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Waseem Nabulsi talks about making Midland proud.

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The Midland High and Lee girls basketball squads square off today for early District 3-6A supremacy. Which team has the edge going in? Read a preview of this game and the boys' game in Sports.

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Conaway: Speaker Ryan's leadership ended ban

Midland's US representative says new House leader insisted that oil exports be on Omnibus bill

By Mella McEwen
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Lifting the 40-year-old ban on exporting domestic crude was considered a long shot one year ago, as calls to end the ban began to increase.

But in December, President Obama signed the 2016 Omnibus Appropriations bill, which included ending the ban. By New Year's Eve, several loads of Eagle Ford Shale oil were being loaded in the Ports of Houston and Corpus Christi, bound for Europe.

A strong proponent of lifting the ban was Rep. Mike Conaway, whose District 11 includes Midland and Odessa. The Republican had introduced, along with Texas Democrat Henry Cuellar, House Resolution 2369, the Energy Supply and Distribution Act, in June 2015.

Visiting the Reporter-Telegram on Monday to discuss oil exports, Conaway credited the leadership of new Speaker of the House Paul Ryan for ending the ban.

"He insisted on exports being in (the Omnibus bill)," Conaway said.

He described Ryan as "a free trader who saw the advantages long-term, not only for West Texas producers, but for the U.S. as a whole."

"Now, West Texas producers are in the same boat as Saudi Arabia and other exporting countries," he said.

Much has changed in the 40 years since the ban was enacted amid the Arab Oil Embargo, long lines at gasoline pumps nationwide and concern the nation was running out of energy, he said.

The nation's production resurgence — thanks to shale plays in the Permian Basin, South Texas, North Dakota and Wyoming and other areas — has changed global geopolitics and that helped play a role in ending the ban, Conaway said.

The nation's surge in shale gas production has changed the conversation from importing liquefied natural gas to exporting liquefied natural gas, he noted.

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WTI below $29 in electronic trading

Floor trading was closed Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, but CME Globex electronic trading of West Texas Intermediate futures contracts was in full swing until its close at noon CST.

The price of February contracts continued its sub-$30 decline, closing at $28.94 a barrel. Floor trading ended Friday at $29.42. The intraday high was $29.84, while the low was $28.36.

March contracts ended Monday at $29.98 a barrel, marking a high of $30.90 and a low of $29.35.

From staff reports

County sees 1st fatality

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Crews work to remove vehicles from the access road along Interstate 20 in front of the Horseshoe Pavillion on Monday morning after a two-vehicle accident that resulted in one fatality, the first of 2016.

Man dies after wreck on I-20 service road

From staff reports

A 25-year-old Midland man died early Monday morning in a head-on collision along the Interstate 20 service road in front of the Horseshoe Pavilion, according to city officials. Antonio Guerra-Moreno was the first person to die on roads in Midland County this year.

He was a passenger in a Dodge pickup that was traveling westbound; the driver was attempting to enter the I-20 entrance ramp.

A Red Baron commercial truck was headed eastbound through foggy conditions on the two-way service road and the driver failed to yield right-of-way, officials said.

The pickup driver was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with what appeared to be non-life threatening injuries, officials said.

Charges against the driver of the commercial vehicle are pending the outcome of the investigation.

The last fatality occurred on Dec. 5; it was one of 30 traffic fatalities in 2015. The first death in 2015 was Jan. 8, which was the only fatality that month, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

Small earthquake recorded in Scurry County

■ 3.5-magnitude tremor struck early Sunday morning in sparsely populated area north of Snyder

By Brandon Mulder
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A 3.5 magnitude earthquake struck early Sunday morning in the northern part of Scurry County, according to U.S. Geological Service monitors. The tremor is the first in the Permian Basin this year.

The event occurred at about 3:30 a.m. about 13 miles north of Snyder. There weren't any injuries or damages reported to city police or county officials. Tremors were not felt within Snyder, according to Snyder Police Chief Terry Luecke.

"The northern part of the county is pretty sparsely populated," Luecke said. "There's quite a bit of oilfield activity out there and windmills, some houses and ranches out through that area, but there's not a whole lot of population."

A total of 15 earthquakes occurred last year in the Permian Basin, according to USGS data. The majority of those reports occurred in Reeves and Ward counties and three occurred in Scurry County. The largest tremor to register on USGS instruments in 2015 shook the same area of Scurry County as the one on Sunday morning; it also was a 3.5 magnitude.

Tremors throughout the Permian Basin usually go unnoticed by residents.

"Twos and 3s, those are the magnitude of quakes where you might hear a tea cup rattling," Harold Gurrola, a professor of seismology at Texas Tech University, said in a previous Reporter-Telegram article. "It seems like it could have been a truck driving by. But you get into the 4s, they'll break a few bricks off a fireplace or something."

The linear pattern of the quakes in the Ward and Reeves county area indicate a fault system known as the Llano Front, Gurrola said. The fault runs from about Van Horn through Snyder and up to central Oklahoma, where hundreds of quakes have rattled Oklahoma City.

Inside

In Oklahoma, people are talking nervously about the big one as man-made quakes get stronger and more frequent.

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Pastor: Struggle for equality is far from over

■ Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration reflection: 'Where are we in the dream?'

By Erin Stone
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The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration was a "day of remembrance, cultural awareness," but also was a time to reflect on where society is in achieving King's dream.

The evening service, hosted by the Negro Business Professional Women's Club of Midland, brought a packed house to the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center.

People milled about the silent auction outside the event room, greeting and hugging each other. It was a celebratory atmosphere, but a seriousness hung in the air, as well.

"This is a day of celebration for all Americans, but especially the achievements of our African Americans," said the Rev. Tommie Hale, pastor of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. "Being a native of Memphis, Tennessee, I remember very precisely the marches and the stories that my mother told me. When Dr. King was killed, I was 3 years old. We lived about five miles from the Lorraine Motel (where King was assassinated in 1968). We visited it many times. So this is a day of remembrance, cultural awareness but also, where do we go from here?"

The theme of the night was "Where are we in the dream?"

"We have to make sure we celebrate one another's differences," said Hale's wife, Gwendolyn, who is a minister. "We may not all have the same skin pigmentation, but we are all special. God has given each of us a gift to use and it is to uplift and edify each other, to glorify him. So this day is about inclusiveness, including everybody in this dream. When we begin to look at each other as children of God, we can begin to treat each other as so."

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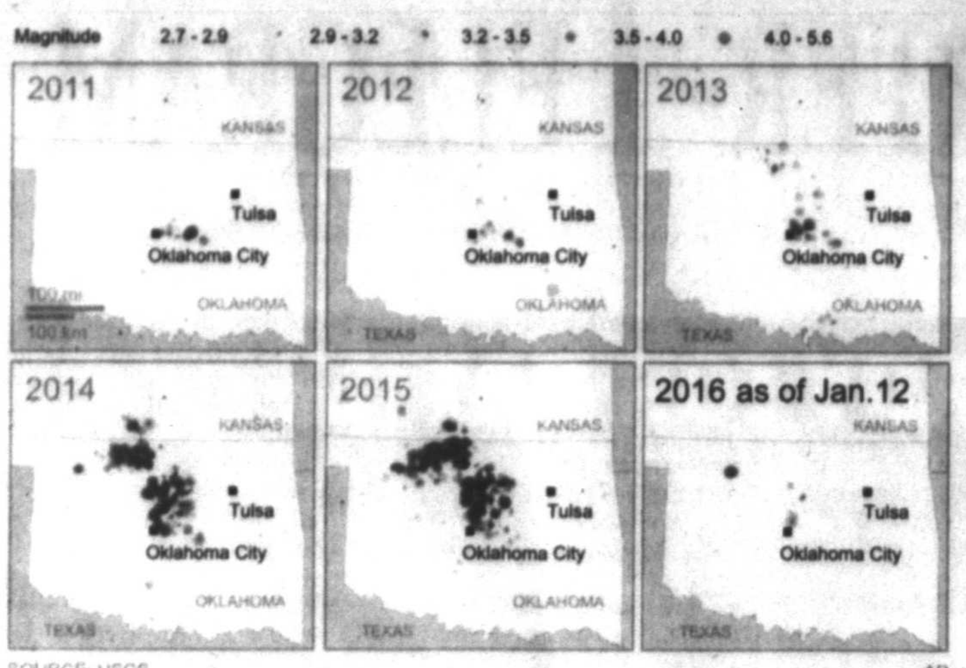

Oklahoma quakes are more frequent, stronger

From January 2011 to January 2014, Oklahoma averaged about 10 quakes of magnitude 2.7 or above a month. Since February 2014, the state has averaged 131 a month. Only once before February 2014 did the state have more than 40 quakes in a month. Since February 2014, every month has had at least 85 earthquakes.

More quakes rattle Oklahoma, but state avoids tough measures

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — In Oklahoma, now the country's earthquake capital, people are talking nervously about the big one as man-made quakes get stronger, more frequent and closer to major population centers. Next door in Kansas, they're feeling on firmer ground though no one is ready yet to declare victory.

A year ago, the states had a common problem — earthquakes caused by the disposal of wastewater from oil and gas exploration. They chose different solutions. Kansas, following early scientific studies, decided to restrict how much and how fast the wastewater could be pumped back underground. Oklahoma instead initially concentrated on the depth of the wastewater injections.

Developments since then haven't been reassuring in Oklahoma, where a quake knocked out power in parts of an Oklahoma City suburb several weeks ago and where fears are growing that the worst is yet to come. On Friday, about 200 unhappy residents packed a forum at the state capitol convened by critics of the state's response. A governor's task force is studying the problem but officials have so far avoided taking tougher measures.

The quakes, which have been mostly small to medium sized, have caused limited damage, and no one foresees anything like the massive damage and deaths in the famous quakes in California, seismologists say.

Still, "It's a trend that's unsettling," said Cornell University geophysicist Katie Keranen, referring to the increasing number of quakes. Frequent small quakes can be a harbinger of bigger ones. "You have the ingredients you need to have a larger earthquake."

In Oklahoma, earthquakes of magnitude 2.7 and stronger increased by about 10 percent between the last half of 2014 and the last half of 2015, according to a data analysis by The Associated Press. Experts say 2.7 is a threshold at which monitors are reliable. In Kansas, earthquakes of that magnitude went down by 60 percent in the same period.

According to earthquake experts, the pattern fits recent peer-reviewed studies that suggest injecting high volumes of wastewater could aggravate natural faults. In Oklahoma's six most earthquake-prone counties, the volume of wastewater disposal increased more than threefold from 2012 to 2014.

The past few weeks have been especially nerve-wracking.

Seventy-nine quakes of 2.7 or stronger occurred in the first half of January, more than in all of 2012. The recent quakes have generally been more powerful, too, with eight of magnitude 4 or higher.

"What concerns me is what is happening to our homes through all these earthquakes," said Mary Beth McFadden of Fairview, a town about 100 miles northwest of Oklahoma City that has had six quakes of magnitude 4 since the start of the year. "It's your home being put in that position that you have no control over."

Last week, the state told companies to reduce wastewater injections at 27 nearby disposal wells.

For decades, drilling companies have disposed of oilfield wastewater — the subterranean saltwater that comes to the surface with oil and gas, and liquid drilling chemicals — by pumping it back underground. But in recent years, improved technology has allowed for injecting more wastewater faster so more oil and gas can be produced.

Around here, above the Arbuckle geologic formation of limestone, water under pressure can set off a fault if there's enough tension, according to interviews with 10 earthquake experts.

"It's a combination of putting fluid in fast enough and deep enough," said Stanford University geophysicist William Ellsworth. "The higher rate wells are the ones where there are more hazards associated."

In 2014, scientists who looked at one swarm of earthquakes found the four highest rate wells were causing most of the pressure changes and problems. Then in June 2015, two different teams published studies pointing directly at volume and rate of injections as the main problem in such quakes.

In March 2015, Kansas regulators ordered a dramatic reduction in injection volumes in the most vulnerable area.

That same month, Oklahoma regulators directed the operators of 347 wells to check the depth of their injections, then three months later issued a broader order to avoid the Arbuckle's "basement." But by the end of November, the state had asked for volume cutbacks in fewer than 90 of the about 1,000 wells in a key area.

Oklahoma Corporation Commission spokesman Matt Skinner said research suggested the biggest danger was in the crystalline basement below the porous underground Arbuckle formation.

He said it was not proper to compare Oklahoma to Kansas, which has fewer wells and less wastewater.

Oklahoma's energy and environment secretary, Michael Teague, said Oklahoma's approach — which now includes some volume reductions — is working in some areas but not others.

"I like what we've been doing so far, but clearly we need to do more," Teague said.

But oil and gas operators in Oklahoma, where the industry is a major economic and political force, acknowledge their resistance to cutting back on their injections of wastewater.

"A lot of people say we just need the earth to stop shaking, and I understand that, but the fact of the matter is that without the ability to dispose of wastewater, we cannot produce oil and gas in the state of Oklahoma, and this is our lifeblood," said Kim Hatfield, president of Oklahoma City-based Crawley Petroleum and a member of Gov. Mary Fallin's task force studying the earthquake problem.

In Kansas, quakes have decreased from an average of nearly 11 earthquakes a month to about three.

"Things are much better than they were; we haven't had a 4.0 in quite a while," said Kansas Geological Survey chief Rex Buchanan. "I don't think anybody is going to declare victory yet."

Experts say the change over such a short time period could be a blip.

But considering that southern Kansas and northern Oklahoma are identical in geology, what's happening in the two states is "a very interesting experiment," said U.S. Geological Survey seismologist Nicholas van der Elst.

The most recent temblors, including the one that caused power outages and some damage in the Oklahoma City suburb of Edmond on Dec. 29, has exhausted some residents' patience for a solution.

When the quakes were mostly in thinly populated rural areas, it was "Who cares, right? It's not in my backyard," said Keith Gaddie, a University of Oklahoma political science professor. "But then you're sitting in Edmond and all of sudden your $500,000 house starts to shake, shimmy and shutter. You're noticing a lot more people are being affected by these, and more voices means more political demand."

Obituaries

Dallas Lee Smith, Jr.

Dallas Lee Smith, Jr., 73, of Midland, passed away on Friday, January 15, 2016. Dallas was born on October 14, 1942 in Groves, Texas to Dallas L. Smith, Sr. and Claire J. (Dolan) Smith. He grew up in Nederland on a cattle ranch.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Donna Smith of Midland; children, Slade Smith of Midland, Chase Smith of Midland, Elena Smith of Midland, Renee Hall (husband Terry) of Austin, Blake Commagere (wife Xuan) of Palo Alto, California, and Kari Commagere of Austin; his brother, Carl Smith of Houston (wife Vickie); two grandchildren; three nieces; and one nephew.

He is preceded in death by his parents and son-in-law, Dr. Nathan Parker.

Dallas attended Nederland High School, Lamar College, and the Texas Highway Patrol Academy. He was assigned to Midland in 1965. He joined the Army Reserve in 1965 and was elected Sheriff of Midland County from 1977 to 1984. He then went into the oil business and was the owner of Deep Water Resources. Dallas learned to fly aircraft soon after he came to Midland. At the time of his death, he was serving as president of the Midland County Airport Board and the Permian Basin Area Airport Board.

The family will be accepting guests at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday January 20, 2016.

Funeral services will be held at First Baptist Church in the Sanctuary on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Ricky Roderick, Shane Bippert, Rick Odom, Robert Bell, Russel Potter, and Harold Davis.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be donated to Trinity School, 3500 W. Wadley Ave., Midland, TX, 79707; Hillcrest School, 2800 N. "A" St., Midland, TX, 79705; or Midland Christian School, 2001 Culver Dr., Midland, TX, 79705.

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

Death Notices

Jo Ann Towery

Jo Ann Towery, 66, died Saturday, January 16, 2016. No services have been scheduled.

She is survived by her husband, Gordon Towery; daughter, Rebecca Dickerson; and by two sisters.

Jean Marie Cusick

Jean Marie Cusick, 77, passed away on Saturday, January 16, 2016. Services will be held at a later date.

She is survived by her son, Daniel Dalager; stepchildren, Mary Bartunekand, and Gary Cusick, Jr.; and by one brother.

Ofelia Bolanos Velasquez

Ofelia Bolanos Velasquez, 93 of Midland, passed away on Saturday, January 16, 2016.

Rosary Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at the Shaffer-Nichols Chapel in Crane. Funeral Mass will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at the Good Shephard Catholic Church in Crane. Burial will follow in the Crane County Cemetery

She is survived by her daughters, Eva Marquez of Midland, Rosaelva Villegas of Odessa, and Lydia Tovar; and by her son, Oscar Velasquez Crane.

Revy L. Wharton

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

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

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Eagles co-founder Glenn Frey, who sang 'Take It Easy,' dies

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Glenn Frey, who co-founded the Eagles and with Don Henley became one of history's most successful songwriting teams with such hits as "Hotel California" and "Life in the Fast Lane," has died.

Frey, who was 67, died of complications from rheumatoid arthritis, acute ulcerative colitis and pneumonia, the band said on its website. He died on Monday in New York. He had fought the ailments for the past several weeks, the band said.

"The Frey family would like to thank everyone who joined Glenn to fight this fight and hoped and prayed for his recovery," a statement on the band's website said. "Words can neither describe our sorrow, nor our love and respect for all that he has given to us, his family, the music community & millions of fans worldwide."

Guitarist Frey and drummer Henley formed the Eagles in Los Angeles in the early 1970s, along with guitarist Bernie Leadon and bassist Randy Meisner. They would become a top act over the next decade, embodying the melodic California sound.

An Eagles greatest hits collection from the mid-1970s and "Hotel California" are among the best-selling albums in history.

Frey was born in Detroit and was raised in its suburbs. His solo hits include "The Heat Is On" and "Smuggler's Blues."

Frey was lead vocalist on the Eagles' breakthrough hit, "Take It Easy," a song mostly written by Jackson Browne that came out in 1972. His other showcases included "Peaceful Easy Feeling," "Already Gone" and "New Kid in Town."

The Eagles split up in 1980 but reunited in 1994 and were one of the world's most popular concert acts. The band, which for years was made up of Frey, Henley, Joe Walsh and Timothy B. Schmit, was supposed to have been honored at the Kennedy Center last month. But the appearance was postponed because of Frey's health problems.

Frey, known for his oversized jaw, big grin and blunt personality, loved music, girls and the rock 'n' roll life. He would meet up with Henley, Meisner and Leadon while all were trying to catch on in the Los Angeles music scene, and for a time the four backed Linda Ronstadt. They also befriended such other Los Angeles-based musicians as Browne and J.D. Souther, who would collaborate on "New Kid in Town" and other Eagles songs.

They harmonized memorably on stage and on record but fought often otherwise. Leadon and Meisner departed after runins with Frey, and guitarist Don Felder, who had joined the group in 1974, ended up in legal action with the Eagles.

Frey and Henley also became estranged for years, their breach a key reason the band stayed apart in the 1980s. Henley had vowed the Eagles would reunite only when "hell freezes over," which became the name of the 1994 album they never imagined making.

Despite the occasional discord, Henley said Frey was like a brother to him.

"We were family, and like most families, there was some dysfunction. But, the bond we forged 45 years ago was never broken, even during the 14 years that the Eagles were dissolved," Henley said in a statement. "Glenn was the one who started it all. He was the spark plug, the man with the plan. He had an encyclopedic knowledge of popular music and a work ethic that wouldn't quit. He was funny, bullheaded, mercurial, generous, deeply talented and driven."

Noted songs

Here's a look at some of Frey's most memorable Eagles songs:

■ "Take It Easy": With its glittering guitar opening and touch of country twang, "Take It Easy" was the Eagles' first single in 1972 and became one of the band's signature songs. It was mostly written by Jackson Browne, but Frey added a line and sings lead vocals.

■ "Tequila Sunrise": Co-written with Henley and sang by Frey, this heartbreaking song was the first single off the band's 1973 album, "Desperado."

■ "One of These Nights": Another hit written with Henley, Frey said in 2003 that "One of These Nights" was his favorite Eagles tune, calling it "a breakthrough song." It was the title track of the band's 1975 album and its second single.

■ "New Kid in Town:" The first single off of 1976's "Hotel California," "New Kid in Town" features Frey's lead vocals and Henley's harmonies. They co-wrote the song with frequent collaborator J.D. Souther.

■ "Heartache Tonight": A late '70s-early '80s anthem, "Heartache Tonight" appeared on the 1979 album "The Long Run" and won a Grammy Award for best rock vocal performance by a duo or group. Frey, Henley and Souther wrote the track with Bob Seger. Frey sang lead vocals.

■ "Hotel California": Frey wrote the lyrics to what is probably the best known Eagles song. "Hotel California" won the 1977 Grammy Award winner for record of the year.

CONAWAY

From 1A

A number of permits to construct LNG exporting facilities are pending, and Conaway expressed hope that those permits would be quickly approved, allowing LNG to follow crude oil overseas.

"We have talked in the past about importing natural gas, but free markets and the private sector went to work," he said. He pointed out that crude and natural gas production from privately owned lands has climbed while production from federally owned lands has fallen.

Conaway attributes that loss of production from federally owned lands on the current administration and its regulatory policies. The president "hates fossil fuels," he said.

Another component of the legislation provides the final piece of tax legislation Summit Power needed to begin construction of its planned Texas Clean Energy Project, a power generating plant that uses clean coal technology, to be built near Penwell.

"That removes the last barrier I'm aware of," he said.

What wasn't contained in the Omnibus bill and which Conaway hopes will be addressed is Renewable Fuel Standards, which requires minimum volumes of renewable fuels be blended with gasoline and diesel.

Refiners and oil producers point out that cars are not equipped to burn fuel containing more than 10 percent ethanol, yet refiners risk being penalized for not meeting government standards.

"How can you be fined for something that's impossible to do?" Conaway asked.

With commodity prices low, he said now is a good time to have a conversation about the standard.

The family of Blanche Archie want to express our gratitude for the many who brought food, sent flowers, and cards, came by to check on us or prayed for us during the passing of our mother, grandmother and great grandmother. We want to give special thanks to

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The children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of
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Local governments interpret gun bans for courthouses

Associated Press

AUSTIN — An argument has emerged over a Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton ruling that could limit the ability of local governments to ban guns in courtrooms and a law that legislators say was meant to prohibit guns inside courthouses.

Some local officials are reviewing longstanding firearm policies after Paxton's recent opinion may have come into conflict with a 2003 law that prohibited the carrying of guns in any building with a courtroom, The Dallas Morning News reported.

The wrangling rests on the word "premises" and different interpretations. A Texas "open carry" law that took effect. Jan. 1 lets license holders carry handguns holstered to their hips or otherwise in plain sight.

The law has caused a fresh look at gun policies, and complaints have surfaced about the scope of some government entities' court-related gun bans, particularly in multi-use buildings.

In a nonbinding opinion, Paxton settled last month on a narrower interpretation of the law — that handguns may only be barred inside courtrooms and related offices. But he provided some flexibility and local officials have looked to justify their longstanding courthouse bans based on the Texas Legislature's 2003 action that expanded the prohibition of guns for courts to include the "premises."

Officials with Hays County, south of Austin, have decided to scale back the government center's gun-free zone in light of Paxton's opinion.

But other counties are continuing to maintain their gun bans in their courthouse buildings, including Dallas County and Amarillo's Potter County.

"We still think 'premises' means the building," said Potter County First Assistant Attorney Dave Kemp, explaining how commissioners there recently arrived at a decision. "They still felt very strongly that this is not a place where we want guns."

Gun rights advocates counter that the underlying definition of "premises" was not meant to provide flexibility but to limit gun bans to a particular portion of the building.

"Folks are trying to expand it too much," said lawyer Charles Cotton and a National Rifle Association Board member.

A definitive answer likely won't come until Paxton acts on a court-related complaint, bringing the matter before a judge.

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5 years after wage changes, Amarillo VA workers getting paid

More than five years after wage changes were authorized for employees at the Department of Veterans Affairs, back pay due to agency workers in Amarillo finally is starting to show up in their paychecks.

VA officials in Amarillo didn't receive instructions on how to implement changes for promotions, incentive bonuses and shift differentials until Jan. 1, agency spokeswoman Barbara Moore told the Amarillo Globe-News.

"We just got the guidance on how to fix that locally and on how to go back and retroactively do these manual calculations," she said in a story published Monday.

Moore said new software handling employee pay has slowly been rolled out nationwide over the past two years but didn't take account of changes in policy and laws since the Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act was signed into law in 2010.

"It's not so much that it's broken, it just didn't have these formulas and calculations built in when we got it," she said.

It's not certain how many VA workers in Amarillo are affected, although one example of the effect meant certified nurse assistants who recently were hired were being paid more than co-workers already on the job.

"When that was discovered, we were on it," Moore said. "There are folks that will be reclassified and folks are all going to get paid the money that is due to them."

A grievance from the American Federation of Government Employees about nurse pay was settled last month and a regional vice president with the union said agency officials could have done a better job of educating the staff.

"That's their job," Cheryl Eliano said. "That's two things you don't mess with employees. Don't mess with schedule and money."

She said a new human resources officer at the VA is working with staff.

"The employees' complaint is that things aren't happening as fast as they should," she said. "There's a lot of people and it's a pretty complex system for the VA. ... There's systems for systems and it takes time to get everything corrected."

NEW MEXICO

Holloman Air Force Base to shelter immigrant children

ALBUQUERQUE — Holloman Air Force Base is set to offer temporary shelter for hundreds of immigrant children from Central America as federal officials prepare for an influx of immigrants expected in the spring and summer of 2016.

The Albuquerque Journal reported that Holloman Air Force Base plans to house as many as 400 children beginning in January. The children are set to be housed in a vacant building on a base previously used by the 4th Space Surveillance Squadron.

U.S. Defense Secretary Ashton Carter directed Holloman Air Force Base to be the first of three temporary shelters to open in New Mexico, Colorado and Florida. These shelters are in addition to those already opened outside Dallas in December.

The children, currently in the care of The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, come from Central American countries including Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, said Mike Espiritu, president of the Almagordo Chamber of Commerce.

Most of the children in shelters are between the ages of 14 and 17 and stay for an average of 32 days. During their stay, they receive schooling and on-site medical care until they can be placed with sponsors as they wait to hear whether they will be allowed to stay in the U.S. or will be deported.

Espiritu said he will act as a liaison between federal officials and the Holloman Air Force based to ensure the children's needs are met.

DALLAS

Minivan smashes into Texas Chanel store; 6 suspects detained

Police have detained seven robbery suspects, two of whom are juveniles, after a minivan smashed into a Dallas-area Chanel boutique and about 50 pricey purses were stolen.

Some of the high-end bags, known for selling at thousands of dollars apiece, ended up scattered on a street Monday morning.

Highland Park police Lt. Lance Koppa said they'll be charged with first-degree theft and felony criminal mischief after the early morning robbery.

An alarm alerted police, who determined a minivan was driven through a display window and the suspects fled in the vehicle and on foot. The van was later found abandoned and some purses dumped on a road as police nabbed the suspects.

Koppa said police recovered some of the swiped bags.

Power line would run through part of Texas land preserve

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The owner of a large, privately preserved spread in the Texas Hill Country is fighting to persuade regulators to change the route of a planned electric transmission line that could cut through the area known for wildlife habitat protection.

The power line is slated to cross part of the Hershey Ranch, 1,561 acres donated as a conservation easement to the Hill Country Land Trust, which prevents future development on the land in return for significant property tax breaks in perpetuity, The Austin American-Statesman reported.

Officials said the transmission line is about 13 miles long and is meant to support the growing electrical needs east of Fredericksburg. The line is estimated to cost $30 million and would improve reliability of the electrical transmission system, according to officials.

The owners of the ranch have appealed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, saying the transmission line is at "odds with the ranch's vital, permanent role in wildlife habitat protection."

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist Jessica Schmerler also testified that the agency is concerned about "potential fragmentation of wildlife habitat from transmission line construction" in conservation easement zones.

But PUC officials said in a final order that the chosen route reduces wildlife habitat fragmentation while providing the maximum distance from homes.

The trouble is that even if the Hershey Ranch were to ultimately succeed in rerouting the line, it might come at the expense of some of its Hill Country neighbors, including others with conservation easements.

David Adelman, who teaches environmental law at the University of Texas, said that the siting of transmission lines "do have environmental impacts and they do implicate property rights in a significant ways."

"The bottom line," he said, "it's hugely politicized to site transmission lines."

TODAYINMIDLAND

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Things to do

■ Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series, 11:30 a.m., at Petroleum Museum. Mayor Jerry Morales will discuss Tall City Tomorrow. Drinks and dessert provided. Free. petroleum-museum.org.

■ Live Trivia, 7 p.m., Basin Burger House.

Meetings schedule

Midland College
4 p.m.
Gibson boardroom
Administration Building
Midland College campus

Early College High School meetings

Meetings about Early College High School@Midland College are planned for parents of Midland ISD eighth-graders. The meetings are 6:30 p.m. today at San Jacinto Junior High School and 6:30 p.m. Monday at ECHS, Allison Fine Arts Building at MC.

Parents may attend any of the meetings. For more information, call 685-4641.

Club meetings, support groups today

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

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

■ The Helping Hand Metastatic Cancer Support Group, noon, Texas Tech Physicians of the Permian Basin Clinic, Room 210B. Lunch will be served. To RSVP , call Amber Chavez at 620-1023.

■ National Active & Retired Federal Employees, 6 p.m., Jack E. Brown Dining Hall at Midland College. For information, call 634-7626.

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

■ Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.

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

■ Sons of Confederate Veterans, Dunn-Holt-Mid-kiff Camp No. 1441, 7 p.m., Fairmont Park Church of Christ Activities Annex; Tom Owens, tmowens44@juno.com or 697-5955.

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

■ Permian Basin Dance Club with live country western bands, 7:30 p.m.-10 p.m., St. Stephen's ballroom, 4601 Neely St. 432-520-4343 or 432-296-9840.

Military support groups

■ A confidential peer-to-peer support gathering for combat veterans, Midland College Cogdell Center, 201 Florida Ave.; Steve Cree, 770-7469.

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

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

■ VFW Post 4149 Motorcycle Group 4, 7 p.m., 409 Veterans Airpark Lane, 684-9226.

Know a member of the military coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their memner of the military is flying into Midland International Air & Space so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

Honor those who served

There are many organizations in operation right here in the Permian Basin that are at the task of serving all kinds of needs for present and former members of our military. Some of them are:

■ Show of Support (687-2167)
■ Honor Our Troops (889-0177), Reel Thanx (528-6633)
■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)
■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)
■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (368-3458)
■ Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

Community calendar

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

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

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

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Today in history

In 1937, millionaire Howard Hughes set a transcontinental air record by flying his monoplane from Los Angeles to Newark, New Jersey, in 7 hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds.

In 1981, the United States and Iran signed an accord paving the way for the release of 52 Americans held hostage for more than 14 months

Today's birthdays: Country singer Dolly Parton is 70. TV chef Paula Deen is 69. Comedian Paul Rodriguez is 61.

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DREAM

From 1A

The evening was full of conversation giving thanks for how far this country has come in relation to King's dream, but it was also a call for continuing the struggle toward equality, a struggle that is far from over, said the keynote speaker, the Rev. Wendell Smith, pastor of Visionary Hollowell United Methodist Church.

