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A former Midlander periodically returns to the U.S. from his native Great Britain with an unlikely goal: to run marathons. The 72-year-old doesn't care about his time; he just wants to finish the race.

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Residents urge placing school zone at Bynum

Speed limit outside special-needs school may go from 75 mph to 20 mph

By Joseph Basco
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Vehicles drive by Bynum School as fast as 75 mph, prompting concerned parents and teachers to request a school zone in order to drastically decrease the speed limit.

Those in support of a school zone in front of the private, nonprofit school for special-needs children attended Monday's Commissioners' Court meeting. They expressed a desire for a school zone that would decrease the speed limit in the area to 20 mph.

One parent who spoke during the meeting said he has never seen Midland traffic at the current levels, noting that he lived here during the 1980s oil boom, as well. He said after the meeting that the call for a school zone at the intersection of State Highway 158 and County Road 60 is a safety issue.

"People who travel east and west on CR 60 try to maneuver around slower drivers to head north or south on SH 158," said John Boswell, a Realtor who has a child attending Bynum School. "It's pretty obnoxious — the carelessness that's taken at that intersection by drivers."

With the rapid development of north and west Midland, Boswell said a school zone would be the bare minimum of what is needed at the intersection. He said he could imagine traffic lights being installed in the future.

Tracy Bush, development director of Bynum School, concurred that traffic has increased at the intersection, which is located in northwest Midland and gives drivers access to State Highway 191 and the State Highway 349 reliever route Nadine and Tom Craddick Highway.

"Just three years ago the traffic wasn't that bad, but it is now," Bush said. "There are so many accidents at the intersection and it is just unsafe."

Precinct 4 County Commissioner Randy Prude introduced the topic on Monday. He said several people have been contacting him for weeks, asking for help with the busy intersection.

Cindy Portman, Bynum School Association of Families and Teachers vice president, was one person who contacted Prude. Her son, a Bynum student, has autism and sometimes runs off for no reason.

"We are greatly concerned that if (students) were to somehow get outside, they could end up on the highway."

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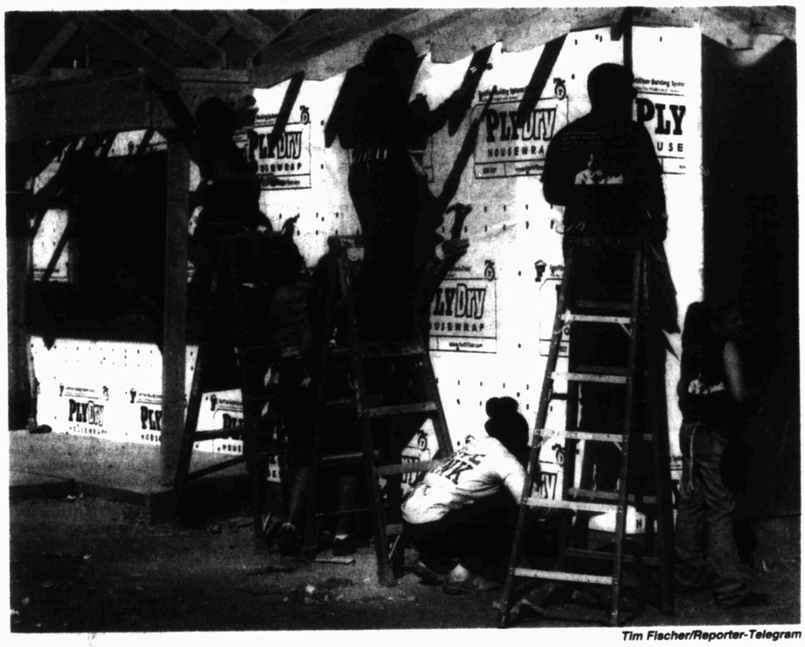

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Students from New Jersey City University traveled to Midland for their spring break to participate in the Habitat Collegiate Challenge. See more photos in West Texas Living on Page 6B.

New Jersey college students build Habitat homes

By Rachael Gleason
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More than a dozen New Jersey college students traded their view of Manhattan for pumpjacks and tumbleweeds this week to build Habitat for Humanity homes during their spring break.

The New Jersey City University group noted a "slower place of life" out here in the oil patch and appreciated the Southern hospitality, which included a taste of New Mexico ranch life.

While waiting for their Midland flight at a Houston airport, the 15 students and two administrators struck up a conversation with Cowboy Up Ranch owner Bert Madera, who offered them a Sunday tour after they visited Carlsbad Caverns.

"That would never happen in Jersey," said 24-year-old graduate student Antonio Talamo while taking a break from siding a Hambry Avenue property Monday afternoon. "To see how people welcomed us — that's definitely something we'll take back with us."

Madera called the students an energetic bunch.

"It was the first time they ever saw a cow. They were entralled," he said with a laugh.

Habitat for Humanity
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Groups from the New Jersey school have built nearly 20 houses around the world in the past nine years, though they stayed close to home last year to rebuild after Hurricane Sandy. But they heard the Lone Star State's warm weather calling this year.

"It's really cold up there. We thought it would be a treat," Talamo said.

A few of the students, who traveled as far as India or Mexico in the past to build homes, at first wondered why people in oil country would need a helping hand. But after hearing about the impact of the oil boom on housing prices — and the city's working homeless — they understood.

"To know that we are helping people that live here and now can't afford it — that's a great feeling," he said.

Most of the New Jersey City University students are diverse, first-generation college kids who come from hard-working families, Talamo said. The group raised $3,000 to particpate in the spring break program.

"This is a big deal for a school like ours," said Talamo, who is working toward a career in higher education and community service outreach. "When I give them a chance to come out here and work, that makes me just as proud and happy."

Midland Habitat for Humanity recieves about 100 applications for the dozen houses it builds each year, said administrative assistant Brandi Matheson. Future residents must be low-income and log 350 hours of community service to help build other Habitat homes.

"They start off giving back to the community before they even get a home," Matheson said.

Another 20 students visited Monday from Texas ChalleNGe Academy in Sheffield — about 100 miles south of Midland — to help restore a property on East Texas Avenue.

As quakes rise, Texas still seeking answers

By Jim Fuquay
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — Lynda Stokes admits to being frustrated as she waits for Texas regulators to offer a solution to the swarm of small earthquakes that shook the area near her home in Reno in recent months.

"I see what the other states have done — they close the wells and the earthquakes go away," said Stokes, the mayor of the Parker County community just north of Azle. "And yet Texas just turns its face."

The Texas Railroad Commission isn't the only state energy regulator grappling with whether wastewater disposal wells used in natural gas drilling cause earthquakes. Agencies in Colorado, Ohio, Arkansas, Oklahoma and, most recently, Kansas have had to respond to seismic events that are new to them or have become far more frequent.

And some states have concluded that there's a direct link between the injection wells and the seismic activity.

In Austin, Railroad Commission officials are interviewing candidates for a staff seismologist to spearhead research into the link between disposal wells and seismic activity, and a House subcommittee was created in January with a similar purpose. In Oklahoma, the state energy agency has proposed closer monitoring of injection wells.

Ohio and Arkansas, meanwhile, moved relatively rapidly when faced with unexpected quakes near disposal wells. Arkansas permanently closed four injection wells after a swarm of quakes in 2011, and Ohio's governor stepped in to order a well in Youngstown shut down after it was linked to quakes.

There's doubt about how to deal with the risk related to injection wells, but there's no question that the number of quakes is rising.

In January, the U.S. Geological Survey said "the number of earthquakes has increased dramatically over the past few years within the central and eastern United States." Seismic monitoring networks recorded nearly 450 quakes of magnitude 3.0 or more — big enough to be felt at the surface — from 2010 to 2013.

In just the central U.S., roughly between the Appalachians and the Rockies, an average of 21 quakes of 3.0 magnitude or more occurred each year from 1970 to 2000, USGS researchers reported. That increased to an average of 29 from 2001 to 2008. After that, it leapt to 151 a year.

The rise in quakes coincides with increased underground disposal of wastewater associated with hydraulic fracturing, the oil and natural gas

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ The local chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists will meet 7 p.m. at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E Wadley. Local author and historian Patrick Dearen is speaking on "The Eco-History of the Pecos River." For more information, contact lanastraub@gmail.com.

■ Teen Tech Week — "Tinker Tuesday" — 2-6 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. For more information, call 742-7445.

Reading event

The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. March 20. This month's featured book is "Flat Stanley: U.S. Capital Commotion."

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

Pre-diabetes class

Pre-diabetes class is set for 6:30 p.m. today at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. The class is being offered by Midland Memorial Hospital.

CDBG grant meeting

City officials are seeking public input on how to use federal funding for home improvement programming.

A public meeting is set for 4 p.m. March 18 at City Hall Council Chambers, 300 N. Loraine St., to allow residents to discuss Community Development Block grant (CDBG) funds for home improvement/housing repairs programming. City officials will provide an outline of available resources, then hear from those in attendance on how the city can deal with needs that are not being met.

Today's support groups and club meetings

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

■ Midland Memorial Hospital's Better Breathing Club meets 11:30 a.m. at Midland Memorial Hospital Scharbauer Tower 221-4864 or Joanna at 682-4229.

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

■ Permian Basin Coin and Stamp Club, 7 p.m., Michael's Charcoal Grill; Dave Taylor,559-9890 or www.midlandcoins.com.

■ Midland Quilters Guild meets 7 p.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. For more information call 694-0561.

■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m. at Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St., 687-1671.

■ Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church; cost is $5 for members, $6 for non-members, 520-4343.

■ ACT IX, 6:30 p.m. at Cole Theater, Carolyn Schoolcraft, 685-7416.

■ Midland Optimist Club, noon at Abuelo's, 4610 N. Garfield St., 685-7486.

■ Pop-Up Toasters Toastmasters Club, 6:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church's Family Life Center - Room 228, 800 W. Texas Ave., 432-242-2061 or popuptoasters@gmail.com.

■ American Legion Post No. 19, 6:30 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane, 682-5511.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 8-3-1
Pick 3 day: 0-5-6
Pick 3 evening: 5-3-2
Pick 3 night: 4-5-0
Daily 4 morning: 9-9-2-8
Daily 4 day: 9-3-0-5
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Daily 4 night: 7-4-1-3
Cash Five: 01-04-06-09-10
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All or Nothing night: 1-2-6-8-9-10-14-19-20-22-23-24

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, March 11, the 70th day of 2014. There are 295 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1888, the Blizzard of '88, also known as the "Great White Hurricane," began inundating the northeastern United States, resulting in some 400 deaths.

In 1942, as Japanese forces continued to advance in the Pacific during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur left the Philippines for Australia. (MacArthur, who subsequently vowed, "I shall return," kept that promise more than 2 1/2 years later.)

In 1977, more than 130 hostages held in Washington, D.C., by Hanafi Muslims were freed after ambassadors from three Islamic nations joined the negotiations.

Today's birthdays: Media mogul Rupert Murdoch is 83. ABC News correspondent Sam Donaldson is 80. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia is 78. Former U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill., is 49. Actor Terrence Howard is 45.

General's court-martial is thrown into jeopardy

By Michael Biesecker
Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — The sexual assault case against an Army general was thrown into jeopardy Monday when the judge said the military may have improperly pressed ahead with a trial to send a message about its determination to curb rape and other widespread misconduct.

Judge Col. James Pohl refused to dismiss the charges against Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sinclair but offered the defense another chance to plea-bargain the case with a set of military officials not previously involved with the matter.

The twist comes with the Pentagon under heavy pressure from Congress and beyond to combat rape and other sex crimes in the military. Late Monday, the Senate unanimously approved a bill making big changes in the military justice system to deal with sexual assault.

The judge reviewed newly disclosed emails in Sinclair's case and said he found the appearance of "unlawful command influence" in Fort Bragg officials' decision to reject a plea bargain with the general.

Under the military code of justice, the decision was supposed to be decided solely on the evidence, not its broader political implications.

Pohl said the emails showed that the military officials who rejected the plea bargain had discussed a letter from the accuser's lawyer. The letter warned that allowing the general to avoid trial would "send the wrong signal."

NSA leaker Snowden says he has no regrets for leaks

Associated Press

AUSTIN — National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden says he has no regrets about revealing the agency's mass surveillance program.

Snowden spoke Monday via live video conference to a packed audience at the South By Southwest Interactive Festival.

The former NSA contractor, who remains in Moscow living in temporary asylum, faces felony charges in the U.S. after leaking thousands of classified documents to media outlets.

More SXSW

Lady Gaga is scheduled to deliver a keynote speech on Friday.

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Christopher Soghoian, principal technologist at the American Civil Liberties Union, spoke to Snowden from the Austin, Texas, event along with Snowden's legal adviser, the ACLU's Ben Wizner.

Snowden touched on a number of issues in the hour-long conversation. He dispensed advice on how U.S. citizens can keep their web-surfing activities more private by using a free service called Tor, which encrypts web traffic. He also called on the technology industry to create more software and services that help guard individual privacy.

He appeared to have no regrets about exposing the U.S. government's surveillance methods.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Justin A. Garcia, 17, of Midland, was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana between 4 ounces and 5 pounds.

Melissa G. Keown, 35, of Midland, was charged Sunday with manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug-free zone.

Rodney A. Lee, 55, of Midland, was charged Sunday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Lisa A. Nash, 56, of Midland, was charged Sunday with injury to a child, elderly or disabled person.

Eleni M. Quintela, 21, of Midland, was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana between 4 ounces and 5 pounds.

Mario Ramirez II, 22, of Midland, was charged Sunday with violation of probation.

Juan M. Rodriguez, 37, of Midland, was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug-free zone.

Nohemi Rodriguez, 32, of Odessa, was charged Sunday with driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under 15 years of age.

Armin Rubio, 31, of Midland, was charged Sunday with abandoning or endangering a child with criminal negligence.

Stacie A. Valadez, 33, of Midland, was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug-free zone.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

QUAKES

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production technique that has boosted U.S. output but has had environmental effects.

The Azle area, which has a number of injection wells, was the latest region to experience quakes, with more than 30 starting in November. Dallas/Fort Worth Airport and the Cleburne area both had a spate of small quakes in 2009, which stopped after nearby injection wells were closed.

Still, the Railroad Commission has stopped short of acknowledging a link between seismic events and injection wells.

"Commission staff has not identified a definitive correlation between seismic activity ... and injection wells in Texas," Railroad Commission spokeswoman Ramona Nye told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in an email response to questions about the agency's position.

She said hiring a seismologist will "allow the Commission to strengthen its ability to follow new research, as well as coordinate an exchange of factual, scientific information with the research community." The agency has received 21 applications, Nye said, "and interviews are ongoing."

And unlike some other states, the agency does not require a seismic survey before a disposal well can be built, Nye said. Instead, it looks for the proper conditions to prevent groundwater contamination.

The mere existence of faults "does not necessarily indicate" that a disposal well will trigger seismic activity, she said. But part of the seismologist's job, she said, will be to evaluate the impact of oil and gas activity on known faults.

Stokes, who was among more than 30 Azle-area residents who traveled to Austin in January to urge the commission to act, thinks there's been plenty of research already.

"The fact of the matter is they have 60 years of studies," she said, and nearly all say "it's more than probable that these injection wells are causing" quakes.

And she knows the consequences of the temblors. A crack in Reno City Hall runs from the linoleum floor up a wall to the ceiling. It wasn't there before the quakes started, she said, and "every time we get a pretty good earthquake, it gets a little wider."

The reaction in other states has been far from uniform.

Colorado

The most highly regarded study of the link between wastewater injection wells and earthquakes is also the oldest. It was done at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal outside Denver, and Ken Morgan, director of the TCU Energy Institute, calls it "the gold standard."

In 1962, the well started disposing of wastewater from chemical weapons production. From 1962 to 1966, the amount of fluid injected in any given month corresponded to earthquake frequency nearby.

Injection at the arsenal well was halted for about a year starting in 1963. Earthquake frequency slowed sharply. When injection resumed in 1964 — at greater volumes — quakes surged to higher levels.

By 1966, more than 700 quakes had occurred within 5 miles of the well. Injection was permanently ended that year, but smaller bursts of seismic activity continued until 1972.

The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission today requires a seismic review before it will issue a permit for a disposal well.

Arkansas

In 2010 and 2011, more than 1,300 small earthquakes occurred near Greenbrier, Ark., a farming community about 40 miles north of Little Rock. The area had previously experienced quakes, including a swarm in the 1980s.

The Arkansas Geological Survey, along with the University of Memphis Center for Earthquake Research and Information, installed seismic monitors around eight injection wells. Researchers determined that 98 percent of the 2010-11 quakes were within 3.7 miles of two particular wells.

Scientists then discovered a previously unknown geological fault, dubbed the Guy-Greenbrier fault for the two cities that bookend it.

"Given the strong spatial and temporal correlation between the two wells and seismic activity on the fault, it would be an extraordinary coincidence if the recent earthquakes were not triggered by the fluid injection. For these reasons, I conclude that fluid injection triggered the recent seismicity," one of the researchers, Steve Horton, wrote in a study published in 2012.

The Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission voted in March 2011 to close two of the wells for more than three weeks and later ordered four wells permanently closed.

It issued a permanent moratorium on new injection wells around that fault, required that new wells be one to five miles from known faults, and stepped up monitoring of wastewater injection volumes and pressures.

Ohio

Starting in March 2011, the area around Youngstown in northeast Ohio experienced 11 small quakes over several months. According to a report from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, all were within a mile of an injection well that had gone into operation in December 2010, just three months before the first temblor.

State regulators and geologists inspected the injection well 35 times from April 26 to Dec. 15, 2011. Each showed that the well, which was 9,184 feet deep, was operating within its allowed volume and pressure. The Youngstown area had no record of seismic activity.

In November 2011, a newly appointed head of the agency, James Zehringer, asked for additional data, and the state teamed with the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University to install seismic monitors in the area.

Having more monitors in a given area allows researchers to pinpoint the epicenter of a quake (its location on the earth's surface) and a quake's focus (the underground location where the earth moved). Those monitors went into operation Dec. 1.

On Dec. 24, a 2.7-magnitude quake hit the area. The newly installed seismometers pinpointed the quake's focus 2,454 feet beneath the injection well, and on Dec. 29, state regulators asked its operator to suspend activities.

Personnel with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources witnessed the well's shutdown the next day. But a day after that, the area experienced a 4.0-magnitude quake, and Gov. John Kasich quickly suspended the operation of three deep injection wells in the area.

Construction on an additional injection well in the area was halted, said Mark Bruce, a department spokesman. All four wells remain out of operation today.

In March 2012, the agency announced new rules for wastewater disposal, saying they were among the most stringent in the nation. It banned new wells from being drilled into the area's basement rock formation, where the problematic Youngstown well injected its wastewater.

The rules also require injection well operators to submit extensive geological data before drilling and to add pressure- and volume-monitoring devices, including automatic shut-off switches.

Oklahoma

Oklahoma has seen more than 200 earthquakes in the past year, according to data from the U.S. Geological Survey, including 20 in the past month. That continues a string of quakes that have shaken the state since 2009, mostly in central Oklahoma, including a 5.7-magnitude temblor near Prague on Nov. 5, 2011, the largest in state history.

Last year, the USGS and the Oklahoma Geological Survey noted an upswing in frequency of quakes of 3.0 or greater, the magnitude at which people are likely to feel it. From 1975 to 2008, according to a study released Oct. 22, the state experienced one to three 3.0 quakes a year.

"The analysis suggests that a contributing factor to the increase in earthquake triggers may be from activities such as wastewater disposal — a phenomenon known as injection-induced seismicity," the report said.

In January, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission proposed more stringent monitoring of disposal wells, aimed at giving researchers more data. It was the first action by the agency, which regulates the oil and gas industry, to address quakes and energy activities.

In what would be something of a replay of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal well, a seismologist with the Oklahoma Geological Survey has proposed intentionally injecting fluid into a formation known to be earthquake-prone.

Kansas

On Feb. 17, Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback appointed a task force to examine the tie between earthquakes and injection wells. The USGS recorded a 3.8-magnitude quake in December and a 3.9-magnitude quake in early February, both near the Oklahoma border.

Its first meeting is set for April 16.

District clerk candidate arrested on perjury charge

From staff reports

Former Midland County district clerk candidate Carrie Stewart was arrested Monday on a felony charge of aggravated perjury.

Stewart, 52, was briefly in custody on the third-degree felony charge before she posted a $1,000 bond.

Stewart lost to Ross Bush during the March 4 Republican primary election for the district clerk position.

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said a grand jury indicted Stewart last week; the warrant was issued on Friday.

Aggravated perjury occurs when a person makes a false statement — considered material — under oath or swears to the truth of a false statement previously made during or in connection with an official proceeding, according to the Texas Penal Code.

If convicted, Stewart faces up to 10 years in prison.

BYNUM

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Portman said.

Portman said she is scared every time she drops off and picks up her child because of the dangerous conditions of the intersection.

Because one of the roads is a state highway, the proposed school zone would be either 20 mph or 30 mph, depending on what the Texas Department of Transportation allows. Prude said he would be getting more information from TxDOT as to how the school zone will be designed.

But TxDOT normally installs school zones if there is a pedestrian crossing, but there isn't a crossing on SH 158 in front of Bynum School. Gene Powell, TxDOT Odessa District spokesman, said the transportation agency would entertain discussions to install a school zone, and that there are three safety measures being considered for the intersection.

TxDOT plans to install street lights at the intersection, flashing beacons for the stop signs at the intersection and flashing lights one intersection north and south of the affected intersection on SH 158. Powell said funding for the safety projects are to be available by 2017 but could become available sooner.

For now, the county will hold a public meeting during the March 24 Commissioners' Court meeting before moving on with designing and constructing the school zone.

Prude said the county will use its own equipment or trade with the city for items needed for the school zone. He estimated that the cost for constructing the school zone could range from a few hundred dollars to a few thousand dollars.

Midland County Sheriff's Office deputies or constables may be the ones to monitor the school zone, as the intersection exists outside the city limits, said County Judge Mike Bradford.

"Deputies or constables will be there to just make people aware, there's children there," Bradford said. "Slow it down, pay attention and be cautious."

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GUILTYPLEAS

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Joe Lewis Brown, 48, burglary of a habitation as a repeat offender; eight years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; aggravated assault with a deadly weapon as a repeat offender, eight years in the TDCJ; aggravated assault with a deadly weapon as a repeat offender, eight years in the TDCJ; aggravated assault causing bodily injury with a deadly weapon as a repeat offender, eight years in the TDCJ; felony offense of violation of a protective order by committing family violence as a repeat offender, eight years in the TDCJ, evading arrest and detention in a vehicle as a repeat offender, eight years in the TDCJ.

Larime Chad Callaway, 44, felony driving while intoxicated, four years in the TDCJ.

John David Cates II, 31, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, two years deferred, $1,000 fine, court cost, 160 hours community service and attend and complete Project Adam.

Larry Jerome Childress, 42, felony driving while intoxicated, three years in the TDCJ.

Carmelita Macela Coronado, 26, driving while intoxicated with a child passenger, eight months State Jail division of the TDCJ, driver's license suspended for 180 days and restitution.

Alonzo Franco, 23, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, three years deferred, $1,000, court cost and attend and complete Batter's Intervention Program.

Santiago Gomez Galindo, 27, theft of rental property, 12 months in state jail; fail to comply with sex offender registration requirements two years in the TDCJ.

Robert Jim Granado Jr., 21, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, 10 years in the TDCJ, suspended for five years community supervision, $2,500 fine, TAIP, and driver's license suspended for 365 days.

James Henry Horrell, 42, theft over $15,00 but under $20,000, three years deferred, court cost and 80 hours of community service.

Wallace Tremaine Howell, 32, tampering with physical evidence, three years in the TDCJ; taking a controlled substance into a correctional facility, three years in the TDCJ; failure to appear, three years in the TDCJ.

Keith Walter Jacobson, 27, unlawful carrying a weapon as a lesser included offense of unlawful possession of a firearm, 20 days in jail and court cost.

George Lopez, 60, possession of a controlled substance - heroin, deferred adjudication three years under community supervision, $1,500 fine, 180 days Alcoholics Anonymous classes.

Jose Austin Luna, 18, recklessly or with criminal negligence cause bodily injury to a child, deferred adjudication, four years under community supervision, $1,500 fine, 90 days intensive supervision.

Ismael Arturo Maese, 32, theft over $1,500 but less than $20,000, three years under community supervision and restitution.

Manuel Jay Mancha, 21, evading arrest and detention on a motor vehicle, two years in the TDCJ, suspended for three years under community supervision, $750 fine, and TAIP.

Lawrence Subia Martinez, 52, driving while intoxicated with child passengers, two years in state jail suspended for four years under community supervision, $1,000 fine, 30 days jail, 365 days driver's license suspension, and TAIP.

Tabitha Rebecca Menefield, 41, interference with child custody, three years deferred, court cost and 200 hours community service.

Rudy Flores Mireles, 37, evading arrest and detention with prior convictions, 15 months in state jail.

Pablo Neria Mora, 54, possession of a controlled substance - cocaine as a repeat offender, four years in the TDCJ.

Jerry Otis Moore Jr., 30, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, five years in the TDCJ.

David Glenn Payne, 42, driving while intoxicated third or more times, 10 years in the TDCJ, suspended for five years under community supervision, $2,000 fine, 30 days jail, 365 days driver's license suspension, and two years Interlock.

Christopher Lee Polvado, 44, continuous assault family violence, six years deferred, $2,500 fine, court cost, 600 hours community service and attend and complete Batterers' Intervention Program.

Daniel Reyes, 40, possession of a controlled substance, 180 days state jail, driver's license suspension for 180 days.

Jonathan Paul Pierce, 30, aggravated assault by recklessly causing bodily injury while operating a motor vehicle and using or exhibiting a deadly weapon, eight years in the TDCJ.

Roxane Portillo, 23, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, three years deferred, $1,000 fine, court cost and attend and complete Project Adam.

Michael Paul Rios, 29, felony driving while intoxicated, eight years in the TDCJ probated for five years under community supervision, TAIP, $1,500 fine, 30 days in jail, driver's license suspended for 365 days.

Jacory Rashad Saddler, 22, attempted burglary of a habitation, six years in the TDCJ; burglary of a habitation, six years in the TDCJ; attempted burglary of a habitation, six years in the TDCJ.

Dennis Tyrone Sterling, 45, evading in a motor vehicle, two years in the TDCJ.

Timothy Wayne Stirle, 33, theft by repetition, 15 months in state jail; theft by repetition, 15 months in state jail; theft by repetition, 15 months in state jail.

Trenton Michael Thomas, 25, burglary of a building, deferred adjudication, four years under community supervision, $1,500 fine.

Alan Nick Villa, 20, unauthorized absence from a correctional facility, nine months in state jail.

Rita Marie Villafranco, 31, possession of a controlled substance in a correctional facility, deferred adjudication, four years under community supervision, $1,000 fine, and enroll and complete TAIP.

Zachery Ryan Wallace, 21, evading in a motor vehicle, four years deferred probation and $1,500 fine; tampering with physical evidence, four years deferred probation and $1,500 fine.

Cody Lee Wood, 30, aggravated robbery, five years in the TDCJ.

Samuel Olivas Zubia, 32, possession of a controlled substance - cocaine, one year in state jail.

Source: Midland County District Attorney's Office

MPD: Man arrested for choking woman

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Monday on assault charges following altercations with a woman in February.

Rodriguez

Ricky Rodriguez Jr., 23, is being held on a $52,500 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault on a family or household member by impeding breathing and a class A misdemeanor charge of assault-family violence causing bodily injury.

Midland detectives responded to the assault call on Feb. 21; the woman said Rodriguez had assaulted her the day before. She said he grabbed her by the neck, slammed her head against a wall and choked her. He left the residence, but later came back and assaulted the woman a second time, according to his arrest affidavits.

The affidavit does not explain the time lag between the initial report and Rodriguez's arrest.

If convicted, he faces up to 10 years in prison for the felony charge and up to one year for the misdemeanor charge.

2 teen boys accused of killing Texas classmate

By Normaan Merchant
Associated Press

WYLIE — Two 16-year-olds are accused of targeting and killing a classmate in what may have been a dispute over a girl, after police said they were caught trying to dump the boy's body.

The teens are being held in the death of 17-year-old Ivan Mejia, a senior at Wylie East High School, northeast of Dallas. Mejia's death comes two years after another Wylie East student was killed, and a fellow teenager was sentenced in that case.

Authorities said in court Monday that the boys choked Mejia to death, and that the victim and one of the boys appeared to be involved with the same girl, local media reported. A judge in suburban Collin County ordered that the teens be kept in detention.

A 911 call Saturday about a car veering off a highway led police to a wooded area in Garland, south of Wylie, where authorities said they spotted the teens. Police said that when the two were interrogated, the boys said they were trying to get rid of Mejia's body.

Police say Mejia had been killed on a road behind the Wylie school.

The two boys, who are juniors at Wylie East, were not identified because they are juveniles. They were being held in Collin County juvenile detention and face murder charges, Wylie Police Sgt. Donna Valdepena said Monday.

She said it was clear Mejia had been targeted by the boys and that there could be other potential suspects in his death.

"This was planned," Valdepena said. "We do have evidence that it was pre-planned."

Mejia was remembered by friends for his ambition to help others and to one day join the Marines.

Enrique Hernandez, a 17-year-old resident of nearby Frisco, went to church with Mejia and remembers seeing him wear his ROTC uniform.

"He had trained to go to the Marines and was awaiting his shipment date," Hernandez said in an email. "He had previously promised his mom that he would come back from the Marines safely."

Hernandez said Mejia was someone who worried about others and was quick to lend a helping hand.

"He had so many people he could help and he tried to help them all," Hernandez said.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Lady Gaga to give keynote at South by Southwest

Lady Gaga is scheduled to give the keynote address at the South by Southwest music festival and conference in Austin, Texas.

Festival organizers made the announcement Sunday that the singer will follow in the footsteps of past speakers that have included Bruce Springsteen, Lou Reed and Dave Grohl.

Lady Gaga will also perform at the festival on Thursday and then speak on Friday night with John Norris of Fuse.

The pop singer is the only artist to sell more than 5 million recordings with her first two hits in the digital music era. Her fourth studio album, ARTPOP, was released in November.

South by Southwest is one of the largest music industry events in the world with more than 2,200 acts giving thousands of performances over 10 days.

HOUSTON

Texas mom who killed kids drops bid for outings

A woman who drowned her five children in 2001 has dropped her request for permission to participate in group outings with other patients in the psychiatric hospital where she's under treatment.

The Houston Chronicle reported Andrea Yates dropped her request Monday because of the public scrutiny it has drawn. Last month, the 49-year-old woman and her doctors at Kerrville State Hospital had asked for a day pass to participate in supervised outside activities, such as picnics.

Her attorney George Parnham said she's the only Kerrville patient who has never received a group-outing pass.

Yates was convicted in 2002 of drowning her five young children, but an appeals court overturned the conviction. In a 2006 retrial, Yates was found not guilty by reason of insanity.

HOUSTON

Public transportation ridership rises

Long known for big pickup trucks and even bigger traffic jams, Texas' largest city is quietly seeing its public transportation ridership increase, according to a national report released Monday.

Houston's Metro Transit Authority recorded nearly 2.26 million trips on buses, trains and its light-rail system in 2013, up 2.76 percent from the previous year. That's among the largest increases in the nation, according to data released by the American Public Transportation Association.

Metro spokeswoman Margaret O'Brien-Molina said Houston's booming economy has created more jobs locally — which means more residents using public transportation to get to them.

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E-cigarettes and liquid nicotine solutions are displayed at the Henley Vaporium in the Soho neighborhood of New York on Feb. 20. E-cigarettes are usually made of metal parts combined with plastic or glass and come in a variety of shapes and sizes. They heat the liquid nicotine solution, creating vapor that quickly dissipates when exhaled.

E-cigarettes: fresh air or smoke and mirrors?

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — On the edge of the SoHo neighborhood downtown, The Henley Vaporium is an intimate hipster hangout with overstuffed chairs, exposed brick, friendly counter help — but no booze.

Instead, the proprietors are peddling e-cigarettes, along with bottles of liquid nicotine ready to be plucked from behind a wooden bar and turned into flavorful vapor for a lung hit with a kick that is intended to simulate traditional smoking. A hint of banana nut bread e-juice lingered in the air one recent afternoon as patrons gathered around a low table to chat and vape, or sidled up to the inviting bar for help from a knowledgeable "vapologist."

Places like The Henley are a rarity, even in New York. But "vaping," itself, has had astonishing growth — in just eight years or so, the number of enthusiasts around the world has grown from a few thousand to millions. Believed by some to be the invention of a Chinese pharmacist, vaping now has its own YouTube gurus, trade associations, lobbyists, online forums and vapefests for meet-ups centered on what enthusiasts consider a safer alternative to the "analog," their name for tobacco cigarettes.

The Food and Drug Administration plans to regulate e-cigarettes but has not yet issued proposed rules. Right now, the agency simply states on its website that "e-cigarettes have not been fully studied so consumers currently don't know the potential risks of e-cigarettes," including how much nicotine or other chemicals are inhaled, or if e-cigs "may lead young people to try ... conventional cigarettes."

Whether vaping helps regular smokers quit or leads non-smokers to nicotine addiction isn't known. Vaping may be safer — there are differing opinions — but it isn't necessarily cheap.

Will Hopkins, a 21-year-old dog walker in black leather jacket and skull ring, visits Henley four or five times a week. He smoked a pack of full-strength Marlboros a day for eight years, until he took up vaping. The same goes for his buddy, 20-year-old photographer Will Gallagher, who has been vaping for two years and is fond of his brass mod, a cylindrical device that's larger than a cigarette and decorated with a tiger and Chinese lettering.

"I think both of us have poured in probably a little over a thousand" dollars, Gallagher said of their equipment. "I like the exclusivity of vaping. I like to keep changing up my stuff."

The friends are into rebuilding tanks and rewiring coils, scouting new e-liquid flavors and adjusting their devices, which can cost up to $300 at Henley, to allow for more vapor, more flavor. But the co-owners of Henley count older smokers among their clientele as well.

