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Abbott, Davis oil and gas records show contrast

Despite portrayals from the Abbott campaign, Davis has history of championing drilling

By Jim Malewitz
Texas Tribune

Greg Abbott and Wendy Davis have sparred over education. The issues of officeholder ethics and equal pay have also surfaced.

But in the head-to-head battle for Texas governor that began well before each party officially nominated its candidates, neither Abbott, the state's Republican attorney general, nor Davis, a Democratic state senator, has paid much attention to the earth-fracturing elephant in state government: the state's rapid growth in oil and gas production.

As Texas deals with a drilling boom that has brought a windfall to its coffers but has also strained services and raised environmental concerns, Abbott and Davis have concentrated on bite-size policy questions.

But Texans should have little trouble distinguishing their positions when the two candidates — neither of whom agreed to an interview for this article but submitted short statements — fully enter the tangle of issues surrounding the state's drilling bonanza.

As a lawmaker who has grappled with oil and gas policy, Davis has a more detailed record on energy is-

ssues than Abbott, whose campaign has painted her as an extremist.

Spurred by technological advances like hydraulic fracturing, Texas has reached production numbers unseen in more than three decades. It is pumping more than twice the oil it did three years ago, accounting for more than a third of all domestic production, even as production surges elsewhere in the country.

That has been good news for the state's budget. In December, the comptroller predicted that Texas would collect at least \$2 billion more in taxes from energy production by 2015 than it originally forecast, adding to its surplus. The phenomenon, however, has stirred concerns about air and water quality and strained infrastructure in some regions, including roads and emergency response capabilities.

Davis was a Fort Worth city councilwoman when the sprawling city, now speckled with some 1,700 wells, was among the nation's first to embrace urban drilling. She had a front-row seat as companies blasted apart the natural gas-rich Barnett Shale, generating about \$264 million for the city from 2006 to 2012.

"She realized that this was going to impact virtually every department within the city of Fort Worth," said Jim Bradbury, an environmental lawyer who was a member of

the city's early gas drilling task force.

During her time on the council, Davis helped shape the city's pipeline rules and a drilling ordinance — one that limits noise, keeps most drilling 600 feet from homes and spells out duties for local inspectors — that other American communities have modeled.

"On the Fort Worth City Council, we promoted the industry while making sure drilling in urban areas was safe and respected individual property rights and communities," Davis said in a statement. "We must continue to support this industry, and its growth, while having common sense disclosure to protect homeowners, communities and first responders."

Davis also used her office and legal background to assist mineral-rights holders when energy company representatives flocked to the city in the mid-2000s in hopes of purchasing drilling rights. The councilwoman encouraged residents to form neighborhood associations and pool leases.

A 2007 article in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram described a meeting she helped organize between representatives from Fort Worth Energy and homeowners on the city's south side, many of whom spoke only Spanish and

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HIGHEST HONORS



Tyler White/Reporter-Telegram

Midland police officer Zachary Chesworth, left, shakes Midland Police Chief Price Robinson's hand after receiving the Medal of Valor award Thursday during the department's annual awards banquet.

MPD officer awarded for heroic actions

By Tyler White
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The decision to use deadly force in the line of duty is viewed as one of the most difficult situations a police officer can encounter.

Midland police officer Zachary Chesworth was involved in such a situation in November when he fired two shotgun rounds at an armed burglary suspect.

Chesworth "displayed great courage," according to the city's public information officer, and for his actions he was honored Thursday with the Medal of Valor — the police department's highest award — during MPD's annual awards banquet.

PIO Sara Higgins said Chesworth went above and beyond the call of duty

in this "life-threatening" incident and his receipt of the medal was justified.

Police Chief Price Robinson said the medal, while a prestigious honor, is not something officers actively try to attain because only serious situations warrant presenting the award. The Medal of Valor is not given out every year and is considered following events that the department cannot anticipate, he said.

"Chesworth was put in a situation where he had to use deadly force and I support him 100 percent," Robinson said.

The situation for which Chesworth received the medal occurred in the early morning hours of Nov. 8. He and Probationary Officer William Steffen were dispatched to a burglary of a residence

call in the 900 block of West Taylor

Avenue. The officers learned that three men had forced their way into a residence, where a struggle ensued and shots were fired. Hector Subia, one of the suspects, called the alleged victim's phone while officers were on the scene and said he had shot himself, which was consistent with blood found at the scene, Higgins said.

While looking for the three suspects, the officers saw two men walking east on New Jersey Avenue approaching Terrell Street. The officers began their pursuit but lost sight of them.

Chesworth got out of his patrol car and began to search a backyard in the 1300 block of South Terrell Street. He

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MIDLAND 101

By Jimmy Patterson

US involvement in wars coincides with historic local events

Editor's note: Part 2 of a three-part series looks at events in U.S. and world history that occurred during the same time frame as significant events in Midland's history, from 1900-1950:

1905

Midland: A red Pecos sandstone courthouse, at a cost of \$26,000, opens and Dr. John B. Thomas opens his medical practice downtown.

U.S.: Mark Twain's Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer books are banned at the Brooklyn Public Library for "setting a bad example."

1908

Midland: Clarence Scharbauer marries Ruth Cowden in "the social event of the decade."

International: Outlaws Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid are reportedly gunned down in Bolivia. Their graves were never found.

Midland: On March 16, B. Hutchinson was arrested for "driving an automobile faster than 8 miles an hour."

U.S.: On Sept. 8, Henry Ford produces the first Model T.

1917

Midland: Andrew Fasken moves to Midland and builds a railroad from Midland to Seminole. Midland endures a deadly drought.

U.S.: The United States enters World

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Economy strong, but Texans fear bust

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

ANALYSIS

AUSTIN — Oil and gas production is up, construction is on the rise and unemployment is low. The Texas economy is strong with no trouble in sight, economists say.

Texans of a certain age have seen this before, and they know what usually happens next. Bust.

The question facing all Texans, then, is where might the next bust come from, and how can the state mitigate against it.

In the last 40 years, busts hit when oil prices collapsed in 1982 and when savings and loans collapsed four years later. Most recently, it was the Great Recession in 2007 that cost 400,000 Texans their jobs.

Economist Ray Perryman, whose clients range from private companies to political activists, told Texas lawmakers last week that Texas has bounced back better than any state in the nation.

"We've gained back roughly a million jobs," he told the House Business and Industry Committee. "In contrast to everybody else, we're doing very, very well."

Because Texas represents 8 percent of the nation's economy, the state's \$1.3 trillion in economic activity and 5.7 percent unemployment rate are two of the reasons the country is no longer in a recession.

Perryman told lawmakers the oil and gas boom is different than the one in the late 1970s that led to the state's worst modern recession in 1982. Back then, Texas oil and gas revenues

skyrocketed because of troubles with OPEC, Iran and other Middle Eastern strife, not because of demand or increased production.

Texas oil and gas production peaked in the early 1980s at 1.2 billion barrels a year, but Perryman said few people realized that the higher prices were temporary. When other oil-producing nations boosted production, prices dropped and the Texas economy went down with them.

The hit to the Texas state budget was so extreme that lawmakers created the rainy day fund to be ready if another economic bust hit the state. The comptroller's office predicted that fund will have \$12 billion in it by the end of the 2014-15 biennium.

This time the Texas oil and gas boom is driven by growing global demand for energy and new technologies that are boosting production, such as hydraulic fracturing, Perryman said. This is much more sustainable and less likely to result in the overnight plummeting of revenues, he argued.

Perryman and other observers said the problem is not the commodity market pulling the rug out from under the Texas economy, but Texas' workforce and infrastructure not keeping up.

Texas is undergoing a dramatic demographic shift over the next 20 years, with the Hispanic community growing into the majority. Today, members of that community rank highest in reliance on poorly performing public schools and lack of health

insurance. Overall, the Texas Association of Business pointed out that only 25 percent of Texas public high school graduates are either career or college ready, and the group argued that less stringent high school graduation requirements will not boost that number. Democrats complain that the Republican-controlled Legislature has cut per-student spending in public schools and trails the national average. Texas also faces major challenges in producing enough clean water, affordable electricity and uncongested roads to keep businesses operating smoothly.

Texas voters have approved a \$2.5 billion water infrastructure fund at the state level, but they will need to approve another \$26 billion in funding at the local government level to make sure the state has enough water in 2050, the water development board said.

In November, Texas voters will decide whether to approve taking \$4 billion from the rainy day fund for transportation projects. Experts at the Texas Department of Transportation said this is an important step, but far from sufficient to meet all the state's needs.

Perryman told lawmakers that while the economy is strong, they need to address those problems and look at the state's tax policies, including who they tax and how.

"We have to have a great transportation system and a great education system," he said. "Our revenue streams and our economic streams are not very matched up right now."

Galveston Bay oil spill could have lasting effect

Associated Press

GALVESTON — Some ecological experts fear the 168,000 gallons of oil spilled a week ago in Galveston Bay and now drifting south in the Gulf of Mexico could have lasting effects on the undersea ecosystem.

Antionetta Quigg, a marine biology professor at Texas A&M University at Galveston, said based on previous studies, the oil has been found to be toxic.

"Given that plankton is food for high-traffic levels of fish, we think that they then become toxic, too," she told The Galveston County Daily News for a story published Sunday.

And that means fish in the polluted water get a "double hit" from oil both in their physical environment and food sources.

The oil from a barge was released into the water March 22 when the barge and a ship collided in the Houston Ship Channel.

While cleanup efforts have been continuing since then, some of the oil picking up sediment could have sunk to the seabed and could smother or poison animals such as shrimp or crabs. Their demise, in turn, affects the food chain of the bay, although Quigg believes the short life span of some animals could help mitigate the damage.

"Plankton divides



Eric Leshinsky with Discovery Shrimp & Oyster Company sorts through a catch while shrimping near the Houston Ship Channel on Sept. 27, 2013, in Kemah. Some of the oil from the recent spill picking up sediment could have sunk to the seabed and could smother or poison animals such as shrimp or crabs.

fairly quickly, so as long as (the oil) keeps being cleaned up and moving offshore, we'll have a new community popping up fairly quickly," Quigg said. "It will be detrimental perhaps for another few weeks, but then life should resume for something close to normality."

Texas A&M-Galveston scientists worried that dolphins living in the ship channel would flee, but they've been seen since the spill following the school's boat during an

inspection trip. State officials late last week issued a seafood consumption advisory for Galveston Bay and the Gulf of Mexico that recommends fish, shrimp or crab from water where oil is present not be eaten. The cleanup itself has extended down the coast to Matagorda Island, where crews have been using rakes, shovels and buckets to remove oil washed ashore on the 24 miles of beach that line the Matagorda Island State

Park. The effort has been complicated because the island is accessible only by barge or boat. The Texas Department of Health said some samples taken Friday from Matagorda Bay have been tested and are biological in origin and not related to the spilled oil. But officials have established a wildlife rehabilitation facility in Port O'Connor in the event birds or marine life are impacted by the spilled oil.

Mineral Wells restricts water use amid drought

Associated Press

MINERAL WELLS — A North Texas town famous for its mineral waters is imposing water restrictions on residents because the main reservoir of water is only a quarter full.

The 31,000 people in Mineral Wells, as well as those in surrounding towns that buy water from Mineral Wells, are being limited to once-a-week outdoor watering starting Tuesday. It's another reminder of the drought, which began in 2010 and has prompted authorities across the state to implement restrictions on the use of water.

"I've been praying for rain," Mineral Wells mayor Mike Allen told The Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"If we don't get rain, we're going to have to take some very drastic measures."

Rainfall in Mineral Wells, a town of about 16,000 residents 50 miles west of Fort Worth, is more than 33 inches below normal since October 2010, according to the National Weather Service. Precipitation in the town has been similar to the rest of the Dallas-Fort Worth area, but this month it saw about half of what the rest of the area got.

The Mineral Wells restrictions will apply also to customers in Graford, Palo Pinto, Santo and Millsap

About 90 miles north of Mineral Wells, Wichita Falls has declared a Stage 4 drought disaster. No outdoor watering is permitted and fines can

range as high as \$2,000. Mineral Wells has a 400-day supply in Lake Palo Pinto, its main source of water. That will increase by 100 days once they draw from the Brazos River on June 1.

But officials said the long-term solution, a reservoir downstream of Lake Palo Pinto that would double the area's water reserves, is delayed because of bureaucracy. The Turkey Peak Reservoir will cost \$70 million and if the city receives a permit within the next year or two, construction would start in 2018 and be completed in 2020.

"And when we get it built, we've got to have enough rain to fill it," Allen said.

STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS
Child, 2, survives fall from 2nd-story window

A 2-year-old Dallas girl has avoided serious injury after falling through a window from the second floor of an apartment.

Authorities said the toddler's mother heard a thud, looked from the window and saw the child outside on the ground.

The child's grandmother, Rhonda Thomas, told Dallas television station WFAA emergency medical help was summoned and the child was taken to a hospital where she ap-

peared to be fine except for a swollen eye. Police said a cut to her eye required four stitches.

The family said the fall Friday evening was an accident, but officials from Child Protective Services are investigating.

CONROE
Man arrested for store owner's slaying

A 19-year-old Conroe man has been arrested and charged with capital murder for the slaying last

week of a Montgomery County convenience store owner.

Sheriff's officials said Joseph Gutierrez was arrested Friday for the slaying of Sam Sadruddin.

Authorities also are detaining a 13-year-old boy as a person of interest in the case. No charges have been filed against the boy. His name isn't being released.

Gutierrez is held without bond at the Montgomery County Jail in Conroe. Sadruddin was fatally shot at his store last Monday evening.

SAN ANTONIO
Family loses all possessions in truck theft

A family moving from Florida has lost all their possessions after their rental truck was stolen from outside a San Antonio hotel just hours after they arrived.

Sheree Bradley told San Antonio television station KSAT the loss of sentimental items, like photos, is what hurts the most.

But the family also lost living room, dining and bedroom furniture and the clothing and toys belonging to their three children.

Death Notices

Andrew A. Dornier

Andrew A. Dornier, 90, of Ballinger, passed away Sunday, March 30, 2014 at Ballinger Healthcare and Rehab.

Andy is survived by his wife, Bertha; and a daughter, JoAnn Ely.

Visitation will be Tuesday, April 1, at 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Lange Funeral Home Chapel in Ballinger. Funeral ceremony will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 2:00 pm at Lange Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger.

Joe R. Andrade

Joe R. Andrade, 57, of Andrews passed away Saturday, March 29, 2014 at his home in Andrews surrounded by family and friends.

A rosary will be held Tuesday at 7:00 at McNett Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be 10:00 Am Wednesday at our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Andrews. Burial will be in Andrews North Cemetery.

Joe was born September 28, 1956 to Domingo and Alicia Andrade in Andrews, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Eva Andrade, his daughter Adriana Andrade Garcia, and sister Maria Galindo.

Tobiah E. Cline

Tobiah E. Cline, age 31, died in Midland on March 27, 2014.

He was born to Brad E. and Diana E. Cline on September 23, 1982 in Lubbock, Tx.

He is survived by his parents, Brad E. and Diana E. Cline; son, Ayden Cline; brothers, Tyler and Richard Cline; sister, Twila Cline; paternal grandparents, Richard and Virginia Cline.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 6:30 p.m. at American Heritage Chapel.

Wayne Baber

Wayne Baber, 84, of Andrews passed away early Saturday, March 29, at Permian Regional Medical Center.

Visitation will be Monday from 6-8 pm at McNett Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be 4:00 PM Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at Cross-bar Cowboy Church in Andrews. Pastor Kerry Pack will officiate. Burial will be in Andrews old Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Wayne was born January 31, 1930 in Lamesa, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Roxy Baber; children, Brett Perryman, Cindy Hatley, Sherry Thetford, Tammy Kerby, and son W.C. Baber.

REGION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO
Planned Hobbs potash project nears final OK

HOBBS — A planned \$1 billion potash mine in southeastern New Mexico could break ground this year, officials say.

The final licensing hurdle for the proposed polyhalite mine west of Jal, N.M., could be cleared in a few weeks, and if financial backing can be secured, Intercontinental Potash Corp. might start work soon, the Hobbs News-Sun reported.

The site has an estimated 414 million tons of polyhalite reserves beneath the 40 sections of land the company has leased from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

NEW MEXICO
Fence repairs at Carlsbad airport to cost \$200,000

CARLSBAD — The perimeter fence around the Carlsbad airport is being repaired after a portion of the barrier was washed out by floods in September.

The Carlsbad Current-Argus reported that Federal Aviation Administration will pick up more than 90 percent of the \$200,000 in costs for the project.

The city and state will split the remaining \$12,500. The costs include replacing the fence and reinforcing the barrier with a retaining wall that should help the fence withstand another flood.



Courtesy Chicago History Museum

This Aug. 25, 1916, photo shows Chicago Cubs' George Pierce petting a bear cub while teammate Roger Bresnahan holds the cub's leash at the first National League game at Weeghman Park in Chicago, later to be named Wrigley Field.

In a century at Wrigley, innovations abound

By Don Babwin and Andrew Seligman
Associated Press

CHICAGO — It's hard to think of Wrigley Field as anything but a place of heartbreak — a place where fans wait, season after season, for an elusive World Series title that never comes.

Yet in the century without a championship, the ballpark has been in first time and time again in changing the way America watches baseball.

It was the first to let fans keep foul balls. The first with permanent concession stands. The first with organ music. The first to clean the park and broadcast games as part of an effort to diversify the fan base and attract women and their kids to a game traditionally more popular among men.

"We think of all this as so obvious, but back then this was considered revolutionary," said Cubs historian Ed Hartig.

The ballpark will mark its 100th birthday this spring, and the Cubs plan a celebration in April to honor one of the nation's most classic ballparks, where runs still register on a manual scoreboard and watching a game is like taking a step back in time. As the centennial approaches, the Cubs and Chicago have found themselves stuck in a debate about how far to go in modernizing the ballpark with the same Jumbotron that towers over other fields.

"When you put a Jumbotron in the outfield I think you are messing with what makes Wrigley Wrigley," said Phillip Bess, director of graduate studies at the University of Notre Dame's architecture school and who helped lead an effort to save Fenway Park from demolition. "If the Cubs do that, it means they really don't understand what it is about Wrigley that is unique (and) the kind of place people will come to even when the team is bad."

But don't be so quick to call Wrigley Field a tired, old home of a perennial loser. It may have been the last ballpark to install lights for night games, but he park's ivy-covered walls are a defining feature of what was once a sparkling, modern ballpark run by men who were trying to create a new experience for fans.

The park was built by a man named Charles Weeghman for a team in something called the Federal League, which was trying to give the

more established National and American Leagues — which the Cubs and the crosstown White Sox played in — a run for their money.

After hiring the same architect who a few years earlier designed Comiskey Park for the White Sox, workers needed just two months to demolish the buildings that once housed a seminary and build a simple, single-story grandstand and the rest of the 14,000-seat Weeghman Park just in time for the start of the 1914 season. Finished two years after Boston's Fenway Park, it cost about \$250,000. Two years after the park opened, the Cubs moved in.

"It was considered a great looking park, a lot nicer than the rat-infested park the Cubs were playing in on the West Side," said Stuart Shea, author of "Wrigley Field: The Long Life and Contentious Times of the Friendly Confines."

More important is that it was built with an eye to the future: It could be retrofitted and expanded, something that was considered genius, he said.

From almost the day it was built, the owners started tinkering with the place. After nine homers were hit in the first three games — an astronomical total for the time — the Chicago Federals, the original tenants, picked up the left field fence and moved it back about as much as 50 feet in some spots. In the early '20s, the Cubs expanded the seating capacity and the size of the playing field itself by slicing the grandstand into 11 pieces and moving them to create more space. The pitcher's mound today sits where the batters' box used to be.

Wrigley also was keen to understand the Cubs were losing money because women simply refused to come, or let their children come, to a filthy and unsafe ballpark.

The park, renamed Cubs Park in 1919, began to feel different than anyplace else. Shea believes the reasons start with Weeghman's obsession with cleanliness, something he learned in the restaurant business. Hartig said it was William Wrigley Jr., team owner P.K. Wrigley's father, who, after a couple years of investing in the team, bought Weeghman's shares and started making changes.

"The Cubs were really the first ones to start cleaning the ballpark after every single game and (make) sure that the players always had the cleanest uniforms," Hartig said.

Wrigley also cleaned up the way the park operated. "You could have a ticket and someone would be sitting in your seat already because the usher was bribed," Hartig said. "So coming home from the game with a bloody nose because there was a fight over a seat was not uncommon."

To fix that, Wrigley hired a professional ushering service. The Cubs also started to view the park as a "green space," kind of like an urban oasis, said Tim Wiles, former director of research at the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

The Cubs didn't invent Ladies Day. But that didn't matter; they just did it better than anyone else, letting women in the park for free for every Friday home game. At the same time, they rejected the popular notion that if they put home games on the radio fans would listen to games instead of attending them. The games simply whet the appetite of fans.

By 1927, two years after the first regular-season broadcast, the Cubs became the first National League team to draw more than a million fans.

Now, the famed ballpark is in for another makeover. The \$500 million project, which includes a Jumbotron proposal, is on hold because the team wants assurances from the

neighboring rooftop owners that they won't sue over obstructed views.

The Cubs have also said repeatedly they don't want to destroy what makes Wrigley one of the most popular and recognizable sporting venues in the country.

Still, the team argues Wrigley needs to be brought into the 21st century, generate more revenue and attract younger fans who expect things like Jumbotrons. Team Chairman Tom Ricketts has said he's running a baseball team, not a museum.

While some disagree, others say no change will erase what makes Wrigley Field what it is.

"The Cubs is sort of a Chicago institution that is not entirely dependent on the exact nature of Wrigley Field," said former U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, who as a child watched Babe Ruth's called shot from his seat near third base. "There's sort of a spirit that goes with the Cubs."



AP file photo

In this January 1944 photo, a ski jumper participates during the Norge Ski Club ski jump at Wrigley Field in Chicago. Wrigley has hosted everything from a circus to a rodeo to boxing matches, college and pro football and, yes, ski jumping.

10 Things to Know about Wrigley Field

CHICAGO — Wrigley Field is turning 100 this year. Here are 10 things you might not know about the ballpark:

1. THE IVY WALL IS USED AS A HIDING PLACE

One ball flies into Wrigley Field's ivy-covered wall and two pop out. It's happened a few times over the years, the result, some said of balls being hit there during batting practice and remaining there until something — an outfielder, maybe — slams into the wall to dislodge it. But there are also stories that players hid balls there in case they needed to find one quickly to throw a runner out. And it's said the Cubs' Hank Sauer found it a convenient place to store tobacco pouches.

2. HIGHEST SCORING GAME WAS PLAYED THERE

The Cubs and the Phillies played the highest scoring game in Major League Baseball history, a 26-23 affair the Cubs won, at Wrigley on Aug. 25, 1922. The Phillies only used two pitchers the entire game.

3. GEHRIG'S HOMER

A dozen years before Babe Ruth's famed "Called Shot," teammate Lou Gehrig hit an equally dramatic homer. Gehrig was 17 when his high school team traveled to Chicago to take on a Chicago team. In the bottom of the ninth, with two outs and his team down 8-6, Gehrig hit a ball over wall and onto Sheffield Avenue to win the game.

4. THE FIELD HAS CHANGED OVER TIME

The Wrigley Field grandstand is one of the most familiar sites in all of baseball. What isn't widely known is that the grandstand once stood about where the pitcher's mound is today. In the 1920s, the grandstand was sliced into 11 pieces, put on rollers and rolled back to where it is today and reassembled.

5. THERE WAS A TIME WHEN IT WAS TOUGH TO FIND A CROWD

Year after year, the Chicago Cubs have been one of the biggest draws in all

of baseball. Eight years in a row, until 2011, attendance topped the 3 million mark. But the Cubs drew tiny crowds for years, with one game in 1966 played before fewer than 600 fans. For a 15-year stretch ending in 1967, the Cubs never drew as many as 1 million fans and drew as few as 609,000.

6. IT PIONEERED FIRSTS

Wrigley was the first ballpark where fans could keep foul balls. The first permanent concession stands? They were at Wrigley. The first stadium with organ music? That was Wrigley, too.

7. THERE WAS A BEAR ON THE FIELD

Joa, a live Cub, greeted fans at the first National League game at the stadium in 1916. Local zookeeper Cy Devry led Joa around the park and even to home plate for photographers.

8. CLASSIC TOUCHES CAME LATER

The famed marquee, scoreboard and ivy were not original parts of the ballpark. The marquee went up in 1934 and was more of a bluish color at the time. The ivy was installed three years later. The scoreboard originally was a reddish brown with a white clock and was painted its familiar dark green in 1944.

9. IT'S NOT JUST FOR BASEBALL

Wrigley Field has hosted everything from boxing to soccer to pro wrestling to the circus to the rodeo to concerts to a Chicago Blackhawks game. But the most unusual event? Ski jumping. On back-to-back weekends in January 1944, ski jumpers leapt from scaffolding covered in snow and ice, landing behind second base.

10. NO ONE HAS (REALLY) HIT THE SCOREBOARD

About that famed scoreboard: No one's hit it. Actually no one's hit it with a batted ball, but Sam Sneed did with a golf ball. Teeing off from home plate, he drove one off the scoreboard and sent one over it before the 1951 opener against the Reds.

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Menu Madness

Today's matchups
21. Murray's Deli vs. Back in the Day Cafe
12. Dona Anita's vs. Pizzeria Venti
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Meeting today

Planning and Zoning Commission
3:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers, City Hall 300 N. Lorraine St.