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

The question of how, though, is what remains to be answered in full. Smith talked about mainstream America's reception of the Black Lives Matter movement, saying that it has been merely received as a protest rather than understood by its true meaning.

"Why do we, as citizens, have to proclaim this in our own country?" Smith said. "Because life has been lost in a manner that transcends the law of protection. And it reflects the continued rejection of equal rights. I have to tell the truth here. Not by law-abiding officers, but by criminals who would execute a man without due process. Violent men who harbor hate abuse the system that they vow to protect.

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

A large part of Smith's talk was appealing to the younger generations that do not remember firsthand the struggle of King and those who fought and sacrificed during the Civil Rights movement.

"Even though the dream is challenged, we are making headway," Smith said. "I thank God I live in Midland, Texas. I thank God we have a district that will allow a junior high school student to pursue their education and graduate with a diploma and an associate degree. I'm talking about Midland College. We have to focus on the good things going on so our young generation knows that there are doors that are open, and we have to go through them. You've got to go through that door for us. You have to meet the challenge, that equal opportunity presents. You gotta be there to answer."

Many young Midlanders take King's legacy and Smith's call to heart. Stephanie Cook, born and raised in Midland, is the founder of The Village, a program that will have the mission of uplifting young black women. She hopes to expand it to include a group of men that reaches out to the young black men in the community. The Village is expected to begin in the spring.

"We have lots of gaps to fill. That's why we're still marching," Cook said. "But instead of marching, we need to do. We need to be more active in our communities. Blacks need to be more active to make sure the communities have what they need."

Cook emphasized that these calls to action cannot only be reserved for national holidays.

"This day is a day that we set back for Martin Luther King, but, to me, this day is every day," she said. "We're black 365 days a year, 12 months a year. So this day, for me, is every day."

Cook sees obvious inequality that still exists in Midland. Growing up here, she has seen what has changed and what hasn't.

"I see a lot of development in Midland, but they tend to neglect the south side (which is predominantly black and Hispanic)," Cook said. "Our children don't have recreational facilities on the south side. They don't have any entertainment on the south side. And you know what they say about an idle mind."

Cook's voice rang out during the singing of the Negro National Anthem at the start of the ceremony. It is inscribed in her memory. In front of her, a young girl, perhaps 9 or 10, clutched her program and swayed rhythmically as she read the anthem to herself, printed on the last page of the brochure. It was an image that invoked King's hopes for his own four children.

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character," King said in his hallowed speech.

"'Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter,'" said Smith, quoting King. "We stay hopeful in the dream. The Christian faith calls us to love, but people get so mixed up about what love means. Young people, just because they're smiling at you don't mean they love you. It has to take place in your heart, that you make that person more important than you. Dr. King's dream was beyond the reality of his day. But one thing you know about Dr. King: He wasn't just dreaming; he was standing on the promises of God."

His dream was beyond the reality of his day, but it continues to the present and the changes he catalyzed endure. Nine-year-old James Cooks, a Travis Elementary School student, was energetic and smiling before the event began. He excitedly stated he wanted to say something.

"I love this day because ..." he said, stumbling over King's name. "Because I want to just say thank you for everything Martin Luther King has done for us."

MLK Community Service Award winners

The MLK Community Service Award honors community members who are dedicated to empowering and serving their community. Two winners were chosen this year.

The following information about the winners was provided by Robbyne Hocker Fuller, executive director of the Midland African American Roots Historical/Cultural Arts Council.

Roy Nelson

Roy Nelson grew up in Midland and graduated from Lee High School. He graduated from Texas A&M University and then returned to Midland to work for State Farm. He owns Roy Nelson State Farm agency. He and his wife, Carolyn Nelson, have two daughters, Natalie and Ashley. Nelson is a member of Greater Ideal Baptist Church.

"Roy supports the Midland community and is a friend to everyone he meets," Fuller said. "He is optimistic about his community and is a positive role model."

Toyia Zachery

Toyia Zachery was born and raised in Midland and graduated from Midland High School in 1996. She was on the volleyball, track and basketball teams. She was also a debutante and homecoming queen at MHS.

After high school, Zachery attended Midland College, then transferred to Texas Tech University, where she received a fine arts degree in photography.

She earned a master's in art and politics from New York University Tisch School of Art in 2014.

Zachery moved back to Midland from New York. She has worked at Midland College and taught in Midland and Odessa.

She is currently working on several photography projects: Purple Sages and Our Brother's Keeper. Zachery plans to work toward her doctorate.

"Toiya is an activist in the community," Fuller said. "She's a budding visionary who believes in unity. She lives by the seven principles of Kwanzaa. She's driven, ambitious, loyal and she's a team player. We always say, 'She keeps on walking.'"

PHOTO: Roy Nelson, left, and Toyia Zachery were honored Monday with with MLK Community Service Award during a ceremony at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. *Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram*

Marches, parades, speeches part of MLK Day across Texas

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Thousands of Texans took to the streets Monday for marches, speeches and volunteer efforts to remember slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. on the federal holiday in his name.

Participants carried signs, U.S. and Texas flags in the annual march in San Antonio, billed as one of the largest in the country.

San Antonio Mayor Ivy Taylor said late Monday that she hadn't received any estimates on the number of marchers but that a "great crowd" had turned out.

"The weather was beautiful and we had a peaceful observance," she said.

The march, organized by the city's MLK Jr. Commission, is a public celebration that has drawn tens of thousands of participants over the years. The organizing group previously was called the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial City-(Bexar) County Commission, developed in the 1980s under then-San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros.

The history of the San Antonio march goes back to mourning following King's 1968 assassination. The Rev. R.A. Callies Sr., a San Antonio pastor and teacher, began leading small processions honoring King's legacy shortly after the slaying, according to the MLK Jr. Commission website.

"It started with the passion and commitment of a few community activists," Taylor said.

Those processions grew over the years, with the theme of Monday's march being "Uniting Communities to Advance Humanity."

"It just has grown," Taylor said. "Everyone feels included and everyone feels welcome to participate,"

Dozens of floats, bands and other entries were part of the Dallas MLK march. Austin's celebration included a community march that began at the MLK statue on the University of Texas campus. Houston held two MLK marches.

Monday was a King day of service in Corpus Christi, with volunteers helping others. A similar day of service was held at UT-Brownsville.

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Calls for boycott of Oscars grow over diversity of nominees

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Calls for a boycott of the Academy Awards are growing over the Oscars' second straight year of all-white acting nominees, as Spike Lee and Jada Pinkett Smith each said Monday that they will not attend this year's ceremony.

In a lengthy Instagram post, Lee said he "cannot support" the "lily white" Oscars. Noting that he was writing on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Lee — who in November was given an honorary Oscar at the Governors Awards — said he was fed up: "Forty white actors in two years and no flava at all," he wrote. "We can't act?!"

In a video message on Facebook, Pinkett Smith also said she wouldn't attend or watch the Oscars in February. Pinkett Smith, whose husband Will Smith wasn't nominated for his performance in the NFL head trauma drama "Concussion," said it was time for people of color to disregard the Academy Awards.

"Begging for acknowledgement, or even asking, diminishes dignity and diminishes power," she said. "And we are a dignified people and we are powerful."

"Hollywood is like the Rocky Mountains: The higher up you get, the whiter it gets, and this year's Academy Awards will be yet another Rocky Mountain Oscar."

The Rev. Al Sharpton

She added: "Let's let the academy do them, with all grace and love. And let's do us differently." The video had amassed 4.5 million by mid-Monday afternoon.

Last year's all-white acting nominees also drew calls for a boycott, though not from such prominent individuals as Lee and Pinkett Smith. Whether it had any impact or not, the audience for the broadcast, hosted by Neil Patrick Harris, was down 16 percent from the year prior, a six-year low.

This year, Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences President Cheryl Boone Isaacs has made a point of presenting a more inclusive show. The Feb. 28 broadcast will be hosted by Chris Rock and produced by "Django Unchained" producer Reginald Hudlin and David Hill. On Saturday, Rock, unveiling a new promotion for the broadcast, called the ceremony "The White BET Awards."

The academy didn't respond to messages left Monday.

When Oscar nominations were announced Thursday, Isaacs acknowledged she was "disappointed" that all 20 acting nominees were again white. Isaacs has worked to diversify membership for the academy, which a 2012 study by the Los Angeles Times found is overwhelming white and male.

Many awards handicappers expected nominations for Idris Elba of "Beasts of No Nation" and Benicio Del Toro for "Sicario." The N.W.A. biopic "Straight Outta Compton" also failed to earn a best picture nomination, despite some predictions it would. Ryan Coogler's acclaimed Rocky sequel "Creed" scored only a nomination only for Sylvester Stallone. (Lee's own movie, the Chicago gang violence hip-hop musical "Chi-Raq" — celebrated by some and scorned by others — also went unnoticed.)

The hashtag "OscarsSoWhite," created last year, was quickly resurrected online following the nominations. Rev. Al Sharpton — who last year met with former Sony head Amy Pascal following leaked emails that some viewed as racist — on Friday lambasted the academy.

"Hollywood is like the Rocky Mountains: The higher up you get, the whiter it gets, and this year's Academy Awards will be yet another Rocky Mountain Oscar," said Sharpton.

In his post, Lee made it clear the Academy Awards is only part of the problem in an industry with deep-rooted diversity issues. In his Governors Awards speech, Lee said "It's easier to be the president of the United States as a black person than be the head of a studio."

"The Academy Awards is not where the 'real' battle is," Lee wrote last week. "It's in the executive office of the Hollywood studios and TV and cable networks. This is where the gate keepers decide what gets made and what gets jettisoned to 'turnaround' or scrap heap. This is what's important. The gate keepers. Those with 'the green light' vote."

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More and more Midland homeowners choose the convenience of tile with the warm look of wood from Southwest Floors

At Southwest Floors, they've noticed a major trend in flooring over recent months: ceramic and porcelain tiles with the warm look of wood. If you're looking to redo your flooring this spring, here's something to consider.

"Homeowners are installing this in basically every room in the house," says Southwest Floors' Travis Kendrick. "In the entryway, living room, hallway, even a few bathrooms," he adds.

Wood floors have always added charm, warmth and elegance to floors, but that comes at a price: wood is hard to care for, scratches easily and usually costs more than other types of flooring. Tiles with a warm wood look are not new, having been around for years, but this idea seems to be really catching on in recent month, according to Travis.

Tile may just be the most user-friendly flooring overall, with its durability, cleanability, versatility and wear resistance. Long a staple in kitchens and baths because of its resistance to moisture, tile long ago moved to warm earth tones that resemble stone and wood, making it an inviting choice for every room in the house.

All the major flooring companies have extensive wood-type tiles, including Shaw, Mohawk, Dal-Tile, American Olean and EarthWerks—the latter a company that specializes in natural looking floors of all kinds, and Southwest Floors offers a wide selection of all of these.

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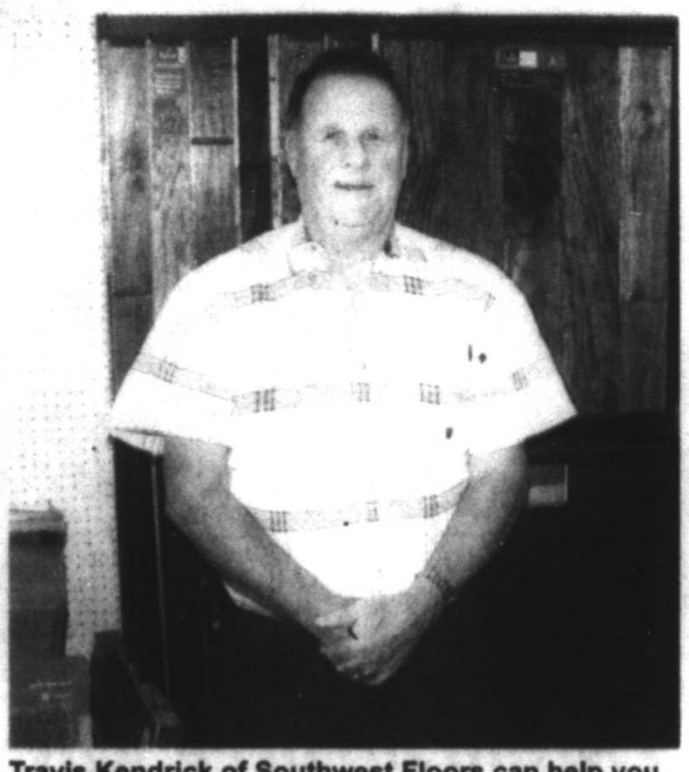

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Go by today and see for yourself how amazing the new tiles are, and imagine how wonderful it would be to have them in your home.

Southwest Floors was opened by Robert Burton in 1990. They carry a wide selection of carpet, tile, wood and vinyl tile flooring. The address is 1113 Andrews Highway, next to McDonald's. The phone number is 689-9312. Store hours are 9-5:30 Monday through Friday and 10-1 Saturday. They accept Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover.

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The outbreak of hostilities between Donald Trump and Ted Cruz may not be edifying, but it is clarifying.

Cruz represents the arrival of tea party ideology at the presidential level. He espouses a "constitutionalism" that would disqualify much of modern government, and a belief that Republican elites are badly, even mainly, at fault for accommodating cultural and economic liberalism. Trump has adopted an ethno-nationalism in which the constraints of "political correctness" are lifted to express frankly nativist sentiments: that many illegal immigrants are criminals and rapists who threaten American jobs, and that Muslims are foreign, suspicious and potentially dangerous.

These approaches can overlap, but they are not identical. Cruz is attacking Trump as a "fake conservative" on gun and property rights and as a New York liberal on cultural matters. For his part, Trump defends those portions of the welfare state that benefit the working class, opposing cuts in Social Security and an increase in the retirement age. Cruz is the conservative true believer. Trump is the wrecking ball of political convention. They are not only two strong personalities; they demonstrate two different tendencies within the right.

Trump's attacks on Cruz have begun drawing both blood and protests from ideological conservatives. "Either cut the crap," warns radio host Mark Levin, "your accusations ... that Cruz is Canadian, a criminal, owned by the banks, etc. ... or you will lose lots and lots of conservatives." Levin and others registered no protest when Trump denigrated women, minorities and the disabled. Attacking a favored conservative is evidently a different matter.

But this is Trump's greatest political talent — exploiting weaknesses like a dentist probing and drilling the most sensitive spot. Trump's questions about Cruz's Canadian roots are not primarily about constitutional interpretation. The issue is simpler: Why would voters who support the forced expulsion of 11 million undocumented people want a president born north of the border? Trump's mention of undisclosed Wall Street contributions highlights the contrast between Cruz's outsider brand and insider resume. And Cruz's seriously Denmark-like proposal for a value-added tax — as Marco Rubio pointed out in the recent Republican debate — may be disqualifying for many economic conservatives.

In a Trump-Cruz battle, I would not bet against Trump. Much of the Republican donor class is convinced that Cruz is the political equivalent of Barry Goldwater, in part because of his very conservative social views. A Trump-Clinton contest, however, is beginning to appear more winnable (particularly as Hillary Clinton appears more awkward and inept). "Donors," one leading Republican figure told me, "are trying hard to get comfortable with Trump." And Trump, without doubt, has improved his skills as a candidate.

But here is the problem. Donors, analysts and media are naturally drawn to the horse-race aspect of politics: establishment vs. anti-establishment, insider vs. outsider. But Trump is proposing a massive ideological and moral revision of the Republican Party. Re-created in his image, it would be the anti-immigrant party; the party that blows up the global trading order; the party that undermines the principle of religious liberty; the party that encourages an ethnic basis for American identity and gives strength and momentum to prejudice.

We are already seeing the disturbing normalization of policies and arguments that recently seemed unacceptable, even unsayable. Trump proposes the forced expulsion of 11 million people, or a ban on Muslim immigration, and there are a few days of outrage from responsible Republican leaders. But the proposals still lie on the table, eventually seeming regular and acceptable.

But they are not acceptable. They are not normal. They are extreme, and obscene and immoral. The Republican nominee — for the sake of his party and his conscience — must draw these boundaries clearly.

Ted Cruz is particularly ill-equipped to play this role. He is actually more of a demagogue than an ideologue. So he has changed his views on immigration to compete with Trump — and raised the ante by promising that none of the deported 11 million will ever be allowed back in the country. Instead of demonstrating the humane instincts of his Christian faith — a faith that motivated abolition and the struggle for civil rights — Cruz is presenting the crueler version of a pipe dream.

For Republicans, the only good outcome of Trump vs. Cruz is for both to lose. The future of the party as the carrier of a humane, inclusive conservatism now depends on some viable choice beyond them.

OUR VIEW

Santa Rita Hotel project will tell Midlanders a lot about their community

After speaking with Santa Rita Hotel team member Robert Watson, we feel comfortable that the possible transformational downtown project will happen, although we admit part of that is hope.

We say "hope" because this project needs to happen — not because of demand or because it truly is something Midland can't live without; we don't know if either of those are true. We say "hope" because our community needs to know once and for all if downtown rebirth from an entertainment and social perspective is possible.

Midland really needs to end the decades-long chase of what sometimes seems like a mythical creature — the 18- or 24-hour downtown. The Santa Rita Hotel will answer those questions.

As Watson mentioned during a recent visit, the project would offer so much of what Midland allegedly lacks — an upscale setting for dining, retail, health and hotel accommodations. It would be a complement to a new convention center that will be built in the same downtown block.

But in our view, our hope for the project is that we could check off the boxes. It is a catalyst project. It will confirm what some people believe: Downtown vitality seen in some metropolitan areas is possible in population-130,000 Midland. It is a relatively low community investment compared to other initiatives that have taken place downtown.

We also know that it's not as much a catalyst project because Midland doesn't really have what's needed for a thriving 18- or 24-hour downtown. Our entertainment options are spread out across the city, and we don't have the culture that supports downtown life as some people desire. There is nothing wrong with that, and Santa Rita Hotel can still be a very valuable asset to downtown even if "transformational" isn't the word used to describe its impact. This community just might have to live with the fact of a community's limitations (entertainment wise). Our city's planning resources can then be used elsewhere.

Certainly, having a second high-profile swing-and-miss project also would be hard to take. It would almost require city leaders to go forward with a city space concept and be left with only dreams of what could have been.

We aren't to that point — not even close.

Again we want Santa Rita Hotel to work. It will be a project that tells us a lot about our community, including what we are.

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Cruz-Trump divorce was inevitable

KEN HERMAN

Austin American-Statesman

The thing about the inevitable is that, by definition, it always happens. The breakup of The Donald and The Ted was inevitable. You knew it would happen.

As a wedding, this would have been one of those where somebody would have been tempted to stand up and say, "Now that you ask, I do in fact know a reason why this couple should not be joined together."

And as with so many ro/bromances, this break-up is difficult/entertaining to watch and was so at the Thursday GOP presidential debate or, as U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio called it after Donald Trump and Ted Cruz mixed it up, "this episode of Court TV."

Rubio's quip came after Trump and Cruz sparred over whether the Canadian-born Cruz is eligible to be president.

At the previous debates (doesn't it seem like there's been 20 of them?), nary was heard a discouraging word between the two high-polling, high-ego candidates. Ditto on the campaign trail, until last week when Trump — a master at injecting doubt under the guise of "I'm just saying" — lobbed the unkindest cut of all at Cruz.

It's one thing to say your opponent is a crook, a crackpot or just plain crazy. It's another thing to say your opponent might not be legally qualified for the job. Fox Business moderator Neil Cavuto drew boos from the South Carolina audience when he posed the eligibility question to Cruz, who proceeded to chide Trump for bringing it up in recent days.

"Back in September my friend Donald said that he had his lawyers look at this from every which way and there was no issue there. There was nothing to this birther issue," said Cruz (who now always says "my friend Donald" before zinging his friend Donald). "Now since September the Constitution hasn't changed but the poll numbers have. And I recognize that Donald is dismayed that his poll numbers are falling in Iowa. But the facts and the law here really are quite clear. Under longstanding U.S. law, the child of a U.S. citizen born abroad is a natural-born citizen."

And Cruz, citing what he said were "some of the more" extreme theories, Trump's eligibility is subject to question because his mom was born in Scotland.

"But I was born here," Trump said. "Big difference."

Trump said the eligibility question could become a problem for the GOP if he picked Cruz as his running mate. Cruz parried nicely, saying the eligibility question could work to Trump's advantage.

"I'll tell you what," Cruz told Trump, "if this all works out, I'm happy to consider naming you as VP so if you happen to be right you could get the top job at the end of the day."

Trump said he'd consider the offer, "but I think I'll go back to building buildings if it doesn't work out."

In America, anyone can file a lawsuit, which means Trump probably is right that somebody might file a lawsuit challenging Cruz's eligibility. In fact, that first somebody is Newton B. Schwartz Sr. of Houston, who, according to Bloomberg News, filed a federal lawsuit that says "This 229-year question has never been pled, presented to or finally decided by or resolved by the U.S. Supreme Court. Only the U.S. Supreme Court can finally decide, determine judicially and settle this issue now."

Trump seems to clearly be overstating any such lawsuit's chance of success and he is certainly wrong about the chance of it leaving the presidency in limbo should Cruz win the job. I don't see a judge issuing a temporary restraining order undoing the will of the voters while the suit winds its way through the courts.

But none of that stops Trump from waving the specter of an embattled candidate or President Cruz. In fact, nothing stops Trump from waving anything — regardless of whether it's supported by facts or reality — that keeps his improbable campaign enjoying a surprisingly durable lead as the voting approaches.

Later in the debate, Cruz did a little "I'm just saying" of his own.

"Not a lot of conservatives come out of Manhattan," he said, backing up his charge earlier in the week that Trump harbors "New York values."

"I'm just saying," Cruz said.

What both of these guys are just saying about the non-issues of the day continues to entertain. But we're at the time of the political season when what we really need are candidates just saying things about how, in a deeply divided nation, they can get us moving together toward doable solutions.

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Iran deals might not yield rapid changes, liberalization

By Adam Schreck
Associated Press

■ ANALYSIS

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The lifting of crippling international sanctions linked to Iran's nuclear program and the flurry of diplomacy that led to the release of Americans held by Tehran suggests a new era could be dawning. But anyone hoping for rapid change is likely to be disappointed.

President Hassan Rouhani and his team have plenty to celebrate now that nuclear sanctions have been removed. The moderate leader promised to boost Iran's struggling economy and improve its relations with the wider world during his 2013 campaign. The nuclear deal achieves both aims.

He hailed the deal Sunday as a way to open "new windows for engagement with the world" and said fresh investments and newly freed overseas assets could kick-start the transformation of a country struggling with high unemployment and inflation. At the top of the shopping list are more than 100 planes from Europe's Airbus.

It will take time for the economic benefits to trickle down to ordinary Iranians, but the goodwill from the deal could translate into electoral gains for moderate and reformist candidates in parliamentary elections late next month. Voters will also select members of the 88-seat Experts Assembly, an influential clerical body that picks a successor for the 76-year-old supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, in the event of his death.

Rouhani may have pushed for the rapid implementation of Iran's commitments under last summer's nuclear deal, ensuring faster sanctions relief, with the electoral timetable in mind.

But he still faces intense domestic opposition from hard-liners who believe he has given away too much and fear Iran's opening to the outside world leaves it exposed to corrupting foreign cultural influences.

In the months leading up this past weekend's implementation of the nuclear deal, Iranian authorities pursued a renewed crackdown on free expression, jailing several writers and artists, including award-winning filmmaker Keywan Karimi.

The November anniversary of the 1979 takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran drew thousands of demonstrators, who burned American flags and hoisted signs denouncing McDonald's and Starbucks.

That hard-line pushback also helps explain paradoxes like the fact that officials, including Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, tout the deal's benefits on Twitter even as Iranian censors block the site and other social media services at home.

Khamenei, Iran's top decision-maker, has left little doubt where he stands on the question of whether the opening with the West should lead to a relaxing of conservative values. During a speech to prayer leaders this month, he warned that "one of the main objectives of the enemies of Islam and the Iranian nation is to change the culture and moralities of people, particularly their lifestyle."

Those hoping for greater openness in Iran will face resistance from entrenched interests such as the powerful Revolutionary Guard, notes Cliff Kupchan, the chairman of the Eurasia Group. He predicts "a path of slow, non-linear political and economic liberalization" in the wake of the deal's implementation.

"Khamenei has been intent on showing that the deal is a one-off, not a détente," Kupchan wrote. "And for some years the Leader will need the image of the 'Great Satan' to legitimize his rule in the eyes of key constituencies — the (Revolutionary Guard), conservative clerics and the pious poor."

And for all the conversations U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Zarif have had over the past few years, the fact remains that they represent countries that do not have formal diplomatic relations.

Official ties were severed after the 1979 Islamic Revolution and the storming of the U.S. Embassy. Wide-ranging U.S. sanctions imposed over the years and unrelated to Iran's nuclear program remain in place. That will complicate American companies' ability to do business in the Islamic Republic.

"Both sides would like to open a new chapter. This does not mean they see eye to eye," said Fawaz Gerges, a Middle East expert at the London School of Economics. "This does not mean the end to mistrust. This does not mean the end to divergent interests in the region."

Still, the two diplomats have forged a working relationship that can at times bear fruit.

Months of negotiations resulted in the release of four Iranian-Americans from prison, including Washington Post journalist Jason Rezaian, in exchange for seven Iranians held in the U.S., six of them also dual nationals. A fifth American held in Iran, student Matthew Trevithick, was also released.

And rapid-fire diplomacy managed to get 10 U.S. Navy sailors and their boats released from Iranian custody in less than 24 hours last week — an unthinkably quick turnaround compared to past cases where foreigners found themselves in Iranian territory.

But there are limits.

Iranian-American businessman Siamak Namazi, who is believed to be detained in Iran, was not part of this weekend's prisoner swap. Also still missing is former FBI agent Robert Levinson, who disappeared in Iran in 2007 on an unauthorized CIA mission.

Meanwhile, Iran remains a staunch backer of Syrian President Bashar Assad, putting it at odds with the U.S. and Sunni Arab powers including Saudi Arabia, even as it shares the West's interest in defeating the Islamic State group. In Yemen, a U.S.-supported, Saudi-led coalition is fighting to roll back gains by Iranian-backed Shiite rebels.

And mistrust runs deep on both sides.

Rouhani said Sunday that even with a deal in hand, Iranians will not easily trust the U.S. because "our people have suffered from plenty of promise-breaking," the official IRNA news agency reported.

As Iowa looms, GOP wonders: does Trump have fans, or voters?

By Jill Colvin
Associated Press

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa — It's the No. 1 question headed into the primary season: Does Donald Trump merely have fans, or does the national front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination have voters who will mobilize come caucus day?

The definitive answer won't arrive until first-to-vote Iowa heads to the polls on Feb. 1, but interviews with dozens of voters, political operatives, party leaders and campaign volunteers in the past week paint a mixed picture of Trump's efforts to make sure they do.

Even some of the billionaire real-estate mogul's most ardent backers wonder whether the political novice has the kind of ground game needed to ensure supporters — especially those new to taking part in a caucus — can navigate a process that isn't as easy as casting a ballot.

But many believe that even if Trump is falling short when it comes to building a get-out-the-vote effort, his supporters are so enthusiastic that it won't much matter.

"I have a feeling we're going to actually do better than the polls are saying because there's a movement," Trump told supporters in suburban Des Moines last week, dismissing suggestions the thousands who pack his rallies won't make it out on caucus night.

"I don't know, maybe they won't," he added. "But it seems crazy because some of those people were waiting in line for seven hours in the cold."

Questions about Trump's turnout effort are magnified by his place alongside Sen. Ted Cruz atop preference polls in Iowa. Republican leaders in the state largely agree that Cruz, popular with the state's politically savvy evangelical Christians and social conservatives, has the most powerful get-out-the-vote operation among the GOP candidates for president — complete with an army of out-of-state volunteers housed in dormitories.

Those same observers were mixed when describing what Trump has put together.

"Normally, I at least know the country chairs and I see some organization," said Gwen Ecklund, chair of the Republican Party in Crawford County, who said Trump staffers weren't doing as much as other campaigns.

"Quite frankly, I haven't seen quite as much of his organization at a country level as the other candidates," said Warren County GOP chair Rick Halvorsen, who couldn't recall having seen Trump representatives at the party's monthly meetings.

Don Kass, of the Plymouth County GOP, said he'd been fielding calls from other campaign officials inquiring about speaking arrangements on caucus night, but has yet to hear from Trump's team.

Dozens of people interviewed by The Associated Press in recent weeks at Trump rallies across the state say that while his team is active online, they have had relatively little personal contact from the campaign. Many said they had yet to receive a phone call or a campaign mailing. None reported a knock on the door.

And on a recent Friday evening, Trump's main campaign office in suburban Des Moines was shuttered by 7 p.m. Three miles up the road, Cruz's headquarters hummed with the sounds of more than 30 volunteers placing calls at tables festively decorated with potted poinsettias.

"That's a precarious model," Paul Tewes, who organized then-Sen. Barack Obama's successful 2008 campaign in Iowa, said of a campaign that relies on emails and phone calls alone.

The issue, Tewes explained, is that Iowa doesn't make its presidential choice with a primary. Ballots aren't cast at polling stations open from dawn to dusk. Instead, a caucus requires voters to show up at a designated place at a designated hour, at night in winter, to listen to speeches and eventually express support for their favored candidate in a Byzantine voting process.

"It's a much higher hurdle than voting in a (traditional) election," Tewes said. Successful campaigns need to be in constant contact with voters — his aim was once every two weeks — to get them invested enough in a campaign to make it to caucus night, he said.

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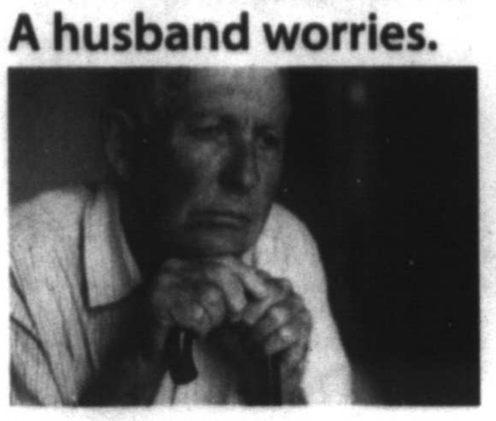

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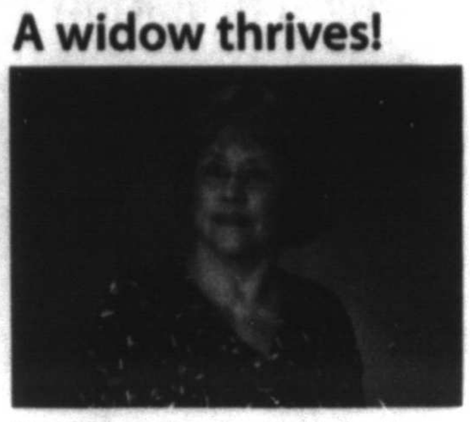

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Jeb Bush calls for overhaul of nation's education system

By Sergio Bustos
Associated Press

NASHUA, N.H. — Republican presidential candidate Jeb Bush rolled out a broad education reform plan Monday that would shift power and money to states and local school districts — and away from the federal government.