E-cigarettes are usually made of metal parts combined with plastic or glass and come in a variety of shapes and sizes. They heat the liquid nicotine solution, creating vapor that quickly dissipates when exhaled. The vapor looks like tobacco smoke and can feel like tobacco smoke when taken into the lungs at varying strengths, from no nicotine up to 24 milligrams or more.

In 2006, sellers of all things vape worked primarily online or via kiosks in shopping malls. Now there are more than 250 brands and devices that can cost mere dollars for a case of "cigalikes," which resemble the real thing, to a gold-and-diamond unit the size of a fountain pen that was reportedly made for a Russian oil tycoon and cost about $900,000.

Whether vaping is cheaper than a cigarette habit is up to how much is spent on equipment and liquids and how often one vapes. A 15-milliliter bottle of liquid at Henley can go for $12 and may be roughly the equivalent of four packs of cigarettes, depending on the strength of both liquid and leaf cigarette, among other factors like how many puffs a smoker takes in. Rechargeable devices require batteries — another expense — and a starter kit for reuse that comes with a device can run around $66.

By comparison, the cost of a 20-cigarette pack of regular cigarettes can range from about $5 to about $15, depending on state tax and the type of location where they're purchased.

Some cities and states have already moved to ban public use the way they do tobacco, and some states forbid the sale of e-cigarettes to minors. Critics believe e-cigs may serve as a tobacco gateway for uninitiated young people. "It may be smoking e-cigarettes, but it's still smoking," said U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a Connecticut Democrat who was one of four senators to fire off a scathing letter to NBC and the Hollywood Foreign Press Association after a spoof on e-cigs aired during the Golden Globes in January.

Proponents argue that vaping isn't only safe but is helping people quit smoking. The Henley has a white "wall of doom," where it lists in big black letters the numerous tars and chemicals found in tobacco cigarettes, but absent in e-cig use if one is careful about the liquids purchased.

"What's so beautiful about this product is we can take people from a high level of nicotine down to zero, down to nothing, so they're just vaping basically water and flavoring," said Henley co-owner Talia Eisenberg.

She scoffs at the notion that child-friendly flavors of e-liquids — Watermelon Wave and Frozen Lime Drop, for instance — were created to lure teens. And she rejects the idea that e-cig companies should be banned from advertising on TV, as tobacco companies were more than 40 years ago.

While e-liquids and vaping supplies lack oversight and long-term research, they are readily available to all ages online, and at gas stations, bodegas and many drug stores. But Henley doesn't serve those under 18 — a voluntary decision. Would it make more sense to help people give up nicotine — an addictive substance — altogether?

"Sure, but how's that workin' for the country so far? How are they doin' with that? We're talking in terms of serious harm reduction," said Eisenberg's business partner, Peter Denholtz. His mother died of lung cancer two years ago; he himself smoked cigarettes for 36 years, but has been vaping for four years.

Some vapers, like Hopkins and Gallagher, find fun in tinkering with the paraphernalia. Denholtz likens them to older DIY enthusiasts who once whiled away their time on Heathkits, those all-inclusive boxes of parts that could be turned into TV receivers, amateur radios or stereo speakers.

"There's a whole subculture coming up. They're very into all of the different devices. They rewire and rebuild and use different materials for drawing up the juice. It's unbelievable what they've turned it into," he said.

Denholtz and others said vaping, to many, is merely a less harmful activity than tobacco smoking that duplicates the most pleasurable aspects and offers a communal feel like hookah use and cigar bars.

Xavier Armand, 25, has been vaping for a little more than three years and owns an advertising and marketing firm that is helping Henley put together a "liquid of the month club," along the lines of mail-order fruit of the month.

"I always kind of knew smoking was bad for me. My mom was a smoker, but I was never going to look into the patch or the gum or anything," Armand said. "At the end of the day, the best part about smoking is the smoke part. And that oral fixation is kind of a big thing as well. I consider my agency the 2014 version of 'Mad Men.' We all sit around there and instead of smoking cigarettes everyone is smoking e-cigs."

Much as movie stars made tobacco smoking seem glamorous in the 1930s and '40s, celebrities have helped fuel interest in vaping.

At the Golden Globes, Leonardo DiCaprio was shown vaping away in the audience. The actor told The Associated Press recently he vapes to "relieve the stress of life."

Other celebrities have signed on as paid e-cig endorsers, including co-host of "The View," Jenny McCarthy, and actor Stephen Dorff, both of whom push Blu, a big player in e-cigs that was recently bought by Big Tobacco's Lorillard.

Dorff, who took up smoking 20 years ago, stuck to Blu's talking points in a recent interview. He described how vaping offers him the freedom to smoke where regular cigarettes are frowned upon.

But wouldn't his loved ones like to see him quit nicotine for good?

"Ah, probably yeah," laughed Dorff, "but there's a lot of bad things in the world, you know. The one thing that I've always enjoyed is smoking. I consider myself a smoker."

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By Michael Melson
Melson and Associates

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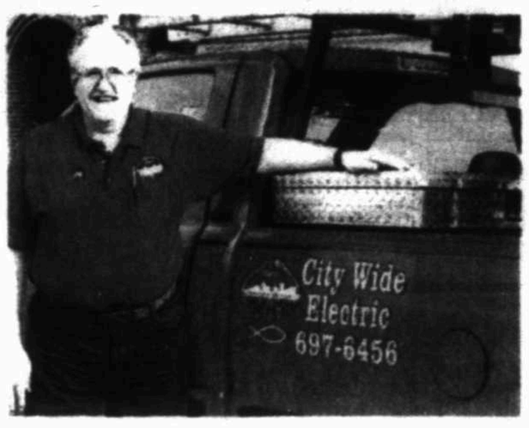

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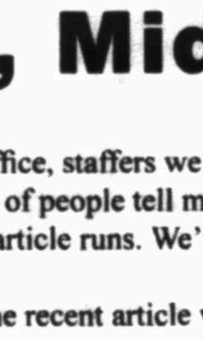
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Russian threat is mobilizing conservatives

■ Reagan's internationalism, moralism returning to favor with GOP

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The Republican Party is undergoing its most significant foreign policy debate since President Richard Nixon dismissed then-Gov. Ronald Reagan as "shallow" and of "limited mental capability" and Reagan criticized the policy of detente, initiated by Nixon, as "a one-way street that the Soviet Union has used to pursue its own aims."

Once in office, President Reagan proved willing to engage in negotiations with the Soviet Union. He also, in a series of national security directives, set out the objective of winning the Cold War by undermining Soviet power in Eastern Europe, disrupting the Soviet economy and rolling back Soviet influence at every opportunity. And he publicly addressed the reality of Soviet communism — its inherent coercion and violence — in frankly moral terms.

Over the past few years, Reagan's internationalism, moralism and strategic aggressiveness have been out of favor in much of the GOP. Many elected Republicans grew tired of defending George W. Bush-era interventions in Iraq and Afghanistan and the global exertions of the war on terrorism. With the arrival of President Obama, they no longer had a political imperative to do so. It became possible and convenient for conservatives to attack Obama and international engagement at the same time.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., was just the man to lead the backlash, given his marination in the isolationism of his father's foreign policy. In 1987, Ron Paul formally resigned from the GOP, protesting Reagan's "indiscriminate military spending, an irrational and unconstitutional foreign policy, zooming foreign aid, the exaltation of international banking, and the attack on our personal liberties and privacy." Rand Paul has provided a version of the same critique against an easier target: President Obama. The younger Paul has proposed defense cuts, criticized foreign aid, led opposition to American involvement in Syria, raised the possibility of accepting and containing a nuclear Iran and railed against "possible targeted drone strikes against Americans on American soil."

His reaction to the Ukrainian crisis has been revealingly typical. As Russian troops massed, Paul said, "Some on our side are so stuck in the Cold War era that they want to tweak Russia all the time and I don't think that is a good idea." And he seemed to signal the legitimacy of Russian claims: "The Ukraine has a long history of either being part of the Soviet Union or within that sphere."

Paul has attempted to associate his foreign policy with the realism of Henry Kissinger. It is not a good fit. Realism has generally asserted the need for a strong executive in conducting global strategy. Paul apparently believes that American presidents can't be trusted with sophisticated weapons lest they kill Americans in cafes. Paul's approach is not realism but non-interventionism. His libertarian foreign policy holds that America is less secure because it has been "too belligerent" and that decades of international engagement have both corrupted our constitutional order and corrupted other nations with our largess or militarism. This perspective sometimes overlaps with foreign policy realism, but only in the narrow cases when both recommend disengagement. Paul has a trumpet that only sounds retreat.

For a while, it seemed that Paul's views were sweeping the GOP. Now we are witnessing the beginnings of a backlash to his backlash, aided by Vladimir Putin. Americans may not have suddenly developed a keen humanitarian concern for Ukrainians. But a revanchist Russia is the type of threat that has mobilized conservatives in the past. While a "let them fight it out" argument may play well concerning Syria, a "let Putin get away with it" argument is a harder sell. The partisan momentum in the GOP is no longer entirely on the side of disengagement. Across the party, a Reaganite critique of Obama's foreign policy stirs.

For evidence, look no further than Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, who possesses the GOP's most sensitive instrument to determine the fluctuation of populist energies. In the aftermath of the Ukraine invasion, Cruz criticized Paul for insufficient fidelity to Reagan's belief that "U.S. leadership is critical in the world." Paul has been on the defensive, belatedly referring to Russia as a "rogue nation." And he has tried to claim credit for the fact that Western nations are not sending troops to the Crimea — which no one has actually considered since the Crimean War ended in 1856.

Paul is left to insist, "I'm a great believer in Ronald Reagan." Which amounts to a serious concession, since Reagan could not have returned the compliment.

OUR VIEW

Community must accept reality that city is growing

We were pleased to see that on the first day of the City Council retreat the city manager unveiled a comprehensive plan that includes updates to the city's water, sewer, drainage and fire station plans. Actually, we were excited, thrilled or whatever adjective you want to use to describe someone being fired up about seeing needed progress.

This plan, which Parkhill Smith and Cooper helped craft, shows Midlanders that our city is growing and that growth will come at a cost over the next couple of decades. It is a huge cost according to estimates from 2013 figures — $1.593 billion for the entire plan; more than $1 billion for roads alone.

In our view, this isn't bad news. It is reality.

Midland is growing, and as we have heard industry leaders say, we can manage our growth or we can allow it to manage us. We also agree with those leaders, like Concho President and CEO Tim Leach, who have told us that the economic and resulting population boom "puts us behind the curve, and now is not the time to be behind the curve or expect someone else to do things for us."

There will be some people who say the last thing we need is another study or plan. We respond to that by saying this type of plan has been necessary for years. It's not that our leaders have to be told that the city is growing or that we need roads, water and sewer extentions or public safety additions — all of those are a given.

This comprehensive plan is a blueprint of what is required and where. It gives us that infrastructure outline that has sorely been missed among the great ideas and grand plans that have been offered over the last five or six years since this economic surge has knocked down our community's front door. For far too long, we have been reactionary or playing catch-up. That, we hope, should change.

But another thing we like about the city manager's presentation is that community members and our leaders are being forced to be serious about the problems confronting them.

According to the plan, the city predicts a population of 200,000 around 2028, assuming the annual growth rate remains at 3.3 to 3.5 percent, a conservative estimate considering that the city's one-year growth is at 4.6 percent, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The city is also considering more annexations from a year to 10 years away that could increase the city limits from 73.7 square miles to 120.1 square miles. That, in our view, is substantial growth.

We call for our leaders to show a commitment to attacking that growth, including putting those available resources to make projects happen. Any taxing entity or organization that collects taxpayer funds and is not willing to put Midland and this growth first is standing in the way of progress. And as the first editor of the Reporter-Telegram, T. Paul Barron, said in 1929 "the Reporter-Telegram will stand for progress at all times ... and will come out in the open and champion development of resources in this section of West Texas. It will attempt to keep pace with Midland's growth and will go beyond that and attempt to be a leader for bigger and better things."

Our leaders must see the need to dedicate those available resources to infrastructure and get ahead of the growth. We can't accept leaders who don't see that. We can't accept plans that put us any further behind the curve.

A worthy plan is in front of us. It's now up to us to put Midland's future first.

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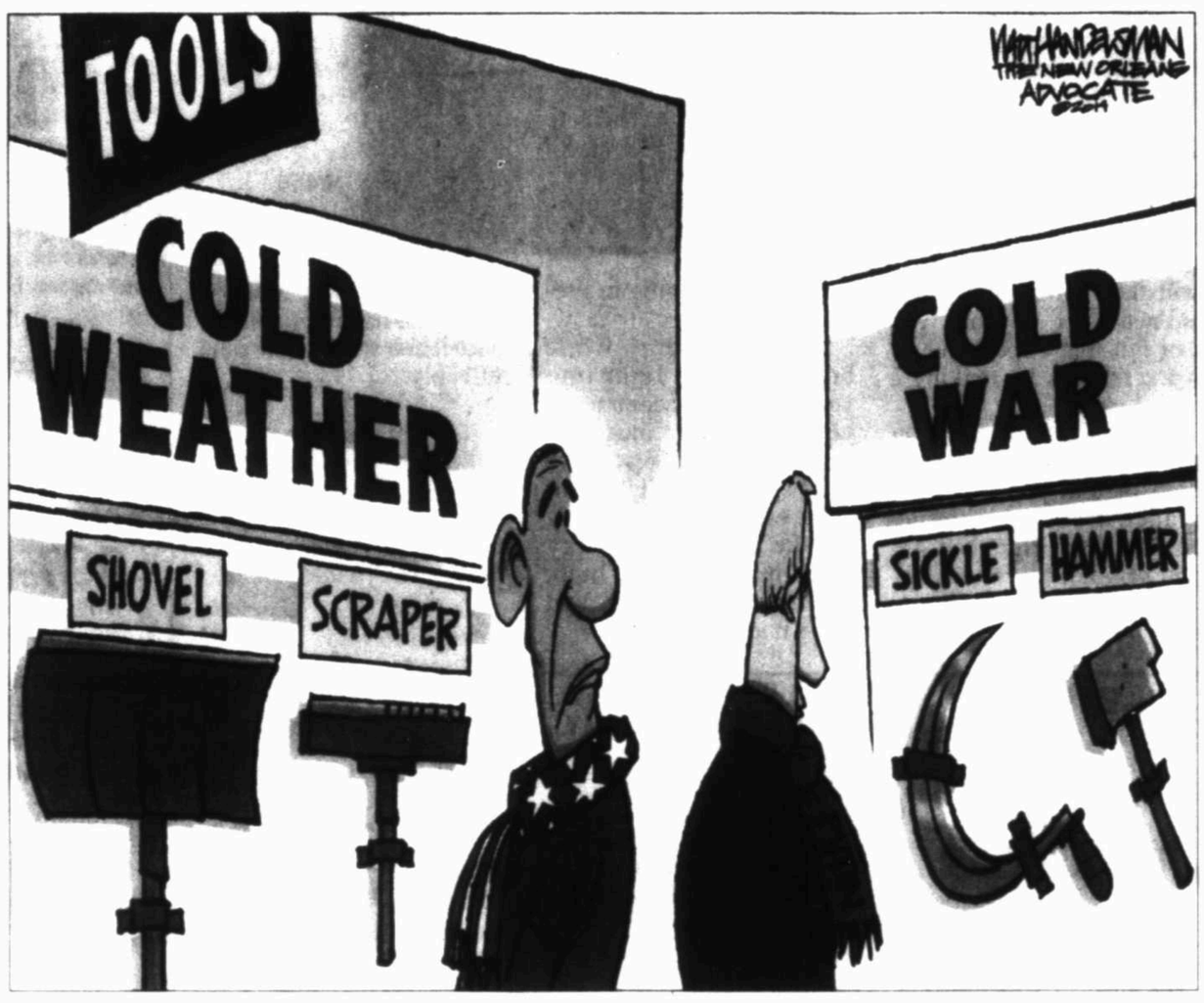

Conservatives, GOP can do better

■ Party revisits issues of prison, education reform

CAL THOMAS
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The first "people" I recognized on arriving at last week's Conservative Political Action Committee gathering just outside Washington were two "stormtroopers" and a Wookiee from the 1977 film "Star Wars."

Some of the speeches also expressed sentiments from the past, though not as cleverly as those in costume: Obama is a bad president, even a bad man. America looks weak before the world. Government is too big and taxes too high. "The Force" seemed to have left the building, or perhaps it never arrived.

Perhaps the most interesting speaker was the outgoing governor of Texas, Rick Perry, who has experienced a minor makeover. Those dark-rimmed glasses he now wears give him a more serious appearance. Perry also seems to have taken a crash course in public speaking because he revealed a passion that was lacking in his brief 2012 presidential campaign.

Perry did something else which even The Washington Post took note of, though not as many delegates did. He appeared on a panel to discuss prison reform.

"Tough on crime" has long been a conservative red meat issue and Perry wanted people to know that being tough on crime could also mean "smart on crime." He's talking alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent offenders and rehabilitation, more than punishment. In a state that ranks first in executions, Perry has become an advocate for reforming the criminal justice system.

That's a position that won't get him many standing ovations, but it is a positive alternative to the angry and negative image projected by too many conservatives.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie was right to urge his fellow Republicans to "start talking about what we're for and not what we're against."

A bigger issue waiting to be seized by Republicans is education reform. In New York, a battle has erupted between Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a sudden proponent of at least partial school choice when it comes to charter schools, and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, who has pledged to close charter schools and return mostly poor and minority children who are succeeding in them to failing public schools.

In an opinion essay for The Daily Messenger newspaper, Cuomo sounded like a Republican: "... education is not about the districts and not about the pensions and not about the unions and not about the lobbyists and not about the PR firms — education is about the students, and the students come first."

He added: "We know that too many public schools are failing. Over 200 failing schools — 6 percent grade level for reading, 5 percent grade level for math. We need new ideas. ... The education industry has said the same thing for decades: more money, and more money, and more money, and it will change. We spend more money per pupil than any state in the nation; we're number 32 in results. It's not just about putting more money in the public school system, it's trying something new and that's what charter schools are all about."

Rescuing children has always been a political issue for Democrats, but they aren't being rescued. Too many are drowning in failed, monopolistic government schools. Conservatives and Republicans should be riding to their rescue, saying something like this: "It is a form of child abuse to deny any child a decent education. Education is a child's ticket to the future, but too many liberal Democrats have stamped those tickets 'invalid' by forcing them to remain in schools where their chances of succeeding are greatly diminished."

If conservatives really want to attract more minority voters they will help their kids. It's positive, it's optimistic, and it will work.

During the 1960 presidential campaign, John F. Kennedy repeatedly said: "We can do better." So can conservatives. So can Republicans. So can America. Even a Wookiee might agree.

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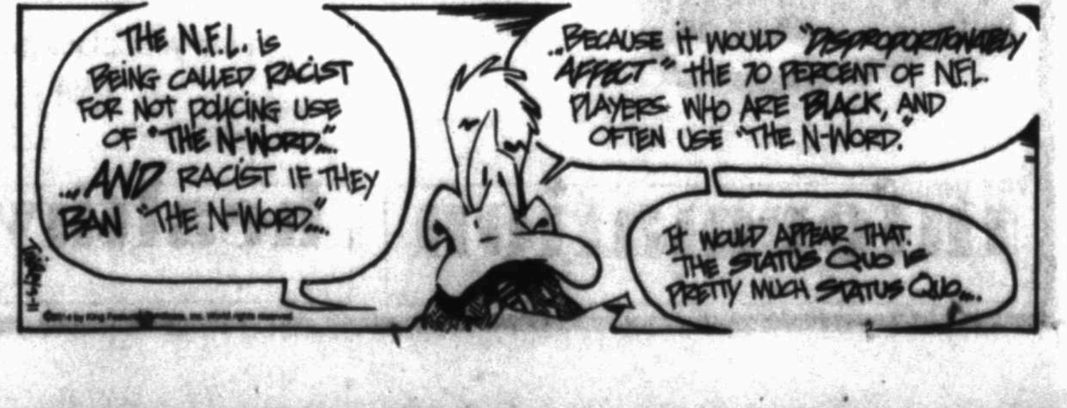

Senate Democrats aim ire at rich, obscure brothers

By Charles Babington
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic Senate candidates, facing withering criticism on the national health care law, are gambling they can turn voters against two billionaire brothers funding the attacks — even if few Americans would recognize the pair on the street.

In an accelerating counteroffensive stretching from the Senate chamber to Alaska, Democrats are denouncing Charles and David Koch, the key figures behind millions of dollars in conservative TV ads hammering Democratic candidates and their ties to President Barack Obama.

Democrats depict the Kansas-based Koch (pronounced "Coke") brothers as self-serving oil barons who pay huge sums to try to "buy" elections and advance their agenda of low taxes and less regulation. And they're using unusually harsh language in the Senate.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid says the Koch-financed ads against Democrats and the health care law contain lies "made up from whole cloth."

"I guess if you make that much money, you can make these immoral decisions," Reid, D-Nev., said in a recent Senate speech. "The Koch brothers are about as un-American as anyone I can imagine."

Republican Sen. Jerry Moran of Kansas defended the Kochs and compared Reid's remarks to the communist-baiting tactics of Joseph McCarthy.

The Democrats' strategy depends on persuading enough Americans that the Koch brothers, who rarely appear in public, are so significant and troubling that voters should reject the Republican candidates benefiting from their ads.

"When you connect the dots for the people," said Democratic adviser Chris Lehane, "the light bulb comes on."

In a time of stagnant working-class wages, they note, the Kochs have grown stupendously wealthy while pushing their conservative-to-libertarian causes. Forbes magazine ranks the brothers as tied for sixth among the world's richest people, worth $40 billion each.

Democratic pollster Geoff Garin said Americans, when given this basic information, believe the brothers are trying to elect a government that helps them at the expense of less wealthy people, who would fare better under Democratic policies.

"The polling we've done shows very clearly that people think these unlimited expenditures don't have anything to do with free speech and have everything to do with skewing what goes on with American government and American politics," said Garin, who advises Reid. To see the Kochs spend millions to try to privatize Social Security, reduce taxes on oil or "undermine environmental regulations is troubling to voters," he said.

Nonsense, Republicans say. "I can't imagine that's an effective tool," said Moran, who chairs the Senate Republicans' campaign committee.

In North Carolina — where Democratic Sen. Kay Hagan is enduring an avalanche of Koch-related ads denouncing her support of Obama's health policies — attacks on the Koch brothers will simply draw more attention to their message, said the state's other senator, Republican Richard Burr.

"I don't think there's any resentment to a group or individual spending their money to tell people what's really going on," Burr said.

Charles Koch, 78, and David Koch, 73, inherited a small oil company from their father. They expanded worldwide into chemicals, textiles, paper and other products, building a hugely profitable and privately held conglomerate.

Long active in conservative politics, they seized on the 2010 Citizens United court ruling that allows unlimited corporate spending on political campaigns, often without disclosing donors. They helped found Americans for Prosperity, which reported spending $122 million on elections in 2012.

With this year's election still eight months away, the Koch network already has spent $15 million on Senate races, mostly attacking Democrats over Obamacare. Republicans need to gain six seats to control the 100-member Senate.

Republicans note that liberal billionaires also spend heavily on politics. They point to environmentalist and hedge-fund manager Tom Steyer, who said he will spend at least $100 million on congressional and gubernatorial elections this year.

But Steyer is still examining the field, months after Koch-funded ads began pounding Democrats like Hagan. And Democrats said Steyer will not benefit financially by pushing his climate change agenda, whereas the Kochs' campaign for lower taxes and less regulation would help big businesses like theirs.

Reid, who admits he's no gifted orator, is leading the chorus with bombasts from the Senate chamber.

"Think about what an America rigged by the Koch brothers would look like," he said in one recent speech. "The Koch brothers don't care about creating a strong public education system in America," Reid said, nor a "strong safety net of Medicare and Social Security" or "a guarantee of affordable, quality health insurance for every American. Why? Because the Koch brothers can afford to buy all those benefits and more for themselves."

Reid told reporters: "I'm going to keep talking about them every chance I get because America should not be for sale."

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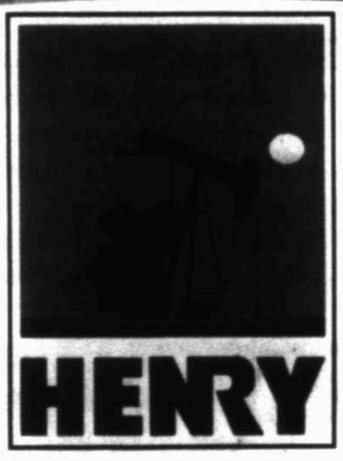

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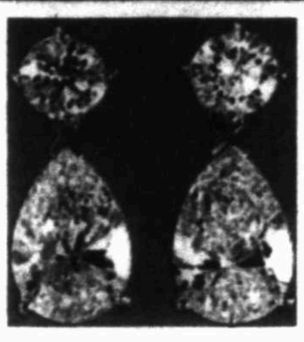

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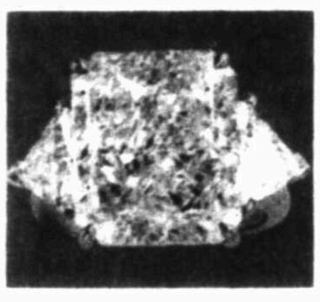

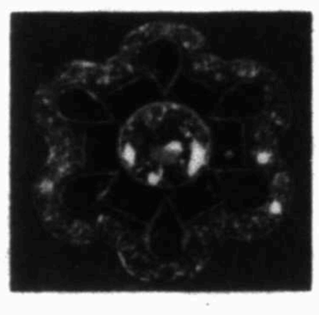

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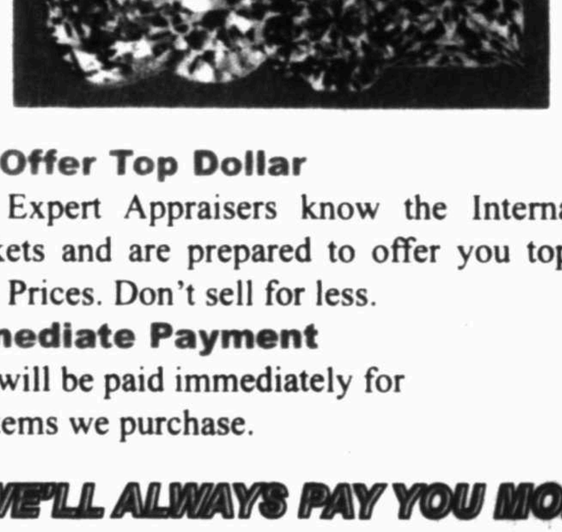

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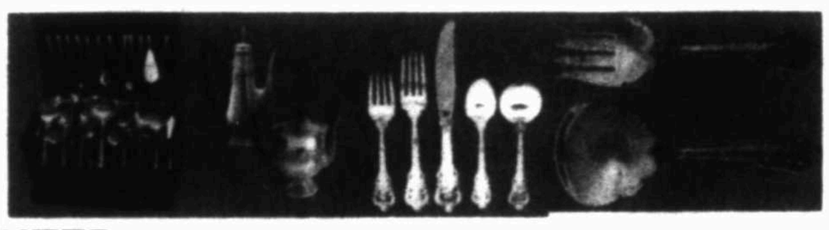

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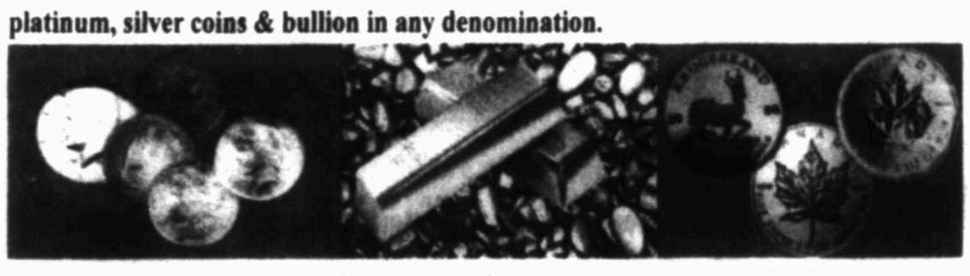

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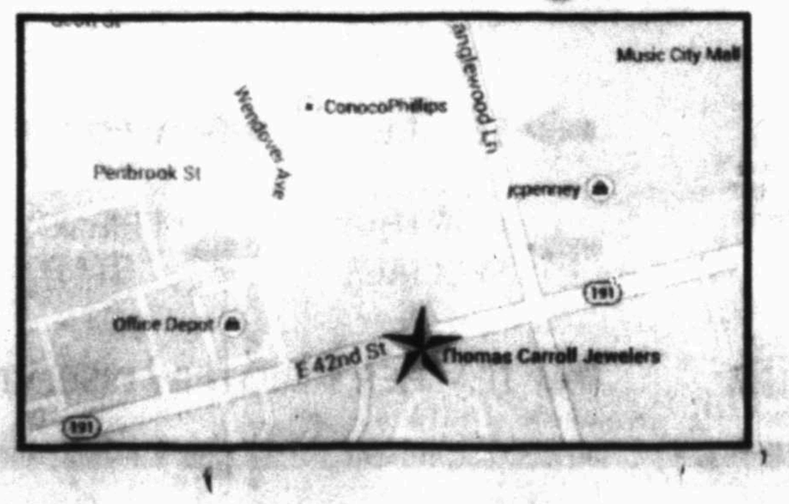

Man divides time between Midland, London

Ed Todd's Profiles

Being quite the cordial Brit immersed in America, Paul Sydney Taylor vividly recalled that instance in 2003 when he became a naturalized American citizen in a nation he holds dear while not forsaking his cherished British birthright.

"I did all the 10 questions on American history, proud of myself. Got 10 out of 10," said Taylor.

"Then the judge looked me straight in the eye and said: 'Are you willing to bear arms for the United States of America?'"

"Well, I'm 62," Taylor answered on a quirk with an accidental touch of the Churchill wit. "You would have to make me a general."

The judge — with a "glint in her eye"— presiding over the El Paso ceremony, signed him up as an American patriot, claiming dual British-American citizenry.

Taylor eventually wound up in Midland.

During a visit two years ago, while at Wall Street Bar and Grill, Taylor politely unseated himself to allow a group

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Paul Taylor sits for a photo in downtown Midland on March 6. Ish-born Taylor holds dual citizenship in his native England and the United States. The 72-year-old Taylor, a runner and a swimmer, is preparing for the 2014 London Marathon. The race, which is on April 13, will be his sixth 26.2-mile run.

Craft commander

Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Builder Hugh "Andy" Shaffer talks about the new maritime exhibit at the Centennial branch of the Midland County Public Library and how he handcrafted replica ships — shown in detail below — dating back to the 1500s.

Midlander's handcrafted ships on display

By Ragini Venkatasubban
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Spend a few minutes with Andy Shaffer, and you'll start to love ships as much as he does. The Midlander has spent decades of his life painstakingly building replicas of warships and merchant vessels from as early as the 1500s, right down to the miniature sails, planks and cannons.

Fourteen of Shaffer's model ships will be on display at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Visitors can view the exhibit during library hours until March 22.

If you go

Meet-and-Greet with Andy Shaffer, creator of the Midland Maritime Museum
5:30 p.m. Friday
Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

The exhibit includes a self-guided audio tour narrated by Shaffer, revealing the stories and secrets behind each ship. Visitors can check out one of two iPads preloaded with the audio tour as they walk through the exhibit.

Shaffer's love for model ships began when he was a 6-year-old in the early 1950s. Since then, he's built close to 20 handcrafted scale models, each of which can take anywhere from several months to several years to make. He affectionately calls his ships the "Midland Maritime Museum," which he keeps in his home when the exhibit is not on display around town.

When you talk to Shaffer, it's easy to see the enchanting history behind each ship. He describes every ship in detail, telling gripping tales about shipwrecks, ships that sailed no more than a thousand yards before capsizing and destroyed ships that survived for years with skeletons intact. Of the models he's built, he's traveled as far as Europe to visit each of the real ships that are still in existence.

Before he builds a ship, Shaffer researches its design and appearance to ensure historical accuracy. He wonders about the lives of the people who lived during that time and sailed on that ship. For the "Mary Rose," the flagship of King Henry VIII of England, he obtained the original ship's construction plans from the Mary Rose Trust in England and recreated it himself. He built that ship for his wife, Betty.

"To me, each ship is a story," he said. "I look at each ship that I build not only from the perspective of, 'Is it going to be pretty?' but also, 'What's the history behind it?' I look at these and I don't just see a ship; I see history."

A simple ship takes Shaffer about 300 hours to build. Complicated, design-heavy ships can take more than 1,000 hours. There are two ways to build a model ship — from a kit, which includes all of the materials and directions, or scratch-built.

Shaffer uses both methods. Some of his model ships contain wood from the original ship — such as his replica of the U.S.S. Constitution, which includes a piece of wood from the original ship that he bought in the exhibit's gift shop.

His unique passion for ships is only one part of his interesting life. Shaffer was an officer in the U.S. Army for

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Knife & Fork

This week's columnist is James Cannon.
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Celebrate Cajun culture with 'best sandwich ever'

Editor's note: Knife & Fork is a weekly column in which Reporter-Telegram staffers share recipes, cooking tips and stories from our kitchens.

Louisiana and Cajun culture has gotten a lot of attention recently. Mardi Gras and "True Detective" — the series finale Sunday was a cinematic masterpiece — are chiefly responsible.

Hosting a "True Detective" binge-watching party left me with the responsibility to cook a Cajun staple. Deciding to stay away from the obvious choices of gumbo or jambalaya and wanting to keep it meatless for Catholics avoiding the deliciousness of pig and chicken, shrimp po'boys emerged as the leading choice.

Growing up on the Atlantic Ocean, seafood was everywhere and cheap. Not so much in West Texas. That being said, H-E-B has an amazing seafood department for being in the middle-of-nowhere desert. Opt for fresh and preferably never frozen. To save money and for an authentic feel, peel the shrimp yourself.

Being known as a humble person, I'd say it was possibly the best sandwich ever created. I've perfected this recipe after more than 10 years of experimenting.

