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Midland ISD postpones May vote on bond

Focus now set for date in November to allow residents to review details

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Voters have another six months to form their opinions about Midland ISD's $158 million bond proposal after the board of trustees decided not to call a May election.

Following Superintendent Ryder Warren's recommendation, board members agreed to take no action on an agenda item that would have called for an election.

"We do not have sufficient time to attempt a May bond," Warren said.

Board members agreed that holding a Nov. 6 election would be better.

Though many have warned against putting a bond on the ballot during a presidential election, Warren told the board he wants to get the maximum number of people voicing their opinions.

"We're talking about the difference between 10,000 voters (in May) and 40,000 voters (in November)," Warren said. "We're not just talking about buildings, but talking about a direction for Midland ISD. We have to get voters telling us where they want us to go."

The need for more time — both for architects and a political action committee — are additional reasons Warren gave for wanting to delay the election.

Lastly, Warren said waiting creates opportunities for more individuals and groups to be involved with the bond process.

"By delaying, it allows this community to come together and voice their opinions and thoughts on the bond," Warren said, noting he has heard both positive and negative reaction to the proposal.

While board members expressed they don't want to wait because the overcrowding issue only will continue, they all expressed understanding that it's pivotal the timing is right.

"I'm in favor of a November election because it gives everyone more of an opportunity to study it before they cast

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FIRST LADIES ON STAGE

Associated Press

Former first lady Barbara Bush, center, laughs, with Laura Bush and moderator Doris Kearns Goodwin during a panel that was part of the conference "America's First Ladies: An Enduring Vision," at SMU in Dallas on Monday.

Laura, Barbara Bush headline conference

Associated Press

DALLAS — Laura Bush and her mother-in-law, Barbara, talked about life in the White House — from the joys of having their own chefs to making the landmark their home — and briefly dipped into current politics at a conference on first ladies on Monday.

Barbara Bush told about 300 people attending the conference hosted by the George W. Bush Presidential Center that the current campaign is the worst she's seen.

"I hate the fact that people think compromise is a dirty word. It is not a dirty word," she said.

Former President George W. Bush introduced his wife and mother at the event held on the campus of Southern Methodist University, where the presidential center is under construction.

"I have the honor of introducing the best first lady ever," Bush said, pausing as his wife and mother each pointed at the other. Then he continued, "Mom, would you take a tie?"

"Obviously, I don't mind being surrounded by strong women. I was raised by one, I married one, and I believe we're raising two," he said.

The conference featured a discussion with historians on the influence of first ladies throughout history, a panel on the role of social secretaries to first ladies and a discussion by photographers about documenting the women.

"The thing to me that is so remarkable about the women who have assumed this position is how much guts they have, how much brains they have, stamina that is just beyond imagination and a willingness to rise above it and just do it," said Allida Black, a research professor of history and international affairs at The George Washington University.

The conference was a collaboration between the White House Historical Association, American University and the National Archives, which oversees presidential libraries.

Similar conferences focusing on

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Nonprofit to honor late judge by naming auditorium

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

While the late Judge John Hyde spoke much about Midland's history, staff at one local nonprofit wants to honor him and his family this year by making him a part of their history.

Plans are in the works at Palmer Drug Abuse Program for naming the facility's sanctuary the Hyde Family Auditorium.

An official ceremony will be held in May, said PDAP Interim Executive Director Brent Blackburn.

Hyde, who passed away on Jan. 2 after a battle with cancer, served as chairman of the PDAP in 1995 and 1996 and had been involved with the agency since 1993.

Blackburn said the current board of directors felt that naming the main room of the building in Hyde's honor is fitting because Hyde had a great desire to help others do better in their own lives.

"Certainly, there were people who came through our doors who had also been in the court system. He always wanted people to do right, and he did that with a sense of compassion."

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Palmer Drug Abuse Program Interim Executive Director Brent Blackburn walks through the center auditorium that they plan to name "The Hyde Family Auditorium" in honor of the late Judge John Hyde.

Police: Man shot, injuries are 'extremely' life-threatening

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

A man was shot late Monday night and was in critical condition at Midland Memorial Hospital for "extremely" life-threatening injuries. Police arrested the 20-year-old who allegedly shot him.

