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BASEBALL

The Midland High baseball team found a way to figure out a pitcher that had given it fits in a tight game. This time, though, it came against the Bulldogs' crosstown rival and in extra innings.

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Keystone spurs tension up north, glut in South

Public comments, agency feedback due to State Department in 2 months

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy and Zain Shauk
Houston Chronicle

TransCanada Corp. made another push for approval of the northern stretch of its Keystone XL pipeline, as the government reported the southern leg already has relieved a crude oil chokepoint in Oklahoma.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration said Tuesday that the southern leg, which the company also calls the Gulf Coast Pipeline, has drained oil supplies at the Cushing, Okla., hub to their lowest levels in more than two years.

The crude supply at the key hub fell to 32.1 million barrels at the end of February, down 8 percent from the week before and the lowest mark since November 2011, according to data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

The Keystone XL southern leg made its first deliveries to the Gulf Coast on Jan. 22.

The northern leg, meanwhile, remains the focus of a heated political battle as the Obama administration nears a decision on whether to approve the link from Alberta's oil sands to the U.S. pipeline network, then to Cushing and through Texas to refineries on the coast.

Unlike the Gulf Coast project, the northern part of the pipeline crosses an international border, so it requires a State Department finding that it's in the national interest — a legal determination that folds in economic, environmental, security and other concerns.

TransCanada said it should pass that test with flying colors. Among its arguments:

- Other transportation options, including trucks and rail, result in more emissions and aren't as safe.
- The State Department study said researchers don't expect significant environmental effects on the pipeline's proposed route.
- The pipeline will help diversify U.S. energy supply and deepen ties with a reliable ally, Canada, instead of more volatile crude suppliers.
- The pipeline would contribute about $3.4 billion to

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'PRACTICE RUN'

James Cannon/Reporter-Telegram

VIP customers sample Chipotle Mexican Grill's cuisine Tuesday during the soft opening of the new restaurant in the Commons at North Park. Chipotle is hosting another trial today ahead of its grand opening Thursday.

Chipotle prepares for Thursday opening

By Cale Ottens
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The long-awaited Chipotle Mexican Grill is set to open Thursday, and the fast-casual burrito restaurant prepared by hosting invitation-only soft-opening events.

The Reporter-Telegram got an exclusive look at the Tall City's first Chipotle, a Denver-based restaurant chain that specializes in burritos made fast.

Located in a brand-new building at The Commons at Northpark shopping center, 2820 W. Loop 250 N., Suite 210, Chipotle seats 57 people inside a modern environment with exposed hardwood and stainless steel tables.

The space — just under 2,000 total square-feet — is relatively small compared to other Midland restaurants, but additional seating is available on the outdoor patio.

Customers order in front of the employees who then make the burrito, taco, quesadilla or salad.

The prices for a burrito, burrito bowl, salad or an order of three tacos range from $6.25 to $6.65, depending on which type of meat is selected.

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Teens get hands-on during library Tech Week

By Tessa Duvall
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Thirteen-year-old Jaden Cazares stood over the parts that were once a VCR as he explained why he attended Tinker Tuesday at the county library's Centennial branch.

Jaden said he's really into technology and wanted the chance to open up equipment to see how it works. In Jaden's case, it's technology he's barely used. He has watched just one movie — "The Lion King" — on a VCR.

"At least I know what a cassette is," he said.

Centennial branch is hosting its first Teen Tech Week, with a different drop-in event every day this week. It kicked off Monday and will wrap up on Saturday with a video game tournament.

Youth Services Librarian Mallory Sanchez said the week is a part of the Young Adult Library Services Association's national Teen Tech Week, March 9-15. The events are designed to show teens the technology available to them at the library.

Sanchez said Centennial branch's teen space — "The Bat Cave" — is the perfect space to host these events. The Bat Cave is a neutral ground for teenagers to hang out with friends without the distractions of younger siblings or parents, she said.

"Teens won't know this space is here unless they walk in the library or their parents bring them here," she said.

Tinker Tuesday allowed participants to disassemble electronic devices, such as PCs and VCRs, to get a glimpse at their inner workings. The equipment was donated by library staffers.

Logan Noble, a student at Lee Freshman High School, said Tinker Tuesday was a good way to spend the day on spring break while there's little else to do.

Logan said he's always had a fascination

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Nearly 300,000 Texans get new health insurance

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Fewer than 90,000 Texans bought health insurance through the new federally subsidized marketplace in the past month, leaving navigators, assisters and other officials working to enroll people with a hefty task as they near the March 31 deadline for open enrollment.

Up until mid-March, 295,025 Texans had purchased health insurance through President Barack Obama's signature overhaul program, according to data released Tuesday by the U.S Department of Health and Human Services. That means just more than 87,400 residents bought coverage since mid-February.

Texas has the highest rate of uninsured in the nation, nearly one in four. Gov. Rick Perry has vociferously opposed the program.

The department said more than 758,300 Texans are eligible to purchase insurance through the marketplace, and of those more than 414,200 could receive federal financial assistance to help cover the cost

Perry also has refused to expand Medicaid, despite federal dollars offered to do so.

Texas ranks second in the number of people who have chosen plans through the federal marketplace, said Katie Naranjo, Texas director of Protect Your Care, the group of organizations promoting enrollment.

"This is an important distinction given the opposition by Texas leaders to encourage navigators and increase coverage opportunities," she said in a statement issued Tuesday.

"It is clear from the numbers released today that Texans want to receive affordable health care coverage and pay their fair share into a system dedicated to relieving the burden of uncompensated care on hospitals and doctors. Despite Republicans' best efforts to misinform and dissuade Texans about the Affordable Care Act, it is working and it is working in Texas," Naranjo said.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Woman injures 80-year-old man for spilling cup of water

A Midland woman was arrested Sunday for pushing an 80-year-old man to the ground after he spilled a glass of water, according to court documents.

Lisa Ann Nash, 56, was being held on a $30,000 bond for a state jail felony charge of injury to an elderly individual. She posted bond and was released Monday.

Nash

A Midland police officer responded at about 1:50 p.m. Sunday in the 4800 block of Storey Avenue.

Nash said her father spilled a glass of water and when she went to get a mop the man swung it at her, which caused him to fall down and hit his head. She said she tried to help him get up and he injured his arm.

However, the man said Nash got angry after he spilled a glass of water and he got a mop to clean up. She grabbed the mop, said it was her mop and pushed him to the floor. He was still holding the mop when he fell, and Nash pulled on the mop, causing skin tears on his left arm, according to the arrest affidavit.

If convicted, Nash faces up to two years in prison.

MCSO: Woman charged with DWI with child passengers

A Midland woman, who had been drinking, drove away from a funeral Sunday with three children in the back seat, according to court documents.

Knebel

Mary Mayo Knebel, 33, was arrested Sunday and held on a $25,000 bond for a state jail felony charge of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under 15 years of age. She posted bond and was released Tuesday.

A Midland County deputy was traveling eastbound on West County Road 120 at about 10:15 p.m. Sunday when he saw a westbound pickup nearly leave the roadway.

The pickup came to a stop as the deputy approached the vehicle, and the driver, Knebel, apologized for her driving. She was intoxicated and the deptuy said she told him that she was coming from a funeral. The deputy said he saw two open beer cans in the front seat cup holders.

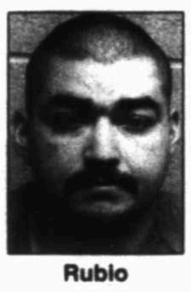
There were three children, all under the age of 10, in the vehicle at the time of the traffic stop, according to the arrest affidavit.

The affidavit does not state what happened to the children following Knebel's arrest.

If convicted, she faces up to two years in prison.

MCSO: Man starts fire after denied sex; children endangered

A Midland man put two children in danger when he set a woman's clothes on fire after she refused to have sex with him, according to court documents.


Rubio

Armin Rubio, 31, was arrested Sunday on two state jail felony charges of endangering a child with criminal negligence. His bond is set at $100,000.

Midland County deputies responded to a disturbance at about 4:30 a.m. in the 1500 block of West County Road 121.

One deputy saw a fire on the porch of a residence with flames about 5 feet high; a flammable wooden roof was above the blaze.

The deputies detained Rubio, who was very intoxicated. Rubio said he was upset because when he arrived home earlier in the evening, he tried to have sex with a woman at the home and she refused. He became angry and started gathering her clothes and ignited them on the front porch. He said he then went back into the house to gather more of her clothes to fuel the fire.

A deputy said the fire was about 4 feet away from a propane grill with a full tank. Two children, 7 and 9, were inside asleep on a couch near the front door.

If convicted, Rubio faces up to two years in prison for each charge.

MPD: Man arrested for stealing woman's cellphone

A Midland man was arrested Monday after he pushed a woman out of her car and stole her cellphone, according to court documents.

Zachary Macayne Gatewood, 24, is being held on a $30,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of robbery and a

Gatewood

class A misdemeanor charge of interfering with an emergency call.

A Midland police officer responded to a disturbance at about 7 p.m. Saturday in the 4700 block of Boulder Drive.

The woman said she was sitting in her vehicle with Gatewood, who was high on K2 synthetic marijuana and "losing his mind." Gatewood wanted to take her vehicle, but she did not want to give it to him. He then pushed her out of the vehicle, according to the arrest affidavit.

She said when she hit the ground she cut her finger and then called 911. She walked toward her apartment complex, and Gatewood began hitting her in the back of the head after he noticed she was calling the police. He took her phone and fled the scene, according to the affidavit.

Gatewood was arrested shortly after the incident.

If convicted, Gatewood faces up to 20 years in prison for the felony charge and up to one year for the misdemeanor charge.

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STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LUBBOCK

Officials: Camper's stove started Palo Duro fire

A backpacker's stove ignited a wildfire that scorched about 15 acres and closed Palo Duro Canyon State Park in the Texas Panhandle, officials said Tuesday.

Emergency crews had the fire 95 percent contained by mid-afternoon Tuesday, officials said. Firefighters will remain on the scene throughout Tuesday night to ensure that windy conditions don't re-ignite it, park superintendent Cory Evans said.

No injuries were reported from the fire that began late Monday afternoon. The park was closed Tuesday for safety reasons. "As long as everything stays steady we're going to open (the park) up at 8 a.m.," Evans said.

Evans said the backpacker's stove used liquid fuel, which is permissible under the burn ban in place because of dry weather. Campfires or the use of fireplaces is prohibited during a ban.

"It was just an accident on his part," Evans said.

The fire was in a remote area of the park that vehicles with firefighting equipment could not reach. Three crews on foot had worked for many hours overnight and into Tuesday to dig fire lines by hand, Evans said.

Emergency personnel were able to contain the fire even as they faced strong winds. The National Weather Service issued a high wind warning for the area until early today.

Park official Mark Hassell said about 80 campers departed Monday night from the state park, which is just outside the town of Canyon.

Texas' spring wildfire season typically runs from February through April, with the risk highest toward the end of that period. The risk for wildfires this year is greatest west of a line extending southwest from Wichita Falls to Del Rio, which includes the Panhandle region where the park is located.

VALENTINE

Prada Marfa art site vandalized again

The Prada Marfa public art installation in West Texas has been targeted again by vandals.

The Jeff Davis County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday said nobody has been arrested and the investigation continues. The building near Valentine, about 35 miles northwest of Marfa, was found plastered with paint and posters.

Chief Deputy William Kitts said the vandalism was discovered Sunday. Kitts had no immediate damage estimate or possible motive.

The store that looks like a retail location for expensive Prada shoes and handbags opened in 2005.

Since then, vandals have targeted the site numerous times, including a break-in where thieves discovered the high-end bags had the bottoms removed and only the right shoe of each pair was on display. The window panes were eventually replaced with bullet-resistant polycarbonate.

ABILENE

Scripps publisher takes helm at second Texas paper

The publisher of the San Angelo Standard-Times will expand his duties by taking on the same role at the Abilene Reporter-News.

Cincinnati-based E.W. Scripps Co. announced Tuesday that Jeff DeLoach takes the helm of the Reporter-News immediately. He replaces Dave Hedge, who announced his resignation just last week.

The Reporter-News said DeLoach was named publisher in San Angelo in 2009 and worked to transform that paper into a multi-platform media company.

DeLoach previously worked as vice president of circulation at the Scripps-owned Corpus Christi Caller-Times. He came to also oversee advertising sales during his time there.

He also worked for nine years at another Scripps paper, the Commercial Appeal in Memphis, Tenn.

The Texas Daily Newspaper Association in 2011 named him the state's "newspaper leader of the year."

AUSTIN

UT begins feasibility study for stadium expansion

The athletics department at the University of Texas at Austin has begun a feasibility study on expansion of Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium.

The expansion would enclose the southern end of the stadium with a multilevel stand. Now, only a relatively small, bleacher-style stand and the Moncrief-Neuhaus Athletic Center sit in the stadium's southern end.

The stadium current seats just over 100,000.

A UT statement on Monday said the review will consider aspects such as financing and where parking and fan amenities displaced by the new Dell Medical School can be placed. The medical school is to be built just south of the stadium.

Any decision on whether to proceed with stadium improvements lies with the university administration and UT System regents.

WYLIE

Family of slain Texas teen offers forgiveness

The parents of a 17-year-old North Texas teen say they've forgiven anyone responsible for killing him.

Two 16-year-old boys are accused of choking Ivan Mejia to death in Wylie in what authorities said may have been a dispute over a girl. The boys were arrested Saturday night in a nearby wooded area, where police said the teens admitted they were trying to bury Mejia's body.

Flavio and Ana Mejia told KXAS-TV on Tuesday that they wanted Ivan remembered for his ROTC activities and desire to join the Marine Corps after graduation from Wylie East High School.

Family spokesman Benjamin Alicea said the Mejias are "offering forgiveness, even to those who participated in the crime."

The 16-year-olds are in Collin County custody.

AUSTIN

Woman sentenced in husband's burning death

A woman convicted of arson in the bathtub burning death of her husband has been sentenced by a Central Texas jury to 20 years in prison.

Travis County jurors reached their decision Tuesday in the punishment trial of Shriya Patel. She had faced a sentence of five years to life in prison for the April 2012 incident that killed 29-year-old Bimal Patel.

Jurors deliberated two days before acquitting the 27-year-old woman of capital murder Monday but finding her guilty of first-degree arson. A capital murder conviction would have meant life imprisonment without parole.

Prosecutors said she lured her husband to the tub, poured gasoline on him and set him on fire. Her attorney said the man wanted to kill himself and made her help.

GALVESTON

FEMA funds help Ike-damaged museum

A Southeast Texas flight museum battered in 2008 by Hurricane Ike will get a new home with help from a $7.6 million government grant.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency on Monday announced the funding to relocate the Lone Star Flight Museum in Galveston to Ellington Airport in Houston.

The Lone Star Flight Museum suffered more than $20 million in damage during Ike, which slammed Galveston in September 2008.

The FEMA grant will be added to private funds in the continuing campaign to raise $25 million for the move from Scholes International Airport. The museum is also home to the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame.

Relocation plans include a 125,000-square-foot building with hangar space, an auditorium, an exhibit hall, a library, a gift shop and a cafeteria.

HOUSTON

$600K taken from safe at Osteen's megachurch

Authorities are investigating after $600,000 in checks and cash was stolen from a safe at Pastor Joel Osteen's Houston mega church, which has one of the largest congregations in the country.

Police spokesman Kese Smith said Tuesday $200,000 in cash and $400,000 in checks were stolen from a safe sometime between 2:30 p.m. Sunday and 8:30 a.m. Monday.

The theft was reported Monday morning by a church employee and an off-duty sheriff's deputy who provides security at the facility.

No arrests have been made, Smith said.

Church officials declined to comment Tuesday.

In a statement issued Monday, Lakewood Church said the money and checks taken, as well as some envelopes with written credit card information, were limited to funds given during this past weekend's Saturday and Sunday services.

"We are working with the police to fully investigate the incident," the statement reads. "The funds were fully insured, and we are working with our insurance company to restore the stolen funds to the church."

The church encouraged people who made contributions this past weekend to keep track of their accounts and report any suspicious activity.

But church officials noted there was no electronic data breach and that individuals who put their offerings in a drop box, gave online or made a bookstore purchase were not affected.

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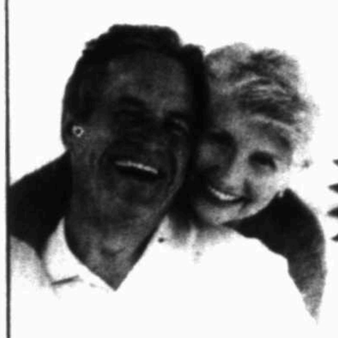
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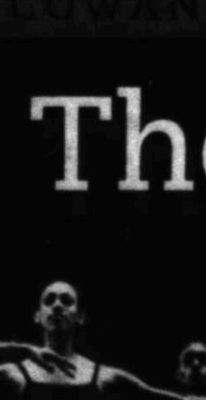

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■ Teen Tech Week — "Fun with Polyvore" — 2-6 p.m.at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. For more information, call 742-7445.

Academy Day

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway is hosting Academy Day for area high school students interested in attending a military service academy. The event is 1:30-4:30 p.m. March 22 at Angelo State University, MCS Building, Room 100, 2200 Dena Drive in San Angelo.

Academy liaison officers and ROTC representatives will be among those on hand to meet with prospective students and their families. The program will provide information about the nomination process involved in securing academy appointments.

Prospective students are encouraged to apply their junior year of high school. Applications should be mailed to Conaway at his San Angelo Regional Office, 33 E. Twohig Ave., Suite 307, San Angelo, TX, 76903.

Deadline to submit applications for the academies' class of 2019 (current high school juniors) is Oct. 22.

Project Graduation donations needed

Sponsors are needed for 2014 Project Graduation, an alcohol- and drug-free all-night celebration for Midland graduates and their guests. The annual event includes games, entertainment, food and prizes, and is funded solely through donations from individuals, businesses and foundations, according to a press release.

The year's party is set for May 31 at Midland Center. To contribute, "like" the Project Graduation Facebook page or contact the chairmen at midlandprojectgraduation@gmail.com.

Support groups and club meetings

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

■ The Knot Adoption Support Group, 11:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church; Kathy Hagler, Kathy@WTIE.net

■ Midland Quilters Guild meets 1 p.m at Alamo Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. For more information call 694-0561.

■ Uptown Midland BPW, noon, Petroleum Club; Glenda Knox, 686-2819.

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Today in history

Today is Wednesday, March 12, the 71st day of 2014. There are 294 days left in the year. oday's Highlight in History:

Today's highlight in history:

On March 12, 1664, England's King Charles II granted an area of land on the East Coast of present-day North America known as New Netherland to his brother James, the Duke of York.

On this date:

In 1864, Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant assumed command as general-in-chief of the Union armies in the Civil War.

In 1912, the Girl Scouts of the USA had its beginnings as Juliette Gordon Low of Savannah, Ga., founded the first American troop of the Girl Guides.

In 1914, American inventor George Westinghouse died in New York at age 67.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered the first of his 30 radio addresses that came to be known as "fireside chats," telling Americans what was being done to deal with the nation's economic crisis.

In 1951, "Dennis the Menace," created by cartoonist Hank Ketcham, made its syndicated debut in 16 newspapers.

In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson won the New Hampshire Democratic primary, but Sen. Eugene McCarthy, of Minnesota, placed a strong second.

In 1989, some 2,500 veterans and supporters marched at the Art Institute of Chicago to demand that officials remove an American flag placed on the floor as part of a student's exhibit.

In 1994, the Church of England ordained its first female priests.

In 2003, Elizabeth Smart, the 15-year-old girl who'd vanished from her bedroom nine months earlier, was found alive in a Salt Lake City suburb with two drifters, Brian David Mitchell and Wanda Barzee, who are serving prison terms for kidnapping her.

Five years ago: Disgraced financier Bernard Madoff pleaded guilty in New York to pulling off perhaps the biggest swindle in Wall Street history. The Iraqi journalist who'd thrown his shoes at President George W. Bush received a three-year sentence. (Muntadhar al-Zaidi ended up serving nine months.) Insurance broker Willis Group Holdings announced that Chicago's Sears Tower would be renamed Willis Tower. Lindsey Vonn became the first American woman to win the super-G season finale at the World Cup finals in Are, Sweden. Philanthropist Leonore Annenberg died in Rancho Mirage, Calif. at age 91.

Today's birthdays: Politician, diplomat and civil rights activist Andrew Young is 82. Actress Barbara Feldon is 81.

James Cannon/Reporter-Telegram

Chipotle Mexican Grill general manager Nicole Russell chats with customers Tuesday at the soft launch opening of the Midland store at the Commons at North Park. Russell is the GM for a San Antonio location and is in Midland to help with the grand opening Thursday.

CHIPOTLE

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Veggie options also are available for $6.25.

About 600 people from around the city were invited to the new restaurant and try a burrito, burrito bowl, tacos or salad free of charge.

"It's just a practice run for our employees," said general manager Amber Buchanan about Tuesday's and today's invitation-only meals.

Chipotle will be open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily beginning Thursday.

This is welcome news to Kevin Dawson, who created a Facebook page more than two years ago prompting Chipotle to open stores in Midland and Odessa. He was one of the first to enjoy a burrito during the exclusive event Tuesday.

Buchanan gave Dawson an invitation to Tuesday's and today's exclusive events, plus another handful to give away on the Facebook page.

To celebrate the grand opening, Dawson hosted a scavenger hunt on Facebook, he said. He took a picture of the invitations in various locations around Midland and gave them away to the first person to figure out where he was.

The passes were gone within 10 to 30 minutes of the picture being posted, Dawson said.

Jeremy McDowell won a pair of passes when he identified that Dawson was at the Wadley Barron Park duck pond.

McDowell moved to Midland from Austin in August and was disappointed there wasn't a Chipotle here. He said he joined the Facebook group — which now has more than 530 followers — to keep up with the restaurant's progress.

It was worth the wait, McDowell said after he finished one of the first burritos made at the Midland restaurant.

"It tasted exactly how it was supposed to," he said. "It was perfect. I'll definitely be back here all the time."

Buchanan, who has opened five other stores across Texas, said she has never before seen a Facebook page created to support a Chipotle. She and the other employees love the community's support, she said.

"It's definitely different," Buchanan said. "People are so excited. (The other employees) see how popular it's going to be. They're going to be local celebrities in this town. It's something Midland has never seen."

Dawson has patronized Chipotle restaurants in Austin, Lubbock, Dallas and Denver, and he said his only complaint about the Midland location is that it is too small.

"As much as Midland/Odessa is growing, we could easily support three or four," Dawson said.

A Chipotle is also opening in Odessa at 3814 E. 42nd St. Tentative opening is May 9, according to George Vital, who will be the general manager.

Construction starts on new McCamey Hospital

By Rachael Gleason
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McCAMEY — A new hospital, nursing home and rural health clinic are in store for McCamey County Hospital District, which broke ground Tuesday on the $25 million project.

Construction is expected to take a year for the modern medical campus, which Chief Executive Officer Jaime Ramirez said will increase services and give patients more privacy.

"We're almost doubling our square footage," he said.

McCamey Hospital, located about 50 miles south of Odessa in Upton County, offers critical access care, inpatient and outpatient services, respiratory and physical therapy and radiology.

The district's five-member board elected to build a new campus because of the age of the hospital, which was built in the late 1960s, and growing maintenance costs, according to a news release from Lancaster Pollard, an investment banking firm that helped the district pass the bond. District voters approved the project in May 2013.

"This has been a long-term project for us," said Tana Robertson, the hospital's administrative assistant.

A new campus means a bigger nursing facility with single-occupancy rooms, Ramirez said.

"Now we have 30 beds, with two rooms that are semi-private," he said. "We're reversing that. We'll have two semi-private rooms and the rest will be private. It will give residents and their families more privacy."

Patients must travel to Odessa for some services, Ramirez said.

But the new rural health clinic will have ultrasound rooms and computed axial technology (CAT) scans, in addition to computers in each exam room, said Cheryl Roberts, McCamey Hospital's chief nursing officer.

"We're expanding services along with meeting the needs of growing technology," Roberts said. "That's a tough goal for rural facilities."

An oil boom in the early 1900s put McCamey on the map, but Roberts has noticed increased economic activity as RV and trailer parks spring up around town.

"We've seen a little more trauma," she said.

Ramirez does not expect the small medical staff to grow.

Two of the hospital's staff doctors currently commute from Midland, including clinic medical director Dr. Ramon Domingo, Roberts said.

"To get qualified people to work in a hospital clinic or nursing home, you often have to talk people into commuting," she said, noting salaries at rural hospitals are also competitive.

Ramirez said the new campus will likely need more supporting staff.

Visit http://www.mccameyhospital.org for more infomration about the hospital district.

MPD: Man arrested for reckless driving following crash that injured woman

By Tyler White
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A man was arrested for reckless driving Tuesday night after a woman was injured in a two-vehicle crash.

Midland police responded to the crash at about 8:40 p.m. Tuesday on Midkiff Road near Starbucks and H-E-B.

The man, whose identity has yet to be released, was driving a pickup south on Midkiff Road when he revved his engine and lost control of his vehicle. The pickup then struck a northbound SUV, spun around and came to rest in a nearby yard, according to an officer at the scene.

Reporter-Telegram staff writer Rachael Gleason witnessed the crash and made an official statement to police. She said the pickup was turned sideways when it hit the SUV.

The officer said the woman was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with unknown injuries, and the pickup driver faces a reckless driving charge.

Tyler White/Reporter-Telegram

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KEYSTONE

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the U.S. gross domestic product, according to TransCanada's projections.

But more than a dozen environmental groups, including Sierra Club, the Natural Resources Defense Council and Friends of the Earth, said in joint comments that Keystone XL would boost air pollution at refineries, carry the risk of tough-to-clean spills and "would not lead to energy independence."

The proposed pipeline passed an important milestone Jan. 31, when the State Department issued an environmental impact statement rejecting opponents' arguments that the pipeline would significantly increase greenhouse gas emissions tied to climate change.

Calgary, Alberta-based TransCanada said in a 35-page filing with the State Department that Keystone XL would be the safest and most environmentally sound way to transport Canadian and North Dakota oil to Gulf Coast refineries.

TransCanada's arguments, released Tuesday, were filed along with more than 100,000 others during a government public comment period that ended Friday.

The State Department will examine the public comments — as well as feedback from several agencies due in two months — as it decides whether Keystone XL is in the national interest.

While the bulk of Keystone XL's capacity is dedicated to Western Canadian crude — and TransCanada said it has contracts to transport more than 500,000 barrels per day of that — the company still has free space for oil pulled from the Bakken formation in the United States. TransCanada reiterated that it has "firm, long-term contracts" to transport 65,000 barrels per day of Bakken crude oil from the Williston Basin in North Dakota and Montana.

The Energy Information Administration released the new assessment on oil stored at Cushing as part of its monthly short-term energy outlook.

It also said oil production lagged in December as winter weather limited some oil field work, but the agency said production will pick up later in the year.

The winter chill has had an effect on natural gas, as well, as heating demand sent gas storage volumes plummeting.

"U.S. natural gas inventories will end the heating season below 1 trillion cubic for the first time since 2003 because of large withdrawals of natural gas this winter to meet high heating demand," Energy Information Administration chief Adam Sieminski said in a news release on the outlook report.

But the trend will reverse, the federal agency projects.

MPD: 4 teenagers injured following rollover crash

By Tyler White
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Four teenagers were transported to Midland Memorial Hospital late Tuesday following a one-vehicle rollover crash on Highway 191.

Midland police and emergency personnel responded to the crash shortly after 10 p.m. on Highway 191 east of County Road 1275.

The crash's cause is currently unknown, but four teenagers were likely ejected from a pickup, according to an officer at the scene.

The officer said one of the victims is in stable condition at the hospital, but the other three victims' conditions were unknown as of press time.

Photo credit

Marcus Curnette, left, and Lillian Carman take apart old electronic devices during Tinker Tuesday at the Midland County Library Centennial branch.

LIBRARY

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with technology for as long as he could remember. When he was younger, Logan said he would unscrew electrical outlet covers just to see what was behind them.

Logan spent Tinker Tuesday taking apart and reassembling a PC tower and said he and his friends have built a computer before.

"You never know what life will throw at you," he said, explaining why he wants to be knowledgeable about technology. "You never know if you could help someone just by putting their PC back together."

Teen Tech Week showed Logan the library is energetic and comfortable, he said.

"It's actually quite interesting," he said. "You think libraries are quiet, dusty and full of old books."

Sanchez said it can be a challenge to reach out to teens, but she's been pleased with the turnout so far.

"We really care about our teens," she said. "We made this space for them. They do have value here. They're our patrons, just like the adults."

Teen Tech Week

Today: Fun with Polyvore, 2-6 p.m.
Thursday: Heads Up Charades, 2-6 p.m.
Friday: Movie Festival, 2-6 p.m.
Saturday: Video Game Tournament, 2-6 p.m., registration required
For more information, visit: www.co.midland.tx.us/lib or call 742-7445.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Zachary M. Gatewood, 24, of Midland, was charged Monday with robbery.

Christopher R. Howard, 27, of Midland, was charged Monday with indecency with a child through exposure.

Mary M. Knebel, 33, of Midland, was charged Monday with driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under 15 years of age.

Virginia O. McCool, 22, of Houston, was charged Monday with possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.

Adan Medina-Marrufo, 23, of Midland, was charged Monday with criminal mischief between $1,500 and $20,000.

Pedro Rodriguez Jr., 40, of Midland, was charged Monday with failure to comply with sex offender registration duties.

Ricky Rodriguez Jr., 23, of Midland, was charged Monday with assault on a family or household member by impeding breathing.

Zackary T. Scudder, 26, of Midland, was charged Monday with fugitive from justice.

Bryan M. Sperger, 30, of Midland, was charged Monday with burglary of a habitation.

Carrie L. Stewart, 52, of Midland, was charged Monday with aggravated perjury.

John C. White, 28, of Midland, was charged Monday with possession of marijuana between 4 ounces and 5 pounds.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Judge's decision is latest twist in Army sex case

Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — The trial of an Army general accused of sexual assault moved into uncharted legal territory Tuesday when the judge dismissed the jury to allow the defense time to hammer out a new plea deal with the military.

While the highly unusual decision gives Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sinclair a second chance to negotiate the dismissal of the most serious charges, he appears certain to face an inglorious end to a nearly 30-year career spanning service in three wars. His lawyers said it could take weeks to finalize an agreement.

AP file photo

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sinclair leaves the courthouse March 4 after a day of motions at Fort Bragg, N.C. A military judge declined Monday, to dismiss sexual assault charges against Sinclair after reviewing what he said was evidence that political considerations influenced the military's handling of the case.

Experts in military law said Judge Col. James Pohl is seeking a just and innovative solution for a courtroom situation that doesn't fit prior case law.

"No one has ever seen anything like this before, but it seems like the right thing to do," said retired Maj. Gen. Walt Huffman, a Texas Tech University law professor who previously served as the Army's top lawyer. "This case was already unusual in so many respects."

Judge Pohl reviewed newly disclosed emails Monday and said he found the appearance of "unlawful command influence" in Fort Bragg officials' rejection of a plea bargain with the general in January. He declined to dismiss the charges outright, but allowed Sinclair's lawyers to negotiate with Army officials not previously involved with the case.

If they fail to reach a plea deal, the trial would resume. But with the jury sent packing, it's unlikely that could happen quickly.

The jury of five two-star generals was seated last week, traveling from as far away as Korea and Alaska. They appeared confused as Pohl sent them home, saying they may or may not be asked to return.

"Sometimes there are twists and turns you can't anticipate," Pohl told the jurors.

Sinclair, 51 and the former deputy commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, is accused of twice forcing a female captain to perform oral sex on him in Afghanistan in 2011 during a three-year extramarital affair. He has admitted to adultery, which is a crime in the military, but denied assaulting the woman.

Believed to be the highest-ranking U.S. officer ever court-martialed on sexual assault charges, Sinclair appeared upbeat as he left court Tuesday, joking with the military police guarding the door.

Lead defense attorney Richard Scheff said his client would not agree to plead guilty to any charges involving sexual assault or any charges that would require him to register as a sex offender.

"He did not sexually assault anybody," Scheff said. "He did not threaten anybody. He's not maltreated anybody. We'd love to resolve the case. But if we can't, we look forward to our day in court and his vindication."

Lt. Col. Robert Stelle, the lead prosecutor, declined to comment.

Last week, Sinclair pleaded guilty to three lesser charges involving adultery with the captain and improper relationships with two other female Army officers. Those charges could bring 15 years in prison. A trial then began on the remaining charges, with a potential sentence of life in prison.

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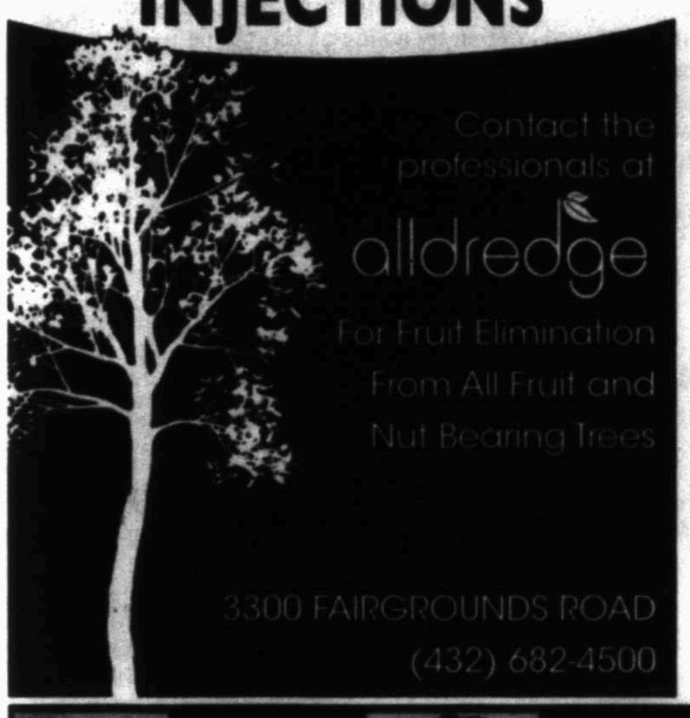

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Obama is comic foil for the greater good

■ President's appearance on absurd Web program that celebrates the absurd is a strategic move aimed at Putin

KATHLEEN PARKER

Washington Post Writers Group

I must need to smoke pot. How else can I explain why I wasn't getting President Obama's interview on "Between Two Ferns," the Web show hosted by Zach Galifianakis of "The Hangover" fame?