Before getting into the actual recipe, I need to disclose something about my cooking. I don't measure. Anything. I was taught to cook at a very young age by a group of very old Italian women and men who "just knew" the right amount of something based on an understanding of flavor composition and a gut feeling. Luckily that was passed on to me.

Shrimp po'boys

Salt
Garlic
Cayenne pepper
Oregano
Thyme
Black pepper
Onion salt
Crushed red pepper
Flour
Cornmeal or cornbread mix
Eggs
Milk

Rémoulade:
Mayo
Spicy brown mustard
Pickle juice or relish
Worcestershire sauce
Cayenne pepper
Hot sauce
Garlic powder or paste
Horseradish sauce
Crushed red pepper
At least 1.5 pounds of peeled and deveined shrimp
Olive, vegetable or peanut oil

Sandwich:
French roles halfed and butterflyed
Lettuce
Tomatoes
Pickle (optional)

Fill a deep cooking pot with at least 1 inch of oil and turn stove top to medium-high.

Mix all of the Rémoulade ingredients in a plastic bowl. Begin with about 2 1/2 cups of mayo. Add about half that volume of spicy brown mustard. From here on, literally just do a couple of shakes of Worcestershire Sauce, pickle juice, horseradish, garlic and crushed red pepper. Add cayenne and hot sauce to your level of heat. I added quite a bit. There's nothing better than a spicy shrimp sandwich to go with your cold beer. Whisk well, set aside.

Mix all dry ingredients into a plastic bowl. Start with flour, which should be at least 3 or 4 cups. Then add about a cup of cornmeal. Specifics aren't needed, you'll know about the right ratio. From there, add all of the spices. Just several shakes of salt, garlic, oregano, thyme, pepper, crushed red pepper and onion salt. Lastly, mix in enough cayenne pepper to turn the mixture into a pink-ish powder. Mix or stir until evenly distributed.

Mix two eggs and several splashes of milk

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Obituaries

Kyle Shannon Reed

Kyle Shannon Reed, 54, has ended his long and difficult struggle with Multiple Sclerosis. Graveside services were Monday at the Coleman Cemetery Pavilion; Bob Martin officiated.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the Elm Street Church of Christ Family Life Center in Coleman, Texas. Henderson Funeral Home of Coleman in charge of arrangements.

Kyle was born in Corpus Christi, Texas on July 5, 1959, the 'middle' son of Opal and the late Robert Reed.

He is survived by his mother and two brothers - Owen and wife Dianne of United Arab Emerits, along with Boyd and wife Karen Reed of Lucas, Texas; and by niece Katelyn Reed and nephew Austin Reed both of Abilene, Texas.

Kyle attended Tyler Jr. College and was noted for tutoring students in Calculus (which he used to do in his head.) He transferred to Texas A & M, graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. His first employment was with ARCO Oil and Gas in Midland, Texas. It was in Midland where he was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and later transferred to ARCO Towers in Dallas, where he was eventually retired due to disability.

Tired and weary after many illnesses and bouts with his disease, he lost his final battle with MS on Saturday, March 8, 2014.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made, if desired, to his favorite charity, the Wounded Warrior Project at Wounded Warrior Project - National Processing Center, P O Box 758541, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8541. Notices to be mailed to O. Reed 1517 Hillcrest Rd, Coleman, Texas 76834.

Mary J. Charles

Mary J. Charles, 60, of Midland, went home to be with her Heavenly Father and her beloved family on Sunday, March 9, 2014. She was born on July 22, 1953 in Mexico to the late Jesus Napoles, Sr. and Rosa Napoles.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jesus Napoles, Sr.; two sisters, Josephina Napoles and Janie Prado; and by one brother, Robert Napoles.

A rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine, with Father David Herrera officiating. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Mary's life as a homemaker was devoted to her children and grandchildren. Her true passion was serving Our Lord Jesus Christ as a Cursillisita and as a Eucharistic minister. When she wasn't serving at the church, she loved to spend her spare time with her children, grandchildren and family, they were her pride and joy!

Mary was a loving, caring woman with a beautiful soul that touched many lives. She will be greatly missed by her family and her friends.

Mary is survived by her four daughters, Terry Madrid, Laurie Guebara, Leslie Charles and Amanda Bejerano, all of Midland, Texas; her mother, Rosa Napoles of Midland, Texas; four brothers, Tony Napoles, Martin Napoles, Dcn Jesus Napoles, and Juan Napoles, all of Midland, Texas; 13 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and by numerous nephews and nieces.

The family would like to give their gratitude to all the nurses and doctors of Midland Memorial Hospital, Texas Oncology-Allison Cancer Center and Home Hospice.

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

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Bobby Dean Thames, Sr.

Having fought the good fight and finished the tough race, and having kept the faith, Bobby Dean Thames, Sr., 69, passed from this journey on earth to his eternal home on March 7, 2014.

He was born on October 28, 1944 to Andrew Jackson, Sr. and Eunice Hill in Oak Grove, Louisiana.

He married the love of his life, his high school sweetheart, Twyla Smith, on February 1, 1964 in Midland, Texas. Together they devoted their lives to their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Their story of love leaves a lasting example of love, sharing, forgiveness and sacrifice.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, and his precious grandson, Cade Andrew Thames.

He is survived by his loving wife, Twyla Thames of Midland; son, Craig Thames and wife Angie of Midland; son, Mark Thames and wife Vickie of Midland, son, Bob Thames, Jr. and fiancée Nicole of Odessa.

He is also survived by five other precious grandkids, Wesley Davis and wife Kandis of Big Spring, Leah Schultz and husband Dillon of Dallas, Shannon Thames and JJ Hill of Odessa, Tyler Thames of Midland and Timmy Thames of Midland.

In addition, he is survived by three brothers and one sister, numerous nieces, nephews, and other family members.

Memorial Services will be on Tuesday March 11, 2014 at The Inspiration Centre of Hospice from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 4629 Andrews Hwy Midland, Texas 79703. The family asks that donations be sent to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Midland County at 2304 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas 79705, in lieu of flowers.

Gabriella Paulina Garcia

Such a big miracle, in such a little girl!

Gabriella Paulina Garcia, 4 months, was given her angle wings on March 5, 2014 at Cook Children's Medical Center.

She was born to Juanito and Erica Garcia on October 15, 2013 in Odessa.

Left to cherish her sweet memory are her parents, Juanito and Erica Garcia of Midland; one brother, Nathaniel Garcia; maternal grandmother, Marisela Rodriguez of Andrews, Texas; paternal grandparents, Juan and Martina Garcia of Midland; and by numerous other family members and friends.

Viewing will be at American Heritage Chapel on Tuesday, March 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Funeral service will be held at American Heritage Chapel on Wednesday, March 12, 2014.

All arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

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Death Notices

James "Coach" Collinsworth

James "Coach" Collinsworth, 76, died Saturday March 8, 2014.

Funeral Services will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife, Carla Collinsworth; four sons; Rick Collinsworth, Cary Collinsworth, Cam Collinsworth, and Rob Dennis; one daughter, Angela Smithie; 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren; and by other family members.

Walter Clyde Peterson

Walter Clyde Peterson, 85, died on Sunday, March 9, 2014.

Survivors include his wife, Rebah Peterson; and by other family members.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at Kermit Cemetery in Kermit, Texas.

TAYLOR

From 1B

of couples to visit at the 1870s mahogany bar.

"Oh, we didn't mean to run you off," one of the patrons said.

"Madam," Taylor said he replied, "you did that in 1783."

The couples seemed to take a ready liking to him just as he, at age 21 in 1962, had launched his romance with the U.S. via Greyhound's $99 for 99 days of unlimited mileage for tourists visiting the States.

He traveled coast-to-coast — New York City to San Francisco and took in the Seattle World's Fair. He traveled widely, but not to Texas.

Then in the 1980s, he landed in West Texas when he married the daughter of a Midland oilman. He met Suzanne — "the light of my life" — when he was the European tour director for an American travel company. The marriage ended after 20 years.

Today, Taylor travels between Midland and London. He enjoys the West Texas culture — from the public library to the community theater that he thinks are among Midland's "jewels in the crown."

The 72-year-old Taylor, a runner and a swimmer, is preparing for the 2014 London Marathon. The race, which is on April 13, will be his sixth 26.2-mile run.

He completed his first marathon at age 42 in 1983 in London in three hours and 42 minutes.

"It has been downhill ever since," including the Paris Marathon, he said. "I don't care (about the time). As long as I finish on the same day, I'll be happy."

While in London, Taylor plans to join up with his youngest daughter, Rachel — a Midland native — for a half-marathon in the pastoral Richmond Royal Park on River Thames.

She is an artist-teacher in London's Royal Borough of Greenwich. Her mother, Suzanne, also teaches in London. Rachel will be in Thailand during her school's spring break while he is running.

"Of course, she is wonderful. All my kids are great," Taylor said. His other children are Brooke, who lives in New Jersey, and Christopher, who lives in Los Angeles.

In later years, Taylor plans to run the popular London Marathon with Rachel. "God decides, not us."

About 125,000 runners worldwide apply for about 35,000 places in the marathon's "carnival atmosphere."

Marathon-running is a "challenge, of course, just fantastic ... You are part of something big" that demands mental, physical and spiritual preparation and resolve.

Though he barely remembers images of World War II, Taylor, who was born in 1941, greatly admires British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, his indomitable wit, courage, resolve.

Taylor recalls the 1948 Olympiad — now called the Austerity Games because existing sports facilities were used for events instead of building new venues to stage modern Olympics, including the 2012 London Olympics.

"I had rather see a nation compete in sport than on the battlefield," said Taylor, who is "very pro-Olympic" and who applauds French historian Pierre de Coubertin's philosophy in organizing modern Olympics beginning in 1896.

"The important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle," Coubertin said. "The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well."

Taylor sees much to appreciate in America and Britain — cultural, heritage, spirit.

In Midland as in London, Taylor is precise and forthright in his language, skilled in his house-painting and maintenance and is appreciative when he is deemed a nitpicker, quite exacting.

In England, he deemed it "scandalous" that public libraries are closing. Growing up, one of 13 children, he frequented an Andrew Carnegie library in his neighborhood.

"If we want to prepare for the future, it is folly to cut schools and to cut libraries, and we will suffer as a society if we do.

"Leave the libraries alone unless you want a generation of Philistines" — materialistic and disdainful of intellectuual and artisitc values, he said.

Taylor said it is "bad enough that post offices and pubs are closing (in England) and changing our society."

He said Americans are a generous people who project "the can-do attitude that tomorrow will be better than today. It is up to us to make it that way.. Americans are optimistic on the whole and very much so in Midland. Midland has always had big ideas. Midland is a good place to raise a family."

KNIFE & FORK

From 1B

into a bowl and whisk.

Drop shrimp in egg wash and immediately dredge in spices and flour mixture. After fully coated, carefully place the shrimp in the lightly-boiling oil. Cook for around 45 seconds and flip with thongs for another 30 seconds or so. Remove from oil and let cool on paper towels or newspaper (True Louisana/Firoida style). Rinse and repeat.

Lather Rémoulade on both sides of the bread. Place tomatoes and lettuce evenly across the French role. Turn the bread on the plate to resemble a 'V' and cover with fried goodness.

Add more hot sauce. Open beer (preferably Lone Star or Shiner Bock)

Note: I specialize in Italian cuisine and will primarily be focusing on that when I write for Knife & Fork. Wait until you get my great-grandmother's gravy (marinara) recipe that starts from growing your own tomatoes (which I do). Also, check mrt.com this week for my famous (in a certain Florida Irish pub) Shepherd's pie recipe. After that, I'll be back in a few weeks for my first Italian recipe.

James Cannon/Reporter-Telegram

SHIPS

From 1B

more than 13 years, serving in combat in Vietnam. He was awarded three Bronze Star Medals and the Air Medal. He taught engineering for many years in the Army and sustained a long career in the oil and gas business. In what little spare time he had left, he built model ships.

Shaffer has donated quite a few of his ships to organizations around town, including the Midland County Public Library and Community & Senior Services. At an upcoming library fundraiser, he will auction off a custom-built, handcrafted replica of the U.S.S. Constitution that he will build specially for whoever buys it. The model will include wood from the original ship. Bidding starts at $2,500. The ship will be auctioned off at "An Evening with Amanda Beard," a Library Foundation fundraiser, March 22 at the Centennial library.

'Fatal Vision' author Joe McGinniss dies at age 71

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joe McGinniss, the adventurous and newsmaking author and reporter who skewered the marketing of Richard Nixon in "The Selling of the President 1968" and tracked his personal journey from sympathizer to scourge of convicted killer Jeffrey MacDonald in the blockbuster "Fatal Vision," died Monday at age 71.

McGinniss, who announced last year that he had been diagnosed with inoperable prostate cancer, died from complications related to his disease. His attorney and longtime friend, Dennis Holahan, said he died at a hospital in Worcester, Mass.

Few journalists of his time so intrepidly pursued a story, burned so many bridges or more memorably placed themselves in the narrative, whether insisting on the guilt of MacDonald after seemingly befriending him or moving next door to Sarah Palin's house for a most unauthorized biography of the former Alaska governor and Republican vice presidential candidate.

The tall, talkative McGinniss had early dreams of becoming a sports reporter and wrote books about soccer, horse racing and travel. But he was best known for two works that became touchstones in their respective genres — campaign books ("The Selling of the President") and true crime ("Fatal Vision"). In both cases, he had become fascinated by the difference between public image and private reality.

McGinniss was a columnist for The Philadelphia Inquirer in 1968 when an advertising man told him he was joining Hubert Humphrey's presidential campaign. Intrigued that candidates had advertising teams, McGinniss was inspired to write a book and tried to get access to Humphrey. The Democrat turned him down, but, according to McGinniss, Nixon aide Leonard Garment allowed him in, one of the last times the ever-suspicious Nixon would permit a journalist so much time around him. Garment and other Nixon aides were apparently unaware, or unconcerned, that McGinniss' heart was very much with the anti-war agitators the candidate so despised.

The Republican's victory that fall capped a once-unthinkable comeback for the former vice president, who had declared six years earlier that he was through with politics. Having lost the 1960 election in part because of his pale, sweaty appearance during his first debate with John F. Kennedy and aware of his reputation as a partisan willing to play dirty, Nixon had restricted his public outings and presented himself as a new and more mature candidate.

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CNBC	46	45		39	72	(4:00) TBA		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan Live	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Ozarks "Gates of Hell"		Amish "De Rott" (N)		Amish Mafia (N)		Ozarks "War Bug" (N)		Amish "Deadly Sins"		Ozarks "War Bug"	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Dog Blog	I Didn't	Liv/Mad	Austin	Jessie	A.N.T.	Jessie	Dog Blog	Austin	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketb. Horizon League Tournament (L)				NCAA Basketball WCC Tournament (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball NEC Tournament (L)				NCAA Basket. Summit League Tournament (L)				Olbermann (L)		Olbermann	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Liar "Cover For Me"		Liar "Unbridled" (N)		Twisted (N)		Liar "Unbridled"		The 700 Club		Twisted	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Diners...	Diners...	Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Stars Insider	Ultimate Insider	H.S. Basketball UIL State Championship Boys 5A			Icons of Coaching	Mavs Pre (L)		NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks vs. Golden State Warriors Site: The Oracle - Oakland, Calif. (L)			
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★ Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen ('09, Act) Shia LaBeouf.						Justified (N)		(:15) Justified "Wrong roads"			Justified
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	The Waltons		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Property	Property	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	HouseH	House (N)	Flip It to Win It		FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Counting	Counting	Counting	Counting	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Counting	Counting
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Dance Moms		Dance Moms "No Solo for You"		Dance Moms "Blame it on the New Girl" (N)		Kim of Queens "Allisyn s Big Bet" (N)		Bring It! "You Better Bring It!"		Dance Moms "No Solo for You"	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
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SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Ink Master "Bug Out"		Tattoo Nation				Ink Master		Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Face Off		Face Off		Face Off (N)		Geek Wed "Pilot" (N)		Face Off		Geek Wed "Pilot"	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Beard"	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Cougar Town (N)	Big Bang Theory	Conan		Holmes (N)	Conan
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:30) Paratrooper		Carson	Carson	Carson (L)		★★★★ Designing Woman		(:15)	★★★ Sex and the Single Girl		
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		La impostora		En otra piel		Camella la texana		Al rojo	(:35) Titular	En otra piel	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	My Five Wives		Medium on the Road "San Francisco"		Little C. "Big Updates: Zoey Makes 4" (N)		The Little Couple "The Unexpected" (N)		Little C. "Big Updates Zoey Makes 4"		The Little Couple "The Unexpected"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Cloudy With a Chance of Murder"		Rizzoli & Isles "Just Push Play"		Rizzoli & Isles "Food for Thought"		Perception "Cobra"		Rizzoli & Isles "Food for Thought"		(:05) Perception "Cobra"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	Gilligan	Gilligan	Gilligan	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Undercover"		Law & Order: Victims Unit "Swing"	Special	Modern Family	Modern "Hawaii"	Chrisley Knows (N)	Chrisley Knows (N)	Modern Family	Sirens "Pilot"	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs vs. Chicago Bulls Site: United Center - Chicago, Ill. (L)						Mother "Pilot"	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Parks and Rec	Parks and Rec

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Pearland man recalls cars he drove in college

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Big Spring storyteller

Dick Kendall, of Pearland, does standup comedy. He appears at comedy clubs, on cruise ships and in Las Vegas. He was my roommate at Baylor and we have kept up with each other since our university days. The other day I was in Houston, called Dick and we agreed to meet at Cracker Barrel in Pearland. Somehow the subject got around to cars and I told Dick, "Wouldn't it be great if we had kept all those good old cars we had when we were younger." Dick replied, "I never did own a good car when I was young."

Maybe Dick's parents are to blame. When he entered Baylor, he got involved with all sorts of campus activities and told his dad he really needed a car for a certain event. Mr. Kendall reluctantly gave Dick the use of his own car, a 1946 four-door Nash sedan. Now this was in the '50s when muscle cars were coming on the scene. Guys who drove them got lots of dates. Dick was driving the Nash up a hill, poking along and his passenger said, "Why don't your give this thing some gas?" Dick said the accelerator was already all the way down.

The first car Dick bought at Baylor was a 1929 Model A. He paid $27.99 for it. That's right. $27.99.

"It really got the girls," said Dick. "It had a wooden floor that originally had a rubber mat over it. The mat was long gone and one of the floorboards came out so you could watch the street go by as you drove along. I had a date one cold winter night and my date was so excited to get to wear her fur coat. She needed it because the wind came up through that hole in the floor. I never could get another date with her. Don't know why."

When Dick slowed down, the mechanical brakes squealed so loud people covered their ears. Dick was going away for a weekend just about the time the clutch went out on the old buggy. He pulled it into a metered parking place in downtown Waco, walked away and left town. When he got back, the car was gone. "I called the police and they said it was impounded because it had been left in a parking space all weekend and nobody fed the meter." The fine to get the car was $25. Dick told the police that was nearly as much as he paid for it. He told them, "Why don't you just keep it."

Dick's next car was a big step up. It was a 1947 Buick convertible. Yellow. Full of dents and rust. "I paid $99 for that one," said Dick. "It had hydraulic windows that rolled up and down with the touch of a button." Dick was big man on campus with that car. He drove around until he saw a crowd of people, then cruised by rolling his windows up and down. A real show-off.

Brake fluid was somehow involved with those windows and one morning Dick went out to see the windows in his car were down. Apparently there was a leak in the brake fluid line and brake fluid had pooled up underneath the back seat. Dick said it was a good thing the windows were down because you couldn't stand the smell if they were up. He doesn't know what happened to that car, but thinks it just rusted away.

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We are very sad to report that Greenwood had complications during and after his surgery. He passed away late yesterday afternoon. Any donations mailed will be returned if requested.
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A loquat tree is shown in this undated photo.

NEIL SPERRY

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Loquat seedlings should be kept in pots for a year

Dear Neil: Our loquat tree produces fruit, and I planted three seeds in pots last summer. They started growing last fall, and now one is 10 inches tall, the other two about 6 inches tall. When should I plant them, and should they be separated? They are all currently in the same pot.

Answer: Loquats are beautiful trees, even if they're winter-tender in much of Texas. You should separate those trees before any more time passes this spring. They're large enough to pot up individually. I'd put each tree into a 5-gallon nursery pot that has been filled with a lightweight potting soil. You want to do that before they start active spring growth that could be damaged by the loss of roots that will occur. Keep them in pots for a year, so you can protect them from next winter's cold, then set them out in their permanent homes next spring.

Dear Neil: What insect stings tomatoes just before they ripen, causing them to rot from the inside, and how can I eliminate the pests? They look like stink bugs, but they are black.

Answer: That sounds like the damage of the leaf-footed bug. They are occasional visitors to tomato fruit as it nears maturity, and the damage you described is a match. They are a bit difficult to eliminate, but most product manufacturers have at least one or two garden insecticides that list them on their labels. Repeat applications may be needed.

Dear Neil: A weed is growing in the cemetery where I work. We cannot seem to eliminate it. I've tried pulling it, but I can't get all of the roots, and the sprays I've tried haven't helped. What could I apply that might offer us some help?

Answer: The same products should control most non-grassy weeds. Apply a spray containing 2,4-D, probably in a three-way blend known as Trimec. Spray when the weed is growing actively, and don't mow for several days before or after you spray. Do not spray when winds exceed 5 to 10 mph. Read label directions and follow them explicitly. Be especially cautious using any herbicide around existing trees and shrubs. Those precautions sound stifling, but they really aren't, once you get the hang of things. Retreat in two or three weeks if necessary.

Dear Neil: My new property has several oak trees that are surrounded by stone borders that are almost 10 feet in diameter. Weeds come up within the beds. I was told not to apply weedkillers within the beds, for fear of damaging the tree roots. I was told not to use weedblocking fabric because of the drought. I don't want to hand-pull the weeds again this year. What can I do?

Answer: You can certainly apply a glyphosate-only herbicide (no other active ingredients) around trees' trunks without fear of damaging the trees. They are quite effective in eliminating invading bermudagrass. Your only concern would be to keep the spray away from any green (no bark) tree trunk tissues that might be exposed. And I'm not entirely sure why a weed-blocking fabric would be of concern during drought. By killing weeds, it would rebate all the water they would have been using. I think that warning is in error. A 1-inch layer of mulch would also slow growth of weed seedlings. So there are three good options. Personally, I would start by spot-spraying with the glyphosate once the weeds are up and growing actively.

Dear Neil: I have two fig bushes that have sprouts coming up from their trunks. Can these be pruned? If so, when and how?

Answer: I'm glad you referred to these as "bushes" and not "trees," as so many people do. Because they are truly large shrubs in Texas, it's fine to have new shoots coming off their trunks. If a branch is damaged, or if it is rubbing another branch, you can certainly prune. Each cut should be made flush with a larger branch. Do not leave stubs. That pruning can be done now. Late winter is the ideal time in future years.

Dear Neil: A friend has a brunfelsia plant that has made it through one winter in College Station, but this spring, most of the plant's leaves are dark (almost black). Is this a problem with the high sodium level in College Station water? What can be done about it?

Answer: If this plant was outside in College Station this past winter, it almost assuredly froze. It was much colder than the plant can normally endure. Hopefully it will come back from its roots. Sodium damage, for what it's worth, is indicated by marginal browning around the leaf edges. You normally don't see it in the winter.

Dear Neil: We have an 8-year-old Meyer lemon tree that has grown to be 10 feet tall. It has had a scale outbreak for many of those years. For the first while, I was able to reach all the pests, but now it's so tall and full of branches that I can't reach the trunk, where scale now covers the bark. What might I do?

Answer: Scale insects are traditionally among the most difficult pests to eliminate. Horticultural oil sprays applied during winter will help. A systemic insecticide applied as a soil drench could also help, but not if your plant has fruit in place. You'll have to be vigilant, and several treatments will be needed. The dead scales will not fall off, but they will become dry and flaky as they die.

How to turn a rosemary bush into a tree

LEE REICH

Associated Press gardening columnist

Picture a little rosemary tree at your kitchen window, standing there upright and green as if in defiance to the wintry scene beyond the panes.

This little tree offers more than decoration and winter cheer. Pass your hand lightly over the leaves, close your eyes, and the scent will carry you to a sunbaked Mediterranean hillside, the plant's native habitat. Snip off a few leaves for cooking, and your tongue will similarly transport you to milder climes.

Grown as a little tree rather than as a sprawling shrub (its natural inclination), a rosemary plant takes up little sill space and is easy to prune. Here's how to make that tree.

START WITH A TRUNK

Begin with a small rosemary plant, grown from seed or cuttings, or bought. Seed is slowest and most difficult, cuttings root easily, and the bought plant will still offer you the satisfaction of training the tree. Even naturally creeping varieties can be coaxed into becoming little trees, but if you have a choice, choose a naturally upright variety such as Majorca Pink or Salem.

Single out one stem to become the future trunk of your plant, completely removing all stems except for this trunk-to-be at the base of the plant. The most vigorous, upright stem is the obvious candidate. In the case of a creeping variety, just select any healthy stem and stake it upright. Poke a dowel or thin piece of bamboo into the soil near the base of the plant and tie a piece of soft yarn tightly around the stake, then loosely around the stem.

As growth begins, the trunk-to-be will elongate, new stems will sprout out along it, and other stems might sprout near the base of the plant as trunk wannabes. The latter are most common with creeping varieties, which have bushier inclinations..

Your goal in the weeks ahead is to promote elongation and thickening of the trunk-to-be. To that end, keep cutting away any new stems sprouting from the base of the plant. Pinch back to just a few leaves any stems sprouting along the trunk-to-be. Doing so keeps them subordinate but lets them help thicken the trunk.

AND NOW THE HEAD

Once the trunk reaches full height, your goals change: You now want to stop growth and create a bushy head. But how high is "full height"? It's all for show, and what looks good depends on how big a head you are going to give the plant and how big a pot the plant will eventually call home. Generally, a head two to three times the height and just slightly more than the width of the pot looks good. Stop growth at the desired height by pinching off the growing tip of the trunk, a simple operation that awakens growth of buds down along the trunk.

Create the bushy head by repeatedly pinching — and thus inducing more branching — the tips of all shoots that sprout from the top few inches of trunk. Now define that head more clearly by completely removing all stems and leaves further down the trunk.

All these prunings need not be wasted, of course. They could be used as flavoring or as cuttings to make yet more plants.

ONGOING CARE

Maintain your little tree by repeatedly nipping back the ends of stems, which keeps your plant compact, neat and elegant, and provides plenty of rosemary leaves for flavoring.

A final tip: Although rosemary thrives in the dry air of the Mediterranean region and of our homes, the soil must be kept moist. Rosemary's narrow leaves never droop, so your only indication that the plant needs water might otherwise be a dead plant.

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RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

Thin seedlings now for the best results during flowering. It's thrilling to see seeds germinate and the temptation is strong to keep every single little plant, but don't do it. Crowded seedlings will never reach their potential in size, flowering and general performance. Crowded seedlings all compete for the same water, nutrients and space. Left unthinned they wilt and succumb to stress and disease easily. Flowers will be sparse, small and fleeting because they run out of water so quickly. Powdery mildew, downy mildew and other fungal problems are fostered by crowded growth and restricted air movement.

Start yesterday — OK, today — to thin seedlings to a reasonable spacing based on the species and how much room they need to perform. Larkspur is a lovely cool season flowering annual that often requires thinning. Plants are naturally tall and slender, but they still need to be thinned about 6-12 inches apart for the best display and health.

Some of the seedlings slated for thinning could actually be transplanted. Once seedlings reach the second pair of true leaves stage, they are large enough and still small enough to be successfully transplanted. Handle seedlings by their leaves rather than the stem which is easily damaged and can result in failure. Plant at the same level the seedling grew in the soil and give it a little water as soon as it is planted.

If you are only interested in thinning, you can pull plants out or cut them out with a pair of scissors. Cutting the stems just above the soil will kill the unwanted seedling, but not disrupt the roots of the remaining plants.

Cool-season flowering annuals are needing thinning attention right now. California poppies, annual poppies, bachelor buttons and bluebonnets are just a few of the plants that may need to be thinned.

The earlier you thin, the better the results during flowering. Provide re-leaf for your spring color by thinning early and often.

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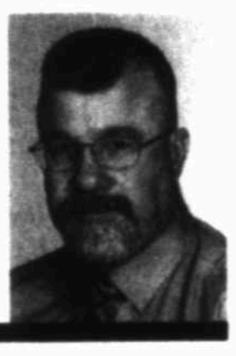
Careful landscape planning now will prevent headaches



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Thoughtful planning of your landscape today may save years of headaches. Why do we plant such large trees in front of our homes? Small to medium-sized trees in the front lawn may do a better job of creating a proper perspective of a home's dimensions, while larger trees behind the home may help visually soften its roofline.

More than two decades ago when my wife and I purchased our home, we weren't thinking much about the landscape. Today we still grapple with some inherited problems that we did not recognize then. A large afghan pine tree on the southeastern corner of the lot now shades almost the entire front lawn all year and makes our home appear tiny.

It is nice to have a large tree cast its shadow over your lawn in the summer, but the deep shade will limit your plant choices. A medium-sized deciduous tree would probably have been a much better option for an east-facing front lawn. After dropping its leaves, a deciduous tree will allow the sun to beam warmth onto the home in the winter when it is most welcome.

I have thinned the branches of the afghan pine as much as I dare in an effort to permit a little more light to infiltrate to the lawn beneath. While this is not a good reason to prune a tree, it is preferable to removing it and facing the incessant summer sun in that location. Our landscape faces that scenario in the backyard.

The west-facing back side of the home was originally protected from the summer heat by a mulberry tree. The tree offered several advantages in addition to its deep shade. From the front curb, the large mulberry was visible above the home and helped relax its rigid lines. Shade from the large tree also offered a little escape from the otherwise increased expense of cooling the home in the summer. However, it was not quite perfect.

Unfortunately, the mulberry had been poorly maintained and virtually nothing was able to grow in the heavily shaded nutrient-poor soil beneath the canopy. The soil could scarcely contain the thirsty shallow roots of the tree. Realizing the mulberry would be short-lived; the decision was made to replace it with something more regionally adapted.

Today, the Afghan still provides too much year-round shade while the back of the home now faces some of the summer's unrelenting heat as a result of removing the mulberry. The more drought-tolerant shade trees that replaced the mulberry will someday cast just the right amount of shade and improve the appearance of the home.

The point is the best time to make adjustments to your landscape is on paper before your home is built. The next best time is today. By careful planning, you virtually guarantee a greater long-term enjoyment of your property and its increased resale value.

Your County Extension Service offers help. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension with the support of the Permian Basin Master Gardeners, Keep Midland Beautiful, Keep Odessa Beautiful and the Commemorative Air force will be hosting a Home Landscape Design Course intended for the general public.

The upcoming four-evening Earth-Kind Home Landscape School will be 6:30-9:30 p.m. March 31, April 1, April 7 and April 8 at the Commemorative Air Force Museum, 9600 Wright Drive. Plan to attend all four evenings. The cost is $145 for a household with two adults.

In the classes, you will learn how to design or redesign your landscape. Registrants will receive a course packet that contains a design template for your property and lists of trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals that perform well in West Texas landscapes. Also included are two tickets to the Commemorative Air Force Museum, a tour of the water quality demonstration garden and a 30-minute one-on-one landscape design consultation followed up by a site visit. Presenters include regional Horticulture expert Debbie Frost and Extension landscape specialist Steve George. For more information call 498-4071 or email jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.

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TODAY: Sunny High: 86 Low: 36

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 56 Low: 36

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 63 Low: 46

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 73 Low: 46

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 75 Low: 48

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 70 Low: 46

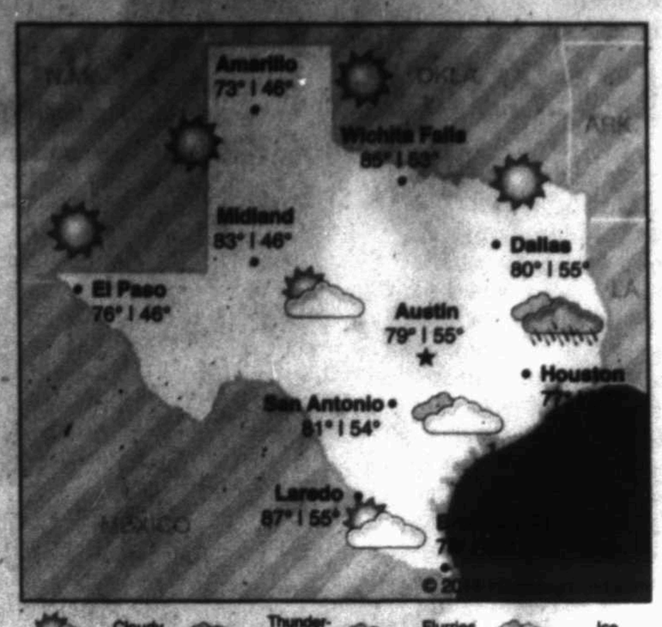
Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 86 and west winds between 10 and 15 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 36 and very windy northwest winds between 15 and 25 mph becoming northeast between 25 and 35 mph in the evening. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

Wednesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 56 and north winds between 15 and 20 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 36 and northeast winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 63 and a low around 46.

The high on Monday reached 75, while the low dropped to 37. The record high for March 10 is 88 set in 1954. The record low is 14 set in 1948.



