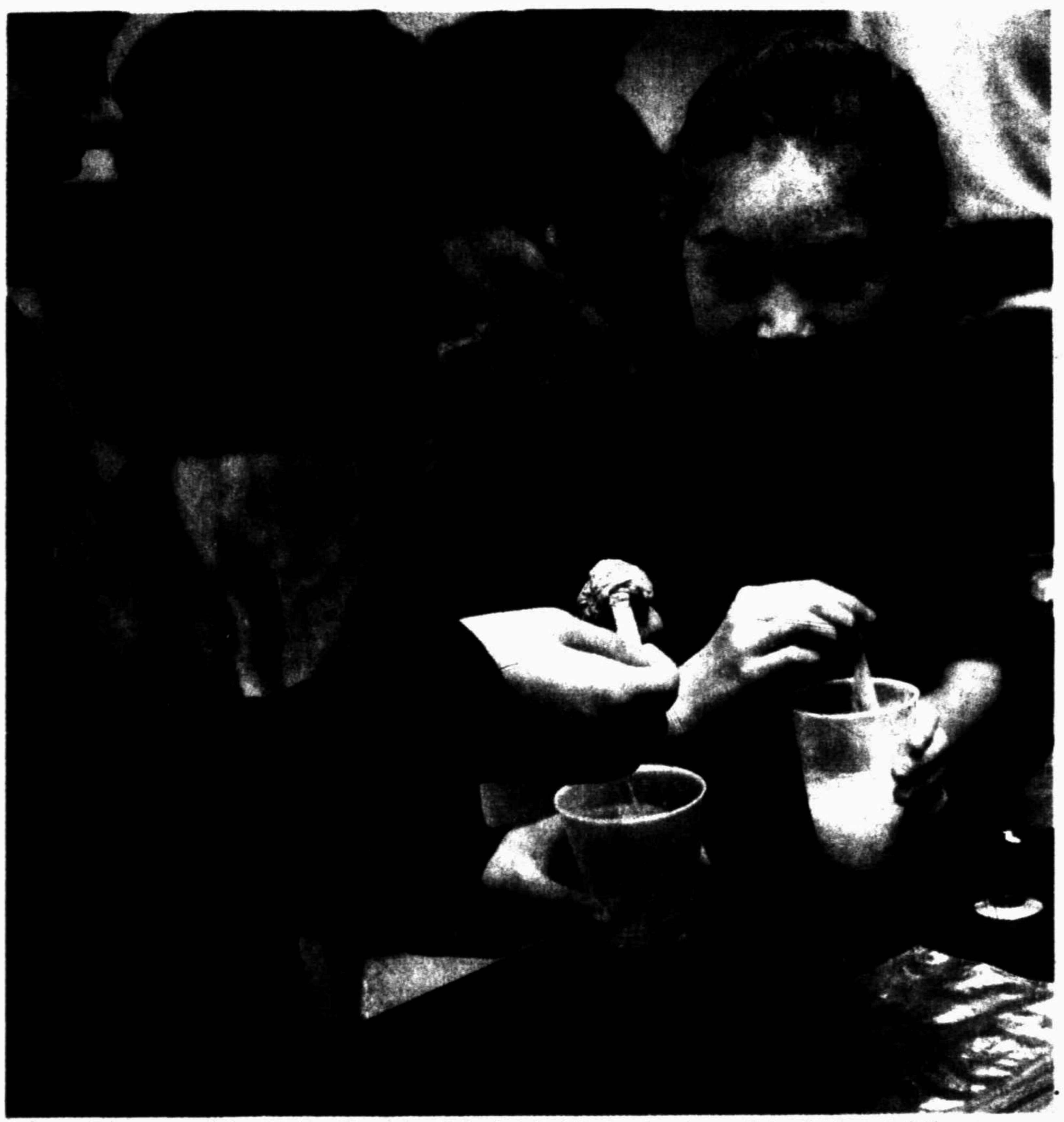
Lee High senior Carter Hunt, center, opens a sheep's eye as Scharbauer Elementary students, Daniel McClure, left, and Edgar Ruiz, right, as well as Lee senior Dakots Culpepper look during Lee Lab Day at Lee High School. Elementary students from 11 schools that ultimately feed into Lee High School attended the annual Lee Lab Day event Wednesday. Students rotate to different lab stations and classrooms to learn science lessons from high school faculty and students. They participate in hands-on dissections, chemistry demonstrations and more. "We thank the Education Foundation for making this happen again this year," said Chris Bryant, LHS Science Department chair and Lab Day coordinator.

LEELABDAYS

Photos by Tim Fischer | Reporter-Telegram

Jorgee Harris, Bonham Elementary School student, laughs as he pulls his flubber out after mixing it.



Montana Earl reacts as fellow Bonham Elementary School student Marissa Loveless pulls her flubber out of the cup.

Ruben Iglesias stirs his flubber concoction to mix water, white glue and borox to make a Silly Putty type toy

Bonham Elementary School student Damian Garcia watches as Lee High sophomore Alex Garcia, no relation, pours white glue into a cup as they prepare to make flubber.

Lee High School senior Joshua Hyatt shows the inner workings of a sheep eye to Tyler Mitchell and other students from Scharbauer Elementary.

Lee High School sophomore Ethan Irvine instructs Bonham Elementary students Karl Taylor and Justin Ochoa as they make flubber.

Mystery Trolinder examines a sheep eye lens as fellow Scharbauer Elementary student Brayleigh Houser watches.

SPORTS

Aggies come up short in tourney against Cornhuskers

By Brent Zwerneman
San Antonio Express-News

COLLEGE STATION — Nebraska is two years removed from playing at Texas A&M in conference contests, but the freewheeling, free-shooting Cornhuskers made themselves at home on Monday night in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Sixth-seeded Nebraska defeated third-seeded A&M 74-63 to advance to the Sweet 16 in Norfolk, Va., this weekend. The Aggies, who last faced Nebraska in 2011 when both were Big 12 members, failed to make at least the Sweet 16 for the first time in three years.

The underdog Cornhuskers, who finished second in the Big Ten regular season, did their best work from both near the basket (holding a 39-27 rebounding advantage) and from long range (8 of 19 3-pointers). The Aggies, who won the SEC tournament their first swing through their new league, saw their four-game win streak snapped, while Nebraska advances to the Sweet 16 for only the second time in program history.

A&M junior center Kelsey Bone, who perhaps played her final game for A&M as she weighs her WNBA options, finished with 13 points and five rebounds. Senior Adrienne Pratcher led A&M with 17 points, while Jordan Hooper paced the Cornhuskers with 21 points.

Hooper and Lindsey Moore (20 points) made a combined 5 of 11 3-pointers. A&M freshman guard Jordan Jones played superbly down the stretch in briefly helping lift A&M back into the game (64-57 with 2:44 remaining), and finished with 12 points.

The victory signified sweet revenge for the Cornhuskers, who fell 84-49 two years ago at A&M in their final Big 12 regular-season game. Meanwhile A&M, which features seven freshmen on its 14-player roster, exceeded most expectations this season based on its inexperience entering the season — save primarily for Bone.

Inside

See a roundup from Monday's second-round of games at the NCAA tournament

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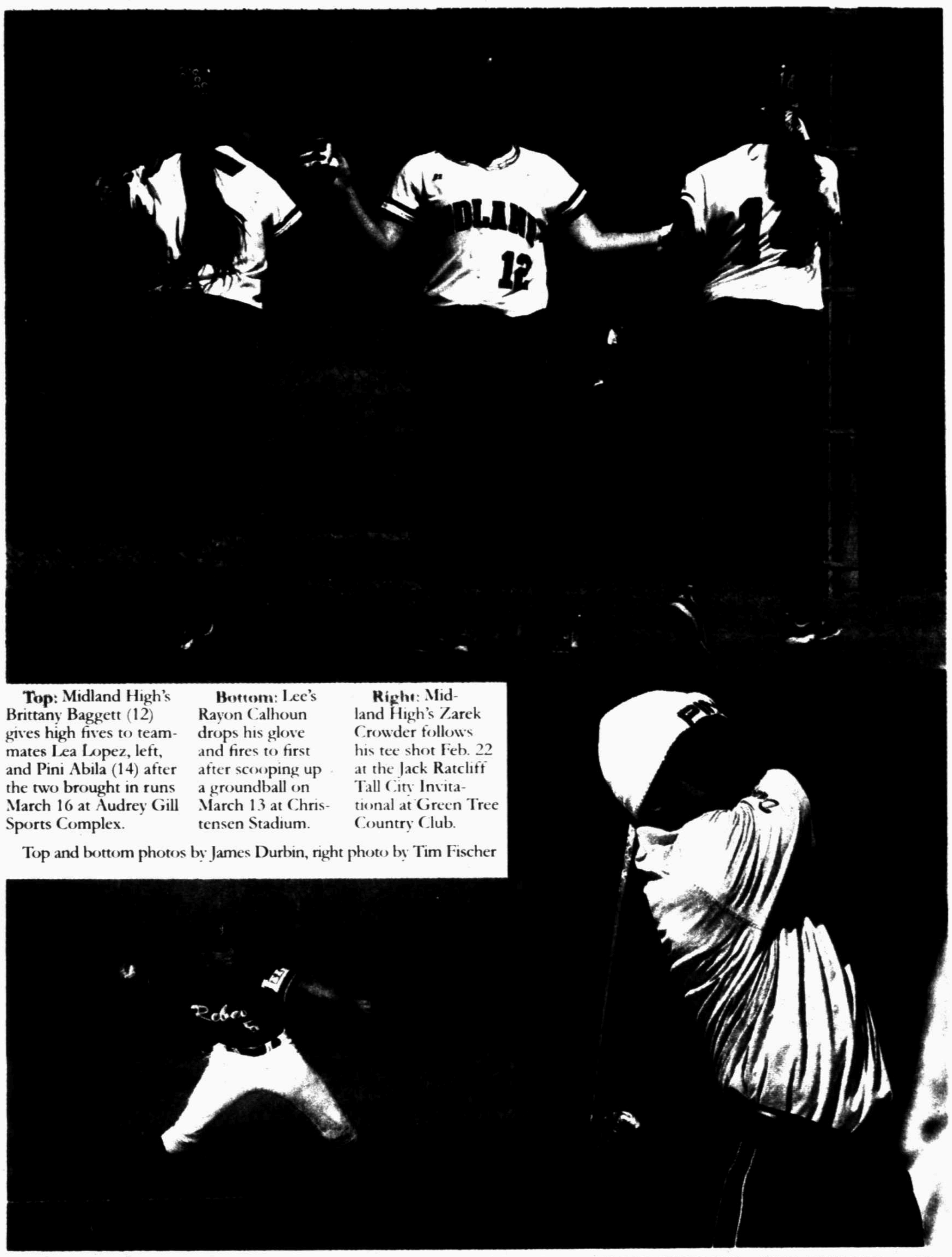
Pat Sullivan/AP

Texas A&M's Kelsey Bone, center, tries to get to the basket between Nebraska's Jordan Hooper (35) and Lindsey Moore (00) on Monday in College Station.

Let's play again


Top: Midland High's Brittany Baggett (12) gives high fives to teammates Lea Lopez, left, and Pini Abila (14) after the two brought in runs March 16 at Audrey Gill Sports Complex.

Bottom: Lee's Rayon Calhoun drops his glove and fires to first after scooping up a groundball on March 13 at Christensen Stadium.

Right: Midland High's Zarek Crowder follows his tee shot Feb. 22 at the Jack Ratcliff Tall City Invitational at Green Tree Country Club.

Top and bottom photos by James Durbin, right photo by Tim Fischer

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Griner set for final home game for Baylor

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — Brittney Griner has played in only one loss at home during her four seasons at Baylor. Junior point guard Odyssey Sims is still undefeated.

"I haven't really thought about it that way, but I have noticed we haven't lost a game," Sims said Monday.

Griner, the 6-foot-8 two-time All-American preparing for her last home game with the Lady Bears (33-1), quickly chimed in with a bit of a clarification.

"She lets us know that she hasn't lost a game here," Griner said with a smile. "Don't let her tell a fib to y'all."

Baylor plays in the second round of the NCAA tournament against Florida State (23-9) tonight. It will be the last home game for Griner and four other seniors.

The defending national champion Lady Bears have won a nation's-best 56 in a row at home. With one more victory, they will be in the NCAA round of 16 for the fourth year in a row.

Since the senior trio of Griner, Jordan Madden and Kimetria Hayden got to Waco as freshmen together, Baylor is 71-2 at home. Griner didn't play in the last home loss, against Texas in the 2009-10 regular-season finale.

The Lady Bears have won every home game the past three seasons — since Sims arrived and when transfers Destiny Williams and Brooklyn Pop, the other seniors, started playing.

"You really forget how hard it is to play at this intense high level night in and night out and not have a slipup," coach Kim Mulkey said.

"When you look at career of these seniors here, it's pretty amazing that they can continue to play at such a high level regardless of the opponent. Now, I didn't say we play good every night, but they do play hard every night — with a target on them."

Baylor, the No. 1 overall seed, opened the NCAA tournament with an 82-40 victory Sunday night over SWAC tournament champion Prairie View.

Inside

FGCU savors it's men's NCAA tournament run

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Woods back on top in golf after winning Arnold Palmer Invite

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The moment was vintage Tiger Woods, and so was his reaction.

Seconds after Rickie Fowler made a 40-foot birdie putt on the 12th hole to pull within two shots of the lead, Woods posed over his 25-foot birdie putt until he swept the putter upward in his left hand and marched toward the cup as it dropped for a birdie.

Fowler, standing on the edge of the green, turned with a slight smile as if to say, "What else can I do?"

Woods won the Arnold Palmer Invitational on Monday and returned to No. 1 in the world for the first time since October 2010, the longest spell of his career. After all that time, after so much turmoil with his personal life and his health, Woods looks as good as ever.

Maybe better.

"It's a byproduct of hard work, patience and getting back to winning golf tournaments," Woods said.

He essentially wrapped up his eighth title at Bay Hill with an 8-iron out of a fairway bunker on the par-5 16th that easily cleared the water and landed safely on the green for a two-putt birdie. Woods dangled his tongue out of his mouth as the ball was in the air, another sign of his swagger.

Just like his other two wins this year, Woods never let anyone get closer than two shots in the final round. With a conservative bogey he could afford on the final hole, he closed with a 2-under 70 for a two-shot win over Justin Rose.

Woods walked off the 18th green waving his putter over his head — truly a magic wand at Bay Hill — to acknowledge the fans who have seen this act before. His eighth win in the Arnold Palmer Invitational tied a PGA Tour record that had not been touched in 48 years.

This win had extra significance. He's back to No. 1.

"If I get healthy, I know I can play this game at a high level," Woods said. "I know I can be where I'm contending in every event, contending in major championships and being consistent day in and day out — if I got healthy. That was the first step in the process. Once I got there, then my game turned."

A year ago, he came to Bay Hill without having won in more than 2 1/2 years. He left this year having won six times in his last 20 starts on the PGA Tour.

Next up is the Masters, where Woods will try to end his five-year drought in the majors.

"I'm really excited about the rest of this year," Woods said.

Woods fell as low as No. 58 in the world as he coped with the collapse of his marriage, a loss of sponsors and injuries to his left leg. One week after he announced he was dating Olympic ski champion Lindsey Vonn, Woods returned to the top of golf.

"Number 1 !!!!!!!!!!!!!" Vonn tweeted moments after his win.

Asked if there was any correlation

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John Raoux/AP

Tiger Woods laughs despite missing a putt for par on the 18th green during the final round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational on Monday in Orlando, Fla.

Dawgs stay unbeaten in district play

From staff reports

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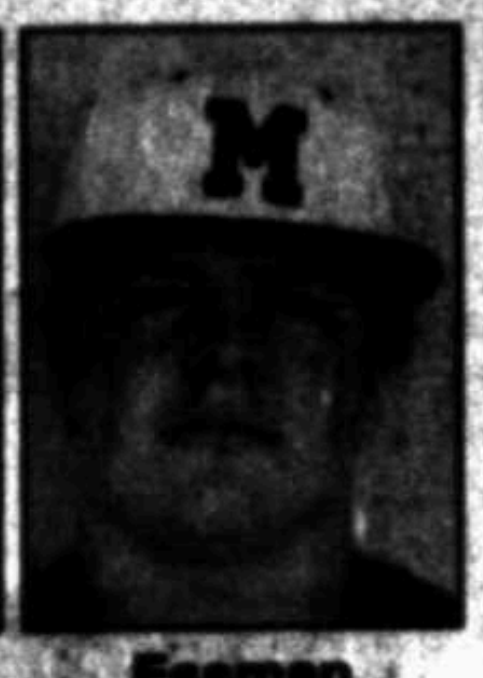
Lancaster



Essman

ABILENE — The Midland High baseball team held off a feisty Abilene High squad for an 8-6 victory on Monday to finish the first half of District 2-5A play undefeated.

The Bulldogs (19-5, 8-0 in District 2-5A) jumped out to a 5-1 lead after two innings, and then Gilbert Sanchez's two-run double in the fifth inning sparked a three-run frame to give the Bulldogs an 8-4 lead.

The Eagles (9-13, 0-7) scored two in the sixth to tighten the game, but Jimmy Essman came on in relief of starter Jackson Lancaster in that inning to throw 1 2/3 hitless innings.

Lancaster was pitching on short notice as scheduled starter Lance White didn't make the trip to Abilene because of illness.

"We had four other kids that went to the doctor in the last three days, and I think we are just wore out," Midland High coach Barry Russell said.

Russell said today will be the Bulldogs' first scheduled day off since the start of the season.

Lancaster (7-0 on the season) gave up six runs, three earned, on 10 hits with three walks and five strikeouts. Essman came on in the sixth inning and worked his way out of a jam to keep the Eagles from scoring anymore and then threw a scoreless and hitless seventh.

At the plate, Brent Stewart, Ryan Whittenberg and Sanchez were each 3 for 5 as Stewart scored three runs and Sanchez drove in two runs. Alex Mata was 2 for 4 with an RBI, and Essman didn't record an official at-bat as he walked four times and was hit on another trip to the plate.

"Considering where we've been, we grinded out a win," Russell said. "It wasn't a pretty win, but I would rather have an ugly win than a pretty loss any day. I will take it."

Midland High will return to the field Friday to start the second half of district play at 4:30 p.m. against Odessa Permian in Odessa.

MIDLAND HIGH 8, ABILENE HIGH 6

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Jackson Lancaster, Jimmy Essman (6) and Ryan Whittenberg. Derek Scott, Payte Hughes (6) and Hancock, Nichols (3). W — Lancaster (7-0). L — Scott (3-2). S — Essman (1). 2B — MHS: Gilbert Sanchez. AHS: Scott. 3B — AHS: Scott.

Record: Midland High 19-5-1, 8-0 in District 2-5A; Abilene High 9-13, 0-7

Next: Midland High at Odessa Permian, 4:30 p.m. Friday

MHS' Garcia takes 2nd at state

From staff reports

ABILENE — Midland High senior Thomas Garcia finished second in the 148-pound weight class at the Texas High School Powerlifting Association state meet this past weekend.

Garcia tied for first with 1,265 pounds, but ended up second because of his overall weight.

Other participants for Midland High, Josh Binder finished ninth in the 123-pound class and Eric Villegas was 10th in the 220-pound class.

Charles Hunt and Jordan Copeland bombed out in the deadlift in their weight classes.

Coleton Whitlock was disqualified in the 198-pound division for "dumping the bar" on the dead lift.

HSGOLFCAPSULE

BY LEN HAYWARD

DISTRICT 2-5A BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT

What: Round 2

When: Today

Where: Green Tree Country Club (West and East Courses)

Notes: The Bulldogs will head to their home course today looking to gain some ground on leaders Odessa Permian and Abilene Cooper. The Cougars shot 306 in the tournament's opening round, which was helped by Cory Churchman's 3-under 69 in the first round. ... Midland High's Lucas McCubbin is sitting in second in the medalist standings. ... The Rebels have some work to do if they want to qualify for the regional tournament as they are in sixth, 26 strokes out of second place.

FIRST ROUND RESULTS
March 19
Abilene Country Club Fairway Course

Team Standings — 1. Cooper, 306; 2. Odessa Permian Black, 313; 3. Midland High Purple, 318; 4. Amarillo Tascosa Red, 329; 5. Odessa Permian White, 332; 6. Lee I, 339; 7. Lubbock Coronado Gold, 343; 8. Lubbock Coronado Red, 356; 9. Midland High Gold, 360; 10. San Angelo Central, 362; 11. Lee II, 364; 12. Odessa High Red, 365; 13. Amarillo Tascosa Black, 382; 14. Odessa High White, 392; 15. Abilene High I, 403; 16. Abilene High II, 456.

Medalist standings — 1. Cory Churchman, Cooper, 69; 2. Lucas McCubbin, MHS, 74; 3. Sam Membrilla, Cooper, 75; 4. Austin Almond, Permian, 76; 5. (tie) Kezby Bridges, Permian, 77; Anthony Marin, Permian, 77; 7. (tie) Jorey Knutson, Tascosa, 79; Brendon Lowrance, Permian, 79; Jas Bowling, Permian, 79; 10. (tie) Dakota Fortune, Cooper, 80; Matt Huntley, Tascosa, 80; Brooks Jennings, Coronado, 80.

Midland ISD Team Scores

Midland High Purple (318) — Lucas McCubbin, 74; Zarek Crowder, 81; Jake Gilmore, 82; Chris Terebessy, 89; Kyle Logan, 81.

Midland High Gold (360) — Zach Hartzer, 87; Jarid Larson, 86; Guy Elstrom, 101; Joel Felts, 86.

Lee I (339) — Alex Krol, 82; Blake Loyd, 88; Brinson Vitello, 87; Blake Roberson, 86; Carson Good, 84.

Lee II (364) — Cade Castro, 89; Aaron Jacobs, 93; Max Ivie, 96; Jaxon Fields, 102; Kyle Wanta, 86.

HSBASEBALLCAPSULES

BY JORDAN MASON

DISTRICT 2-5A
LEE
AT AMARILLO TASCOSA

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Rebel Field, Amarillo

Records: Lee 8-13, 3-4 in District 2-5A; Tascosa 12-11, 5-2

Last game: Lee 9, Abilene Cooper 5; Tascosa 9, Odessa Permian 2

Notes: Lee heads to Amarillo where Tascosa is undefeated in district play this season. Lee snapped a three-game skid in its last game, a home victory against Abilene Cooper. ... Lee is tied with Odessa Permian for fifth in District 2-5A, a full two games behind Tascosa, who is tied with San Angelo Central and Lubbock Coronado for second in the standings. ... This game wraps up the first half of district play for both teams. ... Tascosa is coming off of a week in which it went 2-1 with its lone loss coming to first-place Midland High. Tascosa has yet to lose to a team outside the top four in District 2-5A.

Next: Odessa High at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Friday; Amarillo Tascosa at Abilene High, 4:30 p.m. Friday

LUBBOCK CORONADO
AT ODESSA HIGH

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Pressly Field, Odessa

Records: Coronado 16-8, 5-2 in District 2-5A; OHS 8-15, 3-4

Last game: Coronado 2, San Angelo Central 1, 8 innings; San Angelo Central 5, OHS 3

Next: Lubbock Coronado at Abilene Cooper, 4:30 p.m. Saturday; Odessa High at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Friday

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL
AT ODESSA PERMIAN

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, McCanlies Field, Odessa

2-5A baseball standings

	District		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
Midland High	8	0	19	5
San Angelo Central	5	2	18	7
Lubbock Coronado	5	2	16	8
Amarillo Tascosa	5	2	12	11
Lee	3	4	8	13
Odessa Permian	3	4	8	15
Odessa High	2	5	8	15
Abilene Cooper	1	6	6	15
Abilene High	0	7	9	13

Friday's Scores

Midland High 3, Amarillo Tascosa 2; Lubbock Coronado 17, Lee 0; San Angelo Central 5, Odessa High 3; Odessa Permian 8, Abilene High 5

Saturday's Scores

Midland High at Abilene High, ppd.; Lee 9, Abilene Cooper 5; Amarillo Tascosa 9, Odessa Permian 2; Lubbock Coronado 2, San Angelo Central 1, 8 innings; Odessa High was idle

Monday's Score

Midland High 8, Abilene High 6

Today's Games

Lee at Amarillo Tascosa; Lubbock Coronado at Odessa High; San Angelo Central at Odessa Permian; Abilene High at Abilene Cooper; All games at 4:30 p.m.

4-3A baseball standings

	District		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
Sweetwater	2	0	10	10
Abilene Wylie	2	0	8	11
Big Spring	1	1	11	7
Snyder	1	1	11	8
Greenwood	0	2	11	6
Monahans	0	2	7	8

Today's Games

Abilene Wylie 15, Greenwood 4; Sweetwater 12, Big Spring 0; Snyder 12, Monahans 0

Today's Games

Greenwood at Big Spring; Abilene Wylie at Snyder; Monahans at Sweetwater; All games at 7 p.m.

Records: Central 18-7, 5-2 in District 2-5A; Permian 8-15, 3-4

Last game: Lubbock Coronado 2, Central 1, 8 innings; Amarillo Tascosa 9, Permian 2

Next: Abilene Cooper at San Angelo Central, 4:30 p.m. Friday; Midland High at Odessa Permian, 4:30 p.m. Friday

ABILENE HIGH
AT ABILENE COOPER

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Cougar Field, Abilene

Records: AHS 9-13, 0-7 in District 2-5A; Cooper 6-15, 1-6

Last game: Midland High 8, AHS 6; Lee 9, Cooper 5

Next: Amarillo Tascosa at Abilene High, 4:30 p.m. Friday; Abilene Cooper at San Angelo Central, 4:30 p.m. Friday

DISTRICT 4-3A
GREENWOOD
AT BIG SPRING

When/where: 7 p.m. today, Steer Park, Big Spring

Records: Greenwood 11-6, 0-2 in District 2-5A; Big Spring 11-7, 1-1

Last game: Abilene Wylie 15, Greenwood 4; Sweetwater 12, Big Spring 0

Notes: Both teams are coming off of run-rule losses to teams with perfect district records as Greenwood fell by 11 runs to Abilene Wylie and Big Spring was shut out in a 12-run loss to Sweetwater. The loss kept Greenwood winless early in 4-3A play as the Rangers and Monahans are the only two teams with 0-2 district records. This comes despite the Rangers and the Steers remaining tied with Snyder for the most overall wins in the league. ... Greenwood continues to deal with injuries as leadoff hitter Braydin Moreland remains out with a broken hand. ... The second half of district play is fast approaching with the smaller district, and Greenwood will certainly want to avoid falling to 0-3 in district play with two games left in the first half. ... The Rangers will alternate between road and home games for the remainder of the district schedule with no consecutive home games left on the schedule. They return home Thursday to take on Snyder.

Next: Snyder at Greenwood, 7 p.m. Thursday; Big Spring at Monahans, 7 p.m. Thursday

Big Spring's Guinn in 2nd at 4-3A tourney

From staff reports

BIG SPRING — Big Spring's Kelsie Guinn fired a 77 and is in second place in the medalist standings after the first round of the District 4-3A Girls Golf Tournament on Monday at Big Spring Country Club.

Guinn's 77 was one stroke behind Snyder's Cassidy Rawls, who leads the individual standings with a 76.

Greenwood's Ryan Pate is in seventh place after shooting a 83.

Snyder shot a 331 and leads the tournament by five strokes over Monahans. Monahans is 49 strokes ahead of third-place Abilene Wylie.

Greenwood is in seventh after shooting 419 as a team on Monday.

DISTRICT 4-3A GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT
Round 1 of 3
Big Spring Country Club
Monday's results

Team Standings — 1. Snyder, 331; 2. Monahans, 336; 3. Abilene Wylie, 385; 4. Sweetwater I, 388; 5. Monahans II, 415; 6. Sweetwater II, 417; 7. Greenwood, 419.

Medalist standings — 1. Cassidy Rawls, Snyder, 76; 2. Kelsie Guinn, Big Spring, 77; 3. Gabriella Cano, Monahans I, 78; 4. Kayla Johnson, Wylie, 81; 5. (tie) Malory Hunter, Snyder; and Sabrina Castillo, Snyder, 82; 7. Ryan Pate, Greenwood, 83; 8. Karley Pounds, Monahans I, 84; 9. Landry Owens, Monahans I, 86; 10. (tie) Emily King, Monahans I; and Destinee Moore, Monahans I, 88.

Team Scores

Snyder (331) — Malory Hunter, 82; Cassidy Rawls, 76; Sabrina Castillo, 82; Regan Lindsey, 91; Faith Williams, 93.

Monahans I (336) — Gabriella Cano, 78; Emily King, 88; Karley Pounds, 84; Destinee Moore, 88; Landry Owens, 86.

Abilene Wylie (385) — Kayla Johnson, 81; Kristen Ueckert, 93; Abby Music, 104; Bailie Brown, 107; Mary Engelker, 110.

Sweetwater I (388) — Elise Lawrence, 96; Amy Witt, 93; Alexis Castillo, 100; Kala Wofford, 99; Carynn Martin, 101.

Monahans II (415) — Sydney Lewis, 100; Katelyn Pittman, 95; Kaitlyn Gallagher, 108; Amanda Brandenburg, 112; Ramsie Gilliam, 124.

Sweetwater II (417) — Sierra Hernandez, 101; Bailey Bernal, 104 Alaina Andrews, 99; Angellica Collier, 122; Payton Moore, 113.

Greenwood (419) — Ryan Pate, 83; Haley Wood, 112; Hope Brookshire, 114; Marina Candelaria, 111; Kat Hasty, 113.

Big Spring (NS) — Kelsie Guinn, 77; Mariah McIntosh, NS; Briana Cobos, 104; Gabby Fair, NS.

Individual Medalists

Abilene Wylie — Megan Wright, 109; Lynnzy Blanton, 117.