Jeremiah Brown was taken into custody about 11 p.m. and was charged with a second-degree felony of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Police said the gun allegedly used was recovered in an alley near where the shooting occurred.

Investigators believe the victim and the suspect knew each other.

At 7:38 p.m., authorities said the victim was found in his vehicle on Parker Street outside of Fairview Cemetery with a gunshot wound. Police said he was shot while inside the car.

He was rushed to the hospital by ambulance for treatment, officials confirmed.

Police closed off the area of Nobles Avenue and Pecos Street and dispersed a search team. The Department of Public Safety also assisted by using the agency's helicopter to look for the suspect.

At about 9 p.m., police also were dispatched to a shots-fired call at Mariana Avenue and Crestview Road. Officers on the scene investigating were not sure late Monday if the incidents were related.

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4-year-old boy's body pulled from hole in Carlsbad

Associated Press

CARLSBAD, N.M. — Crews pulled the body of a 4-year-old boy from a narrow, 30-foot-deep hole in Carlsbad early Monday, nearly two days after he disappeared while playing outside his home next door, state and local authorities said.

Crews reached the boy about 7 a.m. Monday and police spokesman Robert McDonald confirmed the body was Samuel Jones.

He lived in the house next door with his parents and two older siblings, a boy and girl ages 6 and 7, said Carlsbad police spokeswoman Lt. Jennifer Moyers.

"We initially began with rescue procedures and, unfortunately, it was discovered that the conditions inside the hole were not survivable, the amount of oxygen that was there, that type of thing," Carlsbad Police Chief Daniel Fierro told KRQE-TV on Monday.

Some young cousins were at the house Saturday when the boy was last seen playing in the yard.

The rural neighborhood is a mix of homes and vacant lots. A 4-foot-high chain link fence separates the boy's home from his neighbor's where the hole is located in the backyard. It's possible Samuel could have climbed the fence and simply fallen into the hole, which was dry, Moyers said.

Samuel was reported missing Saturday evening, which prompted authorities to launch a search and issue an Amber Alert.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Thing to do

■ The Water Coolers, 7 p.m., Midland High School Auditorium. Call: 789-1249 or go to www.liveonstage-pb.com

Meetings schedule

Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals
1:30 p.m. today
Council Chambers, City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

Oil and Gas Advisory Committee
3 p.m. Thursday
Council Chambers
300 N. Loraine St.

Community calendar

■ The International Coin Collectors Association will be in Midland this week to purchase "old coin collections, vintage bank notes and scrap gold, silver and diamonds," according to spokesman Dennis Couts.

Association representatives will be at the La Quinta Inn and Suites on Loop 250 9 a.m.-6 p.m. through Friday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 217-787-7767.

■ Midland County Republican Women will meet 11:30 a.m., March 14 at the Petroleum Club. The guest speaker is Todd Staples, commissioner of agriculture.

Cost of the luncheon is $16.50 in advance and $21.50 at the door. There is no charge only to hear the speaker. For more information, go to www.mcrw.us or call Joann at 684-0064 for reservations.

It's your birthday

Max Rupe Jr., of Midland, turns 4 today.

Stephanie Rich, of Midland, turns 30 today.

Put your birthday/anniversary in the paper

The Reporter-Telegram runs birthdays and anniversaries as part of our daily presentation on 2A or 4A. This includes Sunday's Your City section.

If you would like to submit an entry, please send us the following information.

■ Birthdays: Name, age, birthday and place of residence.

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Please submit your item to Editor Stewart Doreen (sdoreen@mrt.com). We will run as many items as space allows.

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Daily 4 day: 2-0-0-7
Daily 4 night: 5-2-8-6
Cash Five: 1-8-11-27-31
Texas Two Step: 3-15-25-30 BB: 1

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, March 6, the 66th day of 2012. There are 300 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1836, the Alamo in San Antonio, fell to Mexican forces after a 13-day siege.

In 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Dred Scott v. Sandford that Scott, a slave, was not an American citizen and could not sue for his freedom in federal court.