Precipitation

Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
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Year total	0.26 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.46 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	75
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Normal low	40
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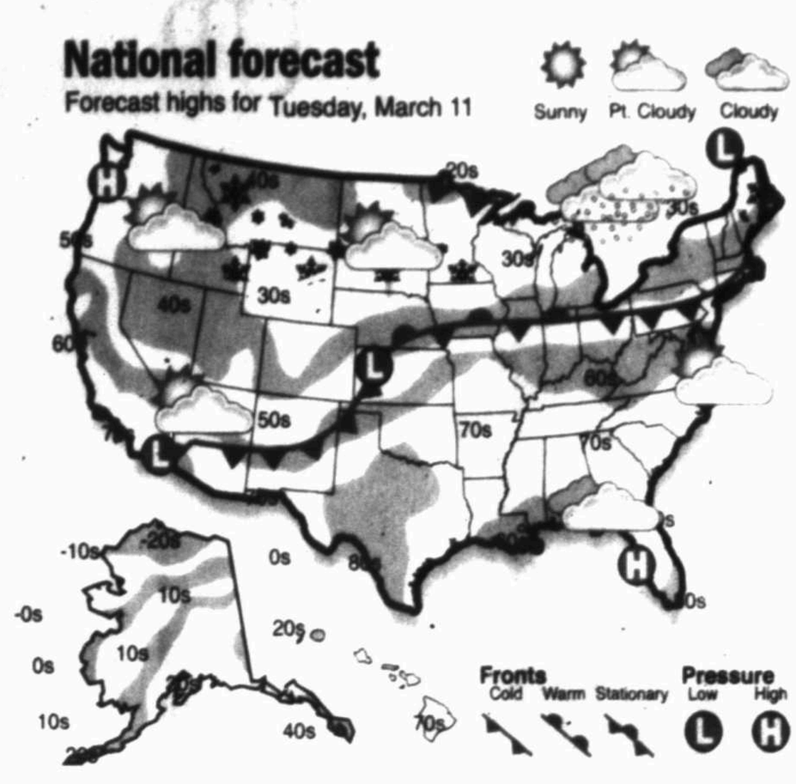
Sunset	7:54 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, March 11



Stalker starts dating cousin of woman who dumped him

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: About a year ago, I stopped seeing a man I'll call "Vince." Since then he has been stalking me. He sends me texts with photos he took of us while we were dating, but distorts them to make me look like I'm stabbing him in the heart. He sends videos with my head on a dancing Barbie doll. My neighbors tell me they see him drive past my house. (He lives across town.) I refuse to talk to him now because he scares me.

Vince has now begun making moves on my cousin "Nancy." She says their relationship isn't romantic, but others have told me they have seen them cuddle at restaurants and parks. He still continues to send me scary pictures and emails.

How can I tell Nancy about this without her thinking it's jealous retaliation against their new relationship? I honestly believe he is getting close to her only to spite me and keep an emotional hold on me. His relationship with her has made me afraid to tell her about my personal life or hang out with her for fear that he'll show up with her. — CONFUSED IN OREGON

DEAR CONFUSED: I don't blame you for feeling intimidated, which is what your stalker is trying to accomplish. You can put an end to it by having your neighbors document his "drive-bys" and turning the pictures, videos and any other communications Vince has sent you over to the police. If he sent them via U.S. mail, the postmarks on the envelopes (and fingerprints) will prove what he has been up to. It may take a restraining order to put an end to this.

As to his relationship with your cousin, I agree that if she has feelings for him, she'll be reluctant to believe anything you tell her isn't sour grapes. However, if you show her the texts he's sending you — I presume they're time-stamped — she may believe you.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Dawn" for more than a year. She has an amazing 7-year-old daughter, "Charise," who started calling me Dad about six months after her mother and I began dating. I love being a "dad" — going to the park, on trips, helping out at school and telling bedtime stories.

The problem is, I don't love Dawn. We don't get along well anymore. My mother tells me I should find someone else and have kids of my own, but Charise "feels" like my kid. I can't imagine losing her.

One friend suggested I marry Dawn so I can stay in her daughter's life, but I want to be in love with the woman I marry. Am I wrong for not wanting to lose a child I consider my daughter, but not wanting to marry someone I don't love? — SPINNING MY WHEELS IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SPINNING: Charise may "feel" like your child, but she ISN'T. And even though she may call you "Dad," you AREN'T. Your romance with her mother is already on the downhill slide, so the kindest thing you could do for all concerned is end the relationship. But before you do, it is important that you make clear to Charise that it has nothing to do with her or your feelings for her.

Your mother is right. You need to settle down with someone you can love. To follow your friend's suggestion would be a huge mistake.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Timing!

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 10 7 5
♡ A 4
◇ A K 6 3
♣ 8 6 4

WEST
♠ 4 3
♡ J 10 9 3
◇ J 9 8
♣ K J 9 7

EAST
♠ 9 2
♡ Q 6 5 2
◇ Q 10 7 2
♣ 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 8 6
♡ K 8 7
◇ 5 4
♣ A Q 10

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3 *	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

* Agrees spades, slam try

Opening lead: Jack of ♣

North-South employed a popular modern "toy" — a bid in the "other" major at the three-level, after a Stayman response, to show a fit with slam interest. South cue-bid his club control and North drove to the excellent slam.

South wisely paused to consider his chances before playing to trick one. The slam needed no more than to find East with one of the two missing club honors — a 75 percent chance. Declarer saw that he could improve this to 100 percent should the opponents' trumps split 2-2. He carefully won the opening heart lead in hand with the king before testing the trumps. When they did split 2-2, South's care at trick one bore fruit.

Declarer next cashed the ace and king of diamonds before ruffing a diamond in hand. A heart back to the ace allowed him to ruff dummy's last diamond, followed by ruffing his last heart on the board. The contract was now guaranteed. The hearts and diamonds had been eliminated from both hands and South could lead a club, inserting the 10 (or the queen) when East played low. West could win, but would have to either yield a ruff-sluff or play a club back into declarer's tenace! Either way, 12 tricks. Well played!

Had South won the opening lead in dummy, he could not time the hand properly. He would not be able to draw trumps before eliminating the side suits and still end in dummy. On this lie of the cards, he could succeed by leading the queen or 10 from his hand, but that would not be 100 percent!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 11, 2014:

This year you experience a natural schism between your mind and your emotions. Many of you might choose to listen to one voice instead of the other. Decide what the right one for you is. If you are single, you will meet several potential suitors. Enjoy the dating process. Mr. or Ms. Right might be right around the corner. If you are attached, your awareness of your feelings and thoughts will evolve into many discussions with your significant other. Add more romance by re-enacting your first date, or other memorable occasions. Some of you might decide to act out your first encounter. Have fun with your sweetie! LEO is a romantic, like you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Misunderstandings seem to lurk, yet there seems to be a sense of emotional connection. You keep ignoring verbal disconnects as if they are nothing. Be aware that, sooner or later, someone will get angry. The good news is that it likely won't be you. Tonight: Try to keep the peace!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You have a way about you that draws in many people except that one person who seems so distant. Conversations will seem awkward at best, yet the emotional connection endures. Be open-minded, even if someone is being sarcastic or difficult. Tonight: Out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You might be overly concerned about your finances, especially when you look at the situation intellectually. Your emotions could be telling you something very different. It boils down to this: How much do you trust your feelings? Tonight: Use moderation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You will have a very emotional bond with someone. You could feel so connected to this person, yet you might think and speak very differently from how he or she does. Try to sort out any verbal misunderstandings. Respect your differences. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ The Lion usually roars, but you might opt to be invisible today. You'll see a situation evolving, and you could be very worried about the outcome. Share your feelings only if asked. For now, the less said the better. Tonight: Nap, and you will feel much better.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Keep your focus on the whole rather than on the individual. You will be more effective, and others will be more responsive. Confusion surrounds communication, but your intentions will be made known. Use care with spending. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ Pressure continues to intensify, no matter what you do. You easily could find yourself feeling angry about the situation. You also could feel financially limited. Make sure that you stay in touch with a boss or older friend. Tonight: Work late if need be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Take an overview, and refuse to be reactive. Your knee-jerk reactions seem to be right-on, so follow your gut feelings. You instinctively will want control, but that might not be possible at this point in time. Tonight: Tap into your imagination for inspiration.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Deal with others on a one-on-one basis right now. You will find that communication might not be as difficult as you previously thought. Still, there could be some awkward moments. You seem to be holding a lot in. Tonight: Munchies with a friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You'll feed off the energy of those around you. They seem enthusiastic and more than willing to do what it takes to reach a mutual goal. Generally you are the leader, and they are the followers. Enjoy the change and the break from such intensity. Tonight: Go with a suggestion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You are able to accomplish a lot and remain focused by pulling away from others. Your persona at work might be more serious than you intend to project. News seems to carry a controversial aspect that could cause a disagreement. Tonight: Don't push too hard.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Your imagination touches many different realms and subjects. Others notice that faraway look. Some people could feel rejected by your attitude, while others will feel intrigued. A close friend might want to be the most important topic on your mind. Tonight: Avoid a fight.

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BORN TODAY

U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia (1936), business magnate Rupert Murdoch (1931), civil-rights leader Ralph Abernathy (1926)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Pi r squared, for a circle
5 Encyclopedia tidbit
9 Big-time
14 Speeds (up)
15 __ about: roughly
16 Render speechless
17 Penniless
19 Powerful person
20 Cozy corner
21 Monogram part: Abbr.
23 Singer DiFranco
24 Crone
26 Like champion sprinters
29 Capri suffix
30 Little lie
31 Church-founded Dallas sch.
32 FDR's dog
34 Confused mental states
37 Mythological sky holder
41 Worker in the sky
44 Foil maker
45 Struggling to decide
46 Bone: Pref.
47 Queue after Q
49 20s dispenser, for short
51 Darjeeling, for one
52 Suggest something tentatively
57 "Bad" cholesterol letters
58 Key next to the space bar
59 "A Visit From the Goon Squad" Pulitzer-winning novelist Jennifer
60 March Madness org.
62 Pig __
64 Piece for two winds
68 Pillar from a fire
69 Film director's unit
70 Look at rudely
71 Slipped gently (into)
72 Renders speechless
73 Wobbly table stabilizer

DOWN

1 "Bow-wow!"
2 Belief sys.
3 Pertaining to the gospel
4 Concerning
5 Warehouse vehicle
6 "It's __-win situation"
7 Newswoman Roberts
8 River through Nottingham
9 Direct, as a father-son conversation
10 Doctors' org.
11 Try to punch
12 Layer with "holes" in it
13 Opener's second call, in bridge
18 Big Broadway hit, slangily
22 Stipulations
24 Teamsters president James
25 For any reason
27 WWII torpedo craft
28 One-up
33 Greek marketplace
35 Pontiac muscle car relaunched briefly in 2004
36 Valuable violin
38 Comeback victor's vindication
39 Fed the kitty
40 Filch
42 Hurried
43 International accords
48 Schoolyard game
50 Riot control weapon
52 Like lies
53 Alpaca kin
54 Director Preminger and others
55 U.S.-Mexico-Canada commerce pact
56 Bride's new relative, say
61 Hullabaloos
63 Eisenhower nickname
65 Guitar cousin
66 Brother of Peyton Manning
67 President pro __

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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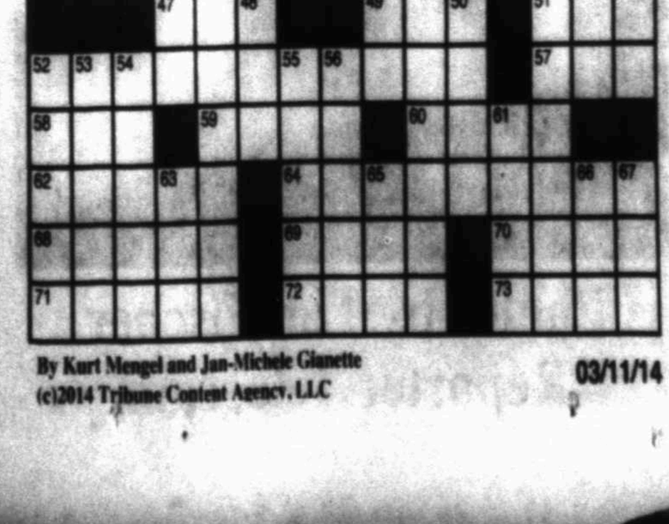

By Kurt Mengel and Jan-Michele Gianotte
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JERSEY SHORES UP HOUSE

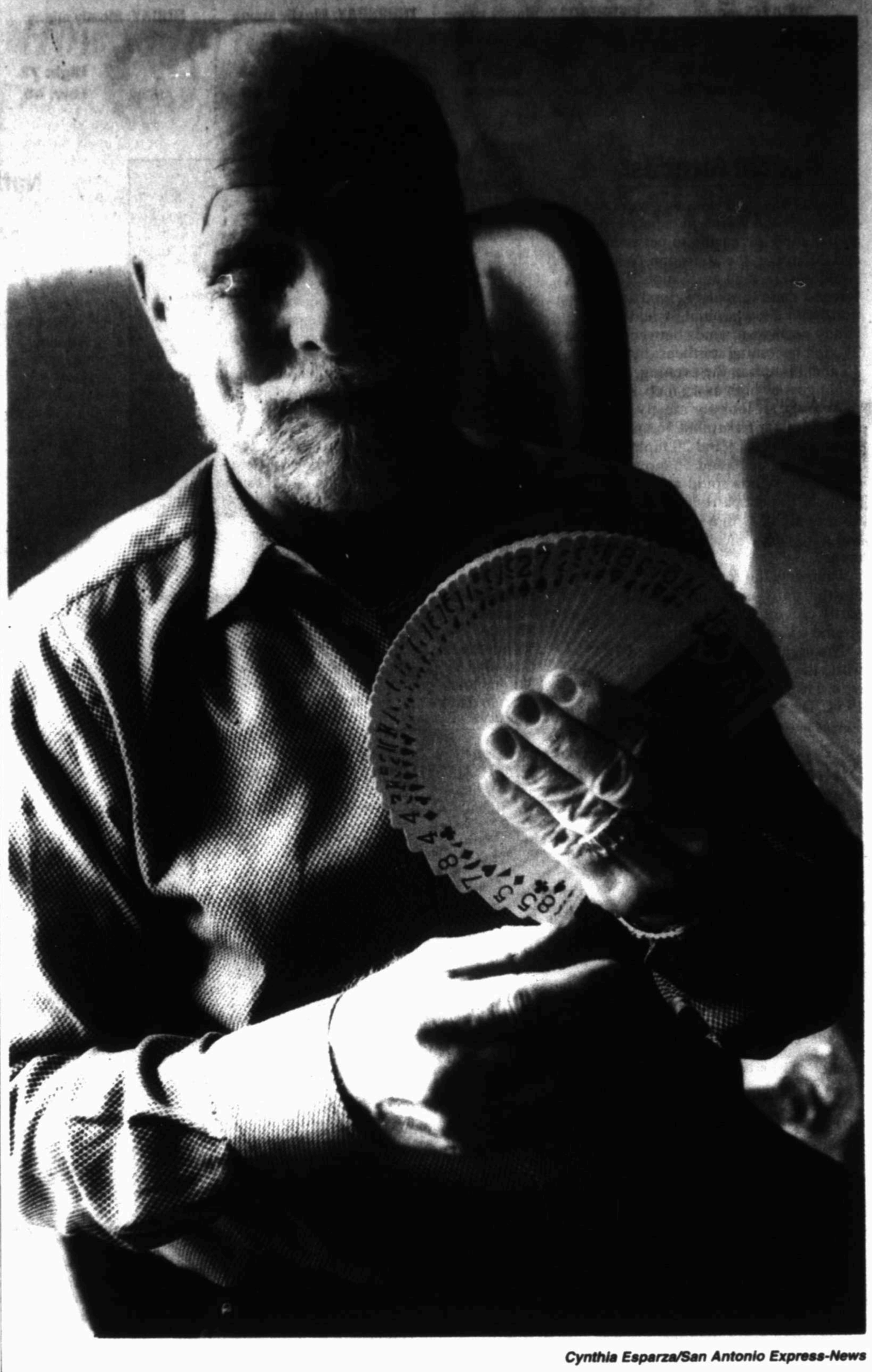
Antonio Talamo checks a board Monday before nailing it on a Habitat for Humanity home on Hamby Avenue. Talamo and other students from New Jersey City University are spending spring break in Midland to participate in Habitat Collegiate Challenge.

Ridhi Radia hammers in a nail.

Ivette Cruz and Gan Liao nail together pieces of wood.

Vanessa Jean-Louis works on nailing up a vapor barrier wrap.

Photos by Tim Fischer Reporter-Telegram



Cynthia Esparza/San Antonio Express-News

Richard Turner, 59, is a card mechanic, also known as a card shark, who travels the world showing his skills with playing cards. Turner, who is blind, has practiced with playing cards for more than 135,000 hours and started getting interested in cards when he was 7 years old. A documentary on his life will be coming out in 2015.

MAGIC MAN

No matter the trick, blind San Antonio man comes up aces

By Kolten Parker
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Seeing is believing. But for Richard Turner, a world-renowned card mechanic who is blind, and the wide range of audiences he performs for, that isn't the case.

Turner, 59, lives in San Antonio and is regarded as one of the best-known card sharks and up-close magicians in the world. He's performed his astonishing sleights of hand for more than 40 years, and his movie-script-like life story, which goes far beyond his card skills, is the subject of a new feature-length documentary.

Turner's magic touch, candid humor and sheer performance skills can awe just about anyone, from movie stars and Fortune 500 CEOs to friends, troubled teens and some of the best in the magic and gambling industry. His balance of finesse, control and power with a deck of cards is unbelievable, regardless of his lack of vision.

"Richard can do things with a deck of cards no other person on the planet can do," said Bruce Samboy, former director of New York's state division of gambling regulation. "Picking up a deck of cards in front of a guy like that is like going to the driving range with Tiger Woods."

Turner, who has more than 50,000 decks of cards in his home, began his interest in and cheating at cards at age 7 and has put in more than 135,000 hours of practice, he told the San Antonio Express-News (http://bit.ly/1cqE0aP).

"I'm kind of hyperactive — my wife would say that's putting it mildly — so I have no problem practicing day after day and hour after hour," Turner said last week. "And the great thing about cards being small is you can practice anywhere and everywhere; standing, talking, walking, riding in the car, in church, shopping ... If I'm not practicing, I start shaking."

He employs hundreds of sleights of hand, unique shuffles and tricks.

For example, a partner can specify how many players and which position he wants for a game of poker and which hand he'd like dealt. Turner can deal the cards, hand the cards over to have another person to shuffle and even keep some of the cards, then deal the original hand his partner wanted.

In another crowd favorite, Turner asks a person to choose a number between 1 and 52, and within a split second, he is able to separate the exact number of cards with a finger and throw them on the table.

"Richard is an extraordinary talent ... He actually lives with a deck of cards and can destroy one in just a few hours," said Steve Forte, one of the most respected sleight of hand artists in the world, as well as a leading gaming protection researcher and consultant. "Just like in any other field, you meet people that are creme de la creme ... I've met the best artists from across the world, and I'm talking about the very best card guys on the planet, and there is nobody like Richard."

Although Turner is blind, most people who see him perform do not know because it is not discussed and he learned through theater classes how to appear as if he is looking directly at someone when speaking based on sound.

Turner contracted a retina degeneration disease when he was 9, and his sight quickly diminished.

"One day I could see the chalkboard, the next day I couldn't," said Turner, who retained blurry peripheral vision for a few years but eventually lost all sense of sight. "I can see the same thing with my eyes closed as I can when they're open."

In his late teens, Turner began using drugs and, as he describes it, heading down a dangerous path "mostly because I was feeling sorry for myself" because of losing his sight.

Turner was pulled out of the downward spiral by a karate teacher and a church, and after a few years, he got hooked up with Dai Vernon, who is one of the most well-known and influential magicians in the 20th century.

Turner said that from the late 1960s to 1985, he used his card skills to win hundreds of games, regardless of the pot size.

"I couldn't help it, I had to win every hand," Turner said. "It wasn't that I cared about the money, it's because I liked the thrill of the adrenaline rush that came with the risk."

Once he began performing for a living, Turner realized "you can't cheat and entertain because eventually you're going to end up dead."

He has performed a number of times at the Magic Castle in Hollywood and at Billy Bob's Texas in Fort Worth, and he had a seven-year residency during the 1990s at Fiesta Texas, as well as thousands of other venues across the world. Turner also has a passion to perform for military troops and troubled youths, which he does for free.

Turner was cast for a role in the 2011 award-winning feature film "Tree of Life," in which he swindled Brad Pitt at a card table.

When he accepted the role, he said the director didn't know he was blind and he worried how he'd break the news on the set.

"When I got on set, I told him: 'I can do anything you want me to do with the cards, you're just going to have to show me where the table is,'" he said.

Now Turner incorporates his card tricks into a motivational speech he gives around the world for audiences from financial firm Morgan Stanley to local schools.

Turner is performing today at South By Southwest in Austin to promote the documentary on his life, titled "Dealt," which is scheduled for a 2015 release.

Graham Weston, one of the founders of Rack-space, is executive producer of the film, and Luke Korem of Austin is the director.

"If you were to write a Hollywood script, this would be it, but the difference is that his life actually did happen, he is a real character," Korem said.

"His life is sort of like the magic that he performs: You can't explain it ... People are going to be scratching their heads the whole time saying, 'I can't believe this guy exists.'"

MCS grad Galindo battles cancer

By Len Hayward
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■ SOFTBALL INSIDER

Maranda Galindo has learned plenty in the last few weeks as she's discovered that she has ovarian cancer.

But Galindo, a former softball star at Midland Christian and the starting shortstop at Odessa College, said it's been her faith that has helped her through what could possibly be the most trying time in her life.

Galindo

Galindo, 19, is relatively early in her diagnosis and treatment; she had surgery to remove a football-sized tumor just over two weeks ago. She said this is something she knows she will be able to get through and one day again play the game that she loves.

"I think this is a big faith step for me," Galindo said Monday. "I thought life was perfectly fine. I was healthy, I worked out and I have a 3.7 (grade point average). Everything was going fine in my life. But the big picture was my faith with God, and honestly think it's going to make me and my family stronger."

Galindo will be part of the Midland Christian softball program's annual cancer awareness day today at the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex. There will be two varsity games and two junior varsity games, and after today's first game with Monahans, the team will recognize the former Lady Mustang and her fight. The Lady Mustangs' varsity squad will also face Hobbs, N.M., at 4 p.m.

The day has been part of the program for several years, but Midland Christian head coach Judy Hardy never expected to see one of her former players to be a part of it in this way.

Galindo was on Hardy's first two teams at the school, and when the coach found out, she wanted to find a way to help Galindo and her family.

"It was kind of shocking at first," Hardy said. "She's so young. We hear cancer and tumors, and you think people are older, but cancer doesn't discriminate. But to hear someone that young with that much going for them, it was kind of shocking."

Galindo said she has an appointment with a doctor today to find out more about her treatment moving forward, and it's been a little more than a month since she found out something wasn't right.

Galindo said about a month ago

Please see GALINDO/2C

MRT file photo

Odessa College's Maranda Galindo throws the ball to first after getting Midland College's Gaby Muniz out at second base during a game last season at the OC Softball and Tennis Complex

Rivals in different roles

MHS tries to keep rolling, Rebels look to end skid

By Len Hayward
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The Lee and Midland High baseball teams are heading in opposite directions entering today's crosstown rivalry game.

The Bulldogs have won three straight District 2-5A games, and found their hitting stroke in an 11-1 run-rule victory against Odessa High.

Meanwhile, the Rebels are 0-3 in 2-5A play, and lost late leads in two losses last week to Odessa Permian and Abilene High, both on the road.

But that hasn't stopped Midland High coach Barry Russell from being a little concerned today, or the Rebels still possessing the confidence of a team looking to make the postseason. The two rivals will meet at 7 p.m. today at Christensen Stadium.

Note

Because of ongoing construction at Christensen Stadium, fans of tonight's game are encouraged to bring chairs as some seats have been removed. Lee will be the designated home team.

"They are very dangerous," Russell said Monday during a workout at Zachery Field. "You just don't forget baseball, and they know how to play. They just haven't put it together yet, and the old rival game is a good time to do that. The big thing is to try to keep your head and remain calm during the ebs and flows of the game."

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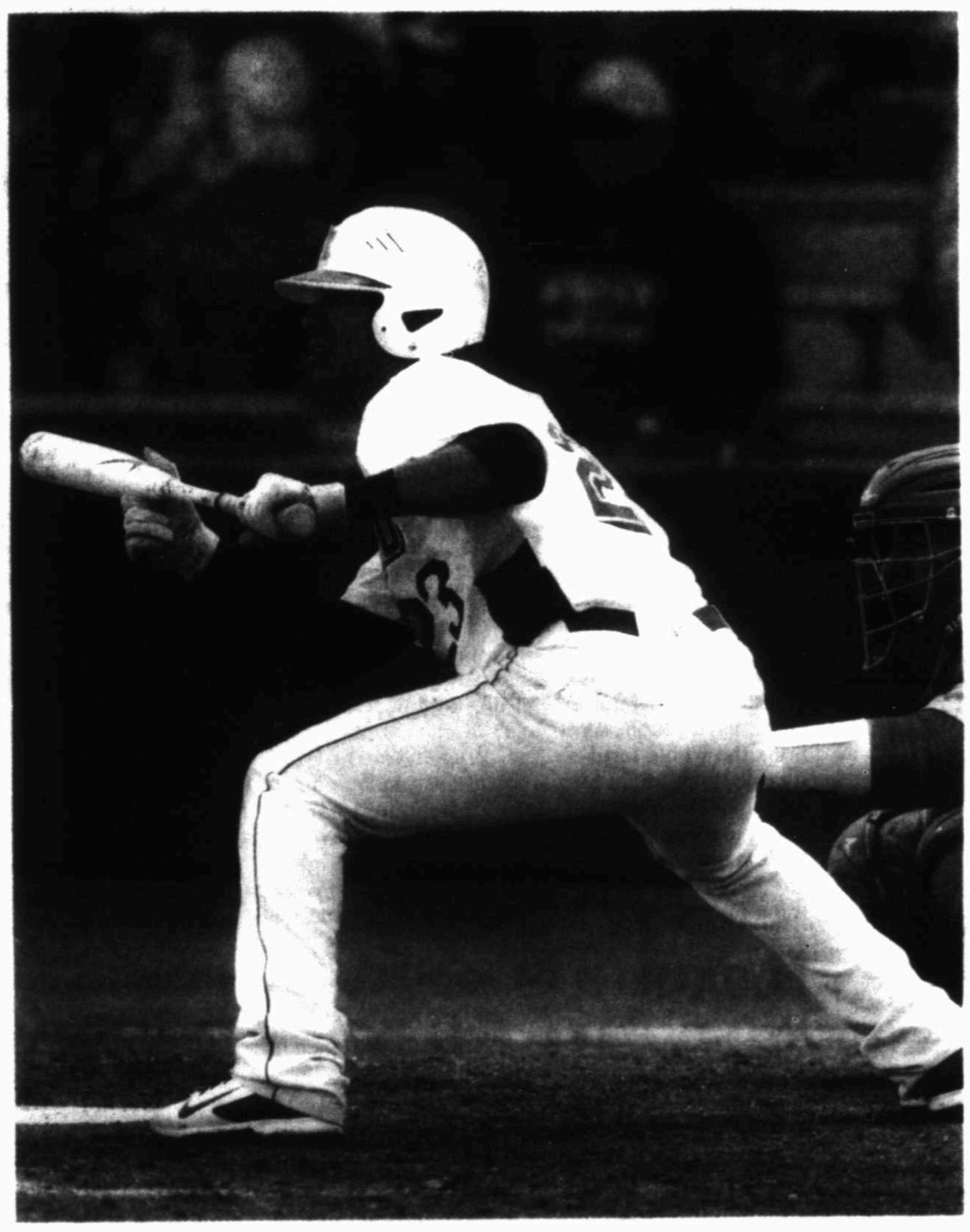
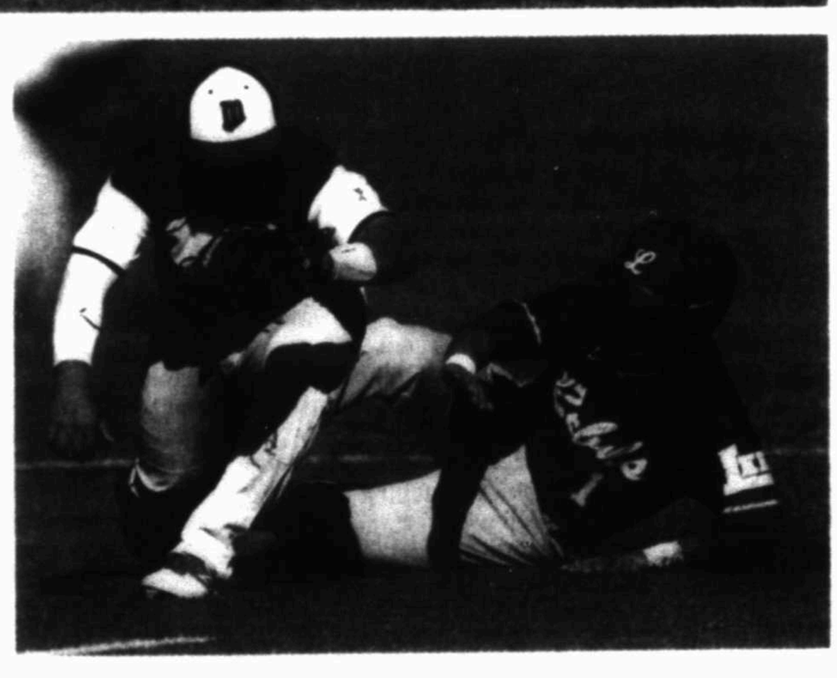
The Game

MIDLAND HIGH VS. LEE

When: 7 p.m. today
Where: Christensen Stadium





Top photo by James Durbin/ Reporter-Telegram
Right photo by Tim Fischer/ Reporter-Telegram

TOP: Midland High's Gilbert Sanchez shows the bunt during the game against Odessa High on Saturday at Zachery Field. **RIGHT:** Lee's Evan Mata slides in under the tag of El Paso Montwood's Josh Revilla at second base during a Feb. 28 game at the Tournament of Champions at Christensen Stadium. The Bulldogs and the Rebels renew their baseball rivarly today, at Christensen Stadium.

Davis, Sims lead Baylor to Big 12 women's title

No. 7 Lady Bears.....74
No. 5 Mountaineers.....71

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Odyssey Sims overcame an ankle injury and scored 19 points to help No. 9 Baylor defeat No. 7 West Virginia 74-71 Monday night in the Big 12 women's championship game.

Niya Johnson also had 19 points and made four free throws in the final minute, and Nina Davis added 16 points for the Lady Bears (29-4), who have won 15 of their past 16 games. Davis, a freshman, was named the tournament's most outstanding player.

Bria Holmes scored 24 points and Linda Stepney added 10 for West Virginia (29-4), which had won 12 straight.

The teams shared the regular-season Big 12 title and split their games during the regular season, with each winning on the other's home court. West Virginia slowed Sims, who had scored 48 and 39 points in the regular season games, but the Bears supported her Monday by shooting 48 percent overall.

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See college basketball scores and the latest polls.

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The lead went back and forth in the final minutes.

Sims made a jumper with 50.4 seconds left to put Baylor up 70-69.

West Virginia misconnected on a post entry pass and turned the ball over. Baylor ran the clock down, forcing West Virginia to foul. Holmes committed her fifth foul by reaching in on Johnson, and Johnson made two free throws.

West Virginia's Stepney made a layup with 5.4 seconds remaining, then West Virginia quickly fouled. Johnson made two more free throws with 4.7 seconds to play to put Baylor up by three. Stepney missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer, and Baylor celebrated.

Sims left the game after hurting her left ankle with 18:20 left in the first half and West Virginia leading 5-0. When she returned to action with 12:59 left in the half, the Lady Bears had taken a 16-12 lead.

Redskins, Cowboys released from salary cap jail

By Joseph White
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When the Washington Redskins were placed in salary cap jail by the NFL, Kedric Golston had to say goodbye to his best friend on the team.

For the past two years, the Redskins and Dallas Cowboys — otherwise rivals to the bitter end in the NFC East — have been constrained by a much-disputed ruling limiting how much money they could spend on players. It's as if they were both forced to land on that "Go to Jail" space on the Monopoly board, while their opponents continued merrily down the final big-money stretch buying up Park Place and Boardwalk.

"We lost some good football players," Golston said. "Obviously Lorenzo Alexander wasn't able to stay here because they didn't have the money to pay him."

Alexander was the Redskins' special teams captain. After he wasn't re-signed a year ago, Washington had one of the worst special teams seasons in recent NFL history.

The front office was able to maneuver the dollars enough to keep just about everybody else, but had no chance of adding free agents of significance. While it's not the only reason — or even the main reason — the Redskins plummeted to 3-13, it sure didn't help.

Now Washington and Dallas are back on the same playing field as everyone else. The Redskins were docked $18 million each of the last two years — 15 percent less to spend — while the Cowboys' hit was a more modest $5 million for both 2012 and 2013.

Starting today, they'll have the same $133 million cap as everyone else when the new NFL year officially begins with the opening of free agency.

"All's well that ends well," Golston said. "Obviously the money's there now. We weren't thinking about this two years ago, but you have a new regime who can go out and pick the players they want to pick."

Coach Mike Shanahan, who had final say over personnel matters, was fired at the end of the season. The buck now stops with general manager Bruce Allen, working with new coach Jay Gruden. Because the league-wide cap rose $10 million, the Redskins are more than $20 million under — even after their decision to slap an $11.5 million franchise tag on linebacker Brian Orakpo.

They'll likely need every penny. Five defensive starters are set to become unrestricted free agents. They could use two starting safeties, two starting linebackers and upgrades at cornerback, defensive line, offensive line and receiver. Owner Dan Snyder has been known to overpay for big names — Deion Sanders and Al-

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See high school soccer capsules

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Horizon League, championship, Milwaukee at Wright St., 6 p.m., ESPN

Northeast Conference, championship, Mount St. Mary's at Robert Morris, 6 p.m. ESPN2

Georgia Tech at Syracuse, 6 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus

West Coast Conference, championship, 8 p.m., ESPN

Summit League, championship, 8 p.m., ESPN

NBA

San Antonio at Chicago, 7 p.m., NBA

NHL

Dallas at Columbus, 6 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

Washington at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network

SOCCER

UEFA Champions League, Arsenal at Bayern Munich, 2:30 p.m., Fox Sports 1

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Big East Conference, championship, 8 p.m., Fox Sports 1

WINTER PARALYMPICS
At Sochi, Russia

Ice Sledge Hockey - United States vs. China (same-day tape), 2 p.m., NBC Sports Network

Wheelchair Curling - United States vs. Finland, 12:30 a.m., NBC Sports Network

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Lee vs. Midland High, 7 p.m., Christensen Stadium

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

San Angelo Central at MHS, 5:30 p.m.
Lee at Amarillo Tascosa, 5 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER

San Angelo Central at MHS, 7:30 p.m.
Lee at Amarillo Tascosa, 7 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Monahans at Midland Christian, Noon
Hobbs, N.M. at Midland Christian, 4 p.m.
Amarillo Tascosa at Lee, 4:30 p.m.
Midland High at Abilene High, 4:30 p.m.