Or perhaps I needed a hangover, which isn't likely to happen during these Lenten times. Thus, left to sobriety and afflicted with acute wakefulness, I kept trying to wrap my head around the mindless — no easy task for the unstoned.

Deadpan is key to the shtick. And monotone. Between two ferns, everyone is Bill Murray. Or, depending on one's generation, Sgt. Joe Friday. Guests on "Ferns" are expected to check facial-expressions at the door and banish emotion. Emoting is not funny; notemoting is. I'm dozing off now, so I'll cut the fern talk. But first, could I have some water? It sure is thirsty in here.

In case you missed it, which you won't want to admit because this would mean you don't follow what's trending on Twitter, which would mean you are frozen in a time no one cares about anymore and are, therefore, irrelevant. Let me rephrase that: You're not cool — even if you're frozen.

The president, aka leader of the free world, appeared on the show allegedly to pitch health care to the demographic worshiped by producers and presidents alike — young people. This is because young people rule and, specifically, they rule the success or failure of the Affordable Care Act. If the young and healthy don't buy insurance to help cover the sick and elderly, the plan could collapse.

I might have missed the show were it not for Twitter telling me what people are paying attention to. Other trending topics, at least during the time I checked in, concerned "Teen Wolf," "The Bachelor" and Juan Pablo, who, Google tells me, was the bachelor. Such topics remind us that all is right with the world, at least nothing that would distract a president. Absent was any mention of such downers as Ukraine, Crimea, Vladimir Putin, China, Russia, Venezuela, Syria, Iran, North Korea or other trouble spots, never mind a missing airplane.

What better time for the president to kick back and be a comic foil in service to the greater good of universal health care? Health care is important, of course, but, I repeat, he's the leader of the free world, parts of which are under siege.

To kick things off, Galifianakis noted that Obama pardoned a turkey in 2013. "What do you have planned for 2014?" he queried.

"We'll probably pardon another turkey," Obama said, his face a decent replica of itself on Botox.

Q: What is it like to be the last black president?

A: What's it like for this to be the last time you ever talk to a president?

Q: You know what I would do if I were president, Mr. President? I would make same-sex divorce illegal, then see how bad they want it.

A: I think that's why you're not president.

And so it went. I did find myself smiling, though probably at the wrong things. I'll never tell. But like most people older than 30, I also wondered whether this was an appropriate venue for the president, especially in consideration of current events.

There are two possible answers: One, lighten up. We're an irreverent nation, proud of our ability to laugh at ourselves and to poke fun,especially during the worst of times. I admit, this is my favorite thing about us. Two, this kind of display is beneath the dignity of the office, and the president should be more circumspect in choosing public appearances, virtual or otherwise. How can we hope to be taken seriously when the world sees our president in such silly circumstances?

Both answers have merit. I was settling on the higher truth of the second choice when I finally got it. My mind expanded of its own volition, no doubt enhanced by the power of two ferns talking, and I could see clearly what apparently was so obvious in Twitterland.

Obama's appearance on an absurd Web program that celebrates the absurd was a masterful, strategic move aimed squarely at Putin. How better to insult a shirtless, pec-flexing thug than to engage in a theater of the absurd? How better to display maximum disrespect toward a man with a child's ego and a nuclear arsenal — who has invaded another country where peaceful demonstrators were gunned down — than by acting as though he hasn't a care in the world?

Brilliant.

Here's a final question for the president: Was it worth it?

OUR VIEW

TxDOT should make exception, create Bynum school zone

High-speed traffic — whether because of posted limits or because motorists are in a hurry — is one of Midland County's most serious problems and a cause of many of our wrecks.

So we are glad to see that concerned teachers and parents are taking action before a tragedy occurs. A group from Bynum School attended Monday's Commissioners' Court meeting to request that a school zone be established in front of the school.

Bynum, a nonprofit school for special-needs students, is located on West County Road 60 near the intersection of State Highway 158. These parents fear for their own safety as they drive to the school. But more importantly, they fear for the lives of their children, some of whom may run across the street into the path of speeding vehicles.

Currently, the speed limit is 75 mph, which is too fast for motorists to be traveling in an area near a school. If a school zone were to go into effect, the posted limit would be either 20 mph or 30 mph, depending on the decision of the Texas Department of Transportation, which gets to weigh in on the matter because one of the roads is a state highway.

Thus, Commissioners' Court isn't the only entity involved in this issue. And because a state agency is the other entity, these parents' request for a school zone to protect their children is anything but a done deal. TxDOT normally installs school zones only if a pedestrian crossing already exists; there isn't a crossing in front of Bynum.

Gene Powell, TxDOT Odessa District spokesman, told reporter Joseph Basco that TxDOT "would entertain discussions to install a school zone." And while other safety measures have been proposed for that intersection — street lights, flashing beacons for the stop signs or flashing lights one intersection north and south on SH 158 — funding may not be available until 2017. That's a long time for these parent to have to wait.

We implore transportation officials to have those discussions in a timely manner and to make an exception to their rule. Our children's safety is at stake.

Lest we sound like a broken record, drivers need to slow down wherever they are traveling — near a school or not. Another area where drivers should watch their speed is "A" Street near the intersection of Texas Avenue.

People going to First Presbyterian Church often park in the lot across "A" Street and then must cross the busy street; these pedestrians often include parents with children. Last month a Midland man died after he was hit by a car as he crossed the street heading for the church.

He is one of nine people to have died on Midland County roads this year. So once again, we beg drivers — please slow down and don't drive distracted.

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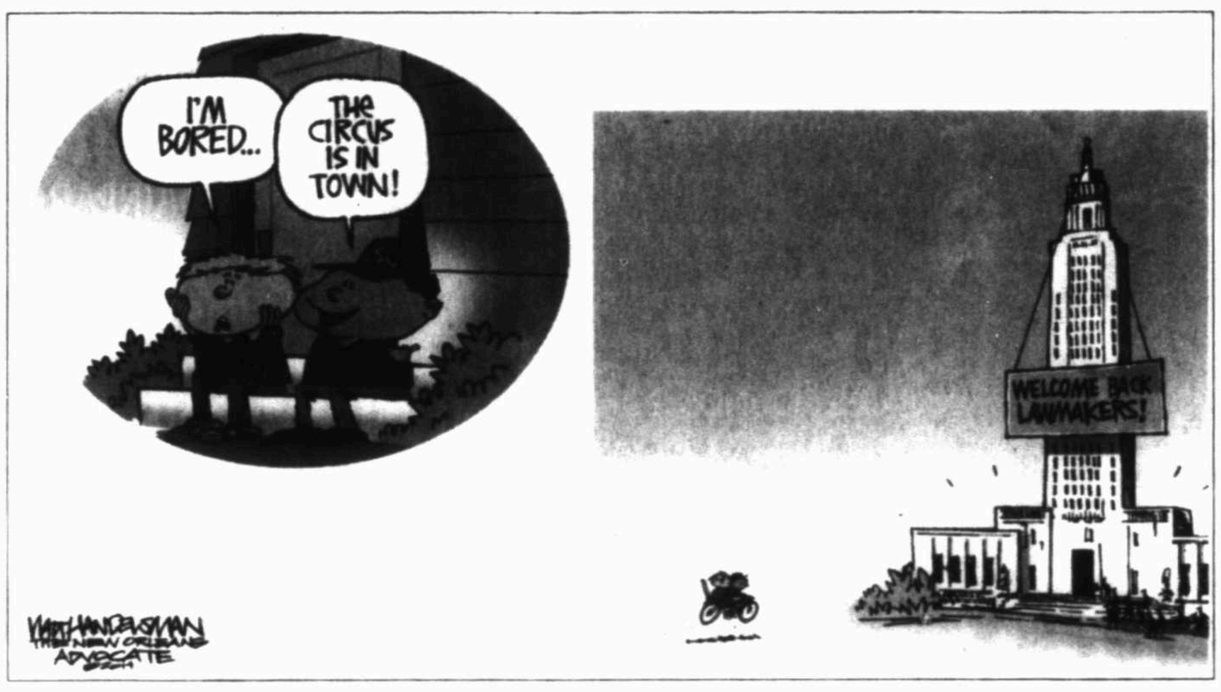

Senators have all-night session

■ Democrats filibuster themselves because Reid doesn't have enough votes to carry climate-change bill

DANA MILBANK

Washington Post Writers Group

The filibuster has been used to delay many things over the years: civil rights, spending bills, presidential nominees and, most recently, Obamacare. But this may be the first time in history that a group of senators filibustered themselves.

About 30 Democratic senators — calling themselves the Senate Climate Action Task Force — kept the Senate open overnight Monday into Tuesday morning. "We're not going to rest until Congress wakes up and acts on the most pressing issue of our time," declared Sen. Brian Schatz, of Hawaii, the organizer of the sleepless senators.

Seeking action on global warming is a worthy endeavor, and the night owls deserve praise for the enthusiasm. But burning the midnight oil in this manner is peculiar. Usually, when a lawmaker talks all night, he's trying to stop the majority from passing something. But these guys are trying to persuade the majority — themselves — to pass something.

Joining the late-night guerrilla action was Harry Reid, D-Nev., who as the Senate majority leader is usually a target of filibusters, not a sponsor. If he and his colleagues really want action, they don't have to lose sleep. They could bring a climate-change bill to the floor.

The problem is that Reid doesn't have the votes in his caucus to pass such a measure. A year ago, the last time the Senate considered a fee on carbon emissions, 13 Democrats joined with all 45 Republicans in defeating it. Democrats facing difficult re-election fights this year were conspicuously absent from Monday night's lineup.

"I think if we went immediately to a vote we probably wouldn't be successful," said Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, of Rhode Island, an organizer of the all-nighter.

Reid, who kicked off the 13-hour talkathon at 6:30 p.m., didn't mention the problems among his fellow Democrats. He praised his colleagues for "standing up to the deniers" and "the oil-baron Koch brothers and their allies in Congress."

Apparently, those allies were not intimidated by the Democrats' late-night show. Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., crashed the party, needling his colleagues for more than half an hour. "All night long? That's going to be fun," said Inhofe, who calls global warming a "hoax" and frequently sights cold snaps as confirmation. "They'll have an audience of themselves and I hope that they enjoy it."

The participants did seem to enjoy it. They had a Twitter hashtag, #Up4Climate, and gave energetic speeches long and short on the science of climate change. The Democrats were taking a page from the playbook of Texas Republican Sen. Ted Cruz, who held an all-nighter on the Senate floor in the fall opposing Obamacare, and Kentucky's Rand Paul, who staged a talkathon last spring in opposition to President Obama''s nominee for CIA director.

The Democrats' action — the 35th all-night session in Senate history — isn't technically a filibuster (Cruz's wasn't either, for that matter) because they aren't delaying anything.

But the magic of the filibuster is that it's a test of human stamina: The speaker can't leave the floor, so the speech lasts as long as the bladder does. By using a tag-team approach, the Democrats weren't enduring anything but a lost hour or two of sleep.

Still, they figured their antics in the wee hours would display their dedication for all Americans to see, or at least insomniacs who watch C-SPAN2. It also might impress Democratic donors. As The Washington Post's Ed O'Keefe reported, Democratic senators discussed plans for the filibuster last month at a fundraiser held by liberal billionaire Thomas Steyer.

"We hope that by (senators) staying up all night to discuss climate change, tomorrow will signal a new dawn of climate-change action in Congress," said Sen. Ed Markey, of Massachusetts.

That's a lofty sentiment, but there's no real prospect of the Senate, much less the Republican-controlled House, moving to limit carbon emissions in the next few years. For now, environmentalists are putting their hope in Obama's Climate Action Plan, which includes efforts by the Environmental Protection Agency to limit carbon dioxide emissions from power plants and other polluters. At the same time, efforts to boost efficiency and alternative fuels have begun to reduce Americans' carbon output.

That's about all that can be done for now, organizers of the all-nighter acknowledged. In fact, the sleepless senators weren't advocating any particular action on climate change. "Tonight is not about a specific legislative proposal," Whitehouse said. "It's about showing the environmental community ... that the Senate is starting to stir."

Starting to stir. But it won't awaken with so many Democrats hitting the snooze button.

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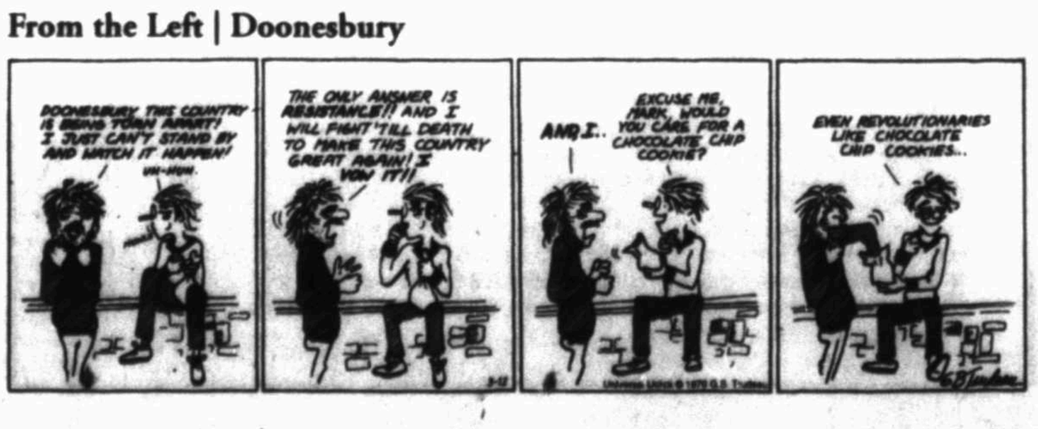

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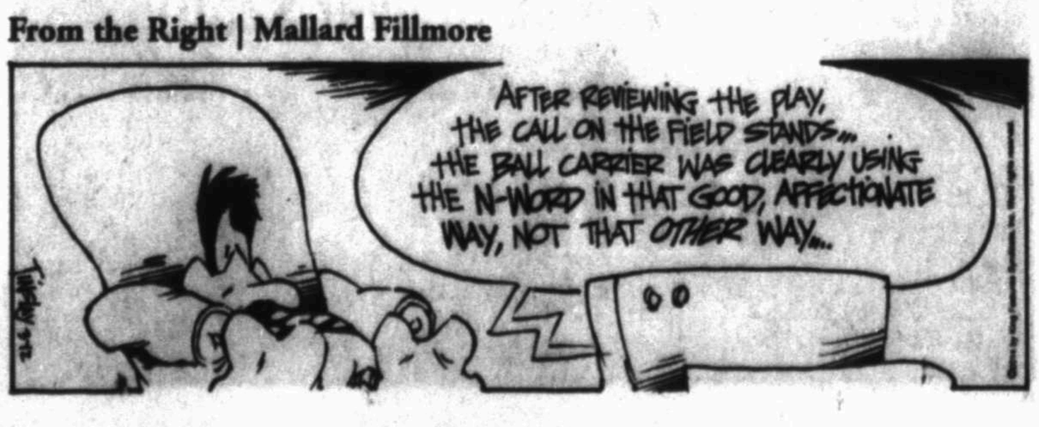

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Court rejects industry challenge on clean air

A federal appeals court has turned aside an industry effort to weaken compliance requirements for environmental standards that reduce soot pollution from power plants.

The Utility Air Regulatory Group had challenged as too burdensome compliance regulations covering fossil-fuel-fired steam generating plants built between 1971 and 1978. The compliance procedures ensure that pollution control technologies are working effectively.

The appeals court said the Environmental Protection Agency provided a reasonable explanation for the requirements and that they are not arbitrary and capricious.

A private group, the Environmental Defense Fund, said strong compliance rules are critical for protecting public health.

Labor Dept. wants more 401(k) plan fee disclosures

The Labor Department on Tuesday proposed a new rule that would make it easier for those with 401(k) retirement plans and their employers to locate just what fees and expenses are attached.

The rule would update a 2012 one on the same subject. But many disclosure forms offered since then have become too lengthy, complex and confusing, department officials said.

"Some are filled with legalese, some have information that's split between multiple documents," said Phyllis Borzi, assistant secretary for the department's Employee Benefits Security Administration. A fee disclosure statement of no more than a page or two is envisioned.

Borzi said the goal is to do something that's helpful to plan sponsors and participants and not overly burdensome.

She likened the new disclosure forms to "a road map" that can help employers locate fee information and better understand what they are being charged by financial services providers.

She called the 2012 rule "a good first step in bringing transparency to the 401(k) industry and disclosing potential conflicts of interest."

2 key senators agree on Fannie-Freddie overhaul

A plan to phase out government-controlled mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and instead use mainly private insurers to backstop home loans has advanced in Congress.

The agreement by two key senators and a White House endorsement sent shares of Fannie and Freddie sinking Tuesday. Fannie stock fell $1.79, or more than 30 percent, to $4.03. Freddie dropped $1.48, or 26.8 percent, to $4.04.

The plan by Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., chairman of the Banking Committee, and Sen. Mike Crapo, of Idaho, its senior Republican, would create a new government insurance fund. Investors would pay fees in exchange for insurance on mortgage securities they buy. The government would become a last-resort loan guarantor.

President Barack Obama proposed an overhaul of Fannie and Freddie last year, but Congress has struggled to craft legislation. The government rescued the two mortgage giants at the height of the financial crisis in September 2008 with a $187 billion bailout, which they have repaid.

The senators' proposal "represents a good-faith compromise," Bobby Whithorne, a White House spokesman, said in a statement. "We support this effort and believe it is a workable bipartisan approach to complete the biggest remaining piece of post-recession financial reform."

Sen. Feinstein accuses CIA of intimidation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In an extraordinary public accusation, the head of the Senate Intelligence Committee declared on Tuesday that the CIA interfered with and then tried to intimidate a congressional investigation into the agency's possible use of torture in terror probes during the Bush administration.

The CIA clandestinely removed documents and searched a computer network set up for lawmakers, said Sen. Dianne Feinstein in a long and biting speech on the Senate floor. In an escalating dispute with an agency she has long supported, she said the CIA may well have violated criminal laws and the U.S. Constitution.

At odds on major contentions, both sides noted the matter has now been handed to the Justice Department for further investigation and potential prosecution. The CIA's inspector general, David Buckley, first referred the matter to Justice, and the CIA's acting counsel responded by filing a criminal report about the intelligence committee staff.

"I am not taking it lightly," Feinstein said about the tit-for-tat investigations. "I view the acting counsel general's referral as a potential effort to intimidate this staff" in the interrogation investigation.

The dispute between the CIA and senators, which has been going on privately for more than five years, exploded into a public clash as the California Democrat offered a detailed account of the Senate's secretive dealings with the CIA in an investigation of post-Sept. 11 interrogation and detention practices.

More broadly, all U.S. spy agencies have drawn intense scrutiny since revelations last summer about surveillance of Americans by the National Security Agency. The Obama administration has struggled to rebuild public trust since former analyst Edward Snowden made the disclosures. Feinstein has been one of the intelligence community's most ardent advocates, arguing that the wide surveillance of people's electronic and telephone communications was a necessary counterterrorism tool.

In the current matter, a long-running dispute has centered on whether waterboarding, a technique that simulates drowning, and other harsh interrogation techniques were factors in aiding the CIA's antiterror efforts and helped the agency track down Osama bin Laden.

CIA Director John Brennan rejected Feinstein's accusations, insisting that the agency was not trying to thwart the committee's work and denying that it had been spying on the panel or the Senate. He said the appropriate authorities would look at the matter further and "I defer to them to determine whether or not there was any violation of law or principle."

Brennan said if he did "something wrong, I would go to the president and he would be the one to ask me to stay or go."

Brennan told Feinstein in a letter in January that he took responsibility for ordering CIA technicians to audit the computer systems used by the Senate staffers — to determine if there was a security breach.

In the letter, shared with CIA workers and obtained by The Associated Press on Tuesday, Brennan said he asked for the review after finding that Senate investigators may have "improperly obtained and/or retained ... sensitive CIA documents" that the CIA had no record of sharing with them. He repeated his request for their return.

Feinstein insisted that her staff members acted appropriately in following an agreement worked out between her committee and then-CIA Director Leon Panetta in 2009.

But Feinstein and the CIA also have accused each other's staffs of improper behavior. She said she had "grave concerns that the CIA's search may well have violated the separation of powers principles embodied in the United States Constitution," as well as the Fourth Amendment, which prohibits unreasonable searches and seizures.

She said she has sought an explanation and an apology from the CIA. Neither have been forthcoming.

Feinstein received a standing ovation from her Democratic colleagues at a closed-party lunch on Tuesday. Several Republicans also expressed their concerns, but the Intelligence Committee's top Republican, Saxby Chambliss, of Georgia, wasn't one of them.

He indicated he disagreed with her on the dispute, without providing specifics. He called for a study "on what happened so people can find out what the facts are."

"We're going to continue to deal with this internally," he told reporters.

Other senators said the dispute had a chilling effect on congressional oversight.

"Heads should roll, people should go to jail if it's true," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. "If it is, the legislative branch should declare war on the CIA."

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., an outspoken critic of the NSA practices, shared Feinstein's concerns that laws were violated in an "unprecedented invasion by the CIA into computers used by Senate" investigators, and said misleading statements from intelligence leaders undermine their credibility.

Associated Press

Senate Intelligence Committee Chair Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. talks to reporters Tuesday as she leaves the Senate chamber on Capitol Hill after saying that the CIA's improper search of a stand-alone computer network established for Congress has been referred to the Justice Department. The issue stems from the investigation into allegations of CIA abuse in a Bush-era detention and interrogation program.

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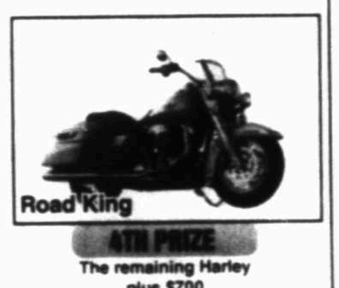
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Wrestler who lost title hugs opponent's sick dad

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — A Minnesota high school wrestler won over the crowd with a hug that came away from the mat — and after a loss.

Instead of getting upset when he lost the 120-pound title match in the Class 3A tournament, Blaine High School sophomore Malik Stewart went over to his opponent's dad — who is dying of cancer — and gave him a hug. The crowd at the Xcel Energy Center loved it.

"He won," Stewart said of opponent Mitchell McKee. "He was pretty proud; and his dad was pretty proud. So I went over there and I shook his hand, embraced him a little bit and told him to stay strong and everybody loves him."

"I got a little teary because I lost the match, and I knew the hard times he was going through," Stewart added. "The crowd went wild, and I heard a couple people say after I did it that (it) was pretty classy, but I just did it straight from the heart."

Stewart lost his own father to a heart attack when he was just 7 years old. He said he was just doing the right thing.

McKee, a St. Michael Albertville High School sophomore, told KARE-TV that he wanted to win the tournament for his father, who has just months to live. He pinned Stewart about 1 minute, 22 seconds into the face-off in the match earlier this month.

"It was a big match for him, and to be able to hug my dad like that and not be mad and storm off like a lot of kids do," said McKee. "Really respectful."

When it was McKee's turn to hug his dad, people in the crowd cried, stood and clapped.

Josh Prokosch, Blaine's head wrestling coach, said Stewart took it upon himself to congratulate McKee's dad.

"You see kids, they lose and throw their headgear, they sit and pout. First thoughts through (Stewart's) mind are to congratulate Mitchell, congratulate the coach and shake the dad's hand, so that was fantastic," Prokosch said. "For a sophomore in high school, he can see a lot of the big picture, which is pretty rare nowadays."

Stewart said he knows he will face McKee again and is focused on his goal of winning two state titles.

"When you go out there, you want to win, but if you don't win, you have got to be a good sport and be polite. That's the biggest part," Stewart said.

Associated Press

In photo provided by Vanessa Schlueter, Minnesota wrestler Malik Stewart hugs Steve McKee moments after losing his Class 3A 120-pound high school wrestling title match to McKee's son, Mitchell, in St. Paul, Minn., March 1. Stewart's gesture to the terminally ill father of the opponent who had just beaten him captured the hearts of fans.

Forecasters run social media 'tornado drill'

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Melody Holeman has no TV and lives in such a rural part of the Oklahoma Panhandle that she can't even pick up a signal on the weather radio that the Red Cross gave her.

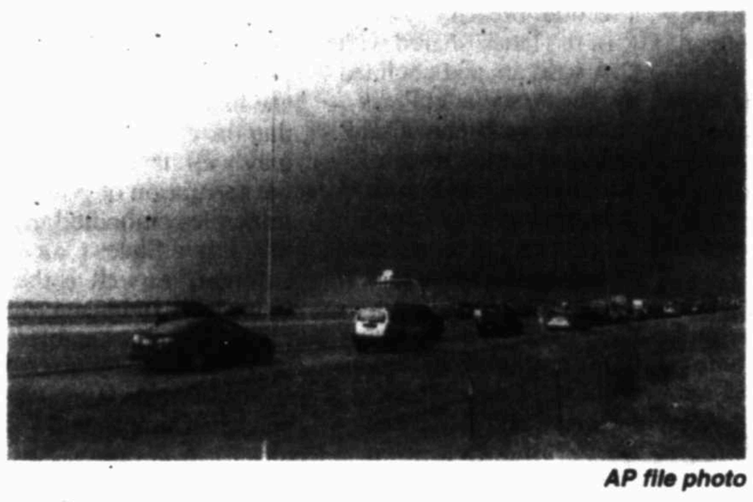
When powerful storms barrel through the area, Holeman and her husband turn to weather websites on their computer for regular updates.

"We're pretty much depending on the computer because the radio doesn't do anything," said Holeman, 64, who lives in Boise City.

Forecasters said Holeman and others in similar situations can benefit from an additional source of weather-related information: social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter.

The National Weather Service office in Norman, Okla., deep in the heart of the large swath of land known as "Tornado Alley," has for years been at the forefront of using social media in disseminating weather-related information.

But they are trying a new approach in an attempt to find new and better ways to reach people, holding an online "tornado drill."



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A tornado moves through Moore, Okla., on May 20, 2013, as northbound traffic on Interstate 35 stops at Indian Hills Road. The National Weather Service in Norman has used Twitter and Facebook for years to disseminate weather warnings. But it tried a new approach recently, holding an online "tornado drill."

The recent effort entailed posting a tornado drill message — in English and Spanish — to both Facebook and Twitter and asking followers to "like," share and retweet it. The post gave tips for using the sites during severe weather.

The Norman branch is the first office in the country to conduct the drills on social media.

"One of the purposes is to demonstrate the power of social media when it comes to sharing weather information," said Rick Smith, the warning coordination meteorologist for the weather service in Norman. "But also, to demonstrate the limitations of using social media for weather information."

The Facebook post had reached nearly 800,000 people 12 hours after it was posted. But that's little help to forecasters who have on average a 15-minute lead time for a tornado warning. It's not clear where the people who saw the post were located, and Smith said the majority of them saw it because one of their friends "liked" or shared it.

"That's one of things we actually wanted people to get out of this and point out. While social media is a powerful tool for sharing weather information, you can't totally rely on it for being your sole source of warnings," Smith said, adding that Facebook and Twitter are useful in getting information out days or hours before a tornado.

The Facebook post reached 46,000 users within 15 minutes of it being posted and more than 290,000 users within an hour of its posting, according to Smith. An analysis of the reach on Twitter hasn't yet been completed.

Smith said people should have at least three sources for obtaining tornado warnings, such as a weather app on a phone, a radio station and a television meteorologist.

Couple attacked by cat plans to get it help

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — The owners of a 22-pound housecat that trapped them in their bedroom after attacking their baby say they're not giving up on their pet and are getting it medical attention and therapy.

Two days after police arrived to subdue the 4-year-old part-Himalayan cat, owner Lee Palmer, of Portland, said he's taking the feline to a veterinarian. A pet psychologist also is due at the house to see the cat, named Lux.

"We're not getting rid of him right now," Palmer said. "He's been part of our family for a long time."

Palmer said the cat attacked his 7-month-old child after the baby pulled its tail. The child suffered a few scratches on the forehead.

On the 911 call, Palmer told the dispatcher he kicked the cat "in the rear" to protect his child. Palmer said the animal then "just went off over the edge" — leading Palmer and his girlfriend to barricade themselves, their baby and the family dog in the bedroom for safety.

The cat can be heard screeching in the background of the call as Palmer said in a panicked voice: "He's charging us. He's at our bedroom door." Palmer also told the dispatcher the cat has been violent in the past.

Officers used a dog snare to capture the animal and placed it in a crate.

The cat-attack story gained national attention after police put out a news release Monday. Palmer said the family has had proposals from people who want to adopt Lux, but the family is not taking them up on it.

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UT bets $50 million on giant telescope

By Eric Berger
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Texas has upped its ante in the race to build the world's largest telescope, which astronomers hope will revolutionize human understanding of the universe.

On Friday, the University of Texas board of regents unanimously voted to spend $50 million to participate in the Giant Magellan Telescope project, which will see deeper into the cosmos than anything that's ever been built.

It's a step the university had to take if it wanted to remain a significant partner in the telescope project, which is competing with two other groups racing to build the first of the next generation of very large telescopes — which could be operational by the end of the decade.

"The vote signals to present faculty, future faculty and students that UT remains very, very serious about optical astronomy," said David Lambert, a University of Texas astronomer.

The University of Texas' McDonald Observatory in Fort Davis in the 1930s had the second largest telescope in the world, the 82-inch Otto Struve telescope, and its 433-inch Hobby-Eberly Telescope is the fourth largest in existence. The Magellan telescope would be 80 feet, or more than twice the size of the Hobby-Eberly telescope.

The University of Texas hopes eventually to contribute $100 million to the project, and Texas A&M $50 million. The project would cost about $1 billion and would be built in a Chilean desert. The more money an institution pays, the more observing time its astronomers receive.

Competing telescopes

With the $50 million commitment from the UT regents, it will be up to the astronomy department to raise the remainder of its $100 million pledge, primarily through philanthropy. Texas A&M University, thanks to recently deceased alumnus George Mitchell and his fascination with the stars, already has raised $25 million.

In addition to the international consortium planning to build the Magellan telescope which includes both UT and Texas A&M, competitors in California and Europe have also announced plans to build great astronomical instruments, each of which would be at least 10

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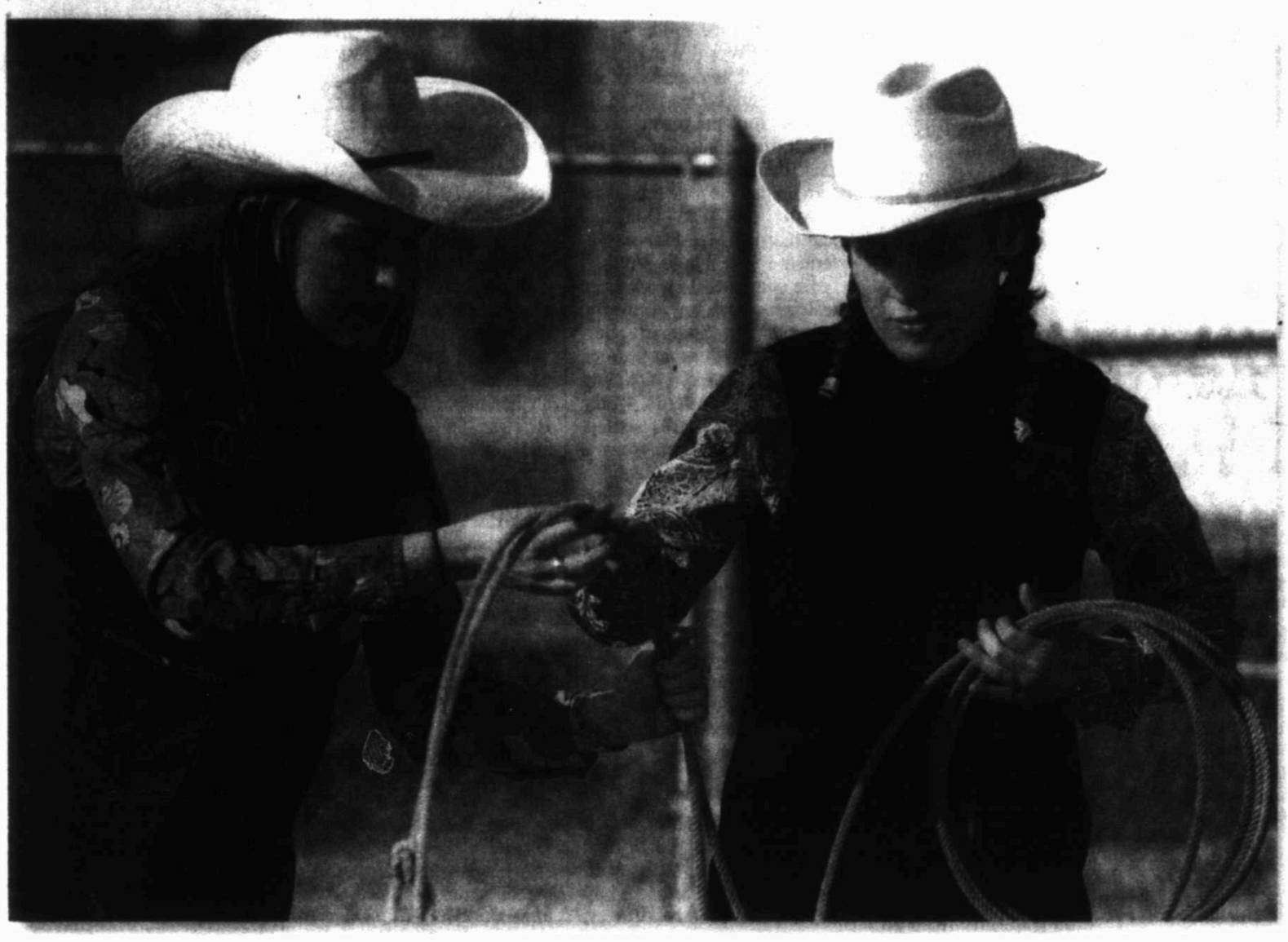

EXPERIENCING TEXAS CULTURE

Bynum School hosts rodeo for Texas Independence Day

By Tessa Duvall
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The students of Bynum School experienced "Texas culture firsthand" on Friday with a day full of activities to honor Texas Independence Day.

Julie Allbright, a teacher at Bynum and parent of a Bynum student, came up with the idea for the first Bynum Rodeo last year to explain concepts of Texas culture to students.