Greenwood — Jordan Shoults, 152.

Snyder — Taylor Kiker, 105.

Sweetwater — Gabby Reyes, 133; Ashleigh Jimenez, 126; Caitlyn Slaton, 130; Jasmine Reddic, NS.

LOCALSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MCS, MCA BASKETBALL PLAYERS GET ALL-ACADEMIC HONORS

A combined eight basketball players on the Midland Classical and Midland Christian girls and boys basketball teams received TAPPS Academic All-State honors recently.

Midland Christian's Morgan Ashton, Bethany Roach and Tori Watson were each named to the TAPPS 4A Academic All-State team, while MCA's Kayla Beattie, Karis Johnson and Amy Hinton were placed on the TAPPS 3A list.

On the boys side, Zach Gilbert represented MCS on the 4A list with MCA's John Stallings receiving 3A honors.

CASTLE GAP FISHING RESULTS

Results for the Castle Gap fishing tournament at Lake Amistad.

Women

1. Pam Adams, 13.43 pounds; 2. Vicky Denton 9.84 pounds; 3. Tamera Spires, 4.42 pounds; 4. Carrie McNeese, 2.88 pounds

Big Bass — Saturday, Vicky Denton, 2.61 pounds; Sunday, Vicky Denton, 4.01 pounds

Overall — 1. Necia Graham, 15.56 pounds; 2. Tamerica Spires, 15.03 pounds; 3. Pam Adams, 13.43 pounds; 4. Vicky Denton, 9.84 pounds; 5. Carrie McNeese, 8.35 pounds; 6. Elaine Phillips, 1.72 pounds

Men

1. Roy Hodges, 22.71 pounds; 2. Rob Adams, 20.44 pounds; 3. Larry Fillmon, 18.35 pounds; 4. Danny Michum, 18.05

Big Bass — Saturday, Dalton Michum, 7.81 pounds; Sunday, Danny Michum, 5.87 pounds

Overall — 1. Roy Hodges, 71.67 pounds; 2. Rob Adams, 50.91 pounds; 3. Greg Watson, 48.97 pounds; 4. Tommy Latham, 37.11 pounds; 5. Rick Shuler, 35.71 pounds; 6. Bill Fillmon, 35.32 pounds

HSSOFTBALLCAPSULES

BY JONATHAN HULL

DISTRICT 2-5A
ODESSA HIGH
AT MIDLAND HIGH

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Audrey Gill Sports Complex

Records: Odessa High 14-10, 5-3 in 2-5A; Midland High 20-5, 6-2

Last game: Odessa High 10, Abilene High 7; Midland High 16, Amarillo Tascosa 1

Last meeting: Midland High 12, Odessa High 1 on Feb. 26

Notes: This is the first game of the second half of district play and both teams are in the thick of the 2-5A playoff picture. ... Midland High has won five straight games, including a 16-1 run-rule victory against Amarillo Tascosa in five innings Friday. The Lady Dawgs have now scored 52 runs during their win streak. ... Odessa High has been on a bit of a streak of its own. After opening district play 0-2, the Lady Bronchos finished the first half of 2-5A play by winning five of six games. They're tied for fourth in the district with crosstown rival Odessa Permian, but hold the head-to-head tiebreaker edge on the Lady Panthers. ... In the first meeting between the two teams, Midland High scored in every inning but one, taking advantage of seven Odessa High fielding errors. The Lady Dawgs had one extra base hit -- a double by catcher Courtney Warren -- but got a strong performance from pitcher Stefani Baeza. Odessa High scored its lone run in the first inning before Baeza shut the Lady Bronchos down for the remainder of the game. ... This is the first game of a busy week for both teams as each will play three games in five days. Midland High visits Abilene High on Thursday before hosting rival Lee on Saturday.

Next: Odessa High at Lubbock Coronado, 6:30 p.m. Thursday; Midland High at Abilene High, 4:30 p.m. Thursday

2-5A softball standings

	District		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
Lubbock Coronado	8	0	23	1
Midland High	6	2	20	5
Lee	6	2	21	4
Odessa High	5	3	14	10
Odessa Permian	5	3	20	6
Abilene High	3	5	14	9
San Angelo Central	2	6	6	16
Abilene Cooper	1	7	12	14
Amarillo Tascosa	0	8	8	16

Saturday's Scores

Lee 12, Abilene Cooper 3; Odessa High 10, Abilene High 7; Lubbock Coronado 10, San Angelo Central 0; Odessa Permian 20, Amarillo Tascosa 3, 5 innings. Midland High was idle.

Today's Games

Odessa High at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.; Amarillo Tascosa at Lubbock Coronado, 6:30 p.m.; Abilene Cooper at Odessa Permian, 6:30 p.m.; San Angelo Central at Abilene High, 4:30 p.m. Lee is idle.

AMARILLO TASCOSA
AT LUBBOCK CORONADO

When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, Lubbock

Records: Tascosa 8-16, 0-8 in 2-5A; Coronado 23-1, 8-0

Last game: Odessa Permian 20, Tascosa 3; Coronado 10, San Angelo Central 0

Last meeting: Coronado 12, Tascosa 0 on March 4

Next: Amarillo Tascosa at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Thursday; Odessa High at Lubbock Coronado, 6:30 p.m. Thursday

ABILENE COOPER AT
ODESSA PERMIAN

When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, Ratliff Softball Complex, Odessa

Records: Cooper 12-14, 1-7 in 2-5A; Permian 20-6, 5-3

Last game: Lee 12, Cooper 3; Permian 20, Amarillo Tascosa 3

Last meeting: Permian 14, Cooper 0 on Feb. 26

Next: Abilene Cooper at Odessa High, 2 p.m. Saturday; San Angelo Central at Odessa Permian, 6:30 p.m. Thursday

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL
AT ABILENE HIGH

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Abilene

Records: Central 6-16, 2-6 in 2-5A; Abilene High 14-9, 3-5

Last game: Lubbock Coronado 10, Central 0; Odessa High 10, Abilene High 7

Last meeting: Abilene High 8, Central 7 on Feb. 26

Next: San Angelo Central at Odessa Permian, 6:30 p.m. Thursday; Midland High at Abilene High, 4:30 p.m. Thursday

DISTRICT 4-3A
GREENWOOD
AT BIG SPRING

When/where: 5 p.m. today, Lady-Steer Park, Big Spring

Records: Greenwood 13-10, 3-0 in 4-3A; Big Spring 1-2 in district

Last game: Greenwood 8, Abilene Wylie 5; Sweetwater 6, Big Spring 5

Notes: Greenwood was forced to rally Friday to remain undefeated in District 4-3A play. The Rangerettes trailed, 5-2, going into the bottom of the sixth inning, but scored three runs in the sixth and seventh innings to pull out the victory. Priscilla Acosta hit a game-winning triple with two outs and the bases loaded to pick up the win. ... Big Spring opened district play with a run-rule victory against Abilene Wylie, but has since lost back-to-back games to Snyder and Sweetwater. ... Greenwood is the only undefeated team in the district with Snyder and Sweetwater sitting at 2-1 in the 4-3A standings. Big Spring and Monahans are each 1-2 with Wylie winless at 0-3.

Next: Snyder at Greenwood, 5 p.m. Thursday; Big Spring at Monahans, 5 p.m. Thursday.

Woods

From 1C

to his winning right after going public with his relationship, Woods smiled and said, "You're reading way too much into this."

Like so many other victories, this one was never really close.

Fowler pulled to within two shots with a 25-foot birdie putt on the 14th hole, but after he and Woods made bogey on the 15th, Fowler went at the flag on the par-5 16th and came up a few yards short and into the water. Fowler put another ball into the water and made triple bogey.

"I was swinging it well. I made a few putts, and trying to put a little pressure on them, let them know I was there," Fowler said. "Just would like to have that 7-iron back on 16. Just kind of a touch heavy."

Woods played it safe on the 18th, and nearly holed a 75-foot par putt that even drew a big smile from the tournament host.

Woods tied the tour record of eight wins in a single tournament. Sam Snead won the Greater Greensboro Open eight times from 1938 to 1965 at two golf courses. Woods tied his record for most wins at a single golf course, having also won eight times at Torrey Pines, including a U.S. Open.

"I don't really see anybody touching it for a long time," Palmer said while Woods made his way up the 18th fairway. "I had the opportunity to win a tournament five times, and I knew how difficult that was."

Rose, who played the first two rounds with Woods, closed with a 70 to finish alone in second.

He pulled to within two shots of Woods with a birdie on the 16th. Woods was in the group behind him in the fairway bunker on the par 5, and hit 8-iron over the water and onto the middle of the green for a two-putt birdie to restore his margin.

"He plays every shot like he plays them on Sunday," Rose said. "His intensity is the same on Thursday often as it is on Sunday, and that makes Sunday a lot less different for him. He plays in that kind of atmosphere far more regularly than a lot of guys do, and it's an adjustment for most of us. It's a known for him."

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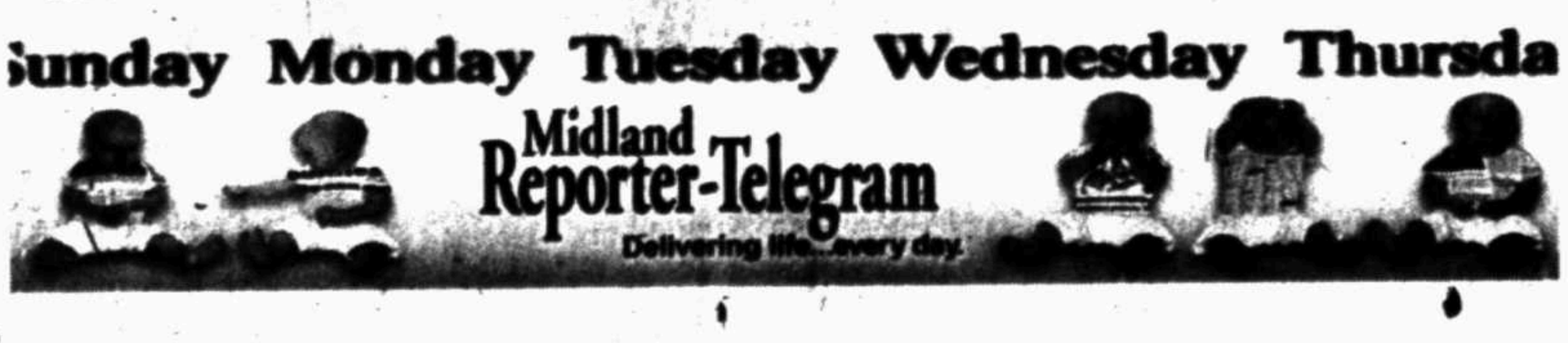

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MLB

Spring Training
AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Kansas City	22	6	.786
Baltimore	18	7	.720
Seattle	19	10	.655
Detroit	18	11	.621
Cleveland	16	11	.593
Oakland	13	12	.520
Tampa Bay	15	14	.517
Texas	15	14	.517
Boston	15	15	.500
Minnesota	14	14	.500
Houston	13	14	.481
Chicago	11	13	.458
Toronto	12	16	.429
New York	12	17	.414
Los Angeles	8	17	.320

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	18	14	.563
Colorado	14	12	.538
New York	13	12	.520
Arizona	14	14	.500
Chicago	16	16	.500
San Francisco	13	13	.500
San Diego	15	16	.484
St. Louis	13	14	.481
Philadelphia	13	15	.464
Washington	12	15	.444
Pittsburgh	12	16	.429
Miami	11	15	.423
Los Angeles	11	17	.393
Milwaukee	10	17	.370
Cincinnati	9	18	.333

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Monday's Scores

Baltimore 12, Boston 9
Toronto 13, Philadelphia 4
N.Y. Mets 7, Atlanta 4
St. Louis 4, Minnesota 3
Detroit 6, Miami 3
L.A. Angels 11, Chicago White Sox 5
Seattle 16, Cincinnati 0
San Francisco 9, Chicago Cubs 3
San Diego 3, Texas 1
Oakland 9, Milwaukee 7
Houston 6, Washington 4
Tampa Bay 6, Pittsburgh 2
Kansas City 8, L.A. Dodgers 2
Cleveland vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., late

Today's Games

Washington vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Baltimore vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Atlanta vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

St. Louis vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:10 p.m.

Chicago White Sox vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Kansas City vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

San Diego vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Oakland vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Houston vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 6:05 p.m.

Colorado vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.

Cincinnati vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.

L.A. Angels vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 9:10 p.m.

MONDAY'S TEXAS LINESCORES
PADRES 3, RANGERS 1
At Peoria, Ariz.

Texas	010 000000 —	1	7	0
San Diego	200 01000x —	3	7	0

D.Holland, R.Ross (7), J.Ortiz (8) and Pierzynski, Soto; Marquis, Street (7), Stauffer (8) and Hundley, R.Rivera. W—Marquis. L—D.Holland. Sv—Stauffer. HRs—San Diego, Guzman (4).

ASTROS 6, NATIONALS 4
At Kissimmee, Fla.

Washington	001 120000 —	4	12	1
Houston	000 10050x —	6	9	0

C.Young, H.Rodriguez (5), Stammen (6), Storen (7), J.Romero (8) and C.Maldonado, W.Ramos; White, J.Fields (6), Veras (7), Ambriz (8), X.Cedeno (9) and J.Castro, R.Garcia. W—Veras. L—Stammen. Sv—X.Cedeno. HRs—Washington, LaRoche (3).

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	42	26	.618	—
x-Brooklyn	41	29	.586	2
Boston	36	33	.522	6 1/2
Philadelphia	27	43	.386	16
Toronto	26	44	.371	17

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Miami	56	14	.800	—
Atlanta	39	32	.549	17 1/2
Washington	26	44	.371	30
Orlando	18	53	.254	38 1/2
Charlotte	16	54	.229	40

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	44	27	.620	—
Chicago	38	31	.551	5
Milwaukee	34	35	.493	9
Detroit	24	47	.338	20
Cleveland	22	47	.319	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	53	17	.757	—
x-Memphis	47	23	.671	6
Houston	39	31	.557	14
Dallas	34	36	.486	19
New Orleans	25	46	.352	28 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Oklahoma City	52	19	.732	—
x-Denver	49	23	.681	3 1/2
Utah	35	36	.493	17
Portland	33	37	.471	18 1/2
Minnesota	24	44	.353	26 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-L.A. Clippers	48	22	.686	—
Golden State	40	31	.563	8 1/2
L.A. Lakers	36	34	.514	12
Sacramento	25	46	.352	23 1/2
Phoenix	23	48	.324	25 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Monday's Scores

Indiana 100, Atlanta 94
Miami 108, Orlando 94
Washington 107, Memphis 94
New Orleans 110, Denver 86
Utah 107, Philadelphia 91
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, late

Today's Games

New York at Boston, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOXES
HORNETS 110, NUGGETS 86

DENVER (86): Gallinari 5-12 10-10 24, Faried 4-6 5-6 13, Koufos 1-5 1-2 3, A.Miller 3-5 3-4 9, Iguodala 2-5 2-4 6, Chandler 3-10 5-7 11, Brewer 4-12 1-2 9, McGee 1-3 0-0 2, Stone 0-0 0-0 0, Hamilton 2-7 2-2 7, Fournier 0-1 0-0 0, Randolph 0-0 0-0 0, Mozgov 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 25-66 31-39 86.

NEW ORLEANS (110): Aminu 4-11 5-5 13, Davis 5-8 4-4 14, Lopez 5-11 1-2 11, Roberts 5-10 2-2 13, D.Miller 6-7 0-0 16, Anderson 9-22 0-0 23, Mason 5-8 0-0 14, Harris 0-0 0-0 0, Henry 1-4 0-0 2, Amundson 1-4 0-0 2, Thomas 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 41-85 14-15 110.

Denver	18	20	30	18 —	86
New Orleans	27	32	27	24 —	110

3-Point Goals—Denver 5-16 (Gallinari 4-6, Hamilton 1-2, Iguodala 0-2, Brewer 0-3, Chandler 0-3), New Orleans 14-25 (Anderson 5-11, Mason 4-5, D.Miller 4-5, Roberts 1-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Denver 42 (Faried 7), New Orleans 52 (Anderson 9). Assists—Denver 14 (A.Miller 6), New Orleans 30 (Roberts 18). Total Fouls—Denver 15, New Orleans 24. A—11,185 (17,188).

HEAT 108, MAGIC 94

MIAMI (108): James 9-16 6-10 24, Haslem 3-4 0-0 6, Bosh 4-14 4-6 12, Chalmers 4-8 5-5 17, Miller 3-6 1-2 7, Battier 1-5 0-0 3, Allen 4-7 0-0 12, Andersen 3-5 1-2 7, Cole 3-5 0-0 9, Lewis 3-6 2-4 11, Howard 0-1 0-0 0, J.Jones 0-1 0-0 0, Anthony 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-78 19-29 108.

ORLANDO (94): Harkless 3-15 0-2 7, Harris 6-14 2-5 20, O'Quinn 6-7 0-0 12, Nelson 9-20 4-5 27, Moore 6-13 0-0 13, Nicholson 0-0 0-0 0, Udrih 1-9 5-6 7, D.Jones 3-5 0-0 6, Lamb 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 37-86 11-18 94.

Miami	28	27	23	30 —	108
Orlando	28	18	22	26 —	94

3-Point Goals—Miami 15-28 (Chalmers 4-5, Allen 4-6, Cole 3-4, Lewis 3-5, Battier 1-5, J.Jones 0-1, Miller 0-2), Orlando 9-24 (Nelson 5-10, Harris 2-3, Moore 1-3, Harkless 1-5, Lamb 0-1, Udrih 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 53 (Haslem 10), Orlando 54 (Harkless, Moore 9). Assists—Miami 31 (James 11), Orlando 25 (Nelson 12). Total Fouls—Miami 14, Orlando 18. Technicals—Orlando defensive three second 2. A—18,846 (18,500).

WIZARDS 107, GRIZZLIES 94

MEMPHIS (94): Prince 4-9 0-0 8, Randolph 4-8 2-2 10, Arthur 2-6 2-2 6, Conley 7-14 8-8 23, Allen 1-6 1-2 3, Bayless 5-17 4-4 14, Daye 2-3 0-0 5, Davis 3-4 3-4 9, Pondexter 5-9 0-0 14, Leuer 1-1 0-0 2, Pittman 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-77 20-22 94.

WASHINGTON (107): Singleton 3-9 4-6 10, Booker 2-3 3-6 7, Okafor 9-15 3-4 21, Wall 13-22 19-24 47, Temple 3-8 0-0 7, Martin 3-9 1-4 9, Vesely 1-2 0-0 2, Seraphin 2-5 0-0 4. Totals 36-72 30-44 107.

Memphis	24	31	19	20 —	94
Washington	26	29	21	31 —	107

3-Point Goals—Memphis 6-16 (Pondexter 4-5, Daye 1-2, Conley 1-4, Prince 0-1, Bayless 0-4), Washington 5-13 (Wall 2-4, Martin 2-5, Temple 1-3, Singleton 0-1). Fouled Out—Arthur. Rebounds—Memphis 46 (Randolph, Davis 7), Washington 49 (Okafor 9). Assists—Memphis 17 (Conley, Bayless 7), Washington 17 (Wall 8). Total Fouls—Memphis 25, Washington 17. Technicals—Memphis Coach Hollins, Randolph. A—17,868 (20,308).

PACERS 100, HAWKS 94

ATLANTA (94): Smith 7-10 6-12 20, Petro 0-4 0-1 0, Horford 6-15 1-1 13, Teague 3-10 3-4 10, Jones 1-4 0-0 3, Korver 2-6 1-1 7, Tolliver 2-5 1-2 6, I.Johnson 3-5 0-0 6, Mack 4-9 0-0 10, Jenkins 3-4 2-2 8, Stevenson 3-6 0-0 8, Scott 2-2 1-2 5. Totals 36-80 15-25 94.

INDIANA (100): George 6-13 0-0 13, T.Hansbrough 6-11 0-1 12, Hibbert 8-17 1-1 17, Augustin 1-6 3-3 6, Green 6-10 5-6 19, O.Johnson 6-12 1-1 15, B.Hansbrough 0-0 0-0 0, Mahinmi 0-4 1-2 1, Pendergraph 6-10 1-1 14, Young 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 40-84 12-15 100.

Atlanta	26	17	20	31 —	94
Indiana	26	32	27	15 —	100

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 7-21 (Mack 2-4, Korver 2-4, Jones 1-2, Tolliver 1-3, Teague 1-4, Smith 0-1, Jenkins 0-1, Stevenson 0-2), Indiana 8-23 (Green 2-4, O.Johnson 2-6, Pendergraph 1-1, Young 1-1, Augustin 1-4, George 1-5, Mahinmi 0-1, T.Hansbrough 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 47 (Horford 8), Indiana 54 (Hibbert 13). Assists—Atlanta 18 (Mack, Smith 4), Indiana 18 (Augustin 5). Total Fouls—Atlanta 17, Indiana 17. Technicals—Smith, Atlanta delay of game, Pendergraph. A—14,336 (18,165).

JAZZ 107, 76ERS 91

PHILADELPHIA (91): T.Young 3-7 0-0 6, Turner 2-6 1-2 6, Hawes 4-7 6-7 14, Holiday 2-8 2-4 7, Wilkins 5-9 3-4 13, Wright 5-12 7-7 19, Moultrie 6-11 2-2 14, Ivey 0-0 0-0 0, Pargo 0-4 2-2 2, Allen 3-14 0-0 6, Jenkins 2-5 0-0 4. Totals 32-83 23-28 91.

UTAH (107): Hayward 6-9 0-0 15, Millsap 5-8 1-2 11, Jefferson 5-9 2-2 12, M.Williams 4-8 0-0 9, Foye 6-10 2-2 17, Favors 4-11 5-7 13, Kanter 4-9 4-4 12, Burks 4-9 4-4 12, Ma.Williams 1-3 0-0 2, Watson 0-5 0-0 0, Evans 1-1 0-0 2, Carroll 1-2 0-0 2, Tinsley 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-84 18-21 107.

Philadelphia	23	19	26	23 —	91
Utah	27	31	27	22 —	107

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 4-14 (Wright 2-8, Holiday 1-2, Turner 1-2, Wilkins 0-2), Utah 7-14 (Hayward 3-3, Foye 3-6, M.Williams 1-1, Ma.Williams 0-1, Watson 0-1, Burks 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 44 (Hawes, Allen, Moultrie 8), Utah 58 (Favors 10). Assists—Philadelphia 9 (Wright 4), Utah 22 (M.Williams 5). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 18, Utah 23. A—17,336 (19,911).

ON THE AIR

What's on TV...

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Texas-Arlington at Texas A&M, 6:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Creighton at Missouri, 3 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus

GOLF

Tavistock Cup, final round, at Windermere, Fla., 10 a.m., TGC

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Preseason, St. Louis vs. N.Y. Mets, at Port St. Lucie, Fla., Noon, ESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NIT, quarterfinal, Maryland at Alabama, 6:30 p.m., ESPN

NBA

New York at Boston, 6 p.m., TNT

L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m., TNT

NHL

N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network

SOCCER

World Cup qualifier, France vs. Spain, 2:55 p.m., ESPN2

World Cup qualifier, Mexico vs. United States, 9:15 p.m., ESPN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA Division I tournament, second round, North Carolina at Delaware or Kentucky vs. Dayton 6 p.m., ESPN2

NCAA Division I tournament, second round, Florida State at Baylor; Michigan at Stanford; Penn St. at LSU; Notre Dame at Iowa, 8 p.m., ESPN2

WHAT'S ON DECK

COLLEGE BASEBALL

UTPB at University of the Southwest, 1 p.m., doubleheader, Hobbs, N.M.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

West Texas A&M at UTPB, 2 p.m., doubleheader

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Lee at Amarillo Tascosa, 4:30 p.m.
Greenwood at Big Spring, 7 p.m.

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

District 2-5A Tournament, Round 2, Green Tree Country Club

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Odessa High at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.
Midland Christian at Pecos, 5 p.m.
Greenwood at Big Spring, 5 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Pecos at Trinity, 4 p.m.

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL

New Mexico JC at Midland College, 6:30 p.m., Citibank Ballpark

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

National Invitation Tournament
First Round
Tuesday, March 19

Maryland 86, Niagara 70
St. John's 63, Saint Joseph's 61
Louisiana Tech 71, Florida State 66
Robert Morris 59, Kentucky 57
Alabama 62, Northeastern 43
Virginia 67, Norfolk State 56
Denver 61, Ohio 57
BYU 90, Washington 79
Stanford 58, Stephen F. Austin 57

Wednesday, March 20

Iowa 68, Indiana State 52
Providence 75, Charlotte 66
Stony Brook 71, Massachusetts 58
Mercer 75, Tennessee 67
Baylor 112, Long Beach State 66
Southern Mississippi 78, Charleston Southern 71
Arizona State 83, Detroit 68

Second Round
Thursday, March 21

Maryland 62, Denver 52

Friday, March 22

Baylor 89, Arizona State 85
Iowa 75, Stony Brook 63

Saturday, March 23

Alabama 66, Stanford 54

Sunday

Virginia 68, St. John's 50

Monday

Providence 77, Robert Morris 68
BYU 90, Mercer 71
Louisiana Tech (27-6) at Southern Mississippi (26-9), late

Quarterfinals
Today

Maryland (24-12) at Alabama (23-12), 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Iowa (23-12) at Virginia (23-11), 6 p.m.
Providence (19-14) vs. Baylor (20-14), TBA

Thursday, March 28-Saturday, March 30

Southern Mississippi-Louisiana Tech winner vs. BYU (23-11), TBA

At Madison Square Garden
New York
Semifinals
Tuesday, April 2

Semifinal, 6 p.m.
Semifinal, 8:30 p.m.

Championship
Thursday, April 4

Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

College Basketball Invitational Glance
Quarterfinals
Monday

George Mason 88, Houston 84, OT
Santa Clara 86, Purdue 83
Wright State 57, Richmond 51
Western Michigan 75, Wyoming 67, OT

Semifinals
Wednesday

George Mason (20-14) vs. Santa Clara (23-11), TBA
Wright State (23-12) vs. Western Michigan (22-12), TBA

CollegeInsider.com Tournament Second Round
Saturday, March 23

Evansville 86, Eastern Kentucky 72
East Carolina 75, Rider 54
Canisius 84, Youngstown St. 82, OT
Bradley 77, Tulane 72
Northern Iowa 63, Illinois-Chicago 51
Weber State 78, Air Force 57

Sunday

Loyola (Md.) 73, Kent State 59

Monday

Oral Roberts 76, UC Irvine 62

Quarterfinals
Today

Loyola (Md.) (23-11) at East Carolina (20-12), 6 p.m.
Evansville (20-14) at Canisius (20-13), 6 p.m.
Bradley (18-16) at Northern Iowa (20-14), 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Oral Roberts (20-14) at Weber State (28-6), 8 p.m.

Women

Women's National Invitation Tournament
First Round
Wednesday, March 20

Auburn 80, UAB 57
Eastern Illinois 60, Missouri 58
BYU 69, Idaho State 54
Utah 56, Long Beach State 49
San Diego State 69, UC Santa Barbara 46

Thursday, March 21

Toledo 63, Butler 49
Drexel 59, Iona 50
Harvard 61, Hartford 57
Duquesne 71, Akron 66
Bowling Green 76, SMU 70
Boston U. 61, Sacred Heart 49
Fordham 55, Army 46
James Madison 77, NC A&T 64
NC State 60, Richmond 55
Davidson 82, Old Dominion 73
Charlotte 79, Appalachian State 61
Florida 75, Florida International 68
Winthrop 65, Florida Gulf Coast 51
Youngstown St. 63, Indiana State 51
Kansas State 72, Texas Southern 44
Illinois 73, Miami (Ohio) 60
Western Kentucky 88, East Carolina 77, OT
Arkansas 67, Memphis 57
Tulane 65, Sam Houston State 57
Illinois State 63, IUPUI 47
Northern Colorado 71, Wyoming 63
San Diego 61, Hawaii 49
St. Mary's (Cal) 68, Seattle 51

Friday, March 22

Ball State 54, Minnesota 51
Northern Iowa 61, Marquette 59
Washington 65, Eastern Washington 60, 2OT
Pacific 69, UALR 65

Second Round
Saturday, March 23

Toledo 61, Youngstown State 43
Fordham 58, Boston U. 44
BYU 69, San Diego State 58
Bowling Green 61, Duquesne 54
Drexel 82, Harvard 72

Sunday

James Madison 72, N.C. State 66
Charlotte 72, Davidson 60
Ball State 53, Northern Iowa 48
Auburn 84, Western Kentucky 66
Tulane 60, Arkansas 48
Saint Mary's (Cal) 68, Northern Colorado 58
Pacific 85, Washington 78

Monday

Florida 85, Winthrop 53
Illinois 62, Eastern Illinois 54
Kansas State 57, Illinois State 48
Utah 61, San Diego 50

Third Round
Wednesday

Fordham (26-8) at James Madison (24-10), 6 p.m.
Florida (20-14) at Charlotte (26-5), 6 p.m.
Tulane (24-8) at Auburn (18-14), 6 p.m.
Saint Mary's (Cal) (22-10) at BYU (23-10), TBA

Thursday

Drexel at Bowling Green, 6 p.m.
Illinois (18-13) at Toledo (29-3), 6 p.m.
Ball State (17-15) at Kansas State (17-17), 7 p.m.
Utah (20-13) at Pacific (27-7), 10 p.m.
Dates & Times TBA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Reassigned INF Xander Bogaerts, INF Jonathan Diaz and INF Drew Sutton to their minor league camp.

DETROIT TIGERS—Sent LHP Kyle Lobstein outright to Erie (EL) and traded C Curt Casali to Tampa to retain the rights to Lobstein, a Rule 5 Draft selection.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Optioned RHP Chia-Jen Lo to Oklahoma City (PCL).