The former Florida governor also wants to revamp how high school graduates and their parents finance college and other career training.

Bush released his education "blueprint" in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, saying that "access to a quality education is the great civil rights challenge of our time."

In an interview with the Associated Press, Monday, Bush said he believes King, if he were alive today, would be fighting to "close the education gap between the haves and have-nots" to lift families out of poverty.

He posted an overview of his education reform plan on the blog publishing platform Medium.com.

As a two-term Florida governor, Bush built a national reputation for reforming the state's public school system. He pushed for high-stakes testing of students and the grading of schools based on their overall academic performance.

As he campaigns for the Republican nomination, Bush has repeatedly promoted his gubernatorial record in Florida as a means for billing himself as the most qualified candidate on issues relating to education and the economy. Still, he continues to lag in the polls behind other newcomer candidates like Donald Trump and Ted Cruz, who are wooing voters with their anti-establishment pitches.

Conservatives, including most of Bush's GOP rivals, have blasted Bush for his support of Common Core education standards, which they view as the federal government's effort to dictate education policies at a state and local level. Bush said he favors raising school standards.

Bush is calling for a "complete overhaul" of the nation's education system "from one that serves bureaucracies to one that serves the needs of families and students."

He said the current education system is "failing to prepare the next generation of children for success," noting that only about one-third of high school graduates are prepared for college or the workplace.

If elected, Bush said he would reduce by half the size of the staff at the federal Department of Education and hand more power and money to state and local school district officials.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

Ted Cruz says Donald Trump becoming 'rattled' by his gains

WASHINGTON — Ted Cruz accused his Republican rival Donald Trump Monday of exhibiting inconsistent conservatism and said the billionaire investor is becoming "rattled" and "dismayed" by his gains.

Both Cruz and Trump campaigned Monday in New Hampshire, which holds the second contest in the country's critical primary season.

The war of words between Cruz and Trump has intensified in recent days, with Trump going on the offensive over Cruz's eligibility to be on the ballot given his Canadian birth and for Cruz's failure to disclose loans received from Citibank and Goldman Sachs for his 2012 Senate race.

Trump on Sunday called Cruz a "nasty guy" who no one likes. Cruz tried to turn the insult into a joke Monday, posting a message on Twitter saying Americans feel "nasty" toward the "Washington Cartel." Cruz posted a link to the video of Janet Jackson's hit song "Nasty."

"Donald seems to be a little rattled," Cruz told reporters before a town hall in Washington, New Hampshire Monday. "For whatever reason he is very, very dismayed. I guess as conservatives continue to unite behind our campaign, as his poll numbers continue to go down, he's a little testier."

Polls show Cruz and Trump locked in a tight race in Iowa, but Trump is polling considerably better in New Hampshire. Cruz embarked on the five-day swing through the Granite State this week as his numbers began to show new strength.

Cruz questioned whether Trump is a true conservative, noting donations he's made to Democrats over the years, including $50,000 in 2010 to Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, the former chief of staff to President Barack Obama. And Cruz rejected Trump's self-comparison to Ronald Reagan, saying he was "pretty sure" Reagan never supported or made large donations to Democrats.

Trump, campaigning in New Hampshire late Monday, did not bring up his rival's accusations.

MICHIGAN

Gov. Snyder: Clinton politicizing Flint's water crisis

FLINT — Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder responded Monday to criticism from presidential candidate Hillary Clinton during the Democratic debates for his handling of Flint's water emergency, saying Clinton is making it a political issue.

During Sunday's debate, Clinton said "every single American should be outraged" by the water crisis, adding that "if the kids in a rich suburb of Detroit had been drinking contaminated water and being bathed in it, there would have been action."

Following a speaking engagement at a Martin Luther King Day event in Flint, the Republican governor said her tactic doesn't help solve the problem.

"We're going to keep working on putting solutions in place," Snyder told The Detroit News. "And what I would say is: Politicizing the issue doesn't help matters. Let's focus in on the solution and how to deal with the damage that was done and help the citizens of Flint and make Flint a stronger community."

U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders, who is also running for the Democratic nomination, has called for Snyder's resignation.

The crisis began in 2014 when a state-appointed emergency manager switched Flint from Detroit water to Flint River water to save money. The corrosive water caused lead to leach from old pipes. Flint returned to the Detroit system in October after elevated lead levels were discovered in children.

But officials remain concerned that damaged pipes could continue to leach lead, which can cause behavior problems and learning disabilities in children as well as kidney ailments in adults.

Snyder declared a state of emergency in Flint earlier this month. On Saturday, President Barack Obama signed an emergency declaration but denied Snyder's request for a disaster declaration based on the legal requirement that such relief is intended for natural events, fires, floods or explosions.

Flint Mayor Karen Weaver said Monday that she will travel today to Washington in hopes of securing a disaster declaration anyway. The Flint Journal reported. That declaration would provide more money and resources than the emergency declaration.

Dozens of people protested outside Snyder's residence in downtown Ann Arbor on Monday afternoon, marching there from the nearby University of Michigan campus. They said he didn't act swiftly enough to help Flint residents and held signs calling for his dismissal and arrest.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Facing primary fight from Sanders, Clinton embraces Obama

COLUMBIA — Facing fresh campaign anxieties, Hillary Clinton is attaching herself to President Barack Obama, hoping to overcome liberal enthusiasm for Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders with a full-throated embrace of her one-time rival and boss.

Central to that strategy: shoring up her standing with African-American voters who helped make Obama the first black president and who could determine her fate if she falters in the first-to-vote contests of Iowa and New Hampshire.

Clinton, Sanders and former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley marked Martin Luther King Jr. Day on the steps of the South Carolina statehouse — which, for the first time, was celebrated with no Confederate flag flying overhead. The event was replete with Obama's influence: as Clinton's two main challengers marched to the capitol, hundreds of faithful chanted the president's campaign mantra, "Fired Up. Ready to Go!"

"(King) was counting on all of us to keep going after he was gone, to be a part of what President Obama calls the 'Joshua Generation,' carrying forward the holy work the heroes of the civil rights movement began," Clinton said.

Clinton's alignment with Obama, who remains popular with Democrats, was on full display at Sunday night's final debate before the Iowa caucuses.

Presenting herself as his heir-apparent, Clinton warned that Sanders' universal health care plan threatened to reopen a contentious debate with Republicans that could undermine the so-called "Obamacare" law.

"To start over again with a whole new debate is something that I think would set us back. The Republicans just voted last week to repeal the Affordable Care Act, and thank goodness, President Obama vetoed it and saved Obamacare for the American people," Clinton said.

Sanders countered that his "Medicare for all" proposal was the natural evolution to the health care law, reminding Clinton that he played a role in its passage. "I'm on the committee that wrote the Affordable Care Act," he said.

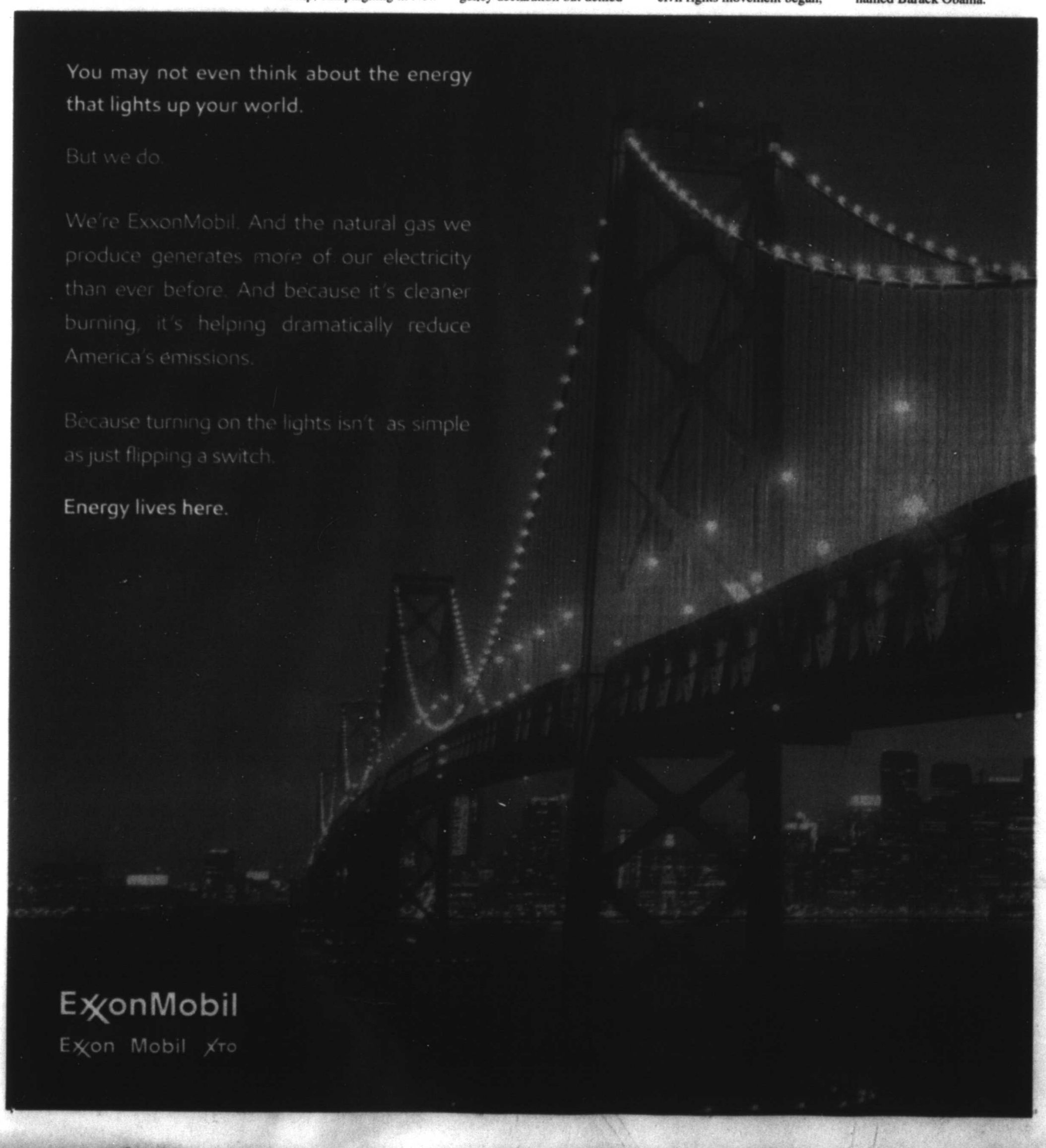
When Sanders noted bluntly that he hadn't taken campaign contributions from Wall Street banks or lucrative speaking fees from Goldman Sachs — unlike Clinton — the former secretary of state tried to turn it into an attack on Obama.

And she resurrected comments Sanders had made about Obama before his re-election, suggesting the president would have benefited from a primary challenge.

"He's criticized President Obama for taking donations from Wall Street and President Obama has led our country out of the great recession," Clinton said. "Senator Sanders called him weak, disappointing. He even, in 2011, publicly sought someone to run in a primary against President Obama."

Clinton aides said Sanders, a self-identified democratic socialist who casts himself as above politics as usual, was undermining Obama's achievements by questioning the effectiveness of his party.

"The fact that he keeps saying that Democrats can't do things is just wrong," said Clinton campaign strategist Joel Benenson. "Democrats have gotten things done, and they've done it under a Democratic president who happens to be named Barack Obama."



PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM PRESENT

Classroom Pioneers

CELEBRATING INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL LEADERS

Sarah Napier

DYSLEXIA TEACHER AT SCHARBAUER AND FASKEN ELEMENTARIES

As a dyslexia teacher at Scharbauer and Fasken elementaries, Sarah Napier works with students who have difficulty accurately and/or fluently recognizing words. Most of her students also find spelling to be difficult, but by working with students in small groups, Napier helps instill in her students a love of reading.

"These difficulties are typically the result of a deficit in the phonological component of language. I get the opportunity to work with identified students in a small-group setting introducing the decoding rules, syllable division patterns, spelling rules and so much more," Napier said.

MISD's curriculum for dyslexia intervention is Take Flight: A Comprehensive Intervention for Students with Dyslexia. This curriculum was written by the staff of the Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

"The goal of the dyslexia intervention is to enable students to achieve accurate word recognition, increase reading fluency, apply spelling rules and improve reading comprehension," Napier said.

Originally from Columbus, Ohio, Napier has worked in Midland ISD for 22 years. She spent eight years teaching third grade before moving into her role as a dyslexia teacher 14 years ago.

Napier and her husband, Kevin, have lived in Midland for 24 years and have two adult sons — Scott, who is married to Robin, and Kyle.

PHOTO BY JAMES DURBIN

Q&A with the Pioneer

How, and why, do you make a difference in Midland's educational landscape?

I give students with dyslexic tendencies the tools and strategies to unlock the code to reading, to improve their reading fluency and spelling. I encourage them to reflect upon their gifts and talents and determine to work at improving their weaknesses.

Why did you choose a career in education?

As a student, school and learning was something I looked forward to on a daily basis. I loved learning and reading. I had wonderful teachers who inspired me to learn, and this created a desire in me to become a teacher and spark curiosity in my own students.

How have you moved beyond the basic curriculum and found innovative ways to reach your students?

Research indicates that multisensory teaching is effective for all learners but particularly effective for dyslexic students. Multisensory teaching integrates visual, auditory, tactile (touch) and kinesthetic (movement) learning elements. Using multisensory teaching activates different parts of the brain and makes the abstract more concrete.

What is the one lesson you want to impart on every student who enters your classroom?

Oftentimes, dyslexic learners struggle with accurate word reading. I remind them that all readers make mistakes, but good readers catch their mistakes and correct them. It is important for readers to self-monitor their reading, which allows for better comprehension of the text.

How do you inspire your peers, colleagues and others aiming to make a difference in Midland?

As educators, all of us are on the same team with the same goal: "To educate the future by maximizing the potential of every student." I hope that I am an encourager and good listener to my fellow teachers. I strive to provide help and support to students, parents and school personnel on a daily basis.

Has the role of being an educator changed since your first year as a teacher? If so, how?

The role of the teacher remains to educate students to their fullest potential. Today's access to educational research provides deeper insight into how students learn and what methodologies produce success. The availability of scientific research and data is much more readily available than when I first began as a teacher.

How have you implemented technology into your classroom and instruction model?

The dyslexia program, Take Flight, does not afford many opportunities to implement technology, but I remind students to use the technology resources available to them whether in school or at home. I encourage my students to use online dictionary and/or spelling apps and computer programs that will read the text aloud to them.

What are your professional goals for the future?

I hope to continue working with dyslexic students and increase my knowledge and understanding of dyslexia by attending conferences and reading the current research data.

What is the greatest challenge to being an educator in Midland today?

The downturn in Midland's economy presents challenges for all of us. Students and their families are dealing with circumstances that affect their learning. Even though resources are down, we can improvise and continue to educate the children of Midland.

What support can Midlanders provide you and other educators?

Midlanders can support educators with their time and resources. If possible, become a volunteer at one of the school campuses, share your expertise, listen to a child read, or provide school supplies for a student in need.

Mrs. Napier embeds the love of reading in her students

Mrs. Sarah Napier is our dyslexia teacher at Scharbauer Elementary. She goes above and beyond in everything she does. She stays after school to help students with their reading. She works closely with the teachers to help her students who are dyslexic and make sure that they receive all help necessary to make them be successful. If she ever has an extra minute within the day, she will go help classroom teachers with intervention. She is very patient and will find innovative practices to help all her students. She works hard to make sure that each one of her students grows and achieves the individual goals they have set. Many students come to her and have very little confidence in their reading. After being in her class the student's confidence increases along with their reading. Each student who walks through her door leaves with the assurance that they can be successful and can achieve anything that they put their hearts to. Mrs. Napier embeds the love of reading in her students. She opens the world to her students by giving them strategies to be successful readers.

– AIMEE STROOPE, SCHARBAUER ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

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New scholarship program to help oil workers

Bakken U aims to keep industry employees from leaving ND

By Dave Kolpack
Associated Press

FARGO, N.D. — A 28-year-old man who came from Wyoming to work in the North Dakota oil patch is going back to college, thanks in part to a new university system program meant to keep people in the energy industry from leaving the state when times are tough.

Warren Logan is the first scholarship recipient for Bakken U, an initiative to help oilfield workers earn a degree or certificate from one of five colleges and universities in western North Dakota. He will receive $5,000 toward pursuit of a business degree from Dickinson State University.

Logan, who works as district manager of fluid control for Denver-based National Oilwell Varco, said his family wants to stay in Dickinson and he wants to make sure he has a job.

"I've invested a lot into this community," said Logan, who is married with three children. "I like the stance that North Dakota is taking. They are putting their best foot forward and telling people, stay here, because there are great things to offer."

Logan grew up on the Wind River Indian Reservation in Riverton, Wyoming. He attended college at the University of Wyoming before deciding to take a job in the oil patch when some of his friends working there began "showing off their newest toys." He started as an oil well operator seven years ago and worked his way up to manager.

"I have a good position with a great company, but there's always a chance of an unexpected loss of employment," Logan said. "Education is important for upward mobility."

The scholarship, sponsored by the North Dakota Petroleum Council, is open to recently displaced oil workers, current oil workers or spouses of oil workers. Logan was selected after a review by a scholarship committee.

Bakken U is the brainchild of the university system Chancellor Mark Hagerott, who came up with the idea while touring the oil patch last summer. Jerry Rostad, director of Bakken U, said Logan's circumstances made him an ideal candidate for the first scholarship.

"We've got people who have come to North Dakota to work in the oil industry and now the oil price is turned down a little bit," Rostad said. "There are still plenty of opportunities to work in the state; it's a matter of getting some retraining and some education under their belts. A lot of these workers want to stay here."

Online:
Bakken U: http://bakkenu.ndus.edu

NEW PERK AT ABELL

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Tony Morin delivers a cup of coffee to Eric Lucero, seventh-grade math instructor at Abell Junior High, on Thursday as part of the life skills class and learning to brew coffee, charge money or apply a charge to a tab teachers can run.

Students are Brewing Independence to develop life skills at Abell Junior High

By Cassie Burton
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Students at Abell Junior High School have followed a national trend of becoming baristas.

Kristi Carr and Crystal Peters' Life Skills classes started Brewing Independence, a project in which students deliver hot beverage orders to faculty and staff two days a week.

Brewing coffee and other beverages using Keurig machines is used in "lots of schools" across the country, according to Carr and Peters.

"It's a good skill and the Keurigs have made it safe, easy, quick way to do all the individual things that we're wanting to do," said Carr, who saw a similar project on Pinterest.

Abell faculty and staff can order coffee, tea or hot chocolate and specify amount of sugar and creamer. Students brew the beverage using three donated Keurigs, complete the orders and make deliveries on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Students were split into four teams to better rotate responsibilities of brewing and delivery, which began about two weeks ago.

"We come and we get money and make more sales, and everyone likes it," said Daniel Tijerina, 14. "We wear an apron and then you check (the order), see what it is, give it and they give you money."

Peters' husband built special crates so that they could easily put cups into rows and use stickers to show which cup contained what, according to Carr.

"It's been a lot of fun," said Tony Morin, 14. "We can make a coffee, no problem. They say thank you."

Peters oversees the project and uses Google Docs to order and help students to keep the records.

"I just looked into it — at the price of the coffee, the cups, how much would it cost a cup," Peters said. "Right now, we got it at 76 cents a cup and it (sells for) a dollar. We set it up in Excel so it would be as easy for our kids to complete as possible."

Customers can start a tab or pay $1 per cup up front. Carr said that some customers donate extra.

"It's been very positive," Carr said. "We have people who think our coffee tastes better because our kids are involved in making it. We're hoping that as we make money, we'll use that for activities in our Life Skills class ... and I know it won't be anything big, but there are opportunities involved."

The school's Newcomers class — students who have been in the country for two years or less — made aprons for the baristas.

Peters said that they may expand Brewing Independence based on demand. There were 25 sales on Thursday, which was an increase from the first day's 18 sales.

"We went through all the stuff we need and if we made enough money last week and this week to get the stuff for the next four weeks," Peters said Thursday.

The program will continue for six weeks. In the mean time, the students are saving all of the K-cups they use for a future project, likely also Pinterest-inspired.

"It's all been very positive," Carr said. "People have been eager for us to succeed."

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WASEEM NABULSI

On 'Path to Manhood,' goal is to make Midland proud

Editor's note: Waseem Nabulsi, son of Dr. Sari and Nefous Nabulsi, is a sophomore at St. Mark's School of Texas.

I've always considered myself a Midlander. I was born at Midland Memorial Hospital and my childhood home was in Green Tree, so by definition, I am a Midlander. But, beyond the obvious technicality, I have always, deep down, felt like a Midlander.

And now, in a new school, in a completely different city with a population almost 10 times that of Midland, I could not have felt more alone.

I so desperately wanted the Midland comforts that I had once taken for granted. Midland had once been like my second family, and now that I had lost it, it was all I ever wanted. And as clichéd as it may sound, I realize now that I had no idea what I had, until it was gone.

Despite how badly I wanted to return, I knew that I wasn't a quitter, so giving up never crossed my mind. From then on, I knew that my only option was to keep going and make my city proud. So, for the coming years I would work tirelessly, both day and night, to keep up with the fast-paced classes, the whole time keeping my goal in mind.

Although sometimes seemingly daunting, the prospect of being able to make a name for myself and my city still remains my ultimate goal.

So now, finding myself walking the same halls as former Midlander Tommy Lee Jones, I feel a strange sort of comfort knowing that I'm not alone in my journey.

As students at St. Mark's, we are all given the tools to do something great with our lives, and whether we decide to utilize these tools determines how far we will advance in life. I know that I have been successful thus far, not only because of what I learned at St. Mark's, but also because of what Midland taught me.

My teachers in Midland first taught me to believe in myself, and I know that without them, I couldn't possibly be where I am now. Moving away from Midland taught me to cherish every aspect of my life while I have the chance, but above all, moving away from Midland taught me that there is no place like home.

In front of St. Mark's Centennial Hall, there is a statue of a young man carrying a little boy on his back with a plaque at the bottom engraved with the words "The Path to Manhood." And I know that as I am on my own path to manhood, I will indeed, one day, make my city proud.

SM Energy makes another donation to Petroleum Academy

ANTHONY FROST
MISD Petroleum Academy

The Petroleum Academy has received another donation from SM Energy; this one is for classroom models. Some students learn more effectively if they can see or touch something. Our challenge is in finding accurate models that are not cost-prohibitive. Our continued support from the petroleum industry is extremely important. Throughout the year, and especially in the summer when I can visit our industry partners, we really need their feedback and be responsive to their input.

One of the headlines in the Reporter-Telegram last week was about the technology shift in the oil fields. You could summarize many of these changes as being technology-related, including remote controls that are a form of robotics. In order to compete in the technology age we have to help our students realize that learning is a lifelong process and that additional training is going to be a fact of life for them. By helping our students get college credit and certifications we are helping set them on a realistic path for their careers.

Our programs continue to evolve. We have just added Google Chromebooks for Midland Freshman High School students to use to build their research skills. These are extremely fast on the WiFi and are working very well.

We have to work around STAAR/EOC testing for field trips. The freshmen visited the Advanced Technology Center; this was a worthwhile introduction to the possibilities they have because of the partnership we have with Midland College. We are planning to visit the Petroleum Museum, and I hope at least one oilfield facility — either a training center, or a facility with a warehouse, mechanic shop and oilfield equipment.

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Captain America (N)		Carter "The Lady in the Lake" (SP) (N)		Agent Carter "A View in the Dark" (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Déjà Vu" (N)		NCIS: New Orleans "Undocumented" (N)		Limit "Stop Me Before I Hug Again" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H "No Sweat"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Laverne & Shirley	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Angry Astronaut"		McMillian and Wife
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	New Girl (N)	Grandfa-thered (N)	Brooklyn 99 (N)	Grinder (N)	TMZ	2 Broke Girls	Modern Family	Two and Half Men	Met Your Mother	Hot in Cleveland
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Jean-Claude	Joshua Caleb	Update News	Rocks/Ma nuscripts	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Israel Inspired	Mission: M25	Ministerios Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		Hwood Game Night "Way-Ans to Go!" (N)	Chicago Med "Bound" (N)			Chi.Fire "The Path of Destruction" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Finding/ Roots "In Search of Freedom" (N)	A.Experience "Bonnie and Clyde" (N)			Frontline		Charlie Rose (N)		World News	Tavis Smiley
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FLIX	340	575		165		(5:15) ★ Heaven's B...		★★ Desperate Hours Mickey Rourke.				★★★ Meet Joe Black ('98, Dra) Sir Anthony Hopkins, Brad Pitt.					
HBO	300	590	14	14		(5:14) ★ ★★ Fighting		★ Win Win Paul Giamatti.		1stLook		★ The Pyramid Denis O'Hare.		(:35) ★ The Longest Ride			
HBO2	302	591	15	101	23	(5:04) ★ Kill the Mes...		(:55) ★ The Theory of Everything				Bill Maher		★★★ Blood Diamond Leonardo DiCaprio.			
HBO5	304	592	16	102		★ Run All Night ('15, Act) Liam Nelson.				★ Exodus: Gods and Kings ('14, Dra) Christian Bale.				(:35) ★ Unfinished Business			
MAX	380	597	17	120	24	(5:40) ★ ★★ Joe Dirt		(:15) ★ ★★ 28 Weeks Later				★ ★★ Face/ Off ('97, Act) John Travolta.				Lingerie	Lingerie
MAX2	382	598	18	122		(:15) ★ ★★★★ Let's Be Cops Jake Johnson.				★ ★★ Godzilla ('14, Act) Elizabeth Olsen.				(:05) ★ ★★ Wild Wild West Will Smith.			
PLEX			96			(5:10) ★ Race to Spa...		★ ★★ WarGames Matthew Broderick.				(:55) ★ ★ Solerbabies			(:25) ★ ★ Project X		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(5:15) ★ The Giver		Billions "Pilot"		Inside the NFL (N)		Shameless		Inside the NFL		Billions "Pilot"	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:20) ★ Manglehorn		★ ★★ The Thaw Val Kilmer.			(:35) ★ The Last Survivors (P)			(:10) ★ ★★★ Fido			Movie

A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Married at First Sight "Meet the In-Laws"		Married at First Sight "Intimacy" 1/2		Married "Breaking Down Barriers" (N)		Fit to Fat to Fit "JJ/ Ray" (P) (N)		Fit to Fat to Fit "JJ/ Ray"		Married at First Sight "Intimacy" 1/2	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) ★ The Bourne ...		★★★ The Bourne Supremacy Matt Damon.					★★★ Bad Boys ('95, Act) Martin Lawrence, Will Smith.				
BET *	58	-		40		★ ★★ Madea's Family Reunion ('06, Com) Tyler Perry.						Zoe (N)	Husbands	Zoe Ever	Husbands	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Beverly Hills		Beverly "Pretty Mess"		Beverly Hills (N)		Girlfriends' Guide (N)		Watch (N)	Beverly Hills		Guide
CNBC	46	52		39	72	The Profit		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Profit "Inkkas Shoes"		The Profit		Profit "Courage. b"	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Report (N)		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Moonshiners		Moonshiners (N)		Moonshiners (N)		Killing Fields (N)		Moonshiners		(:05) Killing Fields	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Mako Mer	Mako Mer	Liv/Mad	Underc.	Bunk'd	Girl M.	Jessie	Friends	Girl M.	Austin	Jessie	Jessie
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Illinois at Indiana (L)				NCAA Basketball LSU vs Texas A&M (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Kansas at Oklahoma State (L)				ITF Tennis Australian Open Second Round Site: Melbourne Park -- Melbourne, Australia (L)							
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped Junior (N)		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped "Fig Out"		Chopped	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	Pretty Little Liars		Pretty Little Liars (N)		Shadowhunters (N)		Liar "Charlotte's Web"		The 700 Club		Shadowhunters	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Spursin-sider (N)	UIL Champ. 4A, 5A and 6A"	"Football:	Legends Foot Cuero Gobblers Story"	"The	Stars Insider	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Los Angeles Kings Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)				
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:00) ★ The Bourne ...		★ Fast and Furious 6 ('13, Act) Paul Walker, Vin Diesel.						★ Fast and Furious 6 ('13, Act) Vin Diesel.			
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Curse of Oak Island		Oak Island (N)		Curse/Oak Island (N)		(:05) Drilling	Down (N)	(:05) Oak Island		Curse of Oak Island	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Pitch Slapped "Will They Stay Two?"		Dance Moms: Chat "Abby vs. Melissa" (N)		Dance Moms (N)		Pitch Slapped "This is Aca-War!" (N)		Child Genius		Dance Moms: Chat "Abby vs. Melissa"	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey Chicago Blackhawks at Nashville Predators (L)				NHL Overtime (L)		Blazers		EPL Soccer	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	MakePop	GShakers	H.Danger	Nicky	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Movie		★★ Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen ('09, Act) Megan Fox, Shia LaBeouf.						★★ Cowboys and Aliens Daniel Craig.			
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	★ ★★★★ Skyfall ('12, Act) Helen McCrory, Daniel Craig.						The Expanse (N)		12 Monk. "The Keys"		12 Monkeys	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Letter"	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		2 Broke Girls	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:15) ★ Blackbeard ...		★ Springtime in the Rockies				(:45) ★ ★★ Penny Serenade ('41, Dra) Irene Dunne.				★ ★★ Sombrero	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)	-	Cella (N)		Bajo mismo cielo (N)		Querida centauro		Al rojo	Titulares	Gran Hermano	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Kate Plus Eight "School Prep"		The Little Couple "Back to School"		The Little Couple "Safety First!" (N)		Kate Plus Eight "Blind Date" (N)		The Little Couple "Safety First!"		Kate Plus Eight "Blind Date"	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Castle "Last Action Hero"		★ ★★ Red 2 Bruce Willis. A team of retired C.I.A. operatives reunite to track down a missing nuclear device.					★ ★★ Red 2 Bruce Willis. A team of retired C.I.A. operatives reunite to track down a missing nuclear device.				
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern "Fears"	Modern "The Kiss"	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
WGN	19	85				America's Funniest Home Videos		★ ★★★ Red Dragon An FBI agent seeks help from a cannibalistic murderer in order to stop a serial killer.					Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother

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More employers try to help workers pay student loans

By Joseph Pisani
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Employers are discovering that making it easier for workers to pay off their student loans helps to attract and keep a happy workforce.

More and more companies are helping workers refinance their debts at better rates, giving employees extra cash for loan payments, or even paying their workers' lenders directly. It's a major benefit for millennials — people 35 and under — who are struggling to pay thousands of dollars in student debts as they enter the workforce.

"It's actually helped me quite a lot," says Christina Lin, a graphic designer who sliced her $3,800 in student loan debt in half within six months with help from her employer, ChowNow.