Club meeting today

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

What's on the radio

News talk
KCRS (AM 550)
6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark and Kurt Verlei
9-11 a.m. Lynn Woolley
11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rush Limbaugh
2-5 p.m. Dave Ramsey
5-6 p.m. Local news reports
6-9 p.m. Roger Hedgecock
9-midnight Hugh Hewitt
Midnight-6 a.m. Coast to Coast with George Noory
Web: http://www.newstalkkcrs.com

KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)
6-10 a.m. Morning Show with Craig Anderson
10 a.m.-noon. Herman Cain
Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
Web: http://www.kwel.com

Sport talk
KMND (AM 1510)
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9 a.m.-noon The Herd with Colin Cowherd
Noon-3 p.m. The Dan Patrick Show

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■ Midland College (Chaparral Center) — 3200 N. Garfield Road — Cardboard, paper, aluminum and No. 1 and 2 plastics
■ Citibank Ballpark west side — 5514 Champions Drive — Cardboard, No. 1 and 2 plastics
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■ Super Mercado — 2208 N. Big Spring St. — Cardboard
There are also 3-cubic yard containers at most of the local elementary schools where you can recycle cardboard, paper and aluminum.
All recyclables can be taken to Butts Recycling Monday through Saturday. Butts Recycling is located at 26 West Industrial Loop.
For more information call Keep Midland Beautiful at 687-7400 or visit KMB's website at keepmidlandbeautiful.org.

Today in history

Today is Monday, March 31, the 90th day of 2014. There are 275 days left in the year.
On this date:
In 1889, French engineer Gustave Eiffel unveiled the French tricolor from atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion.
In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson stunned the country by announcing he would not seek re-election.
In 1995, Mexican-American singer Selena Quintanilla-Perez, 23, was shot to death in Corpus Christi by the founder of her fan club, Yolanda Saldivar, who was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.
Today's Birthdays: Actor Christopher Walken is 71. Former Vice President Al Gore is 86.

BBB: Prepare those cooling systems for West Texas heat

By Rachael Gleason
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Better Business Bureau experts warn West Texans to service their air conditioning units now to avoid costly mid-summer troubles.

Arctic blasts brought a steady stream of cold snaps to the Permian Basin over the past five months.

But a National Weather Service regional outlook predicts above-normal temperatures for April, May and June.

A high of 85 is expected today and into next week. Triple-digit temperatures typically start June 2, based on averages, and end Aug. 19, said Mark Strobina, the National Weather Service's warning coordination meteorologist.

Still, Strobina said temperatures of 100 or higher are possible in April, with one date setting records in 1989.

That's why homeowners should have their units checked now, said Mandy Solis, general manager of Comfort Zone One Hour Air Conditioning & Heating.

"It's a piece of machinery that's running a lot of hours over the course of time. It's a wise investment," she said.

The heating and air conditioning company offers services throughout West Texas, and business is up with the boom. Calls pour in from 300 to 500 new customers per year, Solis said.

"Summer is our busy time. We encourage our customers to get maintenance done in March and April," she said. "It helps them find problems brewing under the surface before they break down during the summer, when it

Tips for hiring a contractor

■ Consult your owner's manual. Before doing anything, check the warranty on your current air conditioning unit to determine whether any tune-ups, repairs or replacements may be covered.
■ Hire a professional to maintain your heating and cooling system. Arrange for annual maintenance with a qualified technician. This includes checking the airflow over the coil, testing for the correct fluid (refrigerant) level, checking the combustion process and ensuring proper air-flow to each room.
■ Research the company. Visit bbb.org for the BBB Business Review of any air conditioning service or energy auditor you plan to

hire to learn details about the company, like its history of complaints. Visit checkbook.org for a list of Accredited Businesses.
■ Check licensing. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation requires a license for heating, ventilation and air conditioning technicians and electricians. Ask to see a copy of the license before work starts.
■ Compare prices. Get at least three estimates in writing. All bids should provide a full description of the services provided and the materials used.

Source: Better Business Bureau

becomes a very expensive problem."

Customer problems include a lack of air flow, warm air flow and rattling units. Dead capacitors, which function like batteries, and dirty filters are often to blame, she said.

"You'd be surprised by how many people think their air conditioner isn't working but actually their air filter isn't functioning properly," said Solis, noting residents should check their filters every month.

The Better Business Bureau recommends finding a trusted service company to perform maintenance and repairs. Customers made more than 1,000 complaints last year about ineffective service or payment problems.

"It's not unusual for us to receive complaints about air conditioning service companies," said BBB Regional Director Tyler Patton. "A lot are about final bills being higher than what the customer was quoted."

Nearly all of the Midland-based heating and air companies, including

Comfort Zone, either had two to four closed complaints or weren't accredited, according to the BBB website.

Patton said the population explosion is tough on companies, which have a hard time keeping qualified, trained staff. General contractors who work in homes also have more complaints than other businesses, he said.

"People are particular about their homes," Patton said.

To save energy during the spring and summer, the business bureau recommends the air sealing technique and energy assessments by certified auditors.

Opening windows at night when the cooling system is off and closing them to capture the cool air in the morning — also called natural ventilation — using ceiling, bathroom and kitchen fans, vacuuming vents and avoiding using the oven when it's hot also saves energy during the summer, according to Energy.gov.

Another Apple-Samsung skirmish heads to court

By Martha Mendoza
Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The fiercest rivalry in the world of smartphones is heading back to court this week in the heart of the Silicon Valley, with Apple and Samsung accusing each other, once again, of ripping off designs and features.

The trial will mark the latest round in a long-running series of lawsuits between the two tech giants that underscore a much larger concern about what is allowed to be patented.

The latest Apple-Samsung case will be tried less than two years after a federal jury found Samsung was infringing on Apple patents. Samsung was ordered to pay about \$900 million but is appealing and has been allowed to continue selling products using the technology.

Now, jury selection is scheduled to begin Monday in another round of litigation, with Apple Inc. accusing Samsung of infringing on five patents on newer devices, including Galaxy smartphones and tablets. In a counterclaim, Samsung says Apple stole two of its ideas to use on

iPhones and iPads.

"Apple revolutionized the market in personal computing devices," Apple attorneys wrote in court filings. "Samsung, in contrast, has systematically copied Apple's innovative technology and products, features and designs, and has deluged markets with infringing devices."

Samsung countered that it has broken technological barriers with its own ultra-slim, lightweight phones.

"Samsung has been a pioneer in the mobile device business sector since the inception of the mobile device industry," Samsung attorneys wrote. "Apple has copied many of Samsung's innovations in its Apple iPhone, iPod, and iPad products."

In the upcoming case, Apple claims Samsung stole a tap-from-search technology that allows someone searching for a telephone number or address on the web to tap on the results to call the number or put the address into a map. In addition, Apple says Samsung copied "Slide to Unlock," which allows users to swipe the face of their smartphone to use it.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Cynthia G. Hatch, 26, of Midland, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.

Christopher D. Knox, 26, of Midland, was charged Saturday with burglary of a habitation.

Wesley E. Liggins, 43, of Midland, was charged Saturday with violation of parole.

Matthew S. Patton, 30, of Midland, was charged Saturday with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Angelina M. Rascon, 30, of Odessa, was charged Saturday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Marcos A. Valenzuela, 24, of Andrews, was charged Saturday with violation of probation.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

NATION BRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK Sen. Schumer asks feds to review WTC security

Sen. Charles Schumer stood by the World Trade Center on Sunday, demanding that federal officials review security after daredevils twice sneaked to the top of the site's signature, 104-story skyscraper.

Schumer's request comes after a teenager was charged with climbing to the top of the 1,776-foot spire of 1 World Trade Center, three skydiving enthusiasts turned themselves in to face charges in a September jump off the building, and a newspaper published a photo of a guard

apparently sleeping on the job. "What is going on here?" asked Schumer.

The New York Democrat wants the Department of Homeland Security to monitor the performance and training of trade center security guards, in addition to testing surveillance equipment and checking the perimeter for possible illegal entry points.

Schumer said the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns the 16-acre site, is responsible for any security breaches.

"They're the public authority in charge of this; I'm holding them responsible," Schumer said during a news conference on Sunday.

RECORDS

From 1A

struggled to understand parts of their contract. She publicly questioned several clauses, including those that allowed the company to explore for minerals other than natural gas and required homeowners to pay part of the cost of transporting gas extracted on their property.

The company's president agreed at the meeting to strike the clauses for new leases.

In 2009, Davis later took those interests to Austin. As a state senator, she wrote or sponsored more than 20 bills related to oil and gas — few of which became law. That included proposals to require energy companies to monitor groundwater before drilling and disclose chemicals used in fracturing fluid. She also pushed for stricter oversight of air quality near drilling rigs and worked with state regulators to position air monitors throughout the Barnett Shale.

In one case, she received support from pipeline operators — and eventually Gov. Rick Perry. She wrote legislation that allowed saltwater pipeline operators to send drilling wastewater to disposal sites using pipelines that stretched across state rights-of-way. The bill was aimed at reducing truck traffic that would have otherwise been needed to haul away waste above ground.

Sharon Wilson, a Texas-based organizer for Earth-

works, a nonprofit that has pushed for more industry oversight, said that not all environmentalists agreed with Davis but that they generally appreciated her body of work.

Kinnan Golemon, an oil company lobbyist who dealt with Davis' Senate office, said her governorship "would be difficult in some aspects of the industry" and could saddle drillers with some unnecessary costs. But he added that she "developed an understanding of the industry and some of its wants and needs" and "she never closed us out from having meaningful discussions."

Abbott's campaign, however, said Davis' policies would add costs to businesses and consumers and jeopardize jobs. "Sen. Davis' record makes it clear she has more in common with radical environmentalists than the people of Texas," Matt Hirsch, the campaign's spokesman, said in a statement.

By contrast, the attorney general, whose campaign said it would release detailed proposals "in the coming months," has defined his track record on energy mostly in the courts. His barrage of lawsuits against the federal government — including more than a dozen against its Environmental Protection Agency — show that he would have the energy industry's best interests at heart, Hirsch said.

Several of Abbott's lawsuits against the EPA sought to ease restrictions

on carbon pollution, siding with drillers and electricity generators.

Last December, after the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in a challenge to a federal rule to curb the effects of air pollution across state boundaries, Abbott said the "rule will jeopardize the reliability of the Texas electrical grid, threaten the jobs of hard-working Texans, and burden Texas families with higher electricity prices."

"I will continue to fight the Obama Administration's runaway EPA and will do all that I can to prevent unnecessary and unlawful federal regulations from getting in the way of Texas' economic success," he said.

During his stint as a Texas Supreme Court justice, however, Abbott disagreed with oil and gas companies on at least one case. In 1996, Abbott signed onto a dissenting opinion written by Justice Alberto Gonzales after a majority ruling in Heritage Resources v. Nationsbank set a high bar for mineral leaseholders who try to recoup lost royalties from energy companies that deduct certain production costs — even when a contract appears to forbid the practice. Such disputes are still common.

The justices said they were "puzzled by the Court's decision to ignore the unequivocal intent of sophisticated parties who negotiated contractual terms at arm's length."

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War I.

1921

Midland: The Bankhead Highway, or "Broadway of America," is built through Midland.

International: Adolf Hitler is elected fuhrer of Germany's Nazi Party.

1923

Midland: The Santa Rita gusher begins - May 23.

U.S.: The "Hollywood" sign is unveiled in Los Angeles.

1929

Midland: The Hogan Building opens in downtown Midland, becoming the tallest building in West

Texas.

U.S.: The Bay Bridge opens in San Francisco, becoming the longest bridge in the world.

1942

Midland: Clarence Scharbauer Sr. dies — October.

U.S.: Future Dallas Cowboy owner Jerry Jones is born - October.

1950

U.S.: Korean War begins — June.

Midland: Midland Memorial Hospital opens — July.

Jimmy Patterson's book, "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas," is scheduled to be published this summer.

MPD

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found Subia hiding there. The suspect stood up from a crouched position and began to yell, "I have a gun; I have a gun." Subia moved across the yard to a nearby barn and Chesworth ordered him to get on the ground. Subia refused to comply and Chesworth moved toward the barn with his department-issued shotgun.

Higgins said Chesworth lost sight of Subia for a split second. He re-appeared, holding a pistol to his head and then pointed the pistol toward Chesworth. The officer then discharged his shotgun twice to strike Subia in the right side of his body. Subia was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital for treatment and has since recovered from his injuries.

Subia faces charges of burglary of a habitation with the intention to commit another felony, evading arrest or detention with a previous conviction, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and aggravated assault against a public

servant. Three other people face charges in connection with the burglary, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

Chesworth was placed on administrative leave following the shooting, according to department procedure. An MPD review board cleared Chesworth, and a Texas Rangers investigation was presented to the grand jury, which issued a "no bill" on Jan. 22. This decision allowed Chesworth to move from behind a desk and once again patrol the streets, according to previous reports.

Chesworth, who was an MPD cadet before being sworn in as an officer in December 2008, said he was surprised to receive the award and did not expect anything like this to come out of the shooting.

As a husband and a father, he said he did what was necessary to ensure his safety as well as the safety of others.

"At the end of the day, I'm going to make it to the house," Chesworth said. "I'm going home at the end of my shift."

GOP has a built-in advantage in fight for US House

By Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even if Democrats recruit great candidates, raise gobs of money and run smart campaigns, they face an uphill fight to retake control of the House in this year's congressional elections, regardless of the political climate in November.

The reason? Republican strategists spent years developing a plan to take advantage of the 2010 census, first by winning key state legislatures and then redrawing House districts to tilt the playing field in their favor.

In states like Ohio, Michigan and North Carolina, Republicans were able to shape congressional maps to pack as many Democratic voters as possible into the fewest House districts. The process, called gerrymandering, left fertile ground elsewhere in each state to spread Republican voters among more districts, increasing the GOP's chances of winning more seats.

Geography helped, too, in some states. Democratic voters are more likely to live in densely populated urban areas, making it easier to pack them into fewer districts.

The first payoff came in 2012, when Republicans kept control of the House despite Democratic support that swept President Barack Obama to a second term. The next payoff is likely to come this fall.

Gerrymandering has a long history in the United States, pursued enthusiastically by both Democrats and Republicans. But the GOP's success at it this decade has been historic: In 2012, Republicans achieved a 33-seat majority in the House, even though GOP candidates as a group got 1.4 million fewer votes than their Democratic opponents.

It was only the second time since World War II that the party receiving the most votes failed to win a majority of House seats, according to statistics compiled by the House Clerk. Democrats gained eight seats but were still a minority.

"The fact that Republicans controlled redistricting (after 2010) meant that they were able to build up a wall, stopping a lot of the tide from running out," said Justin Levitt, a law professor and redistricting expert at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. "They were able to shore up a lot of the districts that had been won by, in many cases, tea party freshmen or other Republican freshmen."

The Republicans' advantage will fade as the decade wears on and the population changes. In the meantime, Democrats control the White House and



Steve Helber/AP

Chris Jankowski, the architect of the GOP's gerrymandering effort in Virginia, poses March 19 in the Gallery of the Virginia House of Delegates at the Capitol in Richmond, Va. They can recruit great candidates, raise gobs of money and run smart campaigns, but Democrats will face an uphill fight to retake control of the House in this year's midterm elections, regardless of the political climate in November. The playing field is tilted decidedly in favor of Republican candidates, and it will be for much of the decade. That's because Republicans built the field when they drew new boundaries for House districts in key states after the 2010 census.

the Senate, while Republicans control the House, giving the GOP powerful leverage to block Obama's second-term agenda.

How did Republicans gain their advantage? It all started with the party's sweeping victories in 2010 and a plan called REDMAP.

The 2010 election was a disaster for Democrats. Republicans picked up 63 seats to win control of the House. They also gained seats in the Senate, though Democrats kept a majority.

Perhaps more important, Republicans won control of state legislatures in crucial states, giving the party the edge that is still paying dividends.

Every 10 years following the national census, states redraw the boundaries of House districts to account for population changes. Some states gain seats and others lose, so the overall total remains 435. In most states, the legislature and the governor draw up the new districts, which is why political parties pay special attention to elections at the start of each decade.

"I think Democrats made a terrible mistake. They did not put nearly enough attention or resources into legislative races at the state level," said Matt Bennett, a former aide to President Bill Clinton. "A bunch of these legislatures slipped by very narrow margins, and some of them flipped for the first time since Reconstruction in the South."

For Republicans, it was a combination of luck and planning. The political winds were in their favor,

but they also had been plotting for years to take full advantage of redistricting.

REDMAP, which stands for Redistricting Majority Project, called for targeting races in states that were expected to gain or lose congressional seats. GOP strategists reasoned that redistricting could have a greater impact in these states because there would have to be more changes to district boundaries, said Chris Jankowski, former president of the Republican State Leadership Committee.

Republicans spent more than \$30 million through REDMAP to help elect legislative majorities in states such as Ohio, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, Jankowski said.

"We're not talking about 2-month-long broadcast buys on network TV that never stop, like you see in a U.S. Senate battle," Jankowski said. "We're talking about cable, radio, mail, ground game — very basic stuff."

Before the 2010 election, the GOP had majorities in 36 state legislative bodies. Afterward, the party controlled 56, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. In almost half the states, Republicans won control of the entire redistricting process.

To help analyze voting patterns in congressional districts, The Associated Press divided the votes from the 2012 presidential election into all 435 House districts.

Because Obama got the most votes, you might think he won the most congressional districts. But he didn't.

Nationally, Obama received nearly 5 million more votes than Republican Mitt Romney. But in some states, large numbers of Obama's votes were packed into heavily Democratic congressional districts. As a result, Romney won 17 more House districts than Obama.

Independent experts give Democrats little chance to retake the House this year. Even beyond Republicans' redistricting advantage, the party of the president usually loses seats in Congress during midterm elections.

Rep. Steve Israel of New York, who is in charge of the House Democrats' campaign operation, rejects arguments that Democrats can't do it, regardless of the map. Jankowski, on the other hand, expects Republican candidates to continue enjoying the fruits of redistricting.

Still, Jankowski notes that people move and populations change. As the decade wears on, the political benefits will diminish and another redistricting battle will loom.

"It has a shelf life to it, and it's usually not the full 10 years," Jankowski said. "That's the reason we have a census every 10 years."

Texas redistricting fight is boon to lawyers

AUSTIN — The fight in Texas over the once-a-decade redrawing of election districts is a boon to lawyers with a court battle still raging four years after the 2010 census. Since the 1970s, litigation over redistricting has taken an average of about six of every 10 years.

The legal fight is so fierce in Texas because the political stakes are high. Texas added four congressional seats after the 2010 census — more than any other state — and Democrats hope growth in the Hispanic population eventually will turn the nation's most populous Republican-dominated state a shade of blue. Republicans, who hold every statewide office and large legislative majorities, are trying to hold onto their political dominance.

The heart of the lawsuits is over the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which requires the drawing of election lines to make sure minorities get a chance to elect people who represent their interests. The 2010 census showed that 89 percent of the population growth in Texas came from minorities.

But when it came to fitting those new seats in the map, Republican lawmakers in 2011 made sure three of them favored Republicans, who tend to be white. And so the latest saga of redistricting litigation began.

Texas politicians have drawn creative political districts to perpetuate political power since the 1870s, when conservative Democrats wanted to deny recently freed slaves the chance to win any elections following Reconstruction. Democrats dominated the congressional delegation until former U.S. Rep. Tom Delay, R-Houston, convinced Republican lawmakers to redraw them in 2003 to give Republicans a better chance of winning.

That was the first time the Legislature had redrawn districts in the middle of the 10 years cycle, and Republicans have held a majority of the Texas congressional delegation ever since.

Attorney General Greg Abbott, defending the Republican 2011 redistricting plan, argued that while drawing maps that discriminate against ethnic groups is illegal, there is nothing wrong with Republicans drawing maps that help the party stay in power. He argued that the Legislature didn't intend to discriminate against minorities, only Democrats who happen to make up most of the minorities in Texas.

This fight has bounced around federal courts for the last three years and currently is based in San Antonio, where three federal judges rejected Abbott's argument, suspended the Legislature's 2011 maps and drew their own map for the 2012 election to deal with the worst abuses.

The 2012 election added two minority Democrats and two white Republicans to the Texas congressional delegation while the fight over the maps continued. Abbott, who is now running for governor, advised the Legislature in 2013 that the court-drawn map was about as good as they could expect and convinced the lawmakers to make the judge's map official.

But minority groups, including the NAACP and the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, argued that the 2012 maps did not go far enough in ending discrimination. They called on the court to draft yet another congressional map that would give minorities even more voice.

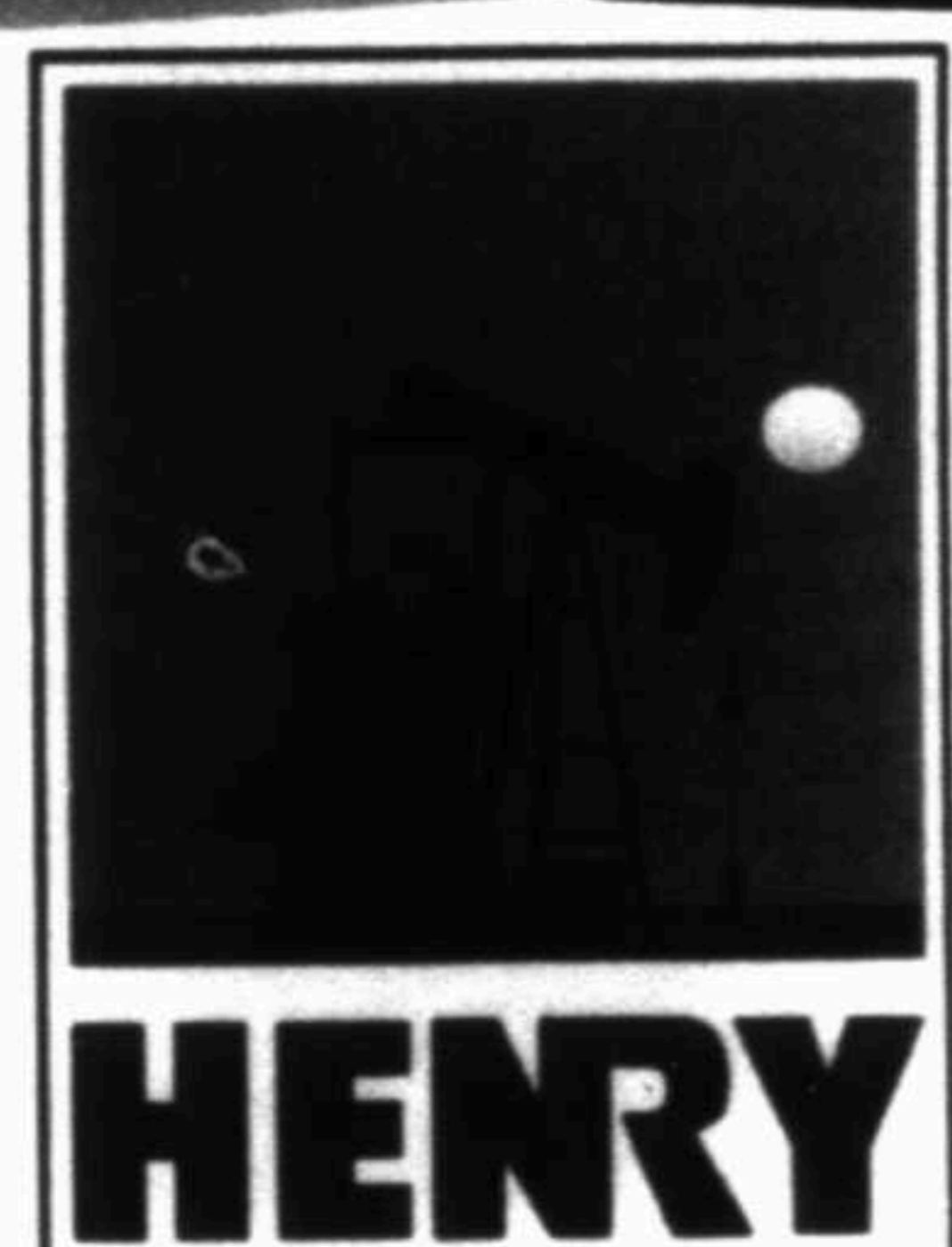
"The original legislative plans intentionally discriminated against minority voters fragmenting them into disparate districts and diluting their voting strength," the League of United Latin American Voters argued in the latest court papers. "The Court's interim plan... somewhat ameliorated this statutory and constitutional violation but the underlying injury to the minority voters remains."

Abbott lost his argument that the court's 2012 maps were good enough and the judges have set a trial for July 15. In the meantime, the court-drawn maps remain in effect.

The judges could change the map again for the 2014 election. No matter how they rule, both sides are expected to appeal the decision.

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Maybe it's time to lighten up on the first lady

■ The treatment of Michelle Obama is in a different league, and appears to be a bit personal

The past couple of weeks have marked a turning point in American ugliness as the mob has turned its full fury on first lady Michelle Obama.

From criticism of her trip to China to a recent "tell-all" by former White House assistant press secretary Reid Cherlin writing for The New Republic about Mrs. Obama's allegedly tyrannical behavior, the gloves have been removed.

As described, she was a perfectionist — super-attentive to detail and laser-focused on advance planning. And this is bad because? Worse, according to a former (anonymous) staffer, there was no barometer for meeting Mrs. Obama's high standards.

"The first lady having the wrong pencil skirt on Monday is just as big of a [mess-up] as someone speaking on the record when they didn't mean to or a policy initiative that completely failed," said the former aide. "It just made you super anxious."

Yes, high-pressure jobs are often like that. And the wrong skirt isn't nothing when every scarf, sweater or sneaker is analyzed as though Vladimir Putin's next move hinged on a hemline.

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Other criticism slinging the Internet has been leveled at Michelle's China trip, which to some seemed like just another vacation for the first lady, her two daughters and her mother, Marian Robinson, who was described by a single disgruntled Chinese hotel staffer as "barking at the staff." All other staff commented on how nice everyone was, but a British reporter managed to find one ticked-off person. Brilliant.

As for vacations, Hawaii may be an enviable destination, but China? (Please don't feel compelled to share your China vacation. I'm sure it was great.) Moreover, goodwill exchanges are among our most effective instruments in diplomacy, soft or otherwise. What is more humanizing than a mother, her daughters and their grandmother?

As for the conduct abroad, a snapshot doesn't tell the story. Mrs. Obama's no-press stipulation is problematic, to be sure, but I can confidently report that the

Obamas are recognized for their superior attention to protocol. Witness Mrs. Obama when she met Pope Benedict XVI in 2009 and national security adviser Susan Rice during the president's recent visit with Pope Francis. Both ladies wore black attire, including mantillas.