"A lot of times our kids don't understand things when they're really abstract," she said.

Odessa College's rodeo team brought horses, a bucking bull machine and roping dummies for Bynum students to experience Friday morning.

C.J. Aragon, rodeo coach at Odessa College, said the Bynum students are the reason the team has gotten involved with the event both years.

"It makes their day," he said.

Aragon said the Bynum Rodeo is a good way for the team to "pay it forward" and that the team will stay involved with Bynum as long as possible.

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ABOVE
Odessa College rodeo team member Hannah Hadley, left, helps Angie Salgado hold a rope to try and rope a mechanical calf Friday during Bynum School's Texas Independence Day celebration and rodeo fun day.

LEFT
Eddie Medina with the Odessa College rodeo team helps Heather Ganaway practice roping a steer Friday during the event.

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Midland High School

If students loved to read, they'd have less 'busy work'

Recently, I had a student in my AP Economics class who complained that my "reading days" — when students read from the textbook — involved copying too much vocabulary into their notes. I have a mandatory notes grade every six weeks and a substantial portion of the grade comes from chapter vocabulary.

"When we have to do so much vocabulary and answer so many questions we never have time to read!" the student said. "Why can't we just read?"

I would love it if my students would just read. I would love it if I could have the students read the chapter and take their own notes, later combining them with the notes taken from my lectures and PowerPoints. Honestly, I would love not having to grade so many end-of-chapter questions and scan so many vocabulary lists when doing notes grades.

As a bibliophile, I love to read. I also love to write. As a student, I far preferred reading and writing at my own pace to doing death marches of vocabulary. The teacher could put on some classical music and I could read and read. Then again, I was a huge nerd.

So why do I do not just let my students read? Why do I turn reading days into vocabulary days and force students to answer so many end-of-chapter questions? It's because too many students have yet to learn to work smarter, not harder. They simply will not let me take it easy on them.

Last week I gave my AP students another reading day. This time, I wrote the optimal strategy on the white board: Read, for the whole period. If you close your book too early and start itching to play Flappy Birds on your smartphone, it lets me know that you need more work. As students, you should never let your teacher know that you need more work to keep you occupied. I carefully explained this award-winning strategy to my seniors and they nodded and smiled agreeably. Then I let them loose.

They didn't do so well. Many students were very slow out of the gate, preferring to socialize before cracking open their textbooks. A few read textbooks for other classes. Some started well but got distracted quickly. Many didn't appear to finish the chapter. Some didn't even finish the whopping two questions due by the end of the period.

So, the death marches of vocabulary must return after spring break. If only they had just read quietly and let me take it easy on 'em.

Since the year is almost over I want to appeal to the younger students, particularly the juniors who may end up in my classes in the fall: Learn good classroom strategy. If you want

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Early college high schools impact dropout rate

By Aamena Ahmed
Texas Tribune

Last Monday, Anabel Garza received news that a student was out sick. She wasn't convinced. She called the boy's mom and said, "I'm going to come check how sick he is." She got in her car, drove to his house and brought him back to school.

"We set the standards so high that even if they don't reach them, they get much further than if we hadn't set those goals," said Garza, the principal at Austin's Reagan Early College High School.

Academics at Reagan are rigorous, and the expectations are high. About 90 percent of the students come from low-income families, and the majority are Hispanic, two factors that correspond with higher dropout rates in the state.

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Early College High School@Midland College is one of the almost 60 early college high schools across the state. The local program began operations in fall 2009 and graduated its first class last year.

A growing number of schools such as Reagan are trying to change those figures by allowing students to get their college education started early and for free.

"The first thing you have to do is build that self-esteem and self-confidence in those students," Garza said. "Once you get that fire lit, you can't control their flame."

Graduation rates have surged 150 percent for Hispanic high school students since 2000, Harold Hahn, the chairman of the Higher Education Coordinating Board, said at a recent Texas Tribune symposium on demographics. But work remains to ensure those students make it into higher education.

The Texas Education Agency recently announced that 44 new early college high schools will open for the 2014-15 school year. It is one of the fastest-growing education reforms in Texas, said Laura Gaines, the program coordinator at the Texas Education Agency. The programs are run in public high schools and are funded through a combination of private and public dollars.

"What makes this program really successful is because it waives fees associated with taking college courses, which can be a pretty substantial roadblock for these students," Gaines said.

"The opportunity to earn one to three semesters of college credit free of charge by the time you graduate high school is

Please see **SUCCESS**/4B

Texas schools balk at state calculator requirement

Associated Press

AUSTIN — School district officials across Texas say efforts to equip students with new technology are being impeded by a state directive that they must purchase costly calculators for eighth-graders.

Districts are eager to invest in iPads and other mobile devices for students. Administrators could then download a $15 application with features virtually identical to the calculators.

But the Austin American-Statesman repored the state still requires graphing calculators that cost $100 apiece.

The state for now won't allow schools to use the app in lieu of the calculator because of test-security concerns.

"What it means for us is we won't be able to purchase some technology that we desperately need for our kids to become proficient in 21st-century skills," said Frances McArthur, superintendent of the Lexington school district, about 50 miles northeast of Austin.

Educators are focusing on making technology available in order to personalize instruction and better engage students.

The Houston school district, for example, has equipped about 18,000 students at a quarter of its high schools with laptops and aims to cover all high school students by 2016, according to the Houston Chronicle.

The state's requirement that each student have a calculator on test day could slow efforts by districts to get technology as they have to redirect dollars to supply the graphing calculators, which are required for next year's State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness.

The Texas Education Agency is exploring the app as an alternative to the calculators but the sticking point is test security, said Debbie Graves Ratcliffe, an agency spokeswoman. Current policy prohibits calculation devices that provide access to the Internet or have a camera.

"It's the camera on the device that creates the security risk. ... This is an issue that we will be re-examining for future years," Ratcliffe said.

Jennifer Bergland, director of governmental relations for the Texas Computer Education Association, said she understands the security concerns. However, "if that could be worked out, it's silly for school districts to use their resources to pay for something they already have on the device," she said.

There were 367,000 eighth-graders in Texas public schools last year. It is not clear how calculators will be needed because some students will buy their own and districts may already have some for their algebra students.

EDUCATIONBRIEFS

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WASHINGTON

Ex-teacher gets 25 years in child porn case

A former Washington elementary school teacher who became one of the FBI's most-wanted criminals after taking hidden video of his students using the bathroom and then eluded law enforcement officials by assuming fake identities and escaping to Nicaragua has been sentenced to 25 years in prison.

Eric Justin Toth spent five years on the run, living in Arizona and Texas before escaping the country. In 2012, the FBI put him on its "Ten Most Wanted" list, where he filled a vacancy created by Osama bin Laden's death.

Before sentencing him Tuesday a judge noted his skill at evading law enforcement and the large number of victims in the case, 17 in all.

Toth had asked for 22 years in prison — expressing remorse and promising to "do penance" for his deeds. A prosecutor asked for 30.

"I know I've hurt people, a lot of people," Toth told Judge Rudolph Contreras at a federal court hearing.

Toth, 32, became choked up while speaking, at points tearing up but at others attempting to joke. Toth, who will spend a lifetime on supervised release after he leaves prison, mentioned Google Glass and said he told his lawyer he could wear glasses that allow officials to see what he's seeing and ensure he is staying away from children.

He promised to spend his time in prison "trying to do penance in whatever humble ways I can." Toth previously wrote in a letter to the judge that one of the things he wants to do is train seeing eye dogs as part of a prison program.

The prosecutor overseeing the case, Cassidy Pinegar, acknowledged that Toth had never distributed the images he took of children under his care. But she told the judge that Toth is "deeply disturbed and needs treatment."

Toth fled Washington in 2008 after images of child pornography were found on a camera he had used while a teacher at Beauvoir, a private elementary school. A media card containing more images was found at the school soon after, but Toth fled before police could arrest him.

His car was later found parked at a Minnesota airport with an apparent suicide note. Authorities caught him in Nicaragua in April 2013.

TENNESSEE

Bill to prohibit teacher licensure rules

NASHVILLE — Legislation that would prohibit student test scores from being tied to teacher licensing has passed a key House panel.

The proposal sponsored by Republican Rep. Matthew Hill, of Jonesborough, passed the House Education Subcommittee 8-1 on Tuesday.

The Tennessee Department of Education recommended the new licensure policy, and the State Board of Education voted in August to support it. However, the board changed its stance in January.

The Tennessee Education Association, the state's largest teachers' union, has long argued that the Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System, or TVAAS data, shouldn't be relied upon because it's a statistical estimate.

Hill said a license is a teacher's "most prized possession" and shouldn't be jeopardized using an estimate.

Earlier this week, the TEA announced it's suing the Knox County Board of Education, claiming the student test scores used to assess a teacher's performance were flawed and cost her a bonus.

OHIO

'Snow day' bill clears conference committee

COLUMBUS — School districts across Ohio would get four extra calamity days because of this winter's extreme weather under a compromise struck by state lawmakers Tuesday.

Under the measure headed to floor votes in both legislative chambers Wednesday, districts that have exhausted their five allotted calamity days could use the additional days only after holding school on four other scheduled days off, such as on holidays or during vacations.

The measure also allows districts to continue to make up missed days through 30-minute increments tacked onto regularly scheduled school days. They also have the option of using work-at-home "blizzard bags" and online lessons to help students catch up on missed work.

CALIFORNIA

Boy injured after gun goes off at school bus stop

BAKERSFIELD — Sheriff's officials say a Central California boy is ok after a gun he and other students discovered at a school bus stop discharged.

The 8-year-old boy and three other students were waiting for a bus in Bakersfield on Tuesday morning when they found a handgun discarded nearby.

Kern County Sheriff's officials said the boy was holding the gun near his face, pointed away from his body when it went off.

The handle struck him in the forehead, leaving him with a minor laceration. He did not need medical treatment.

Sheriff's officials said the bus pulled up just as the gun discharged but no one else was injured.

Investigators are trying to determine how the gun got there.

CONNECTICUT

UConn suspends sorority, frat in hazing probe

HARTFORD — State police and the University of Connecticut have launched separate investigations into alleged hazing by a sorority and a fraternity.

UConn officials on Monday temporarily suspended the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity from all activities on campus pending the outcome of their investigation.

UConn sophomore and Kappa Kappa Gamma member Hillary Holt told reporters Friday that she was taken to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon's off-campus fraternity house on March 6 and forced to commit humiliating acts, including being told to lie on the floor and pretend to "sizzle like bacon." She said she was then pressured to drink alcohol to the point of passing out.

Holt said she woke up in a hospital and was told her blood-alcohol level was nearly three times the driving limit of 0.08.

School spokeswoman Stephanie Reitz said UConn's Office of Community Standards is investigating to determine if anyone violated the honor code, and state police are looking into whether any crimes were committed.

In a letter to the organizations, the school said the interim suspension is not meant to be punitive, but part of the investigative process and used "when information indicates that the presence of your organization on campus could pose a threat to the health and safety of the campus community."

The local Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity declined comment and referred all inquiries to their national offices.

Kappa Kappa Gamma's national office issued a statement saying it was working with the university on the investigation and does not tolerate hazing.

Brandon Weghorst, a national spokesman for Sigma Alpha Epsilon, said the fraternity has also sent a letter the UConn chapter ordering it to halt all operations while it conducts its own investigation.

It's not the first time the fraternity has faced sanctions at UConn. SAE was placed on probation in 2004 after the alleged theft of some snacks from a local convenience store. It was given a warning in 2007 for damage caused to a university meeting room. And in 2010, the fraternity was again placed on probation after it was determined that several members riding on its homecoming float were intoxicated and one of them had urinated on another organization's float.

Obituaries

Donald Kirkpatrick Thompson

Donald Kirkpatrick Thompson, 91, of Midland passed away on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. He was born on October 6, 1922 in Dallas, Texas. Don was a student at North Texas State Teacher's College (now University of North Texas) when he was drafted into the military near the end of World War II.

He spent two years in the Navy where he learned to fly and to work the towers as an air traffic controller. Don said the country was more torn up than anyone thought.

After the War, Don met and married Mae Frances Peterman ("Pete") in Ft Worth.

He continued to work as an instructor and an air traffic controller in Stuttgart, Germany, as well as in various cities in Texas, including Midland, where the Thompsons later settled. This gave the Thompsons a wonderful chance to travel.

Don loved airplanes and golf and, in their retirement years, the Thompsons traveled a great deal and saw a lot of the world. Those who knew Don would agree that he never met a stranger and he loved to meet new people.

Don is survived by his wife, Pete, of Midland; a daughter, Deborah; and by a granddaughter, Sarah, both of Austin.

Services are scheduled for 10:00 am, Thursday, March 13, 2014 at Lynn Hall at First Presbyterian Church in Midland, Texas. Pastor Mary Beth Anton will be officiating. A reception will follow the service in the parlor of the church.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to your favorite charities.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

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Questions about death notices or online Guest Books:
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Robert "Bob" Bruce Kirby

Robert "Bob" Bruce Kirby passed away on March 8, 2014, at the age of 78, in Midland, Texas. He was born on January 28, 1936 in Crowley, Louisiana and graduated from Hobbs, New Mexico in 1954.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Lue Kirby. They were residents of Midland, Texas since 1978.

He is also survived by one son, Bruce Kirby of Clovis, New Mexico; and two daughters, Theresa Rhoades of Hobbs, New Mexico, and Jane Murphey of Arlington, Texas; as well as 14 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Bob and Lue attended the Christian Church, and he was an honorable Christian man. He was an avid fisherman and outdoorsman, and was active with the youth in church, Little League Baseball, Pee Wee Football and other youth activities.

He was well loved and will be long remembered.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 12:00 noon at the First Baptist Church Chapel in Midland, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Midland Memorial Hospital, Heart Institute 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Steed Todd Funeral Home, 800 E. Manana Blvd Clovis, New Mexico 88101 (575) 763-5541.

Charles Brantley Joyce

Charles Brantley Joyce, infant son of Jeff and Payten Joyce of Andrews, passed away Monday March 10, 2014 at Odessa Regional Medical Center in Odessa.

Graveside services will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at Andrews North Cemetery in Babyland, under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Charles Brantley Joyce was born May 2, 2014 at Permian Regional Medical Center in Andrews.

He is survived by his parents, Jeff and Payten Joyce of Andrews; grandparents, Jim Payne of Andrews, Stephanie Ashcraft of Springtown, Texas, and Scott and Malayne Joyce of Andrews; great-grandparents, Janice Payne of Andrews, Stan Payne of Ft. Worth, Virginia, Margerum of Andrews, Ed and Pat Joyce of Wharton, Texas, and Edward and Mary Ashcraft of Springtown, Texas; great, great-grandparents, Bill and Earlene Payne of Andrews; James and Joyce Tyler of New Mexico; and aunt and uncle, Jennifer and Stephen Galindo of San Angelo.

Death Notices

Betty Jo Stewart

Betty Jo Stewart, 87, died Tuesday, March 11, 2014.

Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Mary J. Charles

Mary J. Charles, 60, passed away on Sunday, March 9, 2014.

She is survived by her four daughters, Terry Madrid, Laurie Guebara, Leslie Charles and Amanda Bejerano; her mother, Rosa Napoles, 13 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces.

A funeral mass will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Velma Louise Pinkerton

Velma Louise Pinkerton, 91, passed away on Sunday, March 9, 2014 at Snyder Oaks Care Center in Snyder, Texas.

Services will be held on Friday, March 14, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Snyder Cemetery.

Virginia "Anne" Chandler

Virginia "Anne" Chandler, passed away Tuesday March 11, 2014 in Midland, Texas.

Anne is preceded in death by her husband J.C. Chandler.

She will lie in state Wednesday March 12, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home, from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday March 13, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park North.

State house votes to put DJJ in charge of special school

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The state Department of Juvenile Justice would take charge of a public residential school for students with behavior problems, under a budget measure approved Tuesday by the South Carolina House.

The House voted to give administrative oversight of John de la Howe School in McCormick to the Cabinet agency. The one-year takeover becomes part of the House budget plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Meanwhile, the school's board would continue to operate but must seek input from the directors of DJJ, as well as the departments of education, mental health and social services. The House's budget plan, in its second day of debate Tuesday, is expected to advance to the Senate later this week.

Rep. Kenny Bingham, who leads the subcommittee that writes the K-12 budget, said he plans to introduce a separate measure next week seeking to make the administrative switch sooner than July 1, to immediately begin hiring decisions.

"We've got to bring stability to the situation," said Bingham, R-Cayce, whose subcommittee has questioned the school's spending for three years. Improving the school "is not a money issue. It's about direction and leadership."

That leadership has crumbled since the inspector general released a critical review in January. It found the school spends excessively — at $87,000 per student annually — but doesn't assess whether it's successfully turning students' lives around. Bingham said he gave the school's leaders two weeks to respond and when they didn't provide a sufficient plan, he suggested the state stop funding the school and instead place the students in private facilities.

Last month, the school's principal and president, as well as the board's chairwoman and vice-chairwoman, resigned.

In a letter to Bingham, Gov. Nikki Haley credited his subcommittee hearings for bringing results, but recommended DJJ's intervention.

"This type of intervention is necessary in order for these children to receive the services they need and to make it possible for the John de la Howe School to regain the respect it once so richly deserved," Haley wrote in the letter dated last Wednesday.

Interim president Danny Webb said he hadn't seen the House amendment, so he declined to comment beyond saying, "The governor and governing bodies will do what they feel is appropriate."

By law, the board consists of nine trustees, all appointed by the governor. As of Tuesday, there were five, Webb said.

John de la Howe was founded in 1797 for local poor and orphaned children. The school, a stand-alone state agency, now serves students with serious behavior problems who either have already been or on the verge of being expelled or failed from middle, high or alternative schools.

The residential school spent $5.4 million in the 2012-13 school year, with an average overnight enrollment of 54 students on a campus of 50 buildings on 1,200 acres. Over the last several years, the board has worked to improve the school's buildings so they can accommodate more students, to a capacity of 116, which would lower its cost-per-student ratio, according to the inspector general's report.

On Tuesday, 71 students were enrolled at the school, Webb said.

The school's $87,000-per-student cost last school year compares to a statewide average of $11,000 per student from local, state and federal sources at conventional public schools, according to the state Department of Education.

Inspector General Patrick Maley recognized that John de la Howe's costs will be much higher than a traditional public school because of the 24/7 setting, with an around-the-clock ratio of one staff to eight students. The staff includes behavior therapists, specialized teachers and after-school tutors. Still, that high cost should come with the expectation of improved behavior, he said.

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TELESCOPE

From 1B

times more powerful than the Hubble Space Telescope. None have started site construction.

The new generation of telescopes will allow astronomers to peer back to near the beginning of the universe, when the first stars and galaxies were forming, as well as study the nature of dark matter and dark energy and possibly identify signals of life on worlds around other stars.

"Not only will we be helping to answer the most basic questions about our universe, but our involvement will underscore our status as a top world university," said Bill Powers, UT-Austin's president. "This is the leading edge of science, and it is where Texas must be."

The most prestige, however, will go only to the group that begins taking observations first. And to keep up with its competitors, that means the Magellan group must begin on-site construction soon.

Stage one possible soon

Like the Texas institutions, other Magellan partners, including Harvard, the University of Arizona, the Smithsonian Institution and universities in Australia and Korea, are at various states of raising the funds they've promised to the ambitious project.

Magellan site construction could begin as soon as this summer, depending on the amount of funds raised. Friday's action by UT will ease the way for the Magellan group's decision to press ahead with construction of the $650 million first stage of the telescope — four mirrors, an enclosure and a structure to house the instrument. When complete, the telescope will have seven mirrors, but it would still be useful in its scaled-down configuration.

"We're getting interestingly close to what we need for stage one," Lambert said. Michael Long, vice president of the Great Magellan Telescope Organization, said more than 75 percent of the funds for stage one have been raised.

Although they are competitors in many ways, the two Texas universities are working closely to ensure the success of the Giant Magellan Telescope.

"The state of Texas has always looked to the sky," said Nick Suntzeff, an astronomer at Texas A&M University. "It is in our flag, in our songs. We are the center of manned space flight. Astronomers at UT have always enjoyed access to some of the largest telescopes in the world, and now they will continue this tradition into the future. It is not in the nature of Texas to think small."

RODEO

From 1B

"It's a pretty rewarding experience for them," he said of his team.

Hannah Hadley, who runs barrels and ropes calves on the team, said she enjoyed seeing the students' faces light up as they practiced roping.

"It was a lot of fun seeing how much fun they had doing something they'd never done before," she said.

Thirteen-year-old Heather Ganaway said she had "way more fun" than she thought she would at the Bynum Rodeo, especially riding horses. Heather had so much fun that she said she's already looking forward to riding horses again next year.

In the afternoon, the AgriLife Extension and Crossbar Cowboy Church out of Andrews, as well as the Midland County Sheriff Mounted Horse Patrol, joined the celebration.

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RUST

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to do less work, learn to love to read. During those first crucial weeks, when the teacher is still optimistic, read quietly. Save the socializing and texting for lunch or after school. I guarantee it will pay off.

Here's the secret: You will have to read either way. Either you can read the actual chapter and focus on learning the material or you can be dragged, kicking and screaming, through lists of vocabulary and content questions. There will be more grades upon which to sink your average, more angry sighs and eye rolls from your teacher and even the possibility of more homework. When you think about it, isn't it a no-brainer?

Forty-five minutes of quiet reading beats 45 minutes of forced vocabulary and questions and then a giant homework assignment. Oh, and as an added bonus, it better prepares you for college. College is much more about reading comprehension and independent note-taking than rote memorization of vocabulary. Wouldn't high school students like to be able to do less busy work and become better prepared for college? I should hope so.

Therefore, for all of you high school juniors out there who might find themselves in my economics class next year, please learn to love to read (or at least look the part). It will be to your advantage and we both will win. If not, there's always the vocabulary lists.

Owen Rust teaches economics to seniors at Midland High School.

SUCCESS

From 1B

impassable," said John Fitzpatrick, the executive director of Educate Texas, a nonprofit organization funded in part by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Communities Foundation of Texas.

Efforts to start early college high schools in Texas began in 2004, with a proposal from Educate Texas to open 15 schools.

"We had a ton of questions early on. We wondered if regular kids would be able to handle college work," he said.

Not all of the early college high schools that started in Texas have survived, but the numbers in the state have exponentially increased since 2006, when there were only a handful. By 2010, the number increased to more than 40. By next year, there will be more than 100.

The first batch of early college high schools in Texas opened during the 2006-07 school year, created to target at-risk students who had repeated previous grade levels or failed state assessment tests, Gaines said.

But lawmakers in 2011 cut state funding for education by $5.4 billion. Last year, lawmakers restored some of those funds, allowing the Texas Education Agency, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and Texas Workforce Commission to invest $3 million in 2014 to build more technical, career-focused early college high schools.

A 2014 report by the American Institutes for Research indicates that students who attend early college high schools, regardless of their socioeconomic backgrounds, are more likely to attend college.

A report by Jobs for the Future, a nonprofit economic and educational organization, found that 71 percent of graduates from early college high schools enroll in college, compared with the national enrollment rate of 68 percent.

College enrollment rates in regular high schools drop to 34 percent among low-income students, according to a joint study by the Brookings Institution and Princeton University.

Aiming to keep college enrollment rates up among students in the early college program, the Greater Texas Foundation recently started a scholarship program that provides two to three years of financial assistance to needy students, said Wynn Rosser, president and CEO of the foundation. The organization offers about 100 scholarships each year at four public universities: Texas A&M University, the University of Texas at Brownville, the University of North Texas and the University of Houston.

At Reagan High School this year, nearly all of the seniors applied to college, said Wilton Harris, an adviser at the school. The school invites guest speakers from the universities to talk to students and get them interested in college.

"When they can actually see what it's like to be at a college or university, that makes a big difference," Harris said.

Chicago at war over student testing

■ School districts are doing a terrible job of being responsive to parents who disagree about the need for standardize testing

ESTHER CEPEDA
Washington Post Writers Group

As education reform takes hold across the country, we find ourselves traveling through another dimension — one not only of hysterics but also of childish behavior. There's a signpost up ahead, our next stop: The Stupid Zone!

I mock the absurdities that seemingly accompany every skirmish in the education revolution because the back-and-forths among teacher unions, education policymakers and parents on changes to how students and schools are assessed are as weird and disturbing as "The Twilight Zone."

The latest one in my hometown — over how the Chicago Public Schools district (CPS) reacted to teachers, parents and about 1,500 children at 80 schools who chose to boycott a soon-to-be-discontinued standardized test — is about as absurd as it gets.

A little background first.

There has been a movement by well-meaning parents and teachers to not only stem the tide of high-stakes standardized testing, but to try to disconnect the results of these exams from teacher and school evaluations. They argue that "teaching to the test" is a misuse of educational time, stresses children out (some call testing "abuse") and is a poor indicator of student academic ability and teacher effectiveness.

Along the way, they've convinced their children — and many others — that these tests are frightening, useless and bad for them, and urge students to simply skip them.

As a former teacher and current mother of public school students, I couldn't disagree more with such wrongheaded ideas.

Grade-level standardized tests are aligned with state learning expectations, so if teachers *are* "teaching to the test," then students are practicing subject matter that has been deemed necessary for the successful completion of their grade.

I've never once seen children stressed out by these supposedly trauma-inducing tests. As a first-grade and high-school teacher, and through careful observation of my sons' testing experience, I've overwhelmingly seen kids not mind missing their regular classes for grade-level tests. It's a change, they get treats to "boost" their performance and several days without homework.

Lastly, schools generally do use the results of these tests to improve the curriculum, and some tests even help troubleshoot individual students' learning gaps.

But though I believe standardized testing is essential, school districts across the country are doing a terrible job of being responsive to parents who disagree. That's a tremendous problem because schools need parents to feel heard and respected to ensure academic success.

In Chicago, the Illinois Standard Achievement Test is being phased out and does not count toward grades, graduation or college admission.

Those opposing too much testing asked parents and kids to skip it to send a message, and a few teachers decided to refuse to proctor it. The administrators at CPS responded by going to war.

The superintendent threatened instructors with having their teaching licenses revoked if they didn't proctor the tests. But once the students opted out on test day, they were treated shabbily, according to news reports and press releases from groups associated with the Chicago Teachers Union.

"The school administrations were completely unprepared for the number of students who opted out, and while some responded humanely, others did not," Julie Fain, an organizer with an parent group against overtesting, "More Than a Score," said in an interview. "Parents have told us that not only were they confronted angrily or harassed by school administrators about their choice, they've been lied to and their kids retaliated against in school."

The union and "More Than a Score" have alleged that some administrators erroneously told parents that their children would not be allowed to graduate, would be barred from Advanced Placement classes or would be forced to go to summer school.

"They are clinging to an obsolete test with such enthusiasm because they want to force compliance. They want parents to do what they're told, sit down and shut up," Fain said.

It's no surprise that the hometown of pro-reform President Obama, his education secretary Arne Duncan and his right-hand man, and Chicago mayor, Rahm Emanuel wants the test to be taken.

But alienating parents and students isn't the way to do it. There are better, more collaborative ways to usher in school reforms, even on super hot-button issues. But they require open ears and respectful dialogues.

Just as life itself is a high-stakes test, so are the politics of school reform, and Chicago schools' signpost up ahead reads "Failure."

Survey finds many schools need repairs

By Kimberly Hefling
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than half the nation's public schools need to be repaired, renovated or modernized, according to a survey released Thursday.

Getting these schools in good condition would cost about $197 billion, the National Center for Education Statistics said. That's $4.5 million per school, on average.

The survey found that on average, main school buildings were 44 years old. Schools that underwent a major renovation had the work done on average 12 years ago. Building replacements or additions were on average 16 years old.

There were signs of upgrades, however, in some schools. Seventeen percent of public schools had major repairs, renovations or modernization work underway, while nearly 40 percent had these types of improvements planned in the next two years.

School construction projects are funded in a variety of ways, depending on the state and locality. Many school districts have had to delay maintenance and construction projects because of slashed budgets during tough economic times. Even as states' revenues are rebounding, officials from the National School Boards Association said many states are still focused on other priorities.

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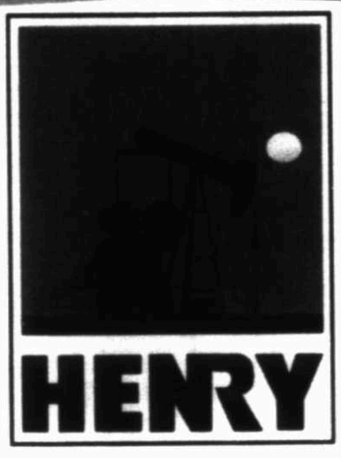

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1 Peter 4:9

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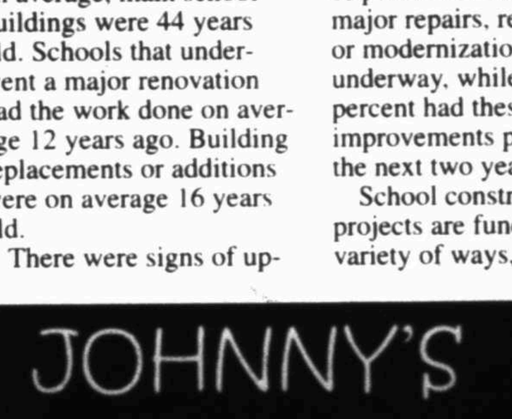

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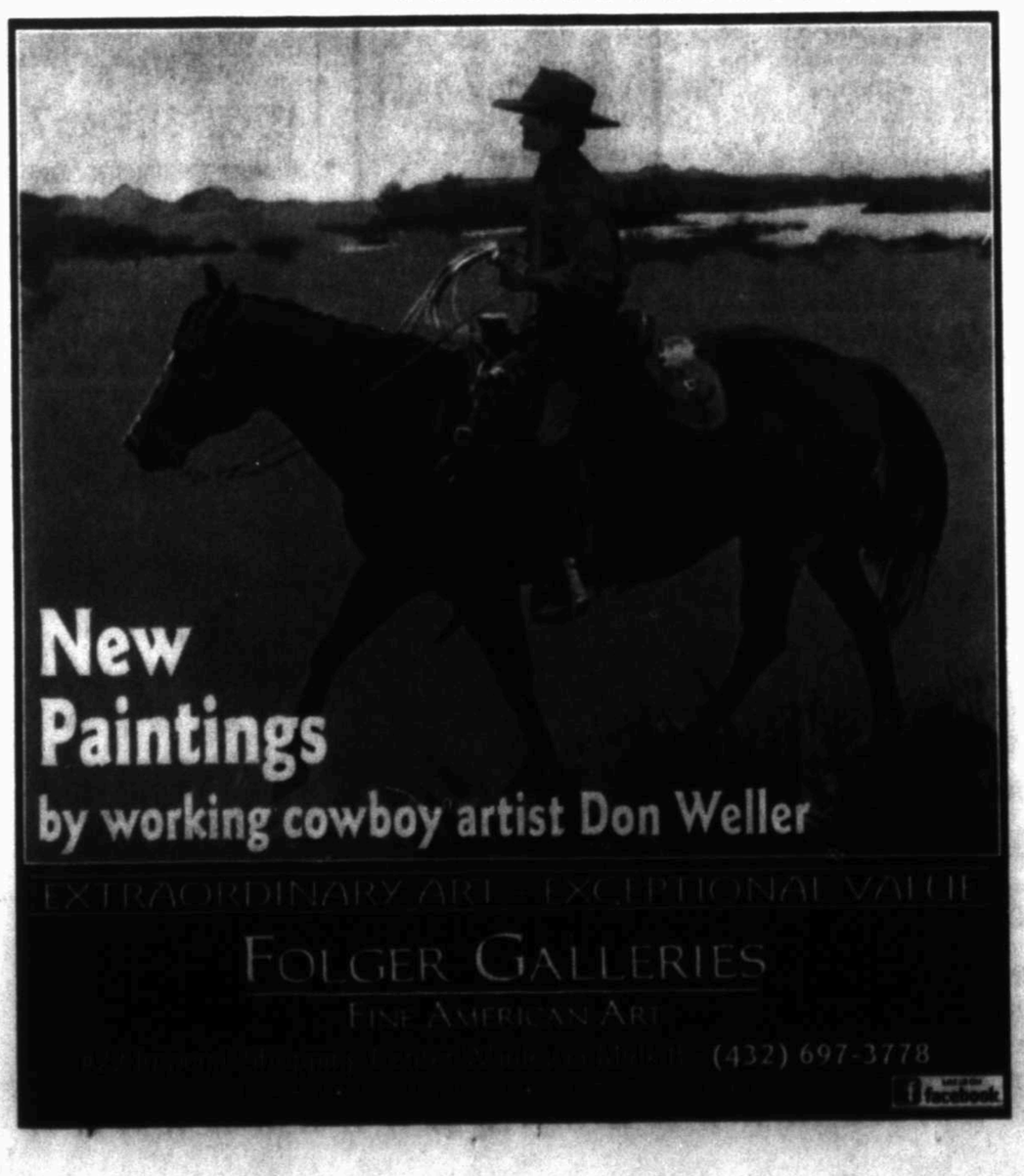

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VIEW → ROAD

PLAY → DUMB

Yesterday's Answer: GLASSY, STIGMA, GARISH, DOGEAR/GOADER

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TODAY: Mostly sunny	THURSDAY: Mostly sunny	FRIDAY: Mostly sunny	SATURDAY: Mostly sunny	SUNDAY: Mostly sunny	MONDAY: Mostly sunny
High: 56 Low: 36	High: 65 Low: 43	High: 75 Low: 44	High: 75 Low: 43	High: 83 Low: 39	High: 61 Low: 42

Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 56 and north winds between 15 and 20 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 35 and north winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming southeast after midnight.