This is not as simple as it sounds: Many college graduates end up owing multiple lenders, and the tax implications can be complicated. Employers also want to make sure the money goes to the right place. This has created a niche for a handful of startups helping employers deliver the benefit.

Just 3 percent of employers helped workers repay student loans last year, according to a survey of more than 460 human resource managers conducted by the Society for Human Resource Management.

But more are starting to offer it, including some big-name companies.

Beginning in July, New York-based accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers plans to give certain employees with student loan debt as much as $1,200 a year for up to six years. Kronos Inc., a software company in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, will pay employees up to $500 a year toward student loan debts for as long as they need it. And some U.S. employees of Paris-based Natixis Global Asset Management can get $5,000 to go toward their federal loans, plus more if they stay with the company for more than five years.

Microsoft Corp. gives its workers the option to refinance student loans at discounted interest rates thanks to the company's relationship with online lender SoFi. It doesn't cost Redmond, Washington-based Microsoft anything, but SoFi says some of its 200 clients pay the lender to deliver even lower rates for their workers.

The class of 2014 graduated with an average of $28,950 in student loan debt, up 2 percent from the year before, according to the Project on Student Loan Debt. Employers say workers tell them their debts make it impossible to save for retirement or buy a home.

"Millennials are being crushed by student debt," says Michael Fenlon, the global talent leader at PricewaterhouseCoopers, which enlisted a startup, Gradifi, to handle the new benefit.

Gradifi and Tuition.io focus on processing the payments by employers; each say they already are working with about 100 companies each to provide it. Others, including Sofi, Credible and CommonBond, enable companies to help refinance their workers' student debts with more manageable rates and payment plans.

EdAssist, which has managed tuition payment benefits for employers for about nine years, began offering student loan repayments as well last year.

"Millennials are asking for it," says Bruce Elliott, a manager of compensation and benefits at the Society for Human Resource Management.

That matters, because millennials surpassed Generation X to become the largest cohort in the workforce last year, according to the Pew Research Center, and their options are improving along with the job market. The vast majority say their ability to pay student loans would affect whether they take a job, according to a survey by the American Student Assistance, a nonprofit that helps borrowers manage their student debt.

Lin pays about $150 on her debts each month, and ChowNow chips in another percentage, about $40. The Los Angeles company, which powers online and app ordering for restaurants, now pays up to $500 per year per employee, and plans to increase that to $1,000 this year.

"It's harder to hire great talent, and this is another great tool to do that," says Christopher Webb, the CEO of ChowNow, which uses Tuition.io to handle the benefit.

Workers need to examine the benefits carefully. If refinancing, they should make sure the terms are better than what they already pay. Those with federal loans may lose protections and perks by switching to other lenders. And loan payments — like cash — are currently taxable as income.

Legislation in Congress could change that. The Employer Participation in Student Loan Assistance Act, for example, proposes making up to $5,250 a year in employer payments for student loan debts tax-free for the worker, and eligible for tax breaks for the employer. The bill introduced in October is sponsored by Republican Rep. Rodney Davis of Illinois, and has been gathering co-sponsors.

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Yesterday's Answer: WORM, ROACH, HORNET

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MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

SAN ANGELO — Several Midlanders wee among those who graduated last month from Angelo State University. The local graduates are:.

Courtney D. Allen, bachelor of business administration and master of professional accountancy; **Raul Carrasco**, BBA; **Ismael M. Chavez**, bachelor of arts; **Stephanie Herrera**, master of education; **Katelin N. Manley**, bachelor of science in nursing; **Kelsey M. Parsley**, bachelor of science; **Katy A. Rowoldt**, MEd; **Kisha E. Samsel**, MEd; **Shanna C. Sitz**, BS; **Emiley R. Taylor**, BS; **Dena L. Watson**, MEd; and **Jaclynn R. West**, MEd.

Chavez graduated magna cum laude and Manley and Taylor graduated cum laude.

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Thomas

Lee High School senior **Kayden Thomas** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. He is the son of John and Misty Thomas.

He is a member of the football team and orchestra and is an academic letterman.

He is an Eagle Scout and a member of his church's youth council.

Thomas plans to major in music.

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Lee High School senior **Angelica Washington** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Rosalind Washington.

She is a member of Upward Bound, National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society.

She volunteers with Keep Midland Beautiful and Meals on Wheels.

Washington plans to attend Baylor University.

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Midland High School student **Jaime Spencer** won in the 2016 Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference Pin Design Contest for the third year. He will be recognized at the state conference March 2 in Corpus Christi.

Spencer's horseshoe design will advance to the national test, according to a press release from Midland ISD.

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

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

■ Ninth grade: **Kaylee Cheek, Wade Cockerham, Nathan Flores, Lita Horton, Kaitlan Keel, Lexi Knapp, Kaitlyn Mackey, Reagan Miller, Taylor Parker, Haley Russell, Kyla Simms, Jacob Somers, Garrett, Turner, Jaylene Valenzuela-Moiza** and **Seth Weatherby**.

■ 10th grade: **Christa Davis, Ryan Grantham, Natalee Karcher, Kayleigh Kitto, Tailer McPherson, Jarod Rose** and **Ester Young.**

■ 11th grade: **Kesmond Andrews, Johana Barrientos. Ben Brockman, William Chappell, Kelley Cooper, Blake Elliott, Isabell Espinoza, Alexander Evans, Shelby Farmer, Jiles Finch, Nathen Gonzales, Hillarry Hannah, Colby Karcher, Seth Keeton, Fabian Madrid, Vance Martinez, Cylie Mebane, Colton Moore, Kylee Onick, Alexus Scott** and **Joaquin Sotelo.**

■ 12th grade: **Madeline Campbell, Kaleigh Cloyd, Natasha Coker, Garrett Grafe, Erin Hickman, Robert Jordan, Chancey Kendall, Ariadna Lujan, Matthew Mackey, Alexandra McConnell, Destiny McLane, Julissa Morin, Tanner Parker, Sarah Perkins, Adrian Ramos, Jacob Rogers, Jordan Shoults, Krista Somers, Chase Strumpfer, Traleese Tuala** and **Rylee Young.**

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Midlander **Shelby Collins** has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Samford University.

To be eligible, students must maintain a 3.5 GPA.

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EDMOND, Okla., — Midlander **Catherine McCoy** has been named to the President's Honor Roll for the fall semester at Central Oklahoma University.

To be eligible, students must maintain a 4.0 GPA.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Inky Johnson visited Trinity School on Friday to speak to students, faculty and parents. Former University of Tennessee football player Johnson suffered a life-threatening injury on the field in 2009 that resulted in a paralyzed arm. Johnson gives motivational speeches to students to teach them how they can overcome obstacles in their lives and succeed.

Nearly 100-year-old blackboards uncovered

By Tim Willert
The Oklahoman

OKLAHOMA CITY — Emerson Mid-High School Principal Sherry Kishore is starting to feel a lot like a time traveler.

Twice since June, work crews renovating the historic school in downtown Oklahoma City uncovered slate blackboards with well-preserved drawings dating back nearly 100 years.

The Oklahoman reported that the latest discovery was made while students were on winter break. Once again, Kishore was among the first to witness history.

"It's like you're walking into a time capsule that's been preserved," Kishore said Friday. "It's like you just walked through the door into another generation."

Workers uncovered the blackboards in a classroom on the third floor of the 120-year-old school when they pulled chalkboards and cork boards off the wall to make way for smart boards.

Smart boards are interactive whiteboards that use touch direction for user input.

The findings included a detailed rendering of Oklahoma's Indian territory, sentences written in cursive, and shapes drawn to show perspective. Flowers drawn in different shades of green and yellow chalk along with a fence and a cabin appeared to have stood the test of time.

Also written in chalk: Dec. 10, 1917.

Ironically, a modern projection device was mounted directly over the 98-year-old blackboard, seen during a tour of the classroom.

"This is our history," Kishore said. "It's just a glimpse into people who were in this building before and the way they taught and basically it's the same concept; we just teach them differently."

In June, workers uncovered blackboards in several second-floor classrooms with vibrant drawings and lesson plans and the dates Nov. 30 and Dec. 4, 1917, written in chalk.

In addition to math, reading, music and handwriting lessons, rules for keeping clean appeared on the boards along with a history lesson about the Pilgrims.

FROST

From 2B

We are also in the process to have our instructors set up to have dual credit instruction that will allow students to get Midland College hours. For Petroleum I what will be college credit for MC Petroleum I, and in the Petroleum II class next year we will be able to have a tools class included in instruction that will count as college credit. In addition, students will have "Safe Land" training at the West Texas Safety Training Center that also can count for college credit. Students will have to complete and pass these trainings to receive credit. Because the WTSTC training will be off campus, this cannot be made up during regular class days.

For college-ready students, this will be a chance for college credit and so there is no additional cost. Career-ready students already have learned that Midland College is an important resource for certifications and training they need. These hours, in addition to those they can earn at the ATC, will help them complete their training and work toward an associate degree.

We are working with Midland College to provide commercial drivers license training for our diesel mechanics students the first month they are out of high school. Students have to be 21 to obtain an interstate CDL, but 18-year-olds can get a CDL that is good in Texas only. It is important for a diesel mechanic to be able to drive a diesel truck.

We have planned parent meetings at 6 p.m. Jan. 26 and Jan. 28 at the ATC. The meetings are for parents of eighth-graders interested in attending the Petroleum Academy. For more information, visit MISD's website or the Petroleum Academy Facebook page. Also, I will be visiting the junior high schools over the next two weeks during eighth-grade lunches to hand out information and answer students' questions.

Anthony Frost is coordinator of Midland ISD's Petroleum Academy.

EDUCATIONBRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

Junior high meetings planned

Meetings about junior high school academic choices and programs are planned for 6:30 p.m. Feb. 29 at the Midland ISD junior high schools. School administrators, counselors and teachers will meet with parents at each school: Abell, Alamo, Goddard and San Jacinto.

Sixth-graders will tour the campuses on March 3.

MISD, MC to partner for EMT class

Midland ISD will partner with Midland College beginning in the 2016-2017 school year to offer an EMT class. Seniors who enroll in the program will be able to graduate with an EMT certification.

Bill Nye to speak at MC

Bill Nye, the Science Guy is coming to Midland College on March 17 as part of the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series.

Nye is a scientist, engineer, comedian, author and inventor. His mission is to help foster a scientifically literate society and to make science entertaining and accessible, according to MC's website.

The free lecture is 7:30 p.m. at Chaparral Center.

4 Houston schools to get new names

HOUSTON — Trustees of the largest school district in Texas have decided that four campuses with Confederate names will get new monikers.

The Houston Independent School District board voted Thursday night to rename Robert E. Lee High School plus three middle schools — Henry Grady, Richard Dowling and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson.

A committee at each school — including a teacher, a parent, a student and alumni — will propose a new name, with recommendations to trustees.

Confederate symbols nationwide are facing review over concerns about racism. James Douglas, president of the NAACP of Houston, urged the board to drop Confederate loyalists from school names.

One critic of changing names, Howard Moon, says a lot of people are getting tired of political correctness.

The Houston ISD has about 215,000 students at 283 schools.

IOWA

Christie slams first lady's involvement in school lunch program

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa — Siding with a boy who bemoaned the absence of "square pizza" and other favorite lunch foods since Michelle Obama became first lady, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said at an Iowa pancake house Monday that if he becomes president, students will eat "whatever you want."

"The first lady has no business being involved in this," Christie said during a town-hall meeting at the Village Inn in Council Bluffs. "This intervention into our school system is just another example of how the Obamas believe they have a better answer for everything than you do."

MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2015

Data Control Codes		10 General Fund	National School Brkfast/Lunch	50 Debt Service Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	REVENUES						
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	$ 208,260,050	$ 3,509,260	$ 19,023,098	$ 119,438	$ 146,891	$ 231,058,737
5800	State Program Revenues	15,722,481	58,891	—	—	2,955,671	18,737,043
5900	Federal Program Revenues	3,462,942	6,689,394	—	—	12,308,541	22,460,877
5020	Total Revenues	227,445,437	10,257,545	19,023,098	119,438	15,411,103	272,256,657
	EXPENDITURES:						
	Current:						
0011	Instruction	117,239,242	—	—	—	10,825,084	128,067,326
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	2,479,590	—	—	—	197,709	2,677,299
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	6,360,932	—	—	—	982,199	7,343,131
0021	Instructional Leadership	3,070,932	—	—	—	880,053	3,950,592
0023	School Leadership	12,024,518	—	—	—	201,127	12,225,645
0031	Guidance,Counseling and Evaluation Services	5,972,523	—	—	—	1,536,041	7,508,564
0032	Social Work Services	269,441	—	—	—	—	269,441
0033	Health Services	2,213,636	—	—	—	75,415	2,289,051
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	7,017,379	—	—	—	229,875	7,247,254
0035	Food Services	—	11,596,548	—	—	83,055	11,679,603
0036	Extracurricular Activities	3,853,071	—	—	—	32,854	3,885,925
0041	General Administration	6,528,178	—	—	—	4,785	6,532,963
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	21,999,078	—	—	—	19,249	22,018,327
0052	Security and Monitoring Services.	1,445,067	—	—	—	—	1,445,067
0053	Data Processing Services	4,608,488	—	—	—	—	4,608,488
0061	Community Services	449,710	—	—	—	356,318	806,028
	Debt Service:						
0071	Principal on Long Terms Debt	—	—	5,246,214	—	—	5,246,214
0072	Interest on Long term Debt	—	—	13,520,438	—	—	13,520,438
	Capital Outlay:						
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	196,411	—	—	91,634,354	1,840,926	93,671,691
	Intergovernmental:						
0091	Contracted Instructional Services Between School	32,294,988	—	—	—	—	32,294,988
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/ Member Districts of SSA	67,507	—	—	—	—	67,507
6030	Total Expenditures	228,090,298	11,596,548	18,766,652	91,634,354	17,267,690	367,355,542
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(644,825)	(1,339,003)	256,446	(91,514,916)	1,856,587	(95,098,885)
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
7915	Transfer In	—	—	—	225,000	57,421	282,421
8911	Transfers Out (use)	—	—	—	—	—	—
7080	Total other financing Sources (USES)	—	—	—	—	—	—
1200	Net Change in Fund Balance	(644,825)	1,564,003	256,446	(91,289,916)	(1,856,587)	(95,098,885)
0100	Fund Balance—September 1 (Beginning)	51,838,229	4,467,030	4,025,729	113,938,728	4,430,464	178,700,180
3000	Fund Balance—August 31 (Ending)	$51,193,404	$2,903,027	$4,282,175	$22,548,812	$2,573,877	$83,601,295

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TODAY: Mostly sunny — High: 65 Low: 33

WEDNESDAY: Partly sunny — High: 67 Low: 39

THURSDAY: Sunny — High: 59 Low: 30

FRIDAY: Sunny — High: 60 Low: 36

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 69 Low: 41

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 68 Low: 39

Local forecast

Higher-than-normal temperatures are expected for the rest of this week. Expect wind gusts as high as 25 mph on Wednesday. The National Weather Service expects a slight chance of rain early next week.

The record high for Jan. 18 is 83 set in 2000. The record low is 7 set in 1949. On Jan. 18 of last year, the high was 67 and the low was 27.

Weather brief

MONTANA

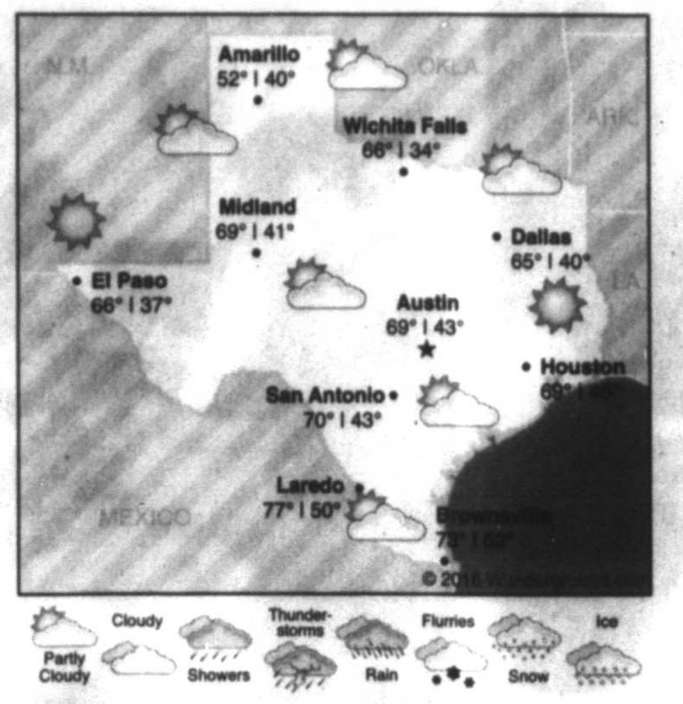
Avalanche danger in Swan Range

BILLINGS — Authorities are warning of high avalanche dangers in northwestern Montana's Swan mountains.

The Flathead Avalanche Center said Monday that recent heavy snowfalls in the mountains east of Bigfork increased the possibility of human-triggered and natural avalanches.

The center says the risk is most acute above 6,000 feet in elevation.

Avalanche advisories also have been issued around Whitefish, the Flathead Range, southern Glacier National Park and areas.



Precipitation

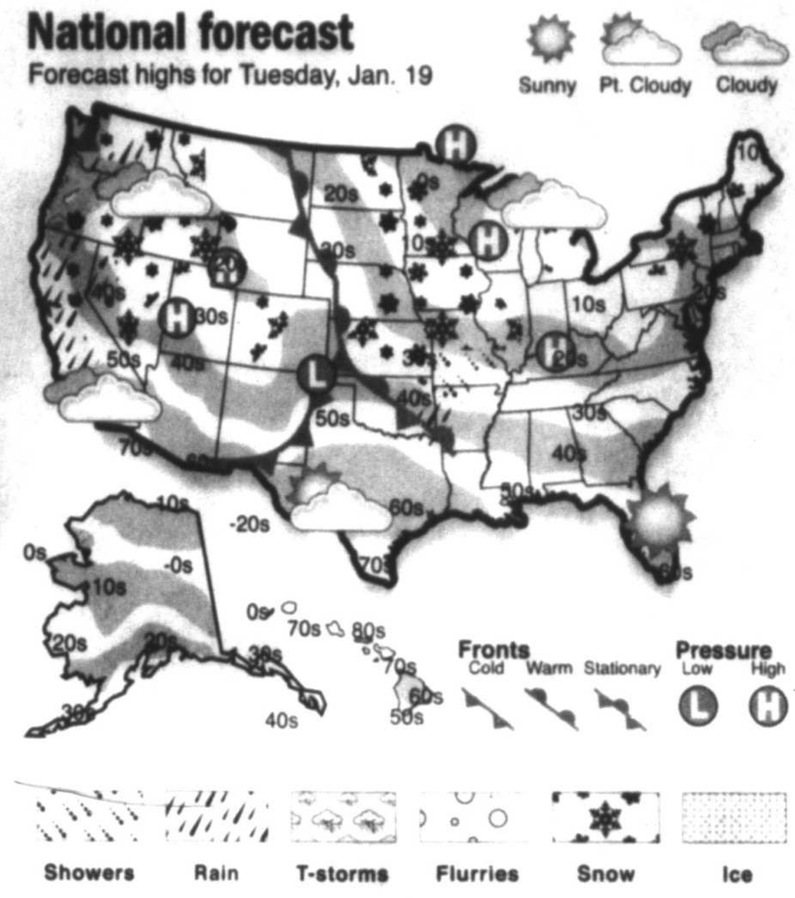
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.09 in.
Year total	0.09 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.28 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	49
Low	29
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:49 a.m.
Sunset	8:10 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Jan. 19



Student who wants to study abroad needs time to mature

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: Our granddaughter, "Kim," is a senior in high school. She wants to study in Europe next year to improve her skills in a second language. Neither she nor her parents can afford the $20,000 or more this will cost. She is also "boy crazy." Another worry is the threat of terrorism and her safety.

Kim's grandmother and I see more negatives than positives in this possibility. Please advise us whether we should voice our opinion and what your opinion is. — HOLDING BACK FOR NOW

DEAR HOLDING: If you had described your granddaughter as emotionally mature and responsible, I would give it my blessing. However, because you didn't, in my opinion, she should continue her schooling closer to home and pursue her interest in language arts when she's further along in her education and less boy crazy.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend has no issue with nudity. She worked herself through her master's degree in finance as an exotic dancer. She has a phenomenal figure, eats healthy and works out often.

Last year, we bought a home in a small residential community, complete with a pool. We installed a fence and spent a lot of money on landscaping to give us privacy from our neighbors.

We live in Florida and spend a lot of time in our pool, especially on weekends. My girlfriend doesn't like to wear a swimsuit, and I have no issues with it.

At a neighborhood event recently, one of our neighbors politely asked her if she wouldn't mind covering up when in the pool. She said her kids — and I'm sure her hubby — can see into our yard from their second story. My girlfriend apologized for their inconvenience, but told them she wouldn't be changing her habits in her home to stop another family from gawking.

I see both sides of this. I agree she shouldn't feel compelled to wear a suit to swim in our own pool (or lounge by it). But I can also see the neighbor's side. The preteen boys and husband can get an eyeful just about every weekend, and I don't think a few tan lines are worth a feud with the neighbors. Any suggestions for my dilemma? — SWIMSUIT ETIQUETTE

DEAR S.E.: I, too, can see both sides of this. However, you and your girlfriend have done as much as you can to protect her privacy. You can't be responsible for your neighbor's husband's and children's voyeurism. I don't think your girlfriend should feel compelled to change her lifestyle because they act like Peeping Toms.

I do think it would be healthier for all concerned if your neighbor had a talk with her "boys" regarding their family's standards when it comes to naturism and respecting the privacy of others.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

The final deal

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 8 6 4 3
♥ 10 6 5 3
♦ A Q
♣ A K 3

WEST
♠ Q 5
♥ K 8
♦ 10 9 2
♣ Q J 10 8 7 2

EAST
♠ K 7
♥ Q 7 2
♦ J 8 7 6 5 4 3
♣ 9

SOUTH
♠ A J 10 9 2
♥ A J 9 4
♦ K
♣ 6 5 4

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	3NT*	Pass
4♣	All pass		

*Raise to 4♣, balanced with at least four spades

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

This was the final deal of last year's Venice Cup, held in India, for the world championship of women's bridge. The USA was trailing France in a close match. Both tables reached four spades, after different auctions, and the USA needed to make four spades at one table while defeating it at the other to win the world championship.

Both Wests led the queen of clubs. The French declarer won with dummy's ace and led a spade to her jack, losing to the queen. West continued with the jack of clubs, covered by dummy's king and ruffed by East. East shifted to a low heart and declarer had no winning choice from that point, ending up down one.

The USA had a chance! Alas for the USA, the American declarer chose the same line of play and also went down one. The Venice Cup went to France.

Declarer can always succeed by playing a spade to the ace at trick two and continuing with the jack of spades. Another winning line would be to take a club discard on the diamonds before playing a spade to the jack. Before criticizing too harshly, note that these declarers only failed because of the 6-1 club split. Saving the diamond entry for later would have saved an entry for subsequent spade and heart plays. Three of the four other expert declarers, in other events, also failed to make four spades.

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, Jan. 19, 2016:

This year you will be far more charming than you have been in many years. In fact, people who disliked you will decide that they were wrong. Truth be told, you have changed over the years. You are more playful with a better sense of humor. If you are single, your innate mischievousness emerges, making you an incredibly fun person to be around. Romance remains a high priority for you. If you are attached, you'll find that your relationship with your sweetie heats up significantly. You are in an unusually sensual and loving period together. GEMINI talks too much for your liking.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You rarely are at a loss for words, but today offers a situation that could leave you speechless. You'll see the implications of what is happening, while the other party involved might not. Communicate your thoughts in a way that can be heard. Tonight: Meet up with a pal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You might be juggling your finances with care, yet you still might see them fall apart right before your very eyes. Don't worry — an element of serendipity is running through your day that will come through your friends. Tonight: Avoid prejudging, and watch what happens.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Take a walk behind the scenes and make a decision if you want more from a certain aspect of your life. Don't hesitate to zero in on that. Your ingenuity emerges again as your strong suit. You have the ability to work around problems that few people have. Tonight: As you like it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You might be taken aback by everything that is going on around you. As a result, if you are feeling overwhelmed by situations and uproar, you will find that you go into your own world. Reflect, but don't put off certain responsibilities or actions. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Stay in touch with what the majority want as well as what you want. It is possible that a conflict exists, but it is resolvable. Focus on success and mutuality. Honestly assess a personal matter, not only from your perspective, but also from the other party's. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Be aware of the big picture, especially if your thoughts and consequential decisions could impair others and not just you. A partner might be challenging, but at the same time, he or she helps you see past a certain level of thought or understanding. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Someone from a distance has an enormous effect on your decisions and actions. When this person plays devil's advocate, you open up to many new possibilities. Confusion surrounds a health or diet issue, though you might not realize it at first. Tonight: Be entertained.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ One-on-one relating opens doors and allows you to see your world differently. Sometimes you tend to impose your values on others. It would be best to refrain from making judgments. Allow the whole story to emerge. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You could decide to let others run with the ball, as it will give you more time for what you want. A tendency to be excessive might emerge later in the afternoon. Be aware of the ramifications. You're quite capable of self-deception. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Your determination marks your actions and thoughts. Whatever you need to get done, whether it is for you or for others, will be high on your agenda. You will not take kindly to distraction, or anything else for that matter. Tonight: Better a late dinner than no dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You express a playfulness and creativity that others often don't know how to respond to. Recognize that on some level you bypass others with this combo, which creates a communication gap. You might need to explain yourself. Tonight: You can't be restrained.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You might feel pressured to perform at a higher level. Though the pressure might not feel comfortable to you, the results might justify moving in this direction, especially if it involves your personal life. You can only gain. Tonight: Make dinner fun and memorable.

BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Dolly Parton (1946), poet Edgar Allan Poe (1809), singer Janis Joplin (1943)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Wading bird in ancient Egyptian art
5 __ of March
9 Dessert "there's always room for"
14 Like pre-stereo sound
15 Geek Squad pro
16 Stayed home for dinner
17 Dickens classic, itemized
20 Attempt to get
21 Natural history museum item
22 Type of symbol or appeal
23 Prefix with skeleton
24 River inlet
26 Most fit to be drafted
28 Smugly prudish sort, itemized
34 One who makes your skin crawl
35 At rest
36 Diner handout
39 "All in the Family" wife
42 Beehive, e.g.
43 St. Teresa's home
45 Force out of bed
47 Country/western dance, itemized
51 Chocolate-caramel candy brand
52 "__ Blinded Me With Science": 1983 hit
53 Fury
56 Pro vote
59 Word before or after "coming"
61 Sherpas' land
63 Chime in, itemized
66 Yamaha with a bench
67 Syllables before di or da, in a Beatles song
68 "Les Misérables" novelist
69 Proverbial backbreaker
70 "Ghost Hunters" channel
71 Candid

DOWN

1 Publicist's concern
2 Wrinkle-removing injection
3 Befuddled
4 Song sung alone
5 "Who am __ judge?"
6 Offset, as costs
7 Caesar's "Behold!"
8 1862 Tennessee battleground
9 Leadership training group, familiarly
10 List-shortening abbr.
11 Hawaiian wreaths
12 Lo-cal
13 Black gemstone
18 Fielding mishap
19 Ex-Yankee Martinez
25 Tête product
27 On the ball
29 Eye-related
30 Steeple top
31 Joint that may be swiveled
32 Former
33 "Xanadu" rock gp.
36 Pilates class need
37 Grandmother of Enos
38 Negative word often spoken in pig Latin
40 Of the best quality
41 "Quit complaining!"
44 So far
46 Surgical tube
48 Wild plum
49 Upper bodies
50 Make oneself heard
54 Mountain chain
55 John with nine #1 hits in the U.S.
56 Jabbers
57 Improve text
58 Jewish month before Nisan
60 Beriyo smoothie maker
62 Repeat
64 Put __ show
65 Anti vote

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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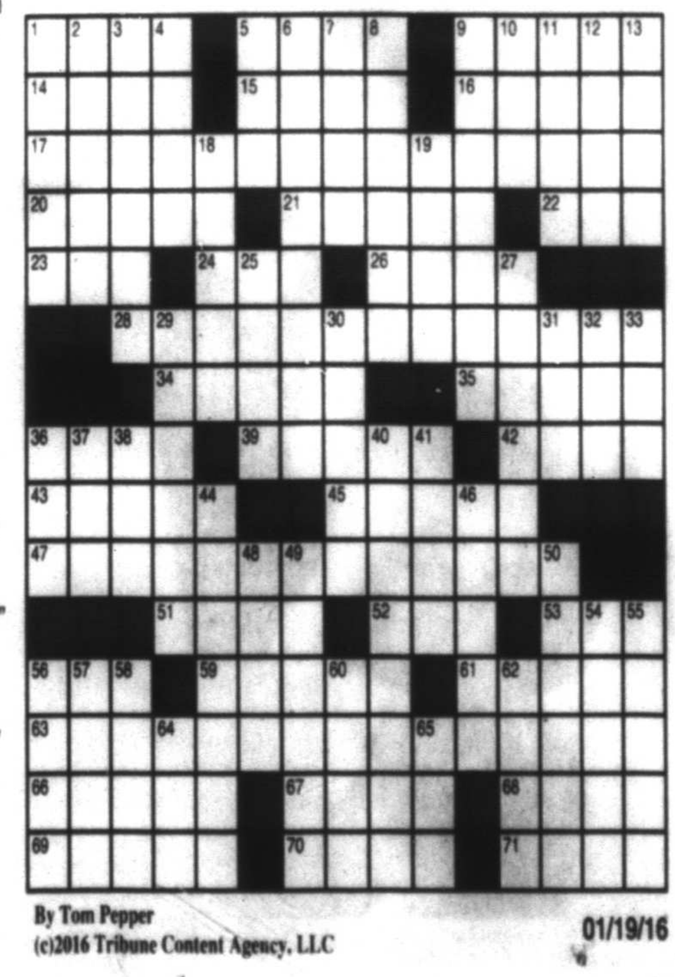