This is proper dress for women at the Vatican, and I'm told they were observed appreciatively. Aren't proper conduct and decorum what we really want from our presidential spouse?

Instead, the haters prefer to focus on a frame here and there in which Michelle Obama is either not wearing the happy-wife smile or dressed too casually for their taste. Those in the public eye for any period of time will fail to present their best face in every instance — or they'll have perfectionist minders micro-managing any potential downside.

Or backside. When I traveled with then-first lady Laura Bush to the Middle East in 2007, members of the media were asked to turn their backs (and cameras) as Mrs. Bush climbed into a dug-out area in Petra, Jordan. At all times, we were told to position ourselves well ahead of the first lady. This was mostly for security but also ensured the most flattering camera angles.

Who besides Kim Kardashian wants a photographer snapping one's hind quarters as you climb a hill or hoist yourself into a

camel saddle, as Mrs. Bush gamely did.

Is this contrived and, therefore, dishonest? Who cares? Honesty is about capturing the subject as she is — a lady with dignity who holds one of the most important positions in the world. Wouldn't we want our first lady seen at her best?

Every first lady faces trials, and Hillary Clinton's years in the White House were certainly no picnic. Even Laura Bush felt the sting now and then. But the harsh barrage against Mrs. Obama, often in the most personal terms, is in a class of its own.

To what do we owe this fresh venom? Some might say it's all about race — and though surely true in some cases, this seems too facile an explanation. Perhaps with President Obama's approval ratings in the low 40s, it is our animal nature to pile on the weakened leader. How better to hurt Obama than to attack his family? Perhaps there is a kernel of truth to the East Wing as the "worst wing," as Cherlin called it.

Alternatively, maybe some staffers weren't up to the job and, lacking the maturity or self-awareness (not to mention loyalty), to accept their own responsibility, they turned to the dubious consolation of dishing dirt.

The thing about dirt, however, is that it's dirty. And the used-to-be-somebody holding the shovel usually gets dirtiest of all.

OUR VIEW

School districts must be more active in workforce preparation

All education is workforce preparation. This is the sentiment expressed by state Rep. Tom Craddick and state Sen. Kel Seliger last week at the State of Education luncheon, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

While talking about House Bill 5 and its immediate and future impact, we couldn't help but think that what Midlanders should take away from their comments is that the focus of today's school leaders should be on workforce preparation.

Craddick and Seliger were right about the need to reduce testing; they were right that federal requirements still get in the way of test reduction; and they were right that House Bill 5 gives more control to school districts, parents and students to work together to make the right decisions about curriculum.

But we appreciated their comments most about schools needing to change their mission to help students determine the proper path for their future. Schools should be there for every student to graduate and prepare for college if that is what a student wants. We know, however, that is not always the case. Some students, as both Craddick and Seliger mentioned, see the opportunities to join the workforce now. Whether working on a rig or as a welder, plumber, truck driver or home builder, they may see college as a backup. In our view, we can't discourage them, but we need to tailor our school system to meet these students' needs.

As we move toward the time when MISD will be presenting a bond referendum for secondary schools, it is up to residents to contact their board representatives to make sure that plan shapes a school district that is right for Midland five, 10, 20 and 30 years from now. And that plan must address all students and present alternatives for those who don't see college as a primary option.

As the legislators said, ninth-graders must be shown why the next four years will be important to them. That includes students whose reason to stay in school is to get certificates in trades.

HB 5 is giving school districts more flexibility and control than they had before. We hope Midland ISD takes advantage of it. We are seeing what works and what students and parents are getting excited about, including Early College High School and magnet programs. We would like any transformation of secondary schools to include magnet and trade programs. We believe trade programs fit in with the type of school district that prepares the next generation for tomorrow's workforce.

And this would play a big part in developing a school district that is right for Midland.

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Are some groups driven to be better?

■ For the successful, we should be ready to deliver

Even before Amy Chua and Jed Rubenfeld's "The Triple Package: How Three Unlikely Traits Explain the Rise and Fall of Cultural Groups in America" was published, the book was being denounced as sociologically lightweight and packed full of historical blind spots. Chua, who gained notoriety as "The Tiger Mom," was savaged as a "full-blown eugenics-pushing racist."

The irony is delicious: An ultra-successful Asian-American lawyer-turned-author writes about how some marginalized groups rise to prosperity and all she gets for it are vicious attacks from people incensed that someone highlighted the achievements of certain groups.

There were many impassioned takedowns, but Jie-Song Zhang's "Tiger Mom vs. Brooklyn Dragon: I Herby Challenge Amy Chua to a Barefist Kung Fu Duel" on The Huffington Post, accusing Chua of "endangering the American future," was among the shrillest.

Here's an excerpt: "We could shadow-box in the middle of the Stuyvesant High School cafeteria, amid a room full of Chinese kids taking the SATs and scoring perfect on the math sections. We could get real, real Chinese with it. 'I'm talkin' the most Chinese Mahjong Fukien showdown. Ever.'"

The uproar this book has inspired borders on the deranged. And over what? A slim volume that basically says that if you're driven, work hard and think a lot of yourself — but not too much, no one likes a showoff — you can be successful in life. This is what used to pass for common sense.

And the craziest part is that if you bother to actually read the book, you'll see that it's not at all about why some people are better than others but a manual for success in America.

The triple package that Chua and Rubenfeld describe rests on the premise that we live in a world in which "certain individuals and groups do strikingly better than others in terms of wealth, position and other conventional measures of success." This assertion disgusts the book's critics, but it's just a fact.

The three factors are: a superiority complex — a deeply internalized belief in your specialness,

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exceptionality and superiority based on a story about the magnificence of your people's history and civilization; insecurity — a feeling or worry that what you've done or have is not good enough; and impulse control — the ability to resist giving up in the face of hardship.

I actually found the best part of the book to be the explanation of why some groups don't succeed.

"The absence of the Triple Package was not the original cause of their poverty," the authors contend. "In almost every case, America's persistently low-income groups became poor because of systematic exploitation, discrimination, denial of opportunity and institutional or macroeconomic factors having nothing to do with their culture."

In describing why the combination of triple-package factors doesn't work for some low-income groups, the authors describe a variation on the "Marshmallow Test" of self-control.

In it, test subjects are promised a double serving of a favored treat if they delay gratification. But some are promised by a person who has proved to be untrustworthy and others by someone who kept their word in a previous instance. Those who had been prompted by the untrustworthy person did not delay gratification.

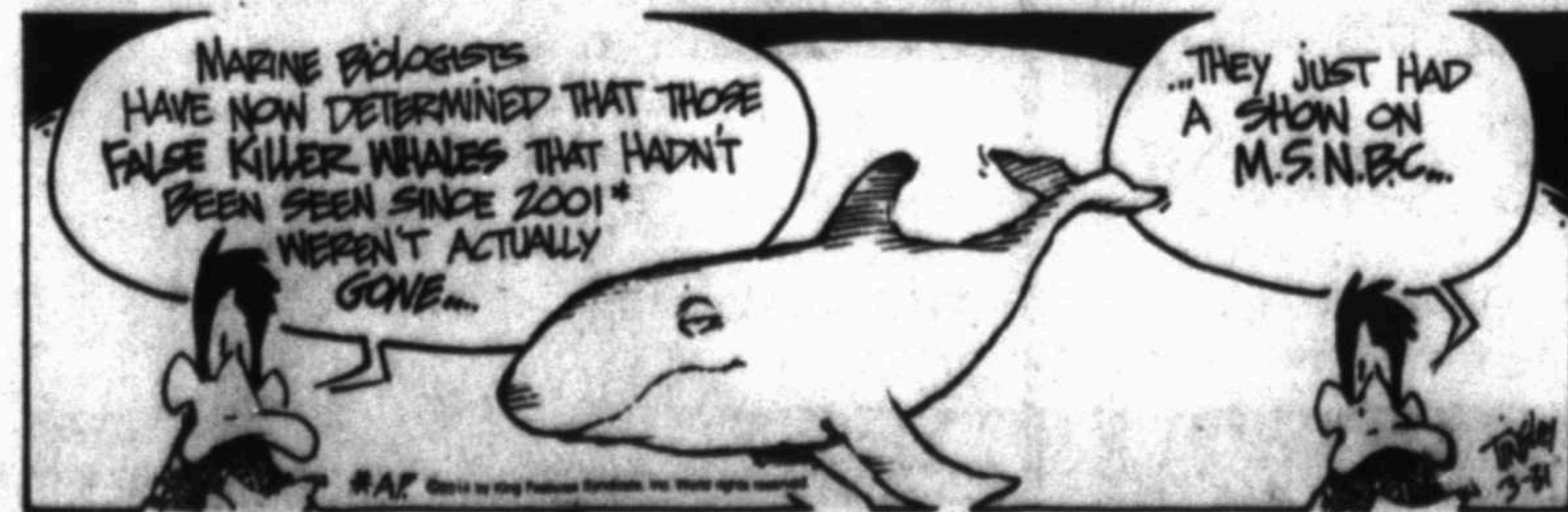
"If people don't trust the system, if they think society is lying when it tells them that discipline and hard work will be rewarded — if they don't think that people like them can really make it — they have no incentive to engage in impulse control, sacrificing present satisfactions in hopes of future gain. This is as true in America's inner cities as in rural Appalachia," the authors say.

This is the big takeaway of the book — one too important to be missed in silly discussions about imperialism or racial superiority. If we want a nation of people willing to work hard and sacrifice in order to attain the American dream, we'd better be ready to consistently deliver on its promise.

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From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



NATION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON Test accurately rules out heart attacks in the ER

A simple test appears very good at ruling out heart attacks in people who go to emergency rooms with chest pain, a big public health issue and a huge worry for patients.

A large study in Sweden found that the blood test plus the usual electrocardiogram of the heartbeat were 99 percent accurate at showing which patients could safely be sent home rather than be admitted for observation and more diagnostics.

Of nearly 9,000 patients judged low risk by the blood test and with normal electrocardiograms, only 15 went on to suffer a heart attack in the next month, and not a single one died.

"We believe that with this strategy, 20 to 25 percent of admissions to hospitals for chest pain may be avoided," said Dr. Nadia Bandstein of the Karolinska University Hospital in Stockholm.

She helped lead the study, published in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology* and presented Sunday at the cardiology college's annual conference in Washington.

Chest pain sends more than 15 million people to emergency rooms in the United States and Europe each year, and it usually turns out to be due to anxiety, indigestion or other less-serious things than a heart attack. Yet doctors don't want to miss one — about 2 percent of patients having heart attacks are mistakenly sent home.

People may feel reassured by being admitted to a hospital so doctors can keep an eye on them, but that raises the risk of picking up an infection and having expensive care they'll have to pay a share of, plus unnecessary tests.

The study included nearly 15,000 people who went to the Karolinska University hospital with chest pains over two years. About 8,900 had low scores on a faster, more sensitive blood test for troponin, a substance that's a sign of heart damage. The test has been available in Europe, Asia and Canada for about three years, but it is not yet available in the United States.

The patients were 47 years old on average and 4 percent had a previous heart attack. About 21 percent of them wound up being admitted.

Researchers later looked back to see how the blood test and electrocardiogram would have predicted how they fared over the next month.

They figured that in order to find one heart attack in patients like this, 594 would have to be admitted — a huge waste of resources.

A test like this would be "enormously useful," and the study's results are "almost too good to be true," said Dr. Judd Hollander, an emergency medicine specialist at the University of Pennsylvania.

He believes the test should be available in the U.S. and that the amount of evidence that regulators are requiring to approve it is too high.

Dr. Allan Jaffe, a cardiologist at the Mayo Clinic, said the problem is not

what the test rules out, but what it might falsely rule in. It's so sensitive that it can pick up troponin from heart failure and other problems and cause unnecessary tests for that.

"I think the strategy long-term will be proven," but more studies underway now in the U.S. are needed to show that, he said.

CALIFORNIA Animal mummies on display in museum

SANTA ANA — Dogs and cats are often beloved family members in current culture, but animals held such a prominent place in ancient Egyptian society that tens of millions were mummified, some going into the pharaohs' tombs to rest eternally in the company of their kings.

Others had their own special cemeteries, where they were buried in coffins as elaborately carved as those of royal family members.

Dozens of the best surviving specimens have taken up residence at Orange County's Bowers Museum as the centerpiece of "Soulful Creatures: Animal Mummies in Ancient Egypt."

There's a dog so well detailed that even its floppy ears are prominent. An ancient cat has been laid to rest with its little paws drawn across its body, creating an image eerily reminiscent of a human's funeral pose.

"It just shows how closely Egyptians thought of animals on some basic level as being very similar to human beings," said Edward Bleiberg, the exhibition's curator. "The Egyptians believed that animals had souls."

But soulful or not, most people — other than a king or queen — couldn't afford to keep a dog or cat around just for companionship in ancient times, Bleiberg said.

Thus the hunting dog seen waiting patiently under a chair during a dinner table scene etched onto an ancient tablet in the exhibition would likely have been shown the door if it hadn't contributed to making that meal possible.

Most animals had an even greater job. They were charged with the responsibility of using their souls in death to carry messages to the gods they had represented on Earth during their lives. The dog, for example, was the sacred votive or messenger of the god Anubis, who is depicted in ancient Egyptian art as a man with the head of a dog.

The Ibis communicated directly with the god Thoth, who had the body of a man and head of a bird and who, it seems, was especially good at resolving human disagreements.

"There's a letter included with one of the animal mummies that suggests there's this man who is having a terrible problem at work," Bleiberg noted. "He has this rivalry with a co-worker, he's certain that the co-worker is bad-mouthing him to the boss and making him look bad, and he requests that Thoth make him stop."

By Kristen Wyatt Associated Press

DENVER — Bill Fales wanted a new baler and a better irrigation system for the 700-acre ranch where he raises grass-fed beef cattle, but he scrapped those plans when he saw his new health insurance premiums.

His Cold Mountain Ranch is in western Colorado's Rocky Mountains, a rural area where outpatient services are twice as expensive as the state average. Fales recently saw his monthly premiums jump 50 percent, to about \$1,800 a month.

Health care has always been more expensive in far-flung communities, where actuarial insurance data show fewer doctors, specialists and hospitals, as well as older residents in need of more health care services. But the rural-urban cost divide has been exacerbated by the Affordable Care Act.

"We've gone from letting the insurance companies use a pre-existing medical condition to jack up rates to having a pre-existing zip code being the reason health insurance is unaffordable," Fales said. "It's just wrong."

Geography is one of only three determinants insurance companies are allowed to use to set premiums under the federal health care law, along with age and tobacco use. Insurance officials said they need such controls to remain viable.

"If premiums are not allowed to keep up with underlying medical costs, no company is going to survive," said Robert Zirkelbach, a spokesman with America's Health Insurance Plans, a Washington, D.C.-based industry group.

The nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation recently rated the Colorado region where Fales lives as the nation's priciest, based on rates for the lowest-priced "silver" plan, a mid-level policy. In this part of the state, a region that includes Aspen, the cheapest mid-level plan is \$483 a month. In Denver, the same plan is about \$280 a month.

Other insurance price zones on the most-expensive list include rural areas in Georgia, Nevada, Wisconsin and Wyoming. But the cost differences between densely and sparsely populated areas shouldn't come as a shock, Zirkelbach said, because it's simply more expensive to deliver care in such communities.

"That's not new at all. Health insurance premiums track the underlying cost of medical care. This was true before the ACA, and it's true now," he said. "Hopefully, the exchanges will shine a spotlight on the variances that exist in the cost of medical care."

States have only one option to reduce the premium divide between their urban and rural areas. They can set a single statewide rating zone, an option that would reduce premiums for those in

rural areas by shifting costs onto more-populated regions.

It's something officials in all but the smallest states are reluctant to do. Only five states — Delaware, Hawaii, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Vermont — chose a single rating zone, in addition to Washington, D.C., according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

"There's always been geographic variance in insurance," said Craig Garthwaite, an economist at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management who has studied the economic consequences of the new health care law.

The difference now, he said, is insurers have fewer levers to adjust premium pricing. Garthwaite also said the health care law makes it easier for rural health insurance shoppers to see what city residents are paying.

"That's forcing them to confront the market, which is a new thing," he said.

It's a bumpy confrontation for many in rural areas who earn too much to qualify for premium subsidies but not enough to easily afford premiums that can approach or exceed \$1,000 a month.

"I have people mad enough to bite a nail in half down here, saying, 'Why are my prices so high?'" said David Hardin, an insurance broker in the southwest Georgia community of Albany, in another of the nation's priciest private health insurance zones.

"Either they're mad as all get-out, or I can hear them crying on the phone. It just breaks your heart," said Hardin, whose customers are seeing monthly premiums that cost at least \$500 a month more than if they'd lived in Atlanta. "I think there was the idea that it might reduce costs, and now they're seeing that it's

not." Some are even considering moving to avoid the premium increases.

In Gardnerville, Nev., about 50 miles south of Reno, freelance writer Tim Plaehn is considering moving to Uruguay, where he and his wife lived for a time and still have friends.

Plaehn pays about \$400 a month in premiums but expects his tab to rise above \$1,000 when his current plan expires. He makes too much to qualify for insurance subsidies but isn't sure he can afford the jump.

"I'm hoping something will change in the law to make it more affordable, because otherwise, something's going to break," he said.

Some premiums in Las Vegas are about \$600 a month cheaper, but he said he doesn't want to live there.

Colorado Insurance Commissioner Marguerite Salazar has traveled to several rural regions to explain the rates to angry customers.

At the meetings, state insurance officials pass out the actuarial data behind the premiums, including details from Colorado's All Payer Claims Database, which lists hospitalization rates and other factors used to determine the cost of health care in a region.

Salazar then walks residents through the differences and said that state officials cannot lower rural rates without driving insurers out of the market.

"They've got to have rates that will allow them to pay the doctors," Salazar said at a November meeting in Greeley, a northeastern Colorado town where rates are higher than Denver.

Salazar recently announced a task force to review the rating zones, but added in a public statement that any changes would have to be based on new data.

Her spokesman, Vincent Plymell, said there is nothing state regulators can do. There are no easy short-term fixes to reduce costs in rural areas, where everything from MRIs to baby deliveries costs more, he said.

"Costs are higher like they are for housing or food or everything else. Health care costs aren't something we have the ability to control," Plymell said. "It's easy to kind of point the finger and say it's the big, bad insurance companies, but it's a lot more complicated than that."

U.S. Rep. Jared Polis, a Colorado Democrat whose district includes part of the state's expensive mountain region, appealed last year to U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius for a waiver for such areas.

Sebelius replied that the matter is a state issue. There would be no federal assistance for variances in state-approved health insurance rating areas.

"I'm somewhat frustrated that there are waivers being extended to small- and mid-size businesses, yet individuals are being faced with costs that they can't afford," Polis said.

For now, health advocates in rural Colorado said they have few answers for patients who want to buy insurance, but simply can't afford it because of where they live.

"People really see the value of insurance up here, and they're mystified about why our premiums are so much higher," said Tamara Drangstveit, executive director of the Family and Intercultural Resource Center in Frisco, Colo., about 25 miles east of Vail in the heart of the state's ski country.

"They want insurance," Drangstveit said. "They don't want to break the law and get a fine, but they live in a certain area, and they have no choice."

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STEERS AND STARS

Ball raises more than \$1M for rehab center

The recent Steers and Stars Ball raised more than \$1 million for the Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center.

The biennial event, which was at the Petroleum Club, began with a VIP party and continued with a steak dinner and live auction.

Stand-up comic Bill Engvall, whose wife, Gail, is a former Midlander, served as the auctioneer. The auction items included box seats at the new Baylor Stadium for a Bears vs. Frogs game, suite seats at Cowboy Stadium for George Strait's final tour, trips, jewelry and dinner parties.

Another auction package included the opportunity to dance a waltz with Engvall, who recently competed on "Dancing with the Stars."

— Marilyn Harrison



ABOVE
Kim Phillips, from left, Whitney Gripp, Jill Ham, Debbie Pruett, Bill and Gail Engvall, Heidi Krueger, Courtnee McHugh and Bonnie Squire.

FAR LEFT
Banaise and Amy Blake, from left, and Dana and Trent Parham.

LEFT
Bill Engvall and Laura Custer.

BELOW LEFT
Dorise Watson, from left, Gail Engvall and Shelley Firestone.

BELOW RIGHT
Caroline and Robin Brown, from left, and Toffee and Jake McAlister.



CHINA AID

RIGHT
Among those who attended China Aid's 2014 vision banquet were Pastor Getaneh, right, and his wife, Wosa. Getaneh is founder of Watch and Pray Ministeries in Midland.



China Aid's 2014 Vision Banquet was March 21 at Midland Country Club. Attorney Michael Horowitz, left, and his wife, Dr. Devra Marcus, center, were presented with the organization's Courage Award for their efforts to promote religious freedom and human rights in China. With the couple is Bob Fu, founder of China Aid. Horowitz is director of the Hudson Institute's Project for Civil Justice Reform and Project for International Religious Liberty.

HAVE YOU HEARD

BY MARILYN MCKNIGHT HARRISON



MAVERICK PLAYERS

Jennifer Colwell, from left, Anne Gilley, Debbie Erdwurm and Lettie Dutton.

MIDLAND MUSICIANS CLUB

Tom Hyde, back row from left, Peggy Jones, Lou Nelle George, Linda Fox, Beverly Wise, Lucy Thames and Martha Lewis; Janet Pollard, front row from left, Darlynnna Rush, Edith Hardy, Jo Ann Collett, Benita Birmingham and Doris Munger.



VIOLIN STUDENT

Aliza Bowcutt, left, and Madeline Madura.



ECHOLS-GERTSCH WEDDING

ABOVE Briana Echols, bottom row from left, Tarabeth Echols, Mary Lou Wilson, Misti Myer and Heather Echols; John-Mark Echols, top row from left, Michael Gertsch, Wilson Echols and John Echols.



LEFT Michael Gertsch and Tarabeth Echols.



SOLARI BIRTHDAY PARTY

ABOVE Deb Solari, from left, Dianna Solari Boulter, Mike Solari, Mark Solari, Sue Solari

LEFT Michelle Solari, from left, Bryan Boulter, Melodee Boulter Cooper, Julianna Boulter Blake, Sue Solari, Rachael Solari Davis, Olivia Solari, Matt Boulter, Emmalee Boulter Simons and Brandon Boulter.

MAVERICK PLAYERS ANNIVERSARY

The Maverick Players are celebrating their 15th anniversary in conjunction with the opening of their first play of the year, "Dearly Beloved," a wedding comedy with many twists and turns.

The group hosted its traditional opening night wine and cheese reception March 14 at the VFW hall, where the productions are staged. Background music was provided by the Midland Community Symphonic Band; refreshments were prepared by Joan Noel.

Among those spotted in the crowd were Myra and Andy Salcedo, Joan Baskin, Jane Wolf, Gail Gilliland, Violet and Mark Singh, Megan O'Hearn and Bob Wilson, and Richard Culbert, with his children, Cailin and Jake.

The Maverick Players were organized in 1999 as a group that would produce only comedies. Initially, the troupe wandered

around from "pasture to pasture" like maverick cattle — hence the name. The first permanent home was a former movie theater at Midland Park Mall. Last year, the Maverick Players had the opportunity to make the VFW their new home.

ECHOLS-GERTSCH WEDDING

A group of Midlanders traveled to Dallas for the March 1 wedding of Tarabeth Echols and Michael Gertsch.

The couple were married at Zion Lutheran Church. The reception, hosted by the bride's parents, Midlanders Heather and John Echols, followed at the Hilton Anatole's Stemmons Ballroom. It included cocktails, dinner and dancing.

Wedding weekend festivities began Feb. 27 with a bachelorette party hosted by the matron of honor, Darby Brown, and the bride's sister-in-law and bridesmatron, Briana Echols. Following dinner at the hotel, guests were taken to a dance studio

where the bride-to-be was feted with a lingerie shower and the women learned various routines.

On the eve of the wedding, the groom's parents, Lisa and Steve Gertsch, of Cabot, Ark., hosted the rehearsal dinner at the Blue Mesa Grill & Cantina. Earlier that day, the bride's grandmother, Mary Lou Wilson, hosted a bridesmaids luncheon at the hotel. The bride's parents hosted a brunch on March 2, also at the hotel, for out-of-town guests.

The couple, who are planning a honeymoon at a later date, are at home in the Dallas suburb of Addison, where both are employed.

The Gertschs were honored Feb. 1 with a cocktail party at Wilson's Midland home. Co-hostesses were Betty and Wylie Basham, Darby and Chad Brown, Laura and Tim Carter, Sherry and Ron Frederick, Julie and Allen Harvey, Debby and Lee Scarborough, Ali and Derek Slaughter, Leslie and Johnny Slaughter,

Angela and Jay Stanford and Marlene and Matt Torres.

Amanda Mauldin, owner/designer of Stanton Floral and Wedding, and Midlander Bonnie Swanson, owner/designer of Imagine If, used a "Great Gatsby" theme. Chef Michael Olivas catered the event and served mini beef Wellington, shrimp cocktail, chicken diablo skewers, beef tenderloin, chocolate-dipped benets and miniature banana pudding cups.

SOLARI BIRTHDAY PARTY

Sue Solari, who recently turned 80, was honored at a party March 8 at Green Tree Country Club. The event was hosted by her children and their spouses: Dianna and Mike Boulter, of American Fork, Utah; Mike and Kelly Solari, of Round Rock; Mark and Terri Solari, of Midland; and Deb Solari, also of Midland.

Solari's children talked about her life, her many accomplishments and her opportunity to take all nine of

her grandchildren on trips for their 16th birthdays. The family paid tribute to "Granma Sue" with a rendition of Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline."

Playing in background was a video of Solari made by her grandson, Matt Boulter. Music for dancing was provided by Solari's friends, Natalie and Michael Christian, of Lubbock.

The ballroom was decorated in the honree's favorite colors of purple and turquoise and pictures of her throughout the years.

Solari's granddaughter, Emmalee Simons, of San Angelo, designed the invitations and decorations. The cake was made by longtime friend, Leslie Rabenaldt.

More than 175 guests attended the celebration. Family members included Solari's four children, their spouses, nine grandchildren and their spouses and five great-grandchildren.