In 1912, Oreo sandwich cookies (originally called "biscuits") were first introduced by Nabisco.

In 1944, U.S. heavy bombers staged the first full-scale American raid on Berlin during World War II.

Five years ago: Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, was convicted of lying and obstructing an investigation into the 2003 leak of CIA operative Valerie Plame's identity. (President George W. Bush later commuted Libby's 30-month prison sentence, but did not issue a pardon.)

Seminar offered to help prevent Medicare fraud

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Knowing how to spot and prevent Medicare fraud is necessary to preserve benefits the health care system provides, the director of Retired Senior Volunteer Program said Monday.

In an effort to equip Midlanders about how fraud occurs and what they can do to stop it, RSVP and the Texas Senior Medicare Patrol are hosting a two-day training conference on March 21-22.

Registration is required by next week for those wanting to attend the seminar, said Saul Herrera, RSVP director.

"The more people are aware of (fraud), the more we can prevent it," he said.

The Texas Senior Medicare Patrol is part of a federal program that's run through the U.S. Administration on Aging. In Texas, grants that allow for the training courses are being administered through the Better Business Bureau's Education Foundation.

Want to go?

Texas Senior Medicare Patrol training
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 21 and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on March 22.
Community and Senior Services, 3301 Sinclair Ave.
The course is free and lunch will be provided.
To sign-up, call 689-6693 or email rsvpsaul@cssmidland.org.

Herrera said the Better Business Bureau is partnering with RSVP programs around the state to teach citizens how to stop fraud and how to report it when it occurs.

Once a group in each community is trained, those individuals can share the information they've learned by speaking at clubs and meetings or with clients they may have who use Medicare, he said.

"Anyone who's willing to learn ... people who aren't shy about doing group presentations," Herrera said, describing who they'd like to enroll in the seminar.

There are a number of ways in which fraud can occur, and knowing what to look for a way of stopping it, according to the Better Business Bureau.

Sometimes fraud occurs when Medicare is billed for more hours of care or more services than the patient actually received. Other times, a patient's Medicare number is used by someone else to obtain services, and still other times tests and medical devices are ordered that aren't needed or aren't delivered, according to the BBB.

Herrera said patients may be aware of some of the risks of fraud and there are signs they could look out for and report to prevent additional monetary loss.

"It opens your eyes to be aware of things that occur around you," Herrera said. "You may have seen it and you may not have done anything about it. We need to do something about it. We can't just turn a cheek or act like we don't hear."

For example, patients never should provide their Medicare number to someone they don't know. Also, Medicare statements should be reviewed carefully to ensure all charges are for services or items that actually were ordered and delivered, according to the Better Business Bureau.

If a service is being offered for free, the provider shouldn't request a Medicare number. Sales persons have been known to convince patients to purchase more than is medically necessary, which is a tactic individuals should look out for, according to the BBB.

Herrera said the training is open to RSVP volunteers as well as interested members of the community.

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Planning and Zoning defers bid for alcohol permit

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

A restaurant at Illinois Avenue and Midland Drive still is waiting for an answer on whether it can sell alcohol along with its food offerings.

The owners of J-Peno's Cafe have applied for a specific use permit that would allow them to sell alcohol from within the restaurant.

After neighbors protested the application for several reasons — including that there is a church in the shopping center next door to the cafe — the Planning and Zoning Commission agreed to defer the application until its April 2 meeting.

"I think it's ridiculous," said Jay Johnson, who lives along with his grandparents in a home behind the restaurant. He opposes alcohol sales there. "I don't understand why this is even being thought about."

Bradley Bennett, owner of J-Peno's Cafe, brought forward the permit application. He and his wife said alcohol would be sold along with food inside of the restaurant and that, as the permit states, no alcohol would be taken outside of their establishment.

Several neighbors complained of trash that already exists and said they worry beer bottles sold through the permit would only increase litter in the alleyway and in their backyards.

Bennett said, if needed, they could take their trash elsewhere. However, litter from patrons shouldn't occur because alcohol would not be taken outside restaurant.

Commissioners said without even considering the other objections, they had to defer the request until they find out how close the church is to the restaurant.