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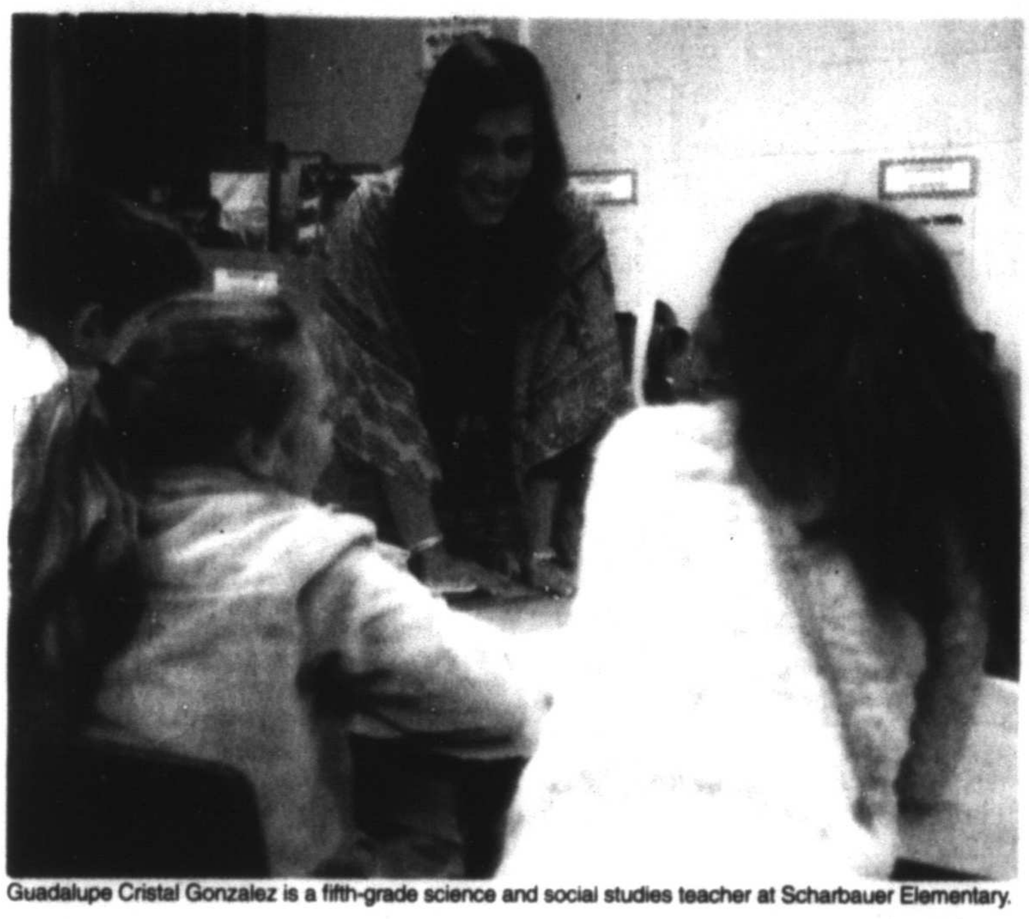

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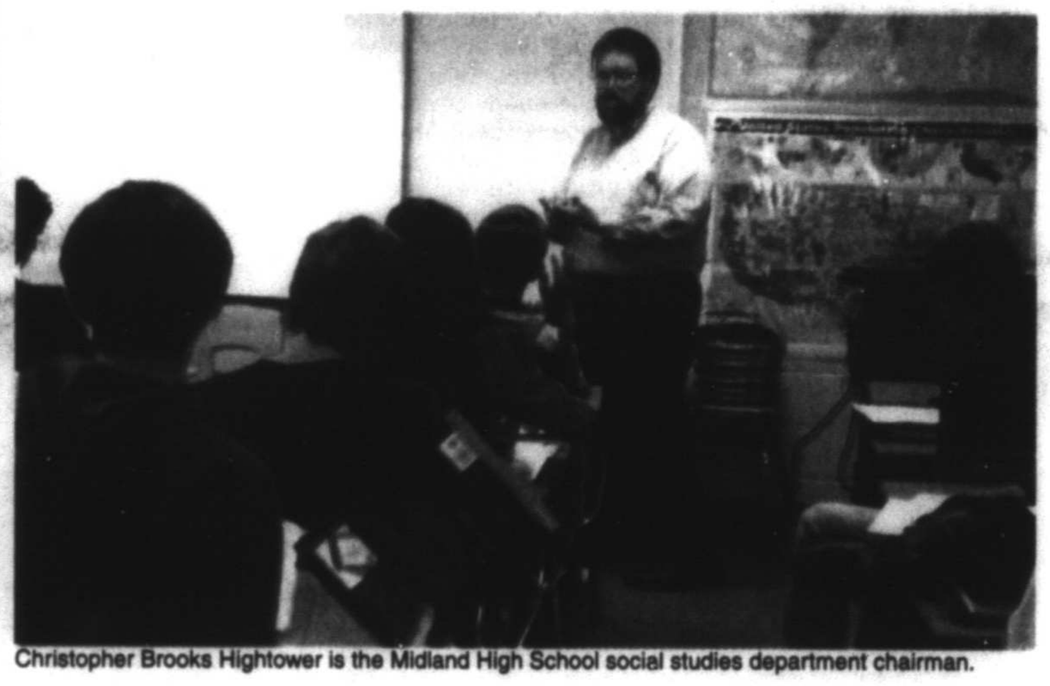

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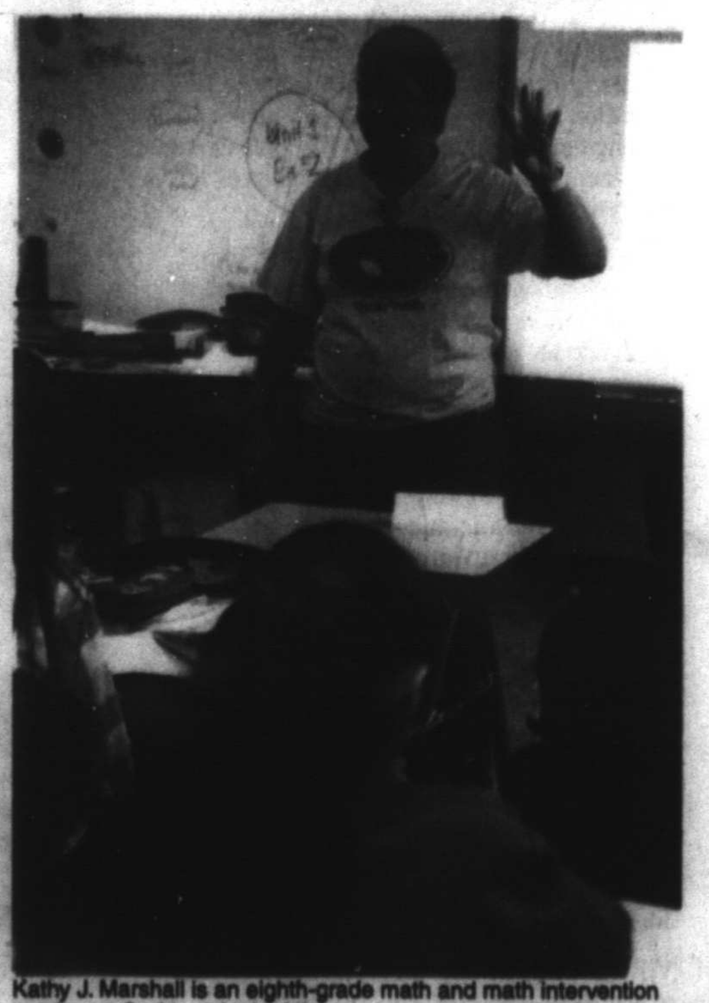

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MHS' Vliem picks Georgia Southern

By Christopher Hadorn
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This winter Midland High defensive end Traver Vliem, a highly sought after prospect, had a good dilemma on his hands trying to narrow 24 offers from college football programs down to one.

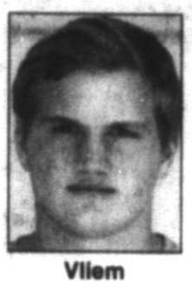
That process of selection concluded on Sunday when Vliem announced on Twitter that he was committing to Georgia Southern while on a recruiting trip to the FBS program in Statesboro, Georgia.

The 6-foot-3, 240-pound senior joins a Georgia Southern program that built its reputation with six national championships on the FCS level and has gone 18-7 since joining the FBS ranks in 2014.

In December, Georgia Southern defeated Bowling Green, 58-27, to win its inaugural bowl appearance in the GoDaddy Bowl in Mobile, Alabama.

"There is a lot of traditions that are at that school," Vliem said. "The biggest tradition is Georgia Southern wins."

Vliem had previously made visits to Boise State and Central Florida, and had future visits scheduled to Fresno State and Central Arkansas, both of which have been canceled. Vliem said that Air Force was also among his top five choices.


Vliem

Vliem said that Georgia Southern head coach Tyson Summers and defensive coordinator Lorenzo Constantini were the primary forces behind his recruitment to the Sun Belt Conference school.

Both coaches, entering their first year with Georgia Southern, showed strong interest in Vliem when Summers was a defensive coordinator and Constantini was a defensive line coach at Central Florida.

Vliem referred to Summers as a blue collar and honest man that he could relate to.

The MHS senior was also drawn to the college town of Statesboro, which has a 2010 census population of 28,422 and is a decent drive away from Georgia's major cities such as Savannah, Augusta and Atlanta.

"I think the biggest thing, it's a lot like home," Vliem said. "Although it is so far, it's like a lot like West Texas to me.

"The thing I really like, the town is built around the college, not the college built around the college," Vliem added.

In 2015, Vliem was a APSE Class 6A all-state honorable mention selection after a standout senior year in which he recorded 63 tackles, seven sacks and a team-best 18 tackles for loss.

In July, Vliem originally made a verbal commitment to Sam Houston State, but later reopened his recruitment in September, citing that he put too much pressure on himself to make a premature decision.

STICE TRANSFERS TO TEXAS TECH

University of Houston inside linebacker Luke Stice, a 2012 Lee graduate, announced on Twitter Saturday that he is transferring to Texas Tech for his redshirt senior season.

Stice, a walk on at Houston, played fullback, linebacker and special teams between 2012-14 with the Cougars.

As a graduate transfer, Stice will be eligible to play the 2016 season with the Red Raiders. Stice was the 2011 District 3-5A Defensive MVP with the Rebels.

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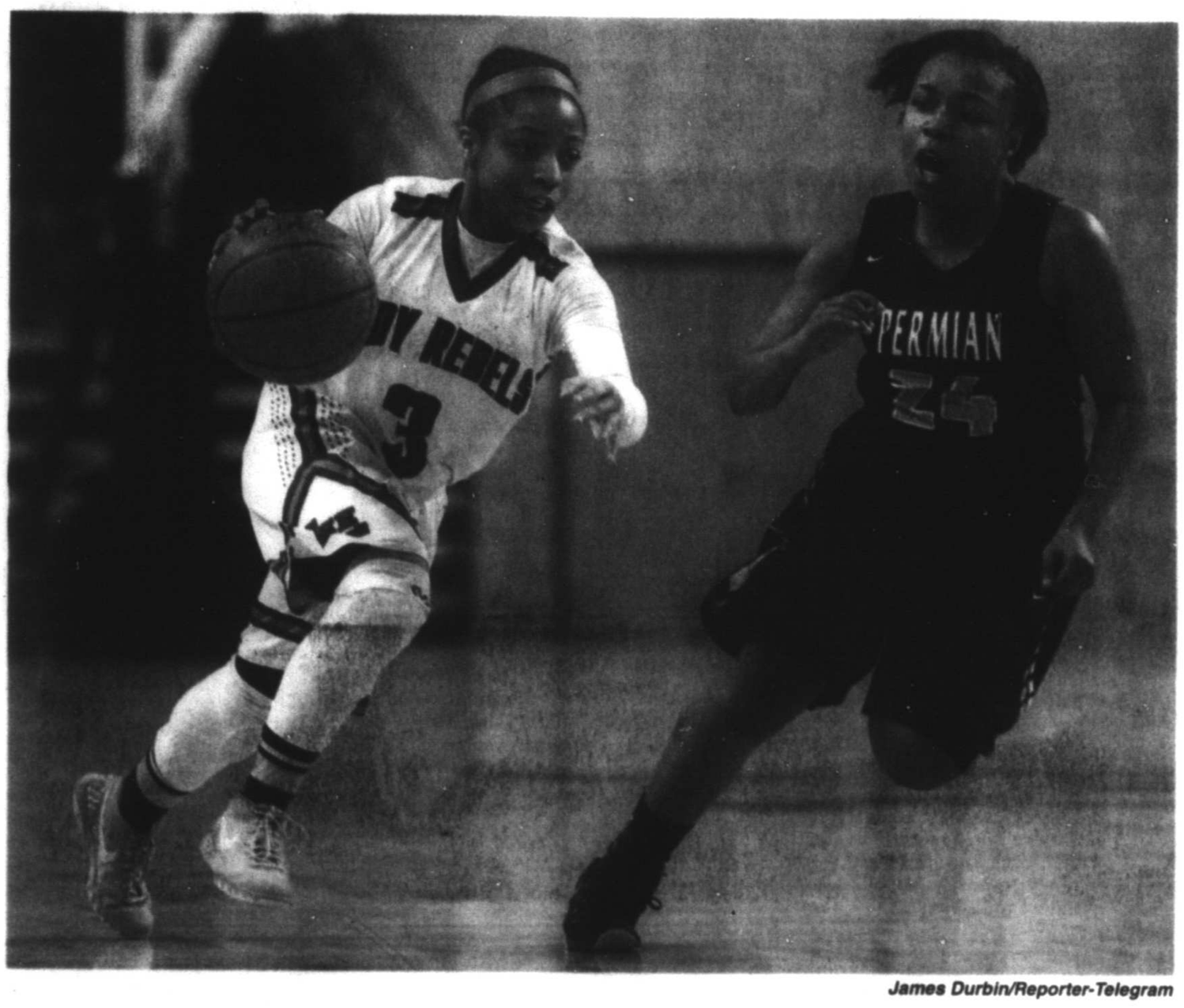
Clash at Chap Center



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Alaysha Green (3) drives against Odessa Permian's TaQuasha Lynch (24) on Friday at Chaparral Center.

Lee, MHS ready to clash for early 3-6A supremacy

By Christopher Hadorn
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The District 3-6A girls basketball campaign is three games completed, and not much has changed at the top from last year.

Lee and Midland High, the 2014-15 co-district champions, remain the blue bloods of 3-6A as both sit in a first-place tie at 3-0.

Torres

At 7:30 p.m. today, either the Lady Bulldogs (15-7) or Lady Rebels (17-4) will emerge as the early favorite for district supremacy when they clash at Chaparral Center for sole possession of first place.

There are a lot of storylines surrounding the game given that it's a crosstown showdown between two teams that share a rivalry in the truest sense.

Lee vs. MHS information

Lee vs. Midland High
When: 7:30 p.m. today
Where: Chaparral Center

But Lee head coach Monica Ramirez tries to minimize the hoopla as much as possible when addressing her players.

"I've done a lot to influence my girls to get past the history that comes with the game," Ramirez said. "I neutralize it. When I speak about it, I don't add any more emotion. I treat it as the same as everything else, like any other district game such as Permian or Abilene High. The test for us is to come out and play our best."

Lee has steamrolled through its district slate thus far, winning its three contests by average margin of 28.7 points per game.

The Lady Rebels have taken their game up another notch despite losing three seniors — Bri'An Washington, Daija Stanford, Hannah Payne — to college programs.

This year's Lee squad is a deep, athletic roster that typically continues its high level of play when bench players enter the game, and it's not uncommon for all 10 varsity players to score in a given contest.

"They're a very talented team," MHS head coach Wes Torres said of Lee. "They've got no superstars, but they play extremely hard. We know what their strengths are, they're so fast. We need to try to cancel some of that team speed that they have."

On the other hand, the Lady Bulldogs have won their three district games by an average margin of 15.3 points. Midland High hasn't quite dominated its district games to the level of Lee, but Torres

Please see **CLASH**/3C

Texas Tech ends 4-game losing streak with 76-69 win at TCU

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Aaron Ross scored six of his 16 points in the closing minutes when Texas Tech regained the lead for good in a 76-69 victory at TCU on Monday night, ending a four-game losing streak by the Red Raiders.

TCU had gone ahead for the first time since midway through the first half when Vladimir Brodziansky hit five consecutive free throws in a 43-second span. The last came after he was fouled trying to shoot a 3-pointer with 3:02 left.

The Red Raiders (12-5, 2-4 Big 12) went back ahead after Zach Smith's inbound pass to Ross for a 3-pointer with 2:47 left that made it 70-68. Ross had a free throw with 1:32 left after getting fouled on a rebound, then added two more free throws after that.

Ross was 4-of-4 shooting, including three 3-pointers, and 5-of-6 from the free throw line. Justin Gray added 14 points on 5-of-7 shooting, including some key baskets for Tech.

Chauncey Collins led TCU (9-9, 1-5) with 19 points, and Brodziansky had 18.

The five free throws by Brodziansky capped a 16-4 run that put TCU ahead for the first time since a layup by JD Miller with 11:49 left in the first half.

After the go-ahead 3 by Ross, Chris Washburn missed two free throws on TCU's next possession.

Texas Tech led 42-35 at half after six unanswered points in in the final minutes, including two baskets in the last two seconds.

After Keenan Evans got credited with a basket on a goaltending call with 1.4 seconds left, Miller had an errant throw on the inbound pass that wasn't touched before going out of bounds. No time ran off the clock and the Red Raiders got the ball under their basket, where C.J. Williamson passed to Gray for a buzzer-beating layup.

The Frogs had tied it at 36-all on two free throws by Shepherd with 1:05 left that capped a 12-2 run.

Tech had gone ahead with consecutive 3-pointers midway through the first half. Gray hit the go-ahead 3 and Ross made another for a 22-18 lead after TCU's missed from long range.

The losing streak for the Red Raiders came after they had opened Big 12 play with an 82-74 victory Jan. 2 over Texas, the only conference team TCU has beaten this season.

Many will experience MHS-Lee rivalry for 1st time today

By Will Korn
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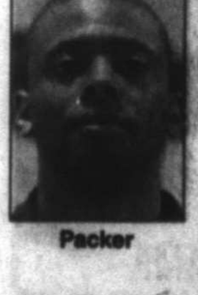
Regardless of the sport, the crosstown rivalry between Midland High and Lee usually provides an intense and often frenetic experience for both students and spectators alike.


Packer

But when the two schools renew their rivalry on the basketball court at 6 p.m. today at Chaparral Center for the first time since last February, there will be a bit of a unique element mixed into the action.

Lee vs. MHS information

Lee vs. Midland High
When: 6 p.m. today
Where: Chaparral Center

Between Lee (3-14, 0-1 in District 3-6A) and MHS (6-12, 0-1 in District 3-6A), there are 16 players, as well as two coaches, who have never been a part of the rivalry as a member of their respective school's varsity basketball team or staff.

Aside from the chippy nature that generally characterizes this rivalry, that reality could make for some interesting basketball today. That the two teams are both coming off of district opening losses on Friday should make the matchup even more alluring.

MHS first-year head coach Shan Hooker has never coached in this rivalry. He has only seen the two schools battle from a distance in his three-decade span as a coach around Texas. Chad Furr, who was Hooker's assistant coach at Corpus Christi Carroll before taking the MHS job with him in May, will also be making his debut in the rivalry.

Please see **RIVALRY**/3C

Midland boys basketball head coach Shannon Hooker talks to his team during a time out in the game against Tascosa on Nov. 17, 2015, at Midland High. *MRT file photo*

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TV

Boxing

Jamal James vs. Javier Molina, 10 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

Men's College Basketball

Butler at Providence, 5:30 p.m., FS1

Illinois at Indiana, 6 p.m., ESPN

Kansas at Oklahoma State, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Mississippi State at Florida, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Tulsa at East Carolina, 6 p.m., ESPNews

South Carolina at Ole Miss, 6 p.m., SEC

Tulane at Connecticut, 6 p.m., CBSSN

Northwestern at Maryland, 7 p.m., BTN

Georgetown at Xavier, 7:30 p.m., FS1

LSU at Texas A&M, 8 p.m., ESPN

Houston at SMU, 8 p.m., ESPNU

Alabama at Auburn, 8 p.m., SEC

Loyola-Chicago at Evansville, 8 p.m., CBSSN

Fresno State at San Diego State, 10 p.m., ESPNU

Men's Soccer

FA Cup: Bristol City vs. West Bromwich Albion, 1:30 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

French Cup: Paris Saint-Germain vs. Toulouse, 1:50 p.m., beIN, beIN2

Copa MX: Tiburones Rojos de Veracruz vs. Alebrijes de Oaxaca, 6:40 p.m., ESPNDEP, UDN

Copa MX: Murcielagos vs. Tijuana, 8:50 p.m., ESPNDEP

Copa MX: Venados vs. Cruz Azul, 8:50 p.m., UDN

Copa MX: Monterrey vs. Atletico San Luis, 8:50 p.m., GALA

National Basketball Association

Minnesota at New Orleans, 7 p.m., NBAtv

National Hockey League

Chicago at Nashville, 7 p.m., NBCSN

Dallas at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m., FSSW

Tennis

Australian Open, 6 p.m., TENNIS

Australian Open, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Women's College Basketball

Rutgers at Michigan State, 5 p.m., BTN

RADIO

Boys High School Basketball

Greenwood at Pecos- KIUN 1400 AM (Pecos)- listen online at 98xfm.com, 7:30 p.m.

Seminole at Andrews-KACT 105.5 FM (Andrews), 7:30 p.m.

Iraan at Forsan- KXCS 105.5 FM (Big Spring), 8 p.m.

Snyder at Big Spring- KBYG 106.3 FM, 1400 AM (Big Spring), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring), 8 p.m.

Girls High School Basketball

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WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

Boys Basketball

Lee vs. Midland High, 6 p.m., Chaparral Center w/ art

Greenwood at Pecos, 7:30 p.m.

Lubbock Trinity at Midland Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Trinity at Lubbock Christian 7:30 p.m.

Seminole at Andrews, 7:30 p.m.

Imperial Buena Vista at Rankin, 7:30 p.m.

Snyder at Big Spring, 8 p.m.

Iraan at Forsan, 8 p.m.

Grady at Loop, 8 p.m.

Colorado City at Coahoma, 8 p.m.

Water Valley at Garden City, 8 p.m.

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Lee vs. Midland High, 7:30 p.m., Chaparral Center w/art

Greenwood at Pecos, 7:30 p.m.

Girls Soccer

San Angelo Lake View at Lee, 6:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with OF Lorenzo Cain on a two-year contract.

TEXAS RANGERS — Re-signed RHP Colby Lewis to a one-year contract.

National League

MIAMI MARLINS — Signed 2B Dee Gordon to a five-year contract.

American Association

ST. PAUL SAINTS — Sold the contract of C Vince DiFazio to Los Angeles (NL).

Can-Am League

OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Signed RHP Warner Font.

Frontier League

LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed RHP Mike Devine to a contract extension. Signed 3B Juan Avila and RHP Colin Feldman.

NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Signed OF Jesus Solorzano. Traded 3B Richard Lucas to Fargo-Moorhead (AA) for a player to be named.

RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed C Josh Lidy to a contract extension.

TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Signed RHP James Ball and OF Tyler Peterson.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Named Jacob Burney defensive line coach. Bill Lazor quarterbacks coach and Kevin Coyle defensive backs coach.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed LB Carl Bradford, DT William Campbell, TE Mitchell Henry, WR Jamel Johnson, DT Christian Ringo, G Matt Rotheram, OT Jeremy Vujnovich and WR Ed Williams.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Named Brian Schottenheimer quarterbacks coach and Shawn Terlecky defensive quality control coach.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Named Doug Pederson coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ARIZONA COYOTES — Assigned F Steve Downie to Springfield (AHL).

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Recalled F Phillip Di Giuseppe from Charlotte (AHL).

DALLAS STARS — Recalled D Esa Lindell from (AHL). Placed D Jordie Benn on injured reserve, retroactive to Jan. 16.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Re-assigned D Aaron Ness and F Garrett Mitchell to Hershey (AHL).

American Hockey League

AHL — Suspended Bakersfield C Jujhar Khaira for two games for a kneeing incident in a Jan. 15 game against Texas.

SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Signed F Brock Higgs to a professional tryout contract.

COLLEGE

ARIZONA — Named Marcel Yates defensive coordinator.

CENTRAL METHODIST — Named Marty Steward defensive coordinator.

OREGON STATE — Suspended senior F Jarmal Reid a minimum of four games for tripping a referee during a Jan. 17 game at Utah.

PENN STATE — Named Tim Banks co-defensive coordinator and safeties coach.

NHL STANDINGS

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	46	26	15	5	57	121	105
Detroit	45	23	14	8	54	111	116
Tampa Bay	45	24	17	4	52	119	107
Boston	44	23	16	5	51	133	116
Montreal	46	23	19	4	50	128	118
Ottawa	45	21	18	6	48	125	138
Buffalo	45	18	23	4	40	106	122
Toronto	43	16	20	7	39	108	122

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	45	34	8	3	71	149	97
N.Y. Islanders	45	24	15	6	54	123	112
N.Y. Rangers	45	24	16	5	53	129	120
Pittsburgh	45	21	17	7	49	110	113
New Jersey	46	22	19	5	49	101	110
Philadelphia	43	20	15	8	48	98	114
Carolina	47	20	19	8	48	111	129
Columbus	46	17	25	4	38	116	146

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	48	31	13	4	66	140	110
Dallas	46	29	12	5	63	154	124
St. Louis	49	27	15	7	61	126	123
Minnesota	45	22	15	8	52	113	106
Colorado	47	23	21	3	49	131	130
Nashville	45	20	17	8	48	116	123
Winnipeg	46	21	22	3	45	119	131

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	44	28	13	3	59	118	99
Arizona	44	22	17	5	49	122	133
San Jose	43	23	18	2	48	124	117
Vancouver	46	19	17	10	48	111	127
Anaheim	44	19	18	7	45	88	105
Calgary	43	20	20	3	43	116	131
Edmonton	47	19	23	5	43	115	136

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

Scores & schedule

Monday's scores

Edmonton 4, Florida 2

St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 2

Colorado 2, Winnipeg 1

Buffalo at Arizona, late

Ottawa at San Jose, late

Today's Games

Calgary at New Jersey, 6 p.m.

Vancouver at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.

Toronto at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Washington at Columbus, 6 p.m.

Boston at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.

Edmonton at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Chicago at Nashville, 7 p.m.

Dallas at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Mon 5:36 am packed powder machine groomed 25 - 41 base 78 of 78 trails 100% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p; Fri: 9a-6p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Pajarito — Mon Reopen 01/20 packed powder machine groomed 23 - 40 base 40 of 44 trails 91% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Wed-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Wed-Sun:

Red River — Sun 9:00 am powder machine groomed 35 - 40 base 58 of 58 trails 100% open, 250 acres, 7 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Sandia Peak — Sun Reopen 01/22 packed powder machine groomed 20 - 38 base 38 of 39 trails 97% open, 4 of 5 lifts, Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Fri-Sun;

Sipapu — Mon 5:25 am packed powder machine groomed 36 - 44 base 39 of 42 trails, 93% open 10 miles, 200 acres, 5 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Apache — Sun 8:30 pm MG machine groomed 54 - 140 base 54 of 55 trails 98% open, 10 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Santa Fe — Sun 7:10 am packed powder machine groomed 78 - 84 base 79 of 79 trails 100% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Taos — Mon 5:49 am powder machine groomed 79 - 79 base 110 of 110 trails, 100% open 1294 acres, 13 of 15 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Mon 5:35 am 3 new powder machine groomed 48 - 48 base 94 of 109 trails, 88% open, 805 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p

Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Aspen Highlands — Mon 3:53 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 40 - 60 base 121 of 122 trails, 99% open, 1040 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p

Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Aspen Mountain — Mon 3:50 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 32 - 36 base 76 of 76 trails, 100% open, 675 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p

Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Beaver Creek — Mon 5:13 am 2 new powder machine groomed 39 - 39 base 142 of 150 trails, 95% open, 1823 acres, 24 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p

Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Breckenridge — Mon 5:15 am 3 new powder machine groomed 49 - 49 base 175 of 187 trails, 94% open, 2732 acres, 34 of 35 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p

Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Buttermilk — Mon 3:51 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 31 - 40 base 37 of 44 trails 84% open, 425 acres, 3 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Copper — Mon 5:47 am 3 new powder machine groomed 55 - 40 base 37 of 39 trails 95% open, 25 miles, 375 acres, 4 of 4 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p

Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Copper Mountain — Mon 5:40 am 2 new powder machine groomed 43 - 52 base 133 of 143 trails, 94% open, 1840 acres, 23 of 23 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p

Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Crested Butte — Mon 5:17 am packed powder machine groomed 43 - 43 base 96 of 121 trails 94% open, 854 acres, 15 of 16 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Federer says it's time to name players suspected of match fixing

By Justin Bergman
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Roger Federer has heard enough speculation about match-fixing in tennis. If players are suspected of corruption, he wants names.

Federer was responding to reports by BBC and BuzzFeed News published Monday that tennis authorities have suppressed evidence of match-fixing and overlooked suspected cases involving players ranked in the top 50, including Grand Slam singles and doubles winners.

The reports said that none of these players had faced sanctions and more than half would be playing at this year's Australian Open, which started Monday. The players weren't identified by name.

"I would love to hear names," Federer said after beating Nikoloz Basilashvili of Georgia 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN RESULTS

Monday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: $30.18 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Men

First Round

Austin Krajicek, United States, def. Wu Di, China, 6-4, 6-1, 6-3.

Federico Delbonis, Argentina, def. Ivo Karlovic (22), Croatia, 7-6 (4), 6-4, 2-1, retired.

Kei Nishikori (7), Japan, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

Mirza Basic, Bosnia-Herzegovina, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 7-6 (4), 6-4, 6-4.

Daniel Brands, Germany, def. Victor Estrella Burgos, Dominican Republic, 6-4, 7-6 (1), 4-6, 6-1.

David Goffin (15), Belgium, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Dominic Thiem (19), Austria, def. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, 6-2, 7-6 (6), 4-6, 7-6 (0).

Damir Dzumhur, Bosnia-Herzegovina, def. Kyle Edmund, Britain, 1-6, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Tomas Berdych (8), Czech Republic, def. Yuki Bhambri, India, 7-5, 6-1, 6-2.

Gilles Simon (14), France, def. Vasek Pospisil, Canada, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

Marin Cilic (12), Croatia, def. Thiemo de Bakker, Netherlands, 6-7 (4), 7-5, 6-2, 6-4.

Nicolas Almagro, Spain, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 7-6 (1).

Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (26), Spain, def. Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Renzo Olivo, Argentina, def. Jiri Vesely, Czech Republic, 7-6 (8), 2-6, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Spain, def. Borna Coric, Croatia, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.

Evgeny Donskoy, Russia, def. Inigo Cervantes, Spain, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Pierre-Hugues Herbert, France, def. Pablo Andujar, Spain, 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-2.

Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Chung Hyeon, South Korea, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

Alexandr Dolgopolov, Ukraine, def. Ricardas Berankis, Lithuania, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Noah Rubin, United States, def. Benoit Paire (17), France, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (8), 7-6 (5).

Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, def. Yoshihito Nishioka, Japan, 7-6 (5), 6-1, 6-4.

Denis Kudla, United States, def. Filip Krajinovic, Serbia, 6-2, 6-1, 0-0, retired.

Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, def. Sam Querrey, United States, 6-7 (5), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, retired.

Grigor Dimitrov (27), Bulgaria, def. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, 6-3, 7-6 (8), 6-3.

Omar Jasika, Australia, def. Illya Marchenko, Ukraine, 6-4, 3-6, 6-0, 6-4.

Nick Kyrgios (29), Australia, def. Pablo Carreno Busta, Spain, 6-2, 7-5, 6-2.

Andreas Seppi (28), Italy, def. Teymuraz Gabashvili, Russia, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4, 7-6 (10).