Out-of-town guests included Melodee and George French, of California, and Solari's cousin,

Ann Slate, and husband, Chris; and former Midlanders, Charlotte and Baron Craft, of Houston.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

The Midland Musicians Club met March 12 at the home of Janet Williams Pollard.

Performers included Pollard, who was accompanied by guitarist Alberto Madrid, an instructor of mariachi music for Ector County Independent School District.

Guests included Violet Singh.

Madeline Madura performed her Suzuki violin graduation recital March 5 at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. She was accompanied by her teacher, Aliza Bowcutt.

Madeline is the daughter of Melissa and John Madura and a student at St. Ann's School. Her father is concertmaster of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Choral and her mother serves as principal in the viola section.



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SUPPORTING THE LIBRARY

Midland County Judge Mike Bradford shakes hands with Rosalind Redfern Grover after she received an award for her support of the library during the library foundation's annual fundraiser banquet March 22 at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. The guest speaker at the event was Amanda Beard, Olympic medalist swimmer and author.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

HONORING EDUCATORS

Jay Edwards, chairman of Midland Chamber of Commerce, introduces Amy Herring, left, and Katie Yost — two of the winners of the 2014 Excellence in Teaching and Unsung Hero awards — during the State of Education luncheon Wednesday at Midland Center. Herring, Alamo Junior High librarian, was the Unsung Hero; Yost, who teaches at Bowie Fine Arts Academy, won for the elementary category. The third winner, Jennifer Hart, a Trinity School teacher, won for the secondary category but didn't attend the luncheon.

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CNBC	46 45 39 72	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	
CNN	43 24 51 30 56	OutFront	A. Cooper 360	A. Cooper 360	A. Cooper 360	A. Cooper 360	A. Cooper 360	A. Cooper 360	A. Cooper 360	A. Cooper 360	A. Cooper 360	A. Cooper 360	
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LIFETIME	28 25 25 28 48	Hoarders "Andrew/Lydia"	Hoarders "Vula/Lisa"	Hoarders "Eileen/Judy"	Hoarders "Debra and Joanne"	Hoarders "Verna/Joanne"	Hoarders "Vula/Lisa"	Hoarders "Verna/Joanne"	Hoarders "Vula/Lisa"	Hoarders "Verna/Joanne"	Hoarders "Vula/Lisa"	Hoarders "Verna/Joanne"	
MSNBC	47 51 49 73	Hardball	All in With C. Hayes	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	All in With C. Hayes	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	All in With C. Hayes	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	All in With C. Hayes	
NBCSN	38 39	NHL Live	NHL Hockey Florida Panthers vs. New Jersey Devils (L)	NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild vs. Los Angeles Kings (L)	Overtime	NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild vs. Los Angeles Kings (L)	Overtime	NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild vs. Los Angeles Kings (L)	Overtime	NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild vs. Los Angeles Kings (L)	Overtime	NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild vs. Los Angeles Kings (L)	
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TBS	25 11 44 66 41	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	
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TLC	51 33 32 38 52	The Little Couple "Zoey Makes 4"	The Little Couple "The Unexplained"	Little Couple "We're in This Together"	Little Couple "Our First Christmas"	Little Couple "We're in This Together"	Little Couple "Our First Christmas"	Little Couple "We're in This Together"	Little Couple "Our First Christmas"	Little Couple "We're in This Together"	Little Couple "Our First Christmas"	Little Couple "We're in This Together"	
TNT	24 23 40 26 50	Castle "He's Dead, She's Dead"	Castle "Under the Gun"	Dallas "Like Father, Like Son" (N)	Dallas "Like Father, Like Son" (N)	Nashville Wives "To Tell the Truth" (N)	Nashville Wives "To Tell the Truth" (N)	Nashville Wives "To Tell the Truth" (N)	Nashville Wives "To Tell the Truth" (N)	Nashville Wives "To Tell the Truth" (N)	Nashville Wives "To Tell the Truth" (N)	Nashville Wives "To Tell the Truth" (N)	
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USA	26 30 42 27 49	NCIS: Los Angeles "Lock-Up"	WWE Monday Night Raw	WWE Monday Night Raw	WWE Monday Night Raw	WWE Monday Night Raw	WWE Monday Night Raw	WWE Monday Night Raw	WWE Monday Night Raw	WWE Monday Night Raw	WWE Monday Night Raw	WWE Monday Night Raw	
WGN	19 18	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	

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TOP: Mayor Jerry Morales talks with Kevin and Debbie Butts from Secured Document Shredding at Keep Midland Beautiful's appreciation luncheon.
ABOVE LEFT: Ty Hutton, left, and Stephanie Rivas, both with the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, accept their award from KMB's outgoing chairman, Kevin Butts.
ABOVE RIGHT: Dolores Vick, with Chevron, accepts the company's award from Butts.

KEEP MIDLAND BEAUTIFUL

Keep Midland Beautiful's annual appreciation luncheon was March 4 at the DoubleTree by Hilton. Mayor Jerry Morales was the guest speaker and Bill Dingus was the master of ceremonies. The luncheon, with the theme "Get It Clean and Keep It Clean," was sponsored by Suddenlink. The recipients of the 2013 Volunteer Achievement Award are: Midland Christian School National Honor Society, Adopt-a-Highway; Lee High School ROTC, Adopt-a-Spot; Chevron, business; Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, conservation; Community Service Department Parks Division, government; Fasken Oil & Ranch, leadership; ICA Broadcasting, media; West Texas Radio Group, public awareness; Midland Citizens Collection Station, recycling; Eric Siegmund, volunteer; and Kevin Butts, board chair for 2012-2013.

BANANAGRAMS!

Each of the words below can be turned into another word on the list by changing one letter and then rearranging them all to form a new word. For example, REGIMENT can be turned into STEERING by changing the M to an S, so they would be a pair.

LEVEL

- SCORE _____ Pairs _____
- MIDST _____
- DEIFY _____
- STALD _____
- ROUSE _____
- YIELD _____
- DONUT _____
- OUTDO _____

Yesterday's Answer: DECIBEL, DECLINE, INCLUDE, UNLACED, LAUNDER, NEUTRAL, TAUNTER, TANTRUM



WELCOME HOME

U.S. Army Spc. **Armstrong Mabwa** gets a hug from his sister, **Addah Mabwa**, right, at Midland International Airport on March 24 upon his return from Afghanistan. Mabwa greets his parents, **Thomas** and **Carolyn Esikhathi**, of Midland. Also on hand were members of the Patriot Guard Riders, far right.

By James Durbin



BRIDGE

Permian Basin Bridge Club

March 3

Gloria Crites-Jean Pistole, Debbie Kemp-Sandy Thomas, Marlene Blumentritt-Lena Nichols, Ann Servatius-Betty Fernandez, Charlie Grimes-Roni Oppenheim, Flo Curry-Dorothy Brenneman, Aggie Anguish-Ricki Perry, Roberta Bacon-Verna Chambers, Kay Arrell-Liza Philpy

March 4

Perry-Kemp, Bonnie Hubbard-Janet Stoltz, Anguish-Pistole, Tommie Strack-Blumentritt, Marilyn Higgins-Brenda Brauner, Betsy Loewenstein-Betty Marlow, Grimes-Oppenheim

March 5

Paula Baggett-Higgins, Rebecca Kinsey-Lyle Kinsey, Anguish-Servatius, R. Bacon-B. Bacon, Ann Parish-Belle Harris, Judy Ryles-Pistole, Curry-Blumentritt

March 6

Helen Davis-Brenneman, Gloria Jackson-Servatius, Georgia Temple-Higgins, Linda Farrar-Harris, Marty Massie-Parish, Les Neal-John Seymour, Linda Scarpelli-Baggett, Dorothy Blair-Kelly Murphy

March 7

Crites-Bob Baker, Helen South-Thomas, Sue Marshall-Frances Mills

Perry-Servatius, Vangie Lindsey-Janet Stoltz, Peggy Cowan-Hubbard

March 9

Crites-Pistole-Anguish-Perry-Fleta Pruett-Baggett, Servatius-B. Bacon, Gregory Bartha-Frances Levin, Mills-Stoltz

March 10

Harris-Philpy, Strack-Grimes, Curry-Brenneman, Anguish-Servatius, Blumentritt-Higgins, Massie-Parish

March 11

Brauner-Higgins, Pistole-Anguish, Marlow-Loewenstein, Dorothy Baird-Arrell

March 12

Blumentritt-Servatius, Pistole-Brenneman, Richard Stein-Grimes-Harris-Parish, Heard-Brauner, R. Bacon-B. Bacon

March 13

Seymour-Stein, Brenda Leonard-Pistole, Scarpelli-Grimes, Savage-Baggett, Temple-Harris, Philpy-Kay Sewell

March 14

Thomas-Anguish, Lindsey-Perry, Levin-B. Bacon, Davis-Leonard, Strack-Blumentritt, Mills-Sally Reeder, Hubbard-Loewenstein, Stoltz-Judy Duke Miller, Edward McPherson-Parish

March 16

Baggett-Pruett, Savage-Harris, Bartha-Levin,

Grimes-Servatius, South-Brenneman, R. Bacon-B. Bacon

March 17

Harris-Savage, Crites-Pistole, Grimes-Stein, Brenneman-Servatius, R. Bacon-B. Bacon, Philpy-Baggett, Massie-Sewell

March 18

Joan LaFond-Servatius, Higgins-Brauner, Anguish-Miller, Mills-Stoltz, Parish-Brenneman, Loewenstein-Marlow, Cowan-Arrell

March 19

South-Anguish, Grimes-Servatius, Parish-Harris, Brenneman-Higgins, Arrell-Philpy

March 20

Higgins-Grimes, Baird-

Pistole, Massie-Savage, Davis-Brenneman-Baggett-Servatius, Blair-Harris, McPherson-Parish, Murphy-Jeanie Marsh

March 21

Crites-Pistole, Anguish-Stoltz, Pruett-Baggett, Kemp-Perry, Lindsey-Strack, Janette Kuzmich-Frances Mills, Cowan-Hubbard, Jean Banks-Levin

March 23

KC Evans-Betty Dickerson, Blumentritt-Curry, Crites-Pistole, Harris-Savage, Debra Jones-Mike Robinson, Shyla McGill-Parish, Amanda Shaw-Shirley Davenport, Anguish-Perry, South-Brenneman, Jackson-Higgins

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Lee coach Morton says Rebels won't change style

By Len Hayward
lhayward@mrt.com

Lee head football coach James Morton knew early on that Cliff Watkins was head coaching material. But what he didn't know was when Watkins might get that head coaching opportunity. On Friday, Watkins got that

opportunity when he was named the new head coach at Class 3A Eastland. Now, Morton will have to find a replacement for the coach that helped the Rebels rewrite the school's passing record book and earn a share of its first district championship since the 2000 season.

"It's extremely hard to get a head coaching job, but I am surprised that he got it now," said Morton. "I knew he was going to be a head coach in a couple of years, but I didn't know if we could hold him for a couple of years or not."

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Watkins, who came to Lee after serving as the receivers coach at Stephenville, brought to Lee his wide open spread system that relied on the passing game to move the football. When the season ended, Lee not only had

its best record in more than half a decade, but senior quarterback Caden Coots set nearly every passing record at Lee.

Morton is a native of Eastland and said he does have some connections there, but said Watkins, who is from Breckenridge, was able to sell himself.

"They are familiar with me and familiar with what we do," Morton said. "I've got a really good friend on the school board and I know the superintendent. But in the end, he's got to go down there and sell himself."

Morton said even though Wat-

kins has left, the Rebels won't be changing their offensive style even when a new coordinator comes in.

"We are going to stay within the same schemes with what we are doing," Morton said. "We are not going to have our kids learn a new system."

Morton said who will call the plays could change, as Watkins handled those duties last season. But he said the primary goal is to find the right fit for the staff, while also trying to bring in

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Rounding out the Final Four

UConn upsets Michigan St.

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By Rachel Cohen
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Shabazz Napier owed UConn.

He could have transferred when academic sanctions barred the Huskies from the NCAA tournament his junior season. But the guard wanted to pay back the school for the joy of a national title his freshman year, for his struggles as a sophomore.

Napier sure did that Sunday, carrying UConn back to the Final Four in front of thousands of roaring Huskies fans at Madison Square Garden. He scored 17 of his 25 points in the second half in a 60-54 upset of fourth-seeded Michigan State.

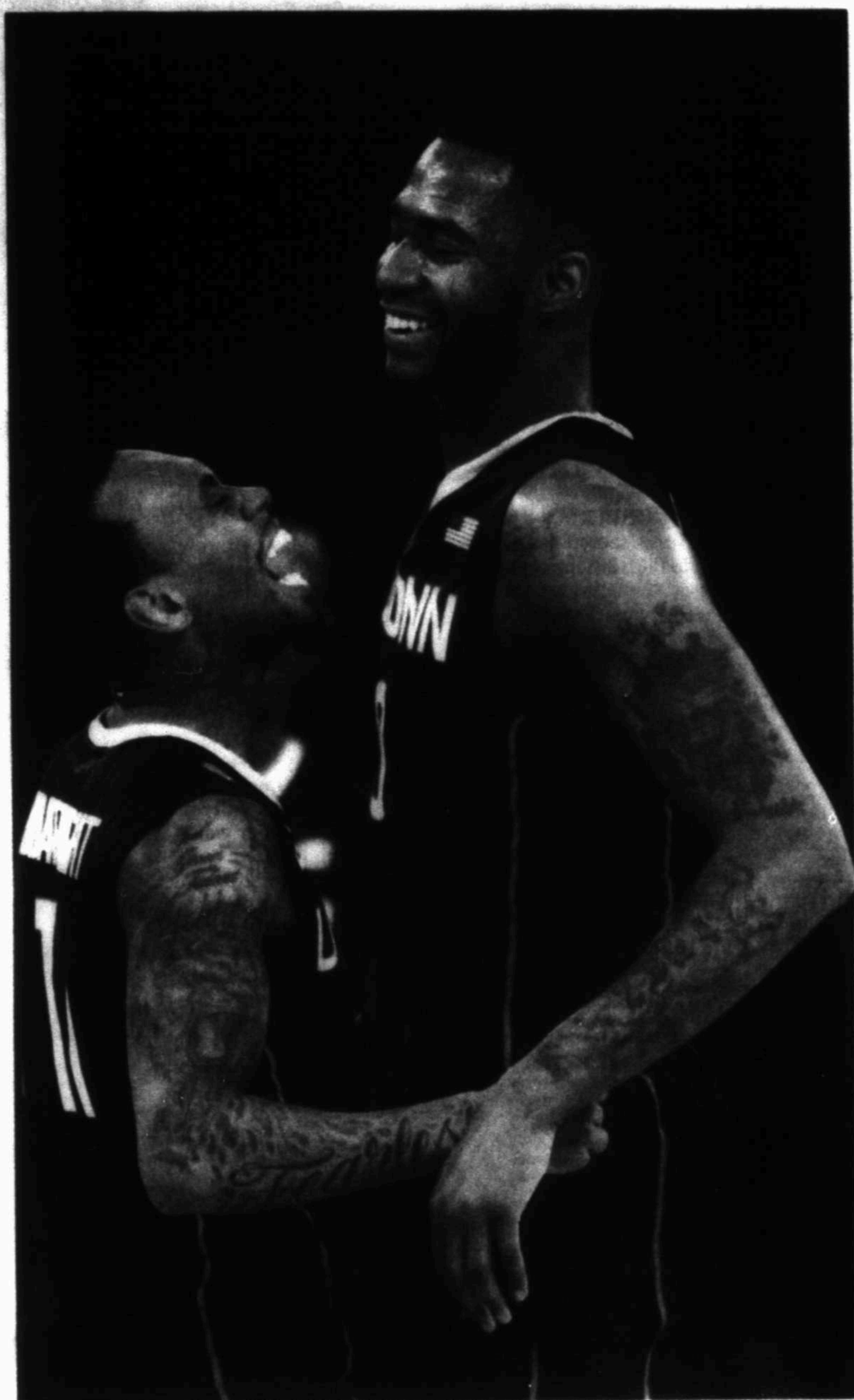
The East Regional's most outstanding player hit three huge free throws with 30.6 seconds left, making clutch shot after clutch shot just as Kemba Walker did when Napier was a freshman. The Huskies (30-8) rallied from a nine-point second-half deficit to become the first No. 7 seed to reach the Final Four since the tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1985.

"His will to win — you could just see it," said Gary Harris, who led Michigan State with 22 points. "He wasn't going to let his team lose."

The Spartans' seniors become the first four-year players recruited by Tom Izzo to fail to make a Final Four.

"As the game got closer and closer to ending, it was on my mind a lot, every huddle," said big man Adreian Payne, who had 13 points and nine rebounds but was repeatedly pushed to the perimeter by UConn's defenders.

The undersized Huskies matched Michigan State's physical play box-out for box-out, holding the Spartans



Seth Wenig/AP

Connecticut's Ryan Boatright, left, and Phillip Nolan celebrate after defeating Michigan State in the regional final of the NCAA Tournament on Sunday in New York.

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Harrison lifts Wildcats to win over Michigan

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

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INDIANAPOLIS — The shot came from NBA range, and if things play out as expected, Aaron Harrison and a lot of those Kentucky kids will be playing in that league soon enough.

First, they're heading to the Final Four — a trip to Big D courtesy of Harrison's unforgettable big shot.

The 6-foot-6 forward made a 3-pointer from about 24 feet with 2.3 seconds left Sunday to lift the Wildcats and all those freshmen to a 75-72 win over Michigan and the program's 16th trip to the Final Four.

He backpedaled slowly, almost expressionless, after ball hit twine. Teammates Dakari Johnson and Julius Randle chased him down.

"Making that shot and seeing my teammates so happy and turning toward me, it's the best feeling in the world," Harrison said.

Michigan's Nik Stauskas missed a desperation heave at the buzzer and then, it was Harrison's turn on the bottom of a dog pile. Make that a puppy pile. Eighth-seeded Kentucky is the first

all-freshman starting lineup to make the Final Four since the Fab Five at Michigan in 1992.

The Wildcats (28-10) will play Wisconsin next Saturday outside of Dallas at AT&T Stadium.

"They made a great shot," said Stauskas, who led the second-seeded Wolverines with 24 points. "I thought we did a pretty good job contesting it. It's part of basketball."

The Wolverines (28-9) ended their season one win shy of a second straight Final Four.

What a ride this has been for this group of Wildcats, an all-new collection of McDonald's All-Americans who were touted as the team that could go 40-0, then dismissed out of hand when the bad losses and bad basketball piled up in January and February.

Coach John Calipari got things turned around by March, and for the second straight game in the Midwest Regional, Harrison



David J. Phillip/AP

Kentucky's Aaron Harrison, center, is congratulated by teammates Julius Randle, left, and Dakari Johnson after making a 3-point basket in the final seconds of the second half of Sunday's Midwest Regional final Michigan 30 in Indianapolis.

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Russell leads 'Hounds Opening Day roster

From staff reports

The Oakland A's released the 2014 Opening Day Roster for the Midland RockHounds on Sunday, and the organization's top draft pick in 2012 will be starting the season in the Tall City.

Addison Russell, who turned 20 less than two months ago, is ranked as the top prospect by Baseball America in the Oakland organization, and is No. 14 overall by the publication heading into the 2014 season.

Russell, a native of Florida, will likely play shortstop for the RockHounds. Russell hit .274 in 107 games with the Advanced-A Stockton Ports in 2013, and also played in three games for the Triple-A Sacramento River Kings last season.

Also starting his season in Midland will be right-handed pitcher Raul Alcantara, who was acquired in a trade with Boston in 2011. Alcantara was a combined 12-6 with Single-A Beloit and Advanced-A Stockton in 2013. He had a 3.11 earned run average.

Outfielder D'Arby Myers returns this season to the RockHounds, returning to the same team where he had a 33-game hitting streak in 2013.

The RockHounds will open the 2014 season at 7 p.m. Thursday against the Arkansas Travelers at Security Bank Ballpark.



Russell

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Hurting Rangers missing several important pieces

Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — The Texas Rangers are already hurting significantly even before the start of a new season.

In a span of three days the week before opening day, the Rangers scratched ace Yu Darvish from that scheduled start because of neck stiffness, and found out they would be without second baseman Jurickson Profar and catcher Geovany Soto for 10 to 12 weeks each because of injuries.

Sure, the Rangers know there are going to be injuries during the season.

"We just didn't expect it to be all at this point," general manager Jon Daniels said.

The Rangers, after missing the playoffs last year for the first time in four seasons, already knew they would be missing lefty starters Matt Harrison and Derek Holland to start the season.

At least Harrison, who had a mild setback early in camp after his back issues last season, should return within the first month. Holland could miss at least half the season because of left knee surgery after being tripped by his dog on stairs in his home in January.

The only three position players remaining from the Rangers' last World Series in 2011 also missed games this spring with lesser nagging issues. But shortstop Elvis Andrus, third baseman Adrian Beltre and designated hitter

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DAILY RUMOR

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV
MLB
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, Noon, ESPN
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, Noon, WGN
Philadelphia at Texas, 1 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest
Boston at Baltimore, 2 p.m., ESPN2
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 3 p.m., ESPN
Colorado at Miami, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Seattle at L.A. Angels, 9 p.m., ESPN2

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
Winston-Salem R.J. Reynolds at Midland Christian, 6 p.m., Christensen Stadium
HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS
Andrews JV at Trinity, 4 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS ROSTER

Table with columns: Name, HT, WT, Bats, Throws, Residence. Lists players for the 2014 Rockhounds Opening Day Roster.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
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MCA's Sivals wins singles title in Mason

From staff reports
MASON — Midland Classical Academy's Max Sivals won the boys singles title and Kelsie Kennedy took third in girls singles at the Mason Invitational this past weekend. Sivals defeated Reagan County's Dylan Hester and Ricksprings' Ben Enriquez on the way to the final, where he defeated Brownwood's Mark Johnson, 6-2, 6-1. Kennedy beat Mason's Kody Criswell in the quarterfinals, and lost to Mason's Monaco Schmidt in the semifinals. Kennedy beat Mason's Justyn Tedder in the third-place match, 4-6, 6-0, 7-5. Clara Cliver and Beth Ann Holmes advanced to the second round in girls doubles, and Tracy Fu and Paige McAninch each went to the second round in girls singles.

MISD swimming & diving team holds awards banquet

From staff reports
The Midland ISD swimming and diving team had its annual awards banquet last week. The team had 10 district champions, Jordan Newman was the District 3-5A Swimmer of the Year, and also had two state qualifiers in Midland diving. High's Kile Carriger and Lee's Charlye Campbell. The team had a total of 32 individuals qualify for the regional meet, and coach Jennifer Mangum was named the District Coach of the Year for Girls Swimming and Diving, and was the state Coach of the Year in girls diving.

HSSOCCERPAIRINGS

Table with columns: CLASS 5A BOYS, CLASS 5A GIRLS, CLASS 6A BOYS, CLASS 6A GIRLS. Lists soccer pairings for various districts.

Texas tops Texas Tech for first series win in 2 years

From staff reports
LUBBOCK — No. 12 Texas scored three runs in the 12th inning to take a 5-2 victory against No. 24 Texas Tech on Sunday in the final game of their Big 12 series at Dan Law Field in Rip Griffin Park. The Red Raiders (22-9, 4-5 Big 12) scored two runs in the ninth inning — after trailing 2-0 the previous six frames — to send the game into extra-innings. The Longhorns (22-7, 3-3 Big 12) escaped with the victory while winning their first Big 12 series in two years. Sophomore right-hand-

COLLEGE BASEBALL SCORES

Table listing college baseball scores from various games, including Georgia College, Newberry, and Tuskegee.

WILDCATS

From IC
made the shot that gave the Wildcats the lead for good. On Friday, he made the key 3 in Kentucky's 74-69 win over Louisville. Kentucky is the first team to knock the defending champion and runner-up out of the same tournament. For this game-winner, Harrison took a handoff from his twin brother, Andrew, in the corner and dribbled three times to the top left of the arc. He was standing a good three feet behind the line when he elevated over Caris LeVert and took a bit of contact on the hand from the Michigan guard as he shot. No matter. The ball rattled in. Aaron Harrison scored 12 points off four 3-pointers over the last 8:05 and was Calipari's obvious choice to take the game-winner. "I've been around guys who make these kind of plays," Calipari said. "I've always said, 'You cannot be afraid to miss.' He's not afraid to miss. That's the whole thing about making those kind of plays. And if he does miss, he's going to shoot it again." It wasn't all Harrison, of course. While he was being shut down early, it was Marcus Lee — surprisingly — keeping the Wildcats in the game. Lee, another of the McDonald's All-American freshmen on Calipari's roster, had scored a total of nine points since the beginning of January, rel-

egated to the bench after an early season illness. In this one, he got minutes that would have normally gone to the injured Willie Cauley-Stein, and finished with 10 points and eight rebounds. Eight of those points came on put-back dunks that were part of Kentucky's 18 offensive rebounds. Harrison's first 3 gave Kentucky a 58-55 lead and was part of an 11-0 run that made it 62-55 with 6:30 left. The Wolverines fought back, and during a nine-possession stretch of sublime basketball the teams traded scores. The next stop gave the Wolverines the ball with about a minute left, trailing 72-70. Stauskas missed a layup and a 3-pointer, then Derrick Walton missed an open 3. But the fourth attempt went in with 31 seconds left and got credited to Jordan Morgan on a scramble under the basket, though it was Randle's hand that tipped the ball in. Calipari called a timeout. Michigan burned a foul. And the endgame started with 10 seconds left. The ball went to Harrison and it was clear he was going to take the shot. "In that stage, that atmosphere, that game, to make that shot and send us to the Final Four, it's just amazing. I was proud of him and it was shocking at the same time," Randle said.