LOCAL SPORTS

MCS TENNIS SQUAD FARES WELL IN CARLSBAD

CARLSBAD, N.M. — The Midland Christian girls tennis team finished third overall and the boys were fifth at the Carlsbad Tournament this past weekend.

In boys singles, A.J. Carter was second in the third flight, and Zach Hunter took fifth in the fourth flight.

In boys doubles, Ryan Ramos and Eric Dyrrsen combined to take second in the third flight, and Nathan Jones and Preston Clements finished second in the conoslation bracket of the second flight.

Caitlin Bell was second in the first flight of girls singles, and Ashley Hedrick was fourth in the third flight. Natalie Keesee won consolation in the fourth flight.

In girls doubles, McKenzie Stubbs and Hedrick took first in the first flight, and Danyale Kellogg and Faith McKinney ended up second in the third flight. Keesee and Kylie Vaughan combined to win consolation in the second flight.

2014 RANCHLAND HILLS BOOTLEGGER

Results of the 2014 Bootlegger at Ranchland Hills Golf Club

Gross

Flight 1: 1. Forres Eikenburg-Jared Fain 69-63—132. 2. Michael Muller-Troy North 65-67—132. 3. (tie) Braxton Brin-Matt Oge 69-67—136. Elton Smith-Gary Dunkerson 67-69—136

Flight 2: 1. Kevin Pearce 74-64—135. 2. (tie) Daniel Espinoza-Nick Rives 71-68—139. Abel Lujan-Dana Slusher 69-70—130. Ryan Kainer Sammy Fields 71-68—139

Flight 3: 1. James McDougal-Jason Tankersley 71-69—140. 2. Craig Winborn-Tom Newman 77-69—146. 3. Chip Roemisch-Mark Hessel 74-73—147

Flight 4: 1. David Morren-Tom Terrett 81-72—153. 2. Bruce McLean-Shawn Flesher 80-76—156. 3. Larry Burdette-Tim Dorn 84-81—165

Net

Flight 1: 1. Braxton Brin-Matt Oge 61-59—120. 2. Troy North-Michael Muller 60-62—122. 3. (tie) Jared Fain-Forrest Eikenburg 65-59—124. Elton Smith-Gary Dunkerson 61-63—124

Flight 2: 1. Kevin Spray-Kevin Pearce 61-54—115. 2. Abel Lujan-Dana Slusher 57-58—115. 3. Sammy Fields-Ryan Kainer 60-57—117

Flight 3: 1. James McDougal-Jason Tankersley 57-55—112. 2. Warren Hutcherson 56-62—118. 3. (tie) Tom Newman-Craig Winborn 64-56—120. Jack Kulbeth-David Freeman 60-60—120

Flight 4: 1. Teresa Rose-Molly Fikes 65-51—116. 2. Zach Reynolds-Paul Iaquaniello 59-59—118. 3. Tim Dorn-Larry Burdette 61-58—119

DRILLERS BEAT SKYFORCE, 48-0

The West Texas Drillers scored points in all three phases of the game in a 48-0 victory on Saturday against the Texas Skyforce on the road.

The Drillers' offense accounted for five touchdowns as Shaud Williams had touchdown runs of 8 and 49 yards. James Wilson had an 11-yard touchdown run and James Plourd a 37-yard scamper. Plourd also tossed a 16-yard TD pass to T.J. London.

On defense, Fred Thrweatt tackled the quarterback in the end zone for a safety, and Allan Harrison returned an interception for a touchdown. Harrison later had another intercpetion. Devon Zimmerman also had a pick and Ben Janshen recovered a fumble.

The special teams score came from Nick Tipton returning a punt for a touchdown.

The Drillers will return home on Saturday to take on the Texas Tornadoes at 7 p.m. at Grande Communications Stadium. The first 500 fans will receive a Drillers T-shirt.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned LHP Tim Berry and C Michael Ohlman to Bowie (EL). Reassigned C Brian Ward to their minor league camp.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with RHP Cody Allen, LHP Scott Barnes, RHP Carlos Carrasco, C Yan Gomes, INF Erik Gonzalez, RHP Preston Guilmet, LHP Nick Hagadone, INF Jason Kipnis, OF Carlos Moncrief and RHP Bryan Price on one-year contracts. Renewed the 2014 contract of RHP Zach McAllister.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Optioned LHP Chris Dwyer to Omaha (PCL) and LHP John Lamb, INF Cheslor Cuthbert and OF Lane Adams to Northwest Arkansas (Texas). Assigned RHPs Kyle Zimmer, Jason Adam, Aaron Brooks and Sugar Ray Marimon, C Juan Graterol, INF Brandon Laird and OFs Jorge Bonifacio, Gorkys Hernandez, Melky Mesa and Paulo Orlando to their minor league camp.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned LHP Michael Roth to Salt Lake (PCL). Reassigned RHP Jarrett Grube, RHP Michael Morin, RHP Mark Sappington and LHP Justin Thomas to their minor league camp.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned OF Shane Peterson to Sacramento (PCL), RHP Raul Alcantara to Midland (Texas) and RHP Michael Ynoa to Stockton (Cal).

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Named Horacio Ramirez coaching assistant.

CINCINNATI REDS — Named Chris Speier special assistant to the general manager.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Optioned LHP Luis Cruz, RHP David Martinez, OF Domingo Santana and C Max Stassi to their minor league camp.

NEW YORK METS — Optioned OF Cesar Puello, RHP Erik Goeddel, LHPs Steven Matz and Josh Edgin and INF Wilfredo Tovar to minor league camp. Reassigned LHPs Jack Leathersich and Adam Kolarek, RHPs Logan Verrett, Chasen Bradford and John Church, C Kevin Plawecki, INFs Danny Muno and INF Dustin Lawley and OFs Brandon Nimmo and Cory Vaughn to minor league camp.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Reassigned RHP Jameson Taillon, INF Matt Hague and C Carlos Paulinoto their minor league camp. Optioned RHP Casey Sadler to Indianapolis and INF Alen Hanson and LHP Joely Rodriguez to Altoona (EL).

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Optioned RHP Angel Castro, OF Mike O'Neill and OF Rafael Ortega to Memphis (PCL). Reassigned RHP Kurt Heyer, RHP Boone Whiting, INF Patrick Wisdom, C Carson Kelly, C Casey Rasmus and C Cody Stanley to their minor league camp.

American Association

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed SS Stephen Rodgers.

LAREDO LEMURS — Signed RHP Chad Povich.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Traded RHP Pete Parise to Southern Maryland for cash.

Can-Am League

NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed RHP Jon Lucas.

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Sent INF Jon Dziomba to San Angelo to complete an earlier trade.

Frontier League

EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed RHP Evan Mott to a contract extension.

FRONTIER GREYS — Signed 1B Jon Minucci.

JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed RHP Jordan McCoy.

ROCKFORD AVIATORS — Signed OF Edgar Corcino.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

NEW YORK KNICKS — Signed G Shannon Brown and F Earl Clark to second 10-day contracts.

PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS — Assigned G Allen Crabbe to Idaho (NBADL).

NBA Development League

NBADL — Announced the addition of a franchise in White Plains, N.Y., to begin in the 2014-15 season.

IDAHO STAMPEDE — Acquired F Vander Blue from Delaware.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS — Promoted Mark Collins to outside linebackers coach. Named Andrew Thacker defensive assistant. Signed OL Mike Johnson to a one-year contract extension.

BUFFALO BILLS — Named Thad Bogardus defensive quality control coach.

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Re-signed FB Richie Brockel to a two-year contract and OL Garry Williams to a one-year contract.

CHICAGO BEARS — Terminated the contract of RB Michael Bush.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed P Chris Jones.

DENVER BRONCOS — Announced the retirement of OL Chris Kuper.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Re-signed CB Sam Shields.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed LB Justin Hickman to a contract extension. Promoted Brad White to assistant linebackers coach.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Announced DE Jason Babin voided the final two years of his contract.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released DL Cory Grissom, RB Sam McGuffie, WR TJ Moe and LB Taylor Reed.

NEW YORK JETS — Released WR Santonio Holmes.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Signed DE Michael Bennett to a multiyear contract.

Canadian Football League

TORONTO ARGONAUTS — Released DT Khalif Mitchell.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

NHL — Suspended Los Angeles F Jordan Nolan one game for punching an unsuspecting opponent, Edmonton F Jesse Joensuu, during a March 9 game.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to terms with D Dillon Fournier on a three-year contract.

DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled C Cory Emmerton from Grand Rapids (AHL).

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Recalled F Colton Sissons from Milwaukee (AHL).

American Hockey League

AHL — Suspended Lake Erie C Mitchell Heard two games and Oklahoma City LW Ben Eager and RW Steve Pinizzotto one game.

GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Announced G Jared Coreau was reassigned to the team from Toledo (ECHL).

SOCCER
Major League Soccer

PORTLAND TIMBERS — Signed MF Will Johnson to a multiyear contract.

COLLEGE

APPALACHIAN STATE — Announced they will not renew the contract of men's basketball coach Jason Capel.

BINGHAMTON — Announced they will not renew the contract of women's basketball coach Nicole Scholl.

BROWN — Announced the retirement of women's basketball coach Jean Marie Burr.

CASTLETON — Named Tony Volpone football coach.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN — Named Alex Atkins offensive line coach.

HOFSTRA — Named Joe Staub head strength and conditioning coach.

MINNESOTA STATE — Named Jake Dickert defensive coordinator.

SANTA CLARA — Announced they will not renew the contract of women's basketball coach Jennifer Mountain.

XAVIER (NO) — Named Jason Horn athletics director.

SKI REPORT

ROCKIES
New Mexico

Angel Fire — Sun 6:31 am spring snow machine groomed 30 - 30 base 57 of 78 trails 74% open, 450 acres, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p; Fri: 9a-8p; Sat: 9a-8p Sun: 9a-4p

Pajarito — Reopen TBA Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Fri-Sun

Red River — Sat 10:59 am packed powder machine groomed 21 - 24 base 52 of 57 trails 92% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Sandia Peak — Closed for Snow Sports

Sipapu — Sun 5:36 am packed powder machine groomed 27 - 35 base 31 of 41 trails, 76% open 165 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Ski Apache — Sun 7:36 am 2 new MG machine groomed 21 - 25 base 39 of 55 trails 71% open, 500 acres, 6 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Chaps golf team in 2nd at Sugar Tree Invite

From staff reports

DENNIS — The Midland College golf team is second after the first day of the Sugar Tree Invitational at Sugar Tree Golf Club on Monday.

The Chaps shot 298 as a team, and is four strokes behind first-place McLennan Community College, who shot a 294.

Midland College's David Wicks shot a 70 and is tied for first in the medalist standings with Western Texas College's Jose Ruiz.

"Sugar Tree played really difficult (Monday)," Midland College coach Delnor Poss said. "It was tough pin placements. David Wicks, Schlenrich and Skillern perfored really well. This is a course you must stay in the present, stay focused and execute."

The tournament will continue today.

SUGAR TREE INVITATIONAL
Monday-Tuesday
Sugar Tree Golf Club, Dennis

Team standings: 1. McLennan CC 294; 2. Midland College 298; 3. Western Texas College 299; 4. Odessa College No. 2 303; 5. Odessa College No. 1 304; 6. Ranger College 311; 7. New Mexico JC 312; 8. Iowa Western CC 318; 9. Hutchinson (Kan.) CC 328; 10. New Mexico Military Institute 346

Midland College individuals

David Wicks 70; Ryder Skillern 73; Olwin Schlenrich 74; Jake Boggus 81; Russell Lara 84

HS SOFTBALL CAPSULES

BY LEN HAYWARD

TODAY'S 2-5A SOFTBALL GAMES
AMARILLO TASCOSA AT LEE

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Gene Smith Field

Records: Lee 9-7, 2-1 in District 2-5A; Amarillo Tascosa 3-10, 0-3

Last district game: Midland High 3, Lee 0

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

MIDLAND HIGH AT ABILENE HIGH

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

Records: Midland High 9-5, 2-2 in District 2-5A; Abilene High 6-7, 1-2

Last district game: Midland High 3, Lee 0; Abilene High 7, Odessa Permian 5

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

District 2-5A Standings
SOFTBALL

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

Saturday's Scores
Midland High 3, Lee 0
Abilene High 7, Odessa Permian 5
Odessa High 6, Abilene Cooper 1
San Angelo Central 15, Amarillo Tascosa 0

Today's Games
Midland High at Abilene High, 4:30 p.m.
Amarillo Tascosa at Lee, 4:30 p.m.
San Angelo Central at Odessa Permian, 6:30 p.m.
Odessa High at Lubbock Coronado, 6:30 p.m.

Errors cost lady Mustangs in loss to Sweetwater

From staff reports

SWEETWATER — The Midland Christian softball team struggled with walks and errors during a 14-12 loss to Sweetwater in a non-district contest on Monday.

Midland Christian had five errors in the game, while Midland Christian pitchers walked 12 batters.

The Lady Mustangs, though, had 12 hits on the day as Bianca Ambrosio was 2-for-3 with a home run, and Adriana Berzoza was 2-for-4 with an RBI. McKinley Walker was also also 2 for 4.

The Lady Mustangs will take on Monahans at noon in the first of two games today at the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex.

SWEETWATER 14, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 12

MCS..........223 102 2—12 12 5
Sweetwater..........440 123 x—14 7 8

Madison Garcia, Caity Beeson (2), Megan Biodrowski (3), Madison Garcia (6) and Chelsea Cross. M. Berry and N. Gonzales. W — Berry. L — Garcia. 2B — MCS: Bianca Ambrosio, Courtney Monk. Sweetwater: Knox, Garcia, Berry. HR — MCS: Ambrosio.

Record: Midland Christian 18-10

Next: Monahans at Midland Christian, noon today, Freddie Ezell Softball Complex

GALINDO

From 1C

she said she had a really rough abdominal cramp, but it never got better, and she said they treated her for constipation.

But the pain continued. After both an ultrasound and an MRI, they found a tumor on Galindo's ovary. She had surgery a few days later to remove the tumor.

"The first two days it was pretty hard for my parents and my family, because we kept getting back bad news, but then we found out it's 95 percent curable, and we finally received some good news," Galindo said. "Honestly, I'm still not in denial of it, but I'm still shocked this happened so suddenly. I think the whole fertility rate thing might hit me when I'm older, but sitting out for two to three months not doing anything is the hardest thing for me."

The diagnosis cut short Galindo's season, which was a promising one for the Odessa College sophomore. Galindo started every game at shortstop for the Lady Wranglers last year, and started 14 games this season as a shortstop and leadoff hitter. Galindo was hitting .440 with four RBI so far this season.

But OC coach Joel Prickett said he began noticing that Galindo was showing signs of fatigue during games, which is something he hadn't seen from her in a year of half playing for the Lady Wranglers.

"The last game she played, she started, and she missed a ball and didn't quite get to it," Prickett said.

Prickett said he keeps in almost-daily contact with Galindo, who said her teammates have been a constant in her fight with cancer. But Prickett admitted, it's been tough at times.

"This is my 10th season, and even before this year, this is one of the closest- knit teams we've had, and they were pretty eat up early," Prickett said. "It really scared them. We are doing some things on our end just to honor her and honor her effort and the fact that we still get to play."

Galindo said her goal is to one day return to the softball field, whether it's for Odessa College or for a four-year school. Prickett said that to receive a medical redshirt, a player must not play in more than 20 percent of the team's scheduled dates and the second half of the season. They are still working on that right now, with Prickett adding that with her 3.7 GPA, going back to OC might be "kind of like spinning her wheels."

But he said they are hoping to possibly get her an extra year at a four-year school.

Galindo said she has continued to go through her full course load of 17 hours at Odessa College, and that the teachers have been helpful in making sure she can get done what she needs to get done.

Galindo certainly feels humbled by all the support from both her current team and her former team, and is focused on the next step and one day returning to play.

"I think God sent me to Odessa College for a reason and it's been a blessing; they are my family," Galindo said. "Now it's all easier. I came to an understanding that God wouldn't put something evil in me, and this is all the devil's work, and I know with God's help, I'm going to overcome this."

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RIVALS

From 1C

The Bulldogs, though, seem to have put it together at the plate at the right time of year. Midland High's 11 runs was the third time this season it has scored in double-digit runs, while the squad's pitching and defense have been consistent throughout the season.

Midland High (9-6, 3-0) had 12 hits in Saturday's victory and scored six runs in the first inning.

"We still have a lot of work to do hitting, but we are a little bit more comfortable," Midland High senior shortstop Gilbert Sanchez said. "We have a lot of confidence in ourselves right now, pitching-wise and defense-wise, and our hitting will get there."

The Rebels, meanwhile, are trying to stay confident after what was a rough week last week. Lee (5-8, 0-3) had leads against both Odessa Permian and Abilene High, but the Rebels couldn't hang on to them.

Now, Lee is facing an 0-3 hole in district play in a district race where every game could be big.

"We are still pretty confident, and we are focusing on working hard in practice and taking that to the game," Lee sophomore infielder/catcher Hunter Coleman said. "We are working on our process in practice. Coming back from those three losses, it's only going up from here, I guess."

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District 2-5A Standings
BASEBALL

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

Saturday's Scores
Midland High 11, Odessa High 1, 6 innings
Abilene High 9, Lee 5
Abilene Cooper 8, Odessa Permian 0
Amarillo Tascosa 1, Lubbock Coronado 0

Today's Games
Abilene Cooper at Odessa High, Noon
San Angelo Central at Amarillo Tascosa, 1 p.m.
Big Spring vs. Odessa Permian, 2 p.m.
Lubbock Coronado at Abilene High, 4:30 p.m.
Lee vs. Midland High, 7 p.m., Christensen Stadium

MIDLAND HIGH VS. LEE

When/where: 7 p.m. today, Christensen Stadium

Records: Midland High 9-6, 3-0 in District 2-5A; Lee 5-8, 0-3

Last district game: Midland High 11, Odessa High 1, 6 innings; Abilene High 9, Lee 5

Notes: The Bulldogs won their third District 2-5A game in a row and are one of two teams still undefeated in league play along with Abilene High. Midland High got a solid pitching performance out of Lance White on Saturday as the senior threw four innings, giving up one run on three hits with four strikeouts. Senior Jackson Lancaster will take the hill today for Midland High as he is 2-0 in district play with 14 strikeouts in 14 innings pitched, and has a 0.50 earned run average. ... Lee, meanwhile, will send sophomore Evan Mata to the mound today. Mata is 0-1 in district play with 12 strikeouts in 11 innings pitched. ... Lee is the designated home team for today's game.

Next: Abilene Cooper at Midland High, noon Saturday; San Angelo Central at Lee, 4:30 p.m. March 18

HS baseball stats

Midland High
(9-6, 3-0)
Note: District games only
Hitting

Player	Avg.	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO
E. Barker	.667	6	1	4	1	0	0	0	1	1
B. Houser	.429	7	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	2
B. Rushton	.400	10	2	4	2	0	0	0	2	2
T. Wilbanks	.333	6	3	2	2	0	1	0	5	0
G. Sanchez	.300	10	5	3	0	0	0	0	1	2
J. Lancaster	.286	7	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	4
A. Wade	.286	7	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
L. White	.273	11	2	3	5	2	0	0	0	2
J. Raughton	.250	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
K. Fritschen	.222	9	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	5
G. Edmondson	.000	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
S. Grebeck	.000	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
B. Scrivner	.000	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
M. Gohr	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	.306	85	20	26	16	3	1	0	13	21

Pitching

Player	W	L	S	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
J. Lancaster	2	0	0	0.50	14.0	3	3	1	6	14
S. Grebeck	0	0	0	0.00	3.0	0	0	0	0	3
L. White	1	0	0	1.75	4.0	3	1	1	2	4
Totals	2	0	0	0.87	21	6	4	2	8	21

Lee
(5-8, 0-3)
Note: District games only
Hitting

Player	Avg.	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO
D. Mize	.375	8	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	7
B. Blessie	.300	10	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
J. Schwalbach	.286	7	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	5
G. Chalker	.250	12	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
T. Martinez	.167	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
R. Calhoun	.167	12	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	2
H. Coleman	.143	7	4	1	0	0	0	0	4	0
E. Mata	.100	10	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2
A. Maddox	.000	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
G. Quintero	.000	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1
M. Escajedo	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	.200	80	12	16	8	2	0	0	9	23

Pitching

Player	W	L	S	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
E. Mata	0	1	0	4.20	10.0	11	9	6	4	12
M. Escajeda 0	1	0	4.85	4.1	8	4	3	1	8	
B. Blessie	0	1	0	9.70	4.1	9	9	8	0	3
Totals	0	3	0	6.75	18.2	28	22	18	5	23

Midland Softball Association
Adult Slowpitch Softball
SOFTBALL
Register NOW for Spring League Games begin April 7
Register on-line at www.midlandsoftball.com
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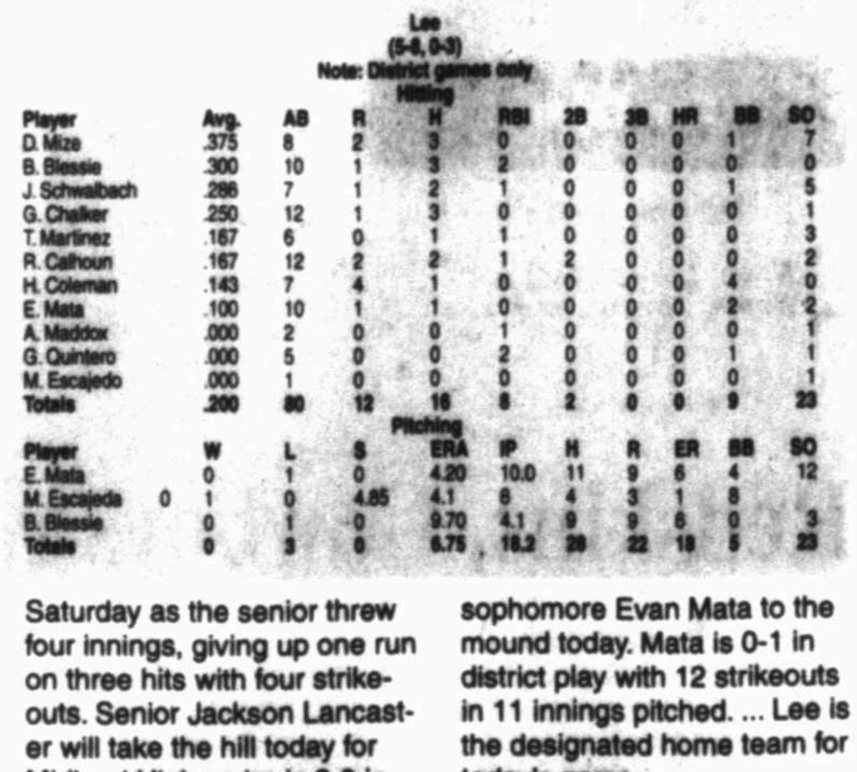

HSSOCCERCAPSULES

BY LEN HAYWARD

Boys

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL AT MIDLAND HIGH

When/where: 5:30 p.m. today, Grande Communications Stadium

Records: Midland High 10-3-3, 8-1-3, 27 points in District 2-5A; San Angelo Central 5-10-2, 3-8-2 (11 points).

Last district game: Midland High 1, Odessa High 0; San Angelo Central 3, Odessa Permian 0

Last meeting: Midland High 2, San Angelo Central 1 on Feb. 4

Notes: The Bulldogs enter today's game with a playoff spot sewn up, but still have a chance at a District 2-5A title. Midland High has 27 points in district play this season, and is two points behind league-leading Amarillo Tascosa. ... The Bulldogs picked up a key victory on Saturday against Odessa High. Will Downing's penalty kick late in the game proved to be the only score in the match. ... The Bobcats have struggled this season with three district victories and two ties. Central had lost four straight before Saturday's victory against Odessa Permian.

Next: Amarillo Tascosa at Midland High, 5 p.m. Friday; Abilene High at San Angelo Central, 5 p.m. March 18

LEE AT AMARILLO TASCOSA

When/where: 5 p.m. today, Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo

Records: Lee 11-4-2, 7-3-2 (23 points) in District 2-5A; Amarillo Tascosa 13-2-2, 9-1-2 (29 points)

Last district game: Lee 2, Abilene High 0; Amarillo Tascosa 3, Abilene Cooper 3

Last meeting: Amarillo Tascosa 1, Lee 0 on Feb. 4

Notes: The Rebels enter today's contest with the top team in the district in solid position in the 2-5A standings. Lee is in third place with 23 points, and is four points behind Midland High and two ahead of fourth-place Abilene Cooper. Rebels coach Scott Hicks said his squad is in a good position and won't have much pressure on them today. "Right now unless something major happens, if we go up there and win we can start thinking about some other things," Hicks said. "But it's not a pressure game." Lee can clinch a playoff spot with a victory today and an Odessa High loss to Abilene Cooper. ... Tascosa has been on a roll since a district-opening loss to Lubbock Coronado. ... Lee will be without senior defender Logan Vitello today.

Next: Abilene Cooper at Lee, Noon Saturday; Amarillo Tascosa at Midland High, 5 p.m. Friday

Girls

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL AT MIDLAND HIGH

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Grande Communications Stadium

Records: Midland High 8-5-3, 7-2-3 (24 points) in District 2-5A; San Angelo Central 10-6-0, 8-5-0 (24 points)

Last district game: Midland High 0, Odessa High 0; Odessa Permian 3, San Angelo Central 1

Last meeting: San Angelo Central 1, Midland High 0 on Feb. 4

Notes: The Lady Bulldogs have a chance to move into sole possession of second place in the standings with a victory today. Midland High is tied with Central and Odessa High for second, and all three are eight points behind first-place Odessa Permian. "I don't sugar coat things for them, if we want to finish second we have to win (today)," Midland High coach Ryan Dunlevy said. "To be able to control our own destiny as far as finishing in second place, (today) is a very big game for us." ... After starting district play with an 8-2-0 mark, the Lady Bobcats have lost three straight games, including Saturday's loss to district-leading Odessa Permian.

Next: Amarillo Tascosa at Midland High, 5 p.m. Friday; Abilene High at San Angelo Central, 5 p.m. March 18

LEE AT AMARILLO TASCOSA

When/where: 7 p.m. today, Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo

Records: Lee 4-7-5, 2-6-4 (10 points) in District 2-5A; Amarillo Tascosa 2-9-3, 1-7-3 (6 points)

Last district game: Abilene High 1, Lee 1; Abilene Cooper 1, Amarillo Tascosa 0

Last meeting: Lee 1, Amarillo Tascosa 1 on Feb. 4

Notes: The Lady Rebels' playoff hopes took a hit with Saturday's draw against Abilene High. With only 10 points in league play this season, Lee is 14 points behind the three teams tied for second place, and is eliminated from playoff contention. ... De'onna Calhoun scored the Lady Rebels' lone goal on Saturday. ... Amarillo Tascosa has struggled this season, and its lone win came against Lubbock Coronado on Feb. 25.

Next: Abilene Cooper at Lee, 2 p.m. Saturday; Amarillo Tascosa at Midland High, 7 p.m. Friday

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's William Downing (17) fights through Odessa Permian's Barron Becker, left, and Caleb Almanza (27) on Jan. 25 at Grande Communications Stadium.

Girls District 2-5A Standings

	District W	L	T	Pts.	Overall W	L	T
Odessa Permian	10	0	2	32	12	1	3
San Angelo Central	8	5	0	24	10	6	0
Midland High	7	2	3	24	8	5	3
Odessa High	7	2	3	24	8	4	5
Abilene Cooper	7	4	1	22	9	5	3
Lee	2	6	4	10	4	7	5
Abilene High	2	7	4	10	5	7	4
Amarillo Tascosa	1	7	3	6	2	9	3
Lubbock Coronado	1	11	0	3	3	13	1

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie

Saturday's Scores

Midland High 0, Odessa High 0
Abilene High 1, Lee 1
Odessa Permian 3, San Angelo Central 1
Abilene Cooper 1, Amarillo Tascosa 0

Today's Games

San Angelo Central at Midland High, 7:30 p.m.
Lee at Amarillo Tascosa
Abilene Cooper at Odessa High
Odessa Permian at Lubbock Coronado
All games at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted

Boys District 2-5A Standings

	District W	L	T	Pts.	Overall W	L	T
x-Amarillo Tascosa	9	1	2	29	13	2	2
x-Midland High	8	1	3	27	10	3	3
Lee	7	3	2	23	11	4	2
Abilene Cooper	6	3	3	21	8	3	5
Odessa High	4	5	3	15	8	6	3
Abilene High	4	7	2	14	5	9	4
Odessa Permian	4	7	1	13	5	10	1
San Angelo Central	3	8	2	11	5	10	2
Lubbock Coronado	1	11	0	3	2	15	0

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie

Saturday's Scores

Midland High 1, Odessa High 0
Lee 2, Abilene High 0
San Angelo Central 3, Odessa Permian 0
Amarillo Tascosa 3, Abilene Cooper 3

Today's Games

San Angelo Central at Midland High, 5:30 p.m.
Lee at Amarillo Tascosa
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Sharon Ellman/AP

A notice is posted to fans about the postponement of the game and the condition of Dallas Stars center Rich Peverly after play was suspended during Monday's game Dallas. Peverly was taken to a hospital after collapsing on the bench in the first period.

Jackets-Stars called off when Peverley falls ill

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

DALLAS — The game between Dallas and the Columbus Blue Jackets was postponed by the NHL on Monday night after Stars forward Rich Peverley collapsed on the bench during the first period.

Play was halted 6:23 in as Peverley was quickly carried from the bench. A public address announcement was made several minutes later that the 31-year-old Peverley was conscious and taken to a hospital.

"We treated (Peverley) for a cardiac event successfully," Dr. Gil Salazar said. "As soon as we treated him, he regained consciousness. He was able to tell me where he was."

There was no immediate announcement of when the game would be made up. Columbus was leading 1-0.

"Dallas player Rich Peverley is doing well and is in stable condition," the NHL said in a statement. "He has been transported to the hospital. As a result of the emotional state of the players on both teams caused by the medical emergency, the game is being postponed. We apologize for any inconvenience and we thank the fans."

The Stars conveyed the message to the Blue Jackets that they weren't up for finishing the game on Monday.

"They're shaken and they want to reschedule. We understand that," John Davidson, the Blue Jackets president of hockey operations, told Fox Sports Ohio. "They were shaken to the core."

Peverley missed the preseason and the season opener because of a procedure to correct an irregular heartbeat, a condition diagnosed during a training camp physical. He made his Stars debut on Oct. 5 against Washington.

He sat out last week's game at Columbus because of an irregular heartbeat. Peverley had felt strange after last Monday's game and couldn't fly.

Peverley then played in Dallas' next two games before Monday.

Both teams skated off the ice. The Stars didn't go directly through the tunnel next to their bench, but through a door at the south end of the rink.

The game had been stopped after players from both teams attracted the officials' attention by banging their sticks on the boards and the ice.

"When he dropped, it was red alert," Stars coach Lindy Ruff said. "Don't worry about the game. It was about getting the doctors.

"As soon as he came off the ice, I started screaming into the crowd for a doctor. The players don't want to play, and I don't want to coach the team right now."

Columbus was leading 1-0 in the game that was postponed and will be replayed at a date to be determined by the NHL.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Frank Franklin II/AP

New York's J.R. Smith plays defense against Philadelphia's Thaddeus Young (21) during the first half of Monday's game in New York.

**KNICKS 123
76ERS 110**

NEW YORK — Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 28 points as the New York Knicks defeated Philadelphia 123-110 on Monday night, sending the 76ers to their 17th straight loss.

Amare Stoudemire added 23 points, J.R. Smith 22 and Carmelo Anthony 20 as the Knicks won their fourth game in a row.

Michael Carter-Williams recorded a triple-double with 23 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists, while Tony Wroten also had 23 points for the struggling 76ers.

The Knicks, who trailed by 12 points in the first quarter, took their biggest lead of the game, 110-89, on the fourth of Hardaway Jr's five 3-pointers with 7:37 left and never led by less than 12 the rest of the way.

**HEAT 99
WIZARDS 90**

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade scored 13 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter, LeBron James led all scorers with 23 points and Miami clinched a playoff spot.

Chris Bosh scored 22 for the Heat, who snapped a three-game slide and moved within one game of Indiana in the race for the No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference.

Ray Allen added 13 for Miami, which was down one midway through the fourth before Wade sparked a 12-0 run with five points, three assists and a block at the rim. The Heat never trailed again, and avoided their first four-game slide since 2011.

Bradley Beal scored 18 points, Martell Webster added 17 and Drew Gooden scored 15 for the Wizards.

**BOBCATS 105
NUGGETS 98**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Al Jefferson scored 26 points and Kemba Walker added 24 as Charlotte won its seventh straight at home.

Jefferson made 10 of his first 14 field-goal attempts and also had a game-high 12 rebounds. Walker added seven assists for the Bobcats, who also received a big boost from Gary Neal off the bench. Neal made his first six field-goal tries, including three 3-pointers, and ended up with 19 points.

Josh McRoberts added 15 points for Charlotte, including a key 3-pointer with 6:15 left at the shot-clock buzzer to extend Charlotte's lead to 90-82 after Denver had cut it to five at 87-82.

Ty Lawson scored 24 points to lead the Nuggets.

**BUCKS 105
MAGIC 98**

MILWAUKEE — Brandon Knight scored 24 points and sparked Milwaukee's rousing rally from an 18-point deficit with a dunk.