Quentin Halys, France, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 7-5.

Marco Trungelliti, Argentina, def. Jozef Kovalik, Slovakia, 6-4, 7-6 (1), 7-5.

Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Nikoloz Basilashvili, Georgia, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.

Roberto Bautista Agut (24), Spain, def. Martin Klizan, Slovakia, 6-2, 6-3, 4-6, 2-6, 6-2.

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (8), France, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Women

First Round

Petra Kvitova (6), Czech Republic, def. Luksika Kumkhum, Thailand, 6-3, 6-1.

Nicole Gibbs, United States, def. Klara Koukalova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 2-6, 6-1.

Daria Gavrilova, Australia, def. Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, 7-6 (3), 6-4.

Carla Suarez Navarro (10), Spain, def. Viktorija Golubic, Switzerland, 7-5, 6-4.

Margarita Gasparyan, Russia, def. Sara Errani (17), Italy, 1-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Anna-Lena Friedsam, Germany, def. Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, 7-6 (3), 2-6, 6-1.

Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, def. Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Maria Sakkari, Greece, def. Wang Yafan, China, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.

Serena Williams (1), United States, def. Camila Giorgi, Italy, 6-4, 7-5.

Wang Qiang, China, def. Sloane Stephens (24), United States, 6-3, 6-3.

Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, def. Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia, 3-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Kurumi Nara, Japan, def. Oceane Dodin, France, 7-6 (2), 6-2.

Lauren Davis, United States, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (26), Russia, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Kristina Mladenovic (28), France, def. Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-4.

Daria Kasatkina, Russia, def. Anna Karolina Schmiedlova (27), Slovakia, 6-3, 6-3.

Agnieszka Radwanska (4), Poland, def. Christina McHale, United States, 6-2, 6-3.

Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan, def. Caroline Wozniacki (16), Denmark, 1-6, 7-6 (3), 6-4.

Katerynyna Bondarenko, Ukraine, def. Ajla Tomljanovic, Croatia, 7-6 (2), 6-3.

Svetlana Kuznetsova (23), Russia, def. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, 6-0, 6-2.

Belinda Bencic (12), Switzerland, def. Alison Riske, United States, 6-4, 6-3.

Roberta Vinci (13), Italy, def. Tamira Paszek, Austria, 6-4, 6-2.

Irina Falconi, United States, def. Anna Tatishvili, United States, 6-4, 3-6, 8-6.

Han Xinyun, China, def. Mariana Duque-Marino, Colombia, 6-2, 2-1, retired.

Monica Niculescu, Romania, def. Teliana Pereira, Brazil, 6-2, 6-1.

Evgenie Bouchard, Canada, def. Aleksandra Krunic, Serbia, 6-3, 6-4.

Aliaksandra Sasnovich, Belarus, def. Evgeniya Rodina, Russia, 6-3, 7-6 (2).

Monica Puig, Puerto Rico, def. Magda Linette, Poland, 6-3, 6-0.

Ana Konjuh, Croatia, def. Urszula Radwanska, Poland, 0-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Elizaveta Kulichkova, Russia, def. Andrea Petkovic (22), Germany, 7-5, 6-4.

Timea Bacsinszky (11), Switzerland, def. Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 7-5.

Venus Williams (8), United States, def. Mona Barthel, Germany, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Tatjana Maria, Germany, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, 6-4, 6-3.

Jelena Jankovic (19), Serbia, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, 6-3, 6-3.

Johanna Konta, Britain, def. Venus Williams (8), United States, 6-4, 6-2.

Elina Svitolina (18), Ukraine, def. Victoria Duval, United States, 6-2, 6-3.

Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, def. Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, 6-4, 6-4.

Men

First Round

Milos Raonic (13), Canada, def. Lucas Pouille, France, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.

Joao Sousa (32), Portugal, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Stephane Robert, France, def. Bjorn Fratangelo, United States, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.

Andrey Kuznetsov, Russia, def. Ryan Harrison, United States, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4.

Sam Groth, Australia, def. Adrian Mannarino, France, 7-6 (6), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

John Millman, Australia, def. Diego Schwartzman, Argentina, 3-6, 5-7, 7-6 (2), 5-0, retired.

Feliciano Lopez (18), Spain, def. Daniel Evans, Britain, 6-1, 5-0, 6-4.

Marcel Granollers, Spain, def. Matthew Ebden, Australia, 6-2, 4-6 6-1, 6-4.

Andy Murray (2), Britain, def. Alexander Zverev, Germany, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3.

Women

First Round

Ekaterina Makarova (21), Russia, def. Maddison Inglis, Australia, 6-3, 6-0.

Annika Beck, Germany, def. Priscilla Hon, Australia, 6-0, 6-3.

Garbine Muguruza (3), Spain, def. Anett Kontaveit, Estonia, 6-0, 6-4.

Madison Keys (15), United States, def. Zarina Diyas, Kazakhstan, 7-6 (5), 6-1.

Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, def. Mirjana Lucic-Baroni, Croatia, 5-7, 6-2, 7-5.

Laura Siegemund, Germany, def. Kiki Bertens, Netherlands, 6-4, 7-5.

Timea Bacsinszky (11), Switzerland, def. Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 7-5.

Vania King, United States, def. Mona Barthel, Germany, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.

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Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, def. Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, 6-4, 6-4.

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

No. 9 NMJC capitalizes on turnovers to beat No. 10 Lady Chaps, 65-56

From staff reports

HOBBS, N.M. — No. 9-ranked New Mexico Junior College used a strong third quarter and got 20 points off turnovers to beat No. 10 Midland College, 65-56, in a battle of ranked teams at Caster Activity Center on Monday night.

The loss for MC snaps a nine-game winning streak and it dropped the Lady Chaps (18-3 overall) to a half game behind NMJC in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings with a 5-1 mark.

"New Mexico was at another level competitively than we were tonight," MC coach Ron Jones said. "They pushed us around, and we turned the ball over and gave them easy layups. We were not as competitive and they were, and we've got to get that mentality fixed."

WJCAC Women's basketball

Team	Overall W	Overall L	District W	District L
New Mexico JC	5	0	18	2
Midland College	5	1	18	2
Howard College	5	1	15	6
Odessa College	3	2	14	5
Frank Phillips	2	3	9	7
South Plains	2	4	14	8
Western Texas	0	5	13	7
Clarendon College	0	6	5	17

Monday's Scores

New Mexico JC 65, Midland College 56; Howard College 85, Odessa College 51; South Plains College 92, Clarendon College 49; Frank Phillips College 70, Western Texas College 67, OT

Thursday's Games

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

NMJC (18-2, 5-0) led for the majority of the game as the Lady T-birds took an 18-13 lead after the first quarter and a 36-32 lead at the half.

But NMJC got a big more separation in the third by outscoring MC 18-12 in the period.

Neither team shot the ball well, but MC was held to 30.4 percent shooting and turned the ball over 17 times.

The Lady T-birds were led by Alana da Silva with a game-high 19 points, Daiane Machado had 13 and Dezirae Hampton added 12.

Walnatia Wright was the only Lady Chap to score in double figures with 14 points. Sierra Dixon added nine.

The Lady Chaps next travel to Odessa College at 5:45 p.m. Thursday. OC is also coming off a loss after falling at Howard College, 55-51, on Monday.

NO. 9 NEW MEXICO JC 65
NO. 10 MIDLAND COLLEGE 56

Midland College (18-3, 5-1) — Morgan Ashton 2-7 1-1 6, Toe'ior Hodge 1-2 0-0 3, Sierra Dixon 3-10 0-0 9, Toni Taylor 0-0 0-0 0, Valentine Zambelli 0-2 0-0 0, Tichina Coleman 2-4 3-2 8, Walnatia Wright 3-7 8-10 14, Kayla Bretherton 3-9 0-2 8, Teresha Dixon 3-10 1-2 7, Lisa Kaempf 0-5 3-4 3. Totals 19-56 15-21 56

New Mexico JC (19-2, 5-0) — Shaniya Mitchell 4-11 1-2 9, Alana da Silva 8-16 0-0 19, Nycolle Smith 2-6 1-1 5, Alexis Winters 0-1 0-0 0, Blair Richmond 1-5 0-1 3, Camille Mills 0-3 2-6 2, Dezirae Hampton 4-11 1-3 12, Ekaterina Zhibareva 1-4 0-0 2, Natalia Gwanda 0-2 0-0 0, Daiane Machado 5-10 3-3 13. Totals 25-69 8-18 65

MC	12	20	12	—56
NMJC	10	18	18	11—65

3-point goals — MC 7-26 (S. Dixon 3-8, Bretherton 2-4, Ashton 1-6, Hodge 1-2, Kaempf 0-4, Zambelli 0-2), NMJC 7-25 (da Silva 3-8, Hampton 3-7, Richmond 1-4, Mills 0-2, Zhivareva 0-1, Machado 0-1). Total fouls — MC 16, NMJC 20. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — MC 33 (Wright 7, Bretherton 7), NMJC 38 (Machado 7). Turnovers — MC 17, NMJC 11

Next: Midland College at New Mexico JC, 5:45 p.m. Thursday

MC men blow halftime lead to NMJC to mark second straight loss

From staff reports

HOBBS, N.M. — New Mexico Junior College used a strong second half to pull away and beat Midland College, 82-72, on Monday night at Caster Activity Center.

Midland College had a 33-28 halftime lead and lead for much of the second half before Jalin Hart nailed a 3-pointer to give NMJC a 67-65 lead with 4:33 remaining. The Thunderbirds (15-5, 5-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) then closed out the game on a 15-7 run.

The Chaparrals (15-5 overall) dropped their second straight game and fell into a deeper hole in the WJCAC with a 3-3 record.

WJCAC Men's basketball

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

Monday's Scores

New Mexico JC 82, Midland College 72; Odessa College 95, Howard College 90, OT; South Plains College 99, Clarendon College 66; Western Texas College 73, Frank Phillips College 58; New Mexico Military Institute was open

Thursday's Games

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

Jachai Simmons carried a big load for the Chaps with a game-high 25 points and 11 rebounds. Daeshon Francis added 14 points before fouling out, and Travan Coad had 12 for MC.

MC was without sophomore post player and one of the team's leading scorer Norbertas "Gee" Giga for the game, who sat out with an injured back.

NMJC was led by Tyler Blount with 21 points, Emmanuel Ansah had 18, Randy Haynes had 15 and Hart added 13.

It doesn't get any easier for the Chaps as they head to Odessa to play rival Odessa College at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

NEW MEXICO JC 82
MIDLAND COLLEGE 72

Midland College (15-5, 5-1) — William Tchiengang 1-1 0-0 2, Jachai Simmons 7-21 8-9 25, Kendall Rollins 1-2 0-0 2, Dylan Cham 0-0 0-0 0, Bryce Ervin 2-3 0-0 4, Solomon Hairina 1-5 1-6 3, Travan Coad 3-8 6-6 12, Daeshon Francis 3-11 8-8 14, Austin Dawson 4-8 4-3 7, James McPherson 0-3 0-0 0, Jalen McGaughy 1-7 0-0 3. Totals 21-66 24-31 72

New Mexico JC (15-5, 5-1) — Emmanuel Ansah 7-11 2-2 18, Tyler Blount 4-11 11-12 21, Josiah Riley 1-3 0-0 3, Jalin Hart 4-6 4-4 13, Nnamdi Okoro 1-2 0-0 2, Randy Haynes 4-9 6-9 15, Xavier Jackson 2-7 0-0 4, Devin Wyatt 0-4 0-0 0, El Hadji Diong 0-4 2-5 6, Xabier Gomez 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-57 25-32 82

Halftime — MC 33, NMJC 28. 3-point goals — MC 6 (Simmons 3, Francis 2, McGaughy), NMJC 7 (Blount 2, Ansah 2, Haynes, Hart, Riley). Total fouls — MC 25, NMJC 24. Fouled out — Francis, Hairina. Rebounds — MC 34 (Simmons 11), NMJC 38.

Next: Midland College at Odessa College, 7:30 p.m. Thursday

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MAVERICKS 118
CELTICS 113, OT

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 31 points, Deron Williams had 10 of his 20 points in overtime and the Dallas Mavericks beat the Boston Celtics 118-113 on Monday night.

Dallas hit its first four 3-pointers to open overtime. The Mavericks rallied from a six-point fourth-quarter deficit after leading by 17 in the first half, and Nowitzki scored 14 points in the fourth and seven in overtime.

Isaiah Thomas and Marcus Smart led Boston with 20 points each and Avery Bradley added 19.

Jae Crowder, traded from Dallas to Boston last season, sent the game to overtime by hitting three free throws with 6.7 seconds left after being fouled by Raymond Felton.

The Mavericks have beaten the Celtics seven straight times, 11 of 12 and six straight at American Airlines Center.

KNICKS 119
76ERS 113, 2 OT

NEW YORK — Carmelo Anthony returned from a two-game absence and made a tying 3-pointer with 3.4 seconds left in regulation, and the Knicks beat the 76ers in two overtimes.

Anthony was just 7 for 28 from the field after sitting out two games with a sprained right ankle, but he made the most important shot he took, a 3-pointer from straight away over Nerlens Noel after the Knicks were on the verge of losing a game they led by 18 points in the third quarter.

TRAIL BLAZERS 108
WIZARDS 98

WASHINGTON — C.J. McCollum made six 3-pointers and scored 25 points, helping Portland rebound from its worst loss of the season.

Portland was up by 17 points in the first half, but Washington grabbed the lead in the third quarter. The Trail Blazers responded with a 23-1 run.

Meyers Leonard added 18 points for Portland, which lost 114-89 at lowly Philadelphia on Saturday. Damian Lillard scored 16 points, and Mason Plumlee had 10 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists.

HORNETS 124
JAZZ 119, 2 OT

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kemba Walker scored a franchise-record 52 points and the Charlotte Hornets won in double overtime, beating the Utah Jazz 124-119 on Monday.

Walker made 16 of 34 shots from the field, including 6 of 11 3-pointers. He was 14 of 15 on free throws.

Walker broke the franchise mark of 48 points set by Glen Rice on March 6, 1997, in an overtime win against Boston.

Marvin Williams added 19 points for the Hornets, and Frank Kaminsky scored 17. Cody Zeller had 14 points.

GRIZZLIES 101
PELICANS 99

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Marc Gasol had 16 points and 10 rebounds, leading the balanced Grizzlies to the victory.

Matt Barnes, Jeff Green and Courtney Lee also had 16 points apiece for Memphis, which has won three in a row and five of six. Mike Conley added 15 points and 10 assists.

Lee converted a free throw with 3.5 seconds left. He missed the second one, but Gasol tapped the ball into the backcourt, and Barnes let it roll until time expired.

BULLS 111
PISTONS 101

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Pau Gasol had 31 points and 12 rebounds, and Chicago won again without Joakim Noah.

Noah dislocated his left shoulder Friday and likely will miss the rest of the season, but the Bulls have had success without him. They improved to 9-2 in 2015-16 when he doesn't play.

Ersan Ilyasova had 19 points and 11 rebounds for Detroit, which was outplayed after taking a 13-point lead in the first quarter. The Pistons also lost their cool, getting called for three technical fouls in the third. Detroit guard Kentavious Caldwell-Pope received two of them and was ejected.

HAWKS 98
MAGIC 81

ATLANTA — Al Horford scored 15 points, Paul Millsap had 13 points and 12 rebounds, and the Hawks earned their second straight win.

Atlanta had six players score in double figures and led the entire game. Jeff Teague had 14 points, and Mike Scott scored 12.

RAPTORS 112
NETS 100

TORONTO — Kyle Lowry scored 13 of his 31 points in the fourth quarter. DeMar DeRozan scored 30 points and the Toronto Raptors beat the Brooklyn Nets 112-100 on Monday night to match a season high with their fifth straight win.

Lowry had eight assists and hit three of his seven 3-pointers in the final quarter. The Raptors outscored Brooklyn 31-16 in the fourth.

Brook Lopez led Brooklyn with 29 points and 10 rebounds. The Nets have lost three straight and eight of their last nine.

The game featured eight lead changes and 11 ties. Toronto took a 103-98 lead with 5:48 left behind five straight points from Terrence Ross.

That followed a stretch where Lowry scored 10 consecutive points for the Raptors to put Toronto ahead 96-92 with 8:15 left. After Ross' run and a basket by DeRozan, Lowry hit his third 3 of the quarter with 3:34 left to make it 108-98.

WARRIORS 132
CAVALIERS 98

CLEVELAND — Stephen Curry scored 35 points in three quarters, Andre Iguodala added 20 and the Golden State Warriors returned to the floor where they won the NBA championship last season and embarrassed the Cleveland Cavaliers 132-98 on Monday night.

The Warriors built a 30-point lead in the first half and bounced back from a shocking loss in Detroit over the weekend by winning their fifth straight over Cleveland.

Only a late flurry of points helped the Cavs avoid their worst home loss in franchise history. LeBron James led Cleveland with 16 points.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

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

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	35	7	.595	—
Miami	23	18	.561	11½
Orlando	20	20	.500	4
Washington	19	21	.475	5
Charlotte	19	22	.463	5½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	28	11	.718	—
Chicago	24	16	.600	4½
Indiana	22	19	.537	7
Detroit	22	19	.537	7
Milwaukee	18	25	.419	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	36	6	.857	—
Memphis	24	19	.558	12½
Dallas	24	19	.558	12½
Houston	22	20	.524	14
New Orleans	13	27	.325	22

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	30	12	.714	—
Utah	18	23	.439	11½
Portland	19	25	.432	12
Denver	16	25	.390	13½
Minnesota	13	29	.310	17

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	38	4	.905	—
L.A. Clippers	26	14	.650	11
Sacramento	17	23	.425	20
Phoenix	13	29	.310	25
L.A. Lakers	9	34	.209	29½

Scores & schedule

Monday's scores

New York 119, Philadelphia 113,2OT
Portland 108, Washington 98
Charlotte 124, Utah 119,2OT
Memphis 101, New Orleans 99
Chicago 111, Detroit 101
Atlanta 98, Orlando 81
Toronto 112, Brooklyn 100
Golden State 132, Cleveland 98
Dallas 118, Boston 113, OT
Houston at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games

Milwaukee at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Denver, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

CLASH

From 1C

said the team is starting to gel of late as the team has finally competed with a full roster over the last five games.

"They're gaining some momentum in what (Coach Torres) wants them to do," Ramirez said of the Lady Bulldogs' recent surge.

Midland High is led by its tandem of twins Alexandrea and Alexis Washington that seemingly can do everything in the backcourt — score, rebound, pass and play defense.

The Washington twins are complemented by a tough group of post players in Kaylyn Evans, Claire Lancaster and Kilee Frazier.

However, MHS' post players will have their hands full with Lee's paint forces that include seniors Kyra Lewis and Yaritza Rivas.

Lewis has recorded a double-double in all three district games.

"Their post game is very, very strong," Torres said of Lee. "It's one of the strongest in the district, just their toughness inside stands out."

The Lady Rebels have excelled thus far by turning rebounds and steals on the defensive end into fast-break points in transition.

"It's going to be a fun game," Torres said. "I'm excited to be a part of this game. It's going to be an electric atmosphere. Both teams like to get up and down the floor, it could be a track meet."

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3-6A girls basketball

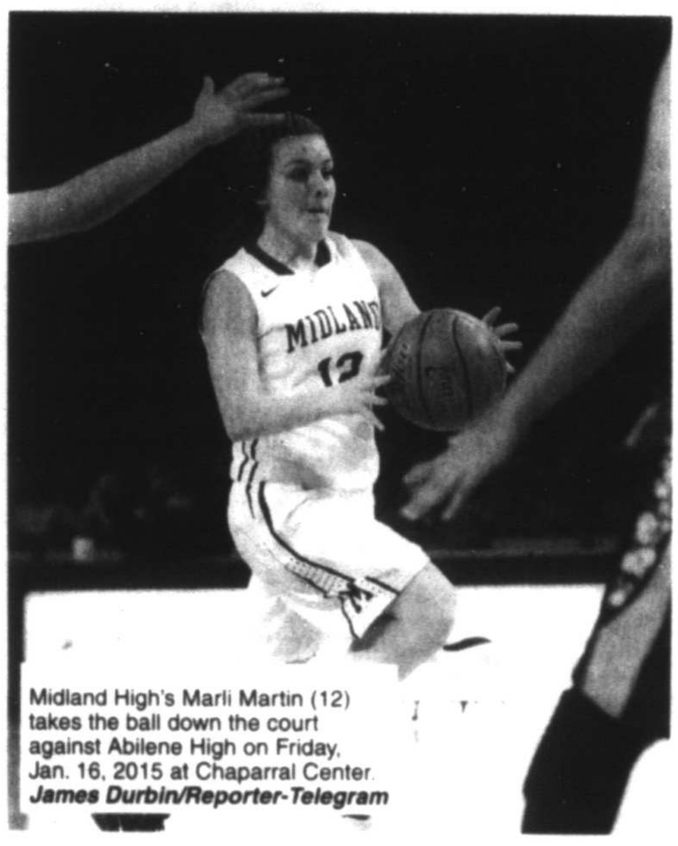
Team	Overall W	Overall L	District W	District L
Lee	3	0	17	4
Midland High	3	0	15	7
Abilene High	1	2	16	8
Odessa Permian	1	2	13	7
San Angelo Central	1	2	10	15
Odessa High	0	3	12	13

Friday's Scores

Lee 70, Odessa Permian 40; Midland High 45, Abilene High 32; San Angelo Central 45, Odessa High 44.

Today's Games

Midland High vs. Lee at Chaparral Center; Abilene High at Odessa High; Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central. All games tip off at 7:30 p.m.



Midland High's Marli Martin (12) takes the ball down the court against Abilene High on Friday, Jan. 16, 2015 at Chaparral Center. *James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram*

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Still, will the help of his players — some of whom played football for the Bulldogs in the fall-- Hooker said he thinks he has a pretty good idea of what he'll be stepping into.

"In 30 years of coaching, I've experienced various rivalries," Hooker said. "Growing up in West Texas, I've viewed the MHS-Lee rivalry from afar. I know the intensity of it. We have some of those varsity football players and I asked them to bring some of that intensity from Friday night football (against Lee) to the court (today)."

Meanwhile, the Rebels' varsity inexperience is a well-documented item. Of the 13 players on Lee's roster, only three are back from last season. And though the Rebels' roster includes three football players — Dedrick Strambler, Rhequan Strambler and Dustin Hunt, who are all well-versed in the rivalry on the gridiron — none of those three have participated as varsity players in the rivalry on the hardwood.

Both teams have a few battle-hardened veterans who have played in their fair share of MHS-Lee basketball games. The experience of players such as MHS guard Shawn Rivers — a four-year varsity starter — MHS forward Andrew Norwood and Lee guards Sema'J Davis and Rebels' forward James Lydia, figures to be invaluable to their teams in crunch time when things get physical and emotions begin to run high.

3-6A boys basketball

Team	Overall W	Overall L	District W	District L
Abilene High	1	0	22	3
Odessa High	1	0	14	6
Odessa Permian	1	0	8	7
San Angelo Central	0	1	15	8
Midland High	0	1	6	12
Lee	0	1	3	14

Friday's scores

Odessa Permian 45, Lee 23; Abilene High 72, Midland High 64; Odessa High 42, San Angelo Central 35

Today's games

Midland High vs. Lee at Chaparral Center; Abilene High at Odessa High; Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central. All games tip off at 6 p.m.

For Lee head coach Chris Packer, his players' collective inexperience against MHS on the court shouldn't matter. At the end of the day, Packer knows his team still has to compete the same way it always does, regardless of the opponent and its experience.

"Anytime it's MHS-Lee, the guys are going to be excited," Packer said. "We understand that we've got to go compete and we've got to go get a win. We're going to compete and see what happens."

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No. 19 Iowa State knocks off No. 1 Oklahoma 82-77

By Luke Meredith
Associated Press

AMES, Iowa — Another No. 1 team came to the state of Iowa. Another No. 1 team left with a loss.

Georges Niang scored 22 points, Monte Morris added 20 and No. 19 Iowa State beat top-ranked Oklahoma 82-77 on Monday night, its first win over a No. 1 team since toppling Wilt Chamberlain's Kansas Jayhawks in 1957.

Morris had a jumper, a key rebound and two free throws in the final 21 seconds for the Cyclones (14-4, 3-3 Big 12), who were actually slight favorites at home.

It was the third time a No. 1 team lost in the state of Iowa this season. Northern Iowa beat North Carolina and Iowa beat Michigan State.

Oklahoma's Isaiah Cousins hit a 3 with 41 seconds left to tie the game at 75. But Morris drilled a step-back jumper for the lead, and Abdel Nader's free throws with 3.1 seconds to go put it out of reach.

Buddy Hield scored 27 points and Cousins had 26 for the Sooners (15-2, 4-2), who moved to No. 1 earlier Monday for the first time in 26 years, but they could make a case for retaining the top spot with a win Saturday at No. 13 Baylor.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

Scores

MEN

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas St. 76, ULM 73
Sam Houston St. 87, Nicholls St. 76
Texas Tech 76, TCU 69

SOUTH

Augusta 68, Young Harris 55
Bellarmine 80, S. Indiana 85
Bethel (Tenn.) 99, Coastal Georgia 96
Bethune-Cookman 62, Morgan St. 50
Coppin St. 70, Florida A&M 66
Norfolk St. 75, NC A&T 68
SC State 68, Mid.-Eastern Shore 63
SE Louisiana 98, Lamar 70
Savannah St. 64, Delaware St. 47
Southern U. 67, MVSU 54
Spring Hill 73, Clark Atlanta 64
Syracuse 84, Duke 62
Texas Southern 69, Grambling St. 54

MIDWEST

Cleveland St. 70, Ill.-Chicago 53
Valparaiso 96, Youngstown St. 65
Wis.-Parkside 82, Lewis 70
Wright St. 77, Detroit 76

EAST

Albany (NY) 80, Binghamton 59
Boston U. 87, Loyola (Md.) 94, OT
College of NJ 95, Baruch 62
Mass.-Lowell 93, Vermont 82
Monmouth (NJ) 85, Siena 69
Montclair St. 70, Washington (Md.) 59
New Hampshire 99, Maine 91
Purdue 107, Rutgers 57
Stony Brook 77, Hartford 43
Wilmington (Del.) 73, Lincoln (Pa.) 70

WOMEN

SOUTHWEST

Ark.-Pine Bluff 71, Alcorn St. 69
Arkansas St. 66, ULM 53

SOUTH

Bethune-Cookman 83, Morgan St. 48
Delaware St. 67, Savannah St. 59
Florida A&M 78, Coppin St. 70
Florida Gulf Coast 70, NJIT 37
Hampton 76, NC Central 42
Jacksonville 78, Kennesaw St. 63
Md.-Eastern Shore 63, SC State 58
Mississippi St. 79, Mississippi 51
NC A&T 64, Norfolk St. 53
North Florida 78, Lipscomb 70
Prairie View 62, Jackson St. 52
SC-Upstate 61, Stetson 58
Southern U. 100, MVSU 36
Texas Southern 82, Grambling St. 50
Virginia Tech 79, Clemson 49
Wofford 93, Montreat 48

MIDWEST

Notre Dame 79, Tennessee 66

EAST

Albany (NY) 59, Binghamton 47
Bryant 70, St. Francis Brooklyn 42
LIU Brooklyn 73, Wagner 63
Maine 62, New Hampshire 52
Manhattan 63, Iona 56
Penn 78, La Salle 68
Robert Morris 61, Mount St. Mary's 56
Sacred Heart 61, CCSU 57, 2OT
St. Francis (Pa.) 87, Fairleigh Dickinson 67
Stony Brook 58, Hartford 35
Vermont 59, Mass.-Lowell 51

Polls

MEN'S POLLS

The top 25 teams in the USA Today men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 17, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Oklahoma (28)	15-1	763	2
2. North Carolina (4)	16-2	727	5
3. Kansas (1)	15-2	700	1
4. Villanova	16-2	674	7
5. Maryland	16-2	629	3
6. Xavier	15-1	616	8
7. West Virginia	15-2	585	10
8. Texas A&M	15-2	532	14
9. Iowa	14-3	494	19
10. Michigan State	16-3	461	4
11. Arizona	15-3	438	16
12. Duke	14-4	360	6
13. Virginia	13-4	340	11
14. Miami	13-3	319	9
15. Baylor	14-3	306	22
16. Louisville	14-3	288	20
17. Providence	15-3	269	12
18. South Carolina	16-1	231	15
19. Kentucky	12-4	206	13
20. Pittsburgh	15-2	179	17
21. Iowa State	13-4	173	18
22. Purdue	15-3	167	24
23. Indiana	15-3	162	25
24. Butler	13-4	156	23
25. Southern Cal	15-3	103	—

Others receiving votes: Gonzaga 35, Clemson 29, Dayton 29, Oregon 20, Valparaiso 16, Wichita State 16, UConn 12, Saint Mary's 10, Michigan 6, UALR 5, California 5, Washington 5, LSU 3, Monmouth 3, Seton Hall 2, UAB 1.

WOMEN'S POLLS

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 17, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. UConn (32)	16-0	800	1
2. South Carolina	17-0	766	2
3. Notre Dame	16-1	738	3
4. Baylor	18-1	700	6
5. Maryland	16-2	655	8
6. Texas	16-1	653	4
7. Ohio St.	13-4	588	5
8. Arizona St.	15-3	558	10
9. Kentucky	14-2	548	9
10. Mississippi St.	16-2	530	7
11. Oregon St.	14-3	493	12
12. Stanford	14-4	411	11
13. Texas A&M	13-5	399	15
14. Florida St.	13-4	397	16
15. South Florida	12-4	326	19
16. Miami	17-2	267	21
17. Louisville	14-5	254	23
18. Tennessee	11-5	235	13
19. Oklahoma	12-4	191	14
20. UCLA	12-5	160	17
21. Michigan St.	13-4	151	18
22. Florida	15-3	104	20
23. Missouri	15-3	103	24
24. DePaul	13-6	82	—
25. West Virginia	15-4	54	—

Others receiving votes: Purdue 47, Northwestern 46, Washington 42, Duke 32, Syracuse 20, Green Bay 19, George Washington 11, UTEP 7, Iowa 6, California 5, Oklahoma St. 3, Arkansas 4, Colorado St. 3, San Diego 3, St. Bonaventure 3, BYU 2, Southern Cal 1, Villanova 1.

Today's schedules

MEN

SOUTHWEST

Kansas at Oklahoma St., 8 p.m.
Northwestern St. at Texas A&M-CC, 6:30 p.m.
McNeese St. at Abilene Christian, 7 p.m.
Houston Baptist at Cent. Arkansas, 7 p.m.
Houston at SMU, 8 p.m.
LSU at Texas A&M, 8 p.m.

SOUTH

Tulsa at East Carolina, 6 p.m.
Mississippi St. at Florida, 6 p.m.
Longwood at Liberty, 6 p.m.
South Carolina at Mississippi, 6 p.m.
Tenn. Wesleyan at Wofford, 6 p.m.
Georgia Southern at Georgia St., 6:30 p.m.
Northwestern at Maryland, 7 p.m.
Clemson at Virginia, 7 p.m.
Alabama at Auburn, 8 p.m.