UConn

From IC
(29-9) to just six offensive rebounds and six points in the paint. "We're physical, too," said second-year coach Kevin Ollie, who is now 4-0 in the NCAA tournament after replacing mentor Jim Calhoun. "Don't get it mixed up. We are predators out there." UConn dared Michigan State to shoot 3-pointers, and the Spartans nearly made enough, going 11 for 29 from behind the arc. Harris was 4 for 9 on 3s, but his teammates were a combined 10 for 32 from the floor. Trailing 51-49 with more than two minutes left, Michigan State had a chance to tie or take the lead. Payne threw the ball away, and Napier drilled a jumper on the other end. After Payne's free throws pulled the Spartans back within two, Keith Appling was whistled for a foul — his fifth — for contact with Napier on a 3-point attempt. Napier extended the lead to 56-51, and after Travis Trice missed a 3, Phillip Nolan

slipped free for a dunk that clinched the victory. "We got what we deserved today," Izzo said. "I tried to tell these guys that, when you get to the tournament, you got to bring it every second. And today Connecticut did, and we just kind of weren't as good as we have been." Ryan Boatright made four steals as Michigan State committed 16 turnovers. Some were caused by UConn's quickness, others by what Izzo called poor decisions by the Spartans. DeAndre Daniels shut down Brandon Dawson, who scored 24 points in Michigan State's Sweet 16 win over top-seeded Virginia. Dawson attempted just three field goals, making one, to finish with five points. The 6-foot-10, 245-pound Payne hit two long jumpers to put Michigan State up 32-23 less than four minutes into the second half. But Napier started driving, getting the bigger Appling in foul trouble and UConn back in the game.

NHL STANDINGS

Table showing NHL standings for Eastern and Western Conferences, including Atlantic, Metropolitan, and Central Divisions.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

April 3
At Fantasy Springs Casino, Indio, Calif. (FS1)
Luis Ortiz vs. Monte Brizel, 10, heavyweights;
Gerald Washington vs. Skipp Scott, 10, heavyweights.
April 4
At Leicestershire (NBCSN), Philadelphia.
Amir Mansour vs. Steve Cunningham, 10, for the USA heavyweight title; Curtis Stevens vs. Tursun-Johnson, 10, middleweights.
April 5
At Madison Square Garden, Germany.
Joseph Beaublanc vs. Enzo Maccanelli, 12, for Beecher's WBA World light heavyweight title; Tyson Zangue vs. Georgeo Sabau, 10, super middleweights.
April 6
At Chihuahua, Mexico.
Marco Antonio Rubio vs. Domestico Diaz, 12, for the interim WBC middleweight title.

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REBELS

From J.C. someone with Midland's high cost of living. But he did say that Lee's reputation as a program has already garnered some interest from coaches across the state.

to have a new offensive coordinator named or in place by the time spring practice starts on April 29. SCHEDULES SET FOR LEE AND MHS The 2014 schedules for Lee and Midland High were finalized in the last week, and both squads will have games against two of the state's more successful programs.

Football schedules

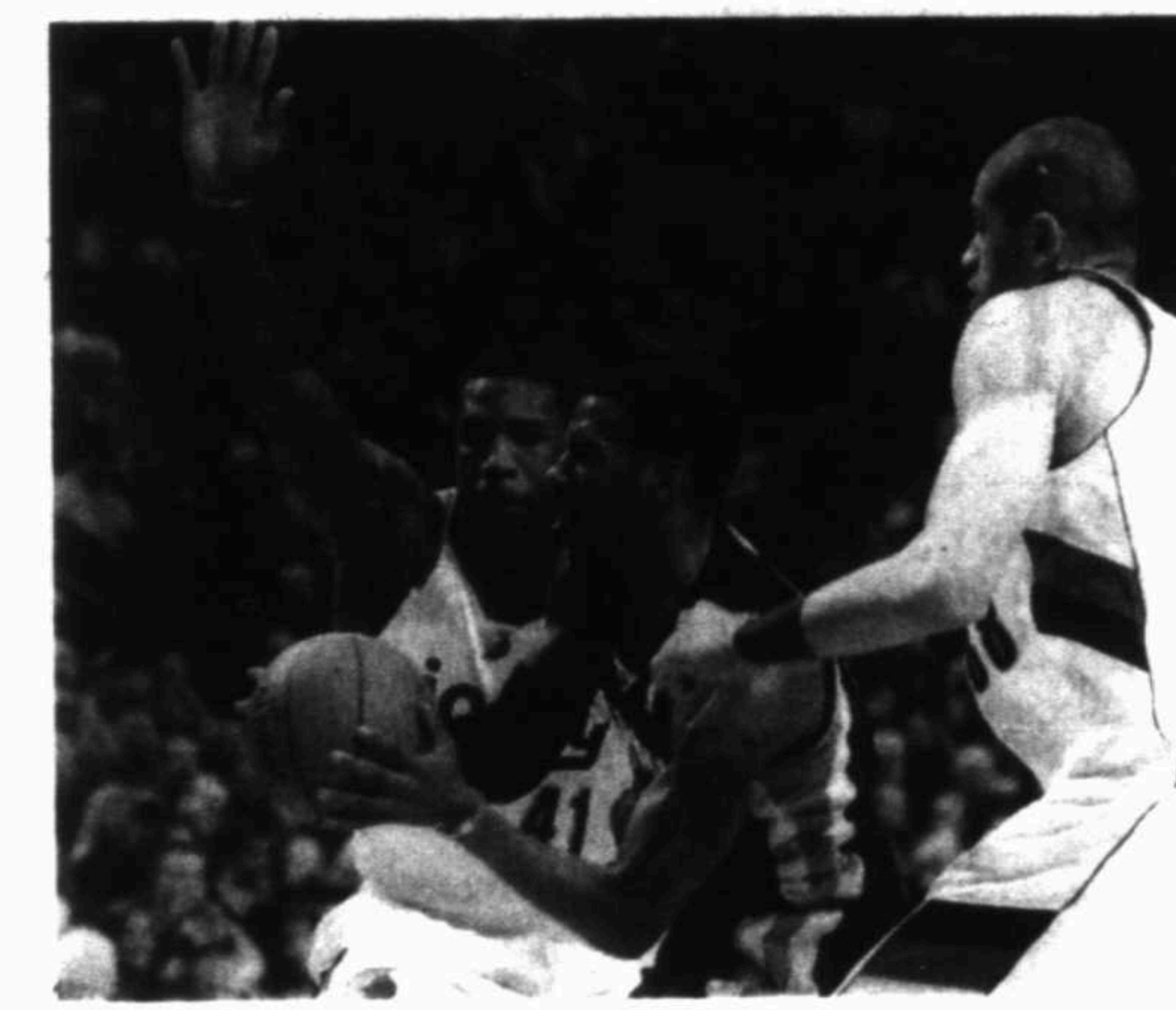
Table with columns for Date, Opponent, Time, and Location. Includes sections for 2014 MIDLAND COUNTY FOOTBALL SCHEDULES, GREENWOOD, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN, and MIDLAND HIGH.

TOURNEY SCORES & SCHEDULES

Table with columns for Division (Men, Women), Date, Location, and Matchup. Includes sections for Men's and Women's basketball and volleyball tournaments.

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Memphis' Mike Conley, center, drives against Portland's Thomas Robinson (41) and Nicolas Batum (88) during the first half of Sunday's game in Portland, Ore.

SUNDAY IN THE NBA

Table with columns for Conference, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes Eastern Conference, Western Conference, Bulls, Celtics, and Nets sections.

Djokovic beats Nadal to win 4th Key Biscayne title

By Steven Wine Associated Press KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Novak Djokovic stretched like a rubber band to hit a backhand. He sprinted into the other corner and scooped out forehands as if he was wielding a shovel. He ran forward to slice a ball off his shoetops. And he flicked a difficult half-

volley past a weary Rafael Nadal for a winner. That was just on the last point. With superior offense and defense, Djokovic earned his fourth Key Biscayne title, while Nadal failed again trying for his first. Djokovic took charge midway through the first set Sunday and closed out the victory by winning a remarkable exchange to

beat Nadal 6-3, 6-3 in the final of the Sony Open. "This tournament has been perfect from the beginning to the end," Djokovic said. "The matches that I have played I played really well, and I elevated my game as the tournament progressed. The best performance of the tournament came in the right moment on Sunday, against the biggest

rival." Nadal fell to 0-4 in finals at Key Biscayne, one of just three ATP Masters 1000 events he has yet to win. "No frustration. That's tennis," he said. "I tried everything. I tried my best. It was not enough. The opponent was just better than me, and when the opponent is better, he's better."

AUTORACING RESULTS

Table with columns for Race Name, Date, Location, and Results. Includes sections for Sprint Cup, Camping World, NHRA, and IndyCar.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV
MLB
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, Noon, ESPN
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, Noon, WGN
Philadelphia at Texas, 1 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest
Boston at Baltimore, 2 p.m., ESPN2
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 3 p.m., ESPN
Colorado at Miami, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Seattle at L.A. Angels, 9

NHL
Florida at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 9 p.m., NBC Sports Network
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
NCAA Division I tournament, regional final, Baylor vs. Notre Dame, 6:30 p.m., ESPN
NCAA Division I tournament, regional final, UConn vs. Texas A&M, 8:30 p.m., ESPN

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS
Andrews JV at Trinity, 4 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS ROSTER

2014 ROCKHOUNDS OPENING DAY ROSTER

Name	HT	WT	Bats-Throws	Residence
Raul Alcantara	6-3	205	R-R	Barahona, D.R.
Jose Canseco	6-0	205	R-R	Tucson, Ariz.
Byan Dull	5-10	174	R-R	Winston-Salem, N.C.
Seth Franklin	6-5	210	R-R	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Frank Galley	5-11	195	R-R	Philadelphia, Pa.
Drew Granier	6-1	188	R-R	Thibodaux, La.
Bates Hasselbrock	6-4	225	R-R	High Point, N.C.
Chris Jensen	6-4	200	R-R	Gilbert, Ariz.
Nate Long	6-2	210	R-R	Bedford
Zach Neal	6-3	220	R-R	Flower Mound
Tanner Peters	6-0	190	R-R	San Valley, Calif.
Murphy Smith	6-3	190	R-R	Clifton Park, N.Y.
Jeff Uebachs	6-2	180	L-L	Scottsdale, Ariz.
Andrew Werner	6-2	215	L-L	Indianapolis, Ind.
Name	HT	WT	Bats-Throws	Residence
Ryan Lipkin	6-0	195	R-R	Rockledge, Fla.
Beau Taylor	6-0	200	L-R	
Name	HT	WT	Bats-Throws	Residence
Dusty Coleman	6-2	205	R-R	Stour Falls, S.D.
Max Muncy	6-0	205	R-R	Keller
Tyler Ladendorff	6-1	190	R-R	Des Plaines, Ill.
Missus Head	6-0	255	R-R	Brooks, Ga.
Jeddy Maria	6-1	220	R-R	LaRomana, D.R.
Anthony Russell	6-0	195	R-R	Paces, Fla.
Name	HT	WT	Bats-Throws	Residence
Chad Oberacker	5-11	185	L-L	Erie, Pa.
D'Arcy Meyers	6-3	185	R-R	Los Angeles, Calif.
Billy Burns	5-9	180	R-R	Marietta, Ga.
Josh Whitaker	6-3	225	R-R	Grovetown, Ga.

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Hitting Coach: Webster Garrison
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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Placed INFs Michael Almanzar and Manny Machado and OFs Francisco Peguero and Nolan Reimold on the 15-day DL. Machado and Peguero retroactive to March 21. Almanzar to March 23 and Reimold to March 26. Placed RHP Edger Escobar on the 60-day DL. Selected the contracts of OF Delmon Young and RHP Evan Meek from Norfolk (IL). Designated LHP Mike Balfiore for assignment. Reassigned LHP Johan Santana to minor league camp.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed INFs Gordon Beckham and Jeff Keppner on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 21.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Selected the contracts of RHP Scott Atchison, DH Jason Giambi and OF Nyjer Morgan from Columbus (IL). Placed Giambi and OF Michael Bourn on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 21. Designated RHPs Preston Guilmet and Frank Hermann and LHP Colt Hynes for assignment. Reassigned OF Matt Carson and INF Ryan Rohlinger to minor league camp.
DETROIT TIGERS — Placed OF Andy Dirks on the 15-day DL and SS Jose Iglesias and RHP Shane Bieber on the 60-day DL. Selected the contract of OF Tyler Collins from Erie (IL).
HOUSTON ASTROS — Placed RHPs Alex White, Jesse Crain and Alex Wojciechowski on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 21.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Selected the contract of LHP Everett Ruess from the LG Team (South Korea). Placed RHPs Louis Coleman and Luke Hochevar on the 15-day DL. Coleman retroactive to March 24 and Hochevar to March 21. Assigned INF Jason Donald to minor league camp.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Placed LHP Jose Alvarez, 2B Grant Green, RHP Cory Rasmus and OF J.B. Shuck on the 15-day DL. Placed LHPs Sean Burnett and Brian Moran and RHPs Dane De La Rosa and Ryan Brasler on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 21. Selected the contract of 3B Ian Stewart from Salt Lake.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Agreed to terms with RHP Alfredo Aceves on a minor league contract.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed RHPs Jeremy Hellickson and Juan Carlos Oviedo and INF Tim Lincecum on the 15-day DL.
TEXAS RANGERS — Selected the contract of INF Josh Willingham from Round Rock (PCL). Designated INF Adam Rosales for assignment. Placed RHP Yu Darvish, INF Jonathan Proctor and LHP Matt Harrison on the 15-day DL. Darvish retroactive to March 21. Proctor to March 23 and Harrison to Saturday. Placed C Geovany Soto on the 60-day DL.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Placed RHP Casey Janssen on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Saturday. Recalled C Erik Krasnow from Buffalo (IL). Assigned OF Matt Teasdale outright to Buffalo (IL).
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Selected the contracts of RHP Daniel Hudson and LHP Ryan Rowland-Smith from Reno (PCL). Placed LHP Patrick Corbin and RHPs David Hernandez and Hudson on the 15-day DL. Corbin retroactive to March 19 and Hernandez to March 27. Options SS Didi Gregorius and RHP Bo Schultz to Reno.
CHICAGO CUBS — Selected the contracts of RHP Brian Schuster, INF Emilio Bonifacio, OF Ryan Kishitani and C John Baker from Iowa (PCL). Options LHP Chris Rusin to Iowa. Designated RHP Alberto Cabrera for assignment. Placed RHPs Nyjer Ferguson and Jake Arrieta on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 21, and RHP James McDonald on the 60-day DL.
CINCINNATI REDS — Placed LHPs Aroldis Chapman and Sean Marshall, RHPs Matt Latos and Jonathan Braun, C Devin Mesorico and INF/OF Skip Schumaker on the 15-day DL. Chapman, Latos, Marshall and Mesorico retroactive to March 21. Braun and Schumaker to March

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE					
Atlantic Division					
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	
y-Boston	75	52	17	6	110
Montreal	76	43	28	7	93
Tampa Bay	75	41	25	9	91
Philadelphia	75	35	28	14	84
Toronto	76	36	32	8	80
Ottawa	74	31	29	14	76
Florida	75	27	40	8	62
Buffalo	74	20	48	9	49
Metropolitan Division					
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	
p-Pittsburgh	75	48	22	5	101
N.Y. Rangers	76	42	30	4	88
Philadelphia	74	39	27	8	86
Columbus	74	38	29	7	82
Washington	75	34	28	13	81
New Jersey	74	32	32	10	77
Carolina	74	32	32	10	74
N.Y. Islanders	74	29	35	10	68
Western Conference					
Central Division					
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	
x-St. Louis	74	50	17	7	107
x-Colorado	74	47	21	6	100
x-Chicago	76	42	19	15	99
Minnesota	75	38	25	11	87
Dallas	74	38	27	11	85
Pacific Division					
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	
x-Anaheim	74	48	18	8	104
x-San Jose	76	47	20	9	103
Los Angeles	75	44	25	8	94
Phoenix	75	36	27	12	84
Vancouver	76	34	31	11	79
Calgary	75	31	37	7	69
Edmonton	75	26	40	9	61

FIGHT SCHEDULE

April 3
At Ortiz Springs Casino, Ind., Calif. (FS1). Luis Ortiz vs. Moses Harris, 10, heavyweight; Gerald Washington vs. Skip Scott, 10, heavyweight.
April 4
At Liacouras Center (NBCSN), Philadelphia. Amir Mansour vs. Steve Cunningham, 10, for the USBA Heavyweight title; Curtis Stevens vs. Tarens Johnson, 10, middleweight.
April 5
At Stadthalle, Rostock, Germany. Juergen Besenher vs. Enzo Accascia, 12, for Besenher's WBA World Light Heavyweight title; Lynzi Zhang vs. Georgia Sedna, 10, super middleweight.
April 6
At Chihuahua, Mexico. Marco Antonio Rubio vs. Dominico Lopez, 12, for the interim WBC middleweight title.

MCA's Sivals wins singles title in Mason

From staff reports

MASON — Midland Classical Academy's Max Sivals won the boys' singles title and Kelsie Kennedy took third in girls' singles at the Mason Invitational this past weekend. Sivals defeated Reagan County's Dylan Hester and Rocksprings' Ben Enriquez on the way to the final, where he defeated Brownwood's Mark Johnson, 6-2, 6-1. Kennedy beat Mason's Kody Criswell in the quarterfinals, and lost to Mason's Monaco Schmidt in the semifinals. Kennedy beat Mason's Justin Tedder in the third-place match, 4-6, 6-0, 7-5. Clara Cliver and Beth Ann Holmes advanced to the second round in girls' doubles, and Tracy Fu and Paige McAninch each went to the second round in girls' singles.

MISD swimming & diving team holds awards banquet

From staff reports

The Midland ISD swimming and diving team had its annual awards banquet last week. The team had 10 district champions, Jordyn Newman was the District 3-5A Swimmer of the Year, and also had two state qualifiers in Midland

High's Kile Carriger and Lee's Charlye Campbell. The team had a total of 32 individuals qualify for the regional meet, and coach Jennifer Mangum was named the District Coach of the Year for Girls Swimming and Diving, and was the state Coach of the Year in girls

diving.
Midland ISD Swimming & Diving Special Awards
Lads
Outstanding swimmer: Jared Berrand
St. Vasily Martin, Jr.
Outstanding diver: Charlye Campbell, Lee
Most Improved: River Alcock, So.; Jennifer Sims, Jr.
Newcomer: Ted Delcorrae, So.; Lauren Sims, Jr.
Breakthrough: Bryan Pascoak, Jr.
MHS
Outstanding swimmer: Derek Bane, So.; Jordyn Newman, Sr.
Girls
Outstanding swimmer: Sarah Blank, Jr.
Most Improved: Josh James, So.; Rachel Castle, Sr.
Newcomer: Kilo Carriger, Jr.
Breakthrough: Michael Huzzey, Jr.; Janelle Sonavale, Sr.
All-State Swimmer
First Team
1-star diver: Charlye Campbell, Lee
Second Team
100-yard freestyle swimmer: Kilo Carriger, MHS
Honorable Mention
200 medley relay: MHS girls (Bryhe Lary, Kilo Carriger, Jordyn Newman, Cassidy Hale)
1-star diver: Sarah Blank, MHS

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

CLASS 5A BOYS	CLASS 6A BOYS	CLASS 7A BOYS	CLASS 8A BOYS	CLASS 9A BOYS	CLASS 10A BOYS	CLASS 11A BOYS	CLASS 12A BOYS	CLASS 5A GIRLS	CLASS 6A GIRLS	CLASS 7A GIRLS	CLASS 8A GIRLS	CLASS 9A GIRLS	CLASS 10A GIRLS	CLASS 11A GIRLS	CLASS 12A GIRLS
Ablene Cooper (T2, 12-4-5) 2, El Paso Franklin 1 Arlington Sam Houston (F3) 2, Richard 1, OT Arlington High (R3) 3, Southlake Carroll 2 Amarillo Tascosa (W2, 10-8-4) 3, El Paso Socorro 1 Flower Mound Marcus (RS, 16-1-4) 3, Irving High 1 Waco Midway (W3) 2, South Grand Prairie 1, OT Grand Prairie (R7) 2, Temple 1 Flower Mound High (FS, 11-4-5) 2, Irving North 1, SO El Paso El Dorado (T1) 2, Midland High 1, SO Arlington Martin (W3, 16-1-6) 1, Keller Central 0, SO Arlington Lamar (T3, 10-10-2) del. Keller Fossil Ridge El Paso Eastwood (W1) 3, Leo 0 Colleyville Heritage (R6) 3, Lewisville	Duncanville (W7, 19-1-0) 7, Killeen Elgin 1 Marshall High (T7, 12-4-1) 3, Belton 2 Coppell (WS, 17-1-2) 3, Grapevine 1 Ablene Cooper (T2, 12-4-5) vs. Arlington Sam Houston (F3, 11-7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sam Houston HS, Arlington Arlington High (R3) vs. Amarillo Tascosa (W2, 10-8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Memorial Stadium, Wichita Falls Flower Mound Marcus (RS, 16-1-4) vs. Waco Midway (W3), 7 p.m. Friday, TBA Grand Prairie (R7) vs. Flower Mound (FS, 11-4-5), 7 p.m. Friday, Irving ISD Schools Stadium El Paso El Dorado (T1) vs. Arlington Martin (W3, 16-1-6), TBA Arlington Lamar-Keller Fossil Ridge winner vs. El Paso Eastwood (W1), 4 p.m. Friday, Grand Communications Stadium Colleyville HSI (T3, 10-10-2) vs. Duncanville (W7, 19-1-0), TBA Marshall (T7, 12-4-1) vs. Coppell (WS, 17-1-2), 7 p.m. Thursday, Irving ISD Schools	Odessa High (T2, 11-6-5) 4, El Paso Socorro 0 Southlake Carroll (W4, 20-1-1) 5, Arlington Lamar 0 Keller Timber Creek (T4) 2, Arlington High 0 Odessa Permian (W2, 16-2-3) 4, El Paso Montwood 0 Flower Mound Marcus (RS, 12-4-5) 3, Euless Trinity 0 Salton (W8) 4, Mansfield Timberview 1 Mansfield High (R7, 22-1-1) 7, Temple 1 Coppell (FS, 12-4-7) 1, Grapevine 0 Midland High (R2, 12-8-4) 2, El Paso Coronado 1, OT Keller Central (F4, 14-8-1) 3, Arlington Martin 1 Keller (R4, 13-3-4) 5, Weatherford 0 San Angelo Central (F2, 12-7-2) 2, El Paso Franklin 1 Flower Mound High (FS, 8-8-1) 4, Colleyville Heritage 1	Madison (W7) 3, Harter Heights 0 Hewitt Midway (R8) del. South Grand Prairie Lewisville Hibernia (W5, 16-2-2) 6, Hurst L.D. Bell 2 Odessa High (T2, 11-6-5) vs. Southlake Carroll (W4, 20-1-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Showell Stadium, Abilene Keller Timber Creek (T4) vs. Odessa Permian (W2, 16-2-3), 5 p.m. Friday, Showell Stadium, Abilene Flower Mound Marcus (RS, 12-4-5) vs. Belton (W8), 4 p.m. Thursday, Midlothian ISD Stadium Mansfield (R7, 22-1-1) vs. Coppell (FS, 12-4-7), TBA Midland High (R2, 12-8-4) vs. Keller Central (F4, 14-8-1), TBA Keller (F4, 13-3-4) vs. San Angelo Central (F2, 12-7-2), 3 p.m. Friday, Showell Stadium, Abilene Flower Mound (FS, 8-8-1) vs. Midlothian (W7), TBA Hewitt Midway (R8) vs. Lewisville Hibernia (W5, 16-2-2), TBA												

Texas tops Texas Tech for first series win in 2 years

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — No. 12 Texas scored three runs in the 12th inning to take a 5-2 victory against No. 24 Texas Tech on Sunday in the final game of their Big 12 series at Dan Law Field in Rip Griffin Park. The Red Raiders (22-9, 4-5 Big 12) scored two runs in the ninth inning — after trailing 2-0 the previous six frames — to send the game into extra-innings. The Longhorns (22-7, 3-3 Big 12) escaped with the victory while winning their first Big 12 series in two years. Sophomore right-hand-

ed pitcher Matt Withrow, a Midland Christian grad, (3-2) took the loss for Tech pitching 1 1/3 innings in relief allowing three runs, one earned, on two hits with two walks. Texas reliever John Curtiss (1-0) picked up the win going five innings in relief allowing two runs on two hits with four strikeouts and four walks. Sophomore Alec Humphreys scored Tech's first run of the game in the ninth inning, cutting Texas' lead to 2-1 with an RBI single to right field,

scoring Conley and moving Davis to second base. Junior catcher Hunter Redman, also a Midland Christian grad, grounded out to third base, advancing both Davis and Humphreys into scoring position, with two outs. With junior shortstop Tim Proudfoot batting and a 1-2 count, Davis took off and stole home tying the game at 2. Proudfoot struck out swinging on the next pitch to send the game into extra-innings. Tech stranded five base runners in three extra-inning frames, including four runners in scoring position, while Texas scored three runs in the top of the 12th on two walks, two base hits and a fielding error in right field to win the game. Tech second baseman and Midland Christian grad Bryant Burleson went 2-for-4. Humphreys went 2-for-4 with the team's only RBI and senior third baseman Jake Barrios reached base safely three times with a pair of walks — one intentional — and a hit-by-pitch. Texas Tech will be back in non-conference action on Tuesday, taking on New Mexico at 6 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark.