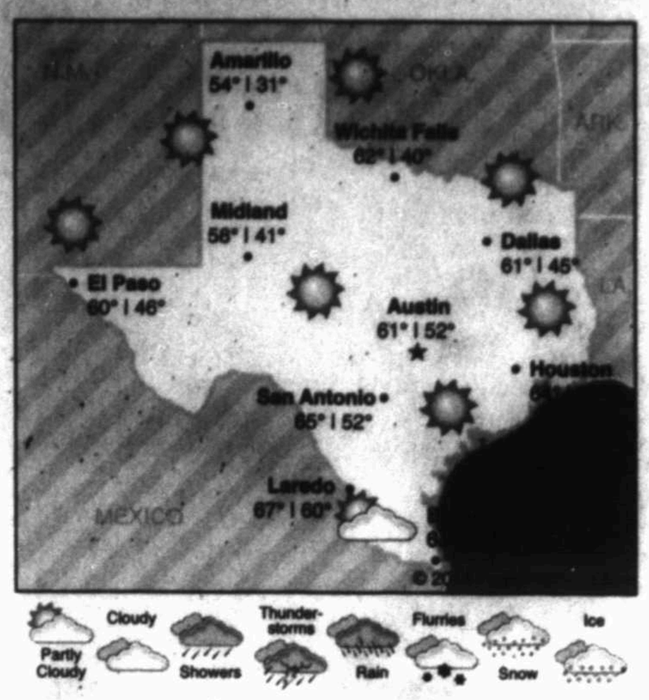
Thursday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 65 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph increasing to between 10 and 15 mph in the morning. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 43 and south winds around 15 mph.

Friday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 75 and a low around 44.

The high on Tuesday reached 84, while the low dropped to 46. The record high for March 11 is 91 set in 1989. The record low is 10 set in 1948.

National forecast

A storm will spread snow, rain and thunderstorms into the Northeast today. Snow will be heavy at times from western New York state into northern New England.



Precipitation

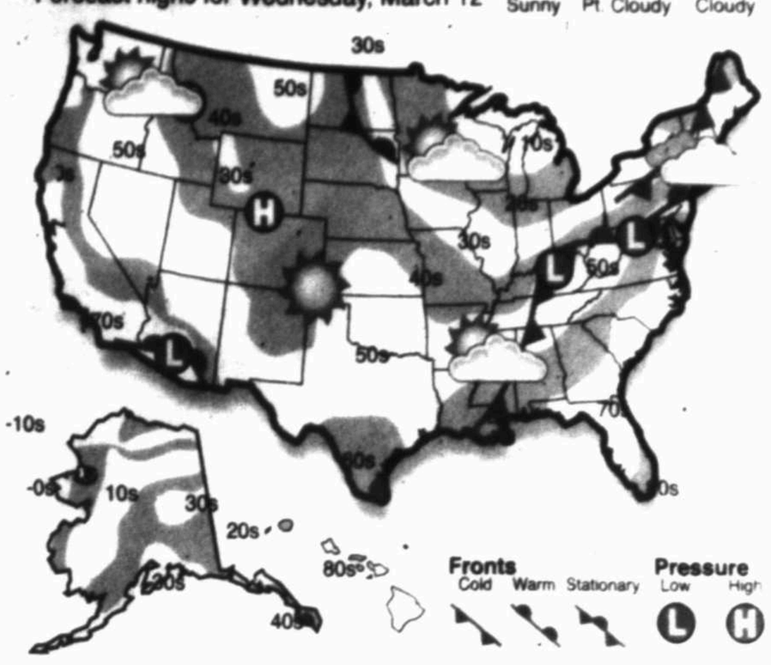
Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	trace
Year total	0.26 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.48 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	84
Low	46
Normal high	69
Normal low	40
Sunrise	8:03 a.m.
Sunset	7:55 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, March 12



Man's last wish is to let his death give others life

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I work in a palliative care unit in a local hospital, and I'm all too aware of how important it is to have one's end-of-life wishes documented, notarized and on-hand in case of an emergency.

I remember reading an essay that appeared in your column years ago; it eloquently described the desire of the writer that his body be used to allow others to live through organ donation. Is it part of your "Keepers" booklet? — JYNNA IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR JYNNA: Yes, it is included. And I'm printing it for you today because it contains an important message. The author, Robert Test, was not only altruistic, but also the ultimate "recycler."

TO REMEMBER ME by Robert Test

"At a certain moment a doctor will determine that my brain has ceased to function and that, for all intents and purposes, my life has stopped.

"When that happens, do not attempt to instill artificial life into my body by the use of a machine. And don't call this my 'deathbed.' Call it my 'bed of life,' and let my body be taken from it to help others lead fuller lives.

"Give my sight to a man who has never seen a sunrise, a baby's face or love in the eyes of a woman.

"Give my heart to a person whose own heart has caused nothing but endless days of pain.

"Give my blood to the teenager who has been pulled from the wreckage of his car, so that he might live to see his grandchildren play.

"Give my kidneys to one who depends on a machine to exist from week to week.

"Take my bones, every muscle, every fiber and nerve in my body and find a way to make a crippled child walk.

"Explore every corner of my brain. Take my cells, if necessary, and let them grow so that someday a speechless boy will shout at the crack of a bat and a deaf girl will hear the sound of rain against her windows.

"Burn what is left of me and scatter the ashes to the winds to help the flowers grow.

"If you must bury something, let it be my faults, my weaknesses and all my prejudice against my fellow man.

"Give my soul to God. If by chance you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you. If you do all I have asked, I will live forever."

Readers, "Keepers" is a collection of favorite letters, poems and essays that have appeared in this column over the years. It was assembled because so many readers said the items were meaningful to them and requested that they be compiled as a booklet. It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby Keepers Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. It covers subjects from temptation to forgiveness, animals, children and human nature. Filled with down-to-earth nuggets of wisdom, both philosophical and witty, it's a quick, easy read, and an inexpensive gift for newly-weds, pet lovers, new parents or anyone recovering from an illness because it covers a wide variety of subjects.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Not too young to count

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
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♥ 9 4
♦ 9 5 4
♣ 8 5 4

WEST
♠ J 2
♥ J 10 7
♦ 8 7
♣ K Q 9 7 3 2

EAST
♠ 10
♥ A Q 6 3 2
♦ A Q J 6 3 2
♣ 10

SOUTH
♠ A Q 9 7 6
♥ K 8 5
♦ K 10
♣ A J 6

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	3♣	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: Jack of ♦

This hand was played by Kylie Robb, of Australia, when she was quite young — perhaps 20 years old. North's raise was very brave, perhaps overly so. It led to a game contract that was very thin, if not impossible.

East won the opening heart lead and shifted to a club. Declarer won with the ace, drew trumps ending in dummy, and led a low diamond. West rose with the ace and returned a heart. South won the king, cashed the diamond king and ruffed her last heart on the board.

Ms. Robb had been paying close attention. West's bid had promised six clubs, at least, and he had shown up with three hearts and two spades in the play. He could hold no more than two diamonds. She led dummy's last diamond and elegantly discarded a club from her hand. East won this trick, but was forced to yield a ruff-sluff and Ms. Robb was home with her contract.

Young Ms. Robb was properly lauded for her fine play on this deal. North felt that he did not get enough recognition for his "excellent" three-spade bid. He is still looking for praise some 15 years later. We wish him well.

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 Wednesday, March 12, 2014:

This year your life evolves in a very exciting way. You might get involved with someone who could become a business associate. Together you will be very successful. You smile more, and enjoy your work as much as you enjoy your free time. If you are single, you could meet someone appealing through your day-to-day travels. Keep dating, because you have more than one potential suitor coming your way. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy being together more than ever. A mutual interest allows greater give-and-take than in the past. You always have fun with LEO.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ A hedonistic breeze floats through wherever you are. If handling a serious matter, you might have difficulty staying focused. Creativity spills over into all your thoughts, which eliminates boundaries and opens the doors for fun. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You could opt to stay home. You will express what you want, and others will listen. For now, you might just need some time off. Indulge in the mood of the moment. Lighten up a conversation that could be awkward. Tonight: Make it easy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You'll see what needs to happen between you and someone else. You could be so anxious for that to happen that you might make too many inquiries. Try to let go and get into the spirit of the day. You will be much happier if you do. Tonight: Let the chips fall where they may.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You could be more willing to understand what is happening once you relax. Recognize that a problem will correct itself without your interference. In fact, the more attention you give to this matter, the more likely it is that it will backfire on you. Tonight: Midweek break.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You will be expressive, despite someone being very hard on you. You might wonder why you must do something a certain way. The unexpected could occur, and it could throw a happy opportunity your way. Tonight: On center stage, where you belong and love to be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You know when you have gone too far. You might feel challenged and confused by a loved one. Your solution will be to focus on what you must do, and that will give you more stability. Walk away from a power play. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Emphasize what you want and why you want it. Your ability to zero in on the basics will allow you to take care of necessities first. Know that you have more understanding than most signs. Realize what is going on with a friend who is close to your heart. Tonight: In weekend mode already.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You could feel pressured by a boss, a parent or a respected individual. You might agree with this person, but you'll need to decide what to do on your own. You'll be surprised by the positive response you receive, should you choose to open up. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You'll act spontaneously and get good results. Let your fiery spirit speak. You could be overly assertive with someone who is far more conservative and who also believes that he or she is far wiser than you are. Let it go. Avoid a fight, if you can. Tonight: Follow the music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You might feel as if you have very little choice, as someone else who has a lot of support seems to dominate the scene. You could choose to observe, but a partner will want to draw you out in order to have an important one-on-one chat. Tonight: A cozy dinner for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Others might insist on dominating right now. You are likely to get much more of what you desire if you keep communication open and stay close to your friends. You could be thinking some very negative thoughts, so try to turn them around. Tonight: Say "yes."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You could see a situation develop differently from how you might have expected it to. A friend or loved one could be unusually controlling and might cause you some distress. You have a lot to do, so focus your energy on getting it done. Tonight: Out late.

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BORN TODAY

Singer-songwriter James Taylor (1948), actress Liza Minnelli (1946), novelist Jack Kerouac (1922)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Deer guy
5 Dian Fossey subjects
9 Walking tall
14 Snoop (around)
15 Son of Leah and Jacob
16 One unlikely to bring home the bacon?
17 Work on galleys
18 Works by Raphael and Michelangelo, e.g.
20 Signed agreement mailed by someone in prison?
22 "... kissed thee __ killed thee": Othello
23 NYC-based insurance co.
24 Backs a fashion venture?
31 Eyelid inflammations
32 Dogwood, e.g.
33 Sock part
34 Pottery oven
35 Drag through the mud
37 Gardener's bagful
38 Rescuer of Odysseus
39 Irene of "Fame"
40 Gainesville is about halfway between it and Jacksonville
41 Authorize two bros' get-together?
45 "Double Fantasy" artist
46 Measurement named for a body part
47 Songwriter's dream?
54 Rites of passage
55 Heathrow postings: Abbr.
56 Point a finger at
57 Dark purple
58 Charlie Brown cry
59 Title role for Michael or Jude
60 New newts
61 "Off with you!"

DOWN

1 Job detail
2 Commotion
3 Analogous
4 Avenges a wrong
5 Runway shapes
6 Bob __, first NBA player to be named MVP (1956)
7 FEMA recommendation, maybe
8 Storage structure
9 Like some press conference answers
10 Go back (on)
11 "A Summer Place" co-star Richard
12 Dessert conveyance
13 "Rizzoli & Isles" airer
19 More ridiculous
21 Spanish 101 word
24 1986 rock autobiography
25 Windbreaker fabric
26 Cook, as dumplings
27 One may be rolled over
28 Weasel kin
29 Patterned fabric
30 Ward of "CSI: NY"
31 Two percent alternative
35 Skipped
36 C-ration successor
37 Throws here and there
39 Fails to understand
40 Funk
42 Musical scale sequence
43 Produce a change in
44 Scary Wild West circles?
47 Meet, as needs
48 Norwegian saint
49 "Won't do it"
50 Plenty, in slang
51 Bonneville Salt Flats site
52 Peacekeeping acronym
53 Name on a Canadian pump
54 Mgmt. degree

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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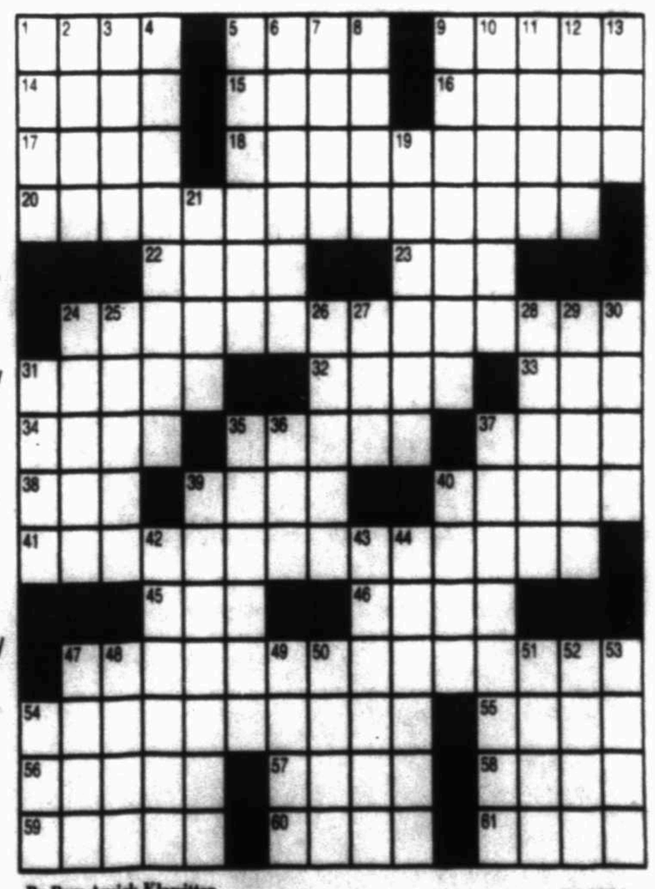

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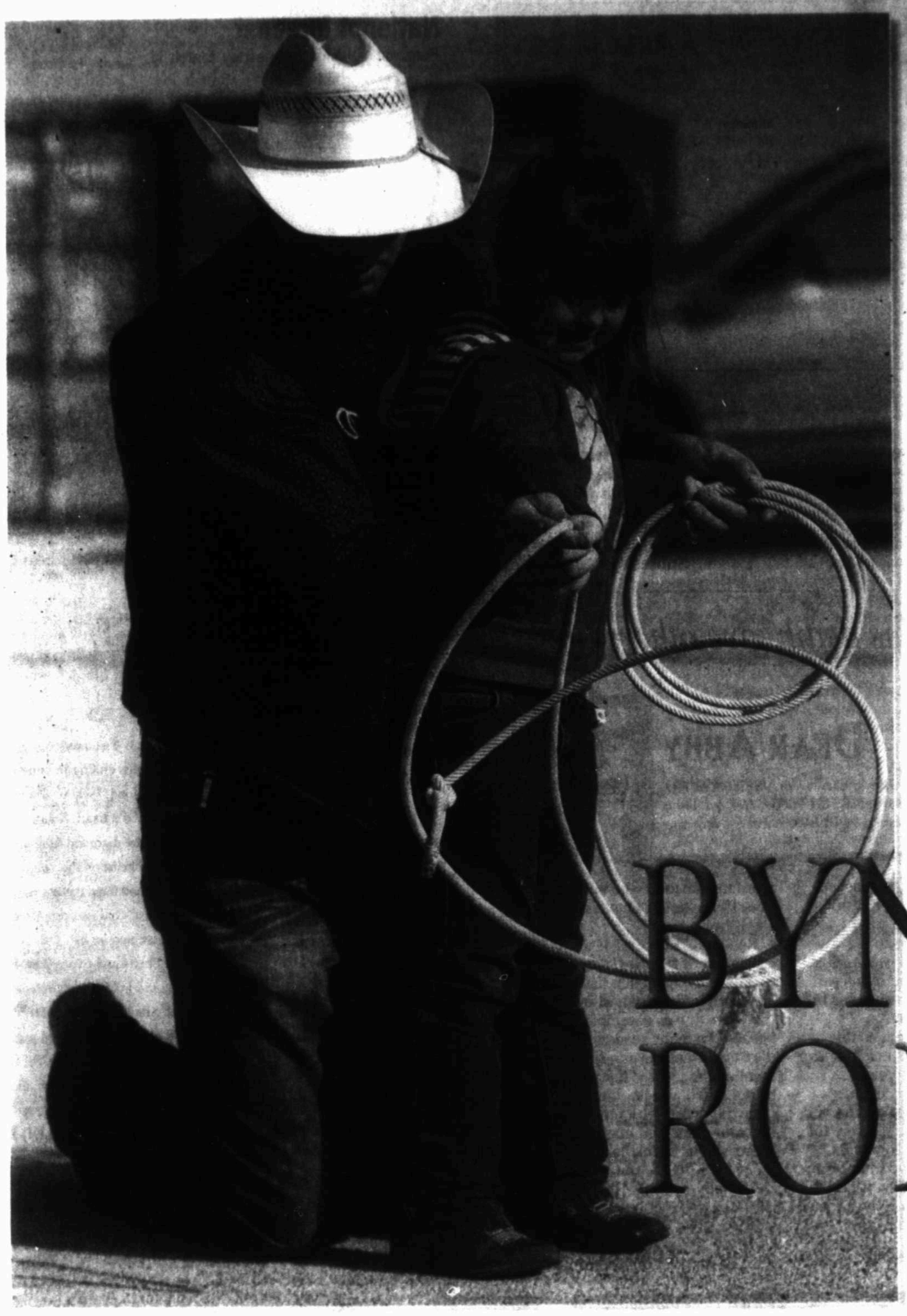

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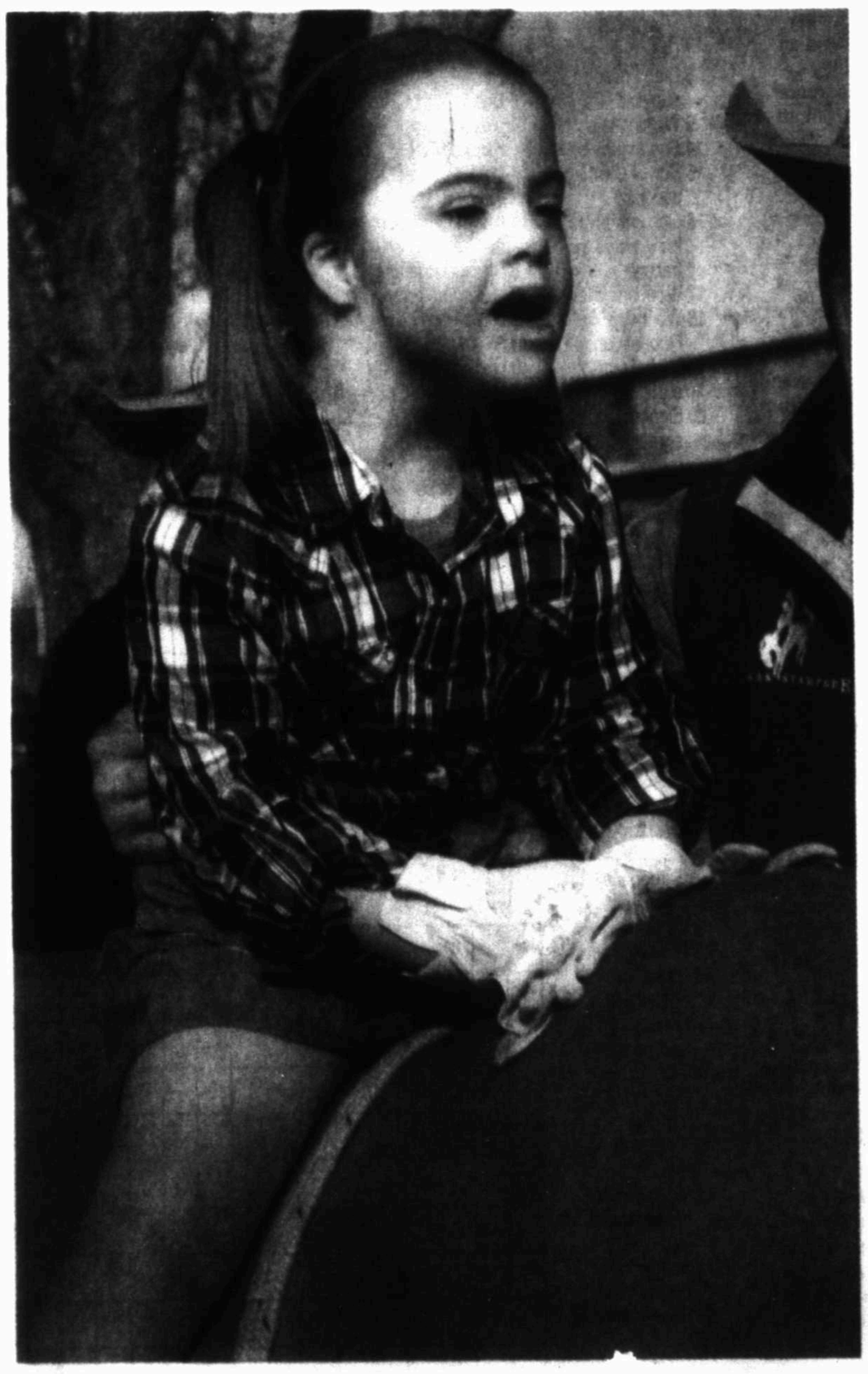

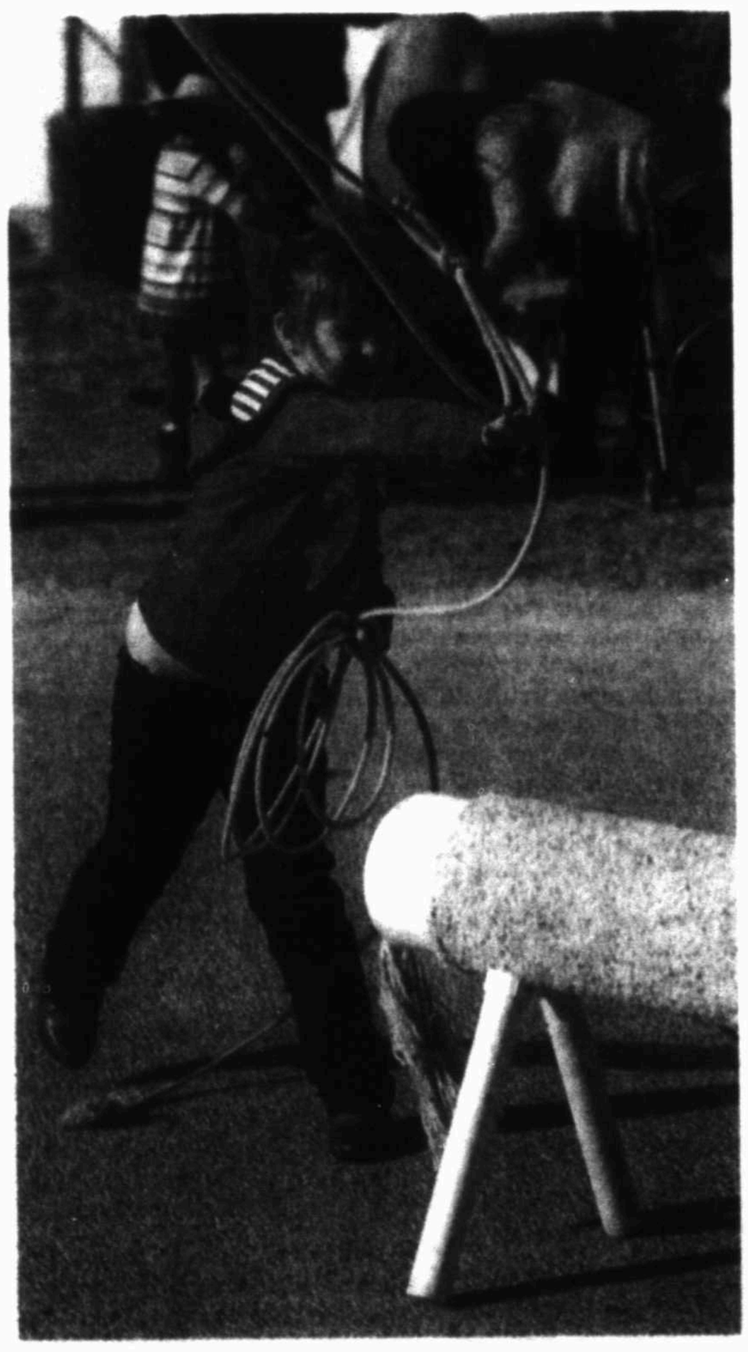

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Odessa College rodeo team member Brooke McFarland helps Allie Jarvis with some trick roping Friday during Bynum School's Texas Independence Day celebration and rodeo.

LEFT
Allie practices roping a mechanical sheep during the event.

ABOVE
Dellis Sorrels holds on as she rides the bull Friday during Bynum School's Texas Independence Day celebration and rodeo.

RIGHT
Sam Bustamante checks the calf he roped .

FAR RIGHT
Kody Grimes pulls the steer he roped as he and other Bynum School students participate in the rodeo.

Photos by Tim Fischer

Cowboys release franchise sacks leader Ware

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys released franchise sacks leader DeMarcus Ware on Tuesday, a salary cap move that owner Jerry Jones called "extremely difficult" after the worst season of the star pass rusher's career.

Ware broke Harvey Martin's 30-year-old franchise record for sacks in 2013, but got to the quarterback a career-low six times and missed games for the first time in his nine-year career with a thigh injury.

The 31-year-old Ware also had offseason elbow surgery and was set to count $16 million against the salary cup. His release saves about $7.4 million and gives Dallas about $9 million to spend at the moment.

"A decision like this, involving a man who is a cornerstone player in the history of your franchise, is extremely difficult," Jones, also the team's general manager, said in a statement announcing the decision just as free agency opened.

Jones didn't rule out Ware returning after testing the market, but Ware has likely played his last down for an owner who always had a tough time letting aging superstars go.

"We were also in very strong agreement that playing for the Dallas Cowboys would be one of the options we would both be exploring," Jones said in the statement.

When the Cowboys switched to a four-man defensive front last year, Ware became a defensive end with his hand on the ground closer to the offensive line rather than a stand-up outside linebacker who could get a faster start on the snap.

Still, Ware looked good in training camp and even intercepted a pass by Eli Manning on the first play of last season. But he never did find his form as a pass rusher after fading late in 2012 and finished third on the team in sacks behind Jason Hatcher and George Selvie, who wasn't even on the roster when training camp started.

"DeMarcus Ware, through his performance on the field and his outstanding character, is someone

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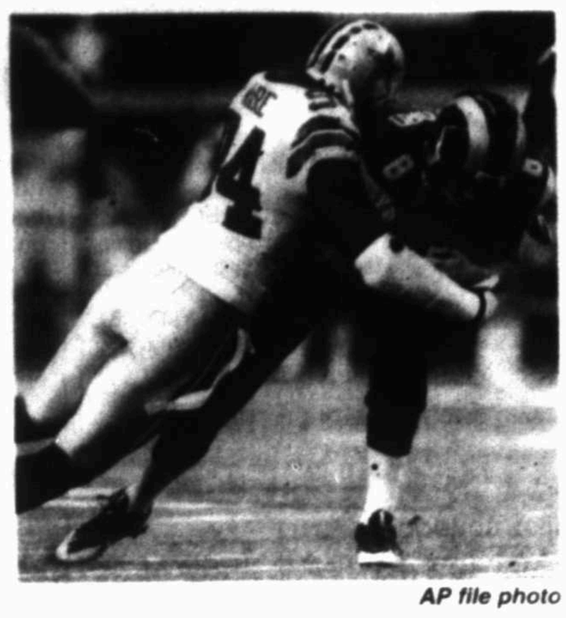

Dallas Cowboys defensive end DeMarcus Ware (94) sacks St. Louis Rams quarterback Sam Bradford (8) during the third quarter in Arlington in 2013. The Cowboys are releasing franchise sacks leader Ware to save salary cap room after the worst season of his career.

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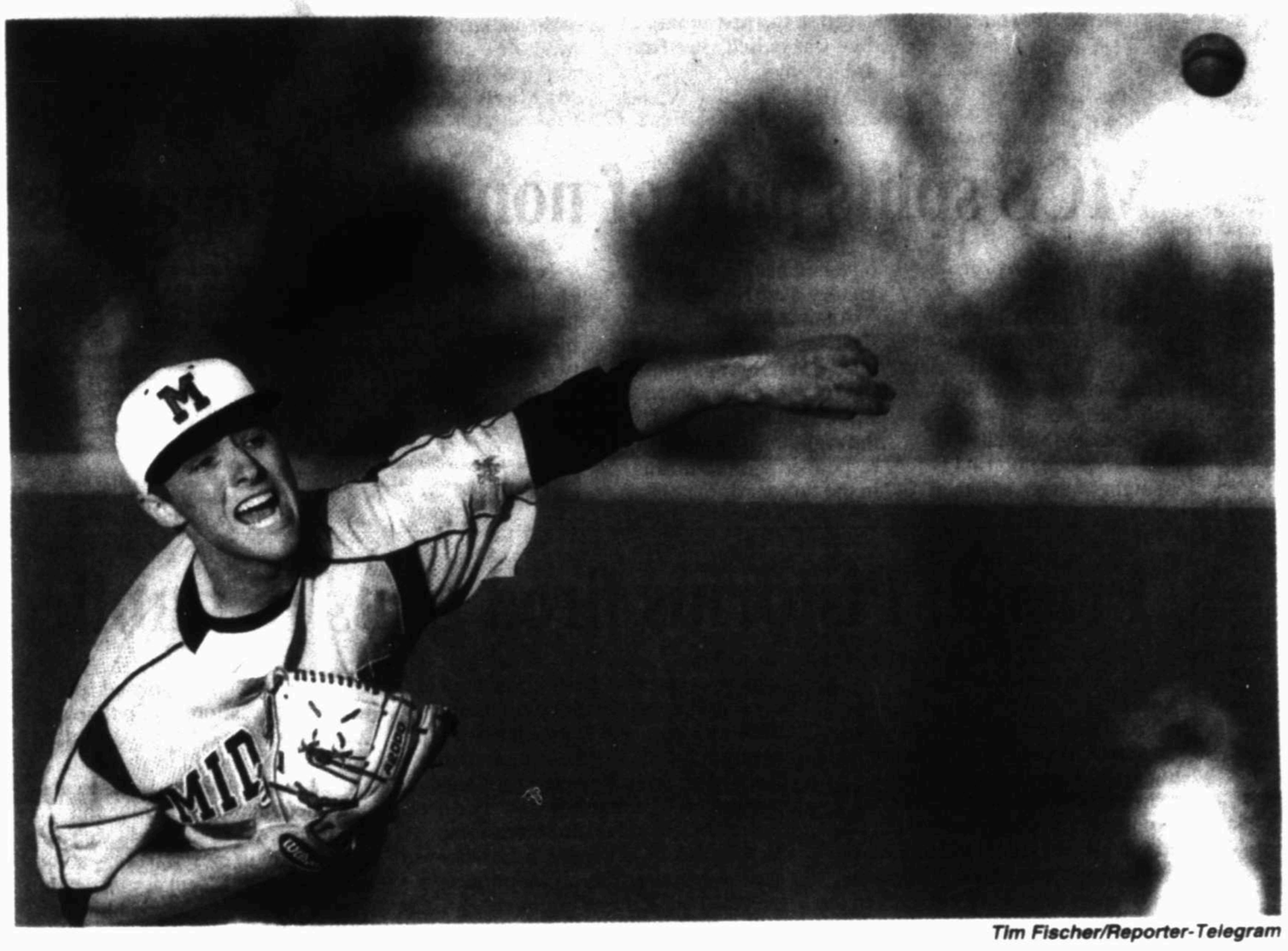
To the last inning



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Midland High's Jackson Lancaster pitches against Lee on Tuesday at Christensen Stadium.

MHS gets hard-fought win over rival Rebels

By Len Hayward
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Bulldogs 3
Rebels 1

The Midland High baseball team found a way to figure out a pitcher that had given it fits in a tight game again on Tuesday.

This time, though, it came against the Bulldogs crosstown rival Lee and in extra innings.

Lance White's two-run double to the left field fence off Lee starter Evan Mata helped the Bulldogs rally for a 3-1 victory against rival Lee at Christensen Stadium.

Midland High struggled to put together hits against Mata, but the Bulldogs had three hits in the eighth, including White's double to give them the margin of victory needed for their fourth straight district 2-5A win.

"I think (Mata) was getting a little tired," White said. "He threw seven full innings, and I think he was leaving a few pitches over the plate. We just wanted to get aggressive and get something going. I got two strikes, and I just tried to put the ball in play."

Midland High improved to 10-6 overall and 4-0 in 2-5A play, while this one may sting for a while for Lee as it dropped to 5-9 and 0-4.

"The kids played hard, and I can't be disappointed in what they did," Lee coach Brian Roper said.

Mata and Midland High ace Jackson Lancaster made sure both teams were going to have to work for runs on Tuesday night.

Lancaster allowed two first-inning singles to the Rebels, and another hit in the second, but then retired 12 in row from

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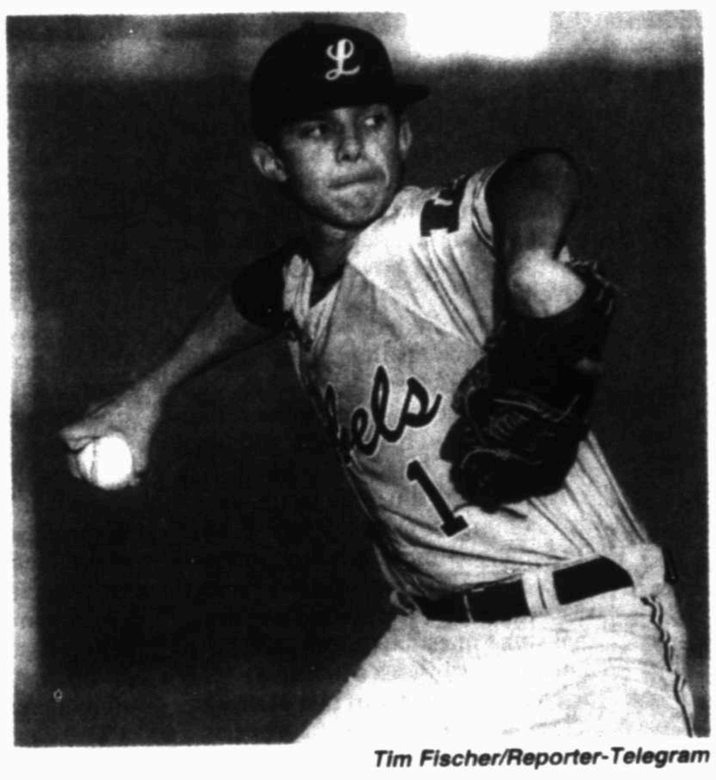

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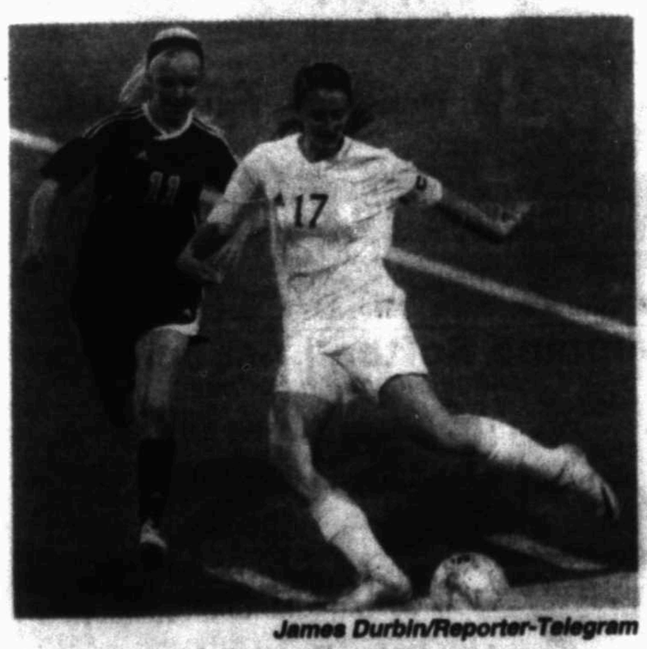
Lee High's Evan Mata pitches against MHS on Tuesday at Christensen Stadium.