FAR WEST

UNLV at Utah St., 8 p.m.
Fresno St. at San Diego St., 10 p.m.

MIDWEST

E. Michigan at Akron, 6 p.m.
Kent St. at Ball St., 6 p.m.
Toledo at Bowling Green, 6 p.m.
Illinois at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Miami (Ohio), 6 p.m.
N. Kentucky at Oakland, 6 p.m.
W. Michigan at Ohio, 6 p.m.
Cent. Michigan at N. Illinois, 7 p.m.
Hannibal-LaGrange at SE Missouri, 7 p.m.
Green Bay at Chicago St., 7:05 p.m.
Georgetown at Xavier, 7:30 p.m.
Loyola of Chicago at Evansville, 8 p.m.

EAST

Butler at Providence, 5:30 p.m.
St. Peter's at Fairfield, 6 p.m.
Dayton at St. Bonaventure, 6 p.m.
Tulane vs. UConn at the XL Center, Hartford, Conn., 6 p.m.
NC State at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

WOMEN

SOUTH

Georgia Southern at Georgia St., 4 p.m.
Presbyterian at Campbell, 6 p.m.
Liberty at Coastal Carolina, 6 p.m.
Longwood at Gardner-Webb, 6 p.m.
Charleston Southern at Radford, 6 p.m.
High Point at Winthrop, 6 p.m.

MIDWEST

Rutgers at Michigan St., 5 p.m.

TABC-TEX PREPS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL RANKINGS

SUGAR LAND — High school basketball rankings as compiled by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches and Tex Preps Basketball magazine for the week of Jan. 18:

BOYS

Class 5A

1. Humble Atascocita, 25-0; 2. DeSoto, 22-1; 3. Cibolo Steele, 22-1; 4. SA Northside Brandeis, 22-0; 5. Houston Sam Houston, 20-4; 6. Amarillo Tascosa, 22-0; 7. Spring Dekaney, 18-0; 8. Cedar Hill, 17-3; 9. Killeen Shoemaker, 20-2; 10. Aldine Davis, 16-2; 11. North Crowley, 19-2; 12. Dallas Skyline, 19-1; 13. Fort Bend Travis, 21-3; 14. Fort Bend Highlower, 21-4; 15. Klein Forest, 17-4; 16. EP Bowie, 21-3; 17. South Grand Prairie, 16-7; 18. Plano East, 10-6; 19. Richardson, 18-5; 20. Austin Westlake, 19-2; 21. Spring Westfield, 18-6; 22. Los Fresnos, 19-6; 23. Brownsville Veterans, 21-3; 24. Arlington Martin, 17-4; 25. SA Churchill, 20-4.

Class 5A

1. Fort Bend Elkins, 23-1; 2. Lancaster, 20-2; 3. Fort Bend Bush, 17-7; 4. Cedar Park Vista Ridge, 23-1; 5. Houston Yates, 14-3; 6. Beaumont Central, 19-5; 7. Beaumont Ozen, 17-3; 8. Fort Bend Marshall, 19-5; 9. EP Burges, 19-0; 10. Frisco Liberty, 19-8; 11. Edinburg Vela, 20-2; 12. West Mesquite, 18-5; 13. Rockwall Heath, 19-4; 14. Amarillo Palo Duro, 15-3; 15. Lufkin, 21-0; 16. EP Bel Air, 17-2; 17. FW Chisholm Trail, 14-5; 18. SA Alamo Heights, 14-7; 19. Pleasanton, 18-5; 20. Marshall, 15-1; 21. McKinney North, 15-4; 22. Lewisville The Colony, 18-5; 23. Boerne Champion, 19-5; 24. Laredo Nixon, 17-4; 25. SA Jefferson, 17-5.

Class 4A

1. Silsbee, 17-5; 2. Beaumont, 19-5; 3. La Marque, 17-7; 4. Houston Wheatley, 19-3; 5. Dallas Lincoln, 11-11; 6. Dallas Carter, 15-6; 7. Paris, 21-2; 8. Weatherford, 15-3; 9. Dallas Madison, 10-8; 10. Dallas Triple A, 13-0; 11. Abilene Wylie, 18-5; 12. Stafford, 15-8; 13. Bridgeport, 15-8; 14. Argyle, 18-4; 15. Liberty Hill, 17-7; 16. Lubbock Estacado, 14-6; 17. Decatur, 17-6; 18. Wharton, 18-6; 19. Tatum, 19-7; 20. Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson, 20-6; 21. Lufkin Hudson, 19-7; 22. Winnsboro, 18-3; 23. Burkburnett, 14-7; 24. Anna, 22-3; 25. Center, 11-7.

Class 3A

1. Alvin Aldine, 17-5; 2. Brownfield, 19-3; 3. Ponder, 15-7; 4. Childress, 20-1; 5. Kermit, 21-2; 6. Kountze, 15-6; 7. Dodson Prairie View, 19-4; 8. Pewitt, 15-5; 9. Weatherford Brock, 19-6; 10. Aransas Pass, 16-8; 11. Jarrell, 18-3; 12. Wall, 14-5; 13 Red Oak Lufe, 22-3; 14. East Chambers, 16-4; 15. Quitman, 23-2; 16. SA Randolph, 14-5; 17. Nixon-Smiley, 17-5; 18. Westom, 6-5; 19. Nacogdoches Central Heights, 10-13; 20. Pottsboro Colony, 19-4; 21. Franklin, 21-2; 22. Whitesright, 14-7; 23. Santa Rosa, 14-8; 24. Daingerfield, 11-5; 25. Slaton, 13-6.

Class 2A

1. Dallardsville Big Sandy, 24-0; 2. Martins Mill, 19-4; 3. Clarksville, 19-4; 4. Thorndale, 20-2; 5. Tenaha, 12-6; 6. Muenster, 18-3; 7. San Augustine, 15-3; 8. Ferrell, 16-3; 9. Parkhill, 19-2; 10. Schulenburg, 16-6; 11. Pilotnia, 19-4; 12. Vega, 11-7; 13. Stratford, 7-3; 14. Canadian, 3-4; 15. La Rue La Poynor, 17-4; 16. Dallas Gateway, 12-9; 17. Grapeland, 15-8; 18. Harper, 18-5; 19. Clarendon, 16-4; 20. Port Aransas, 11-12; 21. Shamrock, 18-0; 22. Avery, 17-6; 23. Smyer, 16-4; 24. SA Lee Academy, 19-1; 25. Electra, 16-3.

Class 1A

1. Lipan, 22-0; 2. Aringer, 18-2; 3. Grady, 19-4; 4. Coolidge, 19-3; 5. Nazareth, 11-10; 6. Hedley, 14-6; 7. Textine, 12-8; 8. Lanesville, 11-10; 9. Jayton, 17-4; 10. Menard, 16-4; 11. Calvert, 14-3; 12. Chesna, 16-7; 13. Whitehead, 15-2; 14. Westbrook, 15-7; 15. Turkey Valley, 9-8; 16. Knox City, 17-4; 17. Dime Box, 17-5; 18. May, 14-2; 19. Lingleville, 13-6; 20. Lometa, 17-3; 21. Borden County, 10-3; 22. Huckabay, 13-6; 23. McMullen County, 20-4; 24. Water Valley, 15-2; 25 Meadow, 11-6.

Large Private Schools

1. Addison Trinity Christian, 21-3; 2. Plano Priestonwood Christian, 20-7; 3. Tomball Concordia Lutheran, 26-5; 4. Houston Bellaire Episcopal, 21-4; 5. SA St. Anthony Catholic, 24-5; 6. Houston Westbury Christian, 20-7; 7. Beaumont Mirealegor, 17-4; 8. Austin St. Stephen's, 18-5; 9. SA Antonian, 23-6; 10. Saint Mary's Hall, 17-8; 11. FW Southwest Christian, 19-6; 12. Houston St. Thomas, 16-4; 13. Houston Christian, 20-7; 14. SA Central Catholic, 23-5; 15. FW Nolan Catholic, 19-6; 16. Holy Cross of San Antonio, 24-3; 17. Lubbock Trinity Christian, 19-7; 18. Austin St. Michael's Catholic, 19-6; 19. Austin St. Dominic Savio, 19-7; 20. Houston Kinkaid, 17-6; 21. Dallas Parish Episcopal, 13-3; 22. Houston The Village School, 16-1; 23. Tyler All-Saints Episcopal, 17-7; 24. Colleyville Covenant Christian, 19-8; 25. Dallas Greenhill, 13-6.

Small Private Schools

1. Cedar Hill Trinity Christian, 22-4; 2. Arlington Grace Prep, 19-5; 3. Houston St. Thomas Episcopal, 13-12; 4. Beaumont Legacy Christian, 19-5; 5. Austin Waldorf, 21-2; 6. Midland Classical, 18-8; 7. Conroe Lifestyle Christian, 22-6; 8. Baytown Christian, 17-4; 9. The Woodlands Christian, 19-7; 10. Lubbock Christian, 21-6; 11. SA Lutheran, 20-7; 12. Waco Vanguard College Prep, 12-9; 13. Kerrville Our Lady of the Hills, 14-4; 14. Katy Faith West, 19-6; 15. Granbury North Texas Christian, 9-4; 16. Dallas Temah, 19-4; 17. Kingwood Nativity Christian, 20-7; 18. FW Lake Country Christian, 12-12; 19. Geneva School of Boerne, 21-9; 20. Lubbock All Saints Episcopal, 19-8; 21. League City Bay Area Christian, 12-12; 22. Dallas First Baptist, 11-3; 23. Huntsville Alpha Omega, 17-6; 24. San Marcos Hill Country, 11-4; 25. Mission Juan Diego, 14-4.

GIRLS

Class 6A

1. Duncanville, 26-0; 2. Galena Park North Shore, 24-1; 3. Spring Dekaney, 24-1; 4. Plano West, 23-3; 5. Amarillo, 23-4; 6. Cibolo Steele, 27-1; 7. Harlingen, 25-1; 8. Cypress Woods, 17-6; 9. Killeen, 24-4; 10. Cedar Hill, 20-6; 11. League City Clear Springs, 19-8; 12. Euless Trinity, 21-3; 13. Mesquite Horn, 21-5; 14. SA Northside Clark, 25-3; 15. South Grand Prairie, 21-7; 16. SA John Jay, 17-7; 17. Flower Mound, 18-4; 18. Fort Bend Highlower, 19-6; 19. Katy Seven Lakes, 20-8; 20. Waco Midway, 22-5; 21. Converse Judson, 21-4; 22. SA Northside Brandeis, 17-6; 23. Richardson, 17-7; 24. Laredo Alexander, 22-7; 25. League City Clear Falls, 22-4.

Class 5A

1. Mansfield Timberview, 23-0; 2. Canyon, 21-1; 3. EP Burges, 19-3; 4. WF Rider, 25-1; 5. Lufkin, 23-0; 6. Cedar Park Vista Ridge, 22-4; 7. Tyler, 23-2; 8. Floresville, 21-3; 9. Bryan Rudder, 22-4; 10. Prosper, 22-3; 11. Frisco Liberty, 21-6; 12. Hereford, 18-4; 13. Georgetown, 14-8; 14. West Mesquite, 16-8; 15. Barbers Hill, 18-7; 16. Beaumont Ozen, 19-3; 17. McKinney North, 18-8; 18. Fort Bend Bush, 14-8; 19. Mansfield Summit, 18-5; 20. San Angelo Lake View, 24-3; 21. Tomball Memorial, 14-3; 22. Pearland, 19-6; 23. Mission Sharyland, 21-7; 24. Alado, 18-7; 25. Laredo Cigarroa, 24-6.

Class 4A

1. Argyle, 21-1; 2. Navasota, 29-0; 3. Waco La Vega, 20-2; 4. Abilene Wylie, 20-4; 5. Talum, 20-2; 6. Senger, 22-3; 7. Dallas Lincoln, 19-4; 8. Godley, 21-5; 9. Brownsboro, 23-4; 10. Mineola, 17-4; 11. Devine, 21-2; 12. Cantón, 18-6; 13. Wharton, 23-0; 14. Kennedale, 17-6; 15. Liberty Hill, 24-3; 16. Beaumont, 19-5; 17. Taylor, 17-4; 18. Carrollton Ranchview, 20-3; 19. Madisonville, 17-8; 20. Gilmer, 17-4; 21. Bullard, 20-6; 22. Houston Wheatley, 16-4; 23. Levelland, 17-8; 24. Gatesville, 17-5; 25. Boerne, 20-6.

Class 3A

1. Wall, 20-4; 2. Shallowater, 21-4; 3. Nacogdoches Central Heights, 18-4; 4. Jarrell, 22-3; 5. Bowie, 19-6; 6. Weatherford Brock, 21-4; 7. SA Cole, 25-3; 8. Alba-Golden, 18-7; 9. Winnsboro, 20-5; 10. Buffalo, 18-0; 11. Malakoff, 19-3; 12. Life Oak Cliff, 19-5; 13. Tuscola Jim Ned, 17-8; 14. Mount Pleasant Chapel Hill, 21-6; 15. Little River Academy, 20-6; 16. Italy, 17-6; 17. Grandview, 16-7; 18. Hitchcock, 24-3; 19. Hallettsville, 23-5; 20. Odem, 20-8; 21. Mathis, 28-1; 22. Goliad, 24-5; 23. Littlefield, 21-4; 24. Pottsboro, 21-3; 25. East Chambers, 22-3.

Class 2A

1. Canadian, 17-3; 2. Weimar, 25-2; 3. Mason, 24-3; 4. Martins Mill, 19-6; 5. Panhandle, 22-1; 6. La Rue La Poynor, 24-2; 7. Gruver, 18-4; 8. Muenster, 16-5; 9. Windthorst, 19-3; 10. San Saba, 20-4; 11. Thorndale, 20-2; 12. Hico, 20-4; 13. Christoval, 21-5; 14. Rosebud-Lott, 21-3; 15. Slocum, 21-4; 16. Goldthwaite, 18-3; 17. Gladewater Union Grove, 21-4; 18. Evadale, 22-4; 19. Smyer, 18-6; 20. Honey Grove, 19-2; 21. Sundown, 22-6; 22. Falls City, 16-8; 23. Wellington, 18-4; 24. Frost, 17-2; 25. Sabinal, 17-6.

Class 1A

1. Garden City, 18-2; 2. Lipan, 19-6; 3. Nazareth, 18-5; 4. Chireno, 23-3; 5. Dodd City, 23-1; 6. Nueces Canyon, 18-2; 7. Richland Springs, 17-2; 8. Sabinal, 19-8; 9. Turkey Valley, 16-2; 10. Iraan, 18-2; 11. May, 19-1; 12. Huckabay, 16-6; 13. Newcastle, 19-4; 14. Goodrich, 17-4; 15. Follett, 19-7; 16. Ropes, 20-2; 17. Coolidge, 20-4; 18. O'Donnell, 18-7; 19. Roscoe Highland, 14-6; 20. Lorenzo, 17-8; 21. Whitharral, 15-5; 22. Robert Lee, 16-4; 23. North Zulch, 14-2; 24. Slidell, 20-2; 25. Grady, 13-8.

Large Private Schools

1. Argyle Liberty Christian, 24-4; 2. Tomball Concordia Lutheran, 24-6; 3. Dallas Bishop Lynch, 15-7; 4. SA Incarnate Word, 17-6; 5. SA Antonian, 28-4; 6. Plano Prestonwood, 13-5; 7. Victoria St. Joseph's, 23-5; 8. Dallas Christian, 21-5; 9. CC Incarnate Word, 21-5; 10. Dallas Greenhill, 17-4; 11. Houston Westbury Christian, 21-7; 12. Austin Regents, 16-5; 13. Houston Kinkaid, 19-7; 14. Houston Duchesne, 22-3; 15. Austin St. Dominic Savio, 14-9; 16. Houston Bellaire Episcopal, 17-8; 17. Austin St. Michaels, 14-13; 18. Lubbock Trinity, 13-12; 19. SA Christian, 18-9; 20. Plano John Paul II, 9-9; 21. Dallas Parish Episcopal, 13-6; 22. Houston St. Agnes, 17-12; 23. Houston Village School, 16-4; 24. Houston Christian, 14-12; 25. Dallas Ursuline, 13-7.

Small Private Schools

1. Lubbock Christian, 18-6; 2. Houston Lutheran North, 23-6; 3. Marble Falls Faith, 23-5; 4. FW Lake Country Christian, 23-6; 5. Beaumont Legacy Christian, 15-7; 6. Tomball Rosehill Christian, 18-3; 7. McKinney Christian, 14-3; 8. Cedar Hill Trinity Christian, 17-4; 9. **Midland Classical, 14-8**; 10. Sherman Texoma Christian, 12-9; 11. Austin Brentwood Christian,

Eagles hire Pederson as new coach

By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Eagles are sort of going back to their glory days.

Doug Pederson, who helped groom Donovan McNabb for the starting quarterback job and a successful playoff run, was hired Monday to be Philadelphia's coach.

Pederson was Kansas City's offensive coordinator under Andy Reid for the past three seasons.

"Doug is a strategic thinker, a compelling leader and communicator, and someone who truly knows how to get the best out of his players," Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie said. "All of these factors were what initially attracted us to Doug and we believe that he is the right man to help us achieve our ultimate goal."

Pederson accepted the offer to become Philadelphia's coach last week. The team had to wait for the Chiefs to be eliminated from the playoffs before making it official.

Pederson started nine games at quarterback for the Eagles in 1999 when Reid was a first-year coach and McNabb was a rookie.

He prepared McNabb to take over later in the season and the Eagles started a string of playoff appearances the following year.

Pederson returned to Philly a decade later as an assistant under Reid and helped Michael Vick have his best season in 2010.

Pederson followed Reid to Kansas City in 2013 and was promoted to offensive coordinator.

Pederson replaces Chip Kelly, who was fired one game before completing his third season.

The Eagles interviewed six candidates, including two-time Super Bowl champion Tom Coughlin.

As the Chiefs offensive coordinator from 2013-15, Pederson helped guide Kansas City to a 31-17 regular-season record and playoff appearances in 2013 and 2015.

The Chiefs didn't rank higher than 21st in total yards in any of his three seasons, but overall were first in the NFL in rushing touchdowns (54), third in yards per carry (4.6) and seventh in total yards rushing (6,018).

Pederson is credited with developing quarterback Alex Smith, a former No. 1 overall pick by San Francisco.

Under Pederson's guidance, Smith had three consecutive 3,000-yard seasons, threw the second-fewest interceptions among quarterbacks with more than 1,000 attempts (20) and ranked fourth among all quarterbacks with 1,183 yards rushing.

Pederson played 10 NFL seasons almost exclusively as a backup quarterback. He was with Miami, Green Bay, Philadelphia and Cleveland. He was 2-7 as a starter for the Eagles. The following year with Cleveland, he went 1-7 as a starter.

Pederson played for Don Shula, Mike Holmgren and Reid. He played behind Brett Favre, Dan Marino, McNabb and Jim McMahon.

The Eagles finished 7-9 this past season. Kelly was 10-6 in each of his first two seasons and won a division title in 2013 before going 6-9 this season. He was hired to coach the 49ers last week.

NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 9
Kansas City 30, Houston 0
Pittsburgh 18, Cincinnati 16

Sunday, Jan. 10
Seattle 10, Minnesota 9
Green Bay 35, Washington 18

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 16
New England 27, Kansas City 20
Arizona 26, Green Bay 20, OT

Sunday, Jan. 17
Carolina 31, Seattle 24
Denver 23, Pittsburgh 16

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 24
AFC
New England at Denver, 3:05 p.m. (CBS)
NFC
Arizona at Carolina, 6:40 p.m. (FOX)

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 31
At Honolulu
Team Rice vs. Team Irvin, 6 p.m. (ESPN)

Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 7
At Santa Clara, Calif.
TBD, 5:30 p.m. (CBS)

New Titans GM pleads for patience, Mularkey promises changes

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans' new general manager made a passionate plea for patience Monday as he takes over a franchise at its lowest point in more than 30 years with a head coach getting his third chance in the NFL in Mike Mularkey.

"This is my home, and you guys are my family," said Jon Robinson, a Union City, Tennessee native.

"I've been a Titan fan ever since '97 when this football team moved here. We're going to build this team the right way. All decisions that we make will be made in the best interest of this team, your football team. Please let us earn your support."

Robinson became emotional wrapping up the Titans' nearly hour-long news conference Monday introducing both the new general manager and Mularkey, who had the interim tag removed Saturday.

Robinson talked about how he learned the value of hard work watching his father take care of a 10-acre farm in West Tennessee while working more than 30 years at a tire factory.

Trying to make a personal connection with fans can only help the new general manager trying to revive a franchise that has gone an NFL-worst 5-27 the past two seasons in this team's worst two-year stretch since 1983-84 in Houston.

The number of empty seats keeps growing with only one winning record in the past seven seasons and the last playoff victory in January 2004.

Robinson has final roster control, the No. 1 pick overall in the April draft, the No. 2 pick in last year's draft in quarterback Marcus Mariota and more than $20 million in salary cap space to start rebuilding. Now he gets the chance to prove what he learned working in New England for 12 years and Tampa Bay the past two seasons.

"It really feels good to be home," Robinson said.

He will be working with a coach in Mularkey who has an 18-39 record as a head coach in stops at Buffalo, Jacksonville and his interim stint replacing Ken Whisenhunt on Nov. 3.

The decision to hire Mularkey after the Titans interviewed three other candidates — announced during New England's divisional playoff win over Kansas City — has angered fans wanting a fresh face as coach.

Mularkey is just 4-21 over his past 25 games, and he refused to talk Monday about what went wrong in Buffalo or Jacksonville. He defended himself as a good coach and noted other coaches have won when given another chance.

Want the Lombardi Trophy? Pay attention to your lessons

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

Associated Press

Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning, left, greets Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger after the Broncos defeated the Steelers in an NFL football divisional playoff game, on Sunday, in Denver.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Every team in the second round of the NFL playoffs learned some lessons about themselves.

For the four winners, how they apply those lessons will determine if they make the Super Bowl.

All four have been to the big game in this century, with the Patriots, of course, leading the way. But even the four-time champions who looked the most solid of the survivors of the second round have some self-searching to do.

They simply have fewer questions to answer, which makes sense when Tom Brady is your quarterback.

"I think we had plenty of plays out there that we left on the field, things that we can definitely do better, and I think we can be sharper next week." Brady said after the 27-20 win against Kansas City. "So that's what we're going to try to be. We're going to need it."

Both NFC teams will need to find their previously staunch defenses. Carolina was opportunistic and impenetrable for 30 minutes, almost amateurish for the next 30 in surviving Seattle 31-24.

Arizona was victimized for big plays by receivers few people outside of Green Bay knew in a 26-20 overtime victory.

And Denver must find the end zone rather than settling for field goals against New England after a 23-16 win over Pittsburgh.

Some things the final four — and the rest of the football world — learned over the weekend:

NEW ENGLAND: The Patriots couldn't run the ball against Kansas City, and Denver had the best regular-season defense in the NFL. New England was helped greatly by a timid Chiefs defense, but to expect to so easily move the ball against the Broncos could be a major mistake.

Of course, the Patriots discovered that Julian Edelman could step right back in after missing nearly a month with a broken foot. That's a significant boost to the offense if Edelman came out of the victory in good shape.

The defending champions also have prospered with several backups being called upon because of injuries. Top linebackers Jerod Mayo and Jamie Collins were hurt on Saturday, so there could be more holes to fill.

DENVER: Peyton Manning came through with yet another winning drive, his 55th in the fourth quarter or overtime, extending one of the dozen NFL records he owns. Not to be overlooked, though, is it was the only touchdown march for Denver; stalling in the red zone is a formula for failure against the Patriots.

Consistent pressure when Brady drops back to pass, as he will do from the outset next Sunday, also is required. Denver recognizes that, and also found it can provide it with a multi-dimension defense.

These Broncos are accustomed to close games — and wins

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — The Denver Broncos don't get tight when their games get that way.

Their 23-16 win over Pittsburgh on Sunday was their 10th by seven points or fewer, tying the 1978 Houston Oilers for most such triumphs in a single season in NFL history.

With 14 of their games going down to the wire, "we're battled-tested," defensive end Derek Wolfe said.

"We've been in these situations so many times that you don't even panic anymore," receiver Emmanuel Sanders said. "You just know that we're going to come through."

Against Pittsburgh, cornerback Bradley Roby forced a fumble for the game's only turnover, DeMarcus Ware recovered and Peyton Manning drove Denver downfield for its only TD with three minutes remaining.

"That is how it's been all year," said C.J. Anderson, who punched it in from the 1. "We've had ups and downs. We've struggled, but we keep on battling. Throughout the season we've learned that it's going to take four quarters to beat teams. We're relentless in there. We fight, we grind, we just keep pushing."

"That kind of has become a theme for us," coach Gary Kubiak said Monday, "to grind and work and just keep ourselves in position to be successful."

Roby said playing in so many close games has kept the Broncos cool-headed when the heat is on.

"If you haven't been in a situation like this all season, then when it happens, you start thinking of the wrong things," Roby said. "We've been here all the time, so it was just that we were going to do our job and make something happen.'"

Denver is 10-3 in games decided by seven points or fewer. A 12-point win at Detroit in September was a five-point game until Owen Daniels' TD with 2:28 left.

"I think it helps playing a lot of close games during the course of the season, starting with the very first one against Baltimore," Manning said. "That was a dog fight, grinder and went down to the last drive. If you can be in a lot of those games and win those games, it certainly gives you confidence and, hey, it's playoff football."

The New England Patriots, who visit Denver for the AFC championship, are 6-3 in games decided by seven points or fewer, including a 30-24 overtime loss to the Broncos on Nov. 29.

On Sunday, Denver's NFL-best defense kept things close until Manning could deliver his 55th comeback in crunch time.

"Our defense has been outstanding all season. They have led us to this point, let's make that clear," Manning said. "Each game, key defensive players stepped it up, but you have to be a good team to win these playoff games and you have to win as a team."

Daniels called this latest nail-biter "a microcosm of our season."

"It wasn't pretty. We struggled offensively, but when it really counted, we found a way to put a great drive together and run the ball," Daniels said. "It's another one of those games we found a way to do it."

The Broncos (13-4) figure they'll have to play better against the Patriots (13-4). No more blown coverages. Or dropped passes. But they also have a strut borne from pulling out so many close games, a quiet confidence that things will work out and the opponent will crater.

"Our confidence is perfect," cornerback Aqib Talib said. "We're good. We're playing a team who we beat earlier this year, we're at home, we're healthy. So, let's get it."

In the 2012 season, the Broncos rolled into the playoffs on an 11-game winning streak in which their average margin of victory was 16.45 points. They promptly lost in double overtime to Baltimore 38-35 in what was their first close game in three months.

The Broncos' average margin of victory this season is 7.15 points. They haven't had a breather since beating San Diego 17-3 on Dec. 6.

"We had all these tight games," Von Miller said, "I guess it's time for us to blow out somebody, right?"

Notes: S/PR Omar Bolden (knee) is out for the playoffs. ... The Broncos are still scratching their heads over several calls Sunday such as the quick whistle on a sack that negated Miller's scoop-6 and the touchback on the Steelers' fumbled punt. Kubiak's biggest concern was the non-call on an onside kick in the closing seconds: "The ball was touched at 7½ yards and there was no flag, so thank God we survived that one."

Panthers No. 1 offense shining in Newton's 5th season

By Steve Reed
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Carolina Panthers have a reputation of being a defensive team.

Cam Newton is changing that perception in his fifth season.

The Panthers (16-1) finished the regular season as the highest-scoring team in the NFL, and have scored at least 27 points in 14 of their last 15 games behind their All-Pro quarterback. On Sunday, the Panthers bolted to a 31-point halftime lead against the Seattle Seahawks and held on to win 31-24 to reach the NFC championship game for the first time since 2005.

The top-seeded Panthers host the Arizona Cardinals (14-3) on Sunday.

It's not exactly what you'd expect from a team whose head coach has a defensive background.

"Not really," coach Ron Rivera said with a laugh when asked if he ever thought he'd be coaching a team that led the league in scoring.

"To see how explosive we have been and the play of our quarterback has been special. I didn't know if we would ever be like."

The growth of Carolina's offense has been a slow, steady journey.

Rivera attributes that to maintaining continuity on the coaching staff over Newton's first five seasons. Although offensive coordinator Rob Chudzinski left after two seasons, the Panthers promoted quarterbacks coach Mike Shula to that role and the rest of the staff has pretty much remained intact since 2011.

The Panthers have won three straight NFC South titles and started this season 14-0.

"That has a lot to do with" our success, Rivera said. "These guys have been together a while and it allowed them to have continuity to develop this offense and have it morph into fitting around the quarterback's skillset as opposed to forcing him into what you want to do."

Rivera and his staff extensively studied the things Newton did well at Auburn, where he led the Tigers to a national championship in his only season and won the Heisman Trophy. The coaches worked to incorporate philosophies of the read option, which plays to the skills of the 6-foot-5, 250-pound quarterback.

Late last season, Shula went a step further, moving to primarily a no-huddle offense because that is where Newton is most comfortable.

After five years in the system, Newton looks more comfortable and confident in the offense than he ever has before. When the Panthers surrendered a 28-point lead against the New York Giants late in the season, cameras showed Newton calmly shaking his head up and down on the sideline, confident he was going to lead the Panthers to the winning field goal.

He did just that, and the Panthers escaped with a 38-35 win.