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Placed 3B Brett Lawrie on the 15-day DL. Optioned C Josh Thole and OF Anthony Gose to Buffalo (IL). Assigned RHP David Bush to their minor league camp.

American Association

AMARILLO SOX—Signed INF Joe Anthonsen.

LINCOLN SALTDOGS—Signed LHP Nathan Moreau.

ST. PAUL SAINTS—Signed RHP Robert Coe.

SIOUX FALLS PHEASANTS—Traded INF Cesar Nicolas to Southern Maryland to complete an earlier trade.

Atlantic League

LONG ISLAND DUCKS—Signed RHP Leo Rosales, LHP Matt Way and RHP Ian Snell.

Can-Am League

NEW JERSEY JACKALS—Released LHP Dustin Birosak.

ROCKLAND BOULDERS—Signed C Billy Alvino and LHP Rob Savarese.

Frontier League

EVANSVILLE OTTERS—Signed 1B Eduardo Gonzalez.

FLORENCE FREEDOM—Signed LHP Brent Choban to a contract extension.

JOLIET SLAMMERS—Signed INF Bobby Burk.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS—Signed OF Alan Cheatham and INF Jon Eisen.

WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS—Signed OF Anthony Renteria.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

CHARLOTTE BOBCATS—Signed G Jannero Pargo to a second 10-day contract.

DALLAS MAVERICKS—Signed G Justin Dentmon to a 10-day contract.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Signed F DaJuan Summers to a second 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Announced the retirement of C Todd McClure.

CHICAGO BEARS—Agreed to terms with OT Jonathan Scott on a one-year contract.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Agreed to terms with CB Adam Jones and WR Brandon Tate.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed DB Kevin Barnes to a one-year contract.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Re-signed OL Kevin Boothe.

TENNESSEE TITANS—Agreed to terms with DE Ropati Pitoitua.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

DALLAS STARS—Activated D Aaron Rome from injured reserve.

DETROIT RED WINGS—Reassigned C Calle Jarnkrok from Brynas (Sweden) to Grand Rapids (AHL).

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Reassigned D Ryan Ellis to Milwaukee (AHL). Activated F Patric Hornqvist off injured reserve.

OTTAWA SENATORS—Signed F Buddy Robinson to a three-year entry-level contract.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Acquired D Doug Murray from San Jose for two second-round draft picks.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Called up D Jesse Blacker from Toronto (AHL).

American Hockey League

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS—Released F Sean Wiles from his professional tryout contract.

HAMILTON BULLDOGS—Signed D Matt Grassi to an amateur tryout contract.

PROVIDENCE BRUINS—Announced G Adam Morrison was assigned to the team from Utah (ECHL).

SPRINGFIELD FALCONS—Announced D Austin Madaisky was reassigned to the team from Evansville (ECHL).

ECHL

SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS—Signed F Eric Alexander.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer

PHILADELPHIA UNION—Reached a mutual contract termination with MF Freddy Adu, who signed with Esporte Clube Bahia (Brazil). Acquired MF Jose Kleberson from Esporte Clube Bahia.

COLLEGE

COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION—Announced George Mason will leave the conference for the Atlantic 10, effective July 1.

BAKER—Announced the retirement of wrestling coach Jimmy May.

HOFSTRA—Named Jonathan Dorn men and women's assistant tennis coach and John Jordan volunteer assistant golf coach.

JACKSON STATE—Named Wayne Brent men's basketball coach.

MINNESOTA—Fired men's basketball coach Tubby Smith.

SEATTLE—Named Nikola Petrovic as associate head volleyball coach and Dan Ahlers assistant volleyball coach.

SOUTH ALABAMA—Named Matthew Graves men's basketball coach.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	33	25	8	0	50	116	84
New Jersey	33	15	11	7	37	82	89
N.Y. Rangers	31	15	13	3	33	73	76
N.Y. Islanders	32	14	15	3	31	93	105
Philadelphia	31	13	16	2	28	82	94

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	31	20	6	5	45	98	77
Boston	31	21	7	3	45	89	66
Ottawa	33	18	9	6	42	86	72
Toronto	33	17	12	4	38	99	95
Buffalo	32	13	15	4	30	86	100

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Winnipeg	33	17	14	2	36	84	98
Carolina	30	15	13	2	32	85	86
Washington	32	15	16	1	31	92	90
Tampa Bay	32	13	18	1	27	103	98
Florida	33	9	18	6	24	78	116

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	31	24	4	3	51	106	71
Detroit	32	16	11	5	37	87	81
St. Louis	31	17	12	2	36	92	86
Nashville	33	14	13	6	34	83	88
Columbus	32	13	13	6	32	75	85

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	31	19	10	2	40	86	75
Vancouver	32	17	9	6	40	87	85
Edmonton	31	11	13	7	29	74	91
Calgary	30	12	14	4	28	85	103
Colorado	31	11	16	4	26	79	100

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	31	22	5	4	48	101	78
Los Angeles	32	18	12	2	38	93	80
Dallas	32	15	14	3	33	87	97
San Jose	30	13	11	6	32	71	79
Phoenix	31	13	14	4	30	80	87

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

Monday's Scores

Boston 3, Toronto 2, SO
Ottawa 3, New Jersey 2, SO
Los Angeles 5, Chicago 4
Nashville 3, Edmonton 2
Minnesota 7, Dallas 4
Detroit at Phoenix, late
San Jose at Anaheim, late

Today's Games

Florida at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 6 p.m.
Winnipeg at Carolina, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Edmonton at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

MONDAY'S SUMMARIES
WILD 7, STARS 4

Minnesota	1	3	3 —	7
Dallas	2	1	1 —	4

First Period—1, Dallas, Goligoski 1 (Roy), 5:31. 2, Minnesota, Parise 13 (Setoguchi, Cullen), 7:35. 3, Dallas, Jagr 14 (Eriksson, Whitney), 17:47 (pp).

Second Period—4, Minnesota, Koivu 8 (Parise, Stoner), 3:42. 5, Dallas, Daley 4 (Eriksson, Goligoski), 5:10. 6, Minnesota, Parise 14 (Koivu, Brodin), 9:33. 7, Minnesota, Cullen 5 (Bouchard, Spurgeon), 14:22.

Third Period—8, Dallas, Larsen 2 (Smith, Vincour), 7:02. 9, Minnesota, Brodziak 6 (Clutterbuck, Stoner), 12:38 (sh). 10, Minnesota, Heatley 9 (Clutterbuck, Brodziak), 18:32. 11, Minnesota, Bouchard 4 (Spurgeon), 19:44 (en).

Shots on Goal—Minnesota 17-14-11—42. Dallas 14-5-7—26.

Goalies—Minnesota, Backstrom. Dallas, Lehtonen. A—16,167 (18,532). T—2:31.

SENATORS 3, DEVILS 2, SO

New Jersey	0	1	1	0 —	2
Ottawa	1	1	0	0 —	3

Ottawa won shootout 2-1

First Period—1, Ottawa, Phillips 5 (Lundin, Zibanejad), 2:12.

Second Period—2, New Jersey, Loktionov 6 (Bernier, Greene), 15:13. 3, Ottawa, Greening 5 (Turris, Condra), 19:43.

Third Period—4, New Jersey, Zidlicky 4, 6:05.

Overtime—None.

Shootout—New Jersey 1 (Elias NG, Henrique NG, Zajac G, Loktionov NG), Ottawa 2 (Silfverberg NG, Alfredsson G, Turris NG, Zibanejad G).

Shots on Goal—New Jersey 8-12-9-5—34. Ottawa 6-4-3-1—14.

Goalies—New Jersey, Brodeur. Ottawa, Bishop. A—18,902 (19,153). T—2:39.

BRUINS 3, MAPLE LEAFS 2, SO

Toronto	0	2	0	0 —	2
Boston	0	1	1	0 —	3

Boston won shootout 2-1

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Toronto, Lupul 4 (Gardiner, Grabovski), 2:04 (pp). 2, Toronto, Kulemin 5 (Kadri), 8:01. 3, Boston, Lucic 5 (Peverley, Caron), 9:49.

Third Period—4, Boston, Bergeron 9 (D.Hamilton, Marchand), 10:36.

Overtime—None.

Shootout—Toronto 1 (Bozak G, Kadri NG, Kulemin NG), Boston 2 (Seguin G, Bergeron G, Marchand NG).

Shots on Goal—Toronto 6-8-8-3—25. Boston 9-12-6-2—29.

Goalies—Toronto, Reimer. Boston, Rask. A—17,565 (17,565). T—2:48.

KINGS 5, BLACKHAWKS 4

Los Angeles	0	3	2 —	5
Chicago	1	2	1 —	4

First Period—1, Chicago, Frolik 2 (Saad, Keith), 5:55.

Second Period—2, Los Angeles, Kopitar 10, 4:21. 3, Los Angeles, Stoll 7 (Lewis, Scuderi), 7:25 (sh). 4, Chicago, Frolik 3 (Keith, Toews), 14:31. 5, Chicago, Kane 17 (Hayes, Seabrook), 19:19. 6, Los Angeles, King 4 (Doughty, Ellerby), 19:59.

Third Period—7, Chicago, Toews 16 (Frolik, Keith), 3:51. 8, Los Angeles, Toffoli 2 (Fraser, Voynov), 8:06. 9, Los Angeles, Brown 12 (Kopitar), 18:33.

Shots on Goal—Los Angeles 7-12-17—36. Chicago 11-5-9—25.

Goalies—Los Angeles, Quick. Chicago, Crawford. A—21,850 (19,717). T—2:35.

PREDATORS 3, OILERS 2

Edmonton	1	0	1 —	2
Nashville	1	2	0 —	3

First Period—1, Edmonton, Potter 1 (Nugent-Hopkins, Hemsky), 7:53 (pp). 2, Nashville, Kostitsyn 3 (Fisher, Erat), 11:51.

Second Period—3, Nashville, Klein 2 (Kostitsyn, Erat), 4:31. 4, Nashville, Mueller 2 (Yip, Bartley), 11:33.

Third Period—5, Edmonton, Horcoff 5 (Hemsky, N.Schultz), 7:03.

Shots on Goal—Edmonton 7-7-12—26. Nashville 10-12-4—26.

Goalies—Edmonton, Dubnyk. Nashville, Rinne. A—17,113 (17,113). T—2:26.

Soccer

WORLD CUP QUALIFYING
NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
FINAL ROUND
Top three qualify
Fourth-place team advances to playoff vs. Oceania winner

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Honduras	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
United States	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Panama	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Mexico	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Jamaica	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Costa Rica	2	0	1	1	2	3	1

Friday, March 22
At San Pedro Sula, Honduras

Honduras 2, Mexico 2
At Kingston, Jamaica
Jamaica 1, Panama 1

At Commerce City, Colo.

United States 1, Costa Rica 0

Today
At San Jose, Costa Rica

Costa Rica vs. Jamaica, 9 p.m.

At Panama City

Panama vs. Honduras, 9 p.m.

At Mexico City

Mexico vs. United States, 9:30 p.m.

Tennis

Sony Open Results
Monday
At The Tennis Center at Crandon Park
Key Biscayne, Fla.
Purse: Men, $5.24 million (Masters 1000); Women, $5.19 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Third Round

Richard Gasquet (8), France, def. Mikhail Youzhny (28), Russia, 6-3, 6-4.

Nicolas Almagro (10), Spain, def. David Goffin, Belgium, 6-3, 6-4.

Andreas Seppi (16), Italy, def. Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, 7-5, 4-6, 6-2.

Andy Murray (2), Britain, def. Grigor Dimitrov (29), Bulgaria, 7-6 (3), 6-3.

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (6), France, def. Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, 6-3, 6-3.

Sam Querrey (17), United States, def. Milos Raonic (14), Canada, 0-0, retired.

Tomas Berdych (4), Czech Republic, def. Alejandro Falla, Colombia, 2-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4.

Marin Cilic (9), Croatia, def. John Isner (20), United States, 6-3, 7-6 (3).

Women
Fourth Round

Li Na (5), China, def. Garbine Muguruza, Spain, 7-6 (6), 6-2.

Kirsten Flipkens (30), Belgium, def. Ajla Tomljanovic, Croatia, 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-3.

Serena Williams (1), United States, def. Dominika Cibulkova (13), Slovakia, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Agnieszka Radwanska (4), Poland, def. Sloane Stephens (16), United States, 4-6, 6-2, 6-0.

Roberta Vinci (15), Italy, def. Alize Cornet (32), France, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Sara Errani (8), Italy, def. Ana Ivanovic (12), Serbia, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Jelena Jankovic (22), Serbia, def. Sorana Cirstea (28), Romania, 6-0, 6-4.

Maria Sharapova (3), Russia, def. Klara Zakopalova (21), Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-2.

PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through March 24
All-around

1. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $28,011
2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur $25,445
3. JoJo LeMond, Andrews $22,357
4. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta $13,685
5. Justin Thigpen, Waycross, Ga. $13,610
6. Blake Hirdes, Turlock, Calif. $11,043
7. Shane Proctor, Grand Coulee, Wash. $10,867
8. Payden Emmett, Ponca, Ark. $9,873
9. Alan Frierson, O'Brien, Fla. $8,196
10. Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D. $7,468
11. Clayton Hass, Terrell $6,796

Bareback Riding

1. Kaycee Feild, Spanish Fork, Utah $38,199
2. Bobby Mote, Culver, Ore. $29,446
3. Wes Stevenson, Lubbock $27,635
4. Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore. $24,390
5. J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo. $23,189
6. Will Lowe, Canyon $19,821
7. Jared Smith, Cross Plains $19,122
8. Ryan Gray, Cheney, Wash. $18,817
9. Ty Breuer, Mandan, N.D. $17,291
10. Clint Cannon, Waller $14,809

Steer Wrestling

1. Casey Martin, Sulphur, La. $40,298
2. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. $27,042
3. Jason Miller, Lance Creek, Wyo. $25,205
4. Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss. $19,584
5. Straws Milan, Cochrane, Alberta $19,288
6. Jule Hazen, Ashland, Kan. $18,903
7. Les Shepperson, Midwest, Wyo. $18,162
8. Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore. $15,618
9. Clayton Moore, Pouce Coupe, British Columbia $15,311
10. Stan Branco, Chowchilla, Calif. $14,835

Team Roping (header)

1. Landon McClaugherty, Tilden $30,128
2. Drew Horner, Plano $24,465
3. Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont. $21,939
4. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. $20,637
5. Brock Hanson, Casa Grande, Ariz. $17,447
6. Nick Sartain, Dover, Okla. $15,069
7. Chace Thompson, Munday $14,807
8. Turtle Powell, Stephenville $14,775
9. Nick Rawlings, Stephenville $14,257
10. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $13,753

Team Roping (heeler)

1. Tommy Zuniga, Centerville $30,128
2. Buddy Hawkins II, Columbus, Kan. $24,465
3. Kory Koontz, Sudan $22,616
4. Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz. $22,036
5. Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo. $21,939
6. Rich Skelton, Llano $16,638
7. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla. $15,446
8. Tyler McKnight, Wells $14,275
9. Martin Lucero, Stephenville $13,083
10. Dugan Kelly, Paso Robles, Calif. $13,082

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah $37,899
2. Tyler Corrington, Hastings, Minn. $30,035
3. Brad Rudolf, Winnemucca, Nev. $22,154
4. Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah $21,606
5. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M. $20,483
6. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb. $19,782
7. Cole Elshere, Faith, S.D. $18,586
8. Troy Crowser, Whitewood, S.D. $16,554
9. Sterling Crawley, Stephenville $13,470
10. Spencer Wright, Milford, Utah $12,930

Tie-down Roping

1. Sterling Smith, Stephenville $31,021
2. Justin Maass, Giddings $28,490
3. Tuf Cooper, Decatur $24,064
4. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah $22,528
5. Randall Carlisle, Castor, La. $20,236
6. E.J. Roberts, Stephenville $20,048
7. Timber Moore, Aubrey $18,741
8. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $17,608
9. Cade Swor, Winnie $16,773

Steer Roping

1. Chet Herren, Pawhuska, Okla. $22,415
2. Tony Reina, Wharton $18,470
3. JoJo LeMond, Andrews $16,968
4. J.Tom Fisher, Andrews $15,721
5. Cody Lee, Gatesville $14,137
6. Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews $11,537
7. Mike Chase, McAlester, Okla. $10,951
8. Jarrett Blessing, Paradise $10,314
9. Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M. $9,903
10. Brad Prather, Skiatook, Okla. $8,852
11. Dan Fisher, Andrews $8,435
12. Scott Snedecor, Fredericksburg $8,091
13. Kim Ziegelgruber, Edmond, Okla. $8,049
14. Trevor Brazile, Decatur $7,247
15. Bryce Davis, Ovalo $6,947

Bull Riding

1. Josh Koschel, Nunn, Colo. $47,741
2. Kanin Asay, Powell, Wyo. $40,596
3. Tyler Smith, Fruita, Colo. $36,811
4. Corey Navarre, Weatherford, Okla. $35,543
5. Cody Teel, Kountze $34,670
6. Trevor Kastner, Ardmore, Okla. $34,094
7. J.W. Harris, Mullin $28,826
8. Cooper Davis, Jasper $26,956
9. Cole Echols, Elm Grove, La. $26,538
10. Tag Elliott, Thatcher, Utah $25,149
11. Cheyne Olney, Kennewick, Wash. $23,472
12. Howdy Cloud, Kountze $22,129
13. Bobby Welsh, Gillette, Wyo. $21,126
14. Jeff Askey, Martin, Tenn. $20,417
15. Tyler Willis, Wheatland, Wyo. $19,989

Barrel Racing

1. Fallon Taylor, Whitesboro $35,569
2. Mary Walker, Ennis $33,984
3. Jane Melby, Burneyville, Okla. $31,498
4. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D. $27,124
5. Carlee Pierce, Stephenville $25,830
6. Taylor Jacob, Carmine $25,522
7. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz. $22,908
8. Sabrina Ketcham, Yeso, N.M. $22,087
9. Shada Brazile, Decatur $21,953
10. Natalie Foutch, Eldora, Iowa $21,162
11. Sydni Blanchard, Albuquerque, N.M. $21,118
12. Annesa Self, Sanger $17,750
13. Kendra Dickson, Aubrey $16,012
14. Kenna Squires, Fredonia $13,867
15. Brittany Pozzi, Victoria $13,707

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Baseball America Top 25

DURHAM, N.C. — The top 25 teams in the Baseball America poll with records through March 24 and ranking (voting by the staff of Baseball America):

Team	Record	Pvs
1. North Carolina	21-1	1
2. Oregon State	21-2	3
3. Vanderbilt	21-4	2
4. Louisiana State	22-2	7
5. Cal State Fullerton	21-3	8
6. Florida State	22-2	12
7. UCLA	17-4	11
8. Kentucky	18-5	10
9. Virginia	22-2	14
10. Louisville	19-4	4
11. Mississippi	21-4	6
12. Oregon	18-6	13
13. Georgia Tech	18-5	9
14. Oklahoma	22-4	17
15. Arkansas	17-7	21
16. Notre Dame	14-6	15
17. South Carolina	18-6	5
18. Rice	**18-8**	**18**
19. Indiana	18-3	22
20. Houston	**21-4**	**NR**
21. Gonzaga	14-7	NR
22. Georgia Southern	16-7	NR
23. Cal Poly	17-5	NR
24. South Alabama	21-4	NR
25. Mississippi State	21-6	19

Collegiate Baseball Poll

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The Collegiate Baseball poll with records through March 24, points and previous rank. Voting is done by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors:

Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. North Carolina	21-1	496	1
2. Oregon St.	21-2	494	2
3. Louisiana St.	22-2	493	3
4. Florida St.	22-2	490	7
5. Virginia	22-2	487	11
6. Cal St. Fullerton	21-3	483	12
7. Vanderbilt	21-4	482	4
8. UCLA	17-4	480	9
9. Kentucky	18-5	475	8
10. Oregon	18-6	473	15
11. Oklahoma	22-4	471	18
12. Arkansas	17-7	469	28
13. Texas A&M	**17-8**	**465**	**24**
14. South Carolina	18-6	463	5
15. Mississippi	21-4	462	6
16. Georgia Tech	18-5	460	10
17. Notre Dame	14-6	458	19
18. Louisville	19-4	456	13
19. Mississippi St.	21-6	453	14
20. Houston	**21-4**	**449**	**NR**
21. Cal Poly	17-5	446	20
22. Oklahoma St.	19-4	443	21
23. U.C. Irvine	15-5	440	23
24. South Alabama	21-4	438	25
25. Indiana	18-3	435	NR
26. Florida Gulf Coast	15-5	432	26
27. Campbell	21-3	430	29
28. Rice	**18-8**	**427**	**NR**
29. N.C. State	16-9	425	16
30. Pittsburgh	15-6	422	NR

GOLF

PGA Tour

FedExCup Leaders
Through March 24

Rank Player	Points	YTD Money
1. Tiger Woods	1,605	$3,787,600
2. Brandt Snedeker	1,282	$2,859,920
3. Matt Kuchar	902	$2,154,500
4. Kevin Streelman	752	$1,310,343
5. Phil Mickelson	744	$1,650,260
6. Steve Stricker	716	$1,820,000
7. Hunter Mahan	692	$1,553,965
8. Charles Howell III	680	$1,256,373
9. Russell Henley	659	$1,313,280
10. Brian Gay	633	$1,171,721
11. Dustin Johnson	625	$1,330,507
12. Keegan Bradley	594	$1,274,593
13. Michael Thompson	582	$1,254,669
14. John Merrick	575	$1,343,514
15. Chris Kirk	550	$1,097,053
16. Jimmy Walker	539	$1,011,989
17. Justin Rose	531	$1,155,550
18. Bill Haas	476	$1,044,200
19. Josh Teater	468	$935,619
20. Jason Day	466	$1,115,565
21. Webb Simpson	459	$938,792
22. Scott Brown	440	$837,105
23. Boo Weekley	436	$811,856
24. Rickie Fowler	434	$938,150
25. Luke Guthrie	426	$690,033
26. Cameron Tringale	422	$630,921
27. Tim Clark	422	$830,029
28. Scott Piercy	421	$868,592
29. Brian Stuard	419	$690,021
30. Freddie Jacobson	401	$842,675
31. Robert Garrigus	374	$817,130
32. Geoff Ogilvy	373	$753,163
33. Bubba Watson	356	$767,300
34. Charlie Beljan	348	$798,200
35. Graeme McDowell	338	$866,654
36. James Hahn	329	$704,788
37. Nick Watney	320	$594,082
38. Sergio Garcia	319	$789,993
39. David Lingmerth	319	$553,770
40. Erik Compton	311	$507,277
41. Ian Poulter	306	$812,000
42. Brendon de Jonge	302	$481,336
43. Charl Schwartzel	296	$643,200
44. Graham DeLaet	289	$518,412
45. Kevin Stadler	287	$553,913
46. Ryan Palmer	276	$508,417
47. John Rollins	275	$408,038
48. Adam Scott	270	$660,469
49. Bryce Molder	263	$388,237
50. Ryan Moore	258	$503,070

Arnold Palmer Invitational Scores
Monday
At Bay Hill Club and Lodge
Orlando, Fla.
Purse: $6.2 million
Yardage: 7,419; Par: 72
Final

Tiger Woods (500), $1,116,000	70 — 275
Justin Rose (300), $669,600	70 — 277
Keegan Bradley (134), $297,600	71 — 280
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano, $297,600	72 — 280
Rickie Fowler (134), $297,600	73 — 280
Mark Wilson (134), $297,600	71 — 280
Thorbjorn Olesen, $207,700	73 — 281
Ken Duke (75), $167,400	74 — 282
Bill Haas (75), $167,400	74 — 282
William McGirt (75), $167,400	68 — 282
Henrik Stenson (75), $167,400	71 — 282
Jimmy Walker (75), $167,400	74 — 282
Scott Brown (60), $130,200	69 — 283
Ben Kohles (57), $114,700	72 — 284
Bubba Watson (57), $114,700	67 — 284
Erik Compton (53), $93,000	71 — 285
Chris Kirk (53), $93,000	70 — 285
John Rollins (53), $93,000	74 — 285
Brian Stuard (53), $93,000	75 — 285
Camilo Villegas (53), $93,000	70 — 285
Ben Curtis (48), $82,000	74 — 286
Hunter Mahan (48), $82,000	75 — 286
Carl Pettersson (48), $82,000	71 — 286
Ian Poulter (48), $82,000	75 — 286
Kevin Streelman (48), $82,000	71 — 286
Vaughn Taylor (48), $82,000	71 — 286
Retief Goosen (41), $42,160	72 — 287
John Huh (41), $42,160	80 — 287
John Senden (41), $42,160	74 — 287
Josh Teater (41), $42,160	71 — 287
Cameron Tringale (41), $42,160	74 — 287
Johnson Wagner (41), $42,160	71 — 287
Gary Woodland (41), $42,160	71 — 287
Matt Every (35), $31,310	75 — 288
Brad Fritsch (35), $31,310	78 — 288
Zach Johnson (35), $31,310	73 — 288
Martin Laird (35), $31,310	73 — 288
Francesco Molinari, $31,310	72 — 288
Chris Stroud (35), $31,310	71 — 288
Sang-Moon Bae (29), $24,180	73 — 289
Bob Estes (29), $24,180	74 — 289
Luke Guthrie (29), $24,180	76 — 289
J.J. Henry (29), $24,180	75 — 289
Sean O'Hair (29), $24,180	75 — 289
Jason Day (24), $18,154	77 — 290
David Hearn (24), $18,154	73 — 290
Charles Howell III (24), $18,154	75 — 290
Graeme McDowell (24), $18,154	69 — 290
Nick Watney (24), $18,154	73 — 290
Chad Campbell (18), $14,738	72 — 291
Graham DeLaet (18), $14,738	73 — 291
Greg Owen (18), $14,738	73 — 291
Tag Ridings (18), $14,738	74 — 291
Matt Jones (18), $14,738	76 — 291
David Lingmerth (18), $14,738	75 — 291
Pat Perez (18), $14,738	75 — 291
George Coetzee, $13,702	76 — 292
Harris English (12), $13,702	72 — 292
Tommy Gainey (12), $13,702	70 — 292
Richard H. Lee (12), $13,702	77 — 292
Vijay Singh (12), $13,702	78 — 292
David Toms (12), $13,702	78 — 292
Stewart Cink (8), $13,206	74 — 293
Lee Westwood (8), $13,206	75 — 293
Ben Crane (5), $12,834	79 — 294
Jim Furyk (5), $12,834	74 — 294
Justin Hicks (5), $12,834	72 — 294
Ryo Ishikawa (5), $12,834	76 — 294
Charlie Beljan (1), $12,400	75 — 295
Lee Janzen (1), $12,400	78 — 295
Boo Weekley (1), $12,400	77 — 295
Robert Allenby (1), $12,090	75 — 296
Nicholas Thompson (1), $12,090	75 — 296
Doug LaBelle II (1), $11,904	74 — 297
Billy Horschel (1), $11,780	85 — 299
Rod Perry, $11,656	82 — 307

Champions Tour

Charles Schwab Cup Leaders
Through March 24

Rank Player	Points	Money
1. Bernhard Langer	658	$677,779
2. David Frost	619	$618,900
3. Rocco Mediate	461	$460,900
4. John Cook	459	$500,117
5. Tom Pernice, Jr.	344	$355,717
6. Michael Allen	284	$325,733
7. Fred Couples	266	$295,367
8. Mark O'Meara	201	$248,950
9. Peter Senior	169	$203,763
10. Russ Cochran	167	$214,718
11. Jay Haas	161	$212,523
12. Corey Pavin	142	$175,709
13. Jay Don Blake	141	$237,167
14. Steve Elkington	130	$154,690
15. Tom Lehman	128	$150,435
16. Kenny Perry	124	$144,000
17. Gene Sauers	95	$123,467
18. Kirk Triplett	87	$132,697
19. Tom Watson	83	$103,250
20. John Huston	82	$112,868
21. Esteban Toledo	67	$125,854
22. Fred Funk	65	$156,475
22. Duffy Waldorf	65	$112,730
24. Jeff Freeman	51	$66,075
24. Mark Mouland	51	$80,092

LPGA

Money Leaders
Through March 24

Rank Player	Trn	Money
1. Stacy Lewis	5	$560,126
2. Beatriz Recari	5	$421,597
3. Inbee Park	4	$267,129
4. Jiyai Shin	5	$250,858
5. I.K. Kim	4	$219,807
6. Na Yeon Choi	4	$215,664
7. Yani Tseng	4	$199,319
8. Lizette Salas	5	$174,802
9. Ai Miyazato	4	$169,807
10. Paula Creamer	4	$150,622
11. Jessica Korda	5	$149,856
12. Pornanong Phatlum	5	$143,133
13. Angela Stanford	5	$128,862
14. Cristie Kerr	4	$115,076
15. Giulia Sergas	5	$114,301
16. Moriya Jutanugarn	5	$112,332
17. Karrie Webb	5	$102,563
18. So Yeon Ryu	4	$99,507
19. Gerina Piller	5	$96,646
20. Mo Martin	3	$96,284
21. Catriona Matthew	4	$92,662
22. Candie Kung	4	$85,476
23. Danielle Kang	5	$82,124
24. Nicole Castrale	4	$79,766
25. Azahara Munoz	5	$75,565

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Money Leaders
Through March 24

Rank Player	Trn	Money
1. Edward Loar	4	$164,684
2. Patrick Cantlay	3	$131,390
3. Kevin Kisner	4	$118,760
4. Kevin Foley	4	$110,293
5. Jim Renner	4	$101,540
6. Mathew Goggin	4	$72,200
7. Brice Garnett	4	$62,370
8. Scott Brown	2	$61,888
9. Morgan Hoffmann	3	$59,400
10. Shane Bertsch	4	$57,506
11. Jordan Spieth	2	$50,150
12. Brett Wetterich	1	$37,400
13. Roland Thatcher	4	$35,547
14. Alexandre Rocha	3	$32,600
15. Michael Putnam	4	$31,355
16. Guy Boros	4	$31,015
17. Daniel Chopra	3	$30,950
18. John Peterson	4	$30,568
19. Ryan Spears	4	$30,415
20. Benjamin Alvarado	2	$28,600
21. Len Mattiace	3	$27,880
22. Bobby Gates	2	$27,834
23. Scott Dunlap	3	$27,558
24. Steve Wheatcroft	2	$26,950
25. Bhavik Patel	4	$25,200

AUTO RACING

NASCAR

Sprint Cup Points Leaders
Through March 24

1. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	199
2. Brad Keselowski	187
3. Jimmie Johnson	183
4. Carl Edwards	164
5. Greg Biffle	164
6. Kyle Busch	163
7. Kasey Kahne	159
8. Paul Menard	154
9. Joey Logano	146
10. Denny Hamlin	145
11. Matt Kenseth	141
12. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	139
13. Kurt Busch	137
14. Clint Bowyer	137
15. Kevin Harvick	130

Nationwide Points Leaders
Through March 23

1. Sam Hornish Jr.	210
2. Regan Smith	182
3. Brian Scott	179
4. Justin Allgaier	178
5. Austin Dillon	172
6. Trevor Bayne	163
7. Kyle Larson	156
8. Parker Kligerman	154
9. Elliott Sadler	154
10. Alex Bowman	152

Camping World Truck Points Leaders
Through Feb. 22

1. Johnny Sauter	47
2. Ron Hornaday Jr.	41
3. Justin Lofton	41
4. Ty Dillon	40
5. Jeb Burton	39
6. Miguel Paludo	37
7. Ryan Blaney	36
8. Matt Crafton	35
9. Ryan Sieg	34
10. Todd Bodine	34

IndyCar

Points Leaders
Through March 24

1. James Hinchcliffe	51
2. Helio Castroneves	43
3. Marco Andretti	35
4. Tony Kanaan	32
5. Scott Dixon	30
6. Simona de Silvestro	28
7. E.J. Viso	26
8. Takuma Sato	24
9. Justin Wilson	22
10. Alex Tagliani	20
11. Sebastien Bourdais	19
12. Charlie Kimball	18
13. Graham Rahal	17
14. Ed Carpenter	16
15. Will Power	16

Formula One

Points Leaders
Through March 24

1. Sebastian Vettel	40
2. Kimi Raikkonen	31
3. Mark Webber	26
4. Lewis Hamilton	25
5. Felipe Massa	22
6. Fernando Alonso	18
7. Nico Rosberg	12
8. Romain Grosjean	9
9. Adrian Sutil	6
10. Paul di Resta	4
11. Nico Hulkenberg	4
12. Sergio Perez	2
13. Jenson Button	2
14. Jean-Eric Vergne	1

NHRA

Leaders
Through March 17
Top Fuel

1, Antron Brown, 269; 2, Tony Schumacher, 265; 3, Shawn Langdon, 207; 4, Doug Kalitta, 187; 5, Khalid alBalooshi, 183; 6, Spencer Massey, 177; 7, Clay Millican, 165; 8, Morgan Lucas, 159; 9, Brandon Bernstein, 146; 10, David Grubnic, 144.