MHS battles back for draw with Central



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Sarah Krisa, right, moves the ball down the field against San Angelo Central's Darci Wilson on Tuesday at Grande Communications Stadium.

By Justin Oaks
MRT Correspondent

Lady Bulldogs 1
Lady Bobcats 1

The Midland High girls soccer team fought its way to a 1-1 draw against San Angelo Central on Tuesday at Grande Communications Stadium.

It was tough in the early going for the Lady Bulldogs as San Angelo Central (10-6-1, 8-5-1, 25 points in District 2-5A) controlled possession for much of the first half, and scored the first goal of the game on a header from Monica Upshaw off a corner kick.

At halftime, MHS (7-2-4, 25 points) head coach Ryan Dunlevy emphasized to his team the importance of determination.

"I basically just said win," Dunlevy said. "Win every little battle and good things will happen, and they did. They went out and they fought and fought and fought."

His words took root as the Lady Bulldogs dominated possession through nearly the entire second half, and tied the game when Adrienne Almodova scored on a penalty kick.

Dunlevy said the main struggle for the Lady Bulldogs all season has been execution.

"We have to finish the opportunities we create," Dunlevy said. "It's been the story of our whole season. We build opportunities, and we just can't seem to capitalize. We'll keep working on it so that Friday we're ready."

The Lady Bulldogs will host Amarillo Tascosa at 7 p.m. on Friday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Brutal Big 12 tournament promises to be wide open

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas coach Bill Self was chatting this week with someone who brought up the possibility that some unfortunate team with a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament might have to play its second game against Oklahoma State, which was once considered a Final Four contender.

"I said, 'Just think if that happens in your conference tournament.'" Self responded.

Self

After winning their 10th straight regular-season title, the Jayhawks earned the top seed when the Big 12 tournament begins Wednesday night at the Sprint Center. But the reward is a first-round bye and a potential matchup with the eighth-seeded Cowboys in Thursday's quarterfinals, the two teams split their two meetings this year.

Oklahoma State plays No. 9 seed Texas Tech in the first game Wednesday night. Seventh-seeded Baylor takes on No. 10 seed TCU in the nightcap of a double header.

"I think we've always had very competitive Big 12 tournaments," Self said, "but I don't know if I can ever remember where if there's a final between whatever seeds there are, it would be absolutely not a major surprise to anybody. It's going to be a pretty special weekend."

The Big 12 has been the runaway leader in conference RPI all season, and some believe that it could land seven or eight teams in the NCAA tournament on Selection Sunday.

Just consider the games that will be played Thursday. Along with Kansas getting Oklahoma State or Texas Tech, second-seeded Oklahoma will play the Baylor-TCU winner. No. 3 seed Texas will play No. 6 seed West Virginia, and No. 4 seed Iowa State will play No. 5 seed Kansas State.

"This league," Texas Tech coach Tubby Smith said, "is by far the toughest in the country."

That's why the Jayhawks still believe they can earn a No. 1 seed to the NCAA tournament, despite their 23-8 record. Meanwhile, Oklahoma State (20-11) is teetering around the bubble, and a win over Texas Tech might be enough to push the Cowboys firmly into the dance.

Knocking off the Jayhawks would certainly do the trick.

"We're just trying to worry about the next game," Oklahoma State coach Travis

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DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

WHAT'S ON TV

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Atlantic Coast Conference, first round, Maryland vs. Florida St., at Greensboro, N.C., noon, ESPN2

Atlantic Coast Conference, first round, Wake Forest vs. Notre Dame, at Greensboro, N.C., 2 p.m., ESPN2

Atlantic Coast Conference, first round, Georgia Tech vs. Boston College, at Greensboro, N.C., 6 p.m., ESPN2

American Athletic Conference, first round, Rutgers vs. South Florida, at Memphis, Tenn., 6 p.m., ESPNU

Big 12, first round, Oklahoma State vs. Texas Tech, 6 p.m., MYTV16

Big East Conference, first round, Seton Hall vs. Butler, at New York, 6 p.m., FS1

American Athletic Conference, first round, Temple vs. UCF, at Memphis, Tenn., 8:30 p.m., ESPN2

Big 12, first round, TCU vs. Baylor, 8:30 p.m., MYTV16

Big East Conference, first round, Georgetown vs. DePaul, at New York, 8:30 p.m., FS1

NBA

Dallas at Utah, 6 p.m., FSSW

Brooklyn at Miami, 6 p.m., ESPN

Portland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL

Boston at Montreal, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

SOCCER

UEFA Champions League, Manchester City at Barcelona, 2:30 p.m., FS1

WINTER PARALYMPICS

Events TBA (same-day tape), 2 p.m., NBCSN

Ice Sledge Hockey — Semifinals, 4 a.m., NBCSN

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Andrews at Lee, 1 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to terms with RHPs Brad Brach, Kevin Gausman, Miguel Gonzalez, Steve Johnson, Josh Stinson and Chris Tillman. LHPs Mike Bellfore, Tim Berry, Zach Britton and TJ McFarland, Cs Steve Clevenger, Johnny Monell and Michael Ohlman, INFs Michael Alamanzar, Ryan Flaherty, Jonathan Schoop and Jemile Weeks, and OFs David Lough and Henry Urrutia on one-year contracts. Renewed the contract of 3B Manny Machado.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Traded RHP Zach Stewart to Miami for cash.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned LHP Bobby LaFrambose, RHP Logan Bawcom, C Jesus Sucre and INFs Ji-Man Choi and Carlos Triunfel to Tacoma (PCL). Reassigned RHPs Logan Kensing and Matt Palmer, LHP Nick Hill, C Mike Dowd and INFs Ty Kelly and Nate Tenbrink to minor league camp.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Assigned LHP Santos Rodriguez outright to Reno (PCL). Agreed to terms with LHP Oliver Perez on a two-year contract.

CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned RHP Carlos Contreras, RHP Daniel Corcino, LHP David Holmberg, OF Ryan LaMarre, OF Donald Lutz and RHP Chad Rogers to Louisville of the International League. Optioned OF Juan Duran, LHP Ismael Guillon and OF Yorman Rodriguez to Pensacola of the Southern League. Reassigned to minor league camp RHP Tim Crabbe, RHP Michael Lorenzen, IF Reynaldo Navarro, C Rossmel Perez, C Max Ramirez and RHP Robert Stephenson. Released INF Henry Rodriguez.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned RHP Matt Magill to Albuquerque (PCL). Reassigned C JC Boscan, RHPs Carlos Frias and Red Patterson and INFs Brendan Harris and Clint Robinson to minor league camp.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Assigned OFs Kentrail Davis and Mitch Haniger, INFs Hector Gomez and Taylor Green and RHP David Goforth to minor league camp. Optioned 1B Hunter Morris, 1B/OF Jason Rogers and RHPs Jimmy Nelson and Anic Pena to Nashville (PCL) and RHPs Brooks Hall and Kevin Shackelford to Huntsville (SL). Released RHP Michael Ormsbee.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned LHP Juan Pablo Oramas to El Paso (PCL).

American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed RHP Stephen Richter.

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed LHPs Chuck Fontana and Edwin Walker. Traded RHP Ian Durham to York for future considerations.

LAREDO LEMURS — Signed LHP Estevan Uriegas.

SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Released RHP Jordan Whatcott.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Released LHP Mark Hardy and RHP Patrick Keating.

Can-Am League

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Released 1B Brett Flowers.

Frontier League

EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed RHP Chad Robinson to a contract extension.

FRONTIER GREYS — Signed INF Zach Tanner.

LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Traded RHP Jordan Wellander to Joliet for OF Ryan Hutchinson.

TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Named Greg Cadaret pitching coach.

WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Signed LHP Jake Fisher, RHP Charlie Harsup and OF Max White.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA — Suspended Phoenix Suns F P.J. Tucker for one-game without pay for elbowing Los Angeles Clippers F Blake Griffin.

Women's National Basketball Association

INDIANA FEVER — Traded G Erin Phillips to the Phoenix Mercury for F Lynetta Kizer and a first-round draft pick.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with TE Jake Ballard and PK Jay Feely on one-year contracts and DE Frostee Rucker on a two-year contract. Released G Daryn Colledge.

ATLANTA FALCONS — Agreed to terms with DT Jonathan Babineaux on a three-year contract. Agreed to terms with OL Joe Hawley on a two-year contract extension and G Jon Asamoah. DE Tyson Jackson and DT Paul Soliai. Released S Thomas DeCoud.

BUFFALO BILLS — Re-signed TE Mike Caussin and PK Dan Carpenter. Released QB Kevin Kolb.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Re-signed WR Brandon Tate. Terminated the contract of C Kyle Cook.

CHICAGO BEARS — Agreed to terms with DE Lamarr Houston on a five-year contract. S Ryan Mundy on a two-year contract and LB D.J. Williams and LB Jordan Senn on one-year contracts. Terminated the contract of DE Julius Peppers.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Released DE DeMarcus Ware.

DENVER BRONCOS — Agreed to terms with WR Andre Caldwell on a two-year contract and S T.J. Ward.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Released TE Owen Daniels and CB Brice McCain.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Re-signed PK Adam Vinatieri. Agreed to terms with DE Arthur Jones. Re-signed CB Vontae Davis and RB Ahmad Bradshaw.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Released RB Justin Forsett. Agreed to terms with G Zane Beadles.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Re-signed LB Larry Dean. Agreed to terms with QB Matt Cassel on a two-year contract and DE Everson Griffen.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Agreed to term S Jairus Byrd on a six-year contract.

NEW YORK JETS — Re-signed K Nick Folk to a multiyear contract.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Agreed to terms with OL Rodger Saffold on a five-year contract. Re-signed RB Darren McFadden to a one-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Agreed to terms with P Donnie Jones and S Malcolm Jenkins on three-year contracts. Released S Patrick Chung.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Released LB LaMarr Woodley.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Released CB Carlos Rogers. Acquired QB Blaine Gabbert from Jacksonville Jaguars for a 2014 sixth-round draft pick this year and a conditional 2015 pick. Agreed to terms with K Phil Dawson on a two-year contract.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Signed TE Anthony McCrary to a one-year contract.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Re-signed WR Santana Moss to a one-year contract and LB Perry Riley. Agreed to terms with G Shawn Lauvao.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

DALLAS STARS — Recalled Fs Chris Mueller and Colton Sceviour from Texas (AHL).

FLORIDA PANTHERS — Recalled F Joey Crabb and D Mike Mottau from San Antonio (AHL).

NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Agreed to terms with D Kevin Czuczman on a two-year, entry-level contract.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Recalled F Casey Wellman and D Patrick Wey from Hershey (AHL).

American Hockey League

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Signed F Dimitry Antipin to an amateur tryout contract.

HAMILTON BULLDOGS — Announced G Mike Condon was reassigned to Wheeling (ECHL).

MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Released D Chris Huxley from his professional tryout contract.

SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Loaned F Tim Miller to Cincinnati (ECHL). Traded F Tim Miller to Abbotsford for future considerations.

SPRINGFIELD FALCONS — Released D Mike Banwell from a professional tryout agreement.

ECHL

COLORADO EAGLES — Loaned F Trent Daavettila to Lake Erie (AHL).

ELMIRA JACKALS — Signed F Evan Haney to an amateur tryout agreement.

EVANSVILLE ICEMEN — Released D Dustin Hopfner.

FORT WAYNE KOMETS — Released D Jeremy Gates. Loaned D Jordon Southorn to Portland (AHL).

IDAHO STEELHEADS — Signed F Jason Bast. Added G Doug Melvin as emergency backup.

SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS — Traded D Zach Currie to Evansville for F Louie Oakley.

STOCKTON THUNDER — Traded F J.P. Burkemper to Toledo for cash considerations.

TOLEDO WALLEYE — Loaned F Travis Novak to Grand Rapids (AHL).

UTAH GRIZZLIES — Added G Pete Gibb as emergency backup.

Central Hockey League

ST. CHARLES CHILL — Suspended D David Strathman.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Signed M Antonio Dovale.

National Women's Soccer League

CHICAGO RED STARS — Announced the retirement of M Leslie Osborne.

WASHINGTON SPIRIT — Named Kari Jo Spisak assistant coach.

COLLEGE

BOWLING GREEN — Named Mike Mickens coordinator of offense and Andrew Sawder director of player personnel. Announced it will not renew the contract of men's basketball coach Louis Orr.

CALIFORNIA — Named Fred Tate defensive line coach. Announced Garret Chachere will be the linebackers coach. Reassigned Andy Buh to the athletic department.

CHATTANOOGA — Named Chris Malone offensive line coach.

GEORGETOWN — Named Luke Thompson defensive coordinator.

NYU — Named Joe Roman men's and women's assistant track and field coach.

TENNESSEE STATE. Fired Travis Williams men's basketball coach.

UNC WILMINGTON — Fired men's basketball coach Buzz Peterson. Named Eddie Biedenbach men's basketball coach.

VANDERBILT — Named Frank Maile defensive line coach.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	64	42	17	5	89	204	143
Toronto	66	35	23	8	78	196	199
Montreal	66	35	24	7	77	166	166
Tampa Bay	65	34	24	7	75	186	171
Detroit	65	29	23	13	71	172	183
Ottawa	65	28	25	12	68	185	213
Florida	65	24	34	7	55	157	209
Buffalo	65	19	38	8	46	129	192

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	65	44	17	4	92	206	159
N.Y. Rangers	66	36	27	4	74	172	165
Columbus	65	34	26	5	73	190	179
Philadelphia	65	33	26	7	73	184	190
New Jersey	66	29	24	13	71	163	168
Washington	67	30	27	10	70	193	202
Carolina	65	28	28	9	65	163	185
N.Y. Islanders	67	25	33	9	59	188	228

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	65	44	14	7	95	213	148
Chicago	65	38	13	14	90	223	172
Colorado	65	42	18	5	89	199	172
Minnesota	65	34	22	9	77	181	161
Dallas	65	32	23	10	74	188	181
Winnipeg	66	30	28	8	68	182	192
Nashville	66	28	28	10	66	160	195

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	65	43	15	7	93	208	160
San Jose	65	41	17	7	89	199	157
Los Angeles	66	38	22	6	82	162	139
Phoenix	66	31	24	11	73	184	189
Vancouver	67	29	28	10	68	157	181
Calgary	65	25	33	7	57	152	194
Edmonton	66	23	35	8	54	166	215

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

Tuesday's Scores

Edmonton 4, Minnesota 3, SO
Nashville 4, Buffalo 1
New Jersey 2, Philadelphia 1
Carolina 3, N.Y. Rangers 1
Columbus 4, Detroit 1
Phoenix 3, Florida 1
Pittsburgh 2, Washington 0
Dallas 3, St. Louis 2, OT
Toronto at San Jose, late

Today's Games

Boston at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Winnipeg, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Colorado, 8:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 9 p.m.

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Tue 6:33 am spring snow machine groomed 28-28 base 52 of 78 trails 67% open, 450 acres, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu; 9a-4p Fri; 9a-6p Sat; 9a-6p Sun; 9a-4p

Red River — Tue 11:38 am packed powder machine groomed 21-24 base 54 of 57 trails 95% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri; 9a-4p Sat/Sun; 9a-4p

Sipapu — Tue 8:32 am MG machine groomed 26-34 base 28 of 41 trails, 69% open 165 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, sm Mon-Fri; 9a-5p Sat; 9a-5p Sun; 9a-4p

Ski Apache — Tue 7:53 am MG machine groomed 20-24 base 40 of 55 trails 73% open, 500 acres, 9 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri; 9a-4p Sat/Sun; 9a-4p Mar 9-16; 9a-5p

Ski Santa Fe — Tue 10:55 am packed powder machine groomed 50-60 base 76 of 77 trails 99% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri; 9a-4p Sat/Sun; 9a-4p

Taos — Tue 6:04 am packed powder machine groomed 56-60 base 103 of 113 trails, 92% open 14 of 14 lifts, Mon-Fri; 9a-4p Sat/Sun; 9a-4p

Enchanted Forest XC — Tue 7:00 pm spring snow 8-12 base 12 of 40 trails 9 miles Mon-Fri; 9a-4:30p Sat/Sun; 9a-4:30p

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Tue 5:33 am packed powder machine groomed 77-77 base 107 of 107 trails 100% open, 980 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri; 8a-4p Sat/Sun; 8:30a-4p

Aspen Highlands — Tue 8:14 am packed powder machine groomed 75-102 base 124 of 124 trails 100% open, 1040 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri; 8a-3:30p Sat/Sun; 8a-3:30p

Aspen Mountain — Tue 8:12 am packed powder machine groomed 62-62 base 76 of 76 trails 100% open, 675 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, sm Mon-Fri; 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun; 9a-3:30p

Lady Rebels roll past Tascosa in rout

From staff reports

Lady Rebels 26
Lady Eagles 9

The Lee softball team scored 10 runs in the first inning and then rolled to a 26-9 run-rule victory against Amarillo Tascosa on Tuesday at Gene Smith Field in District 2-5A action.

Lee (10-7, 3-1 in District 2-5A) had control of the game from the beginning, but Tascosa (3-11, 0-4) was able to put some runs on the board with three runs in the third and five in the fourth. But Lee put up 11 in the third and five in the fourth to help clinch the five-inning victory.

Lee leadoff hitter Kylee Olivas was 4-for-5 with a team-high five RBI, and scored four runs.

"I think we took them for granted, which we shouldn't have and which explains their nine runs," Olivas said. "We just had to keep scoring and hitting, and stepping up our defense a little bit."

Along with Olivas, Cidney Martin was 3-for-3 with two RBI, and Ciara Sheppard was 3-for-3 with five runs scored. Rosie Marquez had two hits and three RBI, and Gabby Hernandez was 2-for-3 with three RBI, including a home run. Darby O'Grady also added two hits and an RBI.

2-5A Softball Standings

Team	Overall W	Overall L	District W	District L
Lubbock Coronado	9	5	17	2
San Angelo Central	3	1	9	1
Lee	10	7	3	1
Abilene High	8	7	10	7
Odessa Permian	7	3	10	7
Odessa High	3	5	7	5
Midland High	3	6	5	6
Abilene High	2	3	5	6
Abilene Cooper	1	3	5	6
Amarillo Tascosa	0	4	3	11

Thursday's Games

San Angelo Central at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.
Odessa Permian at Lee, 4:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Abilene High at Amarillo Tascosa, 4:30 p.m.
Abilene Cooper at Lubbock Coronado, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Midland High at Abilene Cooper, 2 p.m.
Lee at Abilene High, 2 p.m.
Lubbock Coronado at Odessa Permian, 2 p.m.
Odessa High at Amarillo Tascosa, 2 p.m.

LEE 26, AMARILLO TASCOSA 9

Tascosa	103	00—9	5-3	
Lee	(10)(11)	5x—26	10	4

Aspet Younker and Jazmine Ciedis, Alexsus Granado, Tasha Lindenmuth (5) and Destiny Reyes. W — Granado. L — Younker. 2B — Tascosa: Younker, Jade Contreras. Lee: Kylee Olivas 2, Rosie Marquez 2, Karsten Jones, Cidney Martin 2, Ciara Sheppard. 3B — Lee: Olivas. HR — Tascosa: Contreras. Lee: Gabby Hernandez. RBI — Tascosa: Olivia Smith, Younker, Contreras. Lee: Olivas 5, Lindenmuth, Marquez 3, Martin 2, Hernandez 3, Brandi Kennedy 1, Darby O'Grady 1.

Records: Lee 10-7, 3-1 in District 2-5A; Amarillo Tascosa 3-11, 0-4

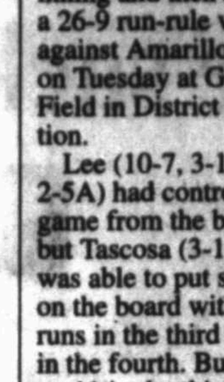
Next: Odessa Permian at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Thursday; Abilene High at Amarillo Tascosa, 4:30 p.m. Friday

MHS falls to Abilene despite late comeback

From staff reports

Lady Eagles 6
Lady Bulldogs 4

ABILENE — The Abilene High softball teams jumped on Midland High early and then held off a late comeback attempt by the Lady Dawgs for a 6-4 victory on Tuesday.



Warren

Abilene's starting pitcher Tori Bryant hit a three-run home run and two-run double to give the Lady Eagles (6-8, 1-3) a 5-0 lead after the second inning.

MHS starting pitcher Stefani Baeza did not record an out, giving up hits to the three batters she faced in the first inning. She was pulled after Bryant's homer.

MHS' Courtney Warren put MHS on the board with a solo homer in the third.

After AHS added a run in the fifth for a 6-1 lead, MHS (9-6, 2-3) rallied for a three-run seventh inning as Brooke Ryan hits a two-run double and later scored on a Shelby Neatherlin groundout.

But that was all the Lady Dawgs could get as Bryant pitched a complete game with six strikeouts and four walks.

For MHS, Warren went 3-for-4, Brooke Ryan was 2-for-2, Ashley McClellan was 2-for-3 and Brittany Baggett was 2-for-4.

The Lady Dawgs return home at 4:30 p.m. Thursday for a game against San Angelo Central.

ABILENE HIGH 6, MIDLAND HIGH 4

Midland High	001	000	3	—4 12 0
Abilene High	320	010	x	—6 13 0

Stefani Baeza, Brooke Ryan (1) and Courtney Warren. Tori Bryant and Lauren Campbell.

W — Bryant (5-5). L — Baeza. 2B — MHS: Ryan; AHS: Bryant, Campbell. HR — MHS: Warren; AHS: Bryant (1).

Records — Midland High 9-6, 2-3; Abilene High 6-8, 1-3.

Next: San Angelo Central at Midland High, 4:30 p.m. Thursday; Lee at Abilene High, 2 p.m. Saturday.

MCS splits pair of non-district games

From staff reports

The Midland Christian softball team split a pair of non-district games Tuesday at the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex.

The Lady Mustangs lost to Monahans, 14-11 in eight innings, and then bounced back for an 8-5 victory over Hobbs, N.M.

Against Monahans, the teams were tied at 7 after seven innings, before the Lady Loboes scored seven runs in the top of the eighth. MCS (19-11) responded with four runs in the bottom of the eighth.

In the win against Hobbs, the Lady Eagles had a 5-2 lead after three innings before MCS scored two in the fourth and four more runs in the fifth to take the lead for good.

Monahans 14, Midland Christian 11, 8 innings

Monahans	001	013	27	—14	18	3
MCS	000	025	04	—11	13	6

Monahans battery unavailable. Maddy Garcia and Chelsea Cross. L — Garcia. 2B — MCS: Adriana Berzoza, McKinley Walker. 3B — MCS: Bianca Ambrosio, Berzoza.

Midland Christian 8, Hobbs, N.M. 5

Hobbs	302	000	0	—5	8	5
MCS	110	240	x	—8	10	3

Kent and Lewis. Garcia and Cross. W — Garcia. L — Kent. 2B — Hobbs: Heckard, Boynton; MCS: Ambrosio, Berzoza. HR — Hobbs: Kent.

Record: MCS 19-11

Next: Midland Christian at Fort Stockton, 5 p.m. Tuesday

Friend: Pistorius fired guns in public

Associated Press

PRETORIA, South Africa — Oscar Pistorius fired guns in public in the months before he killed his girlfriend — once out of a car sunroof on a road and once in a crowded restaurant, a onetime friend said at the athlete's murder trial Tuesday, drawing an aggressive effort from the chief defense lawyer to pick holes in his testimony.

The account by Darren Fresco portrayed Pistorius as a reckless hothead infatuated with firearms and seemingly drifting down a precarious path before he fatally shot Reeva Steenkamp through a closed toilet door at his home before dawn on Feb. 14, 2013.

Fresco's description of how Pistorius once berated a police officer fit the prosecution's attempts to cast the double-amputee athlete as prone to flashes of anger and blinded by an inflated sense of entitlement at a time when his public image was that of a clean-cut poster boy for overcoming adversity.

"I said to him, are you (expletive) mad?" Fresco testified after, he said, Pistorius fired his gun out of the sunroof of the car later on the same day that he had the dispute with the police officer. "He just laughed."

At the same time, the testimony was coming from a man whose own actions were under scrutiny. Judge Thokozile Masipa cautioned Fresco, who was also a friend of Steenkamp, that some questions could incriminate him for offenses including discharge of a firearm in a built-up area, negligent damage to property and reckless endangerment. She said he would not be prosecuted if he answered the questions truthfully.

Pistorius, 27, denies shooting the gun in the car, although now two witnesses say that he did. The athlete is on trial for murder in the killing of Steenkamp, and also faces two firearm charges for shooting in public and a third firearm charge for illegal possession of ammunition.

Pistorius says he shot Steenkamp by mistake, thinking she was a dangerous intruder. The prosecution says he killed her after an argument.

The athlete's demeanor in court Tuesday was drastically different from the previous day, when he needed a vomit bucket as he heard a pathologist give graphic details of the injuries he inflicted on his girlfriend when he shot her multiple times.

This time, Pistorius mostly sat with his hands in his lap and often made notes.

Fresco testified that Pistorius' altercation with a police officer happened in late 2012, when their car was pulled over by traffic police for the second time that day. He said Pistorius was furious with an officer for handling his gun, which he had left on the passenger seat.

"'You can't just touch another man's gun,'" Pistorius said to the officer, according to Fresco. "He started telling the officer: 'Now your fingerprints are all over my gun, so if something happens, you are then going to be liable for anything that had happened.' He was furious about that. Someone else had touched his gun."

Fresco and a former Pistorius girlfriend have both testified that the Olympian shot his gun out of the car sunroof later that day. But their stories do not match in parts, a fact highlighted by defense lawyer Barry Roux.

Fresco, who said he was driving the car, testified that Pistorius fired without warning sometime after visiting an unidentified person's house. Samantha Taylor, who was dating the athlete at the time and was in the car, has testified that it happened soon after the altercation with police and after Pistorius and Fresco discussed finding a traffic light to shoot at.

Roux also questioned Fresco about an incident at a packed Johannesburg restaurant in the posh Melrose Arch district in early 2013 — about a month before Steenkamp's death — when he said he handed his gun under the table to Pistorius and it fired. According to Fresco, Pistorius said there was too much "media hype" around him and asked Fresco to take the blame for the shooting, which he did.

Fresco said he had warned Pistorius that the gun was "one-up," meaning it had a bullet in the chamber.

"I knew that he had a big love for weapons," Fresco testified. "My assumption was that he had competency."

Roux asked Fresco when exactly he had warned Pistorius that there was a magazine in the gun and a bullet in the chamber, and when Pistorius had asked him to take the rap. The friend couldn't pinpoint the precise times.

"Will you agree, Mr. Fresco, you have uncertainty ... about what specifically happened and what was said?" Roux asked.

Roux sought to undermine Fresco's character, questioning why he crumpled up a speeding ticket and threw it on the floor of the car after he and Pistorius were stopped by the police. Fresco also said he'd been following some previous testimony in the case on Twitter, which witnesses should not do.

If convicted on the murder charge, Pistorius could be sent to prison for at least 25 years before the chance of parole, the minimum time someone must serve if given a life sentence in South Africa.

MC golf finishes 5th

From staff reports

DENNIS — The Midland College golf teams struggled during the final round of the Sugar Tree Invitational on Tuesday.

The Chaparrals shot a 311 to slip into fifth place in the standings with a 298-311—609 total. McLennan Community College won the tournament with a 294-286—580 total, while Odessa College's No. 1 team was second with a 304-291—595. The leaders were followed by Western Texas College (299-300—599), and Odessa College's No. 2 team (303-305—608).

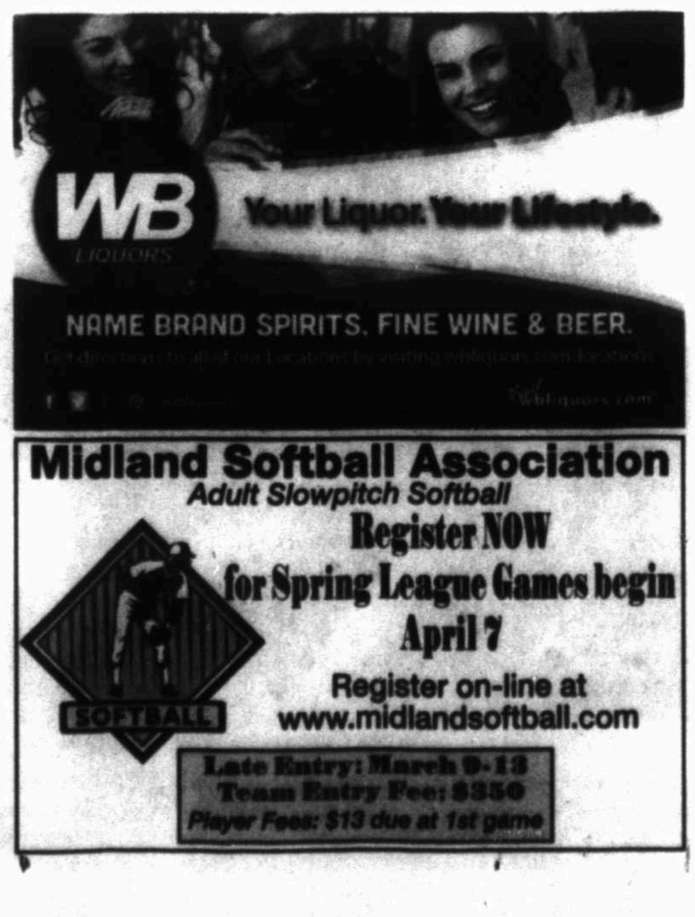
David Wicks led the Chaparrals with a 70-77—147 total, while Oswin Schlenkrich had a 74-78—152. Ryder Skillern shot 73-80—153, Russell Lara finished at 84-76—160, and Jake Boggus fired 81-87—168.

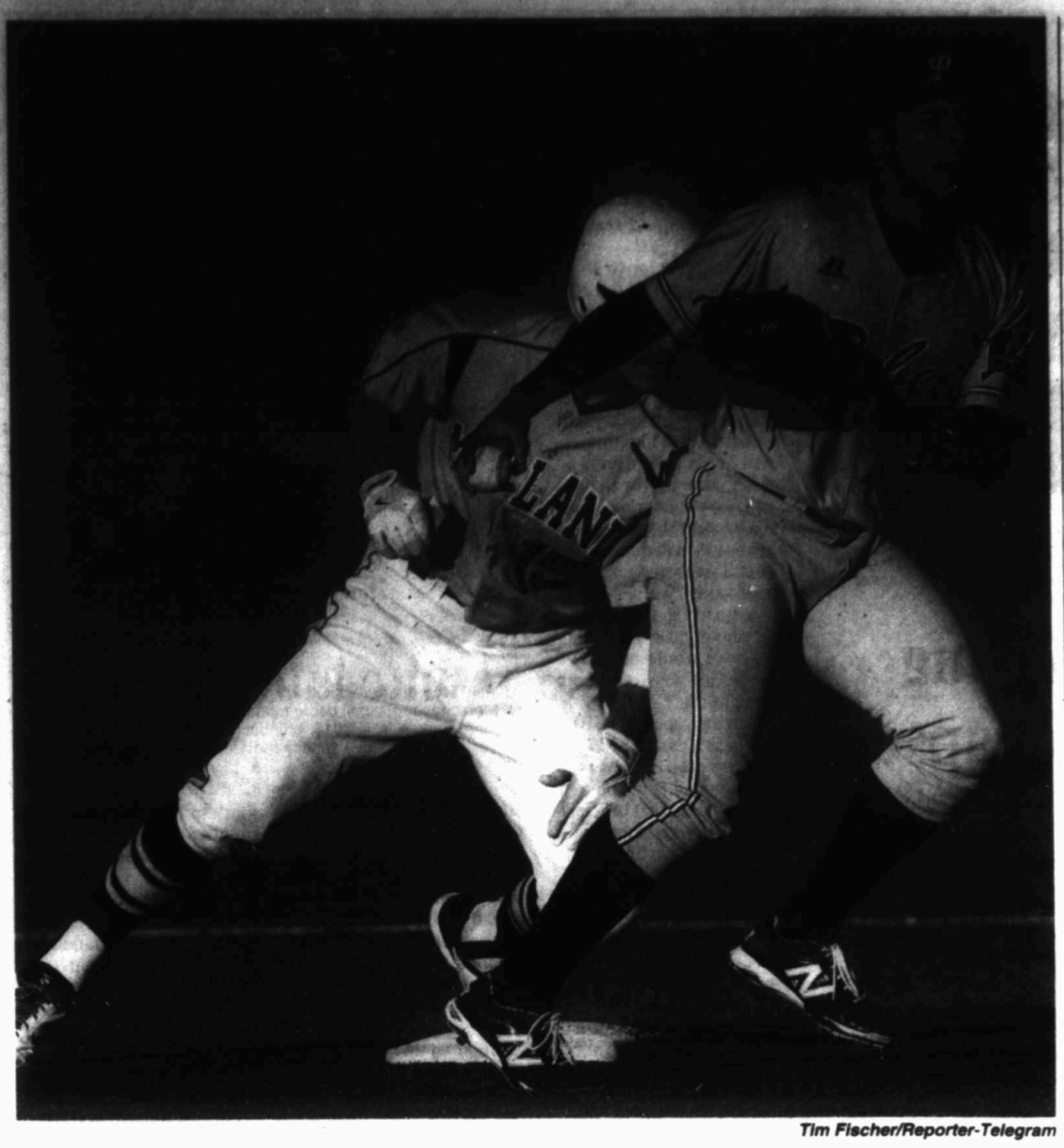
The Chaparrals will next host the Omega Treating Chemical Invitational at Green Tree Country Club on Monday.