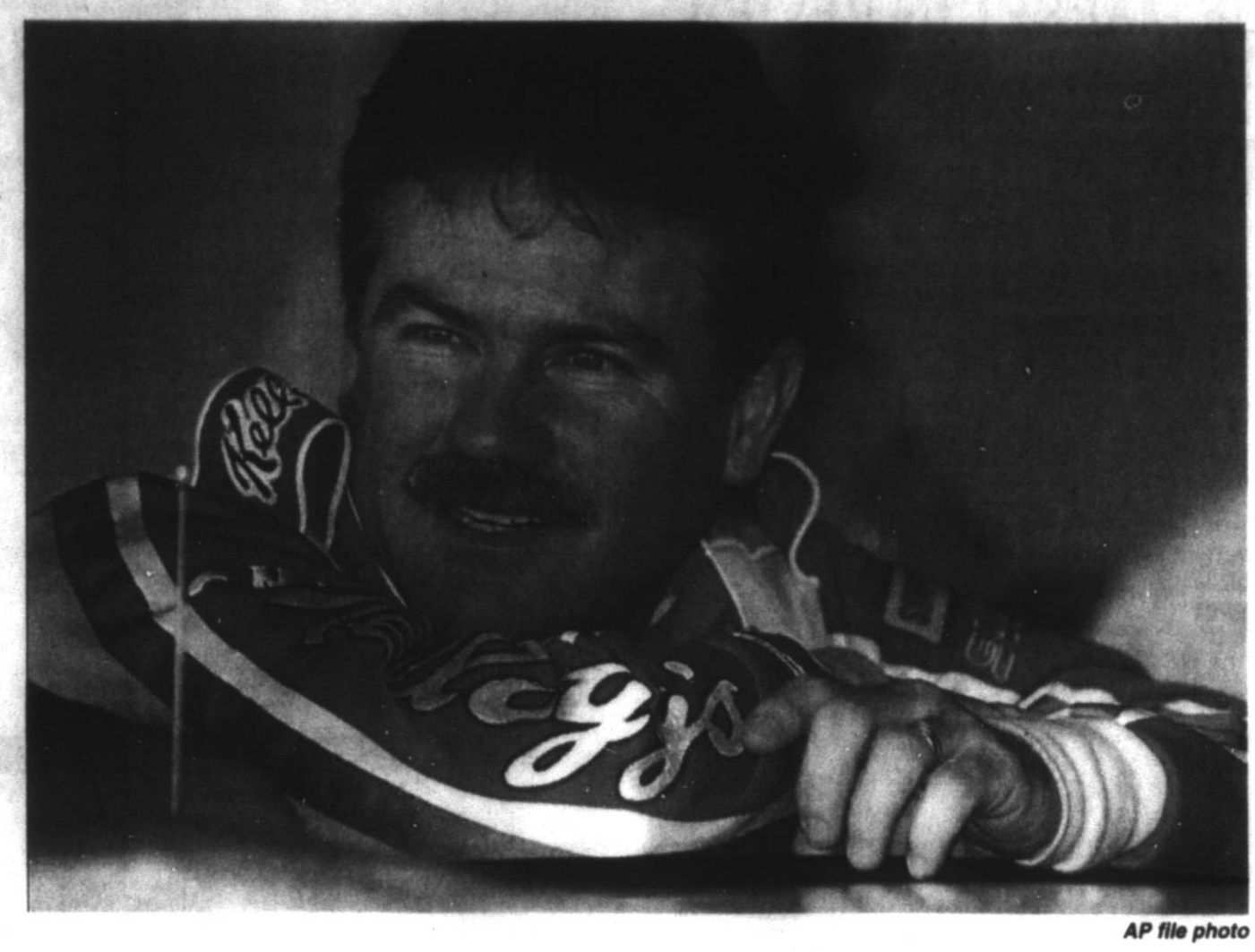
"With those great quarterbacks you always get that sense that they're in control," wide receiver Jerricho Cotchery said. "It's no different with him. We always feel like we're in control because he is our quarterback."

Newton said the Panthers don't get nervous.

"We prepared too much to get nervous," Newton said. "In some way, shape or form we played this game numerous times in our head, watched countless film, made this adjustment and that adjustment so when you're put in the fire you already have what you need to do what you do. Nothing else needs to be done or said. No matter if we're up or we're down, just believe in the plan and keep going."

Corpus Christi's Labonte prepares for NASCAR Hall of Fame

By Len Hayward
Corpus Christi Caller-Times



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Two-time Winston Cup Champion Terry Labonte leans on the top of his Chevrolet racer in the garage area after practice for the Daytona 500 auto race, in Daytona Beach, Fla. on Feb. 12, 1997. The distinction of being a hall of famer is something that never really crossed Terry Labonte's mind in his racing career. In fact, the NASCAR Hall of Fame didn't exist when he embarked on his career as a youngster in Corpus Christi in go-karts in an elementary school parking lot in the early 1960s.

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In fact, the NASCAR Hall of Fame didn't exist when he embarked on his career as a youngster in Corpus Christi in go-karts in an elementary school parking lot in the early 1960s.

But as the 59-year-old is set for induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte later this week, it is Corpus Christi where the roots of that success were laid. Labonte, even now as a three-decade long resident of North Carolina, still considers Corpus Christi his hometown and where he began his race to greatness.

From the parking lot where he raced quarter midgets as a youngster to the quarter-mile Corpus Christi Speedway to Meyers Speedway in Houston all the way to the NASCAR cathedrals of Daytona and Darlington, Labonte's racing journey has taken him around the world to two national stock car championships and millions of dollars in winnings.

A 1975 Mary Carroll High School grad, Labonte was a local racing legend in his teens, winning races against older competitors in a car built by his father, Bob, and close friends. Terry Labonte later went on to win championships in Houston and San Antonio before his NASCAR career went full throttle.

It was in a shop off Old Brownsville Road, where those cars were maintained and built, that the Terry Labonte racing legend was forged.

"I'm proud that people that know about racing, that are familiar with NASCAR and NASCAR fans come to Corpus Christi for one reason or another, maybe the tourist town of it, the beach of it, just for whatever reason they enter town there is Labonte Park," Rick Rapp, a Corpus Christi native, former competitor of the Labontes and family friend, said of the park on the Nueces River named for Terry Labonte and his brother, Bobby. "That makes me proud."

Bob Labonte was in the Navy and came to Corpus Christi in the late 1940s, and later settled in the city working at the Corpus Christi Army Depot.

He dabbled in racing as a teenager in Maine, and Terry Labonte remembers him always working on cars. He worked on cars that raced at Corpus Christi Speedway and also drove a few nights, helping out friend and local salvage yard operator Al Yeomans.

"I raced at CC Speedway for just a few nights when the guy that drove the car got hurt," Bob Labonte said.

It didn't take Dad long to pass on that passion to his sons. Terry Labonte began racing go-karts in a school parking lot near the family's home on Key West Drive and then moved on to quarter-midgets. Bobby Labonte, who is eight years younger than Terry, raced, too.

"I really enjoyed it," Terry Labonte said. "And it was always something that I did with my dad. Still today he comes to the shop every day and works."

While other boys their age were pedaling bicycles, the Labonte brothers were getting an early taste of horsepower.

Terry Labonte won a quarter-midget national championship in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at 9 years old in 1966, and raced until his teenage years before moving to bigger cars at the local Corpus Christi Speedway and the half-mile dirt track at Cuddihy Field.

"I remember I got a trophy, and it was about that tall," Terry Labonte said showing his hands about 7 inches apart recalling his first race win during an interview at Texas Motor Speedway in November. "I think it's in a box somewhere packed away, but I've still got that trophy. I've also got the quarter-midget when I was 9 years old, and my grandson goes and sits in it now."

It was that relationship with his father that Terry Labonte remembers the most about racing locally and in NASCAR. While he was building a career in South Texas, his father and family were right there with him.

Aaron "Slick" Yeomans, also a Corpus Christi native transplanted to North Carolina and a close friend of the Labonte family, said his father, Al, and Bob Labonte worked on cars together. Yeomans remembers how hard the Labonte family labored to make sure Terry and Bobby were successful.

Bob Labonte worked on the cars, while the boys' mother, Martha, sold tickets at the racetrack.

"There is not any one person more dedicated to racing and being good at it than Bob Labonte," said Yeomans, himself a successful racer in asphalt Late Model stock cars. "He was kind of behind the scenes a lot and anybody that knows Terry knows his dad. Bob did a lot for him, and sacrificed a lot, and his mother did, too. She was part of it and it's been a family deal."

Terry Labonte was introduced into the racing world of Corpus Christi in the early 1970s when grass-roots racing was a rough and tumble sport.

Fistfights in the pits and the stands were common, and what might be considered rough racing today on the track was common place, meaning there was lots of bumping to get positions and sometimes flared tempers.

"It was truly when men raced," said Rapp, who raced against Labonte. "They didn't have daddies footing the bill, and most of the time they were guys that worked at garages or gas stations , blue collar folks. Your sponsors were bars, a lot of bars, car-related things such as auto parts and junkyards. It was a pretty gruff bunch of guys, and it was not your PC folks, let me tell you."

Bob Labonte worked on the cars at the family's shop on Old Brownsville Road, while Terry Labonte would sometimes come by, driving a white Corvette, to check in. His younger brother worked at the shop as well.

Terry Labonte had similar success driving full-size cars as he did in quarter midgets, winning frequently in the "Hobby" class where he raced a rebuilt 1957 Chevy. He is believed to have won his first track championship in 1974 in the Hobby class at Corpus Christi Speedway.

And it was during this time that Terry Labonte began to build his reputation as a cool, collected driver, while also winning a bunch of races. In fact, at the end of the 1974 season, Labonte swept his heat race, the "Australian Pursuit," and the 40-lap feature at CC Speedway to win the Hobby title.

That was a common occurrence through his career in his hometown both at Corpus Christi Speedway and Cuddihy Field's dirt track, where at one time in 1975 the promoters placed a $50 bounty on Labonte if another driver could beat him.

"He kept his cool and didn't get excited, and he was a very smooth racer," Yeomans said. "We raced that little ol' quarter-mile track and it's so tight, he developed a lot of skills through that."

All that winning, though, also produced some feuds along the way. Rapp said he carried a knife in his car while the two teams were feuding, and Terry Labonte said, "it was pretty rough," adding he carried Mace in the car just in case something happened.

"The orders he had from me was if somebody comes for the car that you don't know who it is, give them a shot," Bob Labonte said.

Peace has long since been made but at the time it was a realization for Terry Labonte and his family that it was time to race somewhere else. Rapp, meanwhile, said an incident during a month championship race in 1976 was one of the catalysts for them to look for other places to race. Finding other racetracks in Houston and San Antonio to compete led to Terry Labonte being recruit by a NASCAR car owner to drive on stock car racing's biggest circuit and Labonte's multimillion-dollar career.

"The last time I was in (North Carolina), we were at Bobby's shop and they had motor homes pulled in, one pulled one way and the other pulled the other way," Rapp said. "Both were a million dollars apiece. We are looking at these motor homes and during that conversation, (Bob) said, 'Have I thanked you lately?' You have to understand his humor, but he knows that event that evening helped stir them to racing in Houston where they got discovered by Billy Hagan."

Terry Labonte took the family's late 1970s model Camaro, which he said was his favorite racing car, to Meyers Speedway in Houston in 1976 and was immediately successful, winning the Late Model track championship that same year at the now defunct speedway in southwest Houston.

A year later, Terry Labonte won the track championship at Hi Way 16 Speedway (now San Antonio Speedway), and had a chance at another title at Meyers Speedway if not for the fact that both season championship races were on the same Saturday night.

Terry Labonte said racing on those tracks helped him learn what it took to win on a regular basis against quality competition.

"I tell you what, you are only as good as the people you race against, and we were really good back then," he said. "I think that if you could be competitive against those people, you could be competitive anywhere."

In 1977, the Labonte family was introduced to Louisiana businessman and millionaire Billy Hagan, who owned a race team on the NASCAR Winston Cup circuit. Meyers Speedway track owner Ed Hamlin found out that Terry Labonte would not attend a race that year because they had a blown engine and needed new tires, and couldn't afford to make the trip.

Through Hamlin, a sponsorship was set up with Hagan so that he could race.

A year later, Terry Labonte moved to North Carolina and drove in NASCAR's then Winston Cup Grand National Series. Terry Labonte did want to think the offer over, but his father told him, "Boy, it might be the only shot you get, people like that don't come around every day."

Accepting the offer sparked a Hall of Fame career that produced 22 wins in NASCAR's Sprint Cup Series, two championships and more than $38 million in winnings.

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AbbVie		1 56.29	.29
Abbott		2.88	7.34
Accenture		1 92.69	2.21
Activision		1 28.44	-.21
Adobe Sys		1 93.13	.43
AecomTech		34.01	-2.44
Aetna		1 00.05	-2.51
Agilent		1 34.61	.14
Agrium		1 78.96	.34
Air Prod		1 43.81	-2.44
Allstate		1 69.19	-.45
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AltriaGrp		1 57.99	.33
AmerAirl		1 42.88	-.57
AmerExp		1.60	.09
AmerElPow		1 57.06	.35
AmerIntl		1 55.93	.45
AmerTower		1 02.09	.24
Ameriprise		1 02.68	-.38
Amgen		1 59.45	-1.22
Amphenol		1 56.45	-.22
Anadarko		1 04.52	-2.64
Apache		1 33	-.06
ArcelorMit		1 84.21	-.47
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Avery Dnn		1 47.65	-.39
Avon		2.50	-.18
BB&T Cp		1 08.53	-.44
BHP Billit		2.48	-.09
BJ's Rest		1.49	
BP PLC		2.40	1.61
BrdcomCrp		1 44.64	.22
BrstMyers		1 54.41	.36
BrkfldPrp		1 28.46	.30
BrkshHathB		1 52.46	.30
Brunswick		1 40.97	.58
BuckeyeP		1 62.25	.05
BunchEnr		2.00	.02
CBS B		1 40.45	.88
CF Inds n		1 20.07	57.1
CVS Health		1 09.93	-.61
CblevsNY		90.30	.93
CabotO&G		18.41	-.10
CalatlaRes		41.28	-.19
Caldera		13.63	.68
CampSp		2.55	.09
CdnNatRs		20.92	-1.15
CapOne		1 60.82	-.81
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CarMax		64.52	.2.04
Carnival		1 20.49	63.2
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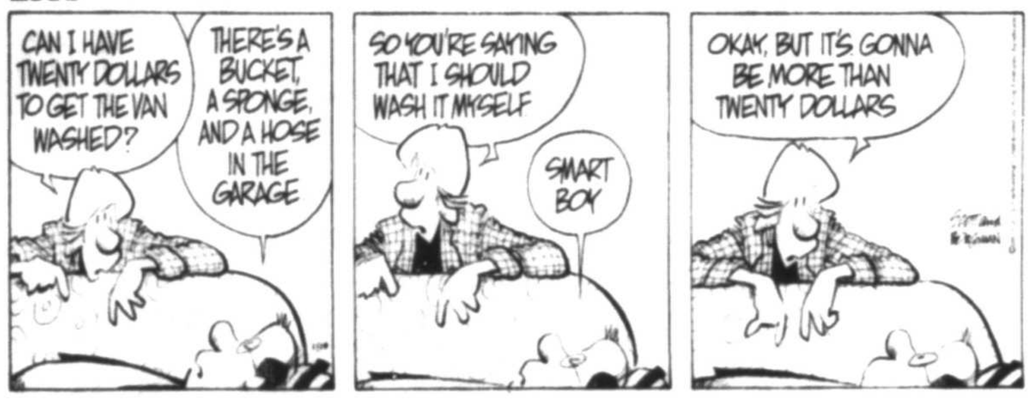

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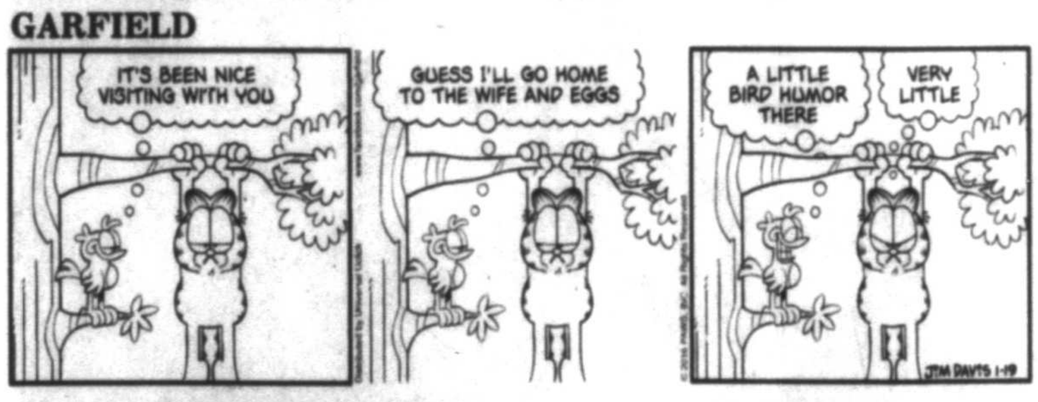

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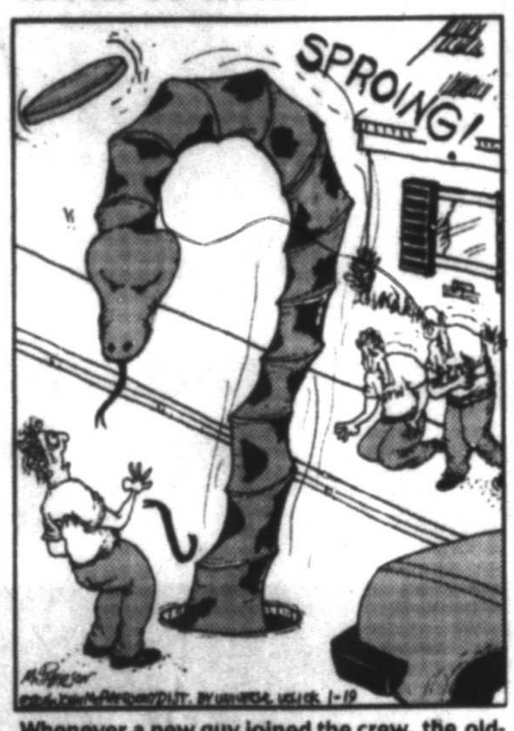

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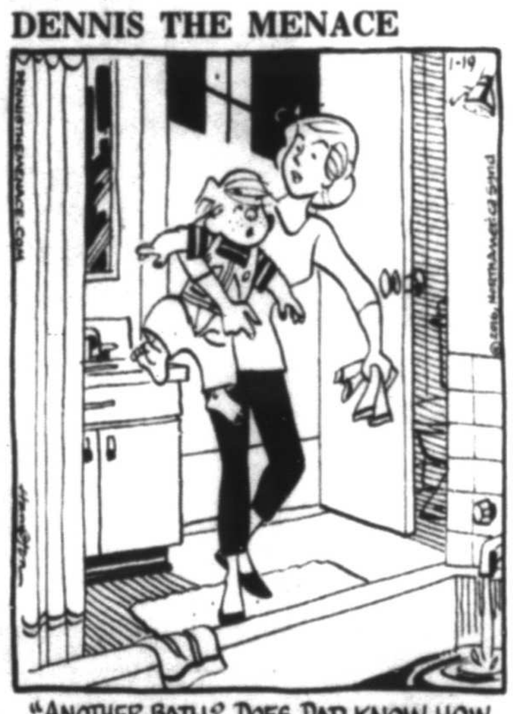

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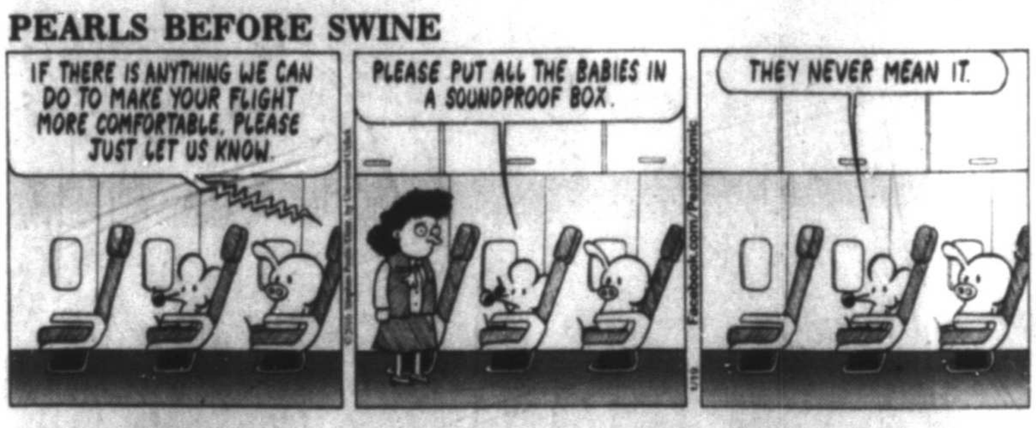

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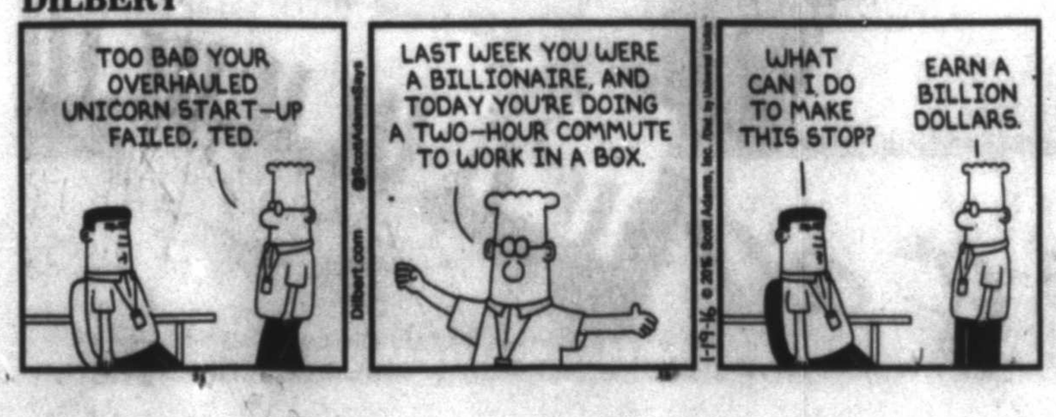

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Queen formation, Dora Roberts Ranch Unit lease, well number 321BW. The proposed injection well is located 15 miles Southwest from Midland in the Moose (Queen) field in Midland County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4,270 – 4570 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 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

Legal & Public Notices

Notice of Application for Commercial Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

Ruger Properties, LLC, P.O. Box 9685, Midland, TX 79707, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres and Glorieta Formations, Dexter SWD Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed disposal well is located 18 miles NE of Midland, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Midland County.

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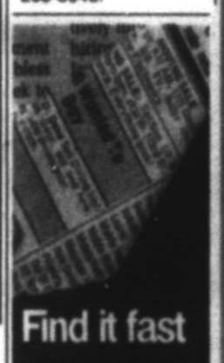

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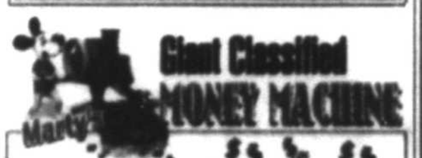

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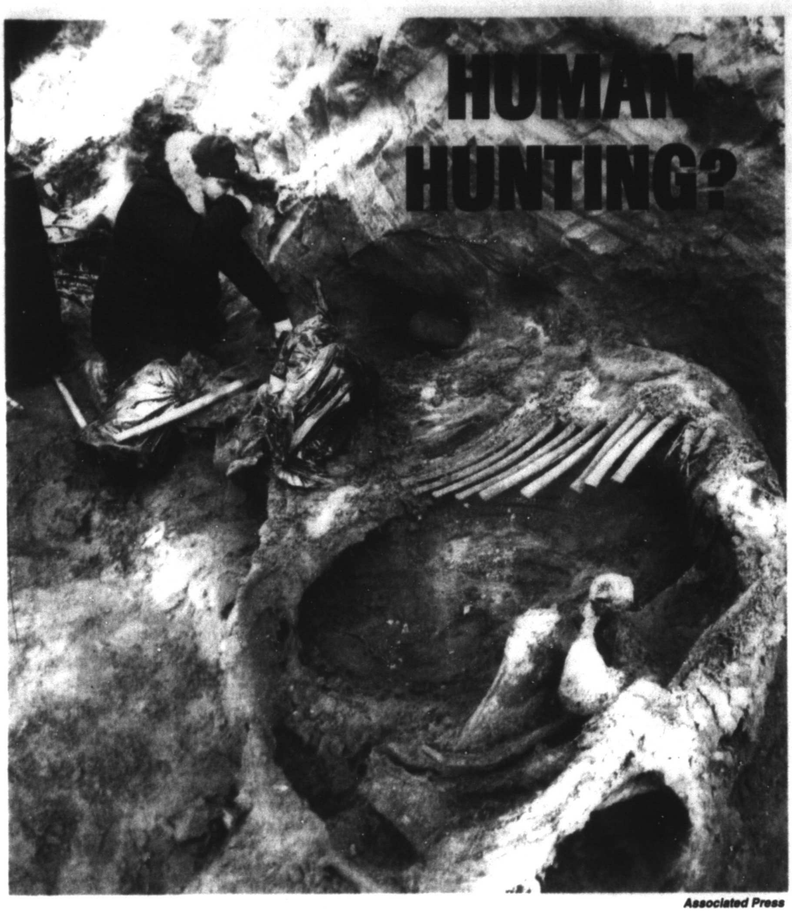

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In this undated photo provided by researchers on Jan. 12, volunteer Sergey Gorbunov works at the excavation site of a mammoth carcass in northern Russia's Siberia region near the Kara Sea. The remains from about 45,000 years ago have revealed the earliest known sign of humans in the Arctic. Marks on the bones indicate the creature was stabbed and butchered. The tip of a tusk was damaged in a way that suggests human activity, perhaps to make ivory tools.

Bones of hunted mammoth show early human presence in Arctic

By Malcolm Ritter
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The remains of a mammoth that was hunted down about 45,000 years ago have revealed the earliest known evidence of humans in the Arctic.

Marks on the bones, found in far northern Russia, indicate the creature was stabbed and butchered. The tip of a tusk was damaged in a way that suggests human activity, perhaps to make ivory tools.

With a minimal age estimate of 45,000 years, the discovery extends the record of human presence in the Arctic by at least about 5,000 years.

The site in Siberia, near the Kara Sea, is also by far the northernmost sign of human presence in Eurasia before 40,000 years ago, Vladimir Pitulko of the Russian Academy of Science in St. Petersburg and co-authors reported in a paper released Thursday by the journal Science.

They also briefly report evidence of human hunting at about the same time from a wolf bone found well to the east. That suggests a widespread occupation, although the population was probably sparse, they said.

Daniel Fisher, a mammoth expert at the University of Michigan who did not participate in the study, said the markings on the mammoth bone strongly indicate human hunting. It makes sense to conclude that the hunters were from our own species rather than Neanderthals, John Hoffecker of the University of Colorado at Boulder commented in an email.

But Robert Park, an archaeologist at the University of Waterloo in Canada who has studied the bones of hunted animals in the far north, called the evidence for human hunting "pretty marginal." The beast had been found with remains of its fat hump, while hunters would be expected to take the fat for food and fuel, he said. And the skeleton shows far less butchering than one would expect, he said.

Park emphasized he's not ruling out the idea that the mammoth was hunted.

If people were living this far north that long ago, he said, it implies they had not only the technical abilities to carry out mammoth hunts, but also a social organization complex enough to share the food from the relatively rare kills.

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Study questions link between teen marijuana smoking and IQ decline

By Malcolm Ritter
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A new analysis is challenging the idea that smoking marijuana during adolescence can lead to declines in intelligence.

Instead, the new study says, pot smoking may be merely a symptom of something else that's really responsible for a brainpower effect seen in some previous research.

It's not clear what that other factor is, said Joshua Isen, an author of the analysis. But an adolescent at risk for smoking pot "is probably going to show this IQ drop regardless of whether he or she is actually smoking marijuana," said Isen, a lecturer in psychology at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

The study was released Monday by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Some prior research has led to suggestions that the developing adolescent brain is particularly vulnerable to harm from marijuana.

Studying the topic is difficult because children can't ethically be randomly chosen to either take illicit drugs or abstain for years so that their outcomes can be compared. Scientists have to assess what people do on their own.

For the new work, the researchers examined data that had been collected for two big U.S. studies of twins. They focused on 3,066 participants who were given a battery of intelligence tests at ages 9 to 12 — before any of them had used marijuana — and again at ages 17 to 20.

They tracked changes in the test scores and studied whether those trajectories were worse for marijuana users than for non-users. Most tests revealed no difference between the two groups, but users did fare more poorly than abstainers in tests of vocabulary and general knowledge.

If smoking pot harmed test scores, the researchers reasoned, people who'd smoked more pot should show poorer trends than those who'd smoked less. But that's not what the data revealed. Among users, those who'd smoked more than 30 times or used it daily for more than a six-month stretch didn't do worse.

The study also looked at 290 pairs of twins in which one had used marijuana and the other had not. The members of each pair had grown up together and 137 sets were identical twins so they shared the same DNA. Again, the pot users did not fare worse than their abstaining twin siblings.

So, the researchers concluded, pot smoking itself does not appear responsible for declines in test scores. Isen noted, however, that the work says nothing about other potential harmful consequences of smoking marijuana in adolescence.

Dr. Nora Volkow, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, said that while the study has some limitations, it is important and deserves to be followed up with more research. She noted the government has already launched a project to follow about 10,000 children over time to assess the impact of marijuana and other drug use.

Despite pitfalls, social media connection has tangible overlap

Dear PropellerHeads: I have 458 Facebook friends, 200 followers on Twitter, and just as many on Instagram, but not many of them are really my friends. In fact, I don't really like people that much to begin with.

A: Is there a question in there somewhere? Are you pondering all of your relationships or just your social media ones? Do you need a hug?

Let's assume that you are going through what seems to be a growing concern at the moment, the feeling that by connecting everyone electronically we are really disconnecting our relationships or at least impairing our ability to interact in public in a meaningful way. I know ... it just got really deep in here.

You might have read about social media star Essena O'Neill making a big splash when she decided to quit social media last year — abcn.ws/1PpXQDO. The gist of her feelings and rationale on the subject were that she was not living a "real life." The clothes she wore, the way she looked, the places she went, were all orchestrated by advertisers or the demands of her followers.

Perhaps these are first-world problems, but shouldn't there be some concern about not living in reality?

There are now studies pointing to the fact that, indeed, the use of social media (particularly with millennials) is making us less social — cnb.cx/1jtlgLZ. I know I am not the only one who has seen people out to dinner and everyone is glued to their phones … checking in, posting a status update, sharing a pic from their dinner. But are they really participating in the dinner if they are experiencing it through a screen?

I noticed you mentioned that many of these people were not your "real" friends, but I would hazard a guess that some are people that you do interact with in the physical world. So your social media connection has a tangible overlap and, you could argue, helps strengthen that relationship.

However, there is a distinction there because not all of your social media connections are in your actual social circle. There is a difference between communication and connection, and also a difference between the relationships that are the results of those activities.

A study has shown that although empathy can be expressed via social media, "it is only one-sixth as effective in making the recipient feel socially supported compared with empathy proffered in the real world. A hug feels six times more supportive than an emoji (on.wsj.com/1F88HxL)." It all comes back to hugs.

You can even see this starting to manifest in new forms of "unsocial media" by way of apps and sites that are there to basically help you avoid human interaction. Apps like Split (splitapp.com) use mapping data from social media to identify areas where particular people you might want to avoid may be at any given time. I mean Brenda really was a B last time you saw her.

Maybe you don't have certain people on your list (that Brenda, tho) and you just don't want to see anyone? There is an app called Avoid Humans (avoidhumans.com) that will help you pinpoint areas that are least populated so you have the least interaction possible. They also have convenient categories like Nightlife and Food, so you can ensure that your night at da club has a dance card of one.

So should you unplug, find a real friend, give them a hug? I can't answer that for you. But you can test the waters with little risk.

For example, Facebook allows you to either delete your account or deactivate your account. Deleting your account means you won't be able to regain access to your account or retain any of the information associated with it. Deactivating your account lets you unplug with the option to plug back in later. You will basically disappear for as long as you are deactivated, but when/if you choose to reactivate, you will recover your past activity (on.fb.me/1dbPZCD).

I'm not sure if I answered your question (or statement), but maybe I've given you some perspective on how to pursue your online and real-world relationships. Wait … Brenda? Is that you?

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