Funny Car

1, (tie) Ron Capps, 244; Johnny Gray, 244; 3, Courtney Force, 216; 4, Matt Hagan, 209; 5, Cruz Pedregon, 181; 6, Del Worsham, 168; 7, Robert Hight, 156; 8, Bob Tasca III, 155; 9, Jack Beckman, 148; 10, John Force, 144.

Pro Stock

1, Mike Edwards, 263; 2, Jeg Coughlin, 247; 3, Allen Johnson, 231; 4, Vincent Nobile, 224; 5, Erica Enders-Stevens, 208; 6, V. Gaines, 198; 7, Jason Line, 197; 8, Greg Anderson, 163; 9, Greg Stanfield, 135; 10, (tie) Shane Gray and Chris McGaha, 115.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

WOMEN'S ROUNDUP

Bridgeport Regional

CONNECTICUT 77
VANDERBILT 44

STORRS, Conn. — Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis scored 22 points and top-seeded Connecticut advanced to the regional semifinals of the women's NCAA tournament for the 20th consecutive season with a 77-44 win over Vanderbilt on Monday night.

Freshman Breanna Stewart added 14 points and Stefanie Dolson had 12 points and nine rebounds for the Huskies (31-4), who are seeking their sixth straight Final Four and eighth national championship.

Tiffany Clarke scored 16 for No. 8 seed Vandy (21-12), which lost three of its last six games.

The Huskies led by 13 at halftime and opened the second half on a 17-0 run to put the game out of reach. UConn held Vanderbilt without a field goal for more than 7 minutes after intermission, and the Commodores missed 11 consecutive shots.

UConn will play Maryland in the round of 16 of the Bridgeport Regional on Saturday.

MARYLAND 74
MICHIGAN STATE 49

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Alyssa Thomas scored 28 points and Maryland defeated Michigan State to advance to the round of 16 in the NCAA women's tournament for a second straight year.

The fourth-seeded Terrapins (26-7) will face top seed Connecticut in the semifinals. Maryland reached the round of eight a year ago.

Thomas, a two-time Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year, had 18 at halftime to provide the Terrapins with an 11-point cushion. Her layup with 15 minutes left gave her 25 points and put Maryland up 46-30.

Annalise Pickrel and Becca Mills each scored 12 for No. 5 seed Michigan State (25-9).

Oklahoma City Regional

TENNESSEE 68
CREIGHTON 52

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Kamiko Williams scored 15 points and Tennessee pulled away in the second half to beat Creighton and advance to the regional semifinals.

The second-seeded Lady Vols (26-7), who improved to 52-0 in NCAA tournament games on their home floor, will play Oklahoma on Sunday.

Tennessee is the only program to play in all 32 women's NCAA tournaments. The lone time the Lady Vols lost in the first or second round came with an opening-round loss to Bowling Green in 2009.

Alexis Akin-Otiko scored 12 points for No. 10 seed Creighton (25-8), which was denied its first appearance in a regional semifinal.

OKLAHOMA 85
UCLA 72

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Aaryn Ellenberg scored 27 points and Joanna McFarland handled things inside with 20 points and 16 rebounds to lead Oklahoma past UCLA, earning a trip back to the Sooners' home state for the regional semifinals.

Sixth-seeded Oklahoma (24-10) will face No. 2 seed Tennessee (26-7) in Oklahoma City on Sunday.

Sharane Campbell added 19 points and Nicole Griffin had 10 for the Sooners, who never trailed after a 15-3 first-half spurt.

Atonye Nyingifa had 18 points, Markel Walker 14, Jasmine Dixon 13 and Alyssia Brewer and Thea Lemberger 10 apiece for third-seeded UCLA (26-8), which fell to 11-12 in NCAA tournament play.

Norfolk Regional

KANSAS 75
SOUTH CAROLINA 69

BOULDER — Monica Engelman scored a career-high 27 points and Kansas became just the second No. 12 seed to advance to the round of 16 with an upset of fourth-seeded South Carolina.

Angel Goodrich added 20 points for the Jayhawks (20-13), who joined San Francisco in 1996 as the only No. 12 seeds to follow up a win in the opening round with another in the second.

The Jayhawks move on to face the winner of Tuesday's game between top seed Notre Dame and ninth-seeded Iowa in the regional semifinals Sunday.

Ashley Bruner and Aleighsa Welch each scored 16 points for the Gamecocks, who were denied their highest win total since joining the Southeastern Conference in 1991-92.

Spokane Regional

GEORGIA 65
IOWA ST. 60

SPOKANE, Wash. — Shacobia Barbee scored 20 points, including a key 3-pointer with 2:03 left, and No. 4 seed Georgia held off Iowa State's furious second-half rally to reach the round of 16.

A year after getting upset in the first round by Marist, Georgia is back in the regional semifinals for the 20th time. The Lady Bulldogs will face No. 1 seed Stanford or eighth-seeded Michigan on Saturday night.

Anne Marie Armstrong added 13 points for the Lady Bulldogs, who blew a 14-point lead with 9 minutes remaining then scored 13 of the final 17 points after the Cyclones took the lead.

Anna Prins led No. 5 seed Iowa State (24-9) with 23 points.

CALIFORNIA 82
SOUTH FLORIDA 78, OT

LUBBOCK — Layshia Clarendon scored 27 points to help California beat South Florida 82-78 to reach the regional semifinals.

Rashanda Gray added 14 points for the second-seeded Golden Bears (30-2), will face the winner of Tuesday's game between No. 3 Penn State and No. 6 LSU in the regional semifinals.

The Bears were up 67-57 before the Bulls went on a 13-3 run culminating in a trio of free throws by Inga Orekhova with under a second remaining that tied it at 70. California missed eight of 11 free throws down the stretch in regulation but went 8 for 10 at the line in overtime.

Andrea Smith scored 24 points and Orekhova added 22 for No. 10 seed South Florida (22-11).

SCORES AND SCHEDULES

Men

FIRST ROUND
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Tuesday, March 19
N.C. A&T 73, Liberty 72
Saint Mary's (Cal) 67, Middle Tennessee 54
Wednesday, March 20
James Madison 68, LIU Brooklyn 55
La Salle 80, Boise State 71

EAST REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 21
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
Butler 68, Bucknell 56
Marquette 59, Davidson 58
At HP Pavilion
San Jose, Calif.
California 64, UNLV 61
Syracuse 81, Montana 34
Friday, March 22
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Temple 76, N.C. State 72
Indiana 83, James Madison 62
At The Frank Erwin Center
Austin
Miami 78, Pacific 49
Illinois 57, Colorado 49
Third Round
Saturday, March 23
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
Marquette 74, Butler 72
At HP Pavilion
San Jose, Calif.
Syracuse 66, California 60
Sunday, March 24
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Indiana 58, Temple 52
At The Frank Erwin Center
Austin
Miami 63, Illinois 59
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 28
At The Verizon Center
Washington
Miami (29-6) vs. Marquette (25-8), 6:15 p.m.
Indiana (29-6) vs. Syracuse (28-9), 30 minutes following
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 30
Semifinal winners, TBA

SOUTH REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 21
At The Palace of Auburn Hills
Auburn Hills, Mich.
Michigan 71, South Dakota State 56
VCU 88, Akron 42
Friday, March 22
At Wells Fargo Center
Philadelphia
Florida Gulf Coast 78, Georgetown 68
San Diego State 70, Oklahoma 55
At The Sprint Center
Kansas City, Mo.
North Carolina 78, Villanova 71
Kansas 64, Western Kentucky 57
At The Frank Erwin Center
Austin
Florida 79, Northwestern State 47
Minnesota 83, UCLA 63
Third Round
Saturday, March 23
At The Palace of Auburn Hills
Auburn Hills, Mich.
Michigan 78, VCU 53
Sunday, March 24
At Wells Fargo Center
Philadelphia
Florida Gulf Coast 81, San Diego State 71
At The Sprint Center
Kansas City, Mo.
Kansas 70, North Carolina 58
At The Frank Erwin Center
Austin
Florida 78, Minnesota 64
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 29
At Cowboys Stadium
Arlington
Kansas (31-5) vs. Michigan (28-7), 6:37 p.m.
Florida Gulf Coast (26-10) vs. Florida (28-7), 30 minutes following
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 31
Semifinal winners, TBA

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 21
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
Louisville 79, N.C. A&T 48
Colorado State 84, Missouri 72
At The Palace of Auburn Hills
Auburn Hills, Mich.
Michigan State 65, Valparaiso 54
Memphis 54, Saint Mary's (Cal) 52
At HP Pavilion
San Jose, Calif.
Saint Louis 64, New Mexico State 44
Oregon 68, Oklahoma State 55
Friday, March 22
At Wells Fargo Center
Philadelphia
Duke 73, Albany (N.Y.) 61
Creighton 67, Cincinnati 63
Third Round
Saturday, March 23
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
Louisville 82, Colorado State 56
At The Palace of Auburn Hills
Auburn Hills, Mich.
Michigan State 70, Memphis 48
At HP Pavilion
San Jose, Calif.
Oregon 74, Saint Louis 57
Sunday, March 24
At Wells Fargo Center
Philadelphia
Duke 66, Creighton 50
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 29
At Lucas Oil Stadium
Indianapolis
Louisville (31-5) vs. Oregon (28-8), 6:15 p.m.
Duke (29-5) vs. Michigan State (27-8), 30 minutes following
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 31
Semifinal winners, TBA

WEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 21
At EnergySolutions Arena
Salt Lake City
Wichita State 73, Pittsburgh 55
Gonzaga 64, Southern 58
Arizona 81, Belmont 64
Harvard 68, New Mexico 62
Friday, March 22
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Ohio State 95, Iona 70
Iowa State 76, Notre Dame 58
At The Sprint Center
Kansas City, Mo.
Mississippi 57, Wisconsin 46
La Salle 63, Kansas State 61
Third Round
Saturday, March 23
At EnergySolutions Arena
Salt Lake City
Arizona 74, Harvard 51
Wichita State 76, Gonzaga 70
Sunday, March 24
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Ohio State 78, Iowa State 75
At The Sprint Center
Kansas City, Mo.
La Salle 76, Mississippi 74
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 28
At The Staples Center
Los Angeles
Arizona (27-7) vs. Ohio State (28-7), 6:47 p.m.
Wichita State (28-8) vs. La Salle (24-9), 30 minutes following
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 30
Semifinal winners, TBA

FINAL FOUR
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
National Semifinals
Saturday, April 6
Midwest champion vs. West champion, 5 or 7:30 p.m.
South champion vs. East champion, 5 or 7:30 p.m.
National Championship
Monday, April 8
Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

Women

OKLAHOMA CITY REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 23
Columbus, Ohio
Oklahoma 78, Central Michigan 73
UCLA 66, Stetson 49 Knoxville, Tenn.
Creighton 61, Syracuse 56
Tennessee 83, Oral Roberts 62
Sunday, March 24
Waco
Florida State 60, Princeton 44
Baylor 82, Prairie View 40
Louisville, Ky.
Purdue 77, Liberty 43
Louisville 74, Middle Tennessee 49
Second Round
Monday
Columbus, Ohio
Oklahoma 85, UCLA 72
Knoxville, Tenn.
Tennessee 68, Creighton 52
Today
Waco
Florida State (23-9) vs. Baylor (33-1), 8:30 p.m.
Louisville, Ky.
Purdue (25-8) vs. Louisville (25-8), 6:10 p.m.
Regional Semifinals
Oklahoma City
Sunday, March 31
Florida St.-Baylor winner vs. Purdue-Louisville winner, TBA
Oklahoma (24-10) vs. Tennessee (26-7), TBA
Tuesday, April 2
Regional Championship
Semifinal winners

SPOKANE REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 23
Spokane, Wash.
Iowa State 72, Gonzaga 60
Georgia 70, Montana 50
Lubbock
California 90, Fresno State 76
South Florida 71, Texas Tech 70
Sunday, March 24
Stanford, Calif.
Stanford 72, Tulsa 56
Michigan 60, Villanova 52
Baton Rouge, La.
Penn State 85, Cal Poly 55
LSU 75, Green Bay 71
Second Round
Monday
Spokane, Wash.
Georgia 65, Iowa State 60
Lubbock
California 82, South Florida 78, OT
Today
Stanford, Calif.
Stanford (32-2) vs. Michigan (22-10), 8:30 p.m.
Baton Rouge, La.
Penn State (26-5) vs. LSU (21-11), 8:30 p.m.
Regional Semifinals
Spokane, Wash.
Saturday, March 30
Stanford-Michigan winner vs. Georgia (27-6), TBA
California (30-3) vs. Penn State-LSU winner, TBA
Regional Championship
Monday, April 1
Semifinal winners

NORFOLK REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 23
Boulder, Colo.
South Carolina 74, South Dakota State 52
Kansas 67, Colorado 52
College Station
Texas A&M 71, Wichita State 45
Nebraska 73, Chattanooga 59
Sunday, March 24
Iowa City
Notre Dame 97, UT-Martin 64
Iowa 69, Miami 53
Durham, N.C.
Duke 67, Hampton 51
Oklahoma State 73, DePaul 56
Second Round
Monday, March 25
Boulder, Colo.
Kansas 75, South Carolina 69
College Station
Nebraska 74, Texas A&M 63
Today
Iowa City
Notre Dame (32-1) vs. Iowa (21-12), 8:30 p.m.
Durham, N.C.
Duke (31-2) vs. Oklahoma State (22-10), 6:10 p.m.
Regional Semifinals
Norfolk, Va.
Sunday, March 31
Notre Dame-Iowa winner vs. Kansas (20-13), TBA
Duke-Oklahoma State winner vs. Nebraska (25-8), TBA
Regional Championship
Tuesday, April 2
Semifinal winners

BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 23
Storrs, Conn.
Vanderbilt 60, Saint Joseph's 54
Connecticut 105, Idaho 37
College Park, Md.
Maryland 72, Quinnipiac 52
Michigan State 55, Marist 47
Sunday, March 24
Newark, Del.
Delaware 66, West Virginia 53
North Carolina 59, Albany (N.Y.) 54
Queens, N.Y.
Kentucky 61, Navy 41
Dayton 96, St. John's 90, 2OT
Second Round
Monday, March 25
Storrs, Conn.
Connecticut 77, Vanderbilt 44
College Park, Md.
Maryland 74, Michigan State 49
Today
Newark, Del.
Delaware (31-3) vs. North Carolina (29-6), 6:05 p.m.
Queens, N.Y.
Kentucky (28-5) vs. Dayton (28-2), 6:15 p.m.
Regional Semifinals
Bridgeport, Conn.
Saturday, March 30
Connecticut (31-4) vs. Maryland (26-7), TBA
Delaware-North Carolina-Albany (NY) winner vs. Kentucky-Dayton winner, TBA
Regional Championship
Monday, April 1
Semifinal winners

FINAL FOUR
At New Orleans Arena
New Orleans
National Semifinals
Sunday, April 7
Oklahoma City champion vs. Spokane champion, 4:30 or 7 p.m.
Norfolk champion vs. Bridgeport champion, 5:30 or 8 p.m. National Championship
Tuesday, April 9
Semifinal winners, 6:30 p.m.

FGCU savors its ride to Sweet 16

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Sherwood Brown only wanted a bagel.

The Florida Gulf Coast star walked into a restaurant on campus Monday and was quickly surrounded. People wanted autographs. People wanted photos. People just wanted to yell words of encouragement.

A school that opened a mere 16 years ago finds itself front-and-center in March Madness, one of only 16 college basketball teams left from a field of 68, hoping to win the NCAA national championship.

"I had no idea it was going to be like this, but I'm loving it," Brown said as he made his escape from the shop. "I feel like we're getting a lot of America behind us. I guess you could say we're a part of America's team at this point."

And the Eagles spent the day savoring their moment.

Lines in the campus bookstore snaked from one side to the other, more than 100 people waiting for the chance to pay for their FGCU shirts and hats. Phone lines were jammed by those seeking tickets for this weekend's South Regional, and even the university president half-seriously wondered if he would be able to obtain what he needed. And as they arrived at classes, players were met with applause.

"It's so brand new," Eagles coach Andy Enfield said Monday, as emails popped into his mailbox at a fairly dizzying rate. "No one knows — no one knew — what FGCU stood for, the letters. Now it puts our university in a national spotlight and rightly so, because this is a great place. It's a young, vibrant university with just a lot of energy. I've been trying to tell that story to a lot of people."

The Eagles play Florida in the South Regional semifinals Friday night, two wins from a most-improbable trip to the Final Four. Seeded 15th in their region, FGCU knocked off both No. 2 Georgetown and No. 7 San Diego State in Philadelphia over the weekend to keep their season going.

Enfield's lone mistake so far in the NCAA tournament may have been what happened when he went to bed around 5:30 a.m. Monday, roughly two hours after the Eagles landed home in Fort Myers after punching their ticket to the regional semifinals.

Before Enfield went to sleep, he forgot to silence his ringer. Suffice to say, he was awakened long before he wanted.

"It's part of the moment," Enfield said. "We're happy to sacrifice a little sleep for the success of our program."

Here's maybe the best way to explain what's happening right now with FGCU: In a state where the Gators are back in the regional semifinals, where the Miami Hurricanes (who lost to FGCU early this season) are still alive in the field and look very much like a title contender, and as the Miami Heat took a 26-game winning streak into their game at Orlando on Monday, it's the Eagles who might be the best story.

LeBron James picked them to win one game in his bracket. Not two, though.

"Just a hunch," the NBA's reigning MVP said.

The Eagles — 26-10 overall and 13-5 in the Atlantic Sun Conference — are starting their own tradition, since they have no real tradition yet. Of the 19 banners that sway in their gym to commemorate various accomplishments, the earliest entry on them is for a women's volleyball trip to the NCAA Division II tournament in 2004.

"You come from a small school like that, and everyone just kind of looks at us like a mid-week prep game. 'All right, we'll get our win mid-week and then we'll get ready for conference play,'" said Chris Sale, a former FGCU pitcher now with the Chicago White Sox. "I don't think that's the way it's going to be from here on out."

COACHFIRINGROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOWLAND BIDS FAREWELL TO UCLA AFTER FIRING: At Los Angeles, Ben Howland kept it classy in departing as UCLA basketball coach, thanking the athletic director who had fired him a day earlier while noting the high expectations that come with running a program that owns a record 11 national championships.

Howland was applauded by supporters as he walked into a news conference at Pauley Pavilion for the last time Monday. The 55-year-old coach expressed gratitude for his 10-year run in Westwood, the longest tenure since John Wooden retired in 1975 after 27 years on the sideline.

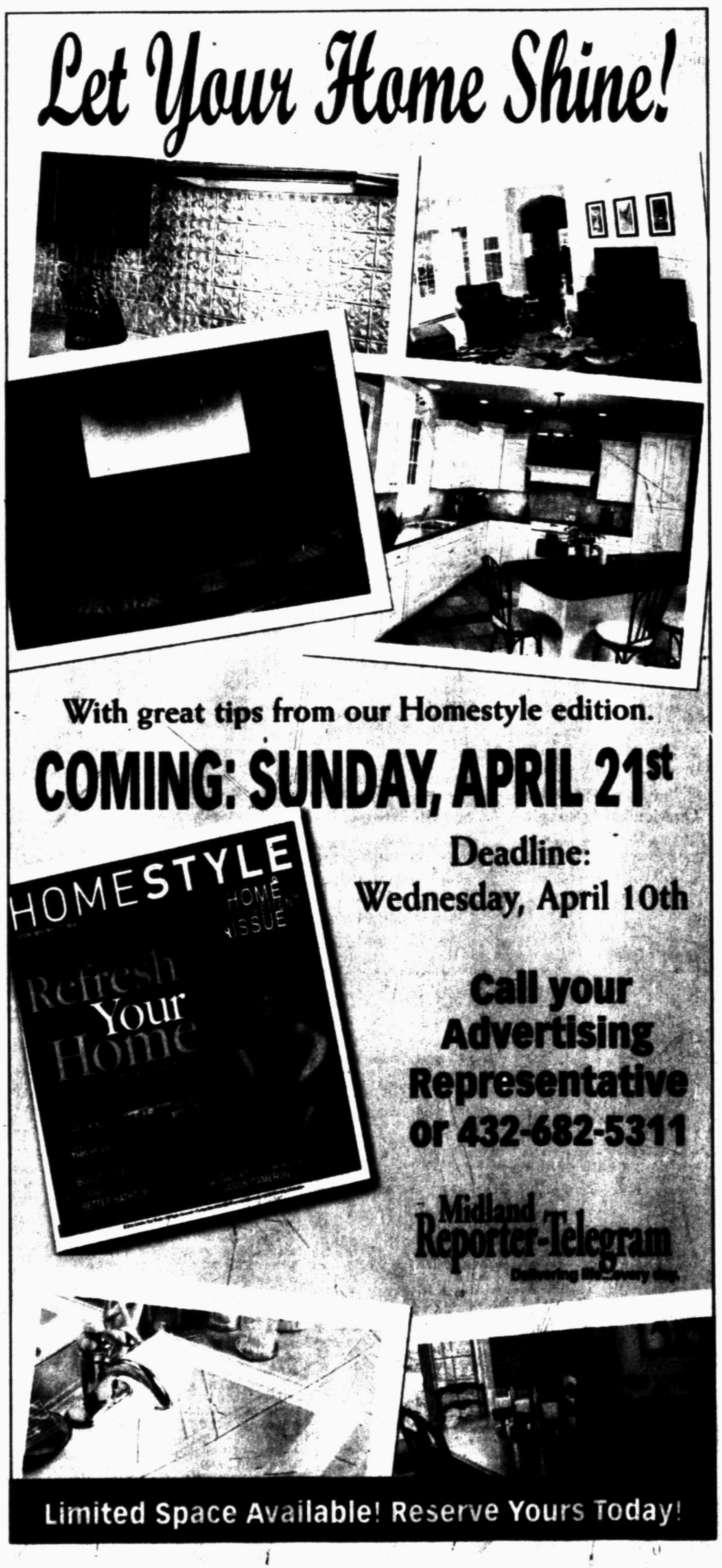
Howland says he's excited about the future and wants to coach again, although he doesn't know where or when that will happen. He says he wanted to speak out one last time at UCLA so he could publicly thank his current and former players and his staff.

MINNESOTA FIRES COACH TUBBY SMITH: At Minneapolis, Minnesota has fired Tubby Smith one day after the Golden Gophers lost to Florida in the NCAA tournament.

Athletics director Norwood Teague announced the decision Monday and said it was time for a "fresh set of eyes" on the program.

Smith was 124-81 (.610) in six seasons at Minnesota. He arrived in 2007 from Kentucky, immediately ramping up expectations for a team that was buried by an academic cheating scandal.

Smith won 20 games five times. But he went just 46-62 in Big Ten play and never finished higher than sixth in the conference. The Gophers made three NCAA tournament appearances under Smith. They beat UCLA this year before losing on Sunday.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Hamlin has compression fracture in lower back

By Jenna Fryer
Associated press

Denny Hamlin suffered a compression fracture in his lower spine during a last-lap crash while racing for the win against former teammate Joey Logano, and Joe Gibbs Racing gave no indication Monday how long its driver could be sidelined.

“I just want to go home,” Hamlin tweeted from a hospital in Southern California. He later posted a photo of himself giving a thumbs-up and appeared to be wearing a back brace

Hamlin

The team said he had what is called an L1 compression fracture; essentially, the first vertebra in the lumbar section of his spine collapsed.

Hamlin was expected to be released from the hospital Monday and return to North Carolina to be evaluated by Dr. Jerry Petty of Carolina Neurosurgery and Spine Associates.

NASCAR does not race this weekend, but returns to action April 7 at Martinsville Speedway, where Hamlin, who is 10th in the Sprint Cup standings, is a four-time winner.

Hamlin was airlifted from the Fontana track after a collision with Logano sent him nearly head-on into the inside wall in a place where Auto Club Speedway does not have energy-absorbing SAFER barriers. There are barriers on the inside of some of the walls, but portions of the track between Turns 1 and 2 and Turns 3 and 4 are not protected.

Track spokesman David Talley said Monday the SAFER barriers are installed upon NASCAR's recommendation, and track officials will wait to see what, if anything, NASCAR recommends after Hamlin's accident.

“NASCAR is reviewing the incident and any improvements that can be made, will be made,” Talley said. “If NASCAR feels that additional SAFER Barriers are needed, then we will absolutely make those enhancements. SAFER barrier recommendations are based on past history and this is a situation we, nor NASCAR has ever seen at this track before.”

IndyCar last year returned to Auto Club Speedway for the first time since 2005 and the season finale is scheduled to be held at the track in October.

But the issue of the SAFER barriers and Hamlin's impact seemed to be overshadowed by the most recent flare-up in this new feud.

Logano managed to finish third despite wrecking into the outside wall after hitting Hamlin, who spun Logano last week at Bristol to spark a bitter post-race confrontation.

Because of the recent bickering between the former teammates, Logano was somewhat defiant after Sunday's accident.

“He probably shouldn't have done what he did last week, so that's what he gets,” Logano said.

On Monday, Logano's car owner said the driver was unaware of Hamlin's condition when he made the comment during a television interview.

“That's a tough thing, Joey had no idea what the situation was with Denny when he was doing the interview,” Roger Penske said. “It's one of those things that came out and taken out of context isn't what he meant. He can't take it back, but people are certainly blowing that up to mean something different than what he knew at the time.”

Tony Stewart also got into a post-race shoving match with Logano, who aggressively blocked Stewart on a late restart. Stewart claimed Logano threw a water bottle at him when he approached, but crews separated the two before it turned into a full fight.

Stewart later railed against the 22-year-old Logano in several interviews and accused him of being “nothing but a little rich kid that's never had to work in his life.”

Logano was 18 when he broke into NASCAR with Joe Gibbs Racing in 2008 with the nickname “Sliced Bread.” He'd risen rapidly through the racing ranks with the financial backing from his father, Tom, who used funds from the family's Connecticut waste management company to help his two children pursue their dreams.

Logano had the means to pursue a racing career, and was in Georgia racing quarter midgets at the age of 6 while his older sister chased a life of competitive ice skating.

But Tom Logano's near-constant presence at the NASCAR races hurt Logano's reputation, and him angrily demanding his son go after Kevin Harvick after a 2010 incident at Pocono only made things worse.

On Monday, Patricia Driscoll, girlfriend of Kurt Busch, referred to Logano as (hash)TrustFundRacer in a series of tweets that accused him of reckless racing with “no less than 5 drivers.”

“We were lucky that none of the others were hurt by his actions,” Driscoll tweeted.

An agitated Penske thought the criticism of Logano's upbringing was out of line.

“He's a solid young man and his family has supported him in racing as many families of professional athletes do in every sport,” Penske said. “Anyone who looks at that as a criticism, to focus on that is just petty.”