SUGAR TREE INVITATIONAL at SugarTree Golf Club, Dennis Tuesday's final results

Team standings — 1. McLennan Community College 294-286—580; 2. Odessa College No. 1 304-291—595; 3. Western Texas College 299-300—599; 4. Odessa College No. 2 303-305—608; 5. Midland College 298-311—609; 6. New Mexico JC 312-303—615; 7. Ranger College 311-316—627; 8. Iowa Western CC 318-314—332; 9. Hutchinson (Kan.) CC 328-323—649; 10. New Mexico Military Institute 346-338—684

Midland College individuals — David Wicks 70-77—147; Ryder Skillern 73-80—153; Oswin Schlenrich 74-78—152; Jake Boggus 81-87—168; Russell Lara 84-76—160





Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Rayon Calhoun gets the force out at second on Midland High's Austen Wade but can not turn the double play to first Tuesday evening at Christensen Stadium.

MHS

From 1C

the second through the fifth innings.

Mata, meanwhile, gave up a leadoff single to Austen Wade in the first but then retired nine straight in the second through fourth innings to keep the game scoreless.

"Mata, you've got to tip your hat to that kid, he baffled us quite honestly," Midland High coach Barry Russell said. "He has us baffled for probably five innings, and I knew it was going to be like that."

The Bulldogs, though, finally got to Mata in the fifth when Braden Rushton, who led off the inning with a single to right, scored on a single up the middle by Lancaster for a 1-0 MHS lead.

The scored stayed that way for an inning before Lee found a way to score against Lancaster.

Ray Calhoun slapped a two-out single to right in the sixth, and moved to second on a wild pitch. Hunter Coleman was intentionally walked, but then Blake Blessie hit a hard single to right-center to score Calhoun to tie the game.

Another intentional walk was issued to Griffin Quintero to load the bases. But Lancaster struck out Brady Roper to end the inning. Roper was playing in his first game since an injury to his hand in early February kept him out for the first part of the season.

The Rebels had an opportunity to win it in the seventh when Garrett Chalker hit a two-out double to left, but he was stranded there when Lancaster struck out Mata to end that threat and keep the score tied.

"I had a lot of confidence, and you've got to have a lot of confidence to pitch," said Lancaster, who pitched seven innings, with 10 strikeouts and six hits. "You are going to lose battles, and you are going to win battles, and I just knew I had to make my best pitch and my best against their best. And luckily my best was better than theirs."

Lancaster's strikeout set up the eighth for the Bulldogs as Kohl Fritschen hit a single and Gilbert Sanchez walked with one out, setting up White's game-winning double.

Mata finished the game giving up three runs on seven hits with four strikeouts and one walk, and the eighth inning was the only time the Bulldogs had back-to-back hits against the sophomore right-hander.

"I think we are still growing, and we've got four guys that were on that team from last year, everybody else is new," Russell said. "We are still learning how to play in this type of atmosphere and this type of pressure."

Follow Len on Twitter: @Len_Hayward_MRT

MIDLAND HIGH 3, LEE 1, 8 INNINGS

MHS	000	010	02	—3	7	1	
Lee	000	001	00	—1	6	2	

Jackson Lancaster, Sean Grebeck (8) and Dos Downing; Evan Mata and Hunter Coleman. W — Lancaster. L — Mata. S — Sean Grebeck. 2B — MHS: Lance White. Lee: Garrett Chalker. Blake Blessie. RBI — MHS: Lancaster, White 2. Lee: Blessie.

Records: Midland High 10-6, 4-0 in District 2-5A. Lee 5-9, 0-4.

Next: Abilene Cooper at Midland High, noon Saturday. Andrews at Lee, 3 p.m. today.

2-5A Baseball Standings

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

Tuesday's Scores

Abilene Cooper 5, Odessa High 4
San Angelo Central 6, Amarillo Tascosa 2
Odessa Permian, 11, Big Spring 8
Abilene High 7, Lubbock Coronado 2
Midland High 3, Lee 1, 8 innings

Saturday's Games

Abilene Cooper at MHS, Noon
Abilene High at San Angelo Central, Noon
Odessa Permian at Lubbock Coronado, Noon
Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa High, 1 p.m

Greenwood's Franklin earns 4-3A honor

From staff reports

Greenwood senior guard Grant Franklin was named the Offensive Most Valuable Player on the 4-3A All-District boys basketball team, which was announced recently.

Franklin

Franklin helped the Rangers to a 7-21 record and a berth in the playoffs, and also averaged more than 20 points a game this season.

Franklin was the lone Greenwood player to receive superlative or first team honors on the all-district squad.

Abilene Wylie's Mike Lopez and Monahans' Andres Facio shared Most Valuable Player honors, while Abilene Wylie teammates Hunter Herrera and Daron Davis were the Co-Defensive MVPs.

Monahans sophomore Lucas Rodriguez was the Newcomer of the Year, and Abilene Wylie coach Greg Ruffin earned Coach of the Year honors.

Big Spring juniors Ty Sealy and Tyler Bryan each were named ot the first team.

4-3A All-District Boys Basketball Team

Co-MVP: Mike Lopez, Abilene Wylie, Sr
Andres Facio, Monahans, Sr
Offensive MVP: Grant Franklin, Greenwood Sr
Defensive MVPs: Hunter Herrera, Wylie, Sr
Daron Davis, Wylie, Jr
Newcomer of the Year: Lucas Rodriguez, Monahans, So
Coach of the Year: Greg Ruffin, Wylie

FIRST TEAM

Abilene Wylie: Christian Nichols, Sr; Seth Hyner, Sr
Big Spring: Ty Sealy, Jr; Tyler Bryan, Jr
Monahans: Junior Morales, Sr
Snyder: Malik Davis, Sr
Sweetwater: Kaleb Hoover, Sr; Dylan Bennett, Sr

SECOND TEAM

Abilene Wylie: Jeremy Acres, Sr; Zack Erickson, Jr
Big Spring: Tyler Wrightson, Sr; Charles Green, Sr
Greenwood: Jose Tuala, Sr
Monahans: Jacob Lujan, Jr; Marcus Montez, So
Snyder: Draion Jackson, So
Sweetwater: Deandre Gatson, Sr; Rhett Torres, Jr

NASCAR changing qualifying after safety concerns

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Moving swiftly to address driver safety concerns, NASCAR on Tuesday banned cool-down laps and will start allowing teams to hook up cooling units to their engines on pit road — the first major changes to the popular new knockout qualifying format unveiled this season.

The decisions were made during a conference call with crew chiefs. Several people who participated told The Associated Press that NASCAR initially said teams could use external fans on pit road to cool the engines. But after nearly unanimous objection, NASCAR relented on the use of cooling units.

NASCAR this season moved to the knockout format that has been widely praised as more entertaining. Drivers, however, were barred from cooling their engines on pit road because using the cooling units would mean opening the hood — and once hoods are open, NASCAR inspectors would have too difficult a time policing the pits to make sure adjustments were not being made.

The result? Drivers the last two weeks were slowing their cars to a crawl and circling the track at slow speeds at the same time other drivers were speeding past during their qualifying attempts — sometimes 150 mph faster.

Brian Vickers called it "the most dangerous thing I've ever done in racing" following last week's qualifying session at Las Vegas.

Crew chiefs argued during the call that teams already own cooling units and forcing them to purchase external fans was an unnecessary cost. NASCAR officials claimed engine builders preferred the use of the fans, but that theory was widely rejected on the call so NASCAR permitted the use of the cooling units as long as they are hooked up through a flap on either side of the car. Teams can still not lift the hood of the car.

"The qualifying is new to all of us and as we have said over the past several weeks, we are looking at it from all aspects," said Robin Pemberton, vice president of competition and racing development. "Following discussions, both internally and with others in the garage area, we moved quickly to make a few revisions that will be effective starting with our two national series events at Bristol Motor Speedway this weekend."

The changes are in response to two weeks of driver complaints about the dangers of slow cars driving on the apron. There was even more concern this week as NASCAR heads this weekend to Bristol, where there is a decided lack of space on the 0.533-mile bullring.

"It's going to be a tough one. I think the cooling will be obviously a little bit better this week just from the fact that it's 15 second laps, the engine temps won't get quite as high," Paul Wolfe, crew chief for Brad Keselowski, said earlier Tuesday. "But yeah, trying to go out and cool down at Bristol, that could be a potential issue. There's really no room to get out of the way, unless you're just running around on the flat part there on the apron."

NASCAR did not make a decision Tuesday on a second complaint — the practice of having cars back out of their spots on pit road at the start of each qualifying round. Six-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson called it "sketchy" and said "we're going to start crashing cars just backing out, because you've got guys at various angles trying to back out."

Rebels tie Amarillo Tascosa

From staff reports

Lee	2
Tascosa	2

AMARILLO — The Lee boys soccer team not only battled Amarillo Tascosa but the wind for a 2-2 draw in a District 2-5A match on Tuesday afternoon.

Hicks

Lee coach Scott Hicks said the wind, which had gusts of 35-40 mph, was a huge factor in the match. Hicks said Tascosa (13-2-3, 9-1-3, 30 points) had a 1-0 lead with the wind in the first half.

The Rebels (11-4-3, 7-3-3, 24 points) had the wind in the second half and scored both of their goals. Cesar Gonzales scored in the 60th minute off an assist by Reid Longabaugh. Then the Rebels tied it at 2 in the 72nd minute with an unassisted goal by Gonzales.

"It was a close match and a good game," Hicks said. "We had a chance at the very end but couldn't put it through the net."

Lee next hosts Abilene Cooper at noon Saturday.

MHS rallies for win over Bobcats

From staff reports

Bulldogs	**3**
Bobcats	2

The Midland High boys soccer team inched closer to a possible District 2-5A title with a 3-2 win over San Angelo Central on Tuesday at Grande Communications Stadium.

The Bobcats struck first with a goal in the 19th minute.

The Bulldogs' (9-1-3, 30 points) leading scorer Homero Vasquez evened things up 10 minutes later by scoring off an assist by Alex VonHolle.

The Bobcats (3-9-2, 12 points) took the lead again two minutes into the second half, and held that lead until the 60th minute when Vasquez scored his second goal of the game off an assist from Gus Ramirez.

The two teams fought tooth-and-nail and kept things even until the 76th minute when Alex VonHolle knocked in the game-winner off an assist by Will Downing.

Midland High head coach Warren Cottle said he was pleased with his team's resolve.

"We came from behind twice," Cottle said. "We fought hard and we're looking forward to a big game Friday."

The Bulldogs will host Amarillo Tascosa at 5 p.m on Friday at Grande Communications Stadium.

2-5A Boys Soccer Standings

Team	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T	Overall Pts	District W	District L	District T
x-Amarillo Tascosa	9	1	3	30	13	2	3
x-Midland High	9	1	3	30	11	3	3
Lee	7	3	3	24	11	4	3
Abilene Cooper	7	3	3	24	9	3	5
Odessa High	4	6	3	15	8	7	3
Abilene High	4	7	2	14	5	9	4
Odessa Permian	5	7	1	16	6	10	1
San Angelo Central	3	8	2	11	5	10	2
Lubbock Coronado	1	12	0	3	2	16	0

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie
x-clinched a playoff spot

Tuesday's Scores

Midland High 3, San Angelo Central 2
Lee 2, Amarillo Tascosa 2
Abilene Cooper 4, Odessa High 0
Odessa Permian 6, Lubbock Coronado 1

Friday, March 14

Amarillo Tascosa at Midland High, 5 p.m

Saturday, March 15

Abilene Cooper at Lee, Noon
Lubbock Coronado at Abilene High, Noon
Odessa High vs. Odessa Permian, Noon

Lee, Tascosa play to scoreless draw

From staff reports

Lee	0
Tascosa	0

AMARILLO — The Lee girls soccer team battled Amarillo Tascosa to a scoreless draw on a cold and windy Tuesday night at Dick Bivins Stadium.

It was the fifth draw for the Lady Rebels (4-7-6, 2-6-5, 11 points) in District 2-5A action. Tascosa moved to 2-9-4, 1-7-4 (10 points).

No further information was available.

Lee hosts Abilene Cooper at 2 p.m. Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

2-5A Girls Soccer Standings

Team	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T	Overall Pts	District W	District L	District T
xy-Odessa Permian	11	0	2	35	13	1	3
San Angelo Central	8	5	1	25	10	6	1
Midland High	7	4	4	25	8	5	4
Odessa High	7	2	4	25	8	4	6
Abilene Cooper	7	4	2	23	9	5	4
Lee	4	6	5	11	4	7	6
Abilene High	2	7	4	10	5	7	4
Amarillo Tascosa	1	7	4	7	2	9	4
Lubbock Coronado	1	12	0	3	3	14	1

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched district title

Tuesday's Scores

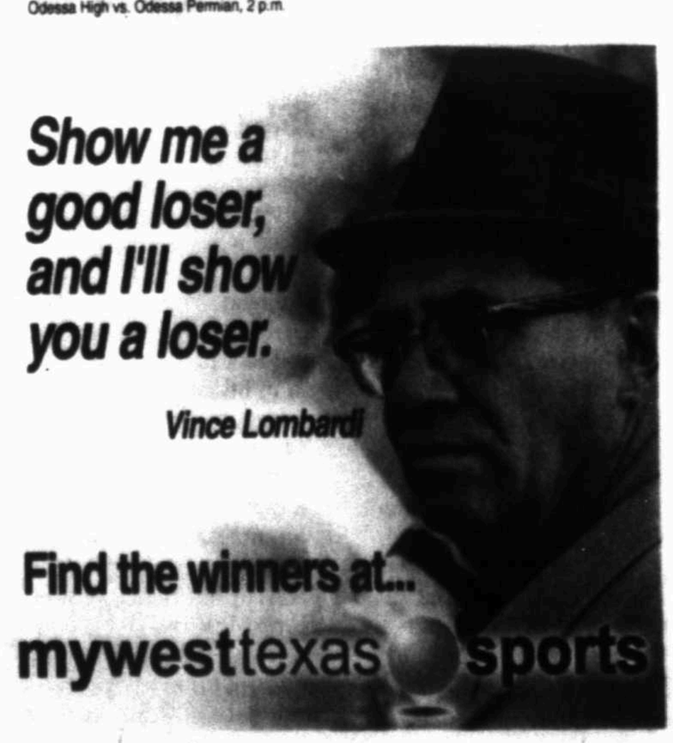
San Angelo Central 1, Midland High 1
Lee 0, Amarillo Tascosa 0
Abilene Cooper 0, Odessa High 0
Odessa Permian 3, Lubbock Coronado 0

Friday, March 14

Amarillo Tascosa at Midland High, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 15

Abilene Cooper at Lee, 2 p.m.
Lubbock Coronado at Abilene High, 2 p.m.
Odessa High vs. Odessa Permian, 2 p.m.



Associated Press

Dallas Stars' Jamie Benn speaks to the media following an NHL hockey practice Tuesday in St. Louis. Teammates are speaking out a day after the Stars' Rich Peverley collapsed during a game Monday night in Dallas. Peverley is undergoing testing to determine what triggered his collapse. The Stars are scheduled to play the St. Louis Blues tonight in St. Louis.

Stars' Peverley having heart tests after collapse

By R.B. Fallstrom
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Dallas Stars forward Rich Peverley was undergoing heart tests Tuesday to determine what triggered his collapse during a game. He has company in the hospital.

Teammate Alex Chiasson was being treated after becoming despondent about Peverley's plight. He didn't join the team for its trip to St. Louis.

"He was shaken by the whole event," coach Lindy Ruff said after the Stars' morning skate prior to playing the Blues. "He wasn't doing very well so we thought best to get him under some care."

Peverley's collapsed on the bench Monday night during the first period of the Stars' home game against Columbus, stunning the crowd and players alike. He was rushed to the depths of the arena, where he was treated for a "cardiac event" and the game was postponed with the Blue Jackets leading 1-0.

The 31-year-old Peverley was diagnosed with an irregular heartbeat in training camp and underwent a procedure that sidelined him through the first regular season game. He played in 60 straight games before sitting out at Columbus last week because of effects of the condition; he played in two more games before Monday night.

General manager Jim Nill said Peverley was in stable condition, and has been communicating with teammates and friends since he was hospitalized.

"The focus of all the testing and monitoring is being dedicated to finding the cause of the event and a long-term solution to rectify the problem," Nill said.

Abreu has 3 hits, Beckham homers to pace White Sox

Associated Press

White Sox 7
Rangers 6

GLENDALE, Ariz. — John Danks pitched four-hit ball for five innings and Jose Abreu went 3 for 3 with two RBIs, leading the Chicago White Sox to a 7-6 win over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday.

Danks, making his second start of the spring, struck out one and walked three as he continued his buildup to the regular season. Gordon Beckham hit a solo home run in support of Danks.

Paul Konerko and Dayan Viciedo each had an RBI as the White Sox got 12 hits, six off Rangers starter Joe Saunders.

Saunders, signed last week to compete for a spot in the Texas starting rotation, gave up three runs and six hits in three innings, striking out four. Tommy Hanson, another starting rotation candidate, pitched the next four innings.

Adam Rosales drove in a run with a sacrifice fly off Sox reliever Mitchell Boggs in the eighth as the Rangers rallied for five runs to take the lead.

SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	Pct
Cleveland	10	2	.833
Baltimore	9	3	.750
Seattle	11	4	.733
Tampa Bay	6	3	.667
New York	7	5	.583
Oakland	6	5	.545
Detroit	7	6	.538
Chicago	5	5	.500
Kansas City	6	6	.500
Minnesota	5	5	.500
Toronto	6	6	.500
Houston	5	6	.455
Los Angeles	5	7	.417
Boston	5	8	.385
Texas	3	8	.273

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L	Pct
Miami	8	3	.727
Washington	8	4	.667
San Francisco	8	5	.615
Pittsburgh	7	5	.583
Arizona	7	7	.500
Colorado	7	7	.500
Chicago	6	7	.462
Los Angeles	5	6	.455
New York	5	6	.455
San Diego	5	6	.455
Milwaukee	6	8	.429
Atlanta	4	9	.308
Cincinnati	4	11	.267
St. Louis	2	7	.222
Philadelphia	2	10	.167

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

Tuesday's Scores

Tampa Bay 7, Minnesota 1
Washington 3, N.Y. Yankees 2
Atlanta 9, Philadelphia 1
N.Y. Mets 9, St. Louis 8
Miami 5, Boston (ss) 4
Toronto 3, Detroit 2, 10 innings
Boston (ss) 6, Baltimore 5
L.A. Dodgers 7, Kansas City 5
Chicago White Sox 7, Texas 6
Colorado 13, Chicago Cubs 0
San Francisco 8, Cincinnati 5
Seattle 10, L.A. Angels 6
San Diego 6, Oakland 5
Cleveland 7, Arizona 1

Today's Games

Washington (ss) vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Atlanta (ss) vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Washington (ss) vs. Atlanta (ss) at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:10 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. L.A. Angels (ss) at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (ss) vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 9:10 p.m.

Ware's Dallas exit biggest early free agency move

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

AP file photo

Buffalo Bills' quarterback Kevin Kolb throws a pass during an NFL preseason football game against the Minnesota Vikings in Orchard Park, N.Y. in 2013. Without going into detail, general manager Doug Whaley announced Tuesday the team released Kolb after he failed a physical.

The biggest move at Tuesday's start of the NFL free-agency signing period was a departure: Franchise sack leader DeMarcus Ware was released by the Dallas Cowboys to create room under the salary cap.

"A decision like this, involving a man who is a cornerstone player in the history of your franchise, is extremely difficult," Cowboys owner and general manager Jerry Jones said. "We were also in very strong agreement that playing for the Dallas Cowboys would be one of the options we would both be exploring."

With the cap rising $10 million to a record $133 million, a crop of players quickly found new homes as soon as the market officially opened Tuesday afternoon — and offensive linemen were a popular commodity.

Pro Bowl left tackle Branden Albert and the Miami Dolphins agreed to a five-year contract worth more than $45 million, according to a person familiar with the negotiations, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the team hadn't made an announcement.

Albert takes over the position played at the start of last season by Jonathan Martin, who left the Dolphins in October, leading to an NFL inquiry into bullying on the team.

Left tackle Jared Veldheer and the Arizona Cardinals agreed to a five-year contract worth $35 million, with $17 million guaranteed. Veldheer left the Oakland Raiders, who replaced him by giving former Rams lineman Rodger Saffold a five-year deal.

Another left tackle, Eugene Monroe, agreed to a five-year contract to stay with the Baltimore Ravens.

Guards switching teams: Zane Beadles was expected sign a five-year deal to join the Jacksonville Jaguars from the Denver Broncos, pending a physical; the Atlanta Falcons agreed to terms with Jon Asamoah, who was with the Kansas City Chiefs; the Washington Redskins struck a deal with Shawn Lauvao, who left the Cleveland Browns. The Redskins also agreed to terms with special teams standout Adam Hayward and scheduled a visit with cornerback Corey Graham.

The Jaguars also were busy, announcing they re-signed cornerback Will Blackmon to a two-year deal, traded quarterback Blaine Gabbert to San Francisco for a sixth-round draft pick, and scheduled a visit with free-agent linebacker Dekoda Watson. Gabbert was the 10th overall pick in the 2011 draft.

The Chicago Bears made a series of moves to try to improve their defense, agreeing to a five-year contract with former Raiders end Lamarr Houston and a two-year contract with former Steelers and Giants safety Ryan Mundy, along with one-year deals with linebackers Jordan Senn and D.J. Williams.

Other players changing teams: kick returner and receiver Dexter McCluster agreed to terms with the Tennessee Titans, leaving the Chiefs; defensive end Arthur Jones joined the Indianapolis Colts from the Baltimore Ravens; safety Antoine Bethea went to the 49ers from the Colts; safety Malcolm Jenkins agreed to a three-year contract with the Philadelphia Eagles, leaving the New Orleans Saints; defensive end Tyson Jackson and defensive tackle Paul Soliai both joined the Falcons; and defensive tackle Earl Mitchell left the Houston Texans to go to the Dolphins.

Still, Ware's exit from Dallas was the most significant early development.

The 31-year-old Ware, who had 117 sacks and went to seven Pro Bowls while with the Cowboys, was set to count $16 million against the salary cap. By releasing him now, the Cowboys, who were right up against the cap, saved more than $7 million.

Ware had a career-low six sacks last season, his ninth in Dallas. He missed time with a thigh injury, then had offseason elbow surgery.

Others released included Bills quarterback Kevin Kolb (who failed a physical), Falcons safety Thomas DeCoud, Steelers linebacker LaMarr Woodley, 49ers cornerback Carlos Rogers, Eagles safety Patrick Chung, and Bengals center Kyle Cook.

Among players staying with their teams thanks to new deals reached Tuesday:

■ RB Darren McFadden was given a $4 million, one-year contract by the Raiders.

■ KR-WR Brandon Tate re-signed with the Bengals.

■ PK Adam Vinatieri, the 41-year-old with four Super Bowl rings, agreed to a two-year contract with the Colts. Other PKs getting new contracts: Nick Folk (Jets), Phil Dawson (49ers), Dan Carpenter (Bills).

■ CB Vontae Davis re-signed with the Colts.

■ RB Joique Bell is now signed with the Lions for $9.3 million over three years, with $4.3 million guaranteed.

■ LB Perry Riley and the Redskins agreed to a deal worth about $13 million over three years, with about $4.25 million in guaranteed money. Washington also re-signed WR Santana Moss.

■ DT Jonathan Babineaux got a three-year contract from the Falcons.

■ TE Anthony McCoy got a one-year deal from the Super Bowl champion Seahawks after he missed all of last season with a torn Achilles tendon.

■ WR Andre Caldwell got a two-year contract from the Broncos.

WARE

From 1C

who is held in the highest regard within the Dallas Cowboys family," Jones said in the statement. "He is worthy of our greatest respect, and we want what is best for him and his family."

A first-round pick under coach Bill Parcells in 2005, Ware finished with 117 sacks, three more than Martin. He set a club record with 20 sacks in 2008 during a seven-year streak of at least 10 sacks per season. The four-time All-Pro is ninth in club history with 710 tackles.

Djokovic, Jankovic win at Indian Wells

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — Novak Djokovic defeated Alejandro Gonzalez 6-1, 3-6, 6-1 on Tuesday, ending the Colombian's surprising run to the third round at the BNP Paribas Open.

Djokovic, a two-time champion at Indian Wells, earned the only two breaks of the third set, including a seven-deuce game that he closed out with a clever backhand drop volley.

Gonzalez had never won an ATP Tour-level match in six tries before Indian Wells. He won third-set tiebreakers in his first two matches here before keeping the world's second-ranked man on the court for just over 1½ hours.

Djokovic had 28 winners to 11 for Gonzalez, who also had 23 unforced errors.

Djokovic next plays 24th-seeded Marin Cilic of Croatia, who beat 16th-seeded Tommy Robredo 6-4, 6-3.

Jelena Jankovic routed Caroline Wozniacki 6-3, 6-1 to reach the quarterfinals, winning a matchup of former tournament champions and No. 1-ranked players.

Jankovic next plays either second-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska or 22nd-seeded Alize Cornet, who met later in a fourth-round match.

Top-seeded Li Na played Aleksandra Wozniak of Canada, and American John Isner took on Yen-Hsun Lu of Taipei in night matches.

Jankovic made the quarterfinals for the first time since winning the Indian Wells title in 2010, when she beat Wozniacki. The Dane won the title in 2011 and lost to Maria Sharapova in last year's final.

But she offered little resistance against Jankovic, who raced to a 5-0 lead in the second set before Wozniacki held at 40-love to avoid getting shut out in front of her fiance, golfer Rory McIlroy.

"I kind of found my way, found my rhythm, and I was striking the ball very well out there and took control of the points," Jankovic said. "I just did not let her play what she plays. That was very important."

Jankovic was the world's top-ranked player in 2008. Wozniacki reached the top spot in 2010; she's now No. 12. Jankovic, who is ranked eighth, was the first top-10 player Wozniacki has faced so far this year.

Tuesday
At The Indian Wells Tennis Garden
Indian Wells, Calif.
Purse: Men: $8.17 million (Masters 1000)
Women: $5.05 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Third Round

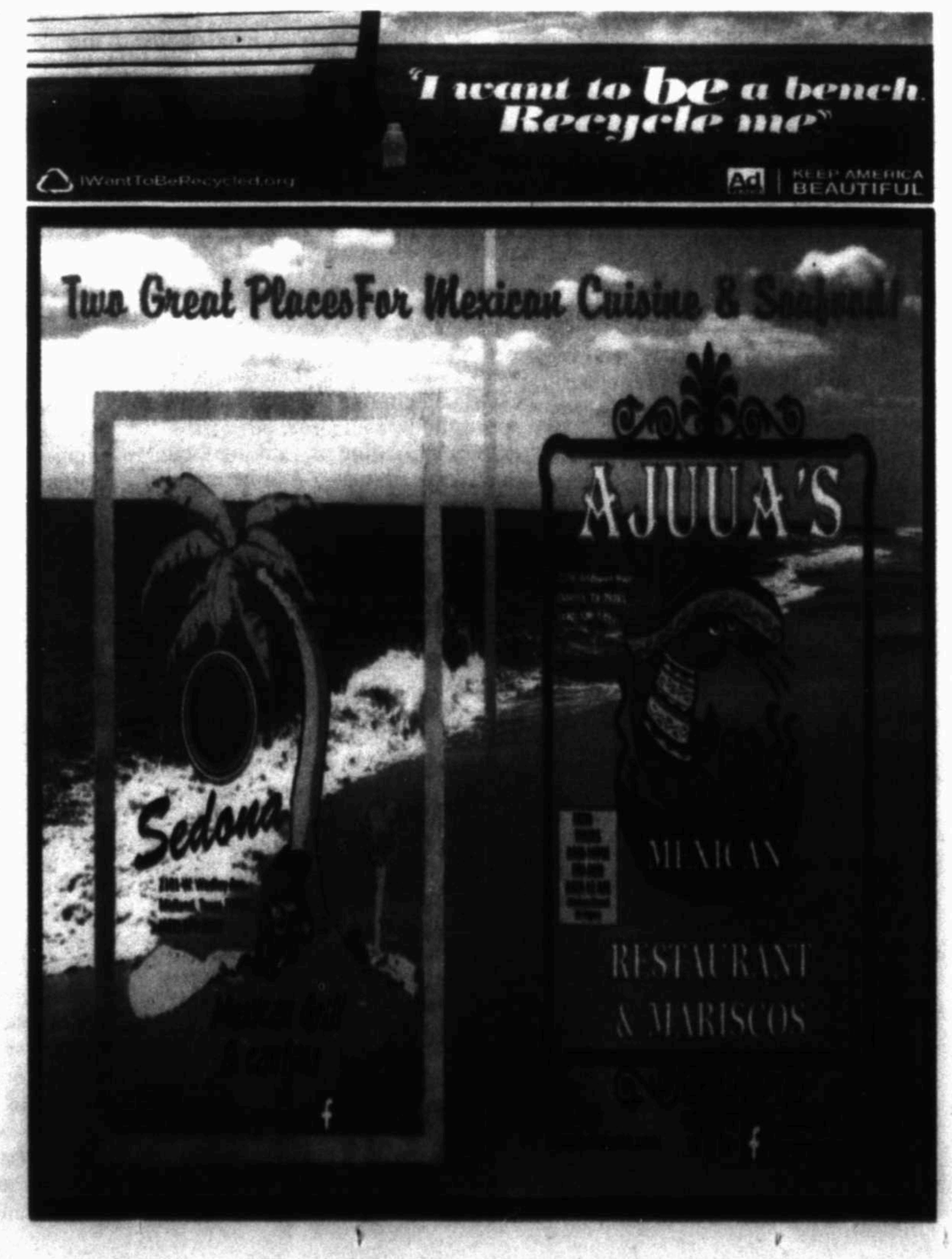
Marin Cilic (24), Croatia, def. Tommy Robredo (16), Spain, 6-4, 6-3.
Roberto Bautista Agut, Spain, def. Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (6).
Fernando Verdasco (30), Spain, def. Richard Gasquet (8), France, 7-6 (5), 6-1.
Feliciano Lopez, Spain, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Alejandro Gonzalez, Colombia, 6-1, 3-6, 6-1.

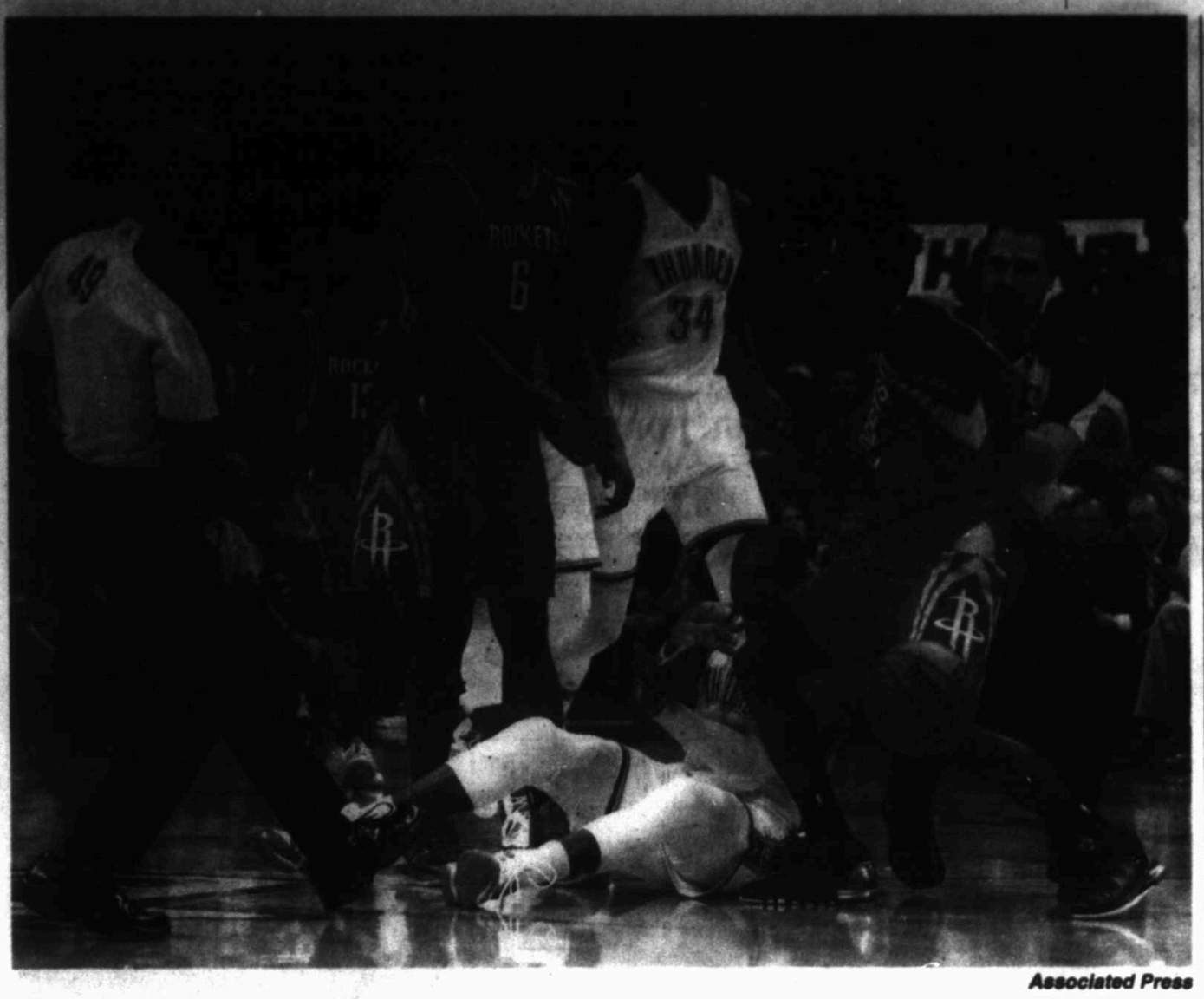
Women
Fourth Round

Simona Halep (6), Romania, def. Eugenie Bouchard (18), Canada, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4.
Jelena Jankovic (7), Serbia, def. Caroline Wozniacki (10), Denmark, 6-3, 6-1.
Casey Dellacqua, Australia, def. Lauren Davis, United States, walkover.