Knight confounded Orlando with a quick first step and threw down a dunk for a 74-71 lead with 10:57 left after Ramon Sessions went high for an outlet pass in the lane and patted the ball back to his driving backcourt mate.

The lead swelled to 95-81 with 2:49 left before Orlando mounted its own late charge to get within three off a 3 from Jameer Nelson with 35 seconds left.

But the Bucks hit their foul shots late and Orlando was hurt after Nikola Vucevic was whistled for an offensive foul with 22 seconds left.

**NETS 101
RAPTORS 97**

NEW YORK — Deron Williams and Shaun Livingston each scored 18 points and an ailing Paul Pierce hit a 3-pointer with 1:14 remaining to lead Brooklyn past Atlantic Division-leading Toronto.

Pierce finished with 15 points and Joe Johnson added 14 for the Nets, who won their season-high eighth straight at home. Brooklyn moved three games behind Toronto in the Atlantic.

Kyle Lowry scored 21 points to lead Toronto, which had won nine of its previous 11.

The Nets trailed 94-92 after Lowry split the defense in the lane for a lay-up with 2:15 left.

**HAWKS 112
JAZZ 110**

SALT LAKE CITY — Kyle Korver scored 26 points and Paul Millsap added 23 to help the Atlanta Hawks outlast the Utah Jazz 112-110 on Monday night and snap a six-game losing streak.

Jeff Teague had 14 points and the Hawks used a late 16-4 run to end a 10-game road skid and salvage a win at the end of a gloomy six-game road trip.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	64	42	17	5	89	204	143
Montreal	66	35	24	7	77	166	166
Toronto	65	34	23	8	76	193	198
Tampa Bay	65	34	24	7	75	186	171
Detroit	64	29	22	13	71	171	179
Ottawa	65	28	25	12	68	185	213
Florida	64	24	33	7	55	156	206
Buffalo	64	19	37	8	46	128	188

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	64	43	17	4	90	204	159
N.Y. Rangers	65	35	26	4	74	171	162
Philadelphia	64	33	24	7	73	183	188
Columbus	64	33	26	5	71	186	178
Washington	66	30	26	10	70	193	200
New Jersey	65	28	24	13	69	161	167
Carolina	64	27	28	9	63	160	184
N.Y. Islanders	66	24	33	9	57	181	224

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	64	44	14	6	94	211	145
Chicago	65	38	13	14	90	223	172
Colorado	65	42	18	5	89	199	172
Minnesota	64	34	22	8	76	158	157
Dallas	64	31	23	10	72	185	179
Winnipeg	66	30	28	8	68	182	192
Nashville	65	27	28	10	64	156	194

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	64	43	14	7	93	207	157
San Jose	65	41	17	7	89	199	157
Los Angeles	66	38	22	6	82	162	139
Phoenix	65	30	24	11	71	181	188
Vancouver	66	29	27	10	68	153	174
Calgary	65	25	33	7	57	152	194
Edmonton	65	22	35	8	52	162	212

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

Monday's Scores

Phoenix 4, Tampa Bay 3, SO
Pittsburgh 3, Washington 2
Nashville 4, Ottawa 3, OT
Colorado 3, Winnipeg 2, OT
Los Angeles 3, Calgary 2
Columbus at Dallas, susp.
N.Y. Islanders at Vancouver, late
Toronto at Anaheim, late

Today's Games

Nashville at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Toronto at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS AND BOXES

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	35	27	.565	—
Brooklyn	32	30	.516	3
New York	25	40	.385	11 1/2
Boston	22	41	.349	13 1/2
Philadelphia	15	48	.238	20 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	44	17	.721	—
Washington	33	30	.524	12
Charlotte	30	34	.469	15 1/2
Atlanta	27	35	.435	17 1/2
Orlando	19	46	.292	27

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	46	17	.730	—
Chicago	35	28	.556	11
Detroit	24	39	.381	22
Cleveland	24	40	.375	22 1/2
Milwaukee	13	50	.206	33

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	46	16	.742	—
Houston	44	19	.698	2 1/2
Dallas	38	26	.594	9
Memphis	36	26	.581	10
New Orleans	26	37	.413	20 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	46	17	.730	—
Portland	42	21	.667	4
Minnesota	31	31	.500	14 1/2
Denver	27	36	.429	19
Utah	22	42	.344	24 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	—
Golden State	40	24	.625	4
Phoenix	36	26	.581	7
Sacramento	22	41	.349	21 1/2
L.A. Lakers	22	42	.344	22

x-clinched playoff spot

Monday's Scores

Charlotte 105, Denver 98
Brooklyn 101, Toronto 97
Miami 99, Washington 90
New York 123, Philadelphia 110
Milwaukee 105, Orlando 98
Atlanta 112, Utah 110
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games

Boston at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Houston at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Portland at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOXES

BOBCATS 105, NUGGETS 98

DENVER (98): Chandler 3-13 1-1 9, Faried 7-10 1-2 15, Mozgov 4-8 1-2 9, Lawson 9-19 4-6 24, Foye 4-8 1-2 9, Fournier 0-1 0-0 0, Vesely 2-4 1-3 5, Hickson 2-7 7-10 11, Arthur 0-0 0-0 0, Brooks 5-11 5-5 16, Randolph 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 36-83 21-31 98.

CHARLOTTE (105): Kidd-Gilchrist 2-5 2-2 6, McRoberts 5-7 2-2 15, Jefferson 12-23 2-6 26, Walker 6-15 12-12 24, Douglas-Roberts 2-8 3-4 9, Zeller 2-2 0-0 4, Neal 7-9 2-2 19, Ridnour 1-4 0-0 2, Tolliver 0-6 0-0 0, Biyombo 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 37-81 23-28 105.

Denver	22	23	23	30	— 98
Charlotte	25	26	28	26	— 105

3-Point Goals—Denver 5-24 (Lawson 2-6, Chandler 2-10, Brooks 1-4, Randolph 0-1, Foye 0-3), Charlotte 8-20 (Neal 3-3, McRoberts 3-4, Douglas-Roberts 2-6, Ridnour 0-1, Tolliver 0-6). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Denver 56 (Faried 9), Charlotte 50 (Jefferson 13). Assists—Denver 16 (Lawson 6), Charlotte 21 (Walker 7). Total Fouls—Denver 23, Charlotte 21. A—14,312 (19,077).

HEAT 99, WIZARDS 90

WASHINGTON (90): Ariza 2-11 1-1 6, Booker 3-8 0-0 6, Gortat 7-15 0-1 14, Wall 2-8 1-2 7, Beal 7-18 1-1 18, Webster 5-9 3-4 17, Harrington 1-5 0-0 3, Gooden 7-12 0-0 15, Porter Jr. 1-1 0-0 2, Miller 1-2 0-0 2, Temple 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-89 6-9 90.

MIAMI (99): James 10-15 0-0 23, Battier 2-3 0-0 6, Bosh 10-14 0-0 22, Chalmers 0-7 0-0 0, Wade 8-17 6-6 22, Allen 5-9 0-0 13, Andersen 3-5 3-3 9, Cole 0-4 0-0 0, Beasley 2-6 0-0 4, Haslem 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-80 9-9 99.

Washington	23	22	28	17	— 90
Miami	31	22	20	26	— 99

3-Point Goals—Washington 12-31 (Webster 4-8, Beal 3-7, Wall 2-4, Gooden 1-2, Harrington 1-3, Ariza 1-7), Miami 10-21 (James 3-4, Allen 3-6, Battier 2-3, Bosh 2-3, Cole 0-2, Chalmers 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 59 (Gortat 18), Miami 37 (Bosh, James 7). Assists—Washington 24 (Wall 8), Miami 26 (James 8). Total Fouls—Washington 14, Miami 11. Technicals—Miami defensive three second. A—19,657 (19,600).

NETS 101, RAPTORS 97

TORONTO (97): Ross 5-12 0-0 12, A.Johnson 8-14 0-0 16, Valanciunas 2-3 2-3 6, Lowry 8-16 1-1 21, DeRozan 3-9 8-8 14, Hansbrough 4-6 8-10 16, Vasquez 2-6 0-0 4, Salmons 1-3 2-2 4, Novak 1-1 0-0 2, Hayes 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 35-71 21-24 97.

BROOKLYN (101): J.Johnson 6-13 0-0 14, Pierce 3-8 6-8 15, Plumlee 3-7 0-0 6, Williams 6-13 2-4 18, Livingston 7-10 4-4 18, Blatche 4-7 1-2 9, Thornton 2-6 0-1 5, Teletovic 1-3 3-4 5, Anderson 2-3 6-8 11, Collins 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-70 22-31 101.

Toronto	30	21	22	24	— 97
Brooklyn	19	31	28	23	— 101

3-Point Goals—Toronto 6-23 (Lowry 4-8, Ross 2-8, Salmons 0-1, A.Johnson 0-1, DeRozan 0-2, Vasquez 0-3), Brooklyn 11-20 (Williams 4-7, Pierce 3-4, J.Johnson 2-4, Anderson 1-1, Thornton 1-3, Teletovic 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 42 (Lowry 8), Brooklyn 42 (Plumlee 8). Assists—Toronto 19 (Lowry 7), Brooklyn 15 (Williams 5). Total Fouls—Toronto 22, Brooklyn 27. Technicals—Hansbrough, Blatche. A—17,351 (17,732).

KNICKS 123, 76ERS 110

PHILADELPHIA (110): Thompson 2-6 0-0 5, Young 8-22 1-2 18, Sims 4-4 2-2 10, Carter-Williams 8-12 6-9 23, Anderson 7-12 0-0 17, Wroten 8-18 7-8 23, Varnado 1-2 2-4 4, Williams 1-3 0-0 2, Maynor 0-0 0-0 0, Mullens 0-0 0-0 0, Moultrie 4-5 0-0 8. Totals 43-84 18-25 110.

NEW YORK (123): Anthony 9-24 4-4 22, Smith 8-18 2-4 22, Stoudemire 9-10 5-8 23, Felton 4-5 2-2 13, Shumpert 1-3 0-0 2, Hardaway Jr. 9-13 5-6 28, Prigioni 1-2 0-0 3, Tyler 2-4 2-4 6, Clark 0-1 2-2 2, S.Brown 0-0 0-4 0, Murry 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 44-81 22-34 123.

Philadelphia	31	30	24	25	— 110
New York	26	35	30	32	— 123

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 6-20 (Anderson 3-8, Carter-Williams 1-2, Young 1-3, Thompson 1-4, Wroten 0-1, Williams 0-2), New York 13-32 (Hardaway Jr. 5-7, Smith 4-11, Felton 3-4, Prigioni 1-2, Shumpert 0-1, Anthony 0-7). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 53 (Carter-Williams 13), New York 44 (Anthony 9). Assists—Philadelphia 26 (Carter-Williams 10), New York 20 (Anthony, Smith 5). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 25, New York 24. A—19,812 (19,763).

BUCKS 105, MAGIC 98

ORLANDO (98): Harkless 5-10 1-1 14, O'Quinn 5-8 0-0 10, Vucevic 6-13 0-0 12, Nelson 5-9 0-0 13, Afflalo 4-14 3-6 12, Harris 5-10 1-1 11, Oladipo 5-6 0-0 12, Moore 4-7 0-0 8, Nicholson 3-9 0-0 6, Lamb 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 42-88 5-8 98.

MILWAUKEE (105): Middleton 5-13 6-6 21, Ilyasova 6-13 3-6 16, Pachulia 2-5 0-0 4, Knight 9-23 5-5 24, Wolters 4-8 0-0 8, Antetokounmpo 2-4 1-2 6, Henson 5-9 0-0 10, Adrien 0-0 0-0 0, Sessions 5-8 6-6 16, Mayo 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 38-84 21-25 105.

Orlando	24	27	20	27	— 98
Milwaukee	13	32	23	37	— 105

3-Point Goals—Orlando 9-23 (Nelson 3-5, Harkless 3-7, Oladipo 2-2, Afflalo 1-5, Harris 0-1, Nicholson 0-1, Moore 0-2), Milwaukee 8-27 (Middleton 5-8, Antetokounmpo 1-2, Ilyasova 1-6, Knight 1-9, Mayo 0-1, Wolters 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 49 (Vucevic 12), Milwaukee 50 (Ilyasova 11). Assists—Orlando 23 (Nelson 7), Milwaukee 25 (Sessions 8). Total Fouls—Orlando 22, Milwaukee 9. Technicals—Orlando defensive three second. A—10,114 (18,717).

HAWKS 112, JAZZ 110

ATLANTA (112): Carroll 4-7 0-0 11, Millsap 7-14 7-8 23, Antic 4-8 2-2 12, Teague 3-10 7-9 14, Korver 8-12 6-6 26, Brand 4-5 0-1 8, Mack 0-4 0-0 0, Schroder 2-5 0-0 4, Scott 3-5 1-1 7, Martin 1-4 0-0 3, Muscala 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 38-78 23-27 112.

UTAH (110): Jefferson 6-9 0-0 15, M.Williams 6-12 5-6 18, Favors 4-10 6-6 14, Burke 9-15 0-0 23, Hayward 4-10 4-4 13, Kanter 5-10 1-1 11, Burks 5-11 2-3 12, Evans 1-2 1-2 3, Garrett 0-3 1-2 1. Totals 40-82 20-24 110.

Atlanta	28	31	19	34	— 112
Utah	22	22	36	30	— 110

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 13-29 (Korver 4-4, Carroll 3-5, Millsap 2-4, Antic 2-6, Teague 1-3, Martin 1-3, Scott 0-2, Mack 0-2), Utah 10-21 (Burke 5-8, Jefferson 3-4, Hayward 1-1, M.Williams 1-4, Garrett 0-1, Burks 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 40 (Millsap 8), Utah 50 (Kanter, Favors 9). Assists—Atlanta 30 (Teague, Mack 6), Utah 19 (Hayward 7). Total Fouls—Atlanta 18, Utah 26. A—17,774 (19,911).

SPRINGTRAINING

FROM WIRE REPORTS

STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	9	2	.818
Cleveland	9	2	.818
Seattle	10	4	.714
New York	7	4	.636
Tampa Bay	5	3	.625
Oakland	6	4	.600
Detroit	7	5	.583
Minnesota	5	4	.556
Kansas City	6	5	.545
Houston	5	6	.455
Los Angeles	5	6	.455
Toronto	5	6	.455
Chicago	4	5	.444
Boston	4	7	.364
Texas	3	7	.300

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Miami	7	3	.700
Washington	7	4	.636
Pittsburgh	7	5	.583
San Francisco	7	5	.583
Arizona	7	6	.538
Chicago	6	6	.500
Colorado	6	7	.462
Milwaukee	6	8	.429
Los Angeles	4	6	.400
New York	4	6	.400
San Diego	4	6	.400
Cincinnati	4	10	.286
Atlanta	3	9	.250
St. Louis	2	6	.250
Philadelphia	2	9	.182

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

Monday's Scores

Boston 6, Tampa Bay 2
Detroit 17, St. Louis 5
Baltimore 7, Pittsburgh 6
Atlanta 8, Philadelphia 1
Miami 11, N.Y. Mets 1
Chicago Cubs 3, San Francisco 2
Kansas City 8, Seattle (ss) 2
L.A. Angels 8, Cleveland 3
Chicago White Sox 6, Milwaukee 3
L.A. Dodgers 6, Oakland 6, tie
Texas 8, Cincinnati 2
San Diego 5, Colorado 0
Houston 7, Washington 4
Seattle (ss) vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., late

Today's Games

Toronto vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Miami vs. Boston (ss) at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Boston (ss) vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

TEXAS LINESCORES

RANGERS 8, REDS 2

At Surprise, Ariz.

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At Viera, Fla.

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Washington	100 001 101—4	4	10	1

Harrell, Foltynewicz (5), Zeid (7), A.Sogard (8), Fields (9) and C.Perez, Corporan; G.Gonzalez, B.Treinen (3), R.Soriano (6), A.Barrett (6), Clippard (8), X.Cedeno (9) and Lobaton, Leon. W—Harrell. L—G.Gonzalez. HRs—Houston, Corporan (1), Washington, S.Souza (1).

A half-dozen to watch on the bubble

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

The big bubble winner over the weekend: Nebraska. When the NCAA selection committee draws up the brackets Sunday, it's hard to imagine the Cornhuskers will be on the outside looking in.

Led by 26 points each from Shavon Shields and Terran Petteway, Nebraska defeated ninth-ranked Wisconsin on Sunday in what may have been the most important regular-season game in the program's history.

Tim Miles' team has won 10 of 12 and finished in fourth place in the Big Ten, the second-strongest conference in the country. The Huskers (19-11, 11-7) look like a good bet to make their first appearance in March Madness since 1998.

Here's a Pick Six of other bubble teams, how they did over the weekend and what they need to accomplish in the upcoming conference tournaments.

PITTSBURGH (23-8, 11-7 ACC) — The soft nonconference schedule, the lack of quality wins, the handful of last-second, heartbreaking losses — all that was working very much against the Panthers. Then, they made up five points in the span of 4 seconds on the road against a tough, Clemson team, and went on to win in overtime. Yes, the Panthers and their late-season fades get old, but 23 is an impressive number, and suddenly this arrow is, well, at least not pointing straight down anymore.

OREGON (22-8, 10-8 Pac-12) — A bubble team no longer, not after winning seven straight and capping that with a victory over No. 3 Arizona on Saturday. This was a team that started the season 13-0, but was 3-8 in the Pac-12 at one point. The committee loves teams that are playing well come March. The Ducks, and whatever neon uniforms they decide to bring with them to the Dance, will only be worrying about where, not if, come next Sunday.

Nati Harnik/AP

Nebraska's Terran Petteway (5) reacts after scoring in the second half of Sunday's game against Wisconsin in Lincoln, Neb.

ARKANSAS (21-10, 10-8 SEC) — Yes, there were lots of good things going on here. Winners of eight of nine, including a stretch in which the Hogs backed up a win against Kentucky at Rupp Arena with impressive home victories against Georgia and Mississippi. Then came that 25-point loss at Alabama. Now, Arkansas, a near-lock 10 days ago, needs to perform — as in, win one, maybe two, games at the SEC tournament — to solidify its status.

FLORIDA STATE (18-12, 9-9 ACC) — The Seminoles had a reeling Syracuse team on their home court. Perfect time to make a statement. Instead, they fell 74-58. A .500 record in the ACC is nothing to sneeze at. But it could be time to ... start spreading the news ... BCS and NIT trophies will reside in Tallahassee this year.

GONZAGA (26-6, 15-3 WCC) — Gosh, is there any chance the Zags, with all their history and tradition and mid-major moxie, wouldn't make it? Well, was there any chance they might lose to Santa Clara on Saturday? The answer to both questions should have been a definitive 'No.' But that two-point squeaker over the ninth-seeded Broncos, thanks to David Stockton's layup with 1.4 seconds left, didn't prove much. Next up: St. Mary's on Monday. Time to impress. Just to show they can.

WICHITA STATE (34-0, 18-0 MVC) — Just wanted to make sure you were still reading. The Shockers are the first team to head into March Madness undefeated since UNLV in 1991. Only question: Is this the top overall seed? Oh, certainly there are things to nitpick — the mid-major résumé, the No. 6 rating in the RPI, etc. Top-ranked Florida is out there and looking awfully good. But while the rest of the big boys are battling it out in conference tournaments, the Shockers will be back home practicing, their title already in hand.

Murray, Federer, Li win at Indian Wells

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — Andy Murray outlasted Jiri Vesely of the Czech Republic 6-7 (2), 6-4, 6-4 on Monday in his second straight three-set match at the BNP Paribas Open.

The fifth-seeded Scotsman had his hands full playing for the first time against Vesely, who at age 20 is the youngest member of the top 100 of the ATP Tour rankings and was competing in his first Masters 1000 event.

Four-time tourney champion Roger Federer defeated 27th-seeded Dmitry Tursunov of Russia 7-6 (7), 7-6 (2) with an ace on match point.

Murray had 47 of the 99 unforced errors during the nearly three-hour match in the 80-plus-degree heat of the Southern California desert. The third set featured six service breaks, with Murray taking the last two.

"It was that sort of match where at no stage did either of us play well at the same time," Murray said. "There wasn't one period where I thought the level of tennis from both of us was high at the same time. That can create a lot of breaks and a lot of sort of back and forth swings in the match."

Vesely staved off two match points with a pair of winners. But the Czech double-faulted to set up Murray's third match point and he netted a forehand volley to end his upset bid.

"Until 4-2 in both sets, second and third, I was playing good without any mistakes," Vesely said. "But then I always got a little bit tight. That was maybe the one thing that was painful then in the end."

Mark J. Terrill/AP

Roger Federer celebrates winning the first set against Dmitry Tursunov during a third round match at the BNP Paribas Open on Monday in Indian Wells, Calif.

Federer has regained some of the momentum that eluded him last year, when he won just one title. Last week, he won the tournament in Dubai with victories against Novak Djokovic and Tomas Berdych. At the Australian Open, the former world No. 1 earned wins over Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and Murray before losing to Rafael Nadal.

"I feel different this year," Federer said. "Now I feel like I'm in a good place. Zen on the court. Even if I won 6 and 6 today, I just feel like I was calm. Those are the moments where you feel there is confidence around somewhere."

In the women's third round, top-seeded Li Na defeated Karolina Pliskova of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-4.

Li closed out the match with an ace, one of her 15 winners in a match in which the Chinese star had 28 unforced errors. The Australian Open champion has never been past the semifinals in six previous appearances at Indian Wells.

Li is playing as the No. 1 seed in a major tournament for the first time.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL POLLS, SCORES AND SCHEDULES

Men

AP TOP 25

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Florida (50)	29-2	1610	1
2. Wichita St. (15)	34-0	1574	2
3. Villanova	28-3	1454	6
4. Arizona	28-3	1435	3
5. Louisville	26-5	1237	11
6. Virginia	25-6	1186	5
7. Duke	24-7	1185	4
8. Michigan	23-7	1143	12
9. San Diego St.	27-3	1143	10
10. Kansas	23-8	1067	8
11. Syracuse	27-4	1055	7
12. Wisconsin	25-6	973	9
13. Cincinnati	26-5	922	15
14. Creighton	24-6	752	13
15. North Carolina	23-8	709	14
16. Iowa St.	23-7	572	16
17. Oklahoma	23-8	472	23
18. Saint Louis	26-5	433	17
19. Memphis	23-8	367	20
20. New Mexico	24-6	344	21
21. UConn	24-7	330	19
22. Michigan St.	23-8	318	22
23. VCU	24-7	205	—
24. Ohio St.	23-8	165	—
25. SMU	**23-8**	**152**	**18**

Others receiving votes: Gonzaga 82, **Stephen F. Austin 56,** Oregon 39, **Texas 31,** Harvard 27, Kentucky 19, **Baylor 18,** UCLA 14, Nebraska 8, Iowa 4, Tennessee 2, George Washington 1, NC Central 1

USA TODAY TOP 25

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Florida (25)	29-2	793	1
2. Wichita State (7)	34-0	775	2
3. Villanova	28-3	721	6
4. Arizona	28-3	678	3
5. Louisville	26-5	654	9
6. Duke	24-7	591	4
7. San Diego State	27-3	584	10
8. Virginia	25-6	581	5
9. Michigan	23-7	536	12
10. Kansas	23-8	509	8
11. Syracuse	27-4	497	7
12. Cincinnati	26-5	447	15
13. Wisconsin	25-6	440	11
14. Creighton	24-6	384	13
15. North Carolina	23-8	350	14
16. Iowa State	23-7	269	17
17. Saint Louis	26-5	252	16
18. Oklahoma	23-8	221	23
19. Memphis	23-8	195	20
20. New Mexico	24-6	177	21
21. Connecticut	24-7	152	19
22. Michigan State	23-8	129	22
23. SMU	**23-8**	**94**	**18**
24. Ohio State	23-8	84	—
25. VCU	24-7	71	—

Others receiving votes: Kentucky 43, Gonzaga 32, **Texas 27,** Oregon 21, Southern Miss 21, **Stephen F. Austin 17, Baylor 15,** Iowa 10, Harvard 8, UMass 8, Nebraska 5, Louisiana Tech 3, Pittsburgh 3, George Washington 1, Kansas State 1, Oklahoma State 1

MONDAY'S SCORES
TOURNAMENT
Colonial Athletic Association
Championship
Delaware 75, William & Mary 74
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Championship
Manhattan 71, Iona 68
Mid-American Conference
First Round
E. Michigan 72, Cent. Michigan 60
Miami (Ohio) 71, Kent St. 64
N. Illinois 54, Bowling Green 51, OT
Ohio 76, Ball St. 64
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
First Round
Norfolk St. 78, Md.-Eastern Shore 74
Savannah St. 81, SC State 47
Southern Conference
Championship
Wofford 56, W. Carolina 53
Summit League
Semifinals
IPFW 64, S. Dakota St. 60
N. Dakota St. 83, Denver 48
West Coast Conference
Semifinals
Gonzaga 70, Saint Mary's (Cal) 54

TODAY'S GAMES
TOURNAMENTS
Conference USA
At El Paso
First Round
North Texas vs. Rice, 4:30 p.m.
FAU vs. Marshall, 5 p.m.
East Carolina vs. UTSA, 9:30 p.m.
Horizon League
Championship
Milwaukee at Wright State, 6 p.m.
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
At Norfolk, Va.
First Round
Howard vs. N.C. A&T, 3 p.m.
Coppin St. vs. Bethune-Cookman, 5:30 p.m.
Florida A&M vs. Delaware St., 8 p.m.
Northwest Conference
Championship
Mount St. Mary's at Robert Morris, 6 p.m.
Southwestern Athletic Conference
At Houston
First Round
Jackson St. vs. Grambling St., 12:30 p.m.
Prairie View vs. MVSU, 8 p.m.
Summit League
At Sioux Falls, S.D.
Championship
North Dakota State vs. IPFW-S. Dakota St. winner, 8 p.m.
West Coast Conference
At Las Vegas
Championship
Gonzaga vs. San Francisco-BYU winner, 8 p.m.
EAST
Penn at Princeton, 7 p.m.
NCAA Automatic Bids
Coastal Carolina, Big South Conference
Delaware, Colonial Athletic Association
Eastern Kentucky, Ohio Valley Conference
Harvard, Ivy League
Manhattan, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Mercer, Atlantic Sun Conference
Wichita State, Missouri Valley Conference
Wofford, Southern Conference

The 2013-14 AP All-Big 12 men's basketball teams

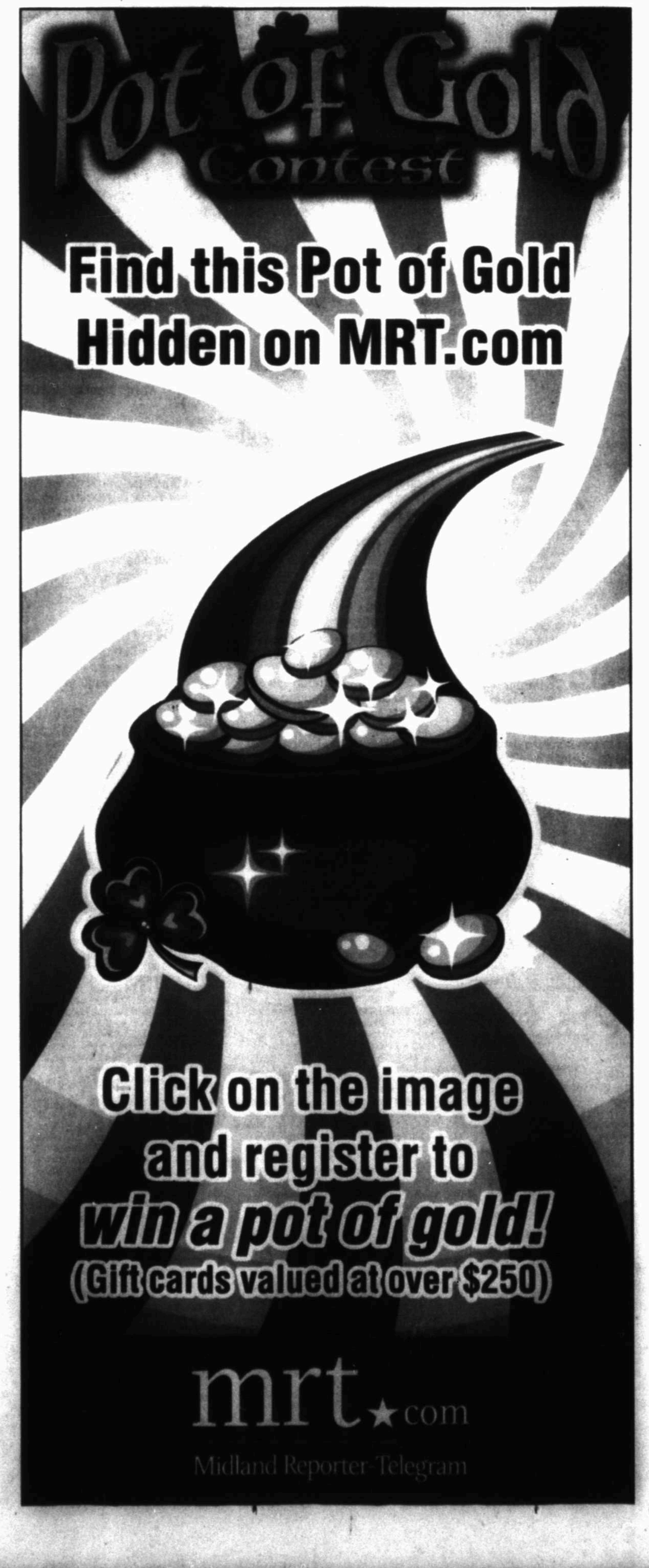
AP All-Big 12 Team
The Associated Press All-Big 12 men's basketball team for the 2013-14 season as chosen by a panel of media representatives who cover the conference on a regular basis, with players listed in alphabetical order by name, school, class, height, weight and hometown:
FIRST TEAM
**Melvin Ejim, Iowa St., Sr., 6-6, 220, Toronto, Ontario
DeAndre Kane, Iowa St., Sr., 6-4, 200, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Marcus Smart, Oklahoma St., So., 6-4, 225, Flower Mound, Texas
Juwan Staten, West Virginia, Jr., 6-1, 190, Dayton, Ohio
**Andrew Wiggins, Kansas, Fr., 6-8, 200, Vaughan, Ontario
SECOND TEAM
Markel Brown, Oklahoma St., Sr., 6-3, 190, Alexandria, La.
Joel Embiid, Kansas, Fr., 7-0, 250, Yaounde, Cameroon
Marcus Foster, Kansas St., Fr., 6-2, 200, Wichita Falls, Texas
Buddy Hield, Oklahoma, So., 6-4, 208, Freeport, Bahamas
Cory Jefferson, Baylor, Sr., 6-9, 220, Killeen, Texas
HONORABLE MENTION
Kyan Anderson, TCU; Bryce Cherry, Baylor; Cameron Clark, Oklahoma; Jaye Crockett, Texas Tech; Perry Ellis, Kansas; Eron Harris, West Virginia; Jonathan Holmes, Texas; Georges Niang, Iowa St.; Cameron Ridley, Texas; Ryan Spangler, Oklahoma; Isaiah Taylor, Texas
COACH OF THE YEAR: Lon Kruger, Oklahoma
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Melvin Ejim, Iowa St.
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR: **DeAndre Kane, Iowa St.
FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: Andrew Wiggins, Kansas
**notes unanimous selection
Voters: Jimmy Burch, Fort Worth Star-Telegram; Chuck Carlton, Dallas Morning News; Rustin Dodd, Kansas City Star; Guerin Emig, Tulsa World; Tim Griffin, San Antonio Express-News; John Helsley, The Oklahoman; Kelly Hines, Tulsa World; Tom Keegan, Lawrence Journal-World; Kevin Lyttle, Austin American-Statesman; Randy Peterson, Des Moines Register; Krista Pirtle, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal; Soren Petro, Sports Radio 810; Kellis Robinett, Wichita Eagle; Drew Rubenstein, The Dominion Post; John Shinn, Norman Transcript; Stefan Stevenson, Fort Worth Star-Telegram; Mitch Vingle, Charleston Gazette; John Werner, Waco Tribune-Herald

Women

MONDAY'S TOP 25 PAIRED
1. UConn (34-0) beat No. 3 Louisville 72-52. Next: TBA.
2. Notre Dame (32-0) did not play. Next: NCAA tournament.
3. Louisville (30-4) lost to No. 1 UConn 72-52. Next: TBA.
4. Tennessee (26-5) did not play. Next: NCAA tournament.
5. West Virginia (29-4) lost to No. 9 Baylor 74-71. Next: TBA.
6. Stanford (28-3) did not play. Next: TBA.
7. Baylor (28-4) beat No. 7 West Virginia 74-71. Next: TBA.
8. South Carolina (27-4) did not play. Next: TBA.
9. Duke (27-6) did not play. Next: TBA.
10. Kentucky (24-8) did not play. Next: TBA.
11. Maryland (24-8) did not play. Next: TBA.
12. North Carolina (24-8) did not play. Next: TBA.
13. Nebraska (25-6) did not play. Next: vs. NCAA tournament.
14. Penn State (22-7) did not play. Next: TBA.
15. Texas A&M (24-6) did not play. Next: TBA.
16. N.C. State (25-7) did not play. Next: TBA.
17. Purdue (21-8) did not play. Next: TBA.
18. Gonzaga (28-4) beat Saint Mary's 88-60. Next: vs. BYU, Tuesday.
19. Iowa (26-8) did not play. Next: TBA.
20. Michigan State (22-8) did not play. Next: TBA.
21. Oklahoma State (23-8) did not play. Next: TBA.
22. Middle Tennessee (26-4) did not play. Next: Conference USA quarterfinals, Thursday.
23. DePaul (26-6) beat Marquette 100-90. Next: vs. St. John's, Tuesday.
24. California (21-9) did not play. Next: TBA.
25. Bowling Green (27-3) in MAC semifinals, Friday. Next: MAC championship, Friday.