If the church is less than 300 feet from J-Peno's cafe, the permit rules state the request cannot be granted, said Cameron Walker, planning division manager.

Three nearby establishments already sell alcohol, including Cedo's Stop, 7-Eleven and Kent Kwik.

However, Walker said, because the convenience stores sell beer and wine for off-premise consumption, the permit they require is not the same and doesn't necessitate approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission and subsequently the City Council.

In other business:

■ Venture Companies was granted a zone change that could allow for it to expand at its Highway 80 and Elkins Road location. The property is zoned as an agricultural estate district currently — which the owners were not aware of when they purchased the land and began a commercial use there.

In a 4-3 decision, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved a request to change the zoning to a commercial district. The company is wanting to expand so it can add staff and operations at the site, said Chris Walker, distribution manager with Venture Companies.

Commissioner Royce Watkins said the surrounding area is of a commercial use and the request fits with the landscape. Neighbors had complained of dust and truck traffic. Some operations that require truck traffic have been moved to one of the business's other locations. Watkins added that dust will occur regardless of whether this particular business receives its zone change request.

Tony Carrillo, a commissioner who opposed the request, said if Venture Companies had come to the commission before starting operations at its property that would've been different. But, he said he didn't like the idea of them asking for forgiveness and a zone change after they've started.

Galen Gatten and Bill Woodruff also opposed the request while Becky Ferguson, Watkins, Cindy Lanning and Jay Norris voted for the zone change.

The City Council will make the final decision on the request.

■ Stripes received a final plat approval for a replat request for the southeast corner of East Wadley Avenue and North Lamesa Road.

■ Commissioners provided a preliminary plat for the Rasnick Addition, which is generally located on Business 20 and Todd Drive.

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HYDE

From 1A

Blackburn said.

PDAP also is accepting donations to have a donor's name placed on the new "Wall of Friends" it will unveil in the auditorium at the May ceremony.

For $50, officials said people can support the organization and have their name displayed on the wall.

"There's already been quite an outpouring of support from community members and other elected officials," Blackburn said, adding that a judge from outside of Midland has also recently contributed. "It's a tribute to the legacy that he leaves."

The $50 donation will go toward offering the free counseling and support group services to the community, as well as aid in other programs the organization offers.

The auditorium currently does not have a name and commonly is referred to as the "auditorium" or "sanctuary" by staff.

The room frequently is used to host coalition meetings and victim impact panels with Stop DWI, holding the Celebration of Sobriety event, training and educational classes.

Want to donate?

For more information or to purchase a spot on the "Wall of Friends," call the PDAP office at 685-3645.

Since PDAP has moved into the building, at 1208 W. Wall St., Blackburn said two weddings also have been held in the room.

New chairs and tables have been added, and officials said the room has been painted. Interns over the summer through the Extreme Youth Leadership painted canvas arts that also currently are hung around the room.

"It's a well used room with many people coming in and out every month," Blackburn said.

"We'd certainly like to recognize and pay tribute by honoring Hyde. Each donation helps us to move our mission forward."

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CONFERENCE

From 1A

other first ladies are being planned, including one set for the fall on Lady Bird Johnson at her husband's presidential library in Austin, said Anita McBride, who served as Laura Bush's chief of staff in the White House and chaired the conference. Laura Bush and Barbara Bush were also featured at a similar event last year at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum in College Station.

"Not every place has a living first lady," said McBride, now an executive-in-residence at the school of public affairs at American University in Washington. "The idea is to take components of the program to match the interests of the libraries."

After Barbara Bush's comments on the current political season, Laura Bush talked about seeing cartoons critical of Abraham Lincoln, and commented, "You realize it is just kind of part of American politics."

"You're much kinder than I am," Barbara Bush said. "I think the rest of the world is looking at us and thinking, 'What are you doing? Why aren't you getting along?'"

BOND

From 1A

their vote and no one will feel rushed," trustee Rick Davis said.

"I don't want to (wait), but I understand the reason for doing so," trustee Karen Fullen said, laughing. "I'm ready to go now."