Women's Doubles
Quarterfinals

Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, and Zheng Jie (8), China, def. Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, and Katarina Srebotnik (4), Slovenia, 7-6, 5-7, 10-3.





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Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook, bottom, reacts after a foul by Houston Rockets guard Pat Beverley, right, during the first quarter in Oklahoma City, Tuesday. Looking on are Rockets forward Terrence Jones (6) and Thunder center Hasheem Thabeet (34).

Durant, Westbrook lead Thunder past Rockets

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

Thunder 106
Rockets 98

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant scored 42 points to help the Oklahoma City Thunder defeat the Houston Rockets 106-98 on Tuesday night.

Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook scored 24 points and got the best of nemesis Patrick Beverley. During last year's playoffs, Beverley dived for the ball and ran into Westbrook's right knee as a timeout was being called, causing the injury that ended Westbrook's season and cost him about half of this season. It was their first meeting since the incident.

Serge Ibaka had 12 points and 16 rebounds for the Thunder, who had lost two straight.

Former Thunder guard James Harden scored 28 points, Chandler Parsons scored 19 and Dwight Howard had nine points and 10 rebounds for the Rockets. Houston had won five straight, including victories over Miami, Indiana and Portland.

The chippiness started early in Tuesday's game. Beverley swiped the ball away from Westbrook after a timeout with 6:10 left in the first quarter. Beverley and Westbrook had to be separated, and Beverley issued a technical foul. Beverley and Westbrook got tangled up again about a minute later.

Midway through the second quarter, Harden and backup Oklahoma City point guard Reggie Jackson had to be separated.

Westbrook spent the rest of the second quarter dominating Beverley. Westbrook blew past him for a layup, then lost him on a screen and made a 3-pointer to put the Thunder up 49-32. Westbrook drew Beverley's third foul on a 3-point attempt with 2:50 left in the first half.

Westbrook scored 11 points in the final 6:19 of the quarter to help the Thunder take a 56-41 lead at the break.

Howard committed his third and fourth fouls in the first two minutes of the third quarter, and Beverley committed his fourth with 8:52 left in the third as the Thunder maintained control.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SPURS 104 BULLS 96

CHICAGO — Manu Ginobili scored 22 points and Tony Parker had 20 as the league-leading San Antonio Spurs beat the Chicago Bulls 104-96 on Tuesday night.

Kawhi Leonard added 16 for San Antonio, which won its seventh straight and 10th in its last 11. The Spurs (47-16) maintained their hold on the NBA's best record, staying ahead of Oklahoma City and Indiana, who both started play Tuesday a half-game behind the Spurs.

San Antonio jumped out to a big lead early, taking a 61-33 advantage into halftime, including 18 from Parker. That helped them improve to 24-6 on the road, the NBA's best mark away from home.

PACERS 94 CELTICS 83

INDIANAPOLIS — David West scored 24 points and Andrew Bynum grabbed a season-high 10 rebounds in his Pacers debut, helping suddenly struggling Indiana pull away late for a 94-83 win over Boston on Tuesday night.

Indiana (47-17) ended its longest losing streak of the season at four. Paul George added 12 points as the Pacers extended their Eastern Conference lead to 1 1/2 games over two-time defending champion Miami in the East.

Boston (22-42) was led by Jared Sullinger with 17 points and Kris Humphries with 15 as its two-game winning streak ended.

Bynum played just 15 minutes but his first basket gave Indiana a 16-14 lead and the Pacers never trailed again.

Boston, which trailed by as much as 15 in the third quarter, twice got within one in the fourth. But the Pacers answered the second time with a 6-0 run to make it 83-76 and the Celtics never threatened again.

Bynum gave Indiana an infusion of energy that it desperately needed on a night George was in foul trouble and Lance Stephenson was off the mark.

PISTONS 99 KINGS 89

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Josh Smith scored 24 points and Rodney Stuckey added 23 to lift the Detroit Pistons to a 99-89 victory over the Sacramento Kings on Tuesday night.

Andre Drummond added 15 points and eight rebounds for Detroit, outscoring DeMarcus Cousins in a matchup of two of the NBA's top young big men. Cousins had 13 points and 14 rebounds but shot 5 of 15 from the field.

Detroit trailed 54-52 at halftime, but outscored the Kings 20-11 in the third quarter.

Rudy Gay scored 20 points and Isaiah Thomas added 19 points and eight assists for Sacramento.

The Pistons snapped a three-game losing streak and pulled to within three games of Atlanta for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

The Pistons will need a strong finish to make the post-season, and they've shown little sign of one. But they put the Kings away with impressive starts to the third and fourth quarters.

Detroit began the third on an 8-0 run thanks to a dunk by Drummond and 3-pointers by Smith and Brandon Jennings. An alley-oop from Smith to Drummond on the break made it 69-60.

It was 72-65 after three, and Detroit started the fourth with six straight points.

The Pistons won despite a rough shooting night from their two point guards. Jennings and Will Bynum combined to go 5 of 24 — although they did finish with 13 assists between them.

Cousins dunked on Drummond early in the game, giving the Kings a 12-6 lead, but the Pistons kept him under control for the most part. Drummond blocked a shot by Cousins out of bounds later in the first quarter.

GRIZZLIES 109 TRAIL BLAZERS 99

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Marc Gasol scored 19 points, Zach Randolph added 18 points and 12 rebounds and the Memphis Grizzlies solidified their hold on the final Western Conference playoff spot with a 109-99 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Tuesday night.

Mike Conley added 17 points and Courtney Lee finished with 16, including helping the Grizzlies extend their lead in the third quarter. Mike Miller had 14 for Memphis, which won its third straight.

Damian Lillard led the Trail Blazers with 32 points on 8-of-21 shooting from the field, but connecting on 12 of 13 free throws. LaMarcus Aldridge had 19 points and 10 rebounds, while Nicolas Batum contributed 15 points for Portland, which lost its third straight.

Memphis built its lead to double-digits early in the fourth quarter and Portland cut it under double digits — to nine — on only two occasions the rest of the way.

TIMBERWOLVES 112 BUCKS 101

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Love had 27 points, 10 rebounds and six assists and J.J. Barea broke out of a horrid shooting slump to score 19 points to lift the Minnesota Timberwolves to a 112-101 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Tuesday night.

After going 5 for 25 in his previous three games, Barea hit 7 of 10 shots to help wake the sluggish Wolves up and Kevin Martin scored 26 points to help them finish a four-game homestand at 2-2.

TUESDAY IN THE NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	36	27	.565	—
Brooklyn	32	30	.516	3
New York	25	40	.385	11½
Boston	22	42	.344	14
Philadelphia	15	48	.238	20½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	44	17	.721	—
Washington	33	30	.524	12
Charlotte	30	34	.469	15½
Atlanta	27	35	.435	17½
Orlando	19	46	.292	27

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	47	17	.734	—
Chicago	35	29	.547	12
Detroit	25	39	.391	22
Cleveland	24	40	.375	23
Milwaukee	13	51	.203	34

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	47	16	.746	—
Houston	44	20	.688	3½
Dallas	38	26	.594	9½
Memphis	37	26	.587	10
New Orleans	26	37	.413	21

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	47	17	.734	—
Portland	42	22	.656	5
Minnesota	32	31	.508	14½
Denver	27	38	.429	19½
Utah	22	42	.344	25

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	45	20	.692	—
Golden State	40	24	.625	4½
Phoenix	36	27	.571	8
L.A. Lakers	22	42	.344	22½
Sacramento	22	42	.344	22½

x-clinched playoff spot

Tuesday's Scores

Indiana 94, Boston 83
Detroit 99, Sacramento 89
San Antonio 104, Chicago 96
Minnesota 112, Milwaukee 101
Oklahoma City 106, Houston 98
Memphis 109, Portland 99
Dallas at Golden State, late

Today's Games

Denver at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Washington, 6 p.m.
Brooklyn at Miami, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 6 p.m.
New York at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Memphis at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Utah, 8 p.m.
Portland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S BOX SCORES

THUNDER 106, ROCKETS 98

HOUSTON (98): Parsons 6-17 4-4 19, T.Jones 4-7 0-1 8, Howard 4-12 1-6 9, Beverley 1-4 0-0 2, Harden 9-21 7-7 28, Motiejunas 0-1 3-6 3, Lin 3-8 2-2 8, Asik 2-4 3-4 7, Hamilton 0-2 3-4 3, Garcia 4-6 0-0 11. Totals 33-79 23-34 98.

OKLAHOMA CITY (106): Durant 12-22 13-16 42, Ibaka 6-14 0-0 12, Adams 1-2 0-0 2, Westbrook 6-14 11-14 24, P.Jones 0-4 0-0 0, Thabeet 0-0 0-0 0, Butler 4-10 0-0 11, Jackson 4-8 0-0 8, Fisher 1-4 3-4 6, Collison 0-0 0-0 0, Lamb 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 34-80 27-34 106.

Houston	24	17	26	31	— 98
Oklahoma City	26	30	21	29	— 106

3-Point Goals—Houston 9-25 (Garcia 3-4, Harden 3-7, Parsons 3-7, T.Jones 0-1, Beverley 0-1, Hamilton 0-2, Lin 0-3), Oklahoma City 11-29 (Durant 5-8, Butler 3-7, Fisher 1-3, Jackson 1-3, Westbrook 1-4, Ibaka 0-1, P.Jones 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 53 (Howard 10), Oklahoma City 57 (Ibaka 16). Assists—Houston 18 (Harden 9), Oklahoma City 18 (Westbrook 7). Total Fouls—Houston 22, Oklahoma City 25. Technicals—Beverley, Howard, Houston defensive three second, Durant. Flagrant Fouls—Adams. A—18,203 (18,203).

SPURS 104, BULLS 96

SAN ANTONIO (104): Leonard 6-12 2-2 16, Duncan 2-9 0-0 4, Splitter 5-11 0-0 10, Parker 8-15 4-6 20, Green 0-1 0-0 0, Ginobili 9-11 0-0 22, Diaw 2-2 2-2 6, Mills 4-9 1-1 10, Belinelli 3-8 2-2 10, Baynes 3-5 0-0 6, Bonner 1-1 1-2 4, Joseph 1-3 0-0 2, Ayres 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 40-79 12-15 104.

CHICAGO (96): Dunleavy 3-8 1-1 7, Boozer 4-9 0-0 8, Noah 4-8 5-6 13, Hinrich 1-9 0-0 3, Butler 7-14 9-9 23, Augustin 7-10 0-0 24, Snell 1-2 3-4 6, Gibson 0-5 1-2 1, Mohammed 3-5 0-0 6, Fredette 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 32-75 24-28 96.

San Antonio	26	23	29	26	— 104
Chicago	14	19	33	30	— 96

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 12-21 (Ginobili 4-5, Diaw 2-2, Leonard 2-4, Belinelli 2-6, Bonner 1-1, Mills 1-3), Chicago 8-18 (Butler 3-5, Augustin 2-4, Snell 1-1, Fredette 1-1, Hinrich 1-5, Dunleavy 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 44 (Duncan, Leonard 9), Chicago 45 (Noah 8). Assists—San Antonio 25 (Parker 8), Chicago 22 (Noah 7). Total Fouls—San Antonio 26, Chicago 17. A—21,834 (20,917).

PACERS 94, CELTICS 83

BOSTON (83): Green 3-18 6-6 12, Bass 3-8 5-6 11, Humphries 6-10 3-4 15, Rondo 4-15 0-0 8, Bayless 1-6 1-1 3, Johnson 6-8 0-0 14, Sullinger 8-17 0-0 17, Olynyk 1-9 1-2 3, Babb 0-1 0-0 0, Pressey 0-1 0-0 0, Anthony 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-91 16-19 83.

INDIANA (94): George 5-10 2-2 12, West 11-13 2-3 24, Hibbert 3-7 0-0 6, G.Hill 4-11 2-2 12, Stephenson 4-12 0-0 9, Turner 4-8 0-0 9, Bynum 3-4 2-3 8, Scola 5-7 1-1 11, Sloan 1-3 1-2 3, Butler 0-2 0-0 0, Copeland 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-73 10-13 94.

Boston	20	20	21	22	— 83
Indiana	24	25	20	25	— 94

3-Point Goals—Boston 3-19 (Johnson 2-4, Sullinger 1-6, Bayless 0-1, Babb 0-1, Olynyk 0-1, Rondo 0-2, Green 0-4), Indiana 4-16 (G.Hill 2-6, Turner 1-1, Stephenson 1-5, Butler 0-1, Sloan 0-1, George 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 49 (Humphries, Sullinger 9), Indiana 49 (Bynum 10). Assists—Boston 16 (Rondo 8), Indiana 22 (George, G.Hill, Sloan 4). Total Fouls—Boston 23, Indiana 22. Technicals—West, Indiana defensive three second. A—18,165 (18,165).

PISTONS 99, KINGS 89

SACRAMENTO (89): Gay 8-21 4-6 20, Evans 3-8 0-0 6, Cousins 5-15 3-4 13, Thomas 6-15 7-9 19, McLemore 4-9 0-0 9, McCallum 4-5 0-0 9, Acy 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 3-4 3-4 10, Thompson 1-3 1-2 3, Outlaw 0-5 0-0 0. Totals 34-84 18-30 89.

DETROIT (99): Smith 10-17 2-4 24, Monroe 2-8 2-2 6, Drummond 6-9 3-4 15, Jennings 1-10 2-2 5, Singler 4-10 1-1 11, Stuckey 9-16 5-6 23, Jerebko 2-4 0-0 5, Bynum 4-14 0-0 8, Caldwell-Pope 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 39-87 16-19 99.

Sacramento	31	23	11	24	— 89
Detroit	28	24	20	27	— 99

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 3-15 (Williams 1-1, McCallum 1-1, McLemore 1-3, Outlaw 0-3, Gay 0-3, Thomas 0-4), Detroit 7-18 (Smith 2-2, Singler 2-4, Jerebko 1-1, Stuckey 1-2, Jennings 1-7, Bynum 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 62 (Cousins 14), Detroit 52 (Monroe 12). Assists—Sacramento 18 (Thomas 8), Detroit 26 (Bynum 7). Total Fouls—Sacramento 22, Detroit 24. Technicals—Thompson, Detroit defensive three second. A—15,234 (22,076).

TIMBERWOLVES 112, BUCKS 101

MILWAUKEE (101): Middleton 4-9 2-2 11, Henson 5-8 0-2 10, Pachulia 4-7 1-2 9, Knight 9-17 2-5 21, Walters 5-6 2-4 14, Antetokounmpo 0-5 4-4 4, Adrien 5-8 2-4 12, Sessions 4-11 2-2 11, Udoh 0-1 0-0 0, Radulica 1-2 3-4 5, Mitchell 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 39-74 16-29 101.

MINNESOTA (112): Brewer 1-8 2-2 4, Love 10-22 4-7 27, Pekovic 6-9 2-4 14, Rubio 3-4 4-4 11, Martin 9-18 6-7 26, Cunningham 4-8 1-2 9, Barea 7-10 3-4 19, Budinger 1-3 0-0 2, Muhammad 0-1 0-0 0, Diang 0-1 0-0 0, Hummel 0-1 0-0 0, Shved 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-85 22-30 112.

Milwaukee	33	26	23	17	— 101
Minnesota	29	27	31	25	— 112

3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 5-15 (Walters 2-2, Sessions 1-2, Middleton 1-4, Knight 1-6, Antetokounmpo 0-1), Minnesota 8-20 (Love 3-9, Barea 2-3, Martin 2-5, Rubio 1-1, Budinger 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 53 (Henson 8), Minnesota 45 (Love 10). Assists—Milwaukee 29 (Pachulia 10), Minnesota 25 (Rubio 10). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 24, Minnesota 24. A—12,473 (19,356).

GRIZZLIES 109, TRAIL BLAZERS 99

PORTLAND (99): Batum 5-13 2-4 15, Aldridge 8-23 3-4 19, Lopez 2-2 2-4 6, Lillard 8-21 12-13 32, Matthews 1-7 3-4 5, Williams 2-5 0-0 4, Leonard 4-8 0-0 8, McCollum 0-2 0-0 0, Robinson 4-8 0-0 8, Claver 1-1 0-0 2, Barton 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-86 22-29 99.

MEMPHIS (109): Prince 4-8 1-1 9, Randolph 8-19 2-3 18, Gasol 8-14 3-5 19, Conley 7-14 1-1 17, Lee 7-12 1-1 16, Koufos 1-2 0-0 2, Calathes 3-4 0-0 7, Allen 3-3 0-0 7, Miller 6-10 1-2 14, Lauer 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 47-84 9-13 109.

Portland	23	24	22	30	— 99
Memphis	22	32	24	31	— 109

3-Point Goals—Portland 7-17 (Lillard 4-8, Batum 3-5, McCollum 0-1, Williams 0-1, Matthews 0-2), Memphis 6-12 (Conley 2-3, Allen 1-1, Calathes 1-1, Miller 1-2, Lee 1-4, Gasol 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Portland 49 (Aldridge 10), Memphis 50 (Randolph 12). Assists—Portland 18 (Lillard 7), Memphis 27 (Calathes 9). Total Fouls—Portland 21, Memphis 18. Technicals—Memphis delay of game. A—17,391 (18,119).

TOURNAMENT

From 1C

Ford said, "and worrying about all that other stuff doesn't really do you any good."

In that case, here are five things that fans SHOULD worry about:

BUBBLE WATCH: Oklahoma State isn't the only team on the NCAA tournament bubble. Baylor (21-10) would feel much better with a win or two, while West Virginia (17-14) hopes the momentum it picked up by knocking off Kansas last weekend will propel it to enough wins in Kansas City to make a case on Selection Sunday. "I think if we won two we'd be in great shape," said Mountaineers coach Bob Huggins, "but I think if we can win that first one that we would be pretty good."

CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE: Kansas is the only current member to have won the Big 12 tournament since 2005 — twice since then, Missouri won the title. In fact, Oklahoma and Iowa State are the only current schools besides the Jayhawks and Cowboys to have won. "No matter what people say, no matter what other teams do," Oklahoma State's Marcus Smart said, "it goes through Kansas."

STAR WATCH: There will be stars-a-plenty at the Big 12 tournament. Andrew Wiggins of Kansas is a potential No. 1 draft pick, Iowa State's Melvin Ejim is the Big 12 player of the year and Smart is also a potential lottery pick. But one player who won't be on the floor is Jayhawks center Joel Embiid, who's been ruled out for the Big 12 tournament and unlikely for the first week of the NCAA tournament because of a stress fracture in his back.

HOMECOURT ADVANTAGE: Local schools Kansas and Kansas State always pack the Sprint Center, but Iowa State also tends to draw well — its campus is a reasonable drive from Kansas City. That means it'll be tough to secure a ticket to Thursday's first session, when the Cyclones play the Wildcats and Kansas is also in action in a tantalizing double-header.

LONGSHOTS: Even longshots have coaches concerned this year. Texas Tech is the No. 9 seed but has wins over Oklahoma State, Baylor and Texas on its resume. And nobody thought TCU would go winless in the league, so the No. 10 seed Horned Frogs could be primed for a first-round upset of the Bears. "We're going to do our best to keep within striking distance, like we have all year long, and give ourselves a chance down the stretch," TCU coach Trent Johnson said.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

TUESDAY'S SCORES

EAST

Princeton 70, Penn 65

TOURNAMENTS

Marshall 63, FAU 59
North Texas 63, Rice 62, OT

Horizon League Championship

Milwaukee 69, Wright St. 63

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference First Round

Coppin St. 75, Bethune-Cookman 68
Florida A&M 65, Delaware St. 61
Howard 53, NC A&T 47

Northeast Conference Championship

Mount St. Mary's 88, Robert Morris 71

Southwestern Athletic Conference First Round

Grambling St. 84, Jackson St. 75
Prairie View 79, MVSU 63

Summit League Championship

N. Dakota St. 80, IPFW 57

West Coast Conference Chamionship

Gonzaga 75, BYU 64

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

TOURNAMENTS

American Athletic Conference At Memphis, Tenn.

First Round

Rutgers vs. South Florida, 6 p.m.
Temple vs. UCF, 8:30 p.m.

Atlantic Coast Conference At Greensboro, N.C.

First Round

Wake Forest vs. Notre Dame, noon
Miami vs. Virginia Tech, 2:30 p.m.
Georgia Tech vs. Boston College, 6 p.m.

Atlantic 10 Conference At Brooklyn, N.Y.

First Round

George Mason vs. Fordham, 6 p.m.

Big East Conference At New York

First Round

Seton Hall vs. Butler, 6 p.m.
Georgetown vs. DePaul, 8:30 p.m.

Big 12 Conference At Kansas City, Mo.

First Round

Oklahoma St. vs. Texas Tech, 6 p.m.
Baylor vs. TCU, 8:30 p.m.

Conference USA At El Paso, Texas

Second Round

Tulane vs. North Texas-Rice winner, 1 p.m.
Old Dominion vs. FAU-Marshall winner, 3:30 p.m.
UTEP vs. East Carolina-UTSA winner, 7 p.m.
UAB vs. Charlotte, 9:30 p.m.

Mid-American Conference At Cleveland

Second Round

Ohio-Ball St. winner vs. Miami (Ohio)-Kent St. winner, 5:30 p.m.
E. Michigan-Cent. Michigan winner vs. N. Illinois-Bowling Green winner, 8 p.m.

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference At Norfolk, Va.

Quarterfinals

N.C. Central vs. Howard-N.C. A&T winner, 5 p.m.
Hampton vs. Coppin St.-Bethune-Cookman winner, 7:30 p.m.

Mountain West Conference At Las Vegas

First Round

Utah St. vs. Colorado St., 4 p.m.
Fresno St. vs. Air Force, 6:30 p.m.
Boise St. vs. San Jose St., 9 p.m.

Pacific-12 Conference At Las Vegas

First Round

Utah vs. Washington, 2 p.m.
Colorado vs. Southern Cal., 4:30 p.m.
Oregon vs. Oregon St., 8 p.m.
Stanford vs. Washington St., 10:30 p.m.

Patriot League Championship

American at Boston U., 6:30 p.m.

Southeastern Conference At Atlanta

First Round

Auburn vs. South Carolina, 6 p.m.
Vanderbilt vs. Mississippi St., 8:25 p.m.

Southland Conference At Katy

First Round

Nicholls St. vs. SE Louisiana, 5 p.m.
Oral Roberts vs. McNeese St., 7:30 p.m.

Southwestern Athletic Conference At Houston

Quarterfinals

Texas Southern vs. Jackson St.-Grambling St. winner, 12:30 p.m.
Southern U. vs. Prairie View-MVSU winner, 8 p.m.

Women

TUESDAY'S SCORES

EAST

Penn 56, Princeton 64

TOURNAMENT

Atlantic Sun Conference First Round

Florida Gulf Coast 92, Lipscomb 53
Mercer 59, Jacksonville 36
SC-Upstate 76, ETSU 66
Stetson 73, Kennesaw St. 56

Big East Conference Championship

DePaul 65, St. John's 57

Big West Conference First Round

UC Davis 58, UC Santa Barbara 57

Conference USA First Round

FIU 85, Rice 65
Louisiana Tech 77, North Texas 59
Marshall 80, FAU 73
UTSA 90, Tulsa 89

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference First Round

Bethune-Cookman 64, SC State 55
Howard 74, NC Central 59

Mountain West Conference Quarterfinals

Colorado St. 72, Utah St. 67
Fresno St. 80, UNLV 65
Wyoming 61, Boise St. 56

Southwestern Athletic Conference First Round

Alabama A&M 64, Alcorn St. 62
Grambling St. 83, Ark.-Pine Bluff 81, OT

Summit League Championship

South Dakota 82, Denver 71

West Coast Conference Championship

Gonzaga 71, BYU 57

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

TOURNAMENTS

Big West Conference At Long Beach, Calif

Second Round

Hawaii vs. lower-seeded first-round winner, 6 p.m.
UC Irvine vs. higher-seeded first-round winner, 10:30 p.m.

Conference USA At El Paso

Second Round

UAB vs. FAU-Marshall winner, noon
East Carolina vs. Rice-FIU winner, 2:30 p.m.
Charlotte vs. North Texas-Louisiana Tech winner, 6 p.m.
Old Dominion vs. Tulsa-UTSA winner, 8:30 p.m.

Horizon League Quarterfinals

Milwaukee at Wright St., 6 p.m.
Oakland at Youngstown St., 6 p.m.
Detroit-Valparaiso winner at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
Cleveland St. at Ill.-Chicago, 7 p.m.

Mid-American Conference At Cleveland

Second Round

N. Illinois-E. Michigan winner vs. Kent St.-Ball St. winner, 11 a.m.
Miami (Ohio)-W. Michigan winner vs. Ohio-Toledo winner, 1:30 p.m.

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference At Norfolk, Va.

Quarterfinals

Hampton vs. Howard-N.C. Central winner, 11 a.m.
N.C. A&T vs. Bethune-Cookman-S.C. State winner, 1:30 p.m.

Northeast Conference At Campus Sites

Semifinals

Lowest-remaining seed at highest-remaining seed, 5 p.m.
Third-remaining seed at second-remaining seed, 6 p.m.

Southwestern Athletic Conference At Houston

Quarterfinals

Texas Southern vs. Grambling St.-Ark.-Pine Bluff winner, 10 a.m.
Southern U. vs. Alcorn St.-Alabama A&M winner, 5:30 p.m.

Sun Belt Conference At New Orleans

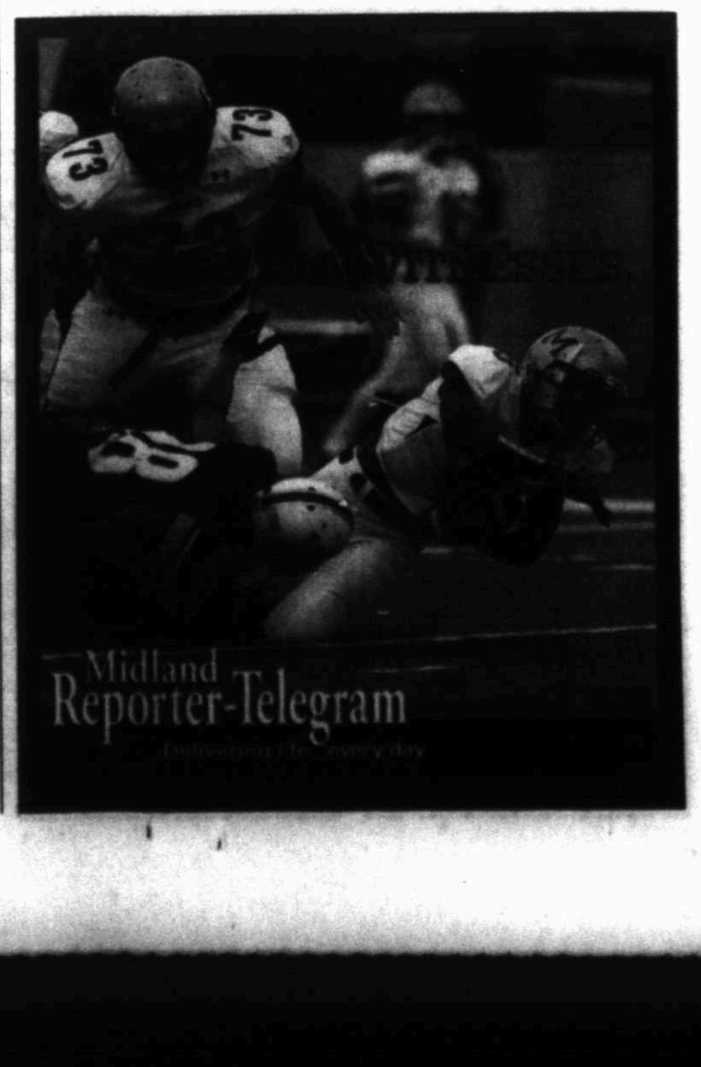
First Round

Arkansas St. vs. Louisiana-Monroe, noon
Texas St. vs. Georgia St., 2:30 p.m.
W. Kentucky vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, 6 p.m.
UALR vs. Troy, 8:30 p.m.

Western Athletic Conference At Las Vegas

First Round

Idaho vs. Chicago St., 2 p.m.
Texas-Pan American vs. New Mexico St., 4:30 p.m.
Seattle vs. UMKC, 8 p.m.
CS Bakersfield vs. Utah Valley, 10:30 p.m.



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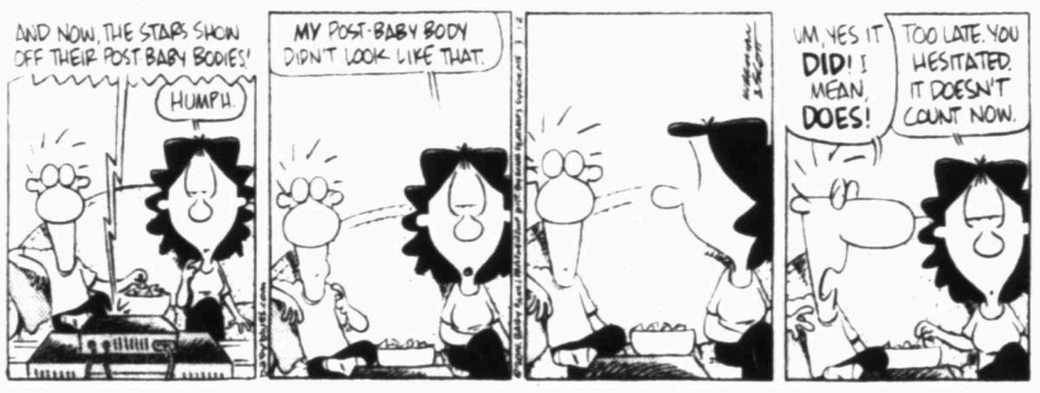

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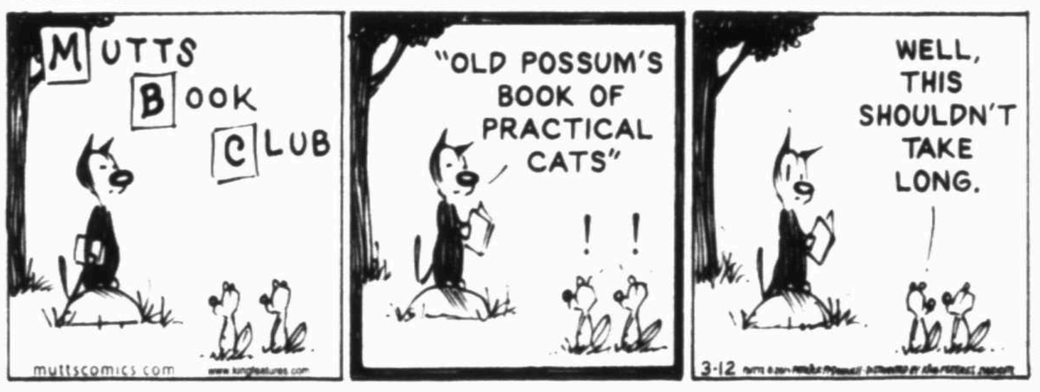

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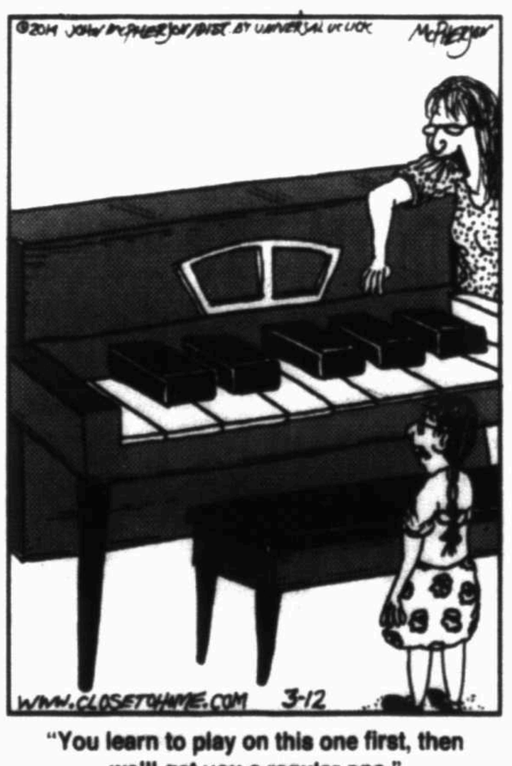
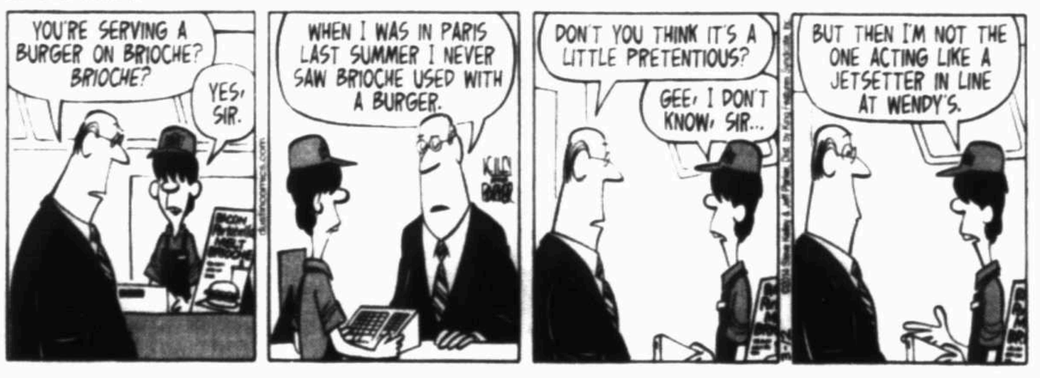


"You learn to play on this one first, then we'll get you a regular one."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"IT'S NOT RAINING CATS AN' DOGS, MOM. IT'S MORE LIKE KITTENS AN' PUPPIES."