MONDAY'S SCORES
TOURNAMENT
America East Conference
Championship
Albany (NY) 70, Stony Brook 46
American Athletic Conference
Championship
UConn 72, Louisville 52
Big 12 Conference
Championship
Baylor 74, West Virginia 71
Big East Conference
Semifinals
DePaul 100, Marquette 90
St. John's 68, Creighton 63, 2OT
Horizon League
First Round
Valparaiso 76, Detroit 69
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Championship
Marist 70, Quinnipiac 66
Mid-American Conference
First Round
Ball St. 73, Kent St. 38
N. Illinois 81, E. Michigan 76, OT
Toledo 61, Ohio 44
W. Michigan 82, Miami (Ohio) 72
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
First Round
Florida A&M 86, Delaware St. 58
Md.-Eastern Shore 70, Norfolk St. 66
Savannah St. 82, Morgan St. 71
Mountain West Conference
First Round
San Diego St. 63, Air Force 56
UNLV 78, San Jose St. 75
Utah St. 69, New Mexico 66
Patriot League
Semifinals
Army 68, American U. 55
Holy Cross 75, Navy 56
Southern Conference
Championship
Chattanooga 71, Davidson 45
Summit League
Semifinals
Denver 76, IUPUI 69, OT
South Dakota 72, S. Dakota St. 58
West Coast Conference
Semifinals
BYU 77, Pacific 64
Gonzaga 68, Saint Mary's (Cal) 60

TODAY'S GAMES
TOURNAMENTS
Atlantic Sun Conference
First Round
Lipscomb at Florida Gulf Coast, 6 p.m.
Kennesaw St. at Stetson, 6 p.m.
ETSU at S.C.-Upstate, 6 p.m.
Mercer at Jacksonville, 6 p.m.
Big East Conference
At Rosemont, Ill.
Championship
St. John's vs. DePaul, 8 p.m.
Big West Conference
At Long Beach, Calif.
First Round
UC Davis vs. UC Santa Barbara, 8 p.m.
Long Beach St. vs. Cal St. Fullerton, 10:30 p.m.
Conference USA
At El Paso
First Round
FAU vs. Marshall, Noon
Rice vs. FIU, 2:30 p.m.
North Texas vs. Louisiana Tech, 6 p.m.
Tulsa vs. UTSA, 8:30 p.m.
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
At Norfolk, Va.
First Round
Howard vs. N.C. Central, 10 a.m.
Bethune-Cookman vs. S.C. State, 12:30 p.m.
Mountain West Conference
At Las Vegas
Quarterfinals
Colorado State vs. Utah State, 2 p.m.
Boise State vs. Wyoming, 4:30 p.m.
Fresno State vs. UNLV, 8 p.m.
Nevada vs. San Diego State-Air Force winner, 10:30 p.m.
Southwestern Athletic Conference
At Houston
First Round
Grambling St. vs. Ark.-Pine Bluff, 10 a.m.
Alcorn St. vs. Alabama A&M, 5:30 p.m.
Summit League
At Sioux Falls, S.D.
Championship
South Dakota vs. Denver, 1 p.m.
West Coast Conference
At Las Vegas
Championship
Gonzaga vs. BYU, 3 p.m.
EAST
Penn at Princeton, 4:30 p.m.
NCAA Automatic Bids
Albany (N.Y.), America East Conference
Baylor, Big 12 Conference
Chattanooga, Southern Conference
Fordham, Atlantic 10 Conference
Marist, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Nebraska, Big Ten Conference
Notre Dame, Atlantic Coast Conference
Southern Cal, Pacific-12 Conference
Tennessee, Southeastern Conference
UConn, American Athletic Conference
UT-Martin, Ohio Valley Conference



Pistorius vomits during graphic testimony

By Christopher Torchia and Gerald Imray
Associated Press

PRETORIA, South Africa — Hunched over, vomiting into a bucket by his feet and retching loudly, Oscar Pistorius was vividly reminded at his murder trial Monday of the gruesome injuries he inflicted on his girlfriend when a pathologist described how the Olympian fatally shot her multiple times with bullets designed to cause maximum damage.

The testimony by Prof. Gert Saayman, who performed the autopsy on Reeva Steenkamp's body, was so graphic that it was not broadcast or reported live on social media by journalists under an order from Judge Thokozile Masipa.

Saayman methodically listed the extent of the three main gunshot wounds Steenkamp suffered on Valentine's Day last year when she was shot by the double-amputee runner in the right side of the head, the right hip and the right arm through a toilet cubicle door.

The pathologist said Steenkamp, 29, was hit by special Black Talon bullets and that the head shot from Pistorius' 9 mm pistol was probably almost instantly fatal, causing brain damage and multiple fractures to her skull.

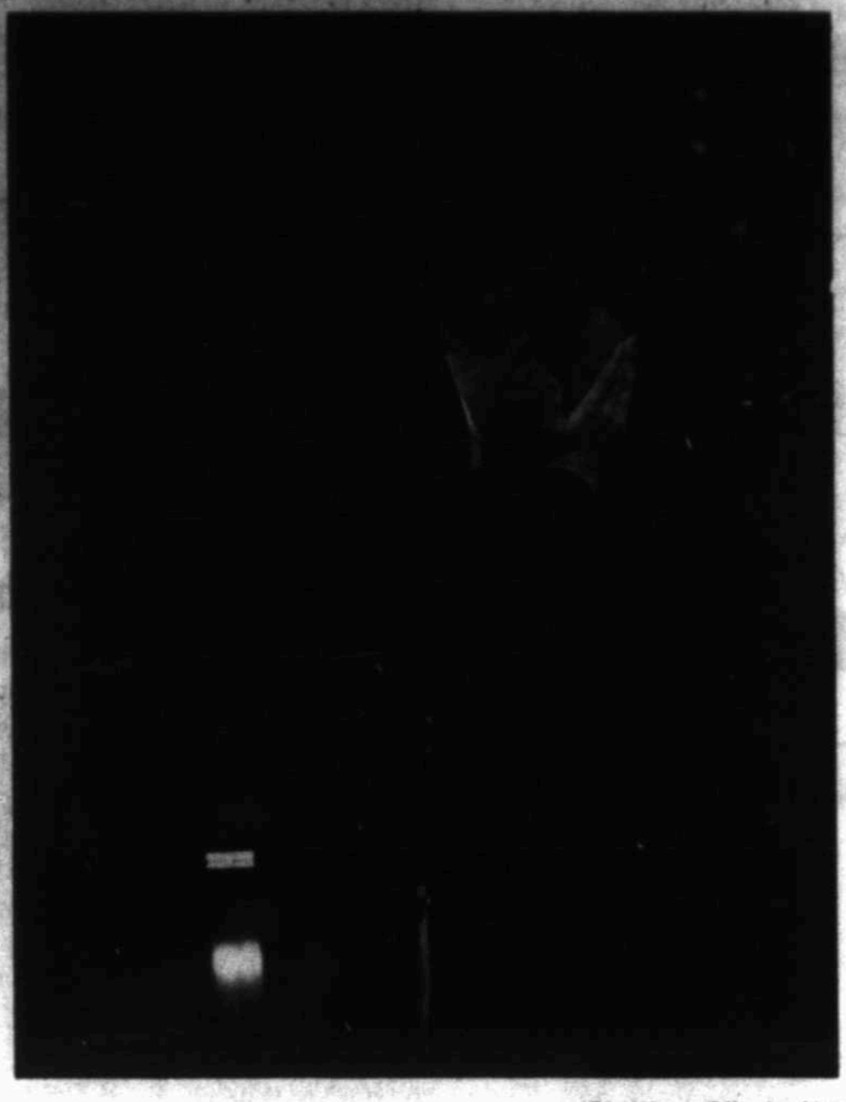
Bent over while sitting on a wooden bench, Pistorius vomited when Saayman reached his right hand up toward the right side of his own head to show the entrance and exit wounds in Steenkamp's skull.

Masipa briefly halted the testimony to ask chief defense lawyer Barry Roux to attend to his client. The judge later asked whether Pistorius was able to understand the proceedings as he sat with hands clasped over his ears, his body heaving.

"Is your client fine?" the judge asked Roux.

Roux replied: "It's not going to be fine."

Roux said Pistorius' reaction was not going to change. A dark bucket with a handle was placed at his feet.



Siphiwe Sibeko/AP

With a bucket on the floor nearby, Oscar Pistorius covers his face with his hands as he listens to cross questioning about the events surrounding the shooting death of his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp in court during his trial Monday in Pretoria, South Africa.

Pistorius vomited at least two other times and cried. He is charged with premeditated murder for killing Steenkamp and could face up to life in prison if convicted. The prosecution contends the shooting followed a loud argument between the couple. The defense maintains that he shot her by mistake, thinking she was an intruder.

Through the sounds of Pistorius retching in the dock, the pathologist testified that he was able to identify the ammunition from a bullet fragment lodged at the bottom of Steenkamp's skull. The bullets were designed to expand on impact and cause severe damage.

The hip and arm wounds were also severe, and the right arm was broken, the pathologist said, adding that any of the three gunshot wounds in isolation could have been fatal.

Saayman stood through his testimony to indicate the location of Steenkamp's bullet wounds by touching his hand to his own head, arm and hip.

He noted that Steenkamp also had a wound on her left hand, possibly from a bullet, and described abrasions and smaller injuries caused by splinters, which he said were consistent with bullets fired through a wooden object.

Away from the courthouse, JC de Klerk, a forensic ballistic specialist who used to work for the South African police, agreed with Saayman that the headshot likely killed Steenkamp immediately.

"If the doctor found a Black Talon bullet inside her head ... she would have died, I would say, not in seconds but in milliseconds," de Klerk told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

De Klerk said the bullets were rare in South Africa and designed to cause "excessive wounds."

The detailed evidence regarding the injuries is important because, for one, Pistorius has claimed that Steenkamp was slumped over but alive when he eventually reached her after shooting her in error thinking she was a dangerous intruder.

Lions say Ford's wife to take over team

By Noah Tristar
Associated Press

DETROIT — Martha Ford will take over her late husband's controlling interest in the Detroit Lions, keeping the team within the family after a half-century under the leadership of William Clay Ford.

William Clay Ford died Sunday. The 88-year-old Ford was the last surviving grandchild of automotive pioneer Henry Ford.

"Pursuant to long-established succession plans, Mr. Ford's controlling interest in the Lions passes to Mrs. Martha Ford," the Lions said Monday. "She and her four children will continue to be involved in the ownership of the franchise, as they have during Mr. Ford's tenure."

William Clay Ford Jr. remains in his role as vice chairman of the Lions.

Jason Hanson was Detroit's kicker from 1992-2012 — the longest tenure for any NFL player under one owner. He spoke to reporters on a conference call Monday, shortly after the team announced its succession plan.

Hanson's comments reflected the regret some players have felt over the team's inability to sustain any sort of significant success under the Fords. William Clay Ford's first full season leading the Lions was in 1964, seven years after the franchise won the NFL title. The lone playoff victory he enjoyed was in 1992.

"I truly believe they want to win, they'll do what it takes to win," Hanson said. "The people underneath them, frankly, from players up, have been disappointing for them."

Ford Field — a spectacular 65,000-seat indoor stadium — opened in 2002 and, coupled with a state-of-the-art team headquarters in nearby Allen Park, gave the Lions sparkling facilities. But that didn't translate into success on the field. The Lions are the only team to go 0-16 in a season, hitting rock bottom in 2008.

The Lions were already in a period of transition before Ford's death, having fired coach Jim Schwartz and replaced him with Jim Caldwell. Team president Tom Lewand and general manager Martin Mayhew are still in place, but there's clearly pressure to win for a team that was able to draft standouts Calvin Johnson, Ndamukong Suh and Matthew Stafford in recent years.

Detroit faces a big week ahead, with free agency beginning Tuesday.

After an 11-year drought, the Lions improved enough to make the playoffs in 2011 only to lose a combined 21 games over the next two seasons.

"I've heard guys say this — that everyone that has played for the Lions for a significant amount of time, that has some investment with, has some guilt, and I share that," Hanson said. "That we were not able to be part of a team that brought him a championship. And I think every player feels that."

William Clay Ford married the former Martha Parke Firestone, an heiress to the Akron, Ohio, rubber fortune. Her grandfather, Harvey Firestone, was a close friend of Henry Ford.

Martha Ford now takes over a position of greater leadership with the team, and Hanson shared some of his experiences with the family.

"I hope this is a compliment: They are real people," Hanson said. "For most of the people, these are names on a newspaper column, such a historic name. And again, these are influential and very important people to our city. Their philanthropy and how they've invested back into the community, I know for a fact that she's part of it."

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bert Haynesworth, just to name two — but the needs are so many that the coffers could dry up quickly if the spending gets too reckless.

The Cowboys, meanwhile, are still in a tight squeeze. They have been trying to restructure defensive end DeMarcus Ware's deal, which has a $16 million cap hit this year, just to have a modest amount to spend in free agency.

Executive vice president Stephen Jones has said it's unlikely the club will pursue any expensive players. Receiver Miles Austin, whose six-year, $54-million contract signed in 2010 got Dallas into trouble in the first place, is almost certain to be a June 1 cut that would save $5.5 million under the cap.

Though the cap penalty has been served, the Redskins will be stewing about it for years to come. Allen called it a "travesty of fairness." Dallas owner Jerry Jones was a bit more restrained, but he also claimed his team "followed the rules" and yet was still penalized. Both teams filed a grievance and an arbitrator ruled in favor of the NFL.

The lingering debate is whether the punishment fit the crime, assuming there was a crime at all. The Redskins and Cowboys felt they were being clever when they structured contracts to load money into the 2010 year, when there was no salary cap.

But the league had warned all teams not to do that. The penalties were announced on the eve of 2012 free agency, the NFL declaring Dallas and Washington had "created an unacceptable risk to future competitive balance." The Redskins' free agency plans were thrown into disarray on short notice.

Allen, for his part, has never claimed the Redskins were innocent. Instead, he contended the league's warning didn't come with such a dire price tag.

"We were never warned that they were going to come back two years later and punish us," he said last year.

The players' union says the whole thing smacks of collusion and has taken the matter to court, even though the union initially signed off on the Redskins' and Cowboys' sanctions. In a legal sense, this could run for a few more years.

Meanwhile, Golston is curious to see what his team does with its newfound cap riches. His cautionary note: money isn't everything.

"Hopefully the money's going to be used on the right kind of player to help us win football games," Golston said. "For years, teams have spent tons of money and maxed out on the cap, and that doesn't mean they've had productive seasons. It's not about necessarily spending the most money."

WESTTEXASSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

To submit an item for West Texas Sports, please either fax, bring in, mail or email your information in hard-copy form to the Reporter-Telegram sports department.

Please make your submission as detailed as possible, including dates of events, deadlines, fees, age groups, etc.

To bring your item to the MRT, come to 201 E. Illinois Ave. in Midland. To mail your information, send it to Reporter-Telegram, c/o Sports Department, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

To fax your information, send to 570-7650.

Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 889-6080

Statisticians for RockHounds games needed
What: A major baseball statistics company is looking for scorekeepers for RockHounds game this season.
For more info: Email milb.scorers@yahoo.com

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Lunch break Pick-up Basketball
When: Noon-1 p.m., Monday-Friday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut Lane
For more info: Call 413-0521

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzanteddie@yahoo.com

Don Eddy Basketball Camp featuring the Shooting Game on One Game
When: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., June 16-20
Where: Trinity School gymnasium
For: Ages 7-18
Cost: $205
For more info: Contact coach Young at 432-528-5206 or go to www.debb.com

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Beginner tennis clinics
Where: Midland High School tennis courts
When: Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For: Kindergarten-12th grade, community-based organizations, parents and adults
Deadline: Two weeks before week wanting to attend
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-6245, Brandi at 687-7059 or Elizabeth at 699-6058

YMCA Basketball Skills Clinic
When: Every Saturday
Times: 1 p.m.-3:45 p.m. for grades 3 through 12
Cost: YMCA Family member, free; YMCA Youth member, $5 and program participant, $10 per visit
For more info: Call Midland YMCA at 682-2551

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Atmos Energy's Fischer Community Room, 2304 Loop 40, Midland International Airport
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Fitness

Beach Body
When: 7-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
Note: Instructor is Tommy Hindman
For more info: Call 685-7355

P-90X/Beach Body Fitness Club
When: 12-1 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Yoga
When: 5:30-6:30 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Cardio/Core
When: 11 a.m., Tuesdays & Thursday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orren at 631-2395

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Cardio Kickboxing Class
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do and Fitness Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
Cost: $35 a month
For more info: Call 689-8139

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Private Tae Kwon-Do lessons
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Taekwondo
When: 6-7 p.m. Tuesday nights; Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Etiquette
When: 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays
Note: Instructor is Natalie Cargile
For more info: Call 685-7355

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 7 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 7 p.m., Monday and Tuesday at The Detour. Players must be signed in by 6:45 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Midland Mad Dog Rugby Club
What: Recruiting for 2012-13 season; no experience necessary
For: Participants 16 years and older; need shorts, t-shirt or jersey, cleats or running shoes, watch
When: Practice is 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
For more info: Go to www.maddogrugby.com

Midland Rugby (Bloodhounds) Club
For more info: Call Joshua 661-7147

HHD Dads & Lads Rugby
When: 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Cowden Park
For more info: 212-6088

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m., Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

USA Softball Jr. Men's National Fastpitch Team looking for players
For: Boys players born between 1995 and 1998
Note: No softball experience is needed
For more info: Tim Lyon, USA Jr Men's National Team coach, 801-244-7477 or Dave Parker, West Texas Men's Fastpitch Association, 634-6474 or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-563-1333 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

Bush Tennis Center Youth Clinics
What: Tennis clinics for beginners to advanced players ranging from preschoolers to high school seniors. Ages 3-5: balloon tennis; ages 6-8: Quick Start (red ball); ages 9-10: Quick Start (orange and green ball); ages 11-18: junior development; all levels of adult programs
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com and click on "Programs & Events" or call 620-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 to 1:50 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Midland College 685-4500 or Lance Armstrong 687-4046

Youth Clinics
When: For children 4-8 years of age (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m.) and 9-15 years of age (Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: 687-4046

Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league
For more info: 689-4340

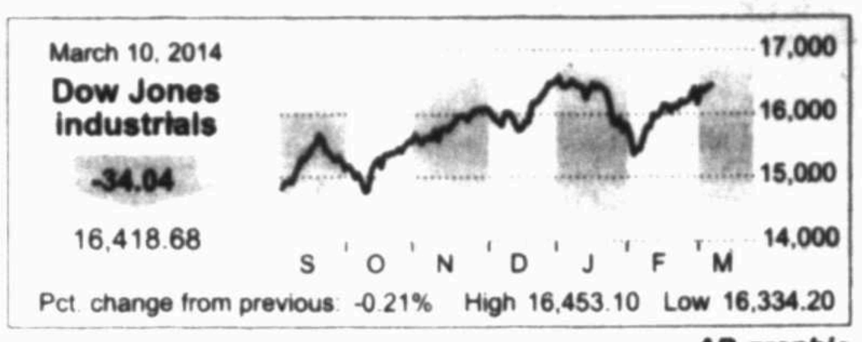
Midland Tennis Club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual dues: Adults $65; youth $30; families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or 687-4046 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

MTC Tennis Tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
When: March 22-23; April 12-13; May 24-25; June 14; July 12-13; Aug. 9-10; Aug. 23-24; Sept. 20-21; Oct. 11; Nov. 8-9
For more info: Call 687-4046 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: Fun Walks, 10K, 3rd Saturday morning of the month; Monthly meeting 3rd Sunday at 5 p.m.
Where: Fun Walks, vary; meetings in Room 227, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Rose 687-2588 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.org

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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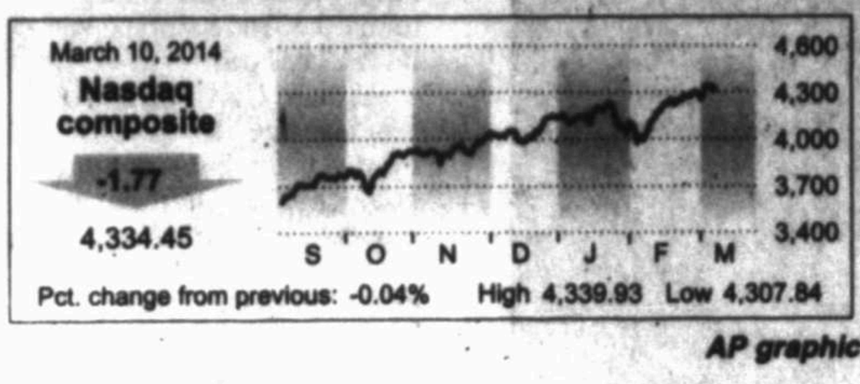

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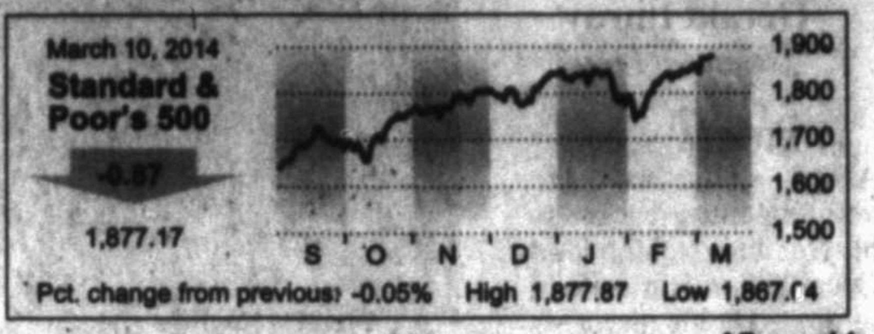

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Monday: $101.12
Previous: $102.58

POSTED
Monday: $97.75
Previous: $99.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR
Monday: $91.55
Previous: $92.80

NATURAL GAS
Monday: $91.55
Previous: $92.80

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	806839	17.47	+.14
S&P500ETF	692537	188.16	-.10
iShEMkts	529178	39.25	-.27
AMD	406189	3.81	-.14
VerizonCm	305515	47.03	-.12

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DBCmdyS	31.47	+7.97	+33.9
DB AgriLg	16.79	+3.75	+28.8
DB AgDS	17.06	+2.96	+21.0
PwSBMetS	23.60	+4.10	+21.0
DBCmdyL	16.15	+2.26	+16.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
E-CDang	16.65	-2.01	-10.8
58.com n	52.39	-5.93	-10.2
WalterEn	9.43	-1.02	-9.8
ProUltBraz	34.85	-3.46	-9.0
ConcdMed	8.75	-.86	-8.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,355
Declined	1,728
Unchanged	105
Total issues	3,188
New Highs	102
New Lows	24
Volume	2,966,046,535

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
RexahnPh	83417	1.25	-.08
InovioPhm	70368	3.52	+.12
UQM Tech	61218	2.99	+.87
MeetMe	55959	4.17	+.39
ZBB En rs	51025	2.65	+.47

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
UQM Tech	2.99	+.87	+41.0
ZBB En rs	2.65	+.47	+21.6
Arrhythm	6.39	+1.04	+19.4
MGT Cap	2.44	+.37	+17.9
TrsatlPt rs	8.54	+.94	+12.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VirnetX	16.08	-1.26	-7.3
EmersnR h	2.09	-.15	-6.7
Can-Fite	5.53	-.32	-5.5
Nevsun g	3.62	-.18	-4.7
Organovo	9.25	-.45	-4.6

DIARY

Advanced	197
Declined	202
Unchanged	23
Total issues	422
New Highs	18
New Lows	5
Volume	150,702,190

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
FuelCellE	1286229	3.93	+.40
SiriusXM	607367	3.47	-.04
Facebook	583450	72.03	+2.23
BallardPw	472262	6.88	+1.60
Cisco	257093	21.69	-.04

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
UBIC n	10.00	+4.18	+71.8
RegadoB n	11.30	+3.12	+38.1
THT HeatT	2.09	+.54	+34.8
BallardPw	6.88	+1.60	+30.3
NwstBioth	7.85	+1.79	+29.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BiostarPh	2.40	-.57	-19.2
Chanticleer	3.98	-.90	-18.4
CombiM wt	2.39	-.50	-17.3
Cimatron	8.01	-1.50	-15.8
FFinSvc	3.54	-.61	-14.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,168
Declined	1,384
Unchanged	147
Total issues	2,699
New Highs	117
New Lows	8
Volume	2,070,127,625

Natural gas industry struggles to keep promises

By Jonathan Fahey
Associated Press

HOUSTON — America's plan to use more natural gas to run power plants, make chemicals, drive vehicles and heat homes may not go as smoothly as expected.

There's plenty of natural gas in the ground, everyone seems to agree. But the harsh weather this winter shows there are obstacles to producing it, and more pipelines have to be built.

The bitter temperatures boosted demand for natural gas to heat homes and businesses. But wells in some places literally froze, making it difficult for some drillers to keep gas flowing. And the high demand clogged pipelines, so even when there was enough production, the gas couldn't get where it needed to go.

Shortages cropped up, and prices in some places soared to record levels. Californians and Texans were asked to reduce their power consumption because utilities were running low on gas to run power plants. Montana State University in Billings had to cancel classes for a day because of a natural gas shortage.

"We struggled to get the supply there as quickly as we needed," said Colin Parfitt, who runs Chevron's global trading operations, at an industry conference here last week. "It's a reminder there will be volatility in our market."

The problems came as a shock because the natural gas market was thought to have escaped from the volatility of the past — drillers have discovered enormous amounts of natural gas, production is at record levels and prices had been relatively steady.

Based on that promise of ample supplies and stable prices, the nation has geared up to use more and more natural gas. Utilities are abandoning coal and nuclear power for gas, chemical companies that use natural gas as a feedstock have re-opened old plants and are planning new ones, export facilities are being built, and trucks and locomotives are even beginning to switch to natural gas.

Anthony Yuen, a natural gas analyst at Citi, predicts demand will "mushroom" staring next year and grow 33 percent by 2020 from last year's 73 billion cubic feet a day.

But now there is concern about whether the natural gas industry can produce all of the gas their old and new customers need, and deliver it to them through a pipeline system that hasn't been able to keep up with the new demand.

"They can," said Bob MacKnight, a director at the research and analysis firm IHS at the firm's annual CERAWeek energy conference. "The key question is, 'Will they?'"

Drillers have suffered significant losses in recent years because of persistently low prices. In 2012, natural gas fell below $2 for the first time in a decade. Many companies curtailed gas production and switched to drilling for oil, which is more profitable because of high prices. Natural gas production rose just 1.5 percent last year, while oil production in the U.S. rose 15 percent to 7.4 million barrels a day.

So far this year, the natural gas futures price has averaged $4.82 per 1,000 cubic feet. That's 20 percent higher than last year's average and 70 percent higher than 2012.

Retail prices are still far below where they were in the early and middle 2000s. But the average residential price is expected to rise 12 percent this year to $11.56 per 1,000 cubic feet, according to the Energy Department. It would be the first increase in residential prices since 2008.

But drilling companies aren't yet convinced that higher natural gas prices will last. Andrew Mackenzie, CEO of BHP Billiton, the Australian mining and oil and gas giant, said in an interview at annual CERAWeek energy conference hosted by research and analysis firm IHS, that he will keep all of his 25 U.S.-based rigs probing for oil. "We have to worry about the sustainability of current (gas) prices," he said.

Citi's Yuen predicts that because increased demand and continued modest production growth, prices will rise another 15 percent at least. Toward the end of the decade, prices will average around $5.50, a level drillers would be more comfortable with.

The industry also has to build the pipelines to get the gas from the new places it is being produced, such as Western Pennsylvania, to its new customers. Pipeline constraints and other infrastructure problems helped create some of the supply problems this winter that sent prices gyrating so violently one Wall Street analyst called them "untradeable."

Between Jan. 1 and mid-February, prices for immediate delivery at the natural gas hub that serves Boston averaged $22.53 per thousand cubic feet, about four times higher than the national benchmark, and a record high, according to the Energy Department. For a period during some cold snaps, New York and other East Coast markets saw prices spike as high as $120 per 1,000 cubic feet, according to Platts, an energy information provider. That's equivalent to oil at more than $700 per barrel.

Even while prices near cities were soaring over $100, the drillers just a few hours' drive away were selling gas at less than $4 because there was no room on the pipelines.

"It's a question of getting to market," said Greg Ebel, CEO of Spectra Energy, a pipeline company that moves one-fifth of the gas used in the U.S. every day. "How are we going to actually deliver the supply needed, that's a real challenge for us."

The industry is planning several terminals to export natural gas to customers in Asia and Europe, where gas remains much more expensive than in the U.S. The terminals will be built where pipeline constraints are not a problem, but the terminals approved by the Energy Department so far would increase demand by 13 percent.

Oil falls after China data

The price of oil dropped to around $101 Monday after a surprise drop in China's exports suggested demand for crude could weaken.

Benchmark U.S. crude for April delivery dropped $1.46 to $101.12 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, used to set prices for international varieties of crude, fell 92 cents to $108.08 on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

China's customs data showed over the weekend that exports plunged by an unexpectedly large 18 percent last month. Robust trade is crucial in helping China achieve its official economic growth target of 7.5 percent for this year. However, exports in February last year might have been overstated by exporters inflating sales figures as an excuse to evade currency controls and bring extra money into China.

Tension over Russia's military incursion into Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula and Libya's sustained struggles to normalize its oil production and export activities boosted supply risks and kept prices from falling further.

In the U.S., drivers paid an average of $3.49 for a gallon of gasoline Monday, up 1 cent from Friday. The average is up 22 cents from a month ago, but still 21 cents below the price at this time last year.

Gold falls

Gold for April delivery edged up $3.30 to $1,341.50 an ounce.