Trustee James Fuller said he only wants to support a bond proposal that includes all items in the initial $158 million recommendation.

"Everything is needed," Fuller said, citing conversations he's had with district employees and having read the facilities book cover-to-cover. "If we pull things out because they're considered a want, we're already halfway down to not being on track."

If a bond is not approved in November, Warren said he would continue to bring a bond to the community every November and May until it passes.

After deciding not to call an election, the board agreed to hold a special meeting after spring break to interview and select an architectural firm to begin the process.

"These are my numbers, administrative numbers," Warren said. "We need to get a true feeling from architectural experts who know how to validate those."

It is recommended the selected firm take until July to do an analysis of the current facility recommendations and validate (and) establish the pricing, Warren said.

To Fuller, it is very important the architect selected "understands the dynamics of this community and understands why we're in the dilemma we're in now," regarding the condition of facilities.

After receiving the firm's recommendation, Warren said he would like to call the November election in early August so the political action committee can have the necessary time to sell the initiative, Warren said.

In other business:

■ The board unanimously approved changes to how grade point averages will be calculated beginning with students in the 2011-12 eighth-grade class.

The new plan will only include the 26 courses on the state's recommended plan, meaning all electives will be omitted from GPA calculations.

The change is meant to encourage kids to take classes that interest them and will prepare them for post-secondary education, Patrick Jones, executive director of secondary education, told the board.

By eliminating grade points for elective courses, Jones said students could enroll in classes they're interested in without feeling like they must jeopardize their grade point average.

Under the proposed recommendations, many high-level AP classes will not count in the GPA for students who started math classes in seventh grade.

■ Uniforms were approved for students at Travis Elementary. Students who are economically disadvantaged account for 82 percent of the school's enrollment, principal Sha Burdsal told the board. After polling parents and faculty members, Burdsal said an overwhelming majority wanted the uniforms because they would be cheaper and easier. Pants must be khaki or navy and polo shirts must be blue, white, black or purple.

■ Seven personnel appointments were approved, including a counseling position at Midland High School that has been vacant since Sept. 16. Five resignation and two retirement notices also were approved.

■ Students from the Midland HS robotics teams were honored for winning the Panhandle Plains FTC Championship Saturday in Lubbock.

■ Past presidents of the MISD Education Foundation, Frank Stowers and Rachel Stone, were given the "Hero for Kids" Award.

■ The board approved a Program Improvement Plan, Family and Community Written Plans and Policies and Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment and Written Attendance Plans for the Head Start program.

■ The board entered into a no-action executive session regarding personnel.

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Police search for shooting suspect

From staff reports

Midland police continued to search Monday evening for a 22-year-old man they said fired shots in a restaurant parking lot Sunday night.

Stephen Kyle Wright is a suspect in an aggravated assault with a deadly weapon case, authorities said.

At 7 p.m. Sunday, Midland police responded to the parking lot of a local restaurant where it was reported that shots had been fired at another person in a vehicle.

Wright is said to have fled the scene.

Anyone with information to Wright's whereabouts is asked to contact MPD at 685-7108 or Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

MISD school bus catches fire

From staff reports

One bus caught fire inside the MISD bus barn Monday night.

Midland firefighters responded to the structure at 7:35 p.m. and found the bus on fire. The barn had a significant amount of smoke, officials said.

No injuries were reported, and the fire was contained to the bus and quickly was extinguished.

The cause of the fire is under investigation, authorities said.

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Students get a little bit of Sunshine

Students at Houston Elementary School in Corpus Christi check out Sunshine, a dairy cow, during a presentation by the Southwest Dairy Farmers at the school on Monday. The presentation was part of the kickoff for Texas Public School's Week, which continues through Friday. Read about what students in Midland are up to in **Education/1B**.

Nurse's bleach injection deaths trial begins

Associated Press

LUFKIN — An East Texas nurse violated the trust of a noble profession when she injected kidney dialysis patients with toxic bleach, killing five of them and injuring five others, a prosecutor said as the woman's murder trial began Monday.

Kimberly Saenz, 38, faces a possible death sentence if convicted of capital murder in the April 2008 deaths.