He also said he supported his driver, who signed last year to join the Penske Racing organization as teammate to defending Sprint Cup Series champion Brad Keselowski.

“Listen, Joey is a great driver and what happened at the end there wasn't anything more than hard racing,” Penske said. “I stand behind him and I think he's going to go down as one of the greatest drivers to ever race.”

It never developed at JGR, where Logano replaced Stewart in 2009 and was teammates with Busch and Hamlin. Signs of a rift between Hamlin and Logano didn't show publicly until after this year's season-opening Daytona 500, when the two exchanged barbs on Twitter.

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HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Top Gear		Vikings "Trial"		Ultimate Soldier		Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Dance Moms		Dance Moms "The Apple of Her Eye"		Dance Moms "She's a Maniac" (N)		Preachers' Daughters (N)		The Client List "Cowboy Up"		Dance Moms "The Apple of Her Eye"	
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NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Drake	WendVinn	F.House	F.House	F.House	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Urban	Tenants	Urban	Tenants	Tenants
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Face Off		Face Off		Face Off (N)		Robot Combat (N)		Face Off		Robot Combat	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld "The Pick"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Cougar Town (N)	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		Cougar Town	Conan
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:30) Carol for A...		★★★★ Days of Wine and Roses				★★ Dear Heart Angela Lansbury.				The Pink Panther	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Pasion Prohibida		La patrona		El Rostro de la		Al rojo	Victorinos		Decision
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TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Father Dearest"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Home Invasions"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Hunting Ground"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Child's Welfare"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Learning Curve"		The Moment "America's Cup Sailor"	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Mother "Stuff"	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine		America's Funniest Home Videos		Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

US prepares for Mexico with win under protest

New York Times News Service

MEXICO CITY — The Iditarod will not break out here Tuesday when the United States faces Mexico in a World Cup qualifying match. There will be a significant increase in elevation, smog and opponent's skill level. But snowplows will not be on standby at Estadio Azteca. The only white stuff likely to fall is confetti.

Still, bruised feelings continued to pile up like snowdrifts after the Americans' 1-0 victory over Costa Rica in blizzard-like conditions Friday night outside Denver. The Costa Rican soccer federation has lodged an official protest with FIFA, soccer's world governing body, seeking to have the game replayed in more favorable conditions.

The Costa Rican federation said in a statement that the “physical integrity” of the players and officials became compromised, that ball movement “became impossible” and the lack of visibility of the lines on the field violated FIFA regulations.

On Monday, FIFA said it would make a decision “in due course.” Sunil Gulati, president of the U.S. Soccer Federation, declined to comment on the protest. Coach Jurgen Klinsmann answered with a verbal shrug.

“If you're down, you want to have it repeated; if you're up, you want to have it finished and move on,” he said. “That's normal.”

Of more immediate concern for Klinsmann was collecting the United States' first victory in a qualifying match in Mexico and replacing the injured Jermaine Jones in midfield. Jones suffered an ankle injury in the first half of the Costa Rica match, received two stitches for a cut and was subbed out in the 83rd minute. Maurice Edu or Kyle Beckerman would be a likely replacement, though Klinsmann could start both if he preferred three central midfielders.

The United States is 0-13-1 in World Cup qualifying matches in Mexico and 1-23-1 overall in matches south of the border. Azteca remains one of the largest and most imposing stadiums in international soccer. It is situated at 7,200 feet and holds 105,000 fans, who enjoy nothing more than defeating the Americans. Soccer is one endeavor in which Mexico has been able to claim superiority in the face of the strong economic, cultural and political influence of the United States.

“The first 20 minutes is always the worst; you can't breathe,” DaMarcus Beasley, who played superbly for the United States at left back against Costa Rica and who plays with Puebla in the Mexican League, said of the altitude at Azteca.

And yet, Beasley added, Azteca does not seem to be the same impenetrable fortress it once was. Make no mistake. It is forbidding for visitors to win anyplace in Mexico. El Tri has lost only one qualifying match at home, to Costa Rica in 2001. But the Americans won at Azteca in a friendly in August. And in the current round of qualifying, Mexico slogged through a disappointing 0-0 draw at home to Jamaica.

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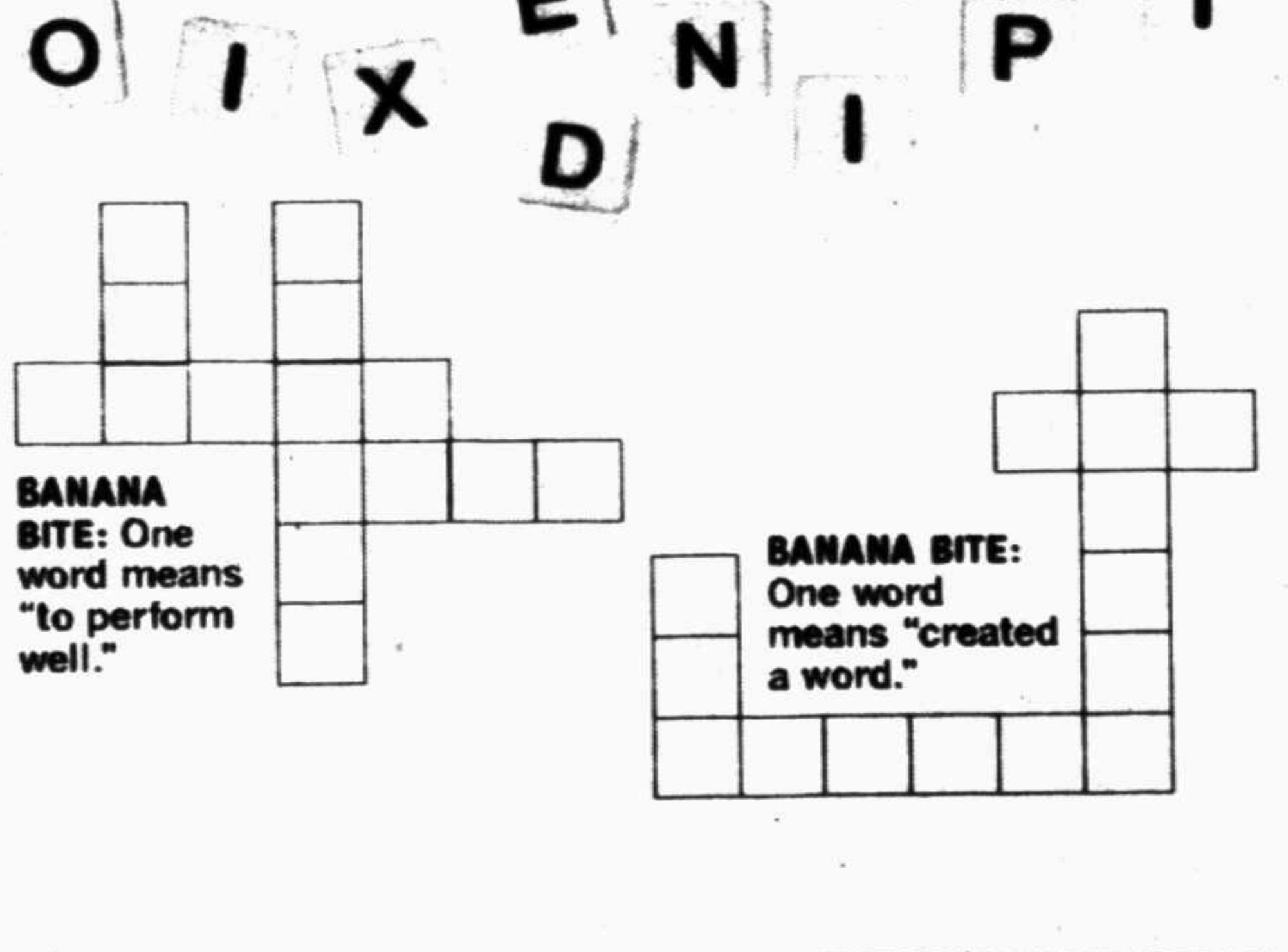

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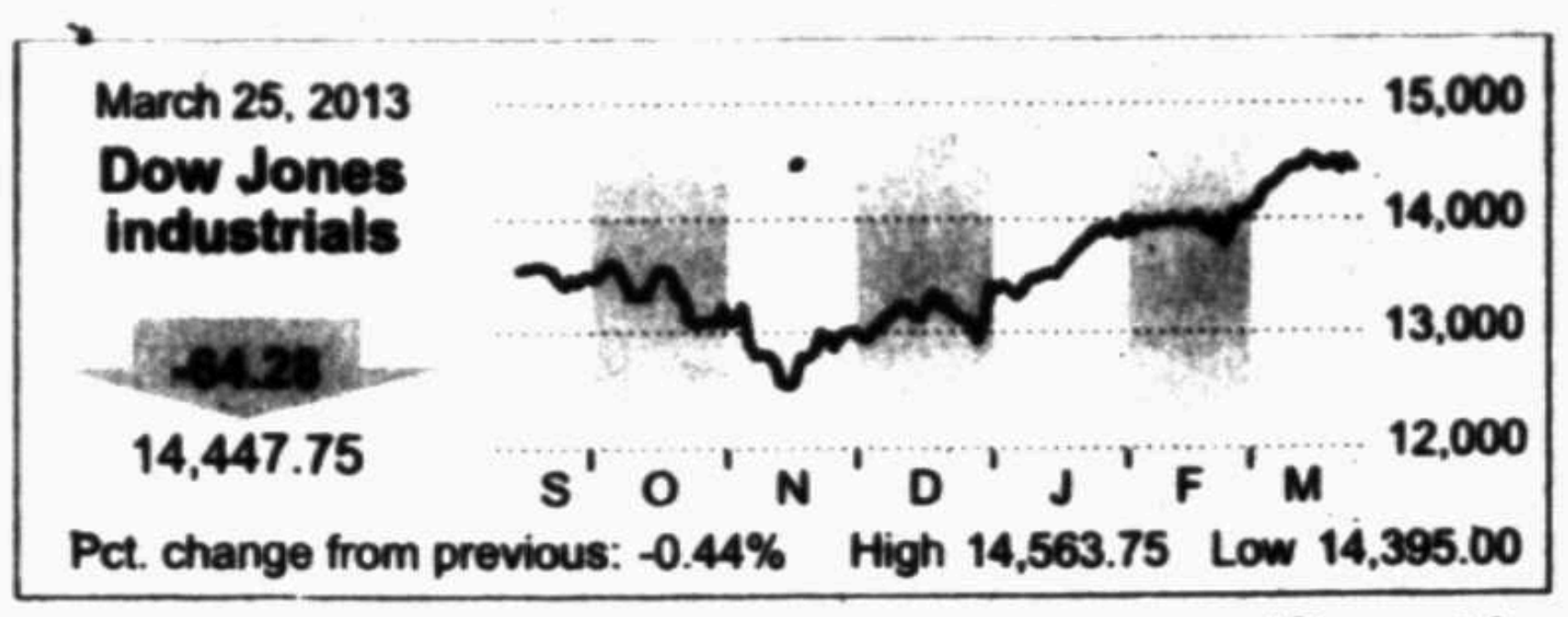

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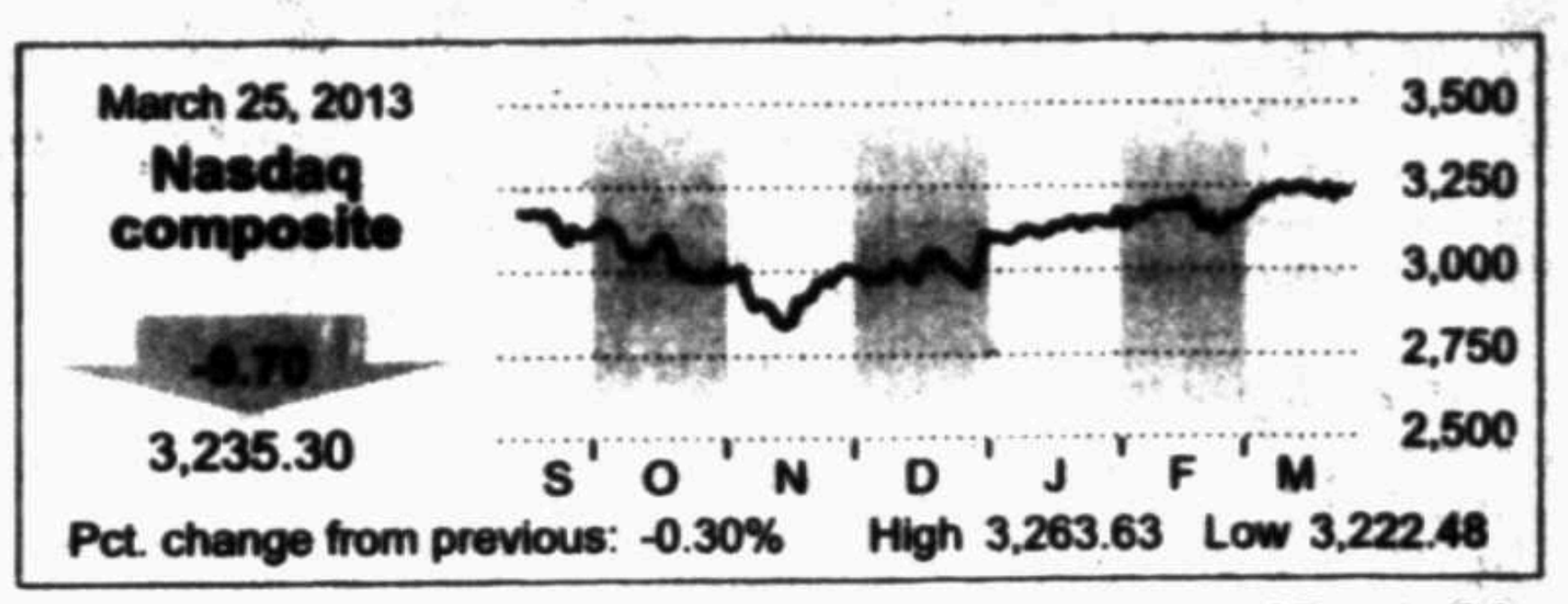

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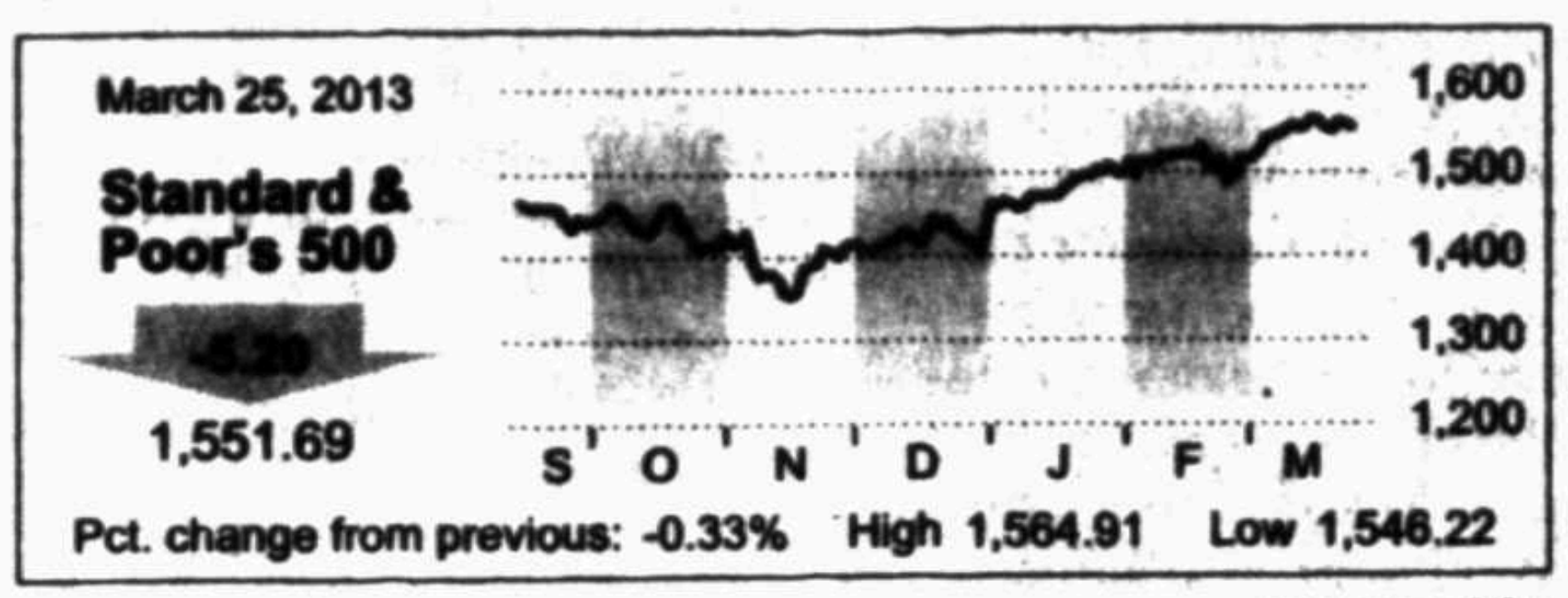

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FUTURES

Monday: $94.81
Previous: $93.71

POSTED

Monday: $91.00
Previous: $90.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday: $83.05
Previous: $82.30

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $3.865
Previous: $3.927

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1496266	12.40	-.16
S&P500ETF	1368084	154.95	-.65
BariPVix rs	663971	20.68	-.27
SprintNex	479191	6.03	-.11
SPDR Fncl	470530	18.13	-.05

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
iPLEEafe	125.00	+20.50	+19.6
ChinHydro	2.56	+.26	+11.3
EqualEn g	3.85	+.36	+10.3
Startek	5.44	+.48	+9.7
Entravisn	3.44	+.28	+8.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BiP GCrb	5.04	-.97	-16.1
TrinaSolar	3.46	-.42	-10.8
USG	26.91	-2.51	-8.5
GMX Rs rs	2.95	-.27	-8.4
GencoShip	2.77	-.25	-8.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,243
Declined	1,785
Unchanged	130
Total issues	3,158
New Highs	322
New Lows	26
Volume	3,111,899,692

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
ChenieresEn	32203	25.92	+.13
VirnetX	31192	19.71	-2.18
Rentech	28533	2.32	-.04
GldFld	23594	5.44	+.26
Vringo	20248	2.80	-.10

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BovieMed	2.79	+.34	+13.9
TrioTch	2.24	+.26	+13.0
ChiRivet	24.75	+2.00	+8.8
Crexendo	2.85	+.20	+7.5
TellnstEl	3.50	+.21	+6.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VirnetX	19.71	-2.18	-10.0
ContMatls	15.91	-1.41	-8.1
SaratogaRs	2.72	-.22	-7.5
Alteva	9.23	-.67	-6.8
RareEle g	2.20	-.12	-5.2

DIARY

Advanced	177
Declined	238
Unchanged	40
Total issues	455
New Highs	13
New Lows	7
Volume	70,832,095

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
RschMotn	744600	14.23	-.68
Dell Inc	466463	14.51	+.37
Microsoft	429517	28.16	-.09
MicronT	390810	9.88	-.16
Oracle	389431	31.25	-.73

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Stereotx rs	2.39	+.60	+33.5
UnivBus h	3.56	+.62	+21.1
Novogen s	5.10	+.69	+15.6
HorizPhm	2.88	+.36	+14.3
CrossrdsSy	2.15	+.22	+11.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Crumbs un	2.93	-7.07	-70.7
IdenixPh	3.69	-.91	-19.8
RedhllBio n	8.46	-1.51	-15.1
Galectin un	7.72	-1.33	-14.7
PGT Inc	6.97	-1.13	-14.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,156
Declined	1,257
Unchanged	124
Total issues	2,537
New Highs	186
New Lows	24
Volume	1,622,333,631

AP file photo

In this March 26, 2009, file photo, Michael Dell, chairman and CEO of Dell Inc., reacts to a question during a news conference in Beijing. Dell said Monday that a special board committee plans to negotiate with Blackstone Group and activist investor Carl Icahn over new acquisition bids for the computer maker that rival an offer of more than $24 billion from an investor group that includes founder Michael Dell.

Dell drama takes new twist with 2 new buyout bids

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The two new suitors pursuing Dell have a message for Wall Street: Don't allow Michael Dell to hoard potential gains from the PC maker's expansion into more profitable technology products and services.

Competing bidders Carl Icahn and the Blackstone Group LP are wooing Dell shareholders with an offer of a little more money today coupled with the possibility of even bigger returns if the struggling personal computer maker can pull off the turnaround envisioned by its CEO and founder, Michael Dell, and a group of investors led by Silver Lake Partners.

The new bidders are also making a statement by proposing to maintain Dell Inc.'s status as a publicly traded company.

The long-awaited challenge to Michael Dell and Silver Lake began to unfold Monday with the announcement that Icahn, a billionaire investor with a long history of corporate confrontation, and the Blackstone, a major buyout firm, had submitted separate alternatives in an attempt to scuttle a $24.4 billion sales agreement that has been in place since Feb. 5.

If completed, the original deal would end Dell's 25-year history as a publicly traded company, leaving it entirely owned by Michael Dell, Silver Lake and a handful of other investors. The new bidders are taking advantage of a 45-day window that had been left open for better offers.

Although the details are still sketchy, both Icahn and Blackstone are offering to buy a portion of Dell Inc.'s outstanding stock at prices higher than the $13.65 per share that Michael Dell and Silver Lake have proposed to pay. Icahn is offering $15 per share for up to 58 percent of the company's existing stock while Blackstone will ante up more than $14.25 per share in cash or stock for an unspecified number of shares.

"We intend to work diligently with all three potential acquirers to ensure the best possible outcome for Dell shareholders, whichever transaction that may be," said Alex Mandl, the chairman of a four-person board committee overseeing the sale of the Round Rock company. For now, the committee is still recommending the deal put forth by Michael Dell and Silver Lake, though they are acknowledging the new offers could end up being more lucrative.

Dell's stock gained 37 cents, or 2.6 percent, to close Monday at $14.51. The shares have been trading above $14 most of this month, signaling that most investors expected alternative bids to emerge.

Monday's developments heighten the uncertainty surrounding Dell, the world's third largest PC maker behind Hewlett-Packard Co. and Lenovo Group. Dell's cloudy future could rattle some corporate customers who may be more willing to do business with HP, Lenovo or other rivals. It also threatens to distract Dell's 111,000 workers at a critical time.

The bidding battle also could culminate in the departure of Michael Dell, who founded the company bearing his name in 1984 while still a teenager attending the University of Texas.

Oil hits 5-week high

The price of oil rose to a five-week high after Europe patched up the latest problem in its years-long financial crisis.

Benchmark crude for May delivery rose $1.10 to finish at $94.81 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. That's the highest New York closing since Feb. 20.

Cyprus secured $13 billion of rescue loans early Monday, just hours before a deadline set by the European Central Bank. The bank had threatened to halt emergency assistance to the country's banks if no agreement was reached by Tuesday. A financial collapse in Cyprus would have threatened the euro currency bloc.

In the U.S., gas prices are now at the lowest level since the middle of February. The average price for a gallon of gas is now $3.67, down 22 cents from this time last year.

Brent crude, used to price many kinds of oil imported by U.S. refineries, rose 51 cents to $108.17 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

Euro falls to 4-month low

Currency traders aren't convinced that a bailout for Cyprus will fix its financial problems or Europe's debt crisis, pushing the euro to a four-month low against the dollar Monday.

The euro fell to $1.2851 in late trading from $1.2983 late Friday. Earlier the euro fell to $1.2828, its lowest point against the dollar since Nov. 21.

June gold edged down $1.50 to $1,606.50 per ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $43.68 Up 0.18

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $97.16 Up 2.23

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $29.51 Down 0.68

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $25.20 Up 0.65

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $27.22 Up 0.45

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.69 Up 0.19

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $19.08 Up 0.07

Ring Energy (RNGE)
Closing Price $6.99 Up 0.04

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80f	29	36.39	-.04	+8.0
Abraxas	...	...	2.32	-.07	+5.9
AdamsEx	.67e	...	11.64	-.04	+9.9
AlcatelLuc	...	...	1.33	-.07	-4.3
AlonUSA	.16	15	18.54	+.25	+2.5
AMovilL	.30e	21	20.74	+.49	-10.4
AmIntlGrp	...	25	37.70	-.09	+6.8
Amgen	1.88	18	96.81	+.25	+12.3
Anadarko	.36	18	87.29	+.71	+17.5
Apache	.80f	15	74.63	+.16	-4.9
ApolloGrp	...	5	18.25	+1.21	-12.8
Apple Inc	10.60	11	463.58	+1.67	-12.9
ApldMatl	.40f	...	13.32	+.06	+16.4
ATMOS	1.40	17	41.69	-.05	+18.7
AutoData	1.74	22	63.93	-.15	+12.3
BP PLC	2.16f	6	41.96	-.04	+.8
BabsCCInv	1.20a	...	16.40	+.15	+7.3
BakrHu	.60	15	44.89	-.36	+9.9
BcoSantSA	1.03e	...	7.03	-.29	-14.0
BkofAm	.04	48	12.40	-.16	+6.8
BariPVix rs	...	...	20.68	-.27	-35.0
BasicEnSv	...	19	14.00	+.12	+22.7
BerkHa A	...	17	153784.00	+43.00	+14.7
BerryPet	.32	13	45.75	+.03	+36.4
BlkHillsCp	1.52f	17	43.60	+.01	+20.0
BrMySq	1.40	34	40.26	-.13	+24.9
BrownFA s	1.02a	28	71.52	+.45	+16.3
BrownFB s	1.02a	26	69.23	+.29	+9.5
CVS Care	.90	18	55.30	+.10	+14.4
Cameron	...	21	63.79	+.60	+13.0
Caterpillar	2.08	10	86.64	-.84	-3.3
Celestic g	...	15	8.13	+.05	-.2
Cemex	.32t	...	12.13	-.08	+22.9
CntryLink	2.16m	28	34.99	-.04	-10.6
ChesEng	.35	...	20.35	-.04	+22.4
Chevron	3.60	9	120.18	-1.00	+11.1
Chicos	.22f	16	17.33	-.01	-6.1
Cimarex	.56f	18	75.97	+.08	+31.6
Cisco	.56	12	20.85	+.10	+6.1
Citigroup	.04	14	44.49	-.74	+12.5
ClayEng	...	15	43.68	+.18	+9.2
CliffsNRs	.60m	...	21.66	+.90	-43.8
CocaCola s	1.12f	20	40.12	+.08	+10.7
ColgPal	2.72f	22	114.40	-.01	+9.4
Comcast	.78f	18	41.72	+.50	+11.7
ConAgra	1.00	23	35.17	+.04	+19.2
ConchoRes	...	23	97.16	+2.23	+20.6
ConocPhil s	2.64	10	60.21	-.70	+3.8
CrackerB	2.00	17	80.02	-.57	+24.5
CSVelIVSt	...	...	22.83	+.28	+37.6
CrosTim	2.12e	11	28.28	+.48	+5.1
DCP Mid	2.76f	44	45.91	+.11	+10.0
DTE	2.48	19	66.06	-.22	+10.0
Dataram rs	...	...	2.05	+.05	+3.5
Dawson	...	22	29.51	-.68	+11.9
Dell Inc	.32	11	14.51	+.37	+43.1
DevonE	.88f	...	57.02	-.29	+9.6
DirSCBear	...	...	9.36	-.03	-30.7
DirFnBear	...	...	10.68	+.03	-29.3
Disney	.75f	18	56.21	-.57	+12.9
DowChm	1.28	45	32.29	-.49	-.1
eBay	...	26	51.31	-1.96	+.6
EMC Cp	...	19	23.74	-.41	-6.2
EOG Res	.75f	59	123.92	-1.06	+2.6
EmpDist	1.00	17	21.95	+.07	+7.7
Energen	.58f	16	50.96	-.32	+13.0
EngyTsfr	3.58	11	49.50	+.15	+15.3
EnPro	...	22	49.78	-.04	+21.7
EntPrPt	2.64f	23	59.32	+.48	+18.5
Ericsson	.43e	...	12.55	+.02	+24.3
ExterranH	...	...	27.00	+.17	+23.2
ExxonMbl	2.28	9	89.02	-.27	+2.9
Facebook n	...	...	25.13	-.60	-5.6
FordM	.40f	10	13.29	+.03	+2.6
ForestOil	...	13	5.33	-.16	-20.3
FrozenFd h	...	...	1.39	-.10	+56.2
GATX	1.24f	20	50.48	-.36	+16.6
GabMultT	.80	...	8.87	+.08	+13.0
GAInv	2.00e	...	31.04	-.06	+11.6
GenElec	.76	18	23.24	-.13	+10.7
GileadSci s	...	28	44.98	-.53	+22.5
GtPlainEn	.87	17	22.64	-.09	+11.5
Groupon	...	...	6.00	+.26	+23.5
HalconRes	...	...	7.26	+.29	+4.9
Hallibrtn	.50f	14	39.65	+.49	+14.3
Heinz	2.06	23	71.99	...	+24.8
HewlettP	.58f	...	23.10	+.06	+62.1
iShBraz	1.57e	...	53.39	-.31	-4.6
iShJapn	.19e	...	10.67	-.10	+9.4
iShChina25	.94e	...	36.82	-.12	-9.0
iShEMkts	.74e	...	41.92	-.04	-5.5
iS Eafe	1.76e	...	58.62	-.74	+3.1
iShR2K	1.70e	...	93.95	+.05	+11.4
IntegrysE	2.72	16	56.55	-.15	+8.3
Intel	.90	10	21.15	-.18	+2.6
InterDig	.40a	7	46.91	+.08	+14.2
JPMorgCh	1.20	9	48.52	-.26	+11.1
JohnJn	2.44	21	79.68	-.06	+13.7
KimbClk	3.24f	21	94.54	-1.12	+12.0
KindME	5.16f	...	88.90	+.75	+11.4
KindMM	5.16t	...	86.09	+.09	+14.1
KraftFGp n	2.00	19	51.25	+.06	+12.7
LegacyRes	2.28f	19	27.22	+.45	+14.4
Lubys	...	34	7.92	-.14	+18.4
MGIC	...	...	4.52	...	+69.9
MktVGold	.46e	...	37.67	-.49	-18.8
McDnlds	3.08	18	98.24	-1.03	+11.4
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MexcoEn	...	...	5.69	+.19	-11.6
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Mondelez	.52	35	29.88	+.15	+17.4
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Nabors	.16f	...	15.55	+.14	+7.6
NatGrid	3.17e	...	57.28	-.29	-.3
NOilVarco	.52	12	68.51	+.25	+.2
NewsCpA	.17	18	30.23	-.06	+18.5
NokiaCp	...	...	3.26	-.07	-17.5
NvMAd	.80a	...	14.75	-.04	-3.0
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NSTFI3	.63a	...	14.39	-.10	-1.6
NTXQI	.70	...	15.58	+.01	-1.7
OcciPet	2.56f	14	78.05	-.61	+1.9
Oracle	.24	15	31.25	-.73	-6.2
ParTech	...	...	4.67	+.01	-4.7
ParkDrl	...	15	4.62	-.03	+.4
PattUTI	.20	12	23.69	-.09	+27.2
Penney	...	...	15.18	-.25	-23.0
PennaRE	.72f	...	19.31	+.13	+9.5
Prmian	.88e	11	12.39	+.10	+1.1
Pfizer	.96f	15	28.16	-.22	+12.3
PhilipMor	3.40	18	91.99	+.37	+10.0
PioNtrl	.08	81	122.12	-.61	+14.6
PlainsAA s	2.25f	23	56.00	-.16	+23.8
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Praxair	2.40f	20	112.14	+.55	+2.5
PrmEgy	...	10	29.56	+.19	+28.5
PrUVxST rs	...	...	8.02	-.22	-61.6
ProctGam	2.25	19	76.68	-.59	+12.9
PrUShSP rs	...	...	44.87	+.27	-17.1
RangeRs	.16	...	81.16	+.40	+29.2
RschMotn	...	28	14.23	-.68	+19.9
Rowan	...	25	34.15	-.25	+9.2
RoyDShllA	3.44	8	64.87	-.85	-5.9
SpdrDJIA	3.42e	...	144.21	-.69	+10.4
S&P500ETF	3.18e	...	154.95	-.65	+8.8
SabnR	3.59e	13	45.64	-.31	+14.7
SanderFm	.68	22	53.97	-.56	+13.5
SandRdge	...	...	5.46	-.04	-14.0
Sapient	...	26	12.18	-.12	+15.3
Schlmbrg	1.25f	18	73.86	-.51	+6.6
SigmaAld	.86f	20	76.48	-.97	+3.9
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Smucker	2.08	20	96.38	-.06	+11.8
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SunocoLog	2.18f	15	64.40	+.16	+29.5
TelefEsp	...	...	14.04	-.76	+4.1
Tesoro	.80f	11	57.85	-1.02	+31.3
3M Co	2.54f	17	105.17	-1.25	+13.3
Torchmark	.68f	11	59.18	-.11	+14.9
TriContl	.69e	...	17.46	+.01	+8.8
TylerTech	...	59	59.42	+.87	+22.7
UBWV	1.24	17	26.53	+.04	+9.0
Vale SA	.78e	...	17.03	-.13	-18.8
ValeroE	.80f	12	44.28	+.04	+29.8
VangEmg	1.05e	...	42.24	-.09	-5.1
VerizonCm	2.06	...	49.16	+.14	+13.6
Vodafone	1.53e	...	28.41	+.38	+12.8
VulcanM	.04	...	51.50	+.07	-1.1
Walgrn	1.10	21	46.19	-.30	+24.8
WellsFargo	1.00f	11	37.21	+.01	+8.9
WstnRefin	.48f	8	34.63	-.77	+22.8
WhitingPet	...	14	49.72	+.80	+14.6
WmsCos	1.36f	27	36.99	+.12	+13.0
Windstrm	1.00	27	8.43	-.17	+1.8
XcelEngy	1.08	15	28.64	-.03	+7.2
Xerox	.23f	9	8.51	-.09	+24.8
Yahoo	...	7	23.38	+.12	+17.5
Zynga	...	...	3.41	-.01	+44.5