COLLEGE BASEBALL SCORES

SOUTHWEST Concordia-Austin 9, LaTourneau 1 Northwestern St. 3, Sam Houston St. 1	SOUTH Barton 13, Belmont Abbey 9 Belmont 8, Morehead St. 6 Campbellsville 5, Shawnee St. 0 Centre 5-4, Oglethorpe 4-3 Charlotte 11, Old Dominion 4 Columbia St. 11-10, Flagler 9-11 Cumberland (Tenn.) 5, Lindsey Wilson 3 10 innings Emory & Henry at Washington & Lee, 2, p.p. Georgetown (Ky.) 5-3, Bluefield South 4-2	NEW ENGLAND Georgetown College 12-8, Carson-Newman 6-3 GU Augusta 9-6, Young Harris 3-7 Hamper-Sydney 5-15, Guilford 4-4, 1st game 10 innings High Point 9-5, Campbell 6-8 Kentucky St. 4, La Moune-Union 0 Louisville 12, Xavier 2 Martin Methodist 7-10, Bethel (Tenn.) 6-6 Maryville (Tenn.) 5-9, Huntingdon 1-5 Middle Tennessee 8, Rice 5 Mississippi 9, Berry 4 Mount Olive 7-11, King (Tenn.) 3-2, 1st game 10 innings Murray St. 6, Austin Peay 4	NEWBERY & LAKE Newberry 8, Lenoir-Rhyne 2 N. Kentucky 13, ETSU 11 Pikeville 4-1, Cumberland 3-8 Pittsburgh 4, Georgia Tech 2 Point (Ga.) 7, Milligan 0 Rhodes 6, Geneva 2 St. Augustine's at Virginia St. p.p. Shawnee St. 5, Campbellville 4 SE Missouri 11, UT-Martin 1 Spalding 8-16, Eureka 7-0 Spring Hill 3, Bellwain 5 Tenn. Wesleyan 3-1, Sp. Anderson 2-2 Tusculum 9-5, Coler 6-1, 1st game 10 innings	MIDWEST Tuskegee at Lane, cont. Vanderbilt 6, Kentucky 2 West Alabama 8-3, Christian Brothers 4-2 West Florida 2, Lee 1	FAR WEST New Mexico 5-4, Ohio 2-0 Seattle 13, Texas-Pan American 8	EAST Iona at CCSU, 2, p.p. Thomas More 10-6, Telford 5-2
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WILDCATS

From IC

made the shot that gave the Wildcats the lead for good. On Friday, he made the key 3 in Kentucky's 74-69 win over Louisville. Kentucky is the first team to knock the defending champion and runner-up out of the same tournament. For this game-winner, Harrison took a handoff from his twin brother, Andrew, in the corner and dribbled three times to the top left of the arc. He was standing a good three feet behind the line when he elevated over Caris LeVert and took a bit of contact on the hand from the Michigan guard as he shot. No matter. The ball rattled in. Aaron Harrison scored 12 points off four 3-pointers over the last 8:05 and was Calipari's obvious choice to take the game-winner. "I've been around guys who make these kind of plays," Calipari said. "I've always said, 'You can't be afraid to miss.' He's not afraid to miss. That's the whole thing about making those kind of plays. And if he does miss, he's going to shoot it again." It wasn't all Harrison, of course. While he was being shut down early, it was Marcus Lee — surprisingly — keeping the Wildcats in the game. Lee, another of the McDonald's All-American freshmen on Calipari's roster, had scored a total of nine points since the beginning of January, rel-

egated to the bench after an early season illness. In this one, he got minutes that would have normally gone to the injured Willie Cauley-Stein, and finished with 10 points and eight rebounds. Eight of those points came on put-back dunks that were part of Kentucky's 18 offensive rebounds. Harrison's first 3 gave Kentucky a 58-55 lead and was part of an 11-0 run that made it 62-55 with 6:30 left. The Wolverines fought back, and during a nine-possession stretch of sublime basketball the teams traded scores. The next stop gave the Wolverines the ball with about a minute left, trailing 72-70. Stauskas missed a layup and a 3-pointer, then Derrick Walton missed an open 3. But the fourth attempt went in with 31 seconds left and got credited to Jordan Morgan on a scramble under the basket, though it was Randle's hand that tipped the ball in. Calipari called a timeout. Michigan burned a foul. And the endgame started with 10 seconds left. Harrison and it was clear he was going to take the shot. "In that stage, that atmosphere, that game, to make that shot and send us to the Final Four, it's just amazing. I was proud of him and it was shocking at the same time," Randle said.

UConn

From IC

(29-9) to just six offensive rebounds and six points in the paint. "We're physical, too," said second-year coach Kevin Ollie, who is now 4-0 in the NCAA tournament after replacing mentor Jim Calhoun. "Don't get it mixed up. We are predators out there." UConn dared Michigan State to shoot 3-pointers, and the Spartans nearly made enough, going 11 for 29 from behind the arc. Harris was 4 for 9 on 3s, but his teammates were a combined 10 for 32 from the floor. Trailing 51-49 with more than two minutes left, Michigan State had a chance to tie or take the lead. Payne threw the ball away, and Napier drilled a jumper on the other end. After Payne's free throws pulled the Spartans back within two, Keith Appling was whistled for a foul — his fifth — for contact with Napier on a 3-point attempt. Napier extended the lead to 56-51, and after Travis Trice missed a 3, Phillip Nolan slipped free for a dunk that clinched the victory. "We got what we deserved today," Izzo said. "I tried to tell these guys that, when you get to the tournament, you got to bring it every second. And today Connecticut did, and we just kind of weren't as good as we have been." Ryan Boatright made four steals as Michigan State committed 16 turnovers. Some were caused by UConn's quickness, others by what Izzo called poor decisions by the Spartans. DeAndre Daniels shut down Brandon Dawson, who scored 24 points in Michigan State's Sweet 16 win over top-seeded Virginia. Dawson attempted just three field goals, making one, to finish with five points. The 6-foot-10, 245-pound Payne hit two long jumpers to put Michigan State up 32-23 less than four minutes into the second half. But Napier started driving, getting the bigger Appling in foul trouble and UConn back in the game.

TOURNAMENT SCORES & SCHEDULES FROM WIRE REPORTS

Table with multiple columns listing various sports events, including basketball, volleyball, and tennis, with dates, times, and locations.

Football schedules

Table listing football schedules for Midland County and Greenwood, including dates, opponents, and times.

Midland Christian

Table listing Midland Christian football schedules, including dates, opponents, and times.



Greg Wahl-Stephens/AP

Memphis' Mike Conley, center, drives against Portland's Thomas Robinson (41) and Nicolas Batum (88) during the first half of Sunday's game in Portland, Ore.

SUNDAY IN TENNESSEE FROM WIRE REPORTS

Table containing sports news and results for Sunday in Tennessee, including basketball, football, and other sports.

Standings

Table showing various sports standings, including Eastern Conference, Western Conference, and other regional leagues.

Baseball

Text providing updates on baseball games, including scores and player performances.

Djokovic beats Nadal to win 4th Key Biscayne title

By Steven Wine Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Novak Djokovic stretched like a rubber band to hit a backhand. He sprinted into the other corner and scooped out forehands as if he was wielding a shovel. He ran forward to slice a ball off his shotguns. And he flicked a difficult half-

beat Nadal 6-3, 6-3 in the final of the Sony Open.

"This tournament has been perfect from the beginning to the end," Djokovic said. "The matches that I have played I played really well, and I elevated my game as the tournament progressed. The best performance of the tournament came in the right moment on Sunday, against the biggest rival."

AUTORACING RESULTS FROM WIRE REPORTS

Table containing detailed results from various auto racing events, including Sprint Cup, Camping World, and Formula One.

Baseball

Text providing updates on baseball games, including scores and player performances.

Astros look to move past 3 100-loss seasons in row

Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Coming off three straight 100-loss seasons, the Houston Astros are confident they'll be better this year.

How much? They aren't putting a number on that. But after setting a franchise record with a whopping 111 defeats, they have a simple target.

"It's our goal to be the most improved team in major league baseball (and) I believe ... we have the group together and we can actually accomplish that," second-year manager Bo Porter said.

There are several reasons why the Astros are certain they can improve. They brought in several established players this offseason to pair with the many young players who got their first significant playing time last season. They also could get some reinforcements soon from top prospects who are inching closer to being major league ready.

General manager Jeff Luhnow's rebuilding plan has already boosted Houston's minor league system from the worst in baseball to one of the best. He expects that work to start paying dividends this season in the majors.

"We have a young team. We're still going to make some mistakes," he said. "Our young players have improved but still need some development. We brought in some veterans to help stabilize the team this year. We're go-



Carlos Ochoa/AP

Houston pitcher Scott Feldman warms up before a spring game against the Washington Nationals on March 16 in Kissimmee, Fla. Feldman will lead the Astros' pitching rotation.

ing to see a big improvement as a result of those two dynamics."

Five things to know about the Astros heading into a new season:

FWELER FLOURISHING: The Astros added Dexter Fowler in a trade that sent last year's starting center fielder, rookie Brandon Barnes, to Colorado. Fowler is an improvement over Barnes on defense, and he gives Houston a true leadoff hitter for the first time since Michael Bourn was traded in 2011. He excelled in spring training after hitting .263 with 42 RBI and 19 stolen bases last year, and his speed should play well in Houston's deep center field.

BETTER BULLPEN: The Astros made several upgrades in an attempt to improve their relief corps after it blew 29 save chances a year ago.

The biggest signing was Jesse Crain, who was an All-Star last season and had an 0.74 ERA in 37 appearances for the White Sox. But he will likely start the season on the disabled list after biceps surgery. They also added Matt Albers, who went 3-1 with a 3.14 ERA with Indians last season, and Chad Qualls, who posted a 2.61 ERA with the Marlins.

CARTER'S POWER: Designated hitter Chris Carter led the Astros and was 11th in the American

League with 29 home runs in his first full season in the majors last year. The Astros love his power, but are looking for ways to improve his sub-.300 average and cut down on strikeouts after he led the majors with 212 in 2013.

FELDMAN LEADS ROTATION: The Astros made their first sizable financial investment in years by signing right-hander Scott Feldman to a three-year, \$30 million contract to lead the rotation. Feldman went 12-12 with a 3.86 ERA in 30 starts combined for the Cubs and Orioles last season and will be Houston's fifth different opening day starter in five years.

RANGERS

From 1C

Mitch Moreland should all be in the lineup today against Philadelphia.

After missing the playoffs for the first time in four years and scoring their fewest runs (730) in a full season since 1992, the Rangers' two most significant offseason moves were to improve their offense.

They got durable slugger Prince Fielder from Detroit by trading Ian Kinsler, a move that cleared the way for Proffar to be an everyday player. Free agent outfielder Shin-Soo Choo was signed to a seven-year deal — the same time left on Fielder's contract — to take over the leadoff spot.

Only Mike Trout (564) and two-time AL MVP Miguel Cabrera (562) reached base more the past two seasons than Choo (556) and Fielder (542), who has the longest active streak in the majors playing in 505 consecutive regular-season games — and 809 of 810 the past five years.

"I just want Prince to be Prince," said manager Ron Washington, starting his eighth season in Texas. "I just want him to do what



Darron Cummings/AP

Texas catcher Geovany Soto, second from left, is examined by trainers and coaches during the second inning of a spring game March 23 in Surprise, Ariz.

he does, and let everyone else do what they do, and everything will work out."

Some things to know about the Rangers heading into the 2014 season:

RELIEF STARTERS: Texas went into the offseason seemingly set with its starting rotation. Martin Perez is the only of the expected five who will start the season there. Besides with the injured trio of Darvish, Harrison

and Holland, right-hander Alexi Ogando was moved back to the bullpen. Two converted relievers will be starting. Tanner Scheppers was one of majors' best setup relievers in his first full major league season, and Robbie Ross has made 123 relief appearances the last two seasons.

MVP PRINCE?: Fielder batted ahead of MVP winners the last three seasons, Ryan Braun in

Milwaukee and then Cabrera the last two years in Detroit. Fielder will bat between Andrus and Beltre, who has said it's Fielder's turn to be an MVP. "That sounds good, I'm not going to argue that. I hope that happens," Fielder said. "Hitting in front of Beltre, that's not a bad thing."

YU NEEDS RUNS: Darvish finished second in the AL Cy Young Award voting last season, when he was 13-9 with a 2.83 ERA. He led the majors with 277 strikeouts, but also was the first MLB pitcher since Orel Hershiser in 1989 to absorb four 1-0 losses in the same season.

CLOSING TIME: Joaquin Soria was a two-time All-Star closer in Kansas City before Tommy John ligament replacement surgery in 2012. The Rangers knew when they signed him before last season that they had to be willing to wait. Soria is the closer going into second year of his two-year deal. Neftali Feliz, the closer for the Rangers' two World Series teams, was sent to Triple-A Round Rock. Feliz, who also had Tommy John surgery in 2012 after being a starter, struggled this spring

West teams chase low-budget Athletics

Janie McCauley
Associated Press

The big-spending AL West also-rans of recent years once more find themselves chasing those overachieving, low-budget Oakland Athletics.

Yet Bob Melvin's A's hardly consider themselves the favorite to win a third straight West crown, not in one of baseball's best divisions that appears to have gotten even better this offseason.

"Obviously they won the last two years, so they're the team to chase," Rangers third baseman Adrian Beltre said. "There are probably teams that probably don't take them seriously, but we do. They showed that they can get it done and as of right now, they're the champions of the West. So it's obviously that we're chasing them now."

While New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter tries to finish his Hall of Fame career in pinstripes the way he started it, with a World Series title, and the Detroit Tigers aim to unseat the defending champion Boston Red Sox, the West looks to be one of baseball's top divisions again in 2014.

"I think you can make a legitimate case that all five teams are better," Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said. "You've got the Yankees and Dodgers and a number of clubs that made a lot of moves

AL projections

EAST	
1. BOSTON RED SOX	WEST
2. NEW YORK YANKEES	1. LOS ANGELES DODGERS
3. TAMPA BAY RAYS	2. ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS
4. BALTIMORE ORIOLES	3. SAN DIEGO PADRES
5. TORONTO BLUE JAYS	4. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

out there, Washington and others, but from a division-to-division standpoint, I don't know that any group was more active than the AL West."

Robinson Cano is the new star in Seattle — for the next decade, no less. Prince Fielder takes over in the middle of the Texas lineup after his trade from the Tigers. Sluggers Josh Hamilton and Albert Pujols have something to prove for the playoff-starved Los Angeles Angels, who are feeling the pressure after missing the postseason the past four years.

Sure, the A's have made their share of moves this winter — many via trade as general manager Billy Beane often does. But Oakland's changes are minor compared to the acquisitions of Cano and Fielder.

"I think we're still trying to prove people wrong," Oakland center fielder Coco Crisp said.

Cardinals among NL favorites again

By Jay Cohen
Associated Press

Stephen Strasburg leads a deep rotation in Washington. Matt Holliday and St. Louis are back again. And the loaded Los Angeles Dodgers think it's their time to shine.

Yes, it is a very familiar group of favorites. Throw in Freddie Freeman and Atlanta, and the NL list is practically complete. But there's always one team that crashes the party at the top: see MVP Andrew McCutchen and the 2013 Pirates.

Days after Arizona and Los Angeles started the season Down Under in Australia, the race is on to see which teams will finish on top in the National League. "Our team's really good," Dodgers pitcher Zack Greinke said. "We did really good, even with a bunch of injuries last year. We have some young guys about ready to come up if needed. I mean, the expectations should be really high here."

Washington was among the favorites last year, coming off a breakthrough season. But Bryce Harper was hurt and the Nationals underperformed in their final season under manager Davey Johnson, finishing 10 games back of NL East champion Atlanta.

Enter Matt Williams, who gets his first job as a major league manager after three seasons as Arizona's third base coach. The rotation is one of the best in the majors, with Doug Fister coming over in a December trade after winning 14 games for Detroit last season. Harper is healthy again, and Strasburg looks just fine following October elbow surgery.

"The more experience you get, the better chance you have to succeed, and I think that's kind of the lesson from last year," third baseman Ryan Zimmerman said.

Powered by another great season from Freeman, the Braves breezed to the division title last year. Atlanta has made it to the playoffs in three years as manager, but is still looking to advance for the first time since it lost to Arizona in the 2001 division series.

The rotation was beset by injuries in spring training, but Atlanta should be in the mix again — even after it lost right-hander Tim Lincecum and catcher Brian McCann in free agency.

The Central belongs to St. Louis, which has won

NL projections

NL projections

EAST	
1. WASHINGTON NATIONALS	WEST
2. ATLANTA BRAVES	1. LOS ANGELES DODGERS
3. NEW YORK METS	2. ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS
4. PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES	3. SAN DIEGO PADRES
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5. CHICAGO CUBS	4. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
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5. COLORADO ROCKIES	

the division five times in the last decade. There's no reason to believe the Cardinals won't make it six times in 11 years.

Adam Wainwright and postseason darling Michael Wacha are part of the division's best rotation. The lineup remains stacked even after Carlos Beltran departed in free agency. All-Star slugger Allen Craig missed much of the postseason last year, and the Cardinals still made it to the World Series.

The real intrigue in the division comes after the Cardinals. The Central had both wild cards last season, with Pittsburgh making the playoffs for the first time in 21 years and Cincinnati another four games back in the third.

The Pirates and Reds each lost a key player in free agency, while the Brewers get Ryan Braun back from his season-ending, 65-game drug suspension. A.J. Burnett went from the Pirates to the Phillies after a productive two years in Pittsburgh, while the Reds lost leadoff hitter Shin-Soo Choo to a big contract with the Rangers.

"We're still hungry," Pirates catcher Russell Martin said. "We did some special things last year, but everybody was disappointed with how it finished. I don't know what all the 'experts' are saying, but I consider myself an expert and I think we're going to do better than we did last year."

The muddled Central could mean another playoff slot for one of the West teams.

Los Angeles' biggest deal of the offseason was a \$215 million, seven-year contract for its own Clayton Kershaw, who won the NL Cy Young Award for the second time in three seasons. Kershaw, Cuban sensation Yasiel Puig and steady Adrian Gonzalez helped the Dodgers all the way to the championship series.

TEXAS MLB CAPSULES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

TEXAS RANGERS
2013: 91-72, second place.
Manager: Ron Washington (eighth season).
He's Here: 1B Prince Fielder, LF Shin-Soo Choo, C J.P. Arencibia, OF Michael Choice, INF Josh Wilson, INF Donnie Murphy, C Chris Snyder.
He's Outta Here: Closer Joe Nathan, 2B Ian Kinsler, RF Nelson Cruz, C A.J. Pierzynski, RHP Matt Garza, 1B/DH Lance Berkman, CF Craig Gentry, OF David Murphy, INF Jeff Baker.
Projected Lineup: LF Shin-Soo Choo (.285, 21 HRs, 54 RBI, 20 SBs, 112 walks for Cincinnati), SS Elvis Andrus (.271, 4, 67, 42 SBs), 1B Prince Fielder (.279, 25, 106, 36 doubles for Detroit), 3B Adrian Beltre (.315, 30, 92, AL-high 199 hits), RF Alex Rios (.278, 18, 81, 42 SBs combined with Chicago

White Sox/Texas), DH Mitch Moreland (.232, 23, 80), C J.P. Arencibia (.194, 21, 55 with Toronto) 2B Josh Wilson (.200, 1, 4 for Arizona), CF Leonys Martin (.260, 8, 49, 36 SBs).
Rotation: RH Tanner Scheppers (6-2, 1.88, 76 appearances in setup role most ever for a Texas right-hander), LH Martin Perez (10-6, 3.62), LH Robbie Ross (4-2, 3.03 in 65 appearances), LH Joe Saunders (11-16, 5.28 for Seattle), RH Nick Martinez (looking for MLB debut). **NOTE:** RH Yu Darvish (13-9, 2.83 ERA, ML-leading 277 Ks) was scratched from opening-day start with neck stiffness and likely will start season on DL. LH Matt Harrison, last year's opening day starter who made only two starts before back surgery, is expected to return in mid-to-late April.
Key Relievers: RH Joaquin

Soria (1-0, 3.80 in 26 games), LH Neal Cotts (8-3, 1.11, ML high-tying eight wins in relief, 65 Ks in 57 IP), RH Jason Frasor (4-3, 2.57), RH Alexi Ogando (7-4, 3.11 in 23 games/18 starts).
HOUSTON ASTROS
2013: 51-111, fifth place.
Manager: Bo Porter (second season).
He's Here: RH Scott Feldman, CF Dexter Fowler, RH Jesse Crain, RH Jerome Williams, RH Chad Qualls, RH Matt Albers, 1B Jesus Guzman and LH Raul Valdes.
He's Outta Here: LH Erik Bedard, CF Brandon Barnes, RH Jordan Lyles, RH Philip Humber, OF Trevor Crowe.
Projected Lineup: CF Dexter Fowler (.263, 12 HRs, 42 RBI, 19 SBs with Rockies), 2B Jose Altuve (.283, 5, 52, 35 SBs, 31 doubles), 3B Matt

Dominguez (.241, 21, 77), C Jason Castro (.276, 18, 56), RF L.J. Hoes (.282, 1, 10, 7 SB with Orioles and Astros), 1B Marc Krausz (.209, 4, 13) or Jesus Guzman (.226, 9, 35 with Padres) LF Robbie Grossman (.268, 4, 21), SS Jonathan Villar (.243, 1, 8, 18 SBs), DH Chris Carter (.223, 29, 82, led majors with 212 Ks).
Rotation: RH Scott Feldman (12-12, 3.86 ERA, 132 Ks with Orioles and Cubs), RH Jarrod Cosart (1-1, 1.95 in 10 starts), LH Brett Oberholzer (6-17, 5.88), RH Jerome Williams (8-10, 4.57 with Angels) or LH Dallas Keuchel (6-10, 5.15).
Key Relievers: RH Jesse Crain (2-3 0.74, 46 Ks with White Sox), RH Matt Albers (3-1, 3.14 with Indians), RH Chad Qualls (5-2, 2.61 with Marlins).

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Philadelphia (Lee 0-0) at Texas (Scheppers 0-0), 1:05 p.m.

Atlanta (Tether 0-0) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Mehrtens 0-0) at Cincinnati (Cueto 0-0), 3:10 p.m.
Colorado (De La Rosa 0-0) at Miami (Fernandez 0-0), 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Lungberger 0-0) at Arizona (McCarthy 0-0), 8:40 p.m.

Steven Bowditch wins Texas Open

By Tim Price
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Steven Bowditch held on to win the Texas Open in windy conditions Sunday for his first PGA Tour victory and a spot in the Masters.

The 30-year-old Australian bogeyed the par-5 18th for a 4-over 76 for a one-stroke victory.

"I'm over the moon. I really can't believe it," said Bowditch, who attempted suicide in 2006 and has fought depression throughout his career.

It was the highest closing score by a winner since Vijay Singh finished with a 4-over 76 in the 2004 PGA Championship, and the highest in a non-major since Fred Couples had a 5-over 77 in the 1983 Kemper Open.

Bowditch finished at 8-under 280 at TPC San Antonio and earned \$1,116,000.

"Every time I got out of check, looking ahead to the Masters and winning golf events and making my speeches before I was finished, I had to pull myself in check every time," said Bowditch, wearing a green shirt. "And it happened a lot today."

Bowditch, based in Dallas, entered the week 339th in the world and had only two top-10 finishes in eight years on



Steven Bowditch poses with his trophy after winning the Texas Open on Sunday in San Antonio.

the tour. He won once on the Australasian circuit and twice on the Web.Com Tour.

"He's been a battler. He's gone through a lot in his life," said John Senden, a fellow Australian who won the Valspar Championship two weeks ago.

Senden waited about an hour after his round to shake Bowditch's hand.

"That last putt wasn't his best, but to finish it off he was

as cool as a cucumber really," Senden said. "I'm proud to be his mate."

Will MacKenzie and Daniel Summerhays tied for second. MacKenzie shot 70, and Summerhays had a 71.

Chesson Hadley and Ryan Palmer missed chances to get into the Masters through the top 50 in the world ranking. Hadley, the Puerto Rico Open winner, needed at least a sixth-place finish,

but closed with an 80 to tie for 56th at 5 over. Palmer needed a top-three finish and had an 82 to also tie for 56th.

Bowditch played the front nine in 3-over 39, making a double bogey on the par-4 fourth. He countered a bogey on the par-3 13th with a birdie on the par-5 14th and made three pars before missing a 3-foot par putt and settling for a bogey on 18.

GOLFROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LPGA

KIA CLASSIC: At Carlsbad, Calif., Anna Nordqvist rallied to win the Kia Classic at Avilera for her second victory in her last four LPGA Tour starts.

Two strokes behind leaders Cristie Kerr and Lizette Salas entering the round, Nordqvist closed with her second straight 5-under 67 for a one-stroke victory over Salas.

Nordqvist won the LPGA Thailand last month to end a five-year victory drought, holding off top-ranked Inbee Park. The 26-year-old Swede also won the LPGA Championship and LPGA Tour Championship in 2009.

Projected to jump from 16th to ninth in the world, Nordqvist finished at 13-under 275 and earned \$255,000.

Web.com

LOUISIANA OPEN: At Broussard, La., Kris Blanks won the Louisiana Open for his second career Web.com Tour title, closing a 9-under 62 and beating Brett Stegmaier with a 10-foot birdie putt on the third hole of a playoff.

Seven strokes behind leader Kyle Reifers at the start of the round, Blanks matched Stegmaier at 14-under 270 at La Triomphe and earned \$99,000.