Saenz stood in court holding her hands behind her back as Angelina County District Attorney Clyde Herrington read the six-count indictment against her. Her lawyer, Ryan Deaton, answered "Not guilty, your honor," on her behalf when the judge asked for a plea after each count.

Herrington told jurors in his opening remarks that evidence would show there was bleach in the IV dialysis lines of victims who were being treated at a DaVita dialysis clinic in Lufkin, about 125 miles northeast of Houston.

"The defendant in this case is the one that put it there," he said.

He said investigators also found Internet searches on Saenz's computer about bleach poisoning in blood and whether bleach could be detected in dialysis lines.

"The profession of nursing is one of the most respected," Herrington told jurors. "Health care providers devote their career to those who are sick and ill ... But involves a great deal of trust. And if that trust is violated, very serious things can happen."

Saenz was charged a year after the Lufkin clinic closed for aboot two months following a rash of illnesses and deaths.

Emergency crews had been called to the clinic many as 30 times that April, including seven for cardiac problems, and made at least 19 runs. Four people had died.

There had been only two calls during the previous 15 months, according to the Texas Department of Health Services.

Denver-based health care giant DaVita Inc. investigated along with local, state and federal agencies.

Inspectors were present on April 28, 2008, when two dialysis patients said they suddenly didn't feel well and two others reported that they saw Saenz inject bleach into tubing used by two fellow patients.

Saenz, who had held her entry-level position as a licensed vocational nurse for eight months, was sent home. Police were summoned. The next day she was fired.

In his opening defense statement, Deaton said the stories told by the two patients who complained about Saenz varied widely and said DaVita officials waited eight hours before calling police.

"DaVita Inc. is the puppet master in this case," he said, drawing an immediate objection from Herrington that was upheld by the judge.

But he continued to blame the company, insisting DaVita "has manipulated the evidence ... and the science in this case."

Deaton said he would present evidence to contradict the charges. For example, a syringe patients saw Saenz using was being used to measure bleach for a cleaning solution so Saenz could get the precise amount and adhere to clinic rules, he said.

"When Kim supposedly is doing this, there's a monitor watching her, there's people in the clinic," Deaton said. "Patients are watching what's going on."

"Everybody's freaking out," he continued. "People were dying. Everybody"s on edge. This whole thing is just a firecracker."

Federal investigators examined blood tubing, IV bags and syringes used by the DaVita patients, who spent up to three days a week tethered for hours to a machine that filtered their blood — a job their kidneys could no longer do.

Joel Sprott, an attorney for clinic operator DaVita Inc., has said the Denver-based company turned over more than 10,000 pages of records in the case. Through 2011, DaVita operated or provided services to 1,809 dialysis facilities in the U.S., serving some 142,000 patients and employing more than 41,000 people.

Citing a gag order imposed by the judge, DaVita spokesman Vince Hancock would only say last week only that the company looks forward "to continuing our steadfast commitment to the Lufkin community."

A Food and Drug Administration report found some samples linked to some victims tested positive for bleach while others showed bleach "may have been present at one time."

Clinic policy calls for bleach to be used in various concentrations for cleaning and then chemical reactive agents are used to confirm bleach residue was removed and the cleaned areas are safe.

TEXASROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Man condemned for drowning woman loses appeal

A man sent to death row for torturing and drowning a Tyler woman before cramming her body in a barrel has lost a federal court appeal.

Troy James Clark argued to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that his legal help was deficient during his trial in 2000, two years after Christina Muse, who briefly lived with him, was killed. The New Orleans-based 5th Circuit rejected the claims Monday.

Authorities believe Clark is responsible for at least two other killings, including a man found in a septic tank and a Houston drug dealer.

Evidence showed Muse was tortured with a stun gun, beaten with a board, bound with duct tape and drowned. Her body was encased in a drum filled with cement and lime.

HOUSTON

Stanford trial jury told to continue deliberations

A federal judge has told jurors to continue deliberating the fate of jailed Texas tycoon R. Allen Stanford after they indicated they were unable to reach verdicts on at least some of the 14 charges against the financier.