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
14,546.82	12,035.09	Dow Jones Industrials	14,447.75	-64.28	-.44	+10.25	+9.11
6,291.65	4,795.28	Dow Jones Transportation	6,134.48	-44.78	-.72	+15.60	+15.99
499.82	435.57	Dow Jones Utilities	496.66	-.70	-.14	+9.62	+8.89
9,128.89	7,222.88	NYSE Composite	9,022.95	-42.85	-.47	+6.86	+8.86
2,509.57	2,164.87	Amex Index	2,403.57	-1.36	-.06	+2.03	-1.84
3,260.62	2,726.68	Nasdaq Composite	3,235.30	-9.70	-.30	+7.15	+3.61
1,563.62	1,266.74	S&P 500	1,551.69	-5.20	-.33	+8.80	+9.54
16,529.74	13,248.92	Wilshire 5000	16,414.60	-46.92	-.28	+9.47	+10.07
954.00	729.75	Russell 2000	945.85	-.42	-.04	+11.36	+11.79

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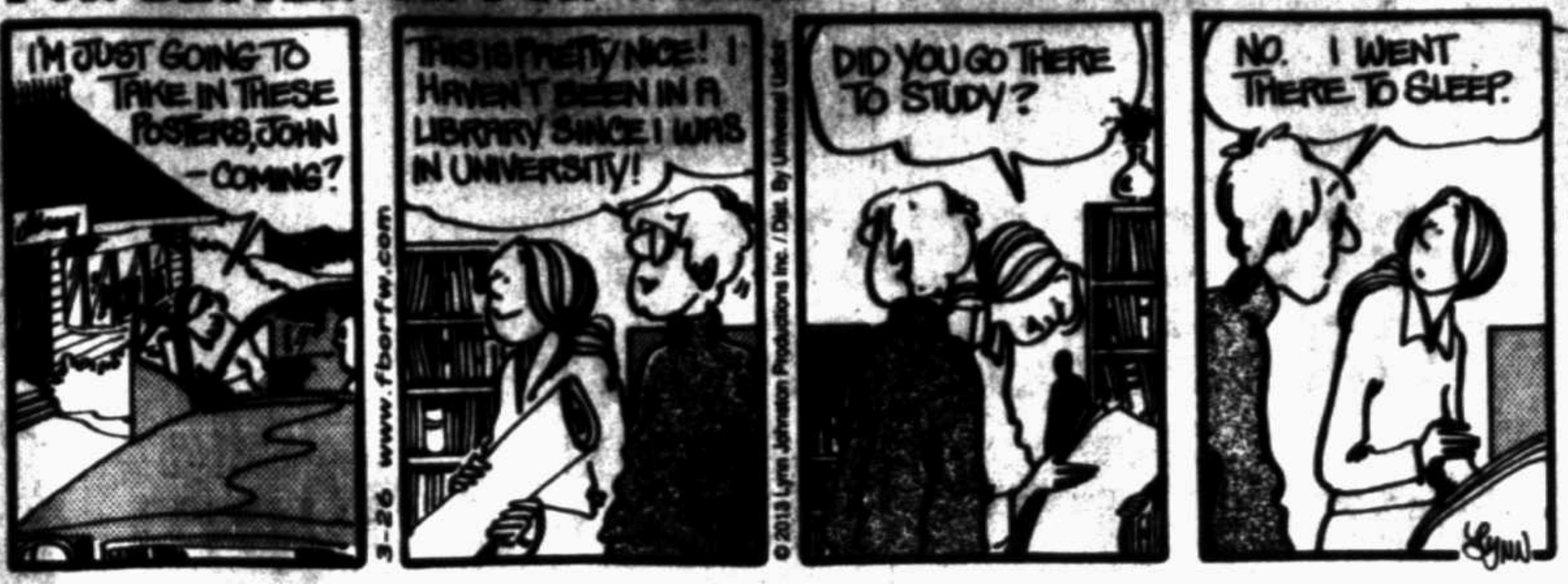
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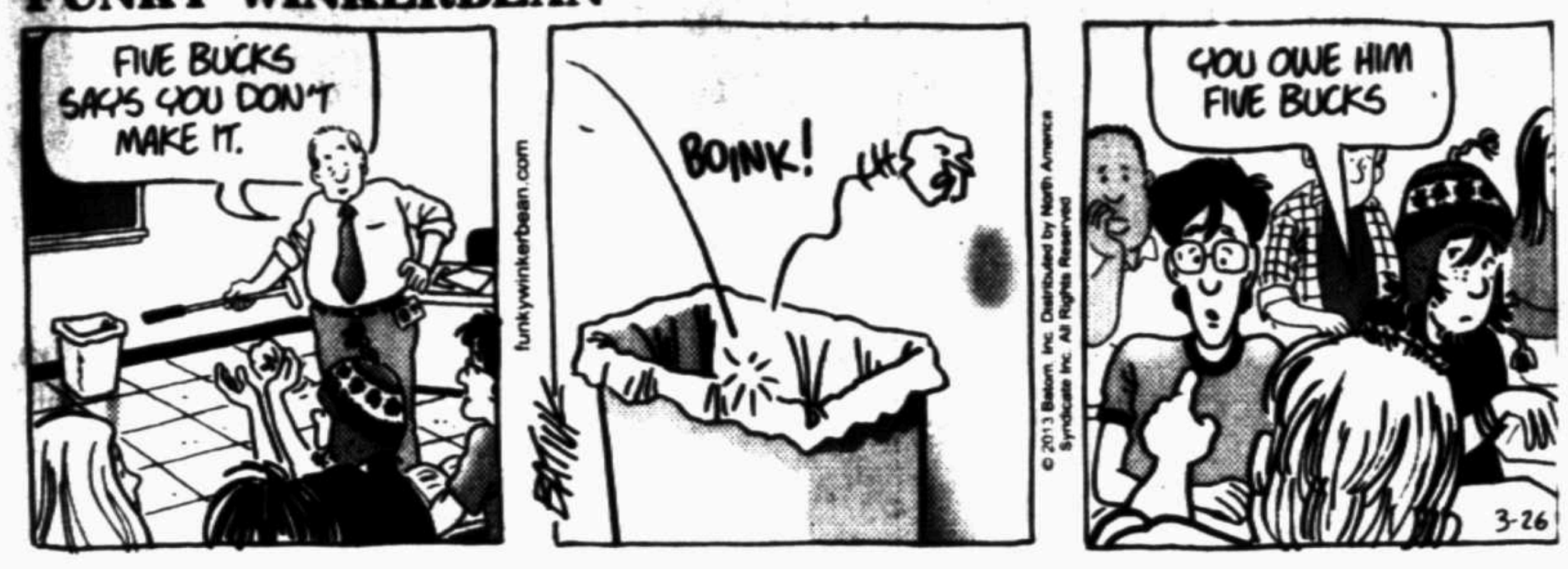
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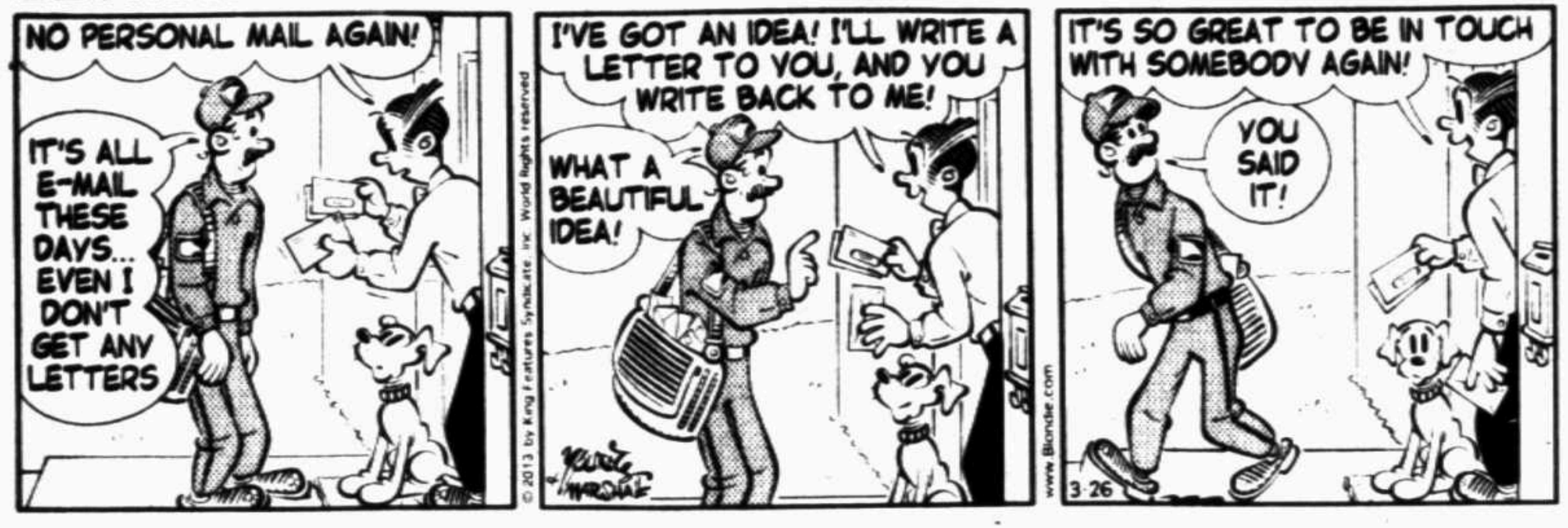
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IT'S ALL E-MAIL THESE DAYS... EVEN I DON'T GET ANY LETTERS
I'VE GOT AN IDEA! I'LL WRITE A LETTER TO YOU, AND YOU WRITE BACK TO ME!
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL IDEA!
IT'S SO GREAT TO BE IN TOUCH WITH SOMEBODY AGAIN!
YOU SAID IT!
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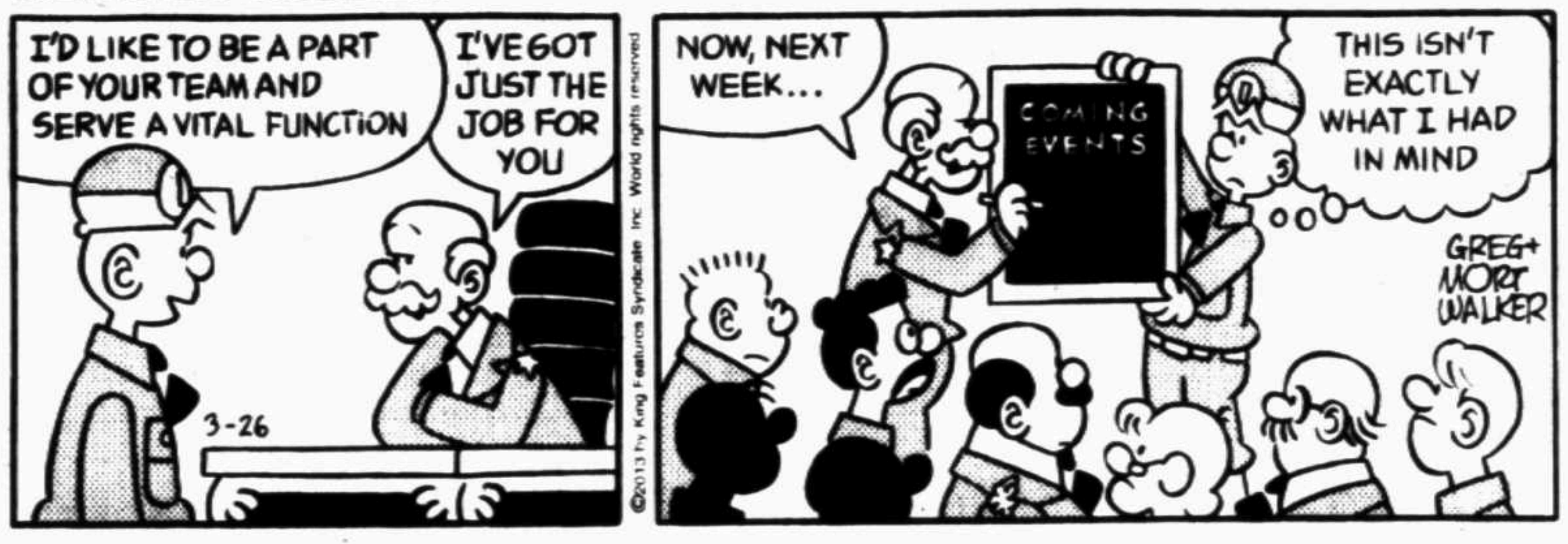
I'D LIKE TO BE A PART OF YOUR TEAM AND SERVE A VITAL FUNCTION
I'VE GOT JUST THE JOB FOR YOU
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NOW, NEXT WEEK...
COMING EVENTS
THIS ISN'T EXACTLY WHAT I HAD IN MIND
GREG + MORT WALKER
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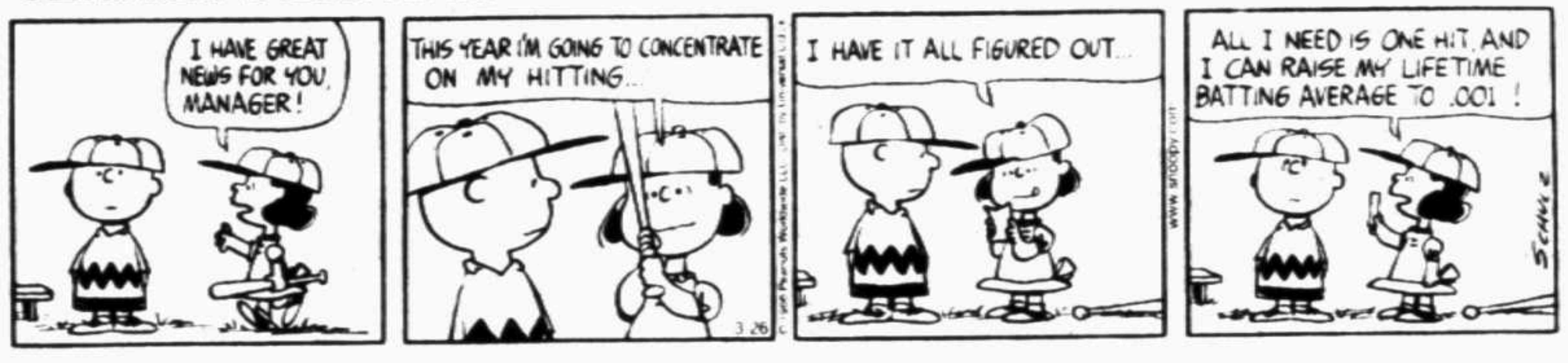
I HAVE GREAT NEWS FOR YOU, MANAGER!
THIS YEAR I'M GOING TO CONCENTRATE ON MY HITTING...
I HAVE IT ALL FIGURED OUT...
ALL I NEED IS ONE HIT, AND I CAN RAISE MY LIFETIME BATTING AVERAGE TO .001 !
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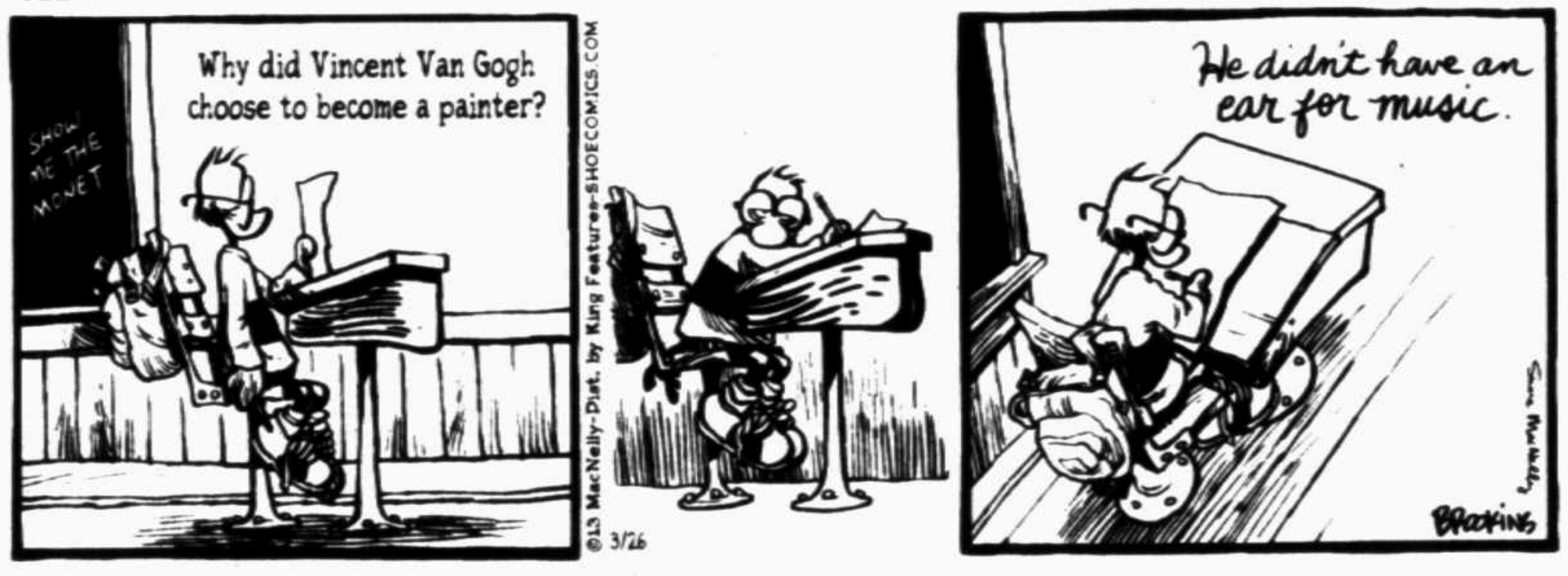
Why did Vincent Van Gogh choose to become a painter?
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He didn't have an ear for music.
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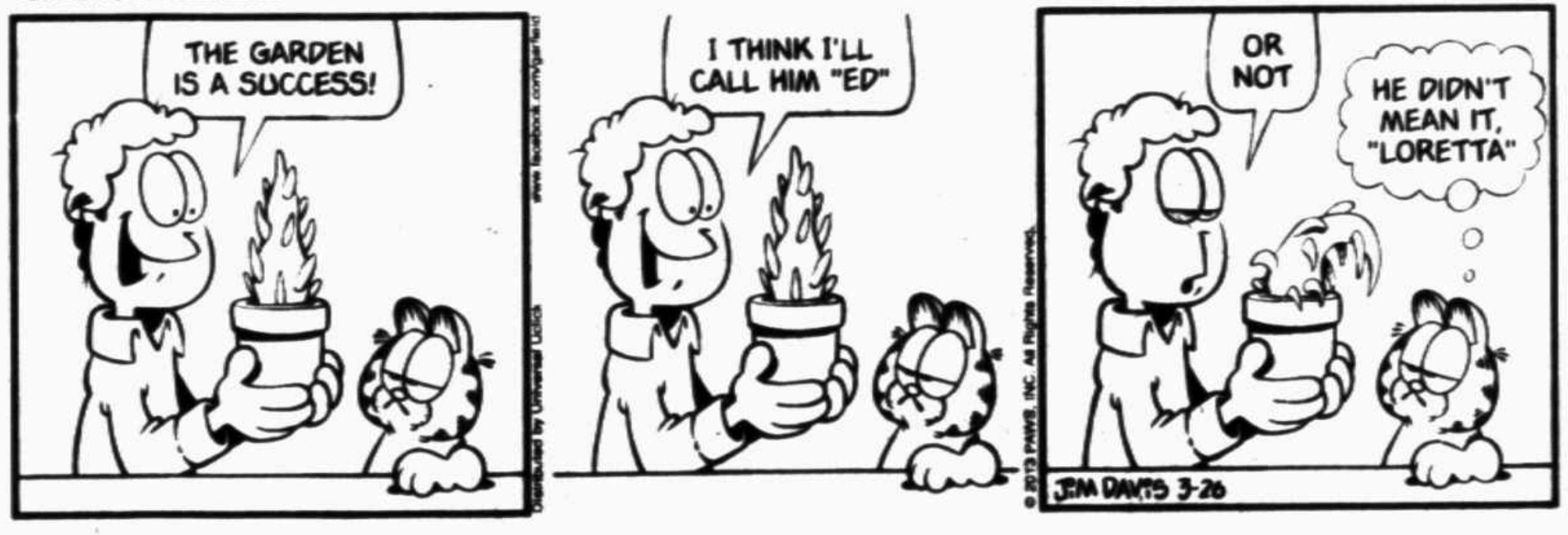
THE GARDEN IS A SUCCESS!
I THINK I'LL CALL HIM "ED"
OR NOT
HE DIDN'T MEAN IT, "LORETTA"
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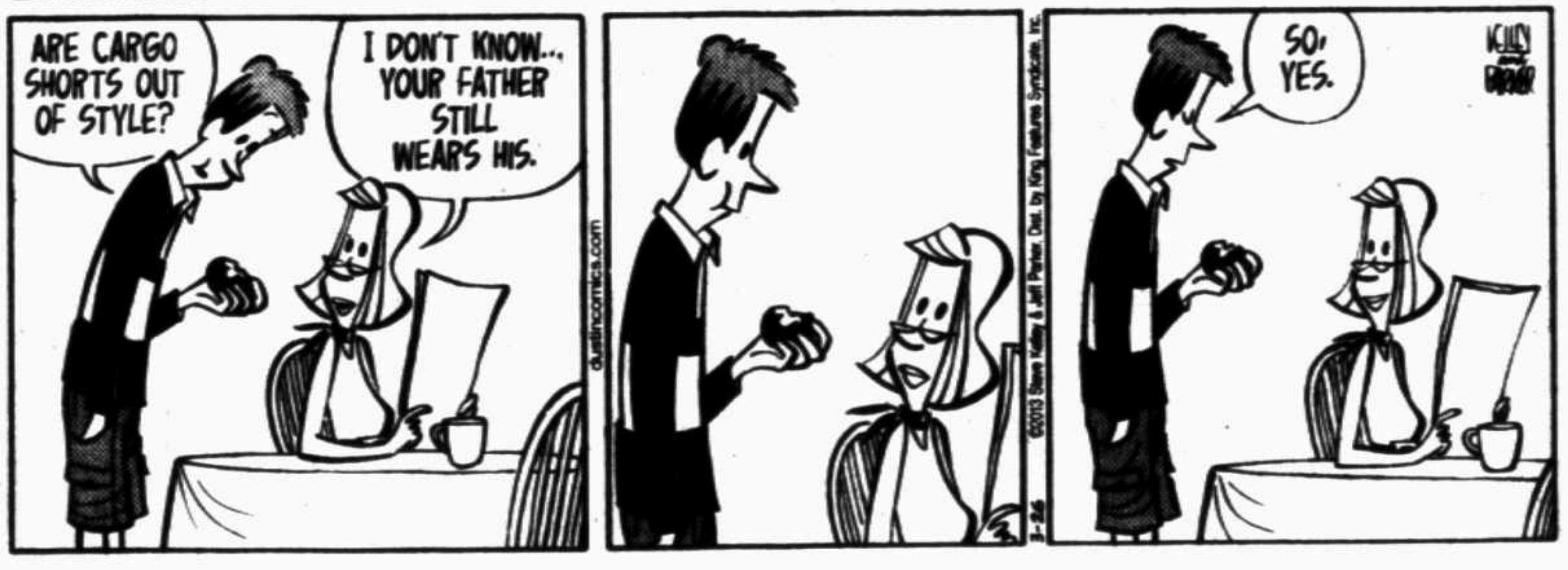
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I DON'T KNOW... YOUR FATHER STILL WEARS HIS.
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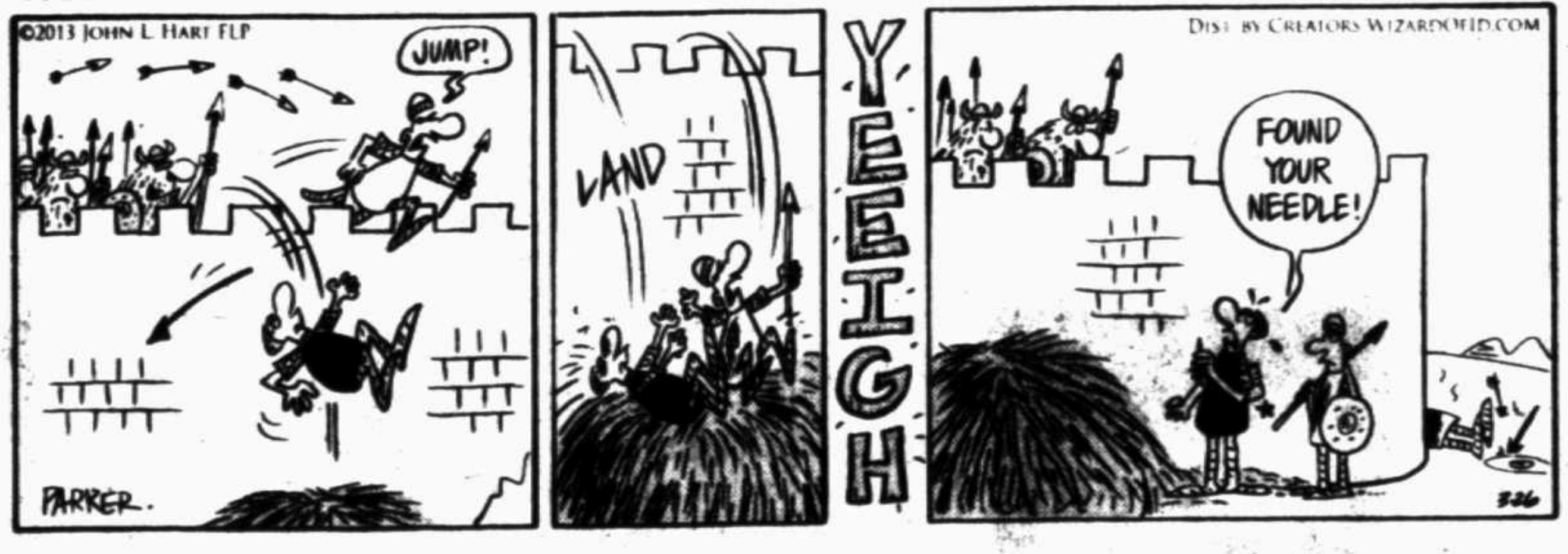