SCORES

LPGA

Kia Classic Score Sunday
At Avilera Golf Club
Carlsbad, Calif.
Par: 71
Yardage: 6,985; Par: 72

Anna Nordqvist	\$255,000	67	-275
Lizette Salas	\$155,874	70	-276
Lee Thompson	\$113,075	68	-277
Chella Choi	\$87,473	69	-278
Cristie Kerr	\$70,406	73	-279
Inbee Park	\$48,511	68	-280
Se Ri Pak	\$48,511	69	-280
Eun-Hee Ji	\$48,511	71	-280
Stacy Lewis	\$45,511	71	-280
Giulia Stegman	\$30,142	67	-281
Gerina Pillay	\$30,142	69	-281
Juliete Granada	\$30,142	71	-281
Azahara Munoz	\$30,142	71	-281
Don Carter	\$30,142	73	-281
Jenny Shin	\$24,748	70	-282
Ji Young Choo	\$20,183	70	-283
Hee Young Park	\$20,183	70	-283
Michelle Wie	\$20,183	70	-283
Meena Lee	\$20,183	71	-283
Paola Creamer	\$20,183	72	-283
Marisa Ulmer	\$20,183	72	-283
PK Kongkajitpan	\$20,183	73	-283
Shanehan Feng	\$20,183	75	-283
Al Miyazato	\$16,807	70	-284
Mina Harigae	\$14,544	70	-284
Mi Hyang Lee	\$14,544	71	-285
Jenny Suh	\$14,544	71	-285
Paz Encuentra	\$14,544	73	-285
Haeji Kang	\$14,544	73	-285
Karin Webb	\$14,544	75	-285
Ayako Uehara	\$14,544	77	-285
Laura Diaz	\$10,980	70	-286
Victoria Ekstrand	\$10,980	70	-286
Christina Kim	\$10,980	70	-286
I.K. Kim	\$10,980	70	-286
Brooke Pancake	\$10,980	74	-286
Mo Martin	\$10,980	75	-286
Ashleigh Simon	\$10,980	76	-286
Marisa Hernandez	\$8,705	72	-287
Haru Nomura	\$8,705	72	-287
Morgan Pressel	\$8,705	72	-287
Caatrina Matthews	\$8,705	73	-287
Amy Yang	\$6,880	71	-288
Sydney Michaels	\$6,880	72	-288
Caroline Sigmond	\$6,880	73	-288
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	\$6,880	73	-288
Hee Kyung Song	\$6,880	73	-288
Katie M. Burnett	\$6,880	74	-288
Hee-Won Han	\$6,880	74	-288
Tiffany Joh	\$6,880	75	-288
Seon Hwa Lee	\$5,547	71	-289
Sun Young Yoo	\$5,547	71	-289
Veronica Falcetti	\$5,547	72	-289
Katie Fuchter	\$5,547	72	-289
Giulia Molinari	\$4,694	70	-290
Karina Icher	\$4,694	72	-290
Xi Yu Liu	\$4,694	72	-290
Brittany Lang	\$4,694	75	-290
So Yeon Ryu	\$4,694	76	-290

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Chitimache Louisiana Open

Sunday

At La Triomphe Country Club

Broussard, La. Par: 71

Yardage: 7,098; Par: 71

Final

(x-Kris Blanks, \$99,000)

x-Kris Blanks	\$99,000	62	-270
Brett Stegmaier	\$95,400	66	-270
Jonathan Reed	\$31,900	71	-271
Kyle Reifers	\$31,900	70	-271
Aaron Goldberg	\$18,013	68	-272
Garth Mulroy	\$18,013	67	-272
Steve Saunders	\$18,013	69	-272
Zack Sather	\$18,013	68	-272
Justin Thomas	\$18,013	69	-272
Sebastian Vazquez	\$18,013	69	-272
Byeong Hee Park	\$12,650	71	-273
Ryan Blaum	\$12,650	69	-273
Fabian Gomez	\$12,650	70	-273
Bronson Burgoon	\$9,900	67	-274
Jeff Carl	\$9,900	69	-274
Andres Gonzalez	\$9,900	69	-274
Matt Boyd	\$9,900	71	-275
Jon Curran	\$6,958	69	-275
Zack Fischer	\$6,958	69	-275
Jason Gore	\$6,958	68	-275
Carlos Ortiz	\$6,958	69	-275
Roland Thatcher	\$6,958	69	-275
Harold Varner III	\$6,958	69	-275
Brett Wetterich	\$6,958	70	-275
Matt Davidson	\$4,182	67	-276
Tony Finau	\$4,182	71	-276
Hunter Haas	\$4,182	69	-276
Ryuji Imada	\$4,182	68	-276
Nick O'Hern	\$4,182	69	-276
Andres Echavarria	\$4,182	72	-276
T.J. Vogel	\$4,182	72	-276
Jimmy Gunn	\$3,286	70	-277
Adam Hadwin	\$3,286	70	-277
Rod Pumping	\$3,286	70	-277
Alistair Presnell	\$3,286	69	-277
Ryan Baca	\$2,673	67	-278
Chris Epperson	\$2,673	68	-278
Devin Claspie	\$2,673	74	-278
Jonathan Hodge	\$2,673	69	-278
Bill Lunde	\$2,673	71	-278

VALERO TEXAS OPEN SCORES

Sunday			
At TPC San Antonio			
San Antonio			
Par: 72			
Yardage: 7,436; Par: 72			
Final			
Steven Bowditch	\$1,116,000	76	-280
Will MacKenzie	\$545,600	70	-281
Daniel Summerhays	\$545,600	71	-281
Matt Kuchar	\$272,800	75	-282
Andrew Loupe	\$272,800	75	-282
Jim Furyk	\$200,725	71	-283
Zach Johnson	\$200,725	72	-283
Jerry Kelly	\$200,725	71	-283
Brendon Todd	\$200,725	68	-283
Jordan Spieth	\$167,400	71	-284
Charley Hoffman	\$136,400	70	-289
Kevin Na	\$136,400	76	-285
Geoff Ogilvy	\$136,400	73	-285
Pat Perez	\$136,400	77	-285
Justin Hicks	\$111,600	72	-286
Stephen Ames	\$111,600	74	-287

Martin Flores	\$78,740	72	-287
James Hahn	\$78,740	70	-287
Brian Harman	\$78,740	70	-287
Freddie Jacobson	\$78,740	71	-287
Seung-Yul Noh	\$78,740	71	-287
Carl Patterson	\$78,740	73	-287
Wes Roach	\$78,740	74	-287
Michael Thompson	\$78,740	71	-287
Jimmy Walker	\$78,740	71	-287
Chad Collins	\$45,880	78	-288
Russell Knox	\$45,880	73	-288
Andrew Svoboda	\$45,880	75	-288
Bo Van Pelt	\$45,880	74	-288
Johnson Wagner	\$45,880	71	-288
Brice Garnett	\$36,766	75	-289
Trevor Immelman	\$36,766	74	-289
Jason Kokrak	\$36,766	70	-289
Justin Leonard	\$36,766	73	-289
William McGirt	\$36,766	74	-289
Cameron Beckman	\$28,572	74	-290
Scott Brown	\$28,572	73	-290
Brendon de Jonge	\$28,572	74	-290

Jamie Lovemark	\$28,572	73	-290
Brooks Koepka	\$28,572	72	-290
Josh Teater	\$28,572	72	-290
Kevin Foley	\$22,320	74	-291
Joe Ogilvie	\$22,320	73	-291
Michael Putnam	\$22,320	75	-291
John Senden	\$22,320	73	-291
Briny Baird	\$15,934	76	-292
Miguel Angel Carralho	\$15,934	73	-292
Ben Curtis	\$15,934	75	-292
Brian Davis	\$15,934	73	-292
Bronson La Crosse	\$15,934	75	-292
John Mattinger	\$15,934	75	-292
Troy Matteson	\$15,934	73	-292
Troy Merritt	\$15,934	73	-292
Andrew Romero	\$15,934	74	-292
Cameron Tringale	\$15,934	75	-292
Greg Chalmers	\$13,826	73	-293
Brian Gay	\$13,826	76	-293
Chesson Hadley	\$13,826	80	-293
Jeff Maggitt	\$13,826	73	-293
Ryan Palmer	\$13,826	74	-293

Mike Weir	\$13,826	74	-293
Richard H. Lee	\$13,330	74	-294
Tim Wilkinson	\$13,330	76	-294
Scott Gardner	\$13,020	75	-295
Luke Guthrie	\$13,020	75	-295
J.B. Holmes	\$13,020	76	-295
Aaron Baddeley	\$12,710	76	-296
John Peterson	\$12,710	76	-296
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Fred Funk	\$12,482	79	-297
Alex Aragon	\$12,276	76	-298

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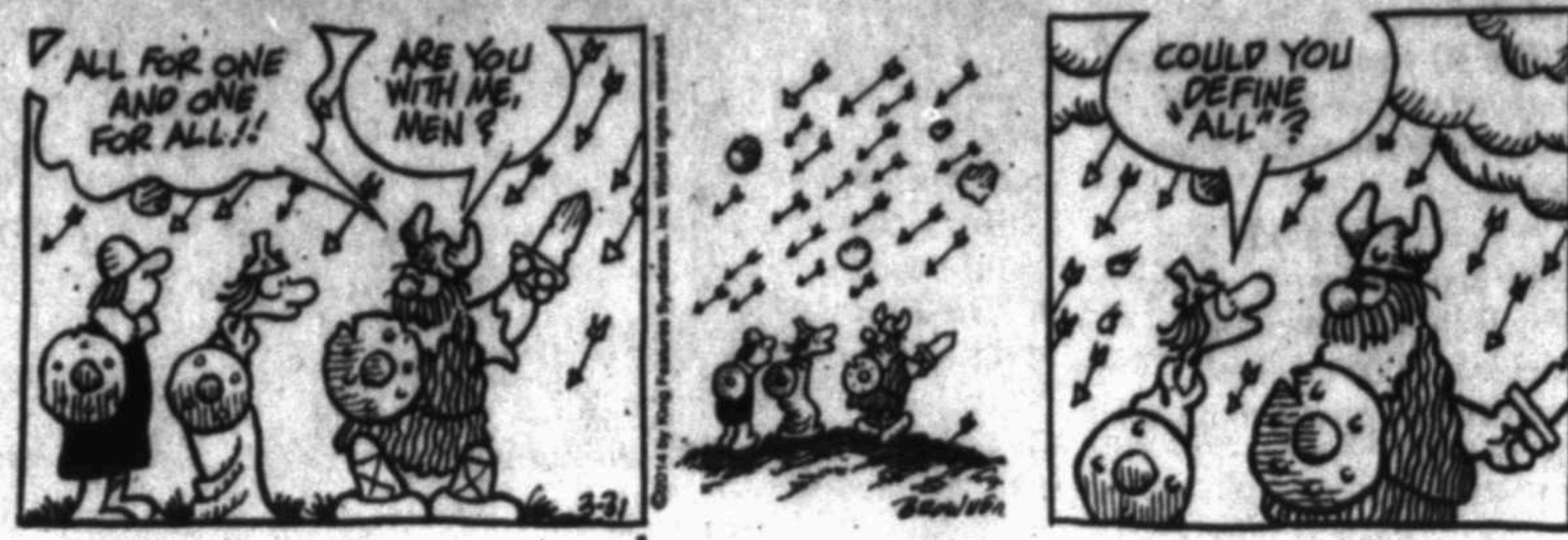
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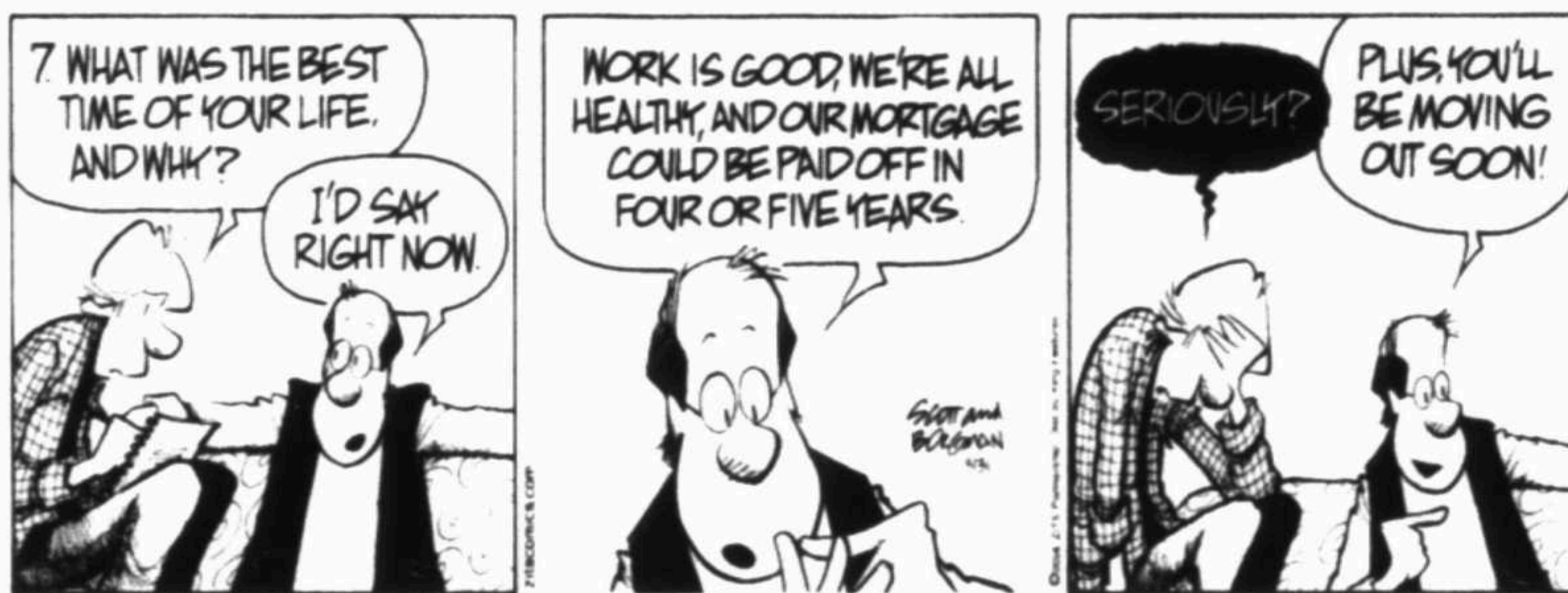
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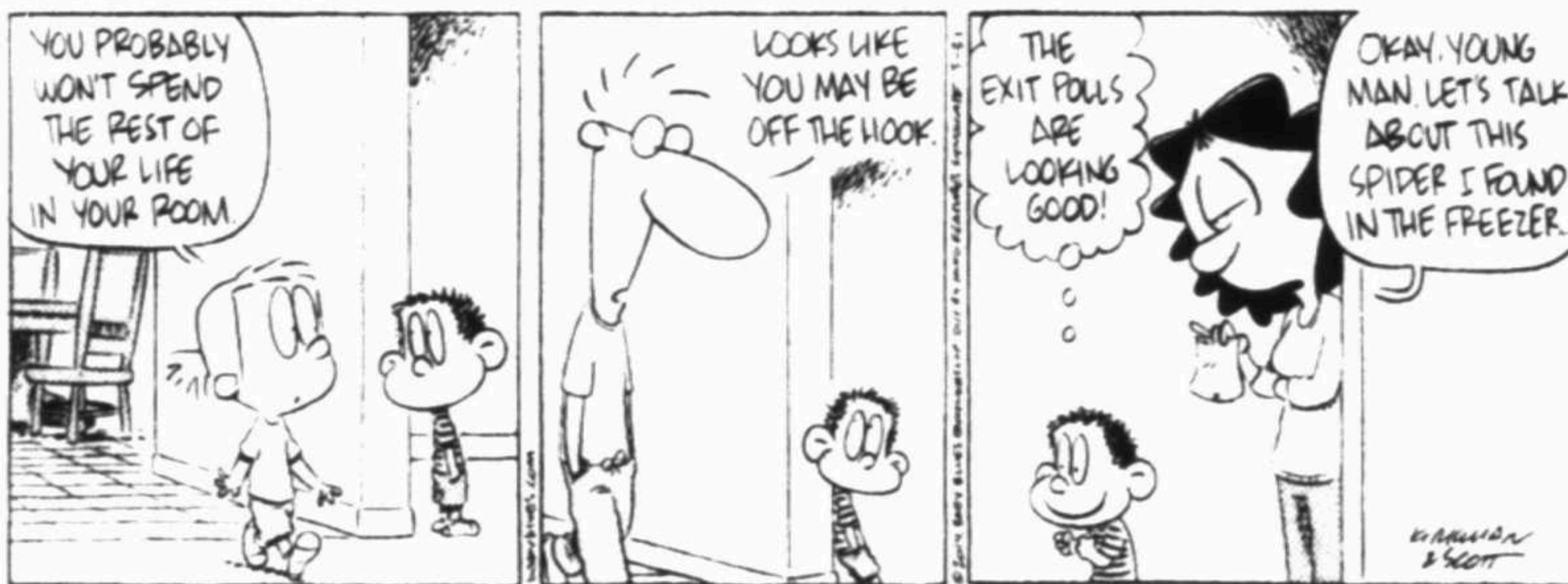
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TUESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 88 Low: 61

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 84 Low: 62

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 78 Low: 48

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 73 Low: 48

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 72 Low: 50

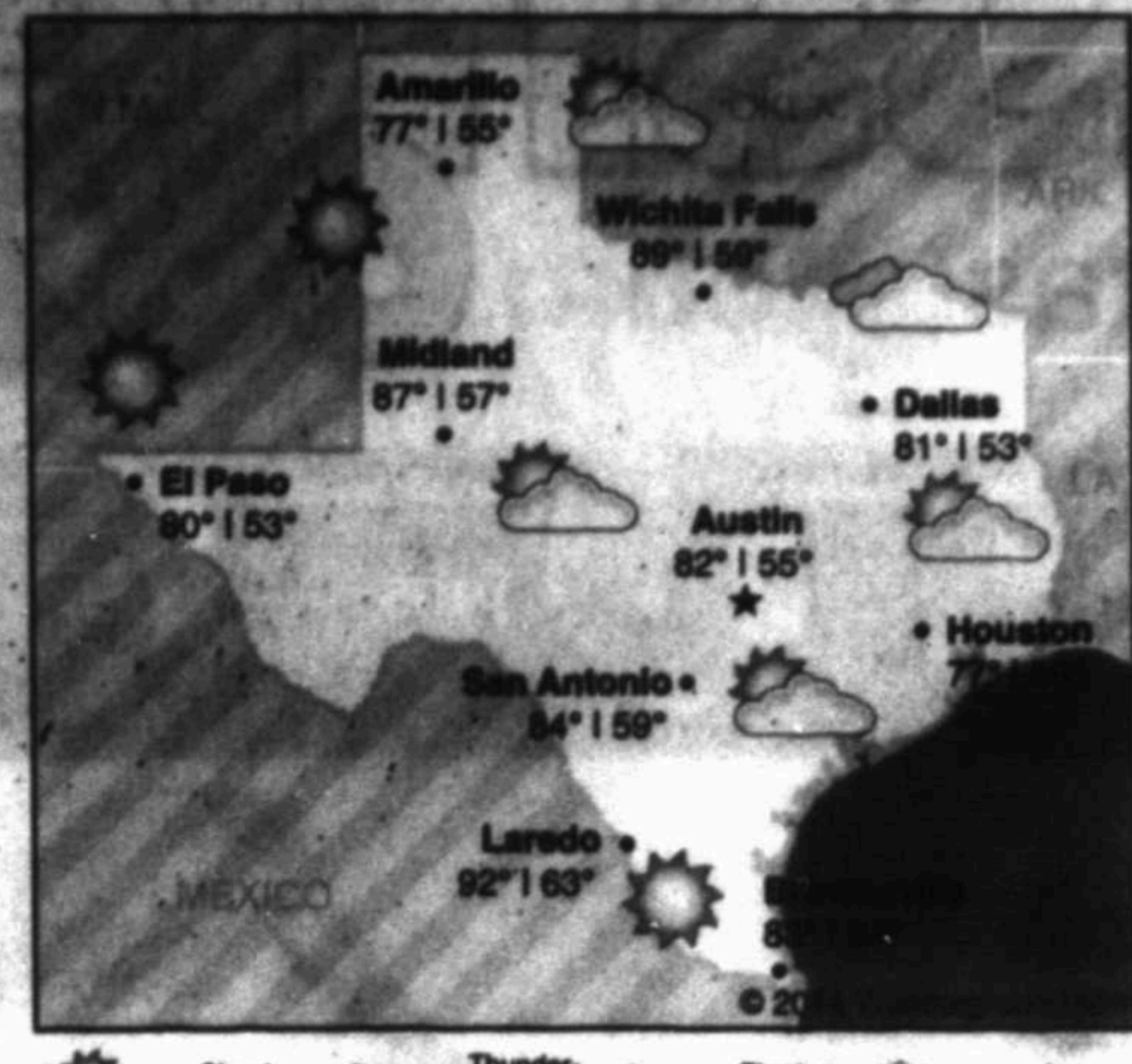
Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 88 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 54 and west winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming light and variable after midnight.

Tuesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 88 and light, southeast winds becoming south between 10 and 15 mph in the morning. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 61 and south winds between 15 and 20 mph. There is a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night.

Wednesday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 84 and a low around 52.

The high on Sunday reached 81, while the low dropped to 49. The record high for March 30 is 94 set in 1946. The record low is 17 set in 1987.

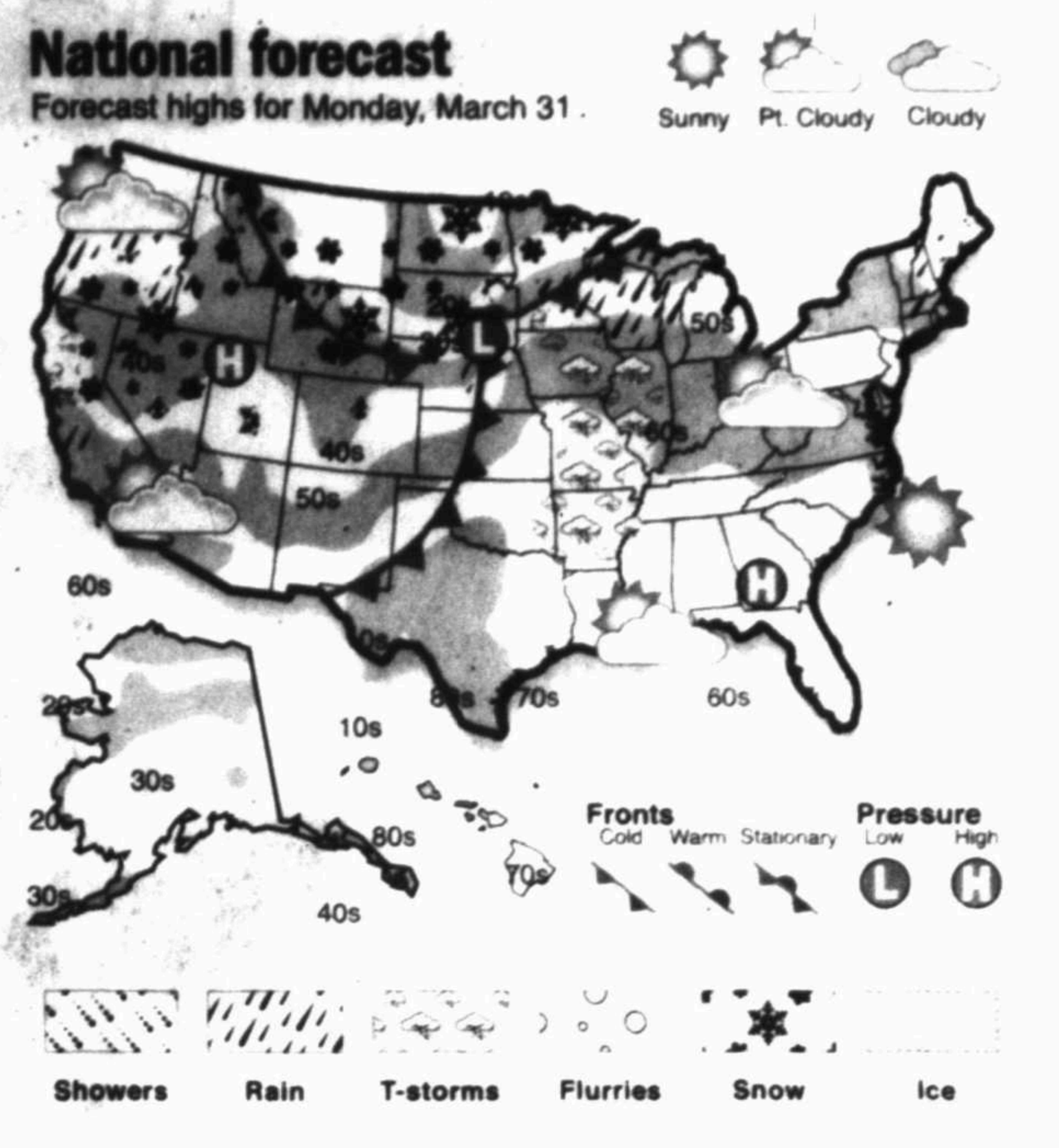


Precipitation

Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.19 in.
Year total	0.45 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.85 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	81
Low	49
Normal high	74
Normal low	44
Sunrise	7:38 a.m.
Sunset	8:08 p.m.



National forecast

Rain will persist across New England today before a slow-moving storm system finally departs at night. Enough cold air will be in place for a wintry mix to occur across the interior.

Husband's depression won't be cured by acting out online

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for seven years and have two children. My husband has what I can only describe as an Internet addiction. He's literally online from the time I go to bed until I wake up to take our kids to school. I checked and discovered many profiles he has made up on different dating sites.

When I confronted him, he told me he has no interest in having an affair. He said he has been depressed for some time, and it's his way of escaping reality. I recommended he talk to a therapist, but he keeps trying to justify his behavior by telling me I have no reason to feel hurt because it's all "make-believe."

Our relationship has taken a serious dive since I found out. I no longer trust him alone on the computer. I am also no longer attracted to him, and I no longer feel attractive. I don't know what I can do to be a supportive partner if he won't admit he has a problem. Please help me. I'm at a total loss.

— **SECOND TO A SCREEN NAME**

DEAR SECOND: May I be frank? First on your agenda should be to take care of yourself and your own emerging depression. If that means talking to a professional, then go for it.

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.



You have every right to be angry about what your husband has been doing. It isn't harmless, and it isn't effective therapy for his depression. Much as you might wish to, you can't fix his problem — which is trying to escape from reality. Only he can do that. Let's hope he'll find the courage to face what he's trying to escape from while your marriage is still salvageable.

DEAR ABBY: I am not suicidal, but I do think about death, in the sense of what happens when one dies. I believe in the heaven-and-hell theory. Although I'm not sure I want to go to heaven, I AM sure I don't want to go to hell.

My reason for not wanting to go to heaven is because of the relatives who have gone before me. I come from a very abusive family but, like so many, most of them have been able to do what I call the "last-minute redemption." With that in mind, I do not want to spend all of eternity with the same people I could not wait to have exit this Earth.

I am also not a big believer in this forgiveness thing — forgiving adults who do these things to children and expect them to forget about it. I sure haven't, and I never will!

Do you, or the clergy, think it's possible for God to just let some of us sleep through eternity without meeting up with family on "the other side"? — **OWENSBORO, KY., READER**

DEAR READER: Because I am more involved with what's going on in this life rather than the next, I took your question to Rev. Canon Mark Stanger of Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. He suggests that you stop thinking about heaven as a "place" or that you need a scorecard to get there. He also said: "A merciful God will make heaven what you need — and in your case, heaven may be liberation from these troubled people."