DUSTIN



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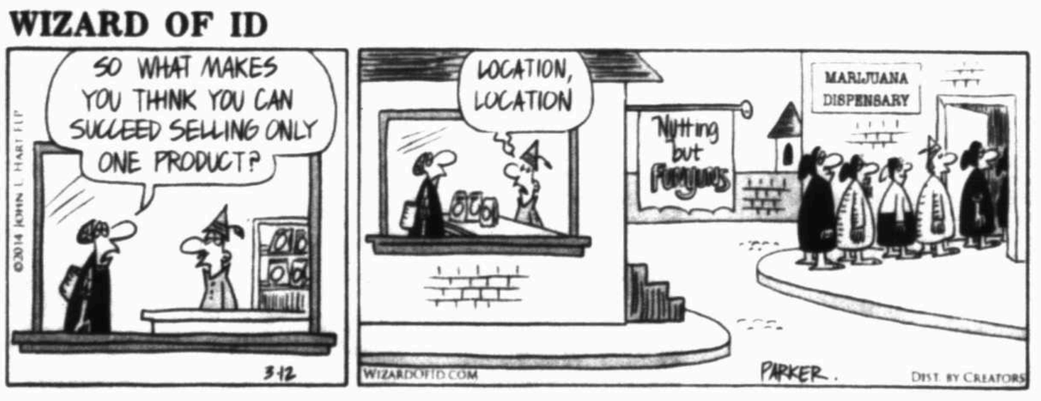

LOCKHORNS

"DON'T MIND LEROY... THAT VINTAGE WAS THE YEAR WE GOT MARRIED."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Careful, lady! The water's pretty deep where you're walking!"

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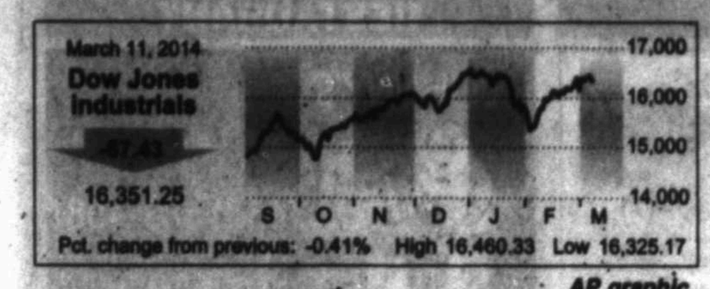

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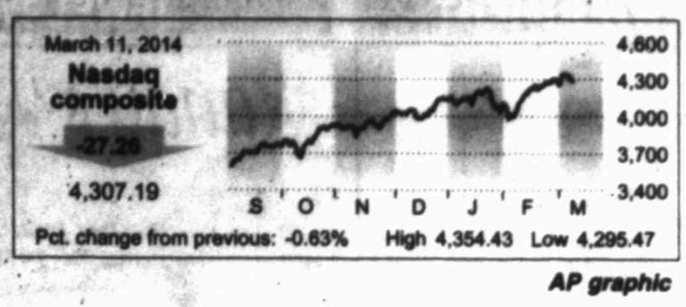

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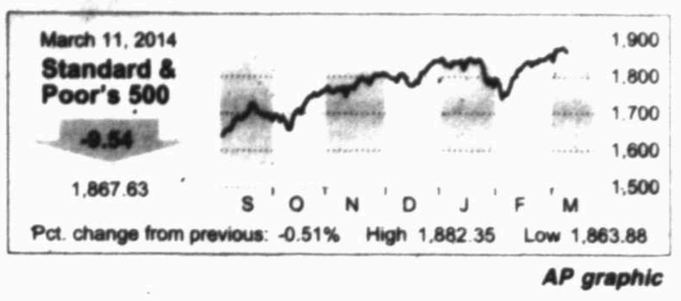

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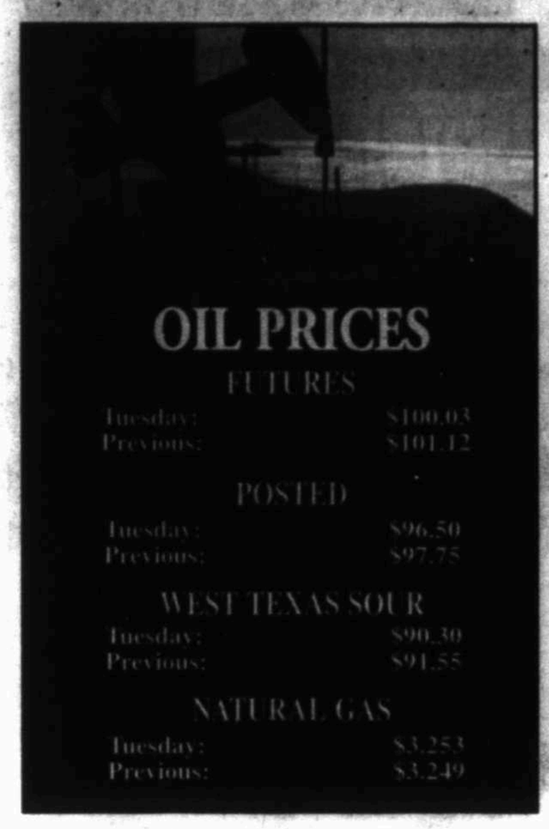

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Donated men's dress attire on a shelf at the Men's Warehouse in Midland during the annual National Suit Drive on July 23, 2013. After an extended chase that included overtures on both sides and flirtations with other parties, Men's Wearhouse and Jos. A. Bank will combine to create the nation's fourth-largest menswear retail chain.

Bid of $1.8 billion suits Jos. A. Bank just fine

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Looks like the best suitor won.

After an extended chase that included overtures on both sides and flirtations with other parties, Men's Wearhouse and Jos. A. Bank will combine to create the nation's fourth-largest menswear retail chain.

Men's Wearhouse Inc. said Tuesday that it's buying its rival Jos. A. Bank Clothiers Inc. for $1.8 billion. The company will pay $65 a share, a 5 percent premium to Jos. A. Bank's Monday closing price of $61.83. Jos. A. Bank also said it's terminating its deal to acquire the parent company of Eddie Bauer, which sells rugged outerwear.

On Tuesday, shares of both companies rose on the news: Men's Wearhouse's stock was up nearly 5 percent to $57.14, while shares of Jos. A. Bank increased nearly 4 percent to $64.22.

The acquisition comes after months of the two chains publicly fighting over who would acquire whom. Industry watchers had speculated that a merger was inevitable given the challenges the companies face in the competitive menswear landscape. With more than 1,700 U.S. stores and $3.5 billion in annual sales, the combined company's reach in men's clothing will fall behind only Macy's, Kohl's and J.C. Penney.

"Together, Men's Wearhouse and Jos. A. Bank will have increased scale and breadth," Doug Ewert, CEO of Men's Wearhouse, said in a statement.

Jos. A. Bank made the first move in October when it offered to buy its larger rival for $2.3 billion. Men's Wearhouse shot down that offer and turned the tables, offering to buy its rival for $1.54 billion. But after Jos. A. Bank turned down that bid, Men's Wearhouse increased its offer to $1.6 billion, and then again to $1.78 billion.

In the middle of the back-and-forth, Jos. A. Bank said last month that it was buying Everest Holdings LLC, the parent company of Eddie Bauer. But the company left the door open for a deal with Men's Wearhouse by saying if it received a superior acquisition offer, it would pay a termination fee to end the Eddie Bauer deal.

By early March, Men's Wearhouse had an offer of $63.50 a share on the table but said it may raise the bid to $65 a share if some conditions were met. Then, a few days later, the companies announced they were exchanging certain confidential information with each other.

Despite the rough courting period, both companies said they expect a smooth integration. In a joint press release, they said shareholders of both companies will benefit from about $100 million to $150 million in savings realized over three years as the company streamlines its duplicative corporate functions and improves sourcing and merchandising.

"Our board has been rigorously focused on pursuing a path for our shareholders that maximizes value created," said Robert N. Wildrick, chairman of Jos. A. Bank's board. "The transaction we are announcing today clearly reflects the success of our efforts."

A spokesman for Men's Wearhouse declined to comment on any layoffs or management changes beyond what was in the joint press release: "Management will consist of the most qualified individuals from both organizations."

Analysts said there's a bright future for the combined company. The suit business, which generated $2.3 billion in revenue last year, has been relatively healthy. It's been up 4 percent over the past three years, according to market research firm NPD Group.

Oil falls near $100

The price of oil dropped near $100 a barrel Tuesday on expectations that U.S. oil supplies rose last week.

Benchmark U.S. crude for April delivery dropped $1.09 to close at $100.03 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, the lowest price in a month.

Brent crude, used to set prices for international varieties of crude, rose 47 cents to $108.55 on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

Investors' expectations that the Energy Department will report an eighth straight weekly increase in oil supplies pressured oil prices.

Data for the week ending March 7 is expected to show an increase of 2.3 million barrels in crude oil stocks and a decline of 1.8 million barrels in gasoline stocks, according to a survey of analysts by Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill Cos.

In other energy futures trading on Nymex:

- Wholesale gasoline gained 2 cents to $2.97 a gallon.
- Heating oil was down 1 cent at $2.96 a gallon.
- Natural gas lost 5 cents to $4.61 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Gold edges up

Most metals contracts fell, except for gold. The April gold contract edged up $5.20 to $1,346.70 an ounce.

Silver for May delivery fell nine cents to $20.82 an ounce, April platinum fell $12.60 to $1,464.60 an ounce and June palladium fell $6.35 to $770.50 an ounce.

Copper futures fell again Tuesday. The actively traded May contract for copper fell 8 cents, or 2.6 percent, to close at $2.95 a pound Tuesday.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $93.21 Down 2.58

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $117.62 Down 2.90

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $28.52 Down 0.66

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $62.01 Down 1.02

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $26.51 Up 0.01

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $9.24 Down 0.46

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $34.00 Down 0.81

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $14.40 Down 0.15

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	8932811	187.23	-.93
BkofAm	865397	17.27	-.20
iShEMkts	714939	38.81	-.44
Penney	498127	8.67	+.25
iShR2K	461813	118.06	-1.24

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BoydGm	13.75	+1.95	+16.5
RCS Capn	28.05	+2.68	+10.6
dtx-X 2020	28.98	+2.56	+9.7
iP LESPX	149.57	+13.05	+9.6
PowerSec	25.28	+2.18	+9.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BridgptEd	16.02	-2.99	-15.7
Nuverra rs	15.25	-2.74	-15.2
ChiNBorun	2.92	-.40	-12.0
ChinaDEd	22.47	-3.00	-11.8
GM wt C	2.85	-.33	-10.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,001
Declined	2,081
Unchanged	111
Total issues	3,193
New Highs	108
New Lows	31
Volume	3,319,708,218

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
ZBB En rs	163932	3.24	+.59
RexahnPh	158543	1.28	+.04
UQM Tech	63149	2.74	-.25
AltaNewG	52898	5.49	+.19
NovaGld g	46182	4.02	-.09

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SunLink	2.12	+.61	+40.4
ZBB En rs	3.24	+.59	+22.3
TanzRy g	2.61	+.24	+10.1
Ever-Glory	8.00	+.66	+9.0
MGT Cap	2.64	+.20	+8.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
22ndCentry	5.17	-1.03	-16.6
MeetMe	3.54	-.63	-15.1
Amrhythm	5.43	-.96	-15.0
EnFuel grs	9.58	-1.53	-13.8
UQM Tech	2.74	-.25	-8.4

DIARY

Advanced	134
Declined	258
Unchanged	28
Total issues	420
New Highs	15
New Lows	3
Volume	171,972,798

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
FuelCellE	1873062	3.28	-.65
BallardPw	729508	5.10	-1.78
Facebook	575302	70.10	-1.93
Zynga	440041	5.65	-.12
CpstnTurb	430083	2.18	-.22

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CleanDsl	4.92	+2.10	+74.2
LaJollaPh	17.96	+7.06	+64.8
ChinaPSti	3.16	+.67	+26.9
Datarm rs	4.30	+.76	+21.5
OceanPw h	5.45	+.90	+19.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PlugPowr h	6.03	-4.28	-41.5
BallardPw	5.10	-1.78	-25.9
SunshHrt	6.26	-1.81	-22.4
Arotech	4.50	-1.15	-20.4
AltairNano	5.29	-1.15	-17.9

DIARY

Advanced	700
Declined	1,905
Unchanged	106
Total issues	2,711
New Highs	132
New Lows	12
Volume	2,408,271,042

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84f	10	32.23	-.28	-8.3
Abraxas	...	35	3.15	-.09	-3.4
AdamsEx	.84e	...	13.03	-.01	-.3
AMD	...	...	3.85	+.04	-.5
Alcoa	.12	37	12.19	+.25	+14.7
AlonUSA	.24a	51	14.92	-.39	-9.8
AlphaNRs	...	...	4.41	-.22	-38.2
AEagleOut	.50	14	13.10	-1.11	-9.0
Amgen	2.44	19	124.27	-1.13	+8.9
Anadarko	.72	53	82.84	-2.03	+4.4
Apache	1.00f	15	79.55	-.95	-7.4
ApldMatl	.40	49	19.13	-.25	+8.2
AriadP	...	...	7.69	-.09	+12.8
ATMOS	1.48	17	45.06	-.43	-.8
AutoData	1.92	27	77.90	-.31	-3.6
BP PLC	2.28	11	48.22	-.22	-.8
BabcCCInv	1.20	...	15.76	-.01	+5.5
BakrHu	.60	25	62.35	-.98	+12.8
BallardPw	...	...	5.10	-1.78	+236.6
BkofAm	.04	17	17.27	-.20	+10.9
B iPVix rs	...	...	44.33	+.61	+4.2
BasicEnSv	...	...	22.95	-.85	+45.4
BerkHa A	...	17	187187.00	+701.00	+5.2
BlkHillsCp	1.56f	25	55.70	-.20	+6.1
BlackBerry	...	...	9.31	-.36	+25.1
BoydGm	...	...	13.75	+1.95	+22.1
BrfdySq	1.44	36	55.68	-.31	+5.0
BrownFA	1.16	32	87.04	-.34	+18.0
BrownFB	1.16	30	87.95	-.19	+16.4
CVS Care	1.10	19	72.70	-.87	+1.6
Cameron	...	22	62.37	-.86	+4.8
CpstnTurb	...	...	2.18	+.22	+69.0
Caterpillar	2.40	17	96.84	+.09	+6.6
Celestic g	...	18	9.75	-.15	-6.3
Cemex	.45t	...	12.60	-.09	+6.5
CntryLink	2.16	...	30.69	-.14	-3.6
ChesEng	.35	37	25.26	-.37	-6.9
Chevron	4.00	10	114.51	-1.33	-8.5
Chicos	.30	20	16.41	-.08	-12.9
Cimarex	.64f	23	109.69	-3.97	+4.6
Cisco	.76f	14	21.61	-.08	-2.9
Citigroup	.04	11	48.43	-1.14	-7.1
ClayEng	...	...	93.21	-2.58	+13.7
CleanDsl	...	...	4.92	+2.10	+228.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
CocaCola	1.22f	21	38.80	+.15	-6.1
ColgPalm s	1.36	27	63.29	+.24	-2.9
Comcast	.90f	20	51.22	-.30	-1.4
ConAgra	1.00	16	29.41	-.02	-12.7
ConchoRes	...	49	117.62	-2.90	+8.9
ConocoPhil	2.76	11	66.53	-.36	-5.8
CrackerB	3.00	20	100.46	-.24	-8.7
CroxTim	2.44e	13	30.22	+.40	+2.8
DCP Mid	2.93f	37	49.73	-.13	-1.2
DTE	2.62	19	69.94	-.43	+5.3
Datarm rs	...	...	4.30	+.76	+65.4
Dawson	.32	22	28.52	-.67	-15.7
DevonE	.96f	...	63.55	-.98	+2.7
DxSCBr rs	...	...	15.25	+.49	-10.1
Disney	.86f	22	81.05	-.92	+6.1
DowChm	1.40f	13	49.26	-.57	+10.9
DryShips	...	...	3.68	-.10	-21.7
EMC Cp	.40	20	26.83	-.30	+6.7
EOG Res	1.00f	23	185.60	-3.45	+10.6
EmpDist	1.02	16	23.43	-.19	+3.3
Energen	.60f	28	78.23	-1.78	+10.6
EngyTsfr	3.68f	...	54.32	-.34	-5.1
EnPro	...	51	72.94	-.17	+26.5
EnPrPt	2.80f	24	67.29	+.10	+1.5
Ericsson	.43e	...	12.87	-.10	+5.1
ExterranH	.60	21	39.31	-.64	+14.0
ExxonMbl	2.52	10	94.01	-1.49	-7.1
Facebook	...	...	70.10	-1.93	+28.3
FordM	.50f	12	15.30	-.21	-.8
ForestOil	...	11	1.81	-.04	-49.9
FMCG	1.25a	11	30.71	-.67	-18.6
FuelCellE	...	...	3.28	-.65	+132.6
GATX	1.32f	18	65.30	...	+25.2
GabMultT	.96	...	11.26	-.05	-9.3
GAInv	2.10e	...	35.06	-.06	-.4
GenElec	.88	18	25.90	-.14	-7.6
GenMotors	1.20	14	35.18	-1.91	+13.9
GlPlainEn	.92	16	26.74	-.08	+6.2
Groupon	...	...	8.27	-.11	-29.7
HalconRes	...	...	3.88	-.20	+.5
Halliburtn	.60	19	55.72	-.75	+9.8
HimaxTch	.25e	...	15.13	-.37	+2.8
iShBrazil	1.44e	...	39.38	-.25	-11.9
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.47	-.12	-5.5

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iShChinaLC	1.02e	...	33.90	-.54	-11.6
iShEMkts	.86e	...	38.81	-.44	-7.1
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	66.75	-.49	-.5
iShR2K	1.41e	...	118.06	-1.24	+2.3
IntegrysE	2.72	15	56.10	-.08	+3.1
Intel	.90	13	24.73	-.11	-4.7
InterDig	.40	34	31.10	-.65	+5.5
JPMorgCh	1.52	13	58.19	-1.01	+.2
JohnJn	2.64	19	93.49	+.04	+2.1
Keycorp	.22	14	13.78	-.20	+2.7
KimbClk	3.36f	20	109.06	-.12	+4.4
KindME	5.44f	27	75.00	+.10	-7.0
KindMM	5.44f	40	70.53	+.10	-6.8
LegacyRes	2.36f	...	26.51	+.01	-5.9
Lubys	...	45	5.34	-.19	-17.9
MktVGold	.19e	...	26.13	+.16	+23.7
McDrmInt	...	14	7.74	-.42	-15.5
McDnlds	3.24	18	98.78	+3.58	+1.8
Merck	1.76	39	56.69	-.63	+13.3
MerlMed	...	39	15.12	+.36	-3.9
MexcoEn	...	92	9.24	-.46	+33.9
MicronT	...	16	24.67	-.18	+13.4
Microsoft	1.12	14	38.02	+.20	+1.6
Nabors	.16	48	22.38	-.34	+31.7
NatGrid	3.17e	...	69.30	+.63	+6.1
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NSTPI3	.63e	...	13.54	+.05	+6.1
NTXQI	.70e	...	13.56	-.01	+6.5
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PetroTri	.40f	23	26.80	-.58	+13.7
Penney	...	...	8.67	+.25	-5.2
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Prmian	.87e	15	12.77	+.08	-.7
Petrobras	.27e	...	10.54	-.14	-23.5
Pfizer	1.04f	18	32.42	+.03	+5.8
PloNtrl	.08	...	188.58	-6.34	+2.5
PlainsAAP	2.46f	18	53.25	+.33	+2.9

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PlugPowr h			6.03	-4.28	+289.0
PwShs QQQ	1.25e		90.22	-.39	+2.6
Praxair	2.60f	22	131.59	+.01	+1.2
PrmEgy	...	11	55.00	-.48	+8.9
ProctGam	2.41	21	78.95	+.42	-3.0
RangeRs	.16	...	86.94	+.18	+3.1
RegionsFn	.12	14	10.80	-.10	+9.2
RexahnPh	...	...	1.28	+.04	+151.0
RiteAid			6.44	+.01	+27.3
Rowan		16	32.57	-.68	-7.9
RoyDShllA	3.60	9	72.68	-.52	+2.0
SpdrDJIA	3.60e	...	163.42	-.57	-1.2
S&P500ETF	3.35e	...	187.23	-.93	+1.4
SabnR	3.90e	13	49.80	-.89	-1.5
Safeway	.80	3	38.65	-.23	+18.7
SanderFm	.80	10	73.65	-1.95	+1.8
SandRidge	...	...	6.42	-.05	+5.8
Sapient	...	32	17.08	-.17	-1.6
Schlmbrg	1.60f	18	91.95	-.92	+2.0
SigmaAld	.92f	23	94.22	-.31	+.2
SiriusXM	...	57	3.43	-.04	-1.7
Smucker	2.32	18	96.55	-.66	-6.8
Sprint n	...	...	8.78	+.07	-18.3
SP Engy	1.52e	...	87.16	-1.00	-1.5
SPDR Fncl	.32e	...	22.23	-.15	+1.7
Staples	.48	12	11.62	-.01	-26.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
SunEdison	...	...	20.06	-.33	+53.7
SunocoLog	2.65f	26	83.94	+.87	+11.2
TeleflEsp	.47e	...	15.65	-.23	-4.2
Tesoro	1.00	16	52.37	-.41	-10.5
3M Co	3.42f	20	132.51	-1.05	-5.5
Torchmark	.68	14	78.96	-.87	+1.0
TriContl	.65e	...	19.98	-.05	...
TurqHillRs	...	...	3.56	-.40	+7.9
TylerTech	...	80	90.19	-1.73	-11.7
UBWI	1.28	18	30.50	+.19	-3.0
Vale SA	.78e	...	12.54	-.27	-17.8
ValentE	1.00f	11	53.67	+.20	+6.5
VangEmg	1.15e	...	38.27	-.45	-7.0
VerizonCm	2.12	12	46.70	-.33	-5.0
Vulcanlll	.20f	...	67.48	-.66	+13.6
Walgrn	1.26	23	66.52	-.26	+15.8
WellsFargo	1.20	12	47.81	-.34	+5.3
WstnRefin	1.04f	15	39.46	+.18	-7.0
WhitingPet	...	15	68.03	-1.45	+10.0
WmsCos	1.61f	48	41.60	-.48	+7.9
XcelEngy	1.20f	15	29.59	-.16	+5.9
Xerox	.29f	11	10.73	-.12	-11.8
Yahoo	...	30	37.56	-.49	-7.1
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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD %Chg	52-wk % Chg
16,588.25	14,373.32	Dow Jones Industrials	16,351.25	-67.43	-.41	-1.36	+13.16
7,827.44	5,878.12	Dow Jones Transportation	7,580.07	-20.18	-.27	+2.16	+23.27
537.86	462.66	Dow Jones Utilities	510.21	-2.30	-.45	+4.00	+4.54
11,334.65	9,814.76	NYSE Composite	10,425.84	-60.51	-.58	+.24	+15.07
2,585.34	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,542.84	-21.41	-.84	+4.81	+4.69
4,371.71	3,154.96	Nasdaq Composite	4,307.19	-27.26	-.63	+3.13	+32.84
1,893.57	1,536.03	S&P 500	1,867.83	-9.54	-.51	+1.04	+20.30
20,228.72	16,177.06	Wilshire 5000	20,016.91	-117.16	-.58	+1.57	+22.01
1,212.82	898.40	Russell 2000	1,187.05	-13.49	-1.12	+2.01	+26.25

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CRMWD

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The Colorado River Municipal Water District, regional raw water supplier for the Permian Basin, is accepting applications for following positions in the Big Spring Area.

Financial Accountant - Assist with the maintenance of the district's financial records, accounting systems and processes necessary to manage the district's business. Including billing of accounts receivable, maintain district banking and reconciliations. Maintain fixed assets. Strong computer skills required including Microsoft Word and Excel. Accounting degree preferred or 3-5 yrs experience in related field.

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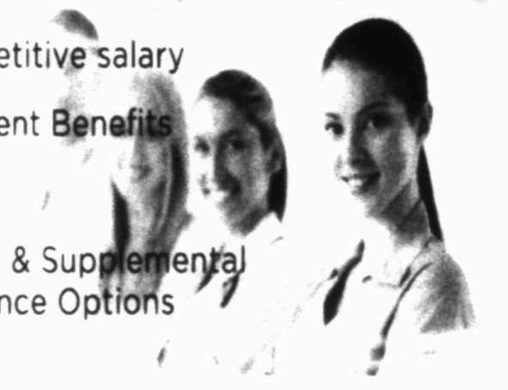

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Now hiring for All Positions, **Line Cooks, Prep Cooks, Waitstaff, Hostess, and Shift Managers**. Join our team! Apply in person after 2 pm at 607 N Colorado, Downtown Midland.

Strawberry Fields Café has openings for motivated individuals with a great attitude and self starters. Great work environment, great management, pleasant customers. Part time and Full time positions are available. Apply in person at 2311 W Wadley Ave., Midland. Hours of operation are 9:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday thru Friday / 9:30 am to 7:00 pm on Saturday. We are closed on Sundays!

SALES JOBS

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We are growing and are now hiring for all positions for our new location!
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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.

SALES JOBS

Multi-Media Sales Consultant

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
or email to: jhouston@mrt.com

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Full-Time Inside/Outside Sales Position
BenMark Supply is looking to hire a **full-time inside/outside sales position** in Midland, TX. Industrial, Waterworks, Oilfield, and Irrigation sales. We offer health insurance, 401k, and paid vacation. Compensation based on experience, attitude, and ability to think. Fax resumes to **432-682-4110** or email **jodisprinkle@benmarksupply.com**

Sales
Oil & gas service company looking for motivated sales people in the Permian Basin. 3 years minimum expirence required. Benefits available. Pay based on experience. Email resumes to resumes@cardinaloilfieldservices.com or fax to 903-723-0047

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Apprentice/Journeyman Electricians Needed.
Fort Worth Electrical Contractor needs Apprentice and Journeyman Electricians for work in Andrews, TX area. Please fax resume, list of experience & salary requirements to: 817-355-5355, Attn: H.R. Dept.

Brick Layer
Brick Layers needed for Midland/Odessa projects. Call 254-495-8340

COURSE HELP WANTED AT LOCAL SPORTING CLAY COURSE 10 MILES NORTH OF STANTON. MUST BE ABLE TO DO GENERAL MANUAL LABOR & WORK WEEKENDS-MECHANICAL MIND PREFERRED. CALL 432-458-3324 OR FAX RESUME TO 432-458-3374.

Ditching/Trenching/CDL Driver
Local energy services company looking for Ditching/Trenching hands and CDL Driver with experience. **Must have a VALID Drivers license**. Starting pay DOE. Yard is located in Midland Texas. Serious inquiries only, Contact Shelly at 432-689-2240

FIELD MECHANIC
Basin Engine and Pump
Field Mechanic needed for Industrial Oilfield Shop. Experience is required. Uniforms provided. Benefits package includes vacation, health insurance and retirement match savings. Salary depends on experience. Please submit resume by fax to **432-570-1115** or email to **shawn@basinengine.com**. Office **432-570-1114**. Applications may be filled out at **1914 South County Rd 1083-Midland, TX**

I & E Technician
Natural Gas Service Group **FT**
NGSG has immediate opening for I & E Technician. This individual will assist in the installation and programming of instrumentation panels for gas compressor packages. The individual must have electrical knowledge and the desire to learn the installation and programming of instrumentation panels. Excellent Salary and Benefit package for the right person. For more information or to submit your resume contact employment@ngsgi.com or call (432) 262-2700.

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Lead Production Operator-Andrews TX Facility
H2Oil Disposal and Recovery Services is hiring a Lead Production Operator at our Andrews, TX facility. This position will supervise Production system operations, including a 3-phase centrifuge, reverse osmosis unit, auxiliary boiler, and pumps/tanks. A minimum of 3 years Supervisory experience and a high school diploma or GED is required. The ideal candidate also possesses advanced mechanical skills, technical experience with high-speed equipment knowledge of fluid dynamics and heat transfer processes. Our company offers excellent compensation plus great benefits. Interested applicants should submit their resume to humanresources@212resources.com

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Plant Operator
Plant Operator Needed Immediately: Experience preferred but not required. Location near Stanton, TX. Fax resume to 432-458-3423 or mail to Sale Ranch, 2873 FM 829, Stanton, Tx. 79782. Can Email resume to: dsatterfield@wtgbenedum.com

PRESSMAN
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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Production Operator-Andrews TX Facility
H2Oil Disposal and Recovery Services is hiring for MULTIPLE Production Operators at our Andrews, TX facility. Operators are responsible for maintaining and troubleshooting production equipment involved with recycling E&P waste. A high school diploma or GED is required. Ideal candidate will have machinist training and experience with high-speed equipment. Our company offers full benefits, paid vacation and sick days, and a quarterly bonus system based on performance. Interested applicants should submit their resume to humanresources@212resources.com

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OTHER JOBS

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifiting 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: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

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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SKILLED LABOR

Forklift Operator

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the Position of "Fork Lift Operator" and other duties as assigned.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:
- Ability to read and write
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Ability to bend and reach overhead
- Ability to count accurately and do simple math
- Able to operate a forklift and willing to be certified
- Be reliable, responsible and able to follow instructions
- Capable of standing and walking for extended period of time
- Able to work in various environments that include winter and summer conditions.
- Must be able to work weekends when necessary

RESPONSIBILITES:
- Accurate loading and unloading of printed materials in a safe and efficient manner
- Ensure material are efficiently/properly stacked and stored in appropriate and designated areas
- Perform other non-forklift duties when assigned

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c/o Midland Reporter Telegram - 201 E. Illinois St - Midland, TX 79701
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Supplement your income by delivering newspapers for a few hours in the early mornings between 12:00am - 6:00am. The Midland Reporter-Telegram is currently seeking individuals who are interested in delivering newspapers in the residential areas in and around the City of Midland. If interested, MUST have a reliable vehicle, proof of automobile insurance in your name, a valid driver's license, must understand that this is a 7 day a week delivery commitment as an Independent Contractor.

THE PROFIT FOR THESE ROUTES IS ABOUT $650-$1,000 a month, depending on the size of the route. *This is a perfect way to generate the extra money you need.*

If interested in starting a newspaper route:
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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

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

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

DRIVERS
Drivers wanted to transport railroad crews in the Midland, TX area. Paid training, benefits, and company vehicle provided. Starting pay $12.00/hour. Applications accepted online only at www.rmsenberger.com.

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Bazco Petroleum Transport now hiring Full Time Drivers. Crude Transportation/ Tanker-Hazmat Endorsement/ Class A CDL. For more information call 1-877-41BAZCO

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Seeking Vacuum Driver. Must have good driving record and be able to pass drug test. Experienced applicants only. Competitive wages, paid health insurance/dependent, uniforms & retirement benefits. Call 432-682-2405 or apply in person.

Warehouse
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TIRED OF THE OILFIELD? Immediate opening for Warehouse Workers. Competitive wages. Background and drug test required. Apply in person at: 2121 W Florida, Midland, TX 79701. E.O.E.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

General

NEWSPAPER STREET CORNER SALES

Selling Newspapers On The Street Corners
(avg. income $50.00 - $100.00/day)

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3'x8' Wooden Executive-type Desk with Laminate Top $60 OBO. Call 432-295-0400

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POOL TABLE 8' slate bed, 2 sets of balls, 4 break down sticks, 6 standard sticks, racks & brush. $550. Call Terry at 432-210-9905 Midland.

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FREE WOODEN PALLETS!
Midland Reporter-Telegram (on dock side)

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Pets

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Thursday & Friday 9am - 3pm, Saturday 9am - 12pm
This beautiful home is full of great items, including...American coins and paper money, sterling silver, guns including 8 Winchester M70 new in box various-calibers/Colt Python 6"/ Colt Python 8" Hunter/ Remington M700 Mountain rifle/Winchester M94 Friends of NRA/Winchester 1300 shotgun/Winchester M94 carbine (1966& 48)/Winchester M94 Big Bore, Springfield trap door rifle, unprimed factory brass (257 Weatherby mag), RWS air rifle(Diana Grade). Featherweight, crystal, decorator items, area rugs, chandelier, floor lamps, kitchen items, stereo equipment, collectible Louisville Slugger bats, art work (original and prints, includes Larry Dyke prints), oak Mission style corner cabinet, wooden masks, sofas, chaise lounges, love seats, antique dining table/chairs, bar stools, breakfast/game tables, fridge, plasma TV, coffee/lamp/sofa/side tables, lg. glass dining table/upholstered chairs, antique dresser, full/king beds, dresser with mirror/night stands, full iron bed, entertainment center, shelving, wing back chairs, tools, lg. A frame hoist, and the usual household misc.
For pictures please go to:
http://www.estatesales.net/estate-sales/TX/Midland/79705/584835

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79701

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Yard & Garage Sales

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Lots & Land

Acreage

1.1 Acre lots with water well $28.5K, 1.5 Acre lot with water well $38.9K. Greenwood area, new roads, electricity, mobile or modular OK. Britt 512-573-5479

2 ACRES Rankin Hwy. 16 acres Rankin Hwy 266-1212/ 631-8100

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40 ACRES I-20
Odessa location. $25,000 per acre. Ask for Don. 432-352-2067

Lots & Land

Acreage

40 ACRES I-20
Odessa location. $25,000 per acre. Ask for Don. 432-352-2067

562 ACRES for sale south of Abilene in Runnels County. Lots of trees, wildlife & water. Two homes / lodges, main lodge 4,600sf with large open floor plan 2nd lodge 750sf. Awesome getaway, home or business. $1.7 mil. 325-668-9299

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I-20 MIDLAND
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Mobile Homes for Sale

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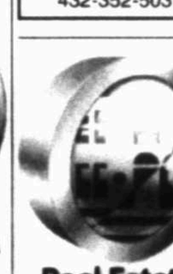
2012 HOLIDAY Rambler, 26', pull type, like new, large slide out, air, roll out awning, sleeps 6, stereo & TV, many extras. $16,500. 281-924-7125.

2014, ROYAL Traveler, 38 ft, washer / dryer, fireplace, deluxe interior. 956-329-3560.

HARLEY Davidson 2012. 1200 Sportster 72, stage 1 upgrade, Open air Willie G breather, Basanni pipes, Burly lowering kit. Leather side saddle bag. Only 3,600 miles. Garage kept $9,500 or best offer 432-559-2508.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Spacious 2 Bdrms w/ patios
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★ Fireplaces
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★
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