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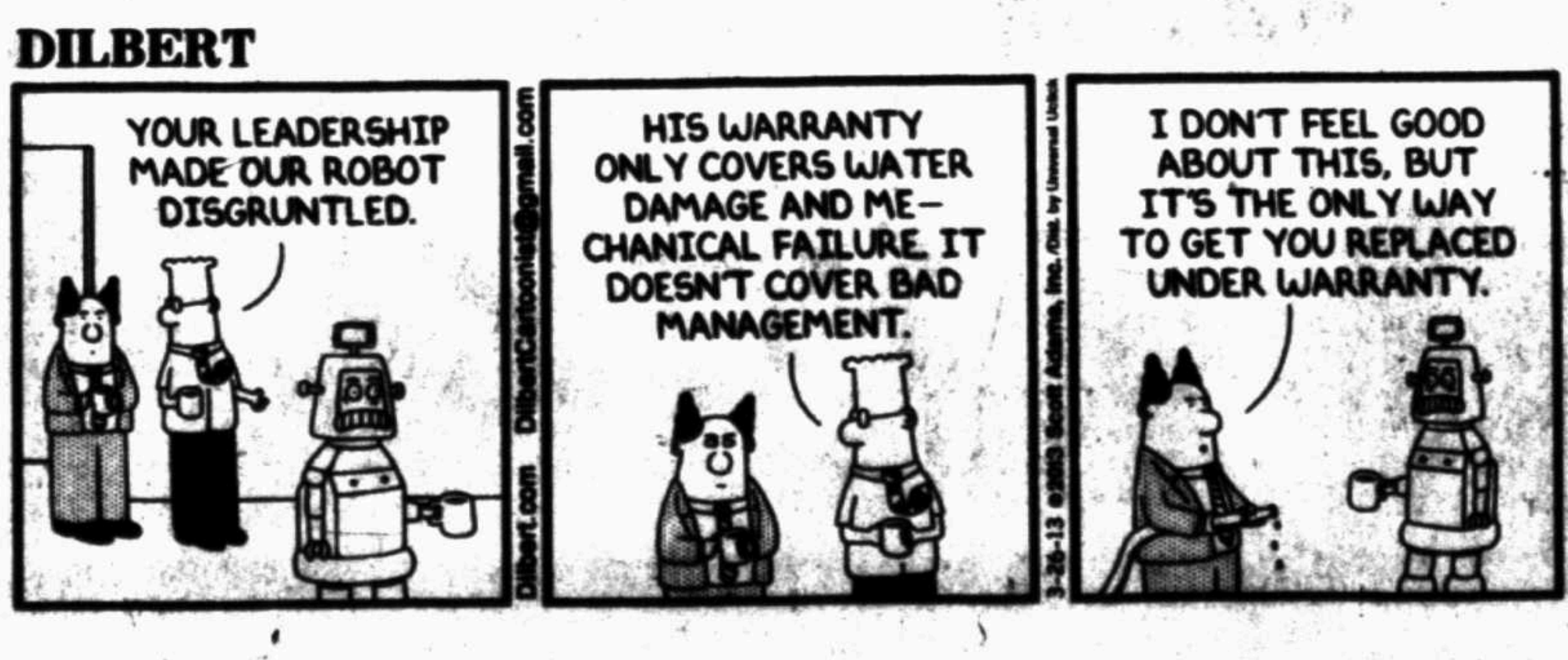
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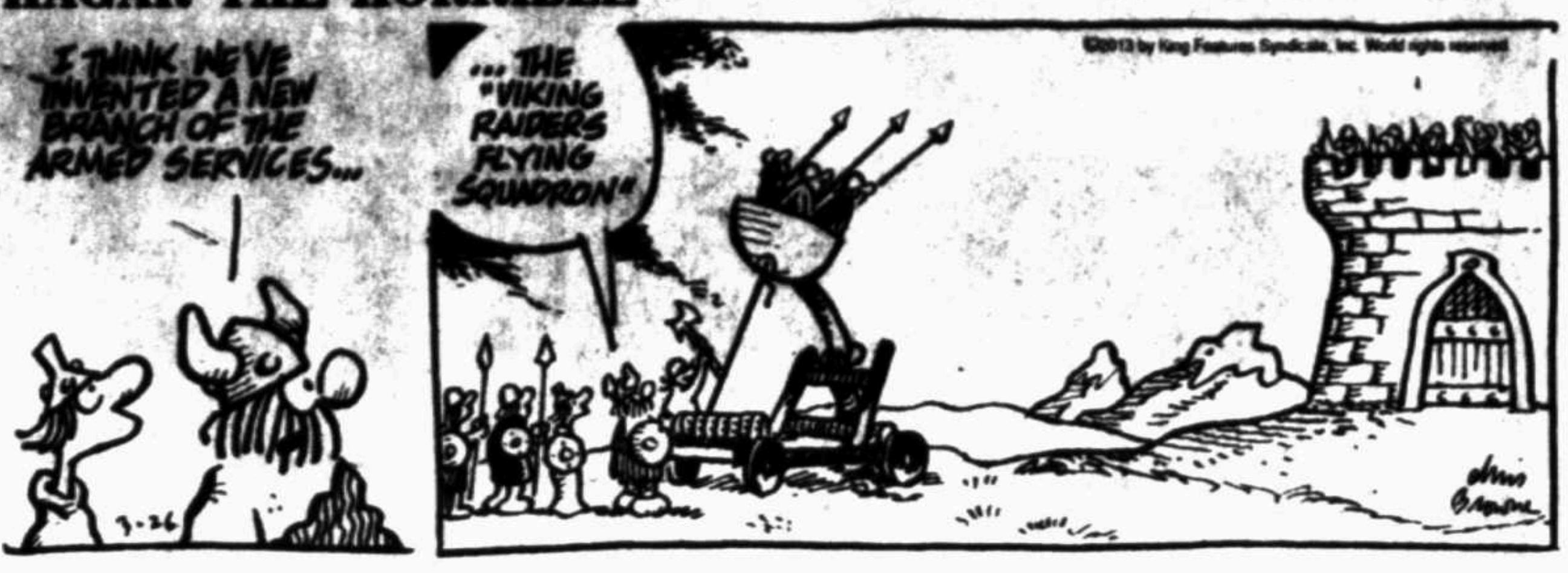
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...THE "VIKING RAIDERS FLYING SQUADRON"
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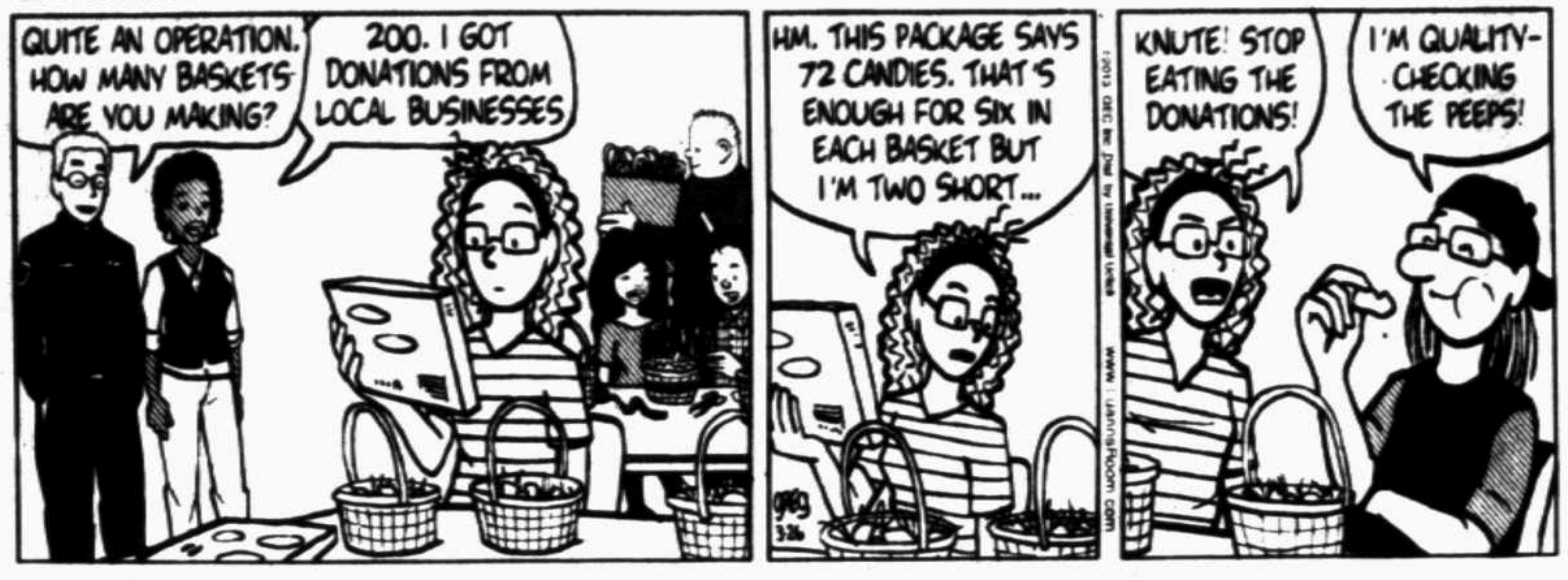
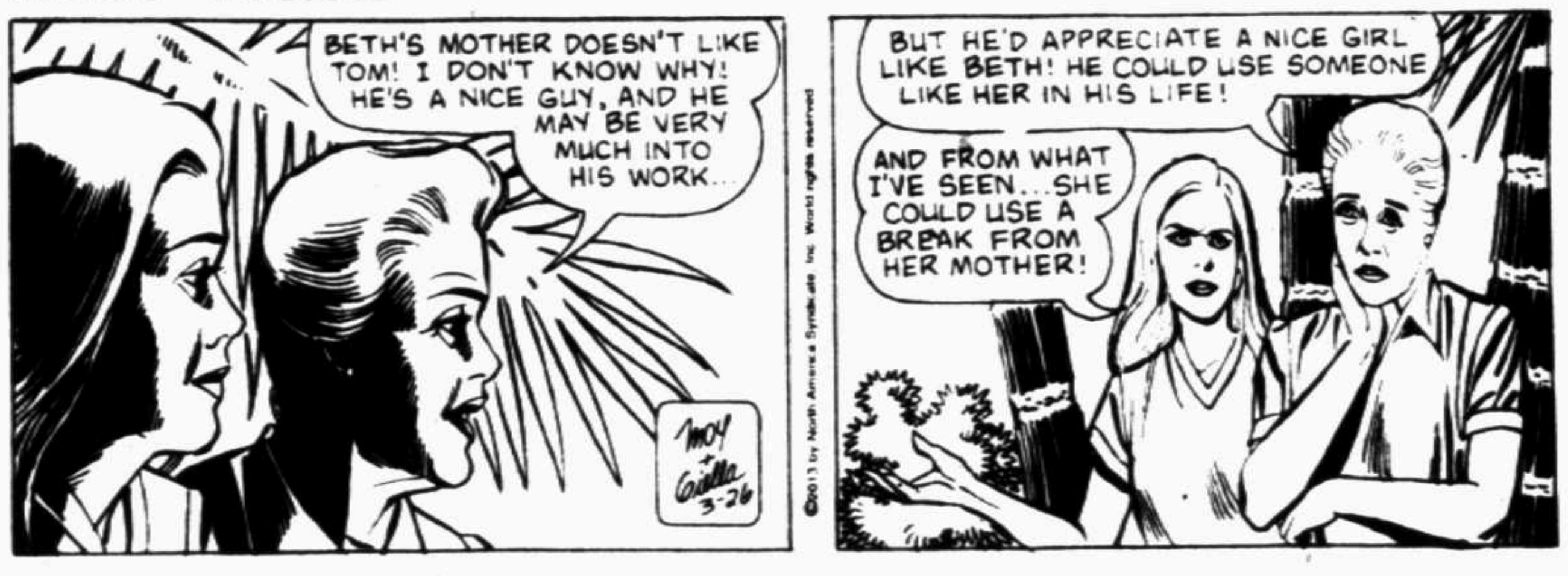

QUITE AN OPERATION. HOW MANY BASKETS ARE YOU MAKING?
200. I GOT DONATIONS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES
HM. THIS PACKAGE SAYS 72 CANDIES. THAT'S ENOUGH FOR SIX IN EACH BASKET BUT I'M TWO SHORT...
KNUTE! STOP EATING THE DONATIONS!
I'M QUALITY-CHECKING THE PEEPS!
GREG 3-26

MARY WORTH


BETH'S MOTHER DOESN'T LIKE TOM! I DON'T KNOW WHY! HE'S A NICE GUY, AND HE MAY BE VERY MUCH INTO HIS WORK...
MOY + GIELLA 3-26
BUT HE'D APPRECIATE A NICE GIRL LIKE BETH! HE COULD USE SOMEONE LIKE HER IN HIS LIFE!
AND FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN... SHE COULD USE A BREAK FROM HER MOTHER!
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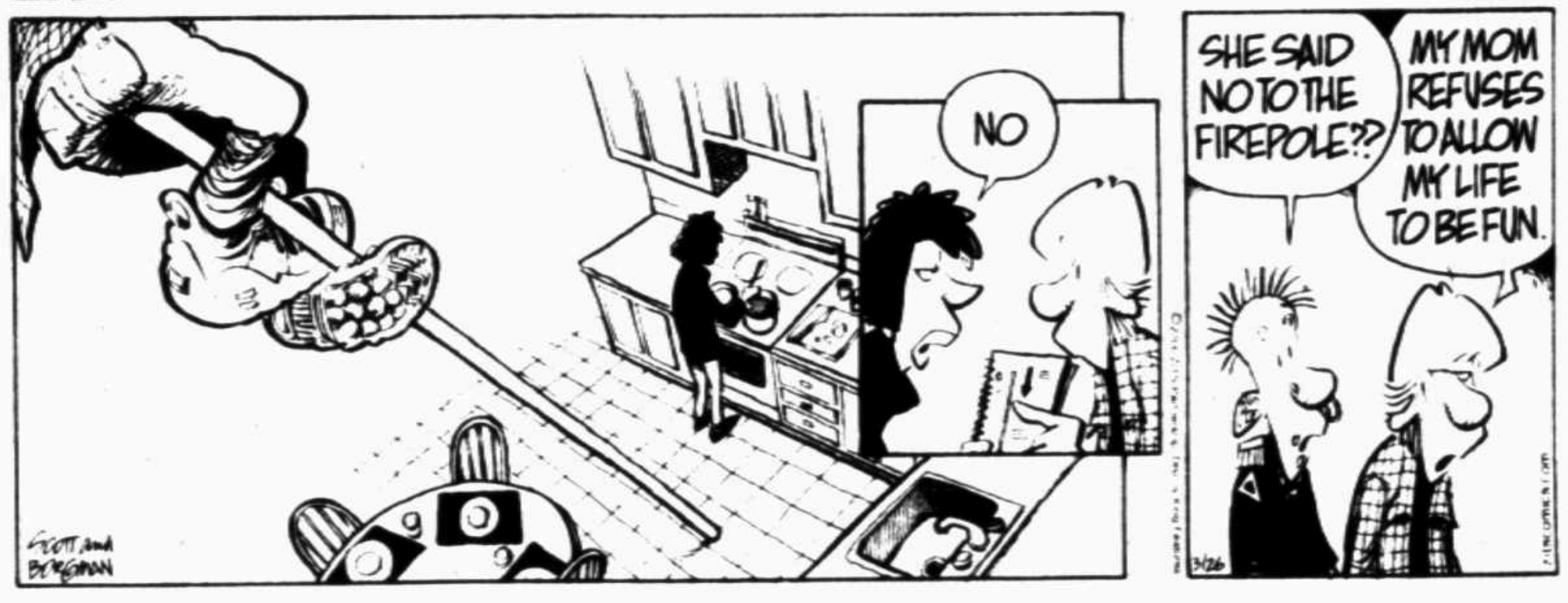
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SHE SAID NO TO THE FIREPOLE??
MY MOM REFUSES TO ALLOW MY LIFE TO BE FUN.
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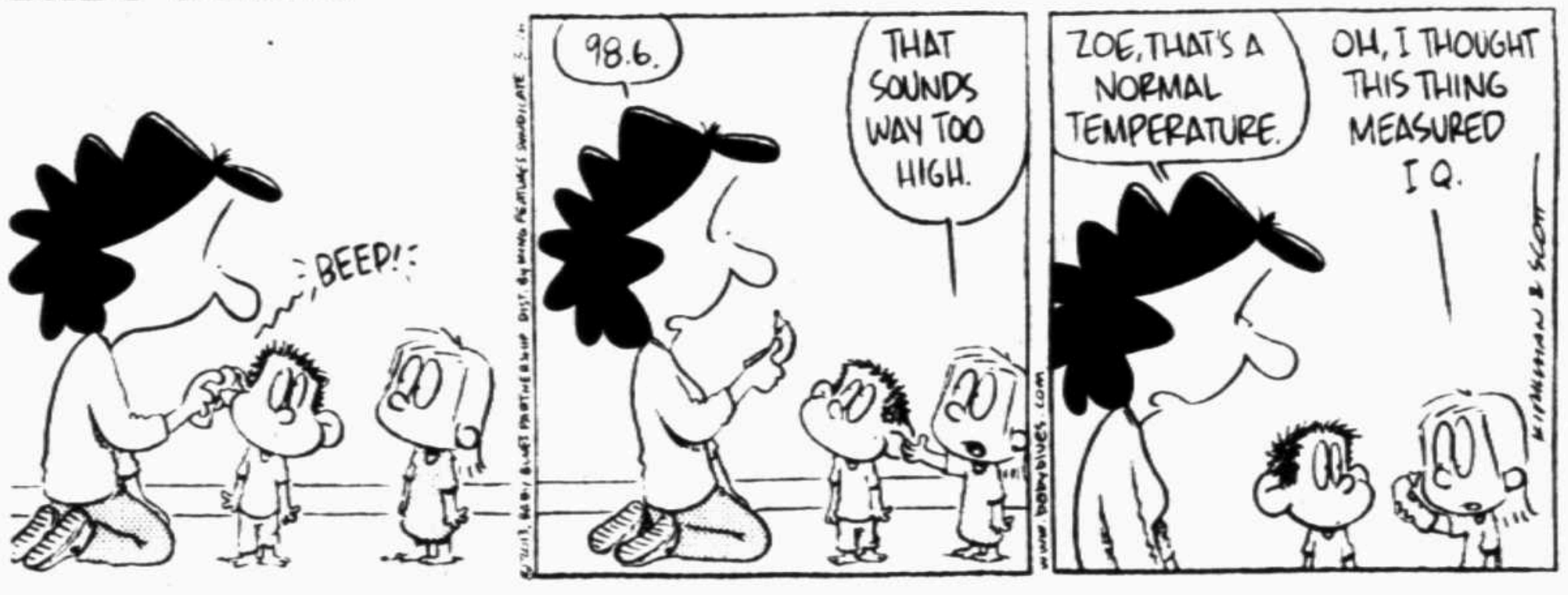
BABY BLUES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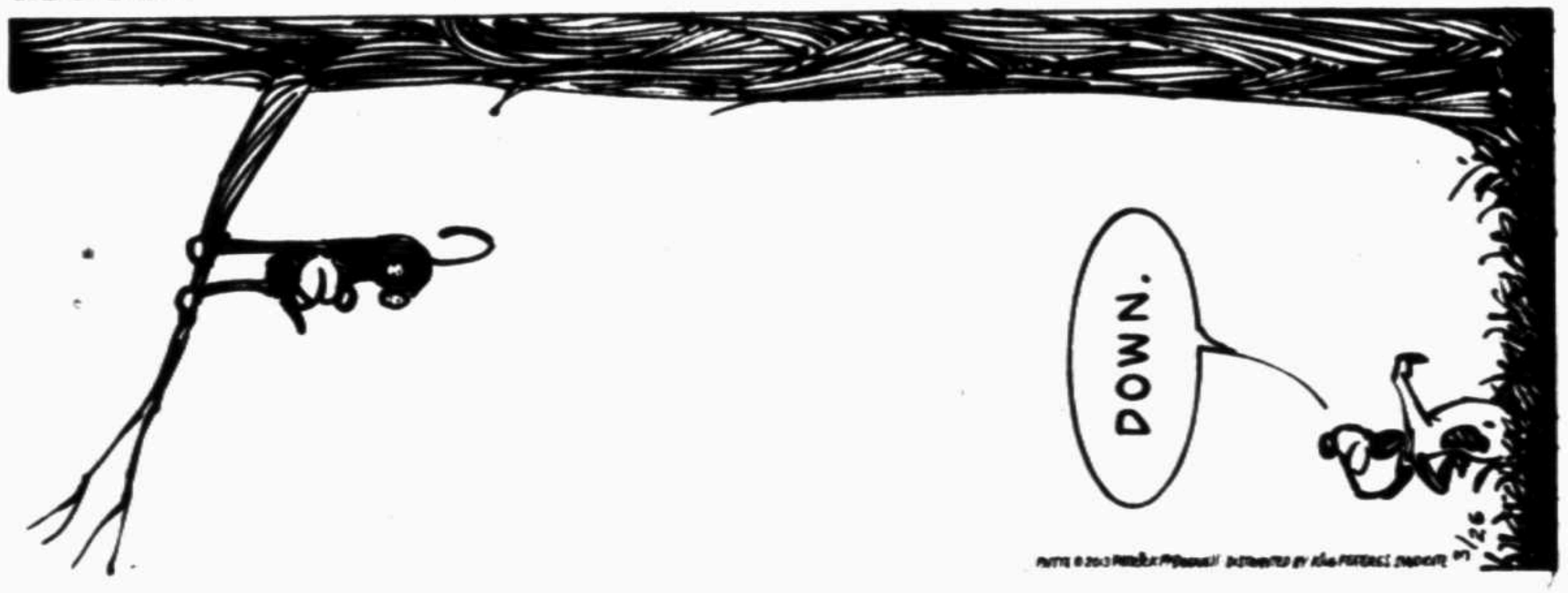

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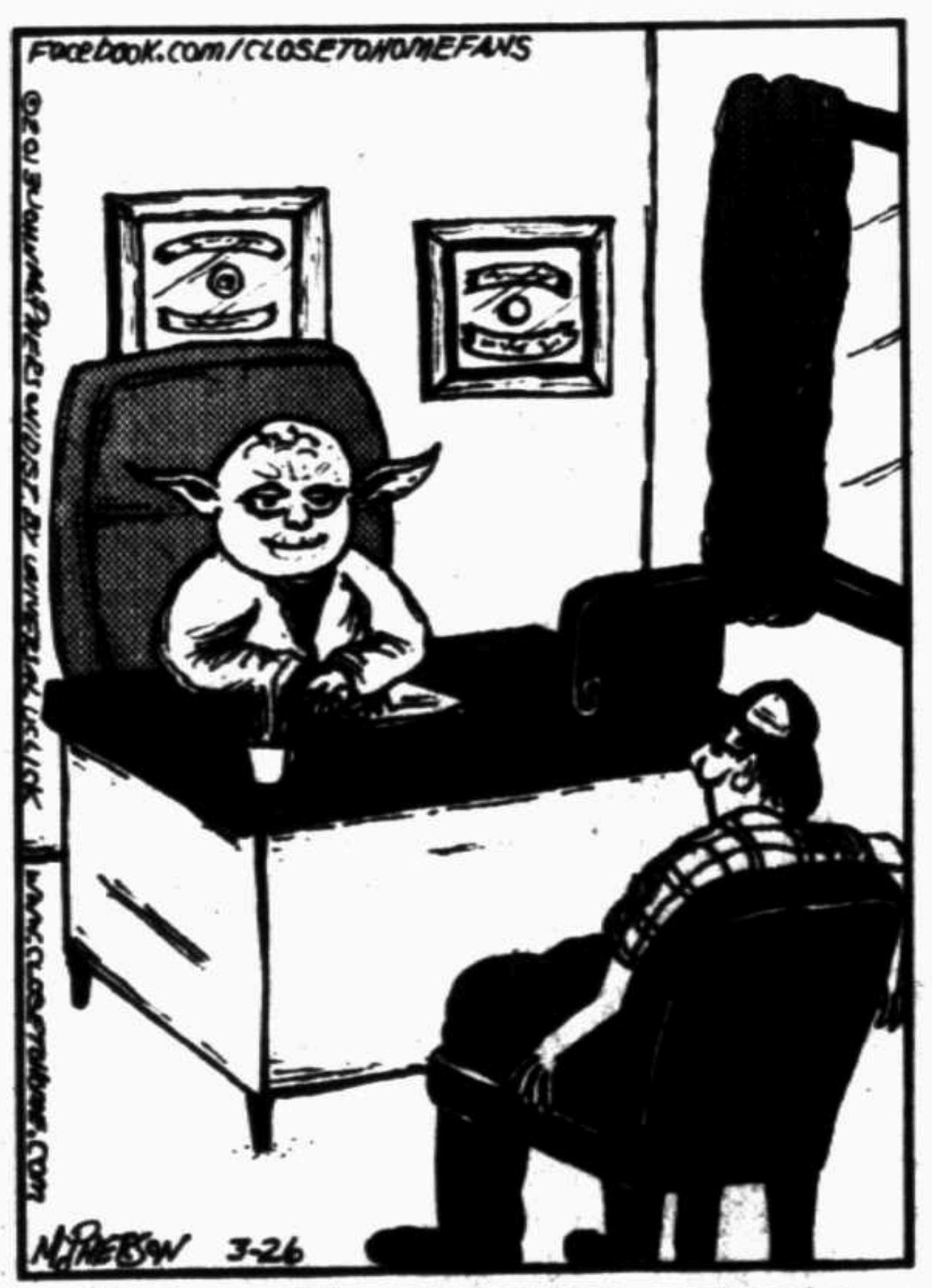

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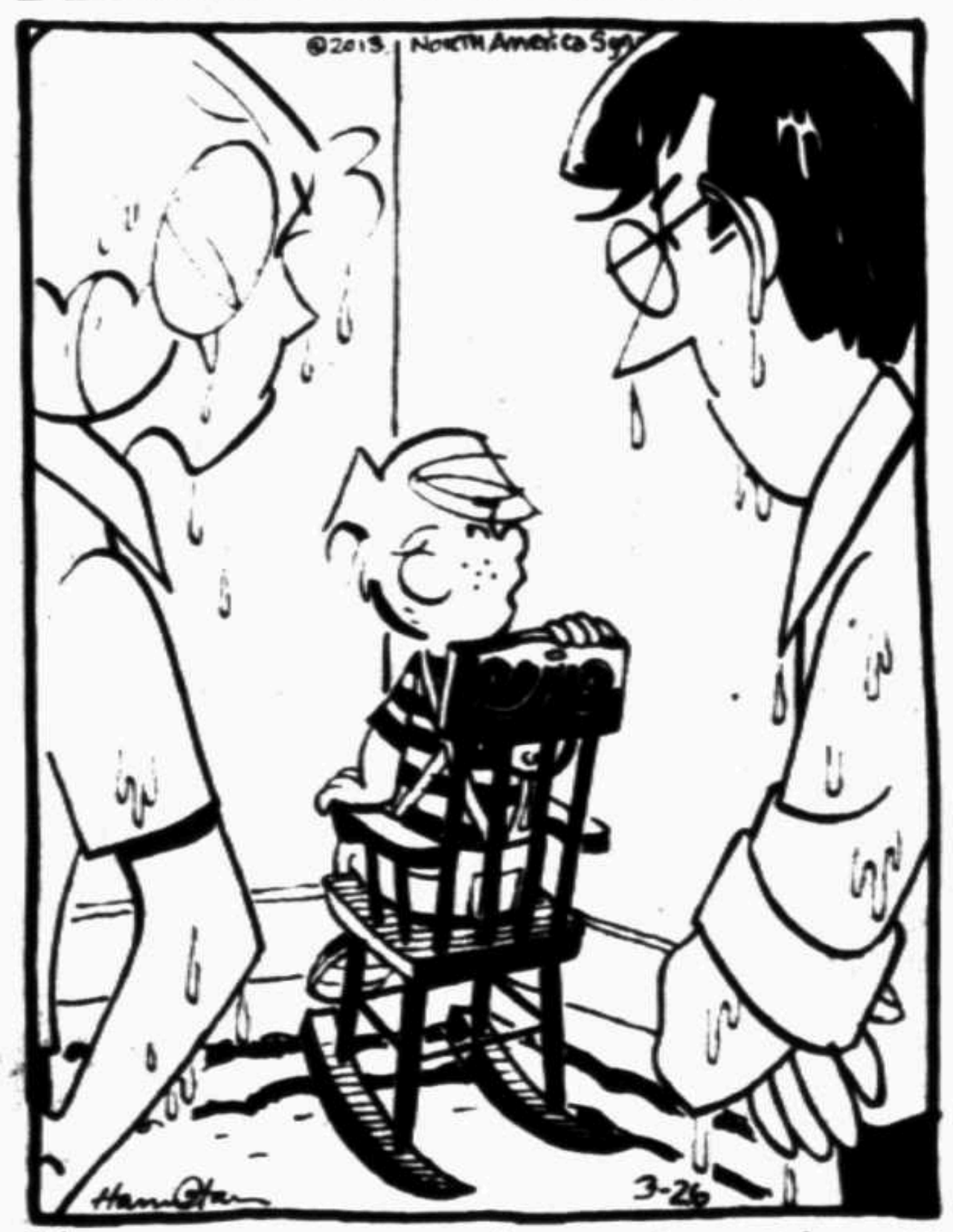