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ J 10 5 2 ♥ Q ♠ K J 10 6 5 ♣ A Q 3

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass

What call would you make?
A — Two spades or three spades? Adding value in the heart suit for both the queen and the singleton would overvalue this hand. Bid two spades.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ J 6 5 ♥ A Q J 8 3 2 ♠ 2 ♣ A Q J

The bidding:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
1♠ Pass Pass ?

What call would you make?
A — In the "pass-out" seat, as here, a jump overall shows an intermediate hand — 14-16 points with a good six-card suit. This hand is perfect. Bid three hearts.

Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A K 5 4 ♥ 5 4 ♠ K J ♣ A 9 5 4 2

As dealer, what call would you make?
A — Some hands with 5-4-2-2 distribution should open one no-trump to avoid re-bid problems. This hand has an easy re-bid of one spade over a red-suit response. Open one club.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Q 7 ♥ K 10 9 ♠ Q 10 7 6 3 ♣ A Q 6

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
1NT Pass 2NT Pass

What call would you make?
A — A close decision, but the excellent intermediate cards in the red suits and the queen in partner's suit call for aggression. Bid three no-trump.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Insect stage
 - 6 Sink down in the middle
 - 9 Heavy haulers
 - 14 Not quite spherical
 - 15 Single
 - 16 Mild-mannered reporter Kent
 - 17 Tennis court official
 - 19 Overzealous type
 - 20 Point after deuce
 - 21 More narcissistic
 - 23 Asian New Year
 - 24 Harbor long-term resentment
 - 27 Portuguese explorer Vasco
 - 30 Open court hearing, in law
 - 31 News org.
 - 32 Construction zone cones
 - 36 Earth-orbiting Gagan
 - 39 Birds that symbolize peace
 - 41 Right, vis-à-vis left: Abbr.
 - 42 Early PC interface
 - 43 Glasses, in ads
 - 44 More than mono
 - 46 Workout facility
 - 47 Water, in Juárez
 - 49 Amazingly enough
 - 51 Creamy confection
 - 56 End of a prof's URL
 - 57 Type of vegetable oil
 - 58 Yucky muck
 - 62 Soup scoop
 - 64 "Stay put!"
 - 66 Partner of vim
 - 67 Seventh Greek letter
 - 68 Love, to Luciano
 - 69 Length-times-width calculations
 - 70 Opposite of NNW
 - 71 Yankee shortstop Jeter who announced he will retire at the end of 2014
- DOWN**
- 1 Whatever she wants, she gets
 - 2 Zealous
 - 3 Rice-A-
 - 4 Capital of Austria
 - 5 Wd. modifying a noun
 - 6 Dr Pepper and Dr. Brown's
 - 7 1973 Rolling Stones ballad
 - 8 Davis of "A League of Their Own"
 - 9 Move like a squirrel
 - 10 Right-angle bend
 - 11 Political commentator with an Internet "Report"
 - 12 Discount rack abbr
 - 13 Glide on ice
 - 18 Sunlamp danger, briefly
 - 22 Narcissists have big ones
 - 25 Men pocketing baseballs
 - 26 Sometimes-illegal turns, for short
 - 27 Fizzing firecrackers
 - 28 Each
 - 29 Push gently
 - 33 Valet's purview
 - 34 Not shut, poetically
 - 35 "All Things Considered" ailer
 - 37 Rogers and Clark
 - 38 Beliefs
 - 40 WWII vet. say
 - 42 Synthesizer pioneer
 - 44 Room in una casa
 - 45 Conclude by
 - 48 Stomach ailments
 - 50 Lentil or pea
 - 51 Aqua aftershave brand
 - 52 Firefighter Red
 - 53 South American range
 - 54 Pays as the bill
 - 55 Radii-parallel bones
 - 59 Skunk's defense
 - 60 Fairy tale fiend
 - 61 Eye on the sly
 - 63 Hawaii's Mauna
 - 65 Terrible

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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By Ed Sessa
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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 Monday, March 31, 2014:
- This year your libido energies peak to an unprecedented level. You seem to sluth your way through problems and come up with remarkable solutions. Others will come to you for help more often; they admire your ingenuity. You will tend to be me-oriented this year, so try to temper any excessive egotism. If you are single, you could open up to a very intriguing person who you feel you have a lot to learn from. The two of you could become quite the dynamic duo. If you are attached, your relationship quality will depend on your ability to remain sensitive to your sweetie. A fellow ARIES could become even more important to you this year.
- ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Someone is likely to sense your strength. As a result, this person will push you to get a reaction. You might decide to give him or her that reaction, just to catch him or her off guard. From there, you can continue with your day. Tonight: All smiles.
- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You might prefer not to have to give explanations or deal with much. On some level, you could be experiencing a knee-jerk reaction regarding what is happening around you. You also might not feel a need to redefine or rethink your response. Tonight: Nap, then decide.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You feel destined to achieve certain goals. You could be a little tired or feel pushed by someone else. You might want to put this person in his or her place. Keep your eye on the long term, and be more forthright with a loved one. Tonight: Perk up.
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ All eyes turn to you whenever others question what to do next, as your leadership qualities are rather evident. You could be flattered that your judgment is so valued. Understand what might be needed to get past an immediate hassle. Tonight: Find your friends.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Realize what is happening with those around you. One person seems determined to have things go his or her way. This individual could push beyond any normal level. Tonight: How about a concert or jam session?
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Deal with a loved one directly. You could want and need to rethink your interactions with this person, as he or she seems to have copped an attitude as of late. Your sense of direction and knowledge will cause a positive change. Tonight: Get your taxes done, then look at your budget.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You could be far grumpier than you realize. Look around and note others' reactions to you. Rather than growl and grumble, root out what is really going on with you. Only then will you be able to get more control over your feelings. Tonight: Connect with a loved one.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Dive into work or a project. With concentration and focus, you'll accomplish much more than you previously might have thought possible. As a side benefit, you will work off some frustration. Make a call to a new friend. Tonight: Your treat!
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Your playfulness and ability to honor a quick change will make all the difference in your choices. Re-evaluate what needs to happen between you and a new flirtation. As always, every bond has its limitations. Tonight: Ever playful.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You'll want to understand why someone is behaving a certain way before you make a judgment. This person seems to be all over the place. Get feedback from a friend, but realize that you might not feel comfortable with all of his or her opinions. Tonight: Make it early.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance who might be searching for some feedback. Try to understand what is going on. Do not be adverse to picking up the phone and making some calls. You need more information. Tonight: Catch up on emails before deciding what to do.
- PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You might be more sensitive to a loved one than you usually would deem necessary. Your ability to understand mood changes probably could be applied here. Do not personalize a comment. Tonight: Treat a loved one to a favorite dessert.
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- BORN TODAY**
- Former U.S. Vice President Al Gore (1948), labor leader Cesar Chavez (1927), composer Joseph Haydn (1732)

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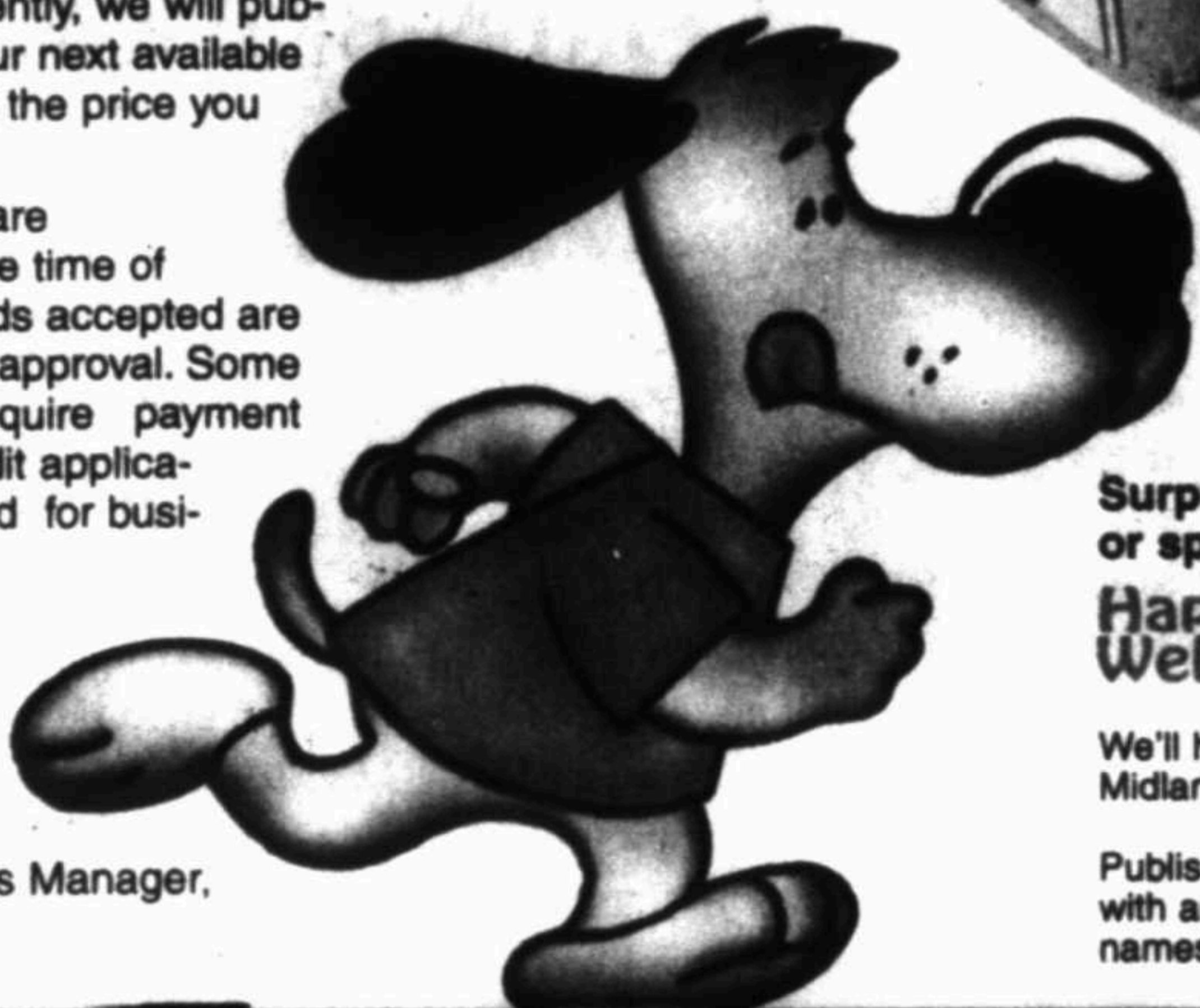
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Bookkeeper
Bookkeeping job for small independent (5 person office). JTB's, Payables, Pre-receivables on QAS software. Management accounting (monthly p/l and budget projections) on Excel. Quick Books for reconciling and payroll. Hours flexible. No smoking, good folks and good environment; insurance for full time. Midland Oil & Gas Inc. Send resume to emie@midol.com.

EXPERIENCED OILFIELD SAFETY TECHNICIAN
Canada & Associates is looking for a Safety Technician in the Midland area. Individual will be trained by onsite management. Oil field experience is a plus, must have high school diploma, be able to follow precise instruction, have a flexible schedule, and have a great attitude. Pay will be based upon experience. For anyone interested you can send your resume to derrick@canada-associates.com.

Receptionist
Busy physician's office looking for a very dependable receptionist. Please fax resume to 432-694-4447. Absolutely no phone calls. No experience necessary, but preferred.

ENERGY & UTILITIES
AIM Directional Services is taking applications for the following positions:
Directional Managers, Directional Coordinators, MWD Coordinators, Directional Drillers, MWD Engineers, Directional Sales, and Motor Shop Personnel. Must have at least 2-years experience. Only experienced personnel in these positions should apply. Send resumes to resumes@aimdir.com with Name, Phone, and email address.

Division Controller
Oilfield rental and service company has immediate opening for a Division Controller in their Midland, Texas office. This individual will be responsible for all aspects of the day to day office and accounting operations. Some job responsibilities include: Auditing all rental and service documents. Inventory tracking and control. Monitor and control third party cost and billing. Job Cost. Company offers competitive salary and full benefit package including health, dental and vision insurance and 401K. Please email resume to lcmm229@gmail.com.

Cactus Wellhead Field Service and Shop Technicians in Midland, TX
Based in Houston, TX, Cactus designs, manufactures and installs wellhead equipment and Christmas trees. The company also offers a wide range of ancillary services such as equipment repairs, field service support and hydraulic fracturing (frac) equipment rentals.
Safety, career growth and professional on the job training are characteristics that set Cactus Wellhead, LLC above the rest.
We are looking to employ top talent with the drive to join a growing brand.
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Shop Technician: Inspect, operate and test completed products to verify functioning and conformance to requirements, position and/or align components for assembly, manually or using hoists, adjust, repair, rework, or replace parts and assemblies, remove rough spots and smooth surfaces to fit, trim or clean parts, and use of hand tools or power tools, and maintain and lubricate parts or components.
Cactus Wellhead, LLC offers a competitive compensation and benefits package which includes medical, dental, vision, matching 401K, life insurance, Company paid disability, and paid vacation.
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Starts Thursday, March 27th at 7:30AM
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Midland, TX 79706
432-653-0306
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Field Service Technician
Production LIR Systems FT
Local oilfield service company seeking Field Service Technician. Two years production experience required. Full benefits. Must have a valid driver's license and pass drug test. Apply at 14 East Industrial Loop Midland, TX 79701 or call 432-699-1200.

Flowback Personnel, Well Testers & CDL Drivers
WARRIOR ENERGY SERVICES now hiring experienced Flowback Personnel, Well Testers, & CDL Drivers in the Permian Basin. Please apply in person at 8290 Interstate Highway 20 in Midland, TX.

FORKLIFT OPERATOR
United Casing, Inc.
Requirements: Certified heavy lift operator with minimum 3 years experience with oilfield pipe. Must have experience loading/unloading & racking pipe. Warehouse forklift drivers should not apply. Send all inquiries and resumes to bqulley@unitedcasing.com or bring to 3610 E. Highway 158, Midland. Qualified Applicants Only.

Multiple Positions
Nolan H. Brunson/SLS is looking for experienced Pushers, Drivers, & Swampers for its Midland yard. We offer top competitive wages, health/vision/dental insurance, 401 K plan, paid holidays and vacations. Please apply in person @ 2306 N. FM 1788.

Pipeline Construction Safety Representative
Ritter Construction Company is seeking an experienced, qualified Pipeline Construction Safety Representative for their West and South Texas Division Areas. Send resume to wade@rittercc.com or mail to PO Box 1108, Carthage, TX 75633.

HEALTH CARE
Available Positions
Desert Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705
Desert Gardens located in Midland, Texas is currently seeking qualified Nursing staff to fill the following Positions:
• Business Office Manager
• Medication Aide for 8-2 Shift Monday - Friday.
• Restorative Aide (1 position) Monday - Friday with experience.
• CNA 8-2 position Monday - Friday.
• CNA 10-6 position on a rotating schedule. • Housekeeper
\$1,000 Sign on BONUS Apply in person.

Full Time, LVN/Medical Assistant and FT or PT Receptionist for a physician's office. Must have good oral/written communication skills, dependable, organized, team player. Computer skills a must, experience in medical office environment is a plus. Competitive salary. Email resume to michiganprofessionals@aol.com

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For busy internal medicine practice. Experienced preferred. Mail resume to 2817 W. Loop 280 N Ste. A, Midland, 79705.

Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner
Neurosurgical practice (Midland) has immediate opening for a Texas licensed PA or NP. Call Beverly at 432-682-4307 to schedule interview

RN for Su Casa Home Health
We are growing again! In need of full time, bilingual RN. Sign-On Bonus for RNs! Full benefits package. Call 432-520-2556 or apply online at www.sucashomehealth.com.

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE
MAINTENANCE
Villa Chateau Apartments Full time Maintenance needed. Must have own tools. Drug screen/Background check done. Apply in person at: Villa Chateau Apts., 1603 N. Midkiff Rd, Midland, TX 79701. No phone calls please.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY
Security Guard
Finley Investigations & Security (Lic# C09211)
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Hiring now! Full-time security guards. Growing company. Retirees welcome. Safe environment. We will train. Competitive pay. Starting pay \$10 - \$12 per hour. 432-561-5650. tomfinley@officalsecurity.com

CHILDREN'S SERVICES
Child Care
Seeking experienced child care teachers to provide meaningful learning experiences for infants and toddlers in a church Mother's Day Out program 2 days a week. Contact 683-5272 for information.

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HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.
Pay \$10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email jmaddock@hearsttop.com
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HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person.
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Exciting opportunity with a highly respected company. Excellent pay and advancement opportunity. Please note there will be some travel and you must be able to pass background check/ drug test. Please contact Cyle @ 817-471-9837.

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Wednesday, April 9
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Midland Center, 105 N Main St
Over 60 businesses from all industries will be interviewing and hiring job seekers.
Call 687-8814 for more information.
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Must be willing to work hard and have a valid drivers license. Call El Jardin 432-770-2399

MID-WEST DOOR & WINDOW COMPANY HIRING
Opening for Warehouse Person & Residential Door and Window Installer. Good appearance with a positive attitude, driver's license and good driving record a must. Must pass drug test and physical. Great benefits including vacation time and holiday pay. 401K program available after one year of service. Apply in person at 2400 W Front St.

Resident Monitor, Full Time & Relief Cook, Administrative Clerk
Dismas Charities FT/PT
Midland, TX 79701
Dismas Charities is hiring Full-time, Part-time & relief staff for the positions of Resident Monitor, Administrative Clerk and Full Time & Relief Cook (part-time, up to 25hrs/wk \$9.64/hr - \$3.81). Walk-in applicants are welcome at 24 W. Industrial Loop.

SSC - Social Services Coordinator
Dismas Charities is now hiring full-time Social Services Coordinator. Apply at www.dismas.com.

Staff Members/ Gym/ Gameroom
The Boys & Girls Club of Midland seeking afternoon Staff Members/ Gym/ Gameroom PT, M-F 3-8. Call Michael between 1-3 or 6-8 only 432-683-0050 or send resume to taylor@basinkids.org

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
Seeking Motivated Staff Person
High Sky Children's Ranch, Stay Together Program is seeking a dedicated individual interested in a career helping families and at-risk youth that are experiencing difficulties such as family conflict, runaway and truancy. Good salary, paid medical, retirement, vacation, holidays and travel. Bachelor's Degree in a related field & 1 year exp. working with children or families. 1 year of related exp. may be substituted for 1 year of college. Spanish speaking preferred. Call for app. at 432-694-7728 or print from Highsky.org

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE
ALL POSITIONS / NO NIGHTS
Harvest Caffe now hiring FT/PT. Apply in person 9am-11am & 2pm-4pm at 2101 W. Wadley Ste. 8. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

All Positions
Torino's Pizza Bar FT
Torino's is now hiring for all positions. Kitchen, Bartenders, Waitstaff and Bar backs needed. Apply in person @ 3303 N Midkiff Rd #110. Ask for Teresa 432-218-8943.

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RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE
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Email us at dominos@clearwire.net with your name and phone number and we will call you to answer any question you may have before you decide to apply! We will make the hiring process as easy as possible for you! As always, come on down to any of our Midland/Odessa locations and apply at any time!
Or apply at www.Indeed.com
EOE
(coming soon: company delivery vehicles for you to drive! Apply today!)

Line Cook
Venezia Restaurant
Immediate opening for line cook. Apply in person at 20 Plaza Oak Shopping Center, 2101 W Wadley, Midland, TX

Multiple Positions
The Warfield Travel Plaza is now hiring for all positions! Cashiers, Wait Staff, Cooks & Dishwashers are needed! Full & part-time all shifts available at busy 24 hr Truck Stop & Restaurant. We can work with your schedule and will train the right candidates! Apply at 10400 I-20 @ FM 1788 today!

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Servers & Bussers
The Racquet Club FT
Seeking candidates for Serving & bussing positions. Flexible hours, excellent working environment, 401K, paid vacation, health insurance. Apply in person. 3009 Racquet Club Dr. No phone calls please

Waitstaff
Rednecks Drafthouse FT/PT
Rednecks is now hiring for Waitstaff. Apply in person @ 2215 N Midland Dr. Ste 2A Ask for manager on duty

RETAIL JOBS
Retail/Customer Service
Stadium Sports is hiring for full time & part time positions for retail/customer service. Offering competitive wages. Email becky@stadiumsportsusa.com or stop by 2040 W. Cuthbert, Midland, TX 79701

SALES JOBS
CASHIERS
Smoker's Outlet is looking for Cashiers in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid weekly. Go by your nearest Smoker's Outlet to apply.

FULL-PART TIME SALES ASSOCIATES
We are looking for Insurance Associates who possess these important qualities: "Cool under pressure, "Enjoy working hard, "Relate well to all kinds of people "Energetic, "Dedicated to meet customers needs. P&C license preferred. Must have customer service experience. Bilingual a plus. Please fax your resume to: 432-570-9501 or Mail to P O Box 8830, Midland, TX 79708. Bring by 4410 N Midkiff, Ste D1F, Midland, TX 79705.

Medical Device Sales
Medical Device Sales position for a Fortune 500 Company, Orthopedic contacts a major plus in the Midland/Odessa area. Send resume to medicalrep123@yahoo.com

Outside Sales
Outside Sales for Great Plains Steel, Inc. Midland TX/Odessa/Surrounding Area Territory. Some Steel Knowledge Helpful. Company Car & Phone. Salary & Benefits + Quarterly Bonuses. Qualifying Health Insurance Plan, Life Insurance, AFLAC, Retirement. Send resume to Great Plains Steel, Inc. P.O. Box 2916, Lubbock, TX. 79408 or email to jobs@greatplainssteel.com.

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Are you a car salesperson? You want to make more money now? Get a bonus today? Bring your pay plan and we will beat it! But hurry, we are only adding two people. Did you call yet? Ask for Rick. 866-582-9291. Hurry, Only 2 openings!! Midland Motors. EOE.

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- Management
- Medical
- Technology
- Industrial

SALES JOBS

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The Midland Reporter-Telegram and mywesttexas.com advertising department is looking for a Multi-Media Sales Consultant. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com

Qualifications & Skills:

- Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment
- Excellent customer service and time management skills
- Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills

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If you are the one we are looking for, please send current resume to:

Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
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SALES JOBS

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Sales Person
2101 W. Wadley #6
Commission sales, must be able to multitask. Detail oriented, connect with customers, and love furniture. Bring resume to Carter's Furniture at 2101 West Wadley, Suite #6 Midland, TX 79705.

Full-Time
Midland, TX 79705

SCIENCE & RESEARCH

LAB TECHNICIAN

Growing oilfield company looking for a Lab Technician. Laboratory experience is not required but preferred. Please send resumes to Justin Disney at Justin.Disney@catalystoilfield.com

SKILLED LABOR

Licensed Commercial Plumber & Exp. Helpers

TMI Mechanical currently hiring **Licensed Commercial Plumbers & Experienced Helpers** for local jobsites. We offer top pay (up to \$28/hr DOE and we will pay additional for medical gas endorsements). Paid medical, paid vacations and holidays. Must have good driving record. Please call 432-686-0002 for interview.

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The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: **PRESSMAN** for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses.

This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Shop Hands

Fab Tech Drilling FT
Now hiring Shop Hands. Must pass 6G pipe test. Apply in person at 2228 Stevens Rd. Odessa, Tx 79764

Welders, Painters and Sandblasters

M & D Welding FT
Single hand contract needed. Oil field experience a plus & Drivers License a must. Salary DOE. Please call for application 432-520-3853 or 432-638-8266.

SKILLED LABOR

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Driver

Reliable **CDL Driver** needed. M-F. 8a-5p. Please apply in person at **Slover Roofing Supply**, 3010 West Front, Midland, Tx 79701 or call 432-689-2005

CDL Drivers Class

Class A CDL Drivers needed preferably with **Tandem** experience in pumping unit installation. Top pay & benefits. 401K, Medical/Dental insurance, uniforms all provided by company after 90 days. Contact Tim 432-553-1891

Class A CDL Drivers

Horizon Transportation seeks experienced **Class A CDL Drivers**, clean driving record, criminal background, and sand hauling experience preferred. Excellent pay & benefits. Please call 432-699-4468. Or apply in person at 3913 FM 715, Midland, Texas, 79706

Class A CDL Truck Drivers

Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call 432-563-1894 for interview or online @ www.rockwaterenergy.com

Crane Operators

TNT Crane & Rigging is currently Hiring Qualified Crane Operators. Needs NCCCO/CDL. Top Pay, Benefits, and Per-Diem. Please email: jhamson@tntcrane.com or call 432 242 4980 to request an application EOE

Delivery Driver/Counter & Warehouse Person

Must have clean driving record and a desire for long term employment. Apply in person 2910 W. Wall, Midland, TX.

Driver/Diesel Mechanic

Troy Vines, Inc. FT
Drivers needed Class A/B CDL required. Diesel Mechanic. Pay DOE. Call 432-682-7031 for more info.

DRIVERS

JW Enterprise is looking for Drivers with Class A CDL. Must have a good driving record. Competitive Wages and a great place to work. On the job training. Contact 432-425-9036 or 432-458-3675 for more information. Serious applicants only.

Experienced Diesel Mechanic

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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Experienced Driver

G & K Trucking, Inc. FT
Local trucking company seeks an experienced **Class A CDL HOTSHOT** driver in the Midland area for local, regional and out of state deliveries. Benefits include bonuses, scheduled days off, medical insurance and paid vacation. Hazmat preferred. Please call 432-413-2472 Mon-Fri.

Hot Shot Drivers

Flatland Trucking, Inc needs experienced **Hot Shot Drivers** ASAP. Starting pay \$19-\$23, average \$4500-\$6500 a month. Offer full benefits, bonus & commission. Must have Class A CDL, must live in Midland or Odessa & be able to be on call 24/7 on scheduled days. No lease ons. For phone interview call Danielle 432-269-2162. No walk-ins.

Mechanic and Helper Wanted

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