Silver for May delivery fell 2 cents to $20.91 an ounce, April platinum fell $6.40 to $1,477.20 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $95.79 Down 4.18

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $120.52 Down 1.08

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $29.18 Up 0.18

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $63.03 Down 0.85

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $26.50 Down 0.36

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $9.70 Down 0.40

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $34.81 Up 0.19

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $14.55 Down 0.12

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84f	10	32.51	-.03	-7.5
Abraxas	...	36	3.24	-.06	-.6
AdamsEx	.84e	...	13.04	+.01	-.2
AMD			3.81	-.14	-1.6
Alcoa	.12	36	11.94	-.22	+12.3
AlonUSA	.24a	53	15.31	+1.40	-7.4
AlphaNRs			4.63	-.17	-35.2
AmAirl n			38.96	-.06	+54.3
Amgen	2.44	19	125.40	+3.14	+9.9
Anadarko	.72	54	84.87	-.21	+7.0
Apache	1.00f	15	80.50	+.45	-6.3
ApldMatl	.40	50	19.38	-.26	+9.6
AriadP			7.78	-.35	+14.1
ATMOS	1.48	17	45.49	+.02	+.2
AutoData	1.92	27	78.21	-.35	-3.2
BP PLC	2.28	11	48.44	+.01	-.3
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	15.77	-.03	+5.6
BakrHu	.60	25	63.33	+.03	+14.6
BallardPw			6.88	+1.60	+354.1
BkofAm	.04	17	17.47	+.14	+12.2
B iPVix rs			43.72	-.18	+2.7
BasicEnSv			23.80	+.12	+50.8
BerkHa A	...	17	186400.00	+2628.00	+4.8
BlkHillsCp	1.56f	25	55.90	-.30	+6.5
BlackBerry	...	...	9.67	-.24	+30.0
BrMySq	1.44	36	56.14	+.31	+5.6
BrownFA	1.16	32	87.38	-.27	+18.4
BrownFB	1.16	30	88.14	+.04	+16.6
CVS Care	1.10	20	73.57	+.09	+2.8
Cameron	...	22	63.23	+.23	+6.2
CpstnTurb	...	...	1.96	+.13	+51.9
Caterpillar	2.40	17	96.75	-.30	+6.5
Celestic g	...	18	9.90	...	-4.8
Cemex	.45t	...	12.69	-.29	+7.3
CntryLink	2.16	...	30.83	-.49	-3.2
ChesEng	.35	38	25.63	-.22	-5.6
Chevron	4.00	10	115.84	+.76	-7.3
Chicos	.30	20	16.49	-.04	-12.5
Cimarex	.64f	24	113.66	-.55	+8.3
Cisco	.76f	14	21.69	-.04	-2.6
Citigroup	.04	11	49.57	-.05	-4.9
ClayEng	...	...	95.79	-4.18	+16.9
CliffsNRs	.60	4	17.95	-.70	-31.5
CocaCola	1.22f	20	38.65	+.10	-6.4

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ColgPalm s	1.36	26	63.05	-.08	-3.3
ConAgra	1.00	16	29.43	-.04	-12.7
ConchoRes	...	50	120.52	-1.08	+11.6
ConocoPhil	2.76	11	66.89	+.38	-5.3
Corning	.40	14	19.39	-.25	+8.8
CrackerB	3.00	20	100.70	+.77	-8.5
CSVInvNG			3.26	-.06	-63.1
CrosTim	2.44e	13	29.82	+.02	+1.4
DCP Mid	2.93f	37	49.86	-.14	-1.0
DTE	2.62	19	70.37	+.04	+6.0
Datarm rs		...	3.54	-.08	+36.2
Dawson	.32	23	29.19	+.19	-13.7
DevonE	.96f	...	64.53	-.60	+4.3
DxSCBr rs			14.76	+.10	-13.0
Disney	.86f	22	81.97	-.24	+7.3
DowChm	1.48f	14	49.83	+.32	+12.2
DryShips			3.78	-.17	-19.6
EMC Cp	.40	20	27.13	+.09	+7.9
EOG Res	1.00f	23	189.05	-.87	+12.6
EmpDist	1.02	16	23.62	+.10	+4.1
Energen	.60f	29	80.01	-.84	+13.1
EngyTsfr	3.68f	...	54.66	-.46	-4.5
EnPro	...	51	73.11	-.12	+26.8
EntPrPt	2.80f	24	67.19	-.03	+1.3
Ericsson	.43e		12.97	-.04	+6.0
ExterranH	.60	21	39.95	-.50	+16.8
ExxonMbl	2.52	10	95.50	+.51	-5.6
Facebook	...	...	72.03	+2.23	+31.8
FordM	.50f	12	15.51	-.11	+.5
ForestOil	...	11	1.85	+.08	-48.8
FMCG	1.25a	11	31.38	-.81	-16.8
FrontierCm	.40	40	4.82	-.09	+3.7
FuelCellE	...	...	3.93	+.40	+178.7
GATX	1.32f	18	65.30	-.67	+25.2
GT AdvTc	...	...	17.02	-.48	+95.3
GabMultT	.88	...	11.31	+.05	-8.9
GAInv	2.10e	...	35.12	+.12	-.2
GenElec	.88	18	26.04	-.09	-7.1
GenMotors	1.20	15	37.09	-.60	-9.2
GtPlainEn	.92	16	25.82	-.11	+6.5
Groupon	...	...	8.38	-.22	-28.8
HalconRes	...	...	4.08	...	+5.7
Hallibrtn	.60	19	56.47	+.27	+11.3
HimaxTch	.25e	...	15.50	+1.52	+5.4

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iShBrazil	1.44e		39.63	-.69	-11.3
iShJapan	.13e		11.59	-.05	-4.5
iShChinaLC	1.02e		34.44	-.55	-10.2
iShEMkts	.86e		39.25	-.27	-6.1
iS Eafe	1.70e		67.24	-.42	+.2
iShR2K	1.41e		119.30	-.40	+3.4
iShREst	2.37e		67.79	-.25	+7.5
IntegrysE	2.72	15	56.18	-.07	+3.3
Intel	.90	13	24.84	+.20	-4.3
InterDig	.40	35	31.75	-.86	+7.7
JPMorgCh	1.52	14	59.20	-.20	+1.9
JohnJn	2.64	19	93.45	+.13	+2.0
Keycorp	.22	14	13.98	+.08	+4.2
KimbClk	3.36f	20	109.17	+.22	+4.5
KindME	5.44f	27	74.90	-.34	-7.1
KindMM	5.44f	40	70.43	-.66	-6.9
LegacyRes	2.36f	...	26.50	-.36	-5.9
Lubys	...	47	6.53	-.03	-15.4
MktVGold	.19e	...	25.97	-.21	+22.9
McDnlds	3.24	17	95.20	-.30	-1.9
Merck	1.76	39	57.32	-.15	+14.5
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NOilVarco	1.04	15	78.91	-.15	-.8
NokiaCp	...	...	7.92	-.03	-2.3
NvMAd	.80a	...	12.94	+.10	+6.4
NvPMI	.86	...	13.11	...	+6.0
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PennaRE	.80	...	17.90	-.38	-5.7
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PetrbrsA	.77e	...	11.04	-.30	-24.8
Petrobras	.27e	...	10.68	-.22	-22.5
Pfizer	1.04f	16	32.39	-.04	+5.7
PioNtrl	.08	...	194.92	-1.08	+5.9

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PlainsAAP	2.46f	18	52.92	-.61	+2.2
PlugPowr h	...		10.31	+2.04	+565.2
PwShs QQQ	1.25e		90.61	+.08	+3.0
Praxair	2.60f	22	131.58	+.51	+1.2
PrmEgy	...	12	55.48	+.48	+9.9
ProctGam	2.41	21	78.53	+.15	-3.5
RangeRs	.16	...	86.76	+1.68	+2.9
RegionsFn	.12	14	10.90	-.15	+10.2
RiteAid	...	...	6.43	-.13	+27.1
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SanderFm	.80	10	75.60	-.20	+4.5
SandRdge	...	...	6.47	+.02	+6.6
Sapient	...	32	17.25	-.18	-.6
Schlmbrg	1.60f	18	92.87	-.11	+3.1
SigmaAld	.92f	23	94.53	+.15	+.6
SiriusXM	...	58	3.47	-.04	-.6
Smucker	2.32	18	97.21	-.33	-6.2
Sprint n	...	...	8.71	+.08	-19.0
SPDR Fncl	.32e	...	22.38	+.01	+2.4
SP Util	1.46e	...	39.89	-.10	+5.1
Staples	.48	12	11.63	+.15	-26.8
SunEdison	...	...	20.39	-.72	+56.2

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SunocoLog	2.65f	26	83.07	+.12	+10.1
TelefEsp	.47e	...	15.88	+.22	-2.8
Tesoro	1.00	16	52.78	-.69	-9.8
3M Co	3.42f	20	133.56	-.55	-4.8
Torchmark	.68	14	79.83	-.44	+2.1
TriContl	.65e	...	20.02	-.06	+.3
TurqHillRs	...	...	3.96	-.12	+20.0
TylerTech	...	81	91.92	-.58	-10.0
UBWV	1.28	18	30.31	+.02	-3.6
Vale SA	.78e	...	12.81	-.23	-16.0
ValeroE	1.00f	10	53.47	+.48	+6.1
VangEmg	1.15e	...	38.72	-.23	-5.9
VerizonCm	2.12	12	47.03	-.12	-4.3
Vodafone	...	...	38.14	-1.79	-4.6
VulcanM	.20f	...	68.14	-.71	+14.7
Walgrn	1.26	23	66.78	-.43	+16.3
WalterEn	.04	...	9.43	-1.02	-43.3
WellsFargo	1.20	12	48.15	+.20	+6.1
WstnRefin	1.04f	14	39.28	+.53	-7.4
WhitingPet	...	16	69.48	-1.12	+12.3
WmsCos	1.61f	49	42.08	-.61	+9.1
XcelEngy	1.20f	16	29.75	-.14	+6.5
Xerox	.25f	12	10.85	-.08	-10.8
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7,627.44	5,878.12	Dow Jones Transportation	7,580.25	-12.11	-.16	+2.43	+23.23
537.86	462.66	Dow Jones Utilities	512.51	-1.69	-.33	+4.47	+4.56
11,334.65	8,814.76	NYSE Composite	10,486.12	-25.79	-.25	+.82	+15.46
2,585.34	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,564.25	+1.54	+.06	+5.69	+5.42
4,371.71	3,154.79	Nasdaq Composite	4,334.45	-1.77	-.04	+3.78	+33.25
1,883.57	1,512.29	S&P 500	1,877.17	-.87	-.05	+1.56	+20.62
20,226.72	15,967.60	Wilshire 5000	20,133.07	-21.82	-.11	+2.17	+22.44
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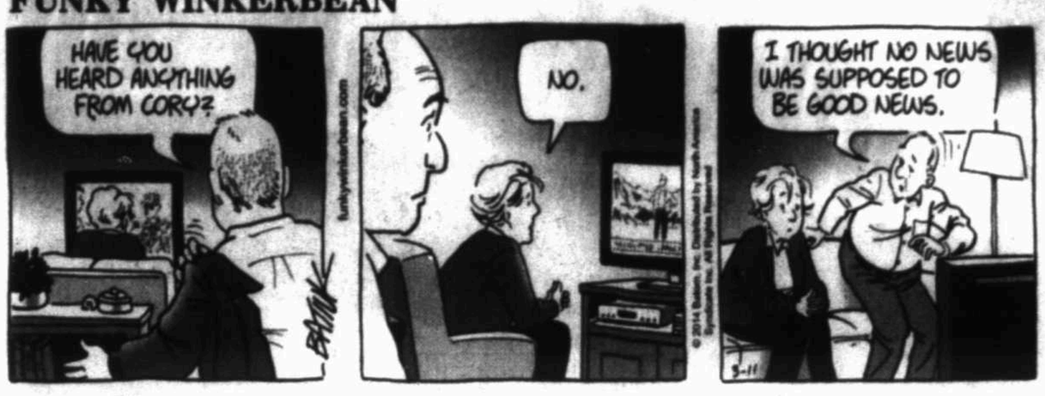

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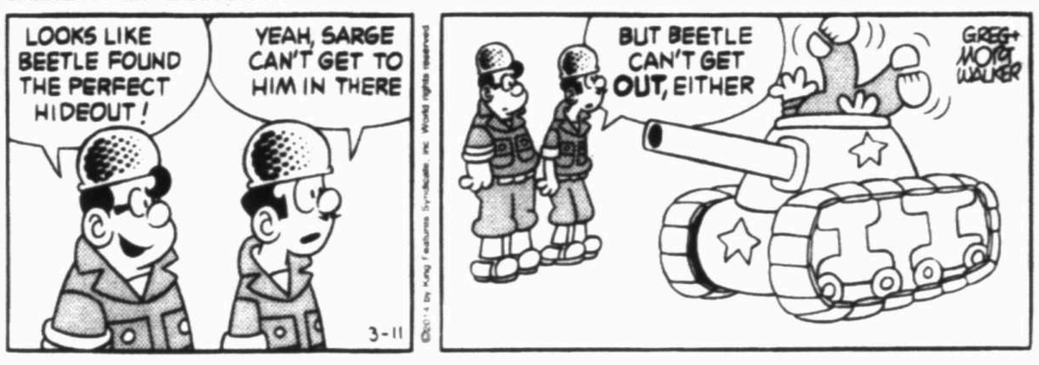

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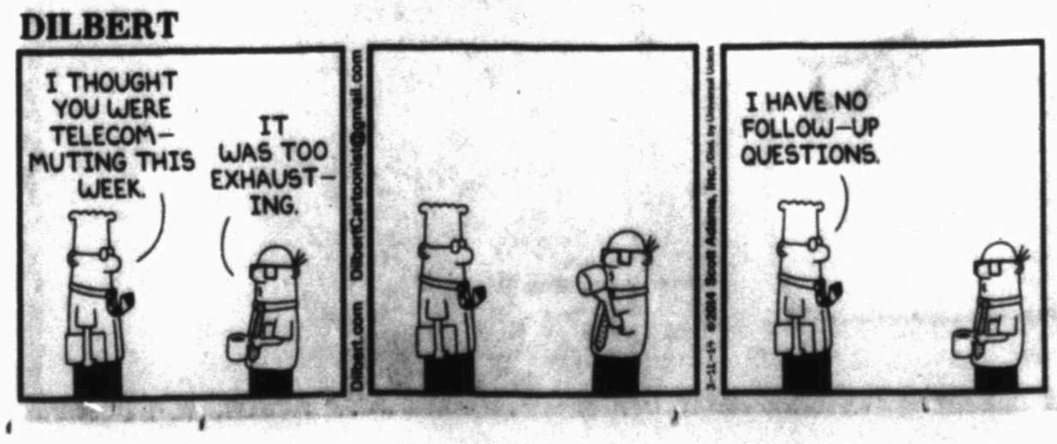

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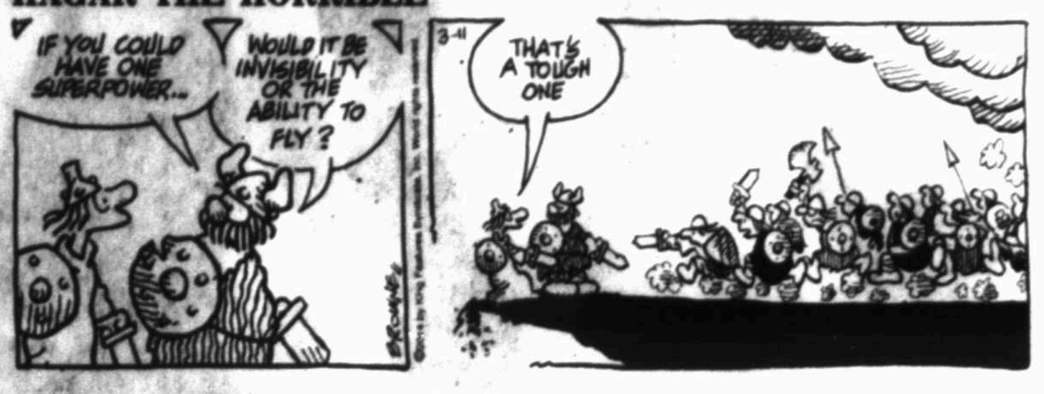

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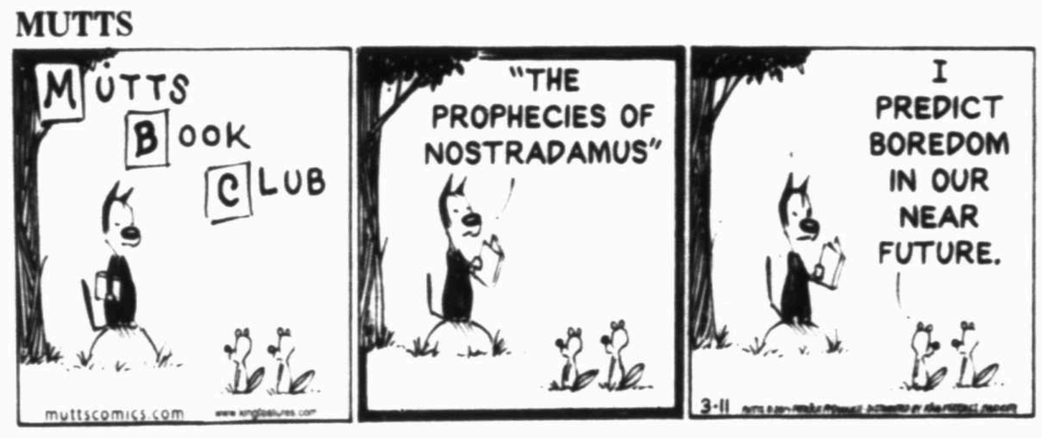

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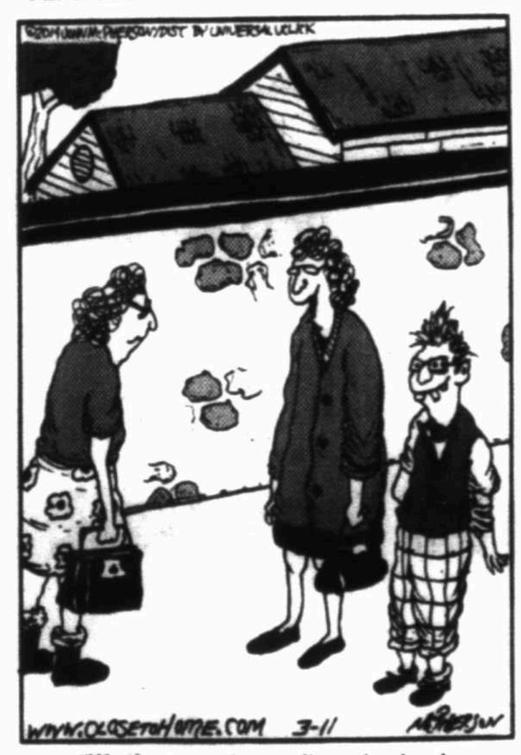

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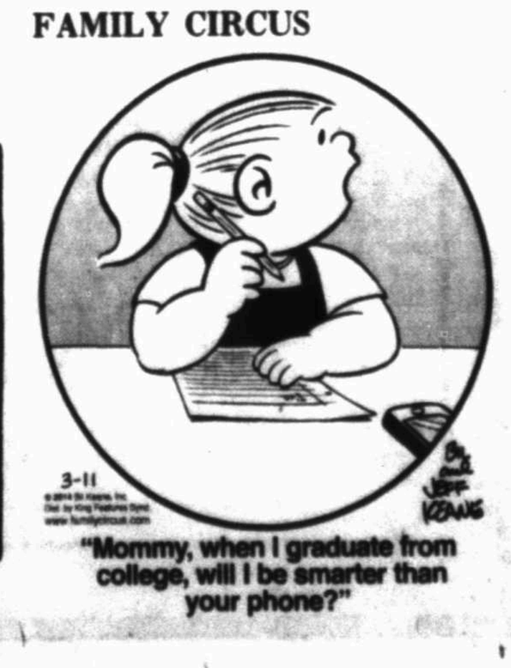

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Tema Oil and Gas Company, 16430 Park Ten Place, Suite 500, Houston, TX 77084 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Greyburg, Hirsch Lease, Well Number SWD 1. The proposed injection well is located 9.5 miles Southwest of Midkiff, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Upton County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4615 to 5075 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone) 512/463-6792).

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DEFENDANT(S) - Melissa A. Pitzl, 5111 S. Midland, Midland, TX, 79703

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Accountant

Needing an accountant that has qualifications on bookkeeping, Quickbooks and in payroll. Experience in invoicing is a MUST. This can be full time or part time. Great pay. Monday thru Friday. Location is in Midland. Call 432-528-6360

Accounting

Accountant position for a Midland based energy development company. Applicant should have a degree in Accounting or Finance and have a minimum of 2 years experience in general accounting with a good understanding of accounting concepts, including matching of revenues and expenses, accounts receivable, accounts payable, recording receipts & disbursements, reconciling bank accounts, processing general ledger and financial reports and payroll tax reports. Please send resume c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P-108 201 E Illinois, Midland, TX 79701

ACCOUNTING CLERK

Blue Streak Transportation in Midland, TX is an integrated sand, fuel and lubricant distribution company. We are in need of an **Accounting Clerk** to be Responsible for matching ticket information to sales orders and supporting the operations and accounting department. Candidate should have AS degree in Accounting or Business. Salary DOE. Excellent Benefits. Please send resume to **michelle@bluestreaktrans.com** or fax to **432-563-1486**.

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Fast growing oilfield services and trucking company is seeking a full time Revenue Biller. The ideal candidate would be an independent, hard-working, self-starter able to work in an extremely fast paced environment and have excellent multi-tasking and problem solving skills. Must have above average MS Excel skills. Duties will include: Data entry in QuickBooks and Excel Filing, proofing, scanning, and copying. Desired Skills & Experience: Exceptional professional communication skills both oral and written. Experience with QuickBooks billing. Proficient in all Microsoft Office programs. Please email your resume to: job2013seekers@yahoo.com

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REVENUE CLERK

A publicly-traded oil and gas company in Midland, Texas, is seeking a revenue clerk with experience in the following areas: revenue booking, and filing. Excel proficiency a must, Horizon experience helpful. This position demands an energetic individual who is conscientious, accurate and reliable. We are an equal opportunity employer and offer competitive salary with an excellent benefits package. Non-smoking environment.

Please email resumes to hr@claytonwilliams.com or send to:
Attn: Personnel
Clayton Williams Energy, Inc.
6 Desta Drive, Suite 6500
Midland, Texas 79705
No agencies or phone calls please.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Administrative Assistant

Admin. Assistant needed. A/P, A/R experience required. FT w/ exc. Benefit package. Email resume to mschornick@thrutubing.com

Bookkeeper

Bookkeeping job for small independent (5 person office). JIB's, Payables, Receivables on OGAS software. Management accounting (monthly p&l and budget projections) on Excel. Quik Books for reconciling and payroll. Hours flexible. No smoking, good folks and good environment. insurance for full time. Midland Oil & Gas Inc. Send resume to ernie@midoil.com

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Midland Law Firm is seeking a **Legal Assistant** for an immediate opening. This position involves basic administrative and clerical tasks and some litigation support. Additional responsibilities and job growth possible depending on qualifications. Previous law firm or other legal experience preferred. Attention to detail is essential and conversational Spanish is a plus. Please email resume, references, and salary requirements to **Arthur.aranda@schoellawfirm.com**

OFFICE/CLERICAL

United Casing, Inc.
Full-time position for **office/clerical** work in a fast-paced pipeyard office. Must be energetic and have excellent computer skills. WORD, EXCEL, OUTLOOK. Pay rate based on skills and experience. Send all inquiries and resumes to **bquigley@unitedcasing.com** or bring to **3610 E. Highway 158, Midland**. **Qualified Applicants Only**

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Construction Positions

Design/build firm seeking Job Supers, Construction Mgrs. and Admins for multiple N. Texas projects. Top pay offered for relocation, including temporary housing for duration of project. Send resume to todd@20rule.net

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Will train. Starting wages $10-$11/ hour.
Paid holidays and vacation. Call 432-520-8888.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Entry Level Helpers

Production Lift Systems FT
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Multiple Positions

Nolan H. Brunson/SLS is looking for experienced **Pushers, Drivers, & Swampers** for its Midland yard. We offer top competitive wages, health/vision/dental insurance, 401 K plan, paid holidays and vacations. Please apply in person @ **2306 N. FM 1788**

Production Foreman

Established Midland independent seeking **Production Foreman** with 5 to 10 years' experience in production and field operations in the Permian Basin. All wells within 125 miles of Midland. 75% of time consists of on-site supervision of contract and company pumpers with some overnight stays needed on jobs at the edge of the territory. Company truck provided. College education a plus but not required. Good driving and work history required. Competitive salary and benefits package. Non-smoking workplace. Experienced principals only send resumé with job history, references, and salary requirements to: **P-109 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Ave. Midland, TX 79701.**

Tool Hauler Wanted

Experience preferred in Oil and Gas industry. Must have clean driving record. Must be familiar with the Permian Basin. Please send resume to sjackson@smithcasing.com or rbell@smithcasing.com or fax 432-366-0279.

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All Positions

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NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

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OTHER JOBS

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Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

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HEALTHCARE

Medical Assistant

Medical Assistant needed for busy physicians practice. Great Beneifit Package.
Please fax resumes to 682-2284 or mail to Premier Physicians, Attn: Arita Routh, PO Box 5291, Midland, Texas 79704. No phone calls please
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INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE

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OTHER JOBS

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All Positions

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Delivery Driver **Full-Time**
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- o Forklift experience required
- o Building materials experience preferred
- o Dependable, punctual, safety minded
- o Must have valid Driver's License
- o Must have toed boots with minimum of 6" ankle coverage that meets the ASTM standard of F2413-05
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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ACCOUNTANT:

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Email resume to: hr@claytonwilliams.com.
or send to: Attn: Personnel,
Clayton Williams Energy, Inc.,
6 Desta Drive, Suite 6500
Midland, Texas 79705
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Safety/QC Technician

Natural Gas Service Group FT
NGSG has immediate opening for a **Safety/QC Technician**. This person will: Inspect the shop facility and grounds daily to detect potential and existing safety/health hazards. Recommend corrective and preventative measures, solve when directed. Conduct daily, weekly and monthly safety meetings and safety training. Assist the Quality Control Department perform visual and dimensional checks of fabricated equipment. Excellent Salary and Benefit package for the right person. For more information or to submit your resume contact employment@ngsgi.com or call (432) 262-2700.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

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SALES JOBS

Multi-Media Sales Consultant

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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.

Qualifications & Skills:

- *Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment*
- *Excellent customer service and time management skills*
- *Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision*
- *Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills*

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Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
or email to: jhouston@mrt.com

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SKILLED LABOR

Forklift Operator

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the Position of "Fork Lift Operator" and other duties as assigned.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Ability to read and write
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Ability to bend and reach overhead
- Ability to count accurately and do simple math
- Able to operate a forklift and willing to be certified
- Be reliable, responsible and able to follow instructions
- Capable of standing and walking for extended period of time
- Able to work in various environments that include winter and summer conditions.
- Must be able to work weekends when necessary

RESPONSIBILITES:

- Accurate loading and unloading of printed materials in a safe and efficient manner
- Ensure material are efficiently/properly stacked and stored in appropriate and designated areas
- Perform other non-forklift duties when assigned

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Send resume and salary requirements to: **John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities**
c/o Midland Reporter Telegram - 201 E. Illinois St - Midland, TX 79701
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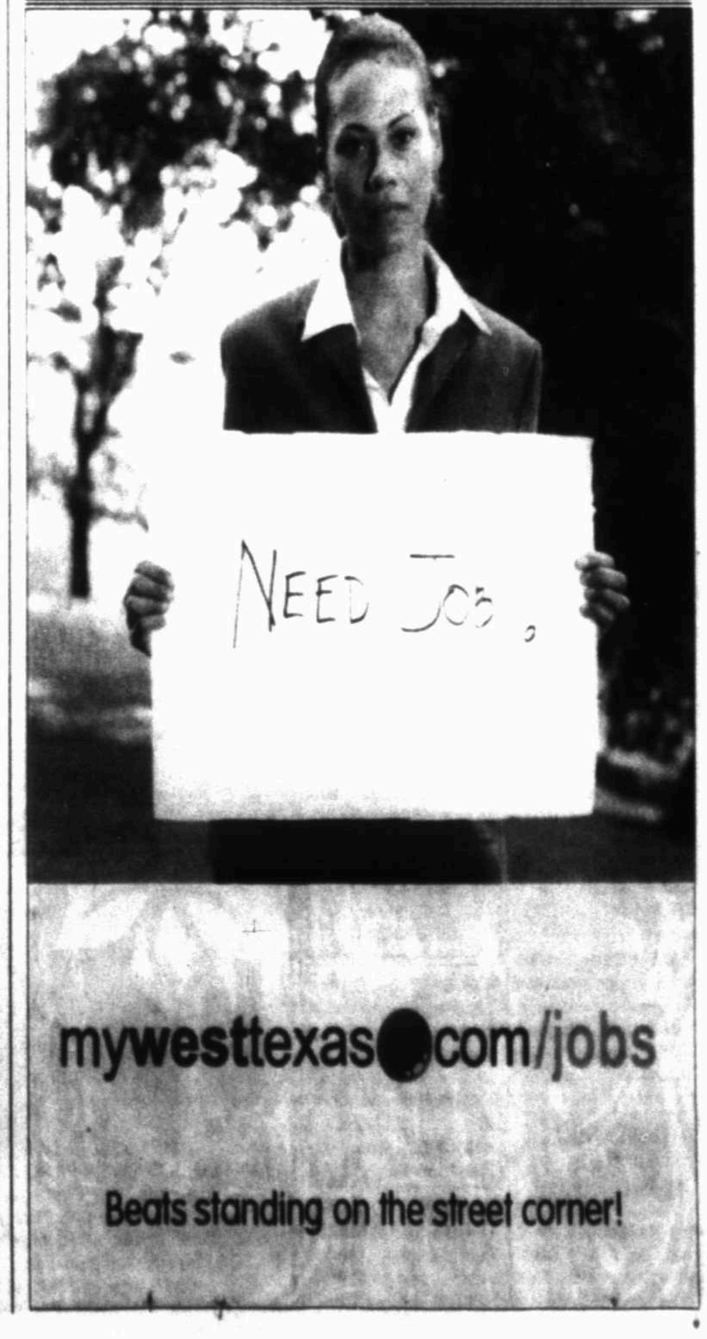

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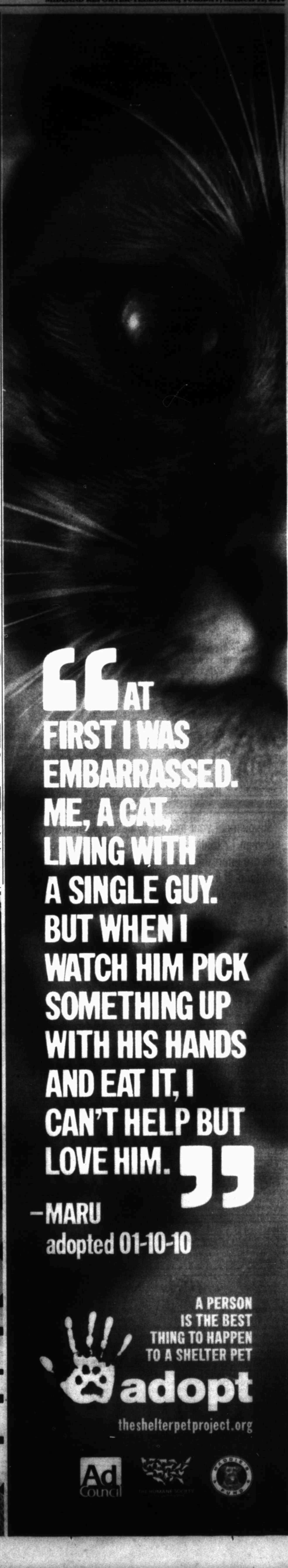

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ELEPHANT EMPATHY

New study: Elephants seem capable of recognizing distress

By Virginia Morell
Science/AAAS

Elephants, both African and Asian, have long been considered empathetic animals.

They help baby elephants stuck in mud holes, use their trunks to lift other elephants that are injured or dying, and even reportedly reassure distressed individual elephants with a gentle touch of their trunk. But it's one thing to witness something that looks like consolation, and another to prove that this is what elephants are doing. Now, scientists have shown that Asian elephants do indeed get distressed when they see others in trouble, and they reach out to console them — just as humans tend to do when we see someone suffering. Elephants, thus, join a short list of other animals, including great apes, canines and some birds, that scientists have shown to reassure others.

The study "is the first to investigate responses to distress by Asian elephants," which "is inherently difficult to assess because one has to wait for opportunities to arise spontaneously," said Shermin de Silva, a behavioral ecologist at the Uda Walawe Elephant Research Project in Sri Lanka. It would not be ethical to intentionally create stressful situations for the animals as a test, she said. This is why, until now, researchers have had to rely on well-documented but anecdotal observations of wild and captive elephants to back up claims that they reassure each other.

Joshua Plotnik, a behavioral ecologist at Mahidol University, Kanchanaburi, in Thailand, and Frans de Waal, a primatologist at Emory University in Atlanta, got around this problem by comparing Asian elephants' behaviors during times of stress to periods when little upset them. For one to two weeks every month for nearly a year, Plotnik spent 30 to 180 minutes daily watching and recording 26 captive Asian elephants. The animals ranged in age from 3 to 60 years old and lived within a 30-acre area of Elephant Nature Park in northern Thailand. Most of the elephants, aside from mother-juvenile pairs, were unrelated and did not live in family groups as wild elephants do. Instead, the park's Mahouts, or keepers, organized them into six groups which they then guided through a daily routine — bathing and feeding them in the morning, and tethering them at night. But during the day, the elephants were left alone to roam and graze at will.

Plotnik watched the elephants during their free periods and recorded their reactions to stressful events, such as a dog walking nearby, a snake rustling in the grass or the presence of an unfriendly elephant. Other researchers have previously shown that when upset, an elephant flares its ears and erects its tail; it may also trumpet or roar, or make a low rumble to show its distress. When elephants in the park saw another elephant behaving in this manner, the observers typically responded by "adopting the same emotion," Plotnik said, "just as we do when watching a scary movie together. If an actor is frightened, our hearts race, and we reach for each other's hands" — a reaction known as "emotional contagion."

For example, in one event recorded on video, the female Mae Perm rushes to the side of another adult female, Jokia, who was upset after hearing the roar of a captive bull elephant in another nearby park. Both elephants push their ears forward and raise their tails, but Mae Perm does so only after seeing Jokia's distress. Mae Perm also makes loud chirps, which are known to be reassuring calls, and then caresses Jokia with her trunk, finally placing it in Jokia's mouth — an act that "might send a signal, 'I'm here to help you, not hurt you,'" Plotnik said. Jokia, in turn, places her trunk in Mae Perm's mouth — a gesture that is probably like a hug, the researchers said.

Sometimes several elephants were present when one was spooked by something. These bystanders typically reacted the same way, adopting the agitated behavior of the victim, as Plotnik calls the distressed individual, raising their tails, flaring their ears, and sometimes urinating and defecating while chirping. In some cases, they also formed a protective circle around the victim.

Plotnik recorded 84 such stressful incidents, noting where each occurred, the time of day, weather and what other elephants were present — and how these individuals reacted. For a control, he compared these incidents with periods with as many matching variables as possible, but when nothing stressful occurred. The researchers' subsequent analysis — reported last month in PeerJ — showed that the elephants' emotional contagion and distinctive, reassuring behaviors happened almost exclusively in response to some stressful trigger.

Most significantly, the elephants seemed capable of recognizing distress in their fellows, a behavior that may require empathy. "It's that ability to put yourself emotionally into another's shoes," Plotnik said.

But proving that is what elephants are doing will take more studies, he and others said, and preferably in wild, not captive, populations. "What is unclear is whether this reassurance primarily benefits the distressed animal, or the responders," de Silva said.

Nevertheless, the study "provides a very interesting first exploration" into the "post-distress behavior of elephants," said Graeme Shannon, a behavioral ecologist at Colorado State University, adding that the findings are "intriguing because they parallel what has been observed in captive and wild non-human primates, further underlining the complex cognitive abilities of elephants."

Some think the work may aid conservation efforts. "Any good science that supports the idea that elephants are sentient beings capable of empathy is important," said Cynthia Moss, an ethologist and director of the Amboseli Elephant Research Project in Kenya, who has observed "reassurance behaviors" daily among the elephants there for more than 40 years.

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A: I think I may have sat next to you at a game last season. I seem to recall you not needing to reapply nacho cheese or wing sauce to your body at halftime either.

I would also not call myself a super fan, but I get the dilemma with March Madness. There are so many games in such a short period of time that unless you decide to do a little family planning snip and tuck (it's a thing, check it out; vasectomymadness.com), it's easy to miss something great.

For general broad-based coverage, there is the NCAA Sports App (ncaa.com/mobile). This will give you info on all NCAA sports and you can start getting pumped in February, and then bookmark the NCAA March Madness Live app that you can get into at the beginning of March (ncaa.com/march-madness-live). You can watch every game of the tournament on the desktop version, or download it to your smartphone or tablet for when you're not "working."

Also, don't forget this site/app has the Boss Button, so when caught in the midst of "working," you can really appear to be working (bzfd.it/1bb2Qel). This button will fill your screen with a spreadsheet, flow chart or work-related-looking emails to quickly throw a hovering boss or co-worker off your trail.

So of course the tournament is about the games and access to them, but really… really isn't it about the perfect bracket? Building it, tinkering with it, staring at it. One well-placed upset, and then bragging rights when you nail it, or boastful pride when you blow it because you were the only one ballsy enough to pick Boise State to win the whole thing.

A couple options to get your bracket fix are ESPN Bracket Bound and Pocket Bracke. The ESPN version allows up to 10 brackets. You can compare and size up your competition and see how you stack up on the leader boards, and there are specific tie-ins to game footage with the WatchESPN app. Pocket Bracket accommodates unlimited brackets with a clean and easy-to-use interface and allows you to invite your friends to compete, so go crazy.

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Hopefully these will get you through the tournament with all the access, stats, trash-talking, cheers and (sniff sniff) tears that March Madness should contain. If not, just remember, my team is better than your team. The proof is in the Peppas - bit.ly/1aeo05v.

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