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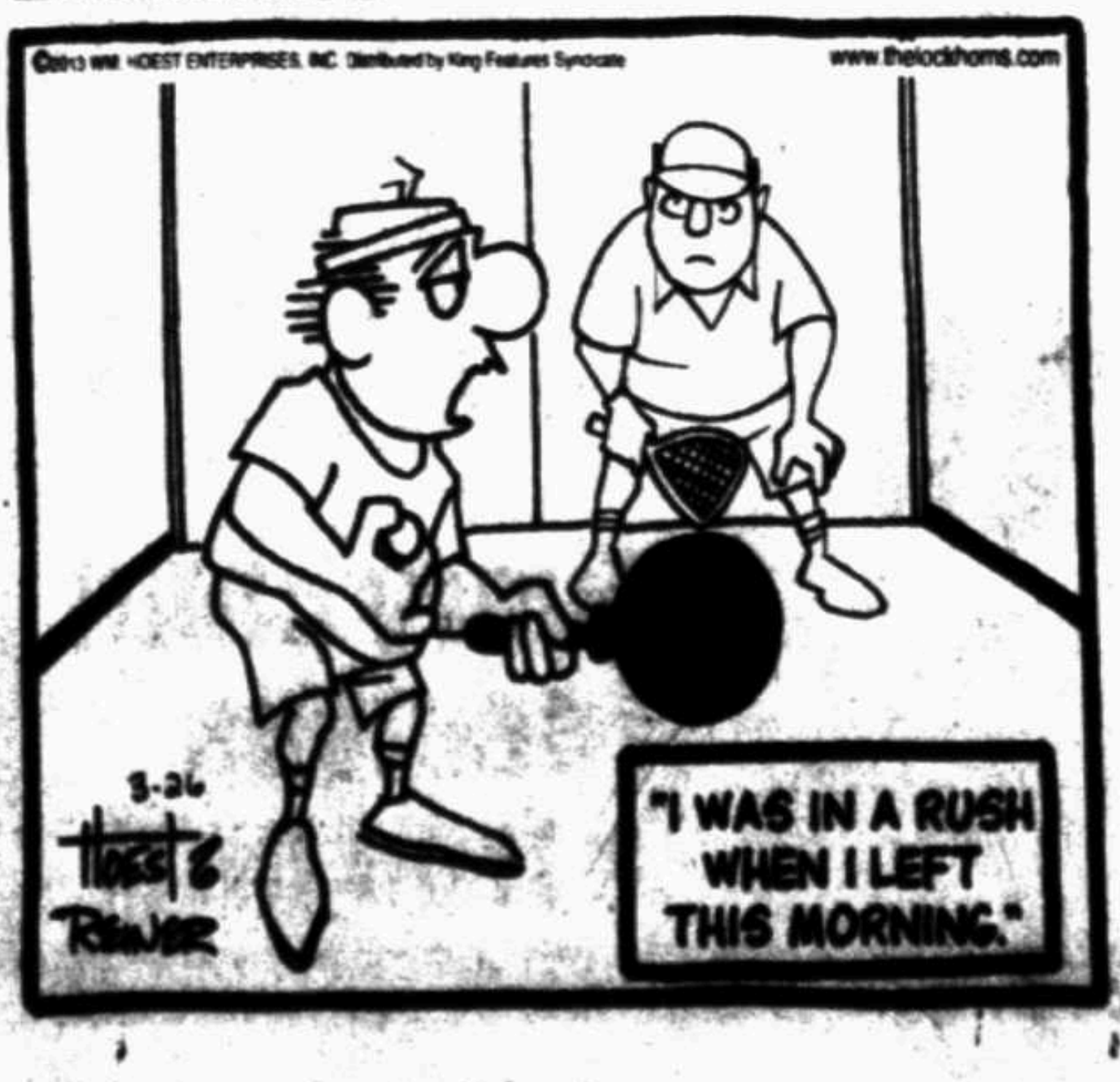
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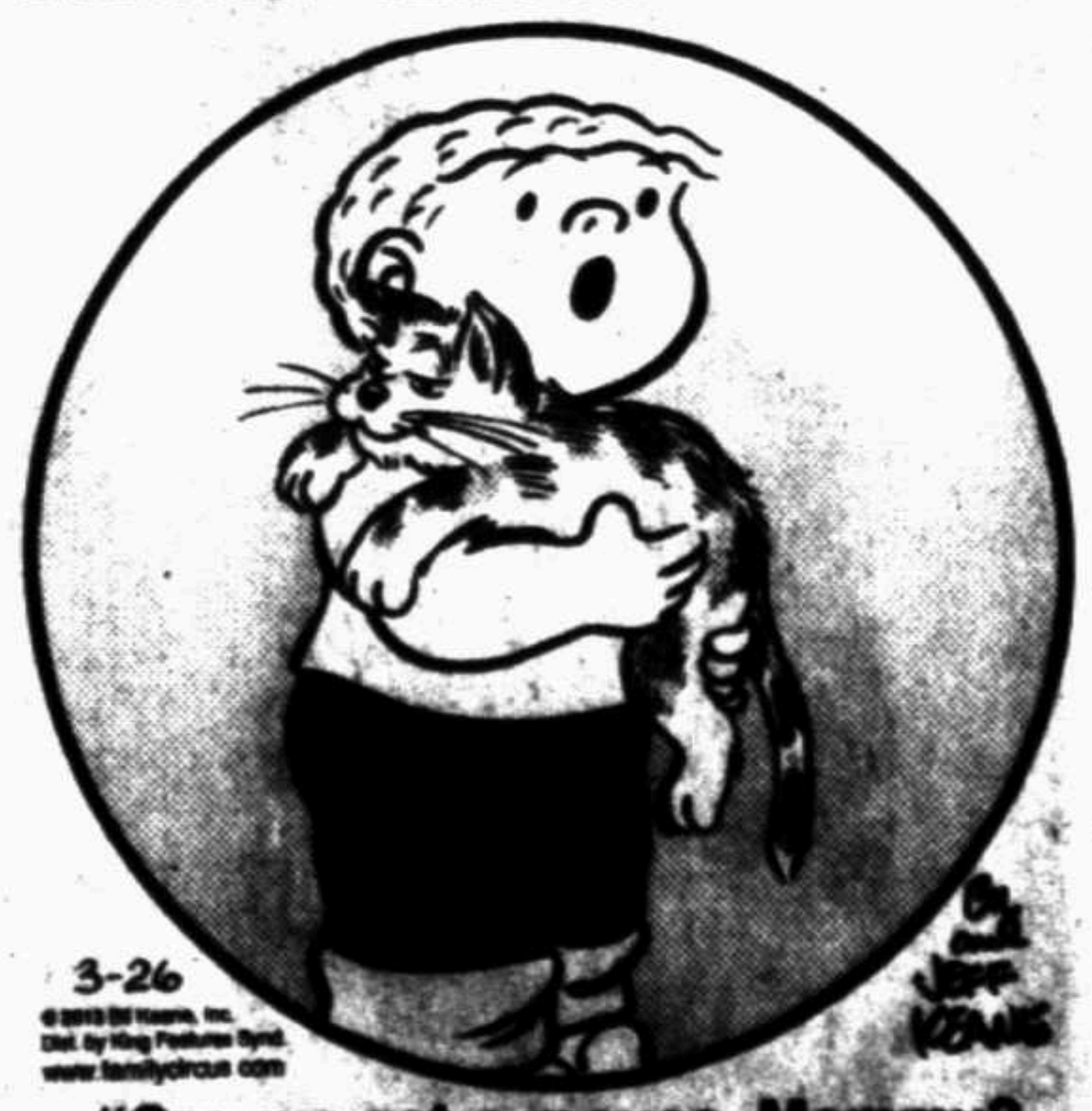
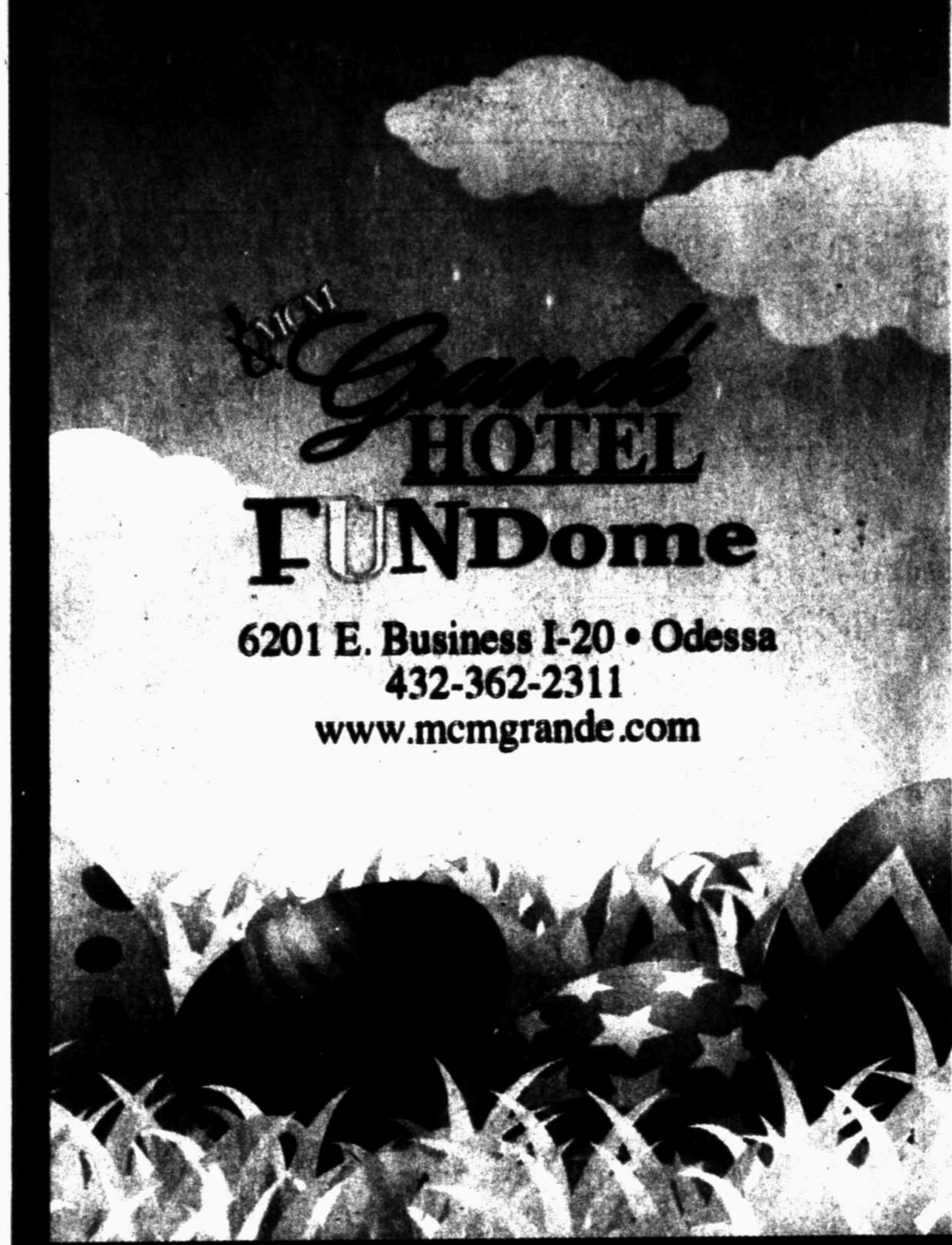


"Can we get a mouse, Mommy? I think Kittycat needs some exercise."

Hunting
GREAT



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Lost & Found

FOUND LARGE male Shepherd mix. Young, neutered, well trained. Call 432-553-3079

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Colonial/Smartstop Self Storage
5005 Andrews Hwy, Midland, Tx 79703
Wednesday, April 10, 2013 2:30PM
Unit 330 Jennifer Barnett - Pool table, furniture, refrigerator, misc house hold items
Unit 1030 Chelsea Allen - Sofa
Unit 1013A Jerry Williams - furniture, misc household items
Unit 1049 Jeffrey Webb - furniture, household items
Unit 12G Andres Rodriguez - household items
Unit 112 Ashley Jacobson - furniture, baby items, misc household items
Unit 254 Elva Hulsey - furniture, household items
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Unit 840 Alfonso Villegas - Furniture household items

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Wednesday, April 10, 2013 1:30PM
Unit O834 Lawrence Hadley - misc household items
Unit I270 Sandra Zarate - misc household items
Unit H095 Courtney Autrey - misc household items
G079 Carl Schumacher - furniture, misc household items
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The Commissioners Court of Midland County Texas, by and through Jimmy Smith, Commissioner of Precinct One, and pursuant to its authority under Chapter 263 of the Texas Local Government Code, intends to lease the real property described below as public auction.

The property to be leased is a parking lot located at the northwest corner of Michigan and Colorado Streets, Midland, Midland County, Texas, that contains ninety-six (96) spaces. Use of the property by the lessee will be limited to use as a parking lot. The term of the lease will be a period of twelve (12) months, with renewal options upon agreement of both parties.

The lease is "As-Is". Each bidder acknowledges that it is not relying upon any representation, statement or other assertion by any member of the Commissioners Court of Midland County, Texas or any official, agent, representative or employee of Midland County, Texas, with respect to the condition of the property, but instead, is relying upon the bidder's own examination and investigation of the property.

The Auction will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 9:00 o'clock, a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Midland County Courthouse located at 500 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas 79701. For information on the property or on the auction, contact Commissioner Jimmy Smith, at (432) 684-8822.

Lease of the property is subject to acceptance by the Midland County Commissioners Court, which reserves the right to reject any and all bids at any time, including after completion of the auction and up to the time that a lease is signed by both parties. Midland County reserves the right to withdraw the property from auction at any time. The highest and best bid that meets the requirements set by Midland County may be selected. Midland County reserves the right to request additional information from the selected bidder prior to acceptance.

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SunRoof,Power Seats
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit **www.sudoku.org.uk**

SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

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Must possess excellent customer service, time management and organizational skills

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Midland, Tx. 79705
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All Positions

Hampton Inn FT
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Midland, TX 79707

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New SpringHill Suites by Marriott now accepting resumes and applications for the following hourly positions: Front desk, bar tenders, maintenance, and housekeeping. Please email resumes to the following email address: careers@insigniamgmt.com or fax resume to 432-699-0979 or apply in person to 4410 N Midkiff Rd. Suite D 212, Midland, TX. 79705

Housekeepers

Victorian Inn FT
Midland, TX 79703

Needing 3 to 4 Housekeepers for Full-time & Part-time. Apply in person: 4714 West Wall, Midland 79703.

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Comfort Suites FT

Now hiring fulltime maintenance with experience. Fulltime Housekeeping and Part Time Night Audit. Apply in person at: 4706 N. Garfiled Midland, TX. 79705.

Multiple Positions

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- Housekeepers
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Sales Managers

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Must have strong communication skills and detailed oriented
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Painter

Sign on Bonus!!! B H Management is NOW HIRING a Painter for Brady Station and Woodlands of Odessa Apartments. Apply online at www.bhmanagement.com or in person at 5101 North "A" Street, Midland, TX 79705. EOE

INTERNET

WANTED VB.NET/ASP.NET PROGRAMMER

Required skills and experience: 3+ years experience in developing, testing, deploying and documenting windows database applications with VB.NET or ASP.NET. Please send resume to kwatkins@autodril.com or contact Kristie at (432)561-8455.

OTHER JOBS

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Days-Must be available 8a-5p **$11/hr**. Nights and Weekends-**$14/hr**. Must be over 18, non-smoker, have a car, and cell phone. Call **(800) 914-4670 ext.5**, leave message and mention Midland. More info **www.cindyclean.net**.

Detailers

UNISEAL FT

Looking for experienced detailers at local Midland & Odessa dealerships. Can make up to $15 to $18 an hour. Please call 832-499-9574.

Dispatcher

Startex Gasoline & Oil Distributors FT

Local Gas & Oil Company seeking Dispatcher with some experience. Must pass background and drug screen. Bilingual a plus. Apply in person at 3524 E. Hwy 158 Midland, TX. No phone calls

HOUSEKEEPER

Midkiff Tranports, Inc. PT

Housekeeper needed 2 days a week. Pay depending on experience. References required. Send resume to PO Box 53, Midland, TX. 79702

Janitor/General Cleaners

ABM Janitorial PT

Part time Janitorial positions available. Work Monday-Friday, 5:30-9:30pm, no weekends. Apply at 201 W. Wall Ste 105, Midland, TX 79701.

LANDSCAPING EMPLOYEE WANTED

Must be willing to work hard and have a valid drivers license.
Call El Jardin 432-770-2399

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Ranchland Hills Golf Club FT
Midland, TX 79705

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LEASING AGENT

Part time Leasing Agent. Mail resume to **M-40 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX, 79701**.

Lot Attendant

The Car Store is looking for a **Lot Attendant** for our Dealership. A strong work ethic, positive attitude and punctuality are a must. Please apply in person at **4030 W. Wall St**.

Maids and Janitors

Confidential PT

Part-time Janitorial positions available. Work M-F 5:30pm-8:30pm, no weekends. Good way to make extra money. Apply at 1307 North Big Spring. 8:30am-5:30pm.

Manager

COM Aquatics PT

Manager Needed. Seasonal Position, March - August. Competitive Salary. Looking for a strong leader who is organized, motivated, and flexible during summer months. Great position for teachers/former leaders/retired police or fireman. Fill out application at COM Aquatics, 3003 North A Street, Midland, TX.

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Looking for responsible individuals who can be at work on time, work at both a steady and fast pace. Ability to work overtime and **MUST BE ABLE TO PASS INITIAL and RANDOM DRUG TEST.** Serious applicants can apply at 2800 SCR 1207 Midland, TX. Drive over I-20 on S. Midkiff to County Road 113 and turn East, 1st Building on the right side.

Warehouse/Delivery Driver

Border States Electric is looking for a Warehouse Associate/ Delivery Driver in Midland. Check/pack and deliver material to customer sites. Knowledge of electrical products or systems helpful. Perform warehouse functions. Must have a valid driver's license and be 21 years old. Great wages and benefit package. Fax or email resume to 432-520-0231. tmarquez@border-states.com. Or apply in person at 3303 W. Illinois Ave. Suite A, Midland, TX. EOE/Drug Free Workplace

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Experienced Corporate Pilot to fly Cessna single pilot Encore jet. Salary DOE. Please resume to lesleymoreno@bigdco.com

Purchasing Agent

Natural Gas Services Group FT

Is seeking a Purchasing Agent. Must have Knowledge of Procurement, Requisitions, purchase orders and dealing with vendors. Individual must be organized and detailed. Experience is desired. Excellent Salary and Benefit package. For more information or to submit resume contact: Employment@ngsgi.com or call 432.262.2766

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REAL ESTATE

Office Clerk

Santa Fe Apartments now hiring an experienced Office Clerk that is good with numbers. Under Total new management. Fax resume to 432-520-9434 or apply person at 5010 W. Loop 250 North, Midland, TX., No phone calls please.

Yard Tech & Maintenance Tech

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RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

All Positions
Firehouse Subs FT
Midland, TX 79701
All Positions at Firehouse Subs FT and PT in Midland, TX 79701. Firehouse Subs is now hiring for our new West Tx. training restaurant at 2900 West Loop 250 North (across Loop 250 from Best Buy). Positions include ($9.00-$12.00) for Cashiers, Catering Asst., Slicers and ($12.00-$14.00) for Crew Leaders. Apply in person 9am-3pm Mon-Sat or call 806-786-9031 for appointment.

Prep/Dishwashers/Waitstaff
Casa Madrid FT
Apply in person at: 911 S Big Spring, 79701 Call 432-685-1350 or 432-553-2181.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

All Positions
La Bodega Mexican Restaurant **FT**
2700 N. Big Spring Street **Apply in Person**
Midland, TX **To fill out application.**
La Bodega Midland & Odessa, located at 7th & Dixie is now hiring for all positions.

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RETAIL JOBS

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SALES REPRESENTATIVE

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Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com

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Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
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Midkiff Tranports, Inc. FT
Apply at Midkiff Tranports Inc. 6601 FM 715. Midland. TX. 432-682-2405.

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Lucky Rental Tool is now hiring a shop hand in our Midland Texas yard. The job consists of repairing and delivering hydraulic and manual BOP's. A clean driving record is required.

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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

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B & B Wrecker Service is looking to hire **CDL Drivers**. Must be 21 years or older. Good driving record. Paid every Friday. Health Insurance provided. Please come by **2823 S. Rankin Hwy**.

CDL Drivers
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Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: driver $2,000 sign-on bonus, medical, life & dental insurance, paid vacation, & 401k. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call 432-563-1894 for interview or online @ www.silverlinetx.com

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Auction used equipment, make best offer. Sell ends March 30th. Need to pay & pickup by March 30th. Luca Pizza in Midland Park Mall. Viewing 8am-10am. Blodgett pizza oven, Hobart Stainless Mixer model #800, 80 quart size bowl, Delfield pizza work table, model #18666, Ice-O-.Matic ice machine, Southbend gas range, Arctic Temp walk-in cooler 8 X 8, 3 compartment sinks; stainless steel, hand sink & drop-in cooler. Call 432-697-7951

Furniture

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ALFA 2004 Seeya 40ft diesel 2 slides 61,000 miles. $60,000. 575-937-3214

RVs

CHEETAH 2004 Safari 2 slides 330 cat diesel, cat generator, double wide refrigerator, 24k miles, $112,000. 325-456-1208

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By
Joseph and Team
2608 W. Storey
(Midland)
Wednesday – Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Items in this sale include…Desert Rose, crystal, Lefton, Lennox, beer steins, rooster collection, kitchen items (great cookware), Windberg print, children's items, lamps, lamp tables, rain barrel, TV armoire, exercise equipment, office desks, chopping block island, fridge, full iron bed, dresser/mirror, chest/armoire, antique sewing cabinet, record cabinet, antique child's/sewing rocker, mirrors, dining room table/chairs, Toro lawn mower, yard tools, tools, yard furniture, and the usual household misc. For pictures please go to… **http://www.estatesales.net/estate-sales/410241.aspx or http://estatesales.org/midland-tx-estate-sales/estate-sale-by-joseph-midland-tx-254456**

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Study: Lost sleep can lead to weight gain

By Tara Parker-Pope
N.Y. Times News Service

The best path to a healthy weight may be a good night's sleep.

For years researchers have known that adults who sleep less than five or six hours a night are at higher risk of being overweight. Among children, sleeping less than 10 hours a night is associated with weight gain.

Now a fascinating new study suggests that the link may be even more insidious than previously thought. Losing just a few hours of sleep a few nights in a row can lead to almost immediate weight gain.

Sleep researchers from the University of Colorado recruited 16 healthy men and women for a two-week experiment tracking sleep, metabolism and eating habits. Nothing was left to chance: The subjects stayed in a special room that allowed researchers to track their metabolism by measuring the amount of oxygen they used and carbon dioxide they produced. Every bite of food was recorded, and strict sleep schedules were imposed.

The goal was to determine how inadequate sleep over just one week — similar to what might occur when students cram for exams or when office workers stay up late to meet a looming deadline — affects a person's weight, behavior and physiology.

During the first week of the study, half the people were allowed to sleep nine hours a night while the other half stayed up until about midnight and then could sleep up to five hours. Everyone was given unlimited access to food. In the second week, the nine-hour sleepers were then restricted to five hours of sleep a night, while the sleep-deprived participants were allowed an extra four hours.

Notably, the researchers found that staying up late and getting just five hours of sleep increased a person's metabolism. Sleep-deprived participants actually burned an extra 111 calories a day, according to the findings published last week in The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

But even though we burn more calories when we stay awake, losing sleep is not a good way to lose weight. The light sleepers ended up eating far more than those who got nine hours of sleep, and by the end of the first week the sleep-deprived subjects had gained an average of about two pounds.

During the second week, members of the group that had originally slept nine hours also gained weight when they were restricted to just five hours. And the other group began to lose some (but not all) of the weight gained in that first sleep-deprived week.

Kenneth Wright director of the university's sleep and chronobiology laboratory, said part of the change was behavioral. Staying up late and skimping on sleep led to not only more eating, but a shift in the type of foods a person consumed.

"We found that when people weren't getting enough sleep they overate carbohydrates," he said. "They ate more food, and when they ate food also changed. They ate a smaller breakfast and they ate a lot more after dinner."

In fact, sleep-deprived eaters ended up eating more calories during after-dinner snacking than in any other meal during the day. Overall, people consumed 6 percent more calories when they got too little sleep. Once they started sleeping more, they began eating more healthfully, consuming fewer carbohydrates and fats.

Wright noted that the effect of sleep deprivation on weight would likely be similar in the real world although it might not be as pronounced as in the controlled environment. The researchers found that insufficient sleep changed the timing of a person's internal clock, and that in turn appeared to influence the changes in eating habits.

"They were awake three hours before their internal nighttime had ended," Wright said. "Being awakened during their biological night is probably why they ate smaller breakfasts."

The effect was similar to the jet lag that occurs when a person travels from California to New York.

Last fall, The Annals of Internal Medicine reported on a study by University of Chicago researchers, who found that lack of sleep alters the biology of fat cells. In the small study — just seven healthy volunteers — the researchers tracked the changes that occurred when subjects moved from 8.5 hours of sleep to just 4.5 hours. After four nights of less sleep, their fat cells were less sensitive to insulin, a metabolic change associated with both diabetes and obesity.

"Metabolically, lack of sleep aged fat cells about 20 years," said Matthew Brady, an associate professor of medicine at the University of Chicago and the senior author on the study. "These subjects were in their low 20s but it's as if they were now middle-aged in terms of their response. We were surprised how profound the effects were."

Both Wright and Brady noted that because their studies lasted only days, it was not clear how long-term sleep deprivation affects weight, and whether the body adjusts to less sleep.

Brady said that while better sleep would not solve the obesity problem, paying more attention to sleep habits could help individuals better manage their weight.

In the future he hopes to study whether a focus on better sleep could improve the health of people in middle age who are overweight or prediabetic.

"Telling someone they need to sleep more as a way to improve their metabolic health, we think would be more palatable," Brady said. "We think sleep is very underappreciated."

Apps to keep the little one busy and learning

Dear PropellerHeads: My baby is a genius. He has figured out how to use our tablet and smartphone all by himself. Do you have any tips on how I can keep his highly-developed mind stimulated when using these devices?

A: First, a question. Has he applied for early admission to MIT yet? I hear the deadline is fast approaching.

Your bundle of joy, although very very special, is just one of the many baby tech wizards summiting our new touch screen culture. These new interfaces were designed to encourage more interaction, less confusion, and plug-and-play accessibility. Perfect for sticky little hands.

This PropellerHead has an iPad/iPhone-addicted little one at home, so I would be happy to make some recommendations (and you were surprised I could get a date).

Fisher-Price has a whole line of free apps targeted right at babies and toddlers. Where's Puppy's Nose and Giggle Gang are hits in my house. WPN teaches body parts, practices cause and effect by tapping the screen and tilting the device, and also has songs as a reward that you will soon reluctantly be singing. GG straddles a fine line between being hilarious or torturous, but you can record your own laughs or sounds, or your baby's.

Peek-a-boo Barn is a nice option for Old MacDonald fans. Simply tapping the screen reveals a hiding barnyard friend, complete with animal sounds and a voice-over telling you the animal's name. I Hear Ewe appeals to any baby or toddler who likes flashcards and picture books. There are animals and a bonus of transportation cards for the little tyke to tap on solo or with the prompting of a parent.

For our future Mozarts, I like Tiny Piano and Magic Piano. Tiny Piano is pretty straightforward as far as graphics are concerned. Although its play-along function will be too difficult for your toddler, the large library of songs includes favorites like If You're Happy and You Know It, so clapping hands will quickly follow. Magic Piano is a little more psychedelic, using moving spots and beams of lights to play through a library of songs. Your baby will appreciate the sounds and graphics and you will appreciate how hard it is to master each song to earn new ones.

You need to ask yourself when your baby is playing with your phone, what do they really want to play with? That's right...your phone. There are plenty of apps that simulate a smartphone experience for your baby to use instead of them diaper dialing (sort of like drunk dialing, but with less drooling). I like Buzz Me. It has cutesy graphics that are not completely hazardous to adult eyes, a phone, text and calculator simulation, as well as a handful of easy-to-use games, all of which give my baby a phone, without really giving him my phone.

So, I'm going to say something that is going to make the parents who don't like this article already hate it a little more. Netflix and other streaming services are also good go-tos for your little one. Just like with anything, you need moderation, but when it comes to parenting, sometimes it's about whatever works. For us, it's Yo Gabba Gabba! As much as my little one likes all of the apps above, nothing gets him bouncing from excitement more than the load screen for Netflix because he knows in a few short blinking lines he's about to have some quality time with Muno and the gang.

YGG's free app, Yo Gabba Gabba! Let's Glow Dancing! is loud, mindless, and repetitive, but my baby loves it. Search for your kid's favorite characters and there is bound to be an app. A quick search under Disney brings up about 300 options in my app store, a search for Nickelodeon brings up close to 500. So there is sure to be something that highlights your child's obsession.

We all know your little Einstein has a secret Backyardigans habit, or sneaks Thomas the Tank Engine in on the weekends (in between Mandarin lessons) and that's OK. The long and short of it is, find what they like, find what won't kill you to experience over and over (and over), and have some fun. Hopefully this list will get you started. And don't worry, we won't tell anyone where you met your Spanish teacher, Senora Dora. De nada.

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