Stanford is accused of bilking investors out of $7 billion in a massive Ponzi scheme.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner on Monday gave jurors in Houston an order meant to prod juries toward a unanimous verdict. A short time later, the jury ended work for the day. Deliberations resume today.

The jury has been deliberating since Wednesday.

Defense attorneys said Stanford made money for investors who bought certificates of deposit from his Caribbean bank.

Prosecutors countered that Stanford spent their money on failed businesses and a lavish lifestyle.

CORPUS CHRISTI

7 plead guilty in immigrant smuggling ring

A South Texas man has pleaded guilty to charges that he was the leader of an immigrant smuggling ring for almost a decade.

The U.S. attorney's office says Armando Olmedo-Trevino rose from a smuggler to the person running the conspiracy from his home in Wharton, about 60 miles west of Houston. Olmedo-Trevino and six other suspects pleaded guilty Friday.

Prosecutors say members of the ring worked to get immigrants across the border and into safe houses in the Rio Grande Valley before they were moved north. Federal agents caught about 400 illegal immigrants who were being smuggled.

Olmedo-Trevino and the others who pleaded guilty Friday are scheduled to be sentenced in May. They face up to 10 years in prison.

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Fernando A. Contreras, 24, of El Paso, was arrested Saturday by Midland police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Joel Anthony Villesca, 22, of Monahans, was arrested Saturday by Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Eric Almaguer, 31, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Justin Marshall Martinez, 26, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of obstruction and/or retaliation.

Alexander Gonzalez Sanchez, 30, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Ralph Trevino Sr., 26, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of violation of parole.

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EPA heightens scrutiny over Pa. gas drilling

Associated Press

DIMOCK, Pa. — Tugging on rubber gloves, a laboratory worker kneels before a gushing spigot behind Kim Grosso's house and positions an empty bottle under the clear, cold stream. The process is repeated dozens of times as bottles are filled, marked and packed into coolers.

After extensive testing, Grosso and dozens of her neighbors will know this week what may be lurking in their well water as federal regulators investigate claims of contamination in the midst of one of the nation's most productive natural gas fields.

More than three years into the gas-drilling boom that's produced thousands of new wells, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the state of Pennsylvania are tussling over regulation of the Marcellus Shale, the vast underground rock formation that holds trillions of cubic feet of gas.

The state says EPA is meddling. EPA says it is doing its job.

Grosso, who lives near a pair of gas wells drilled in 2008, told federal officials her water became discolored a few months ago, with an intermittent foul odor and taste. Her dog and cats refused to drink it. While there's no indication the problems are related to drilling, she hopes the testing will provide answers.

"If there is something wrong with the water, who is responsible?" she asked. "Who's going to fix it, and what does it do to the value of the property?"

Federal regulators are ramping up their oversight of the Marcellus with dual investigations in the northeastern and southwestern corners of Pennsylvania. EPA is also sampling water around Pennsylvania for its national study of the potential environmental and public health impacts of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, the technique that blasts a cocktail of sand, water and chemicals deep underground to stimulate oil and gas production in shale formations like the Marcellus. Fracking allows drillers to reach previously inaccessible gas reserves, but it produces huge volumes of polluted wastewater and environmentalists say it can taint groundwater. Energy companies deny it.

The heightened federal scrutiny rankles the industry and politicians in the state capital, where the administration of pro-drilling Gov. Tom Corbett insists that Pennsylvania regulators are best suited to oversee the gas industry. The complaints echo those in Texas and in Wyoming, where EPA's preliminary finding that fracking chemicals contaminated water supplies is forcefully disputed by state officials and energy executives.

Caught in the middle of the state-federal regulatory dispute are residents who don't know if their water is safe to drink.

EPA is charged by law with protecting and ensuring the safety of the nation's drinking water, but it largely has allowed the states to take the lead on rules and enforcement as energy companies drilled and fracked tens of thousands of new wells in recent years.

In Pennsylvania, that began to change last spring after the Associated Press and other news organizations reported that huge volumes of partially treated wastewater were being discharged into rivers and streams that supply drinking water. EPA asked the state to boost its monitoring of fracking wastewater from gas wells, and the state declared a voluntary moratorium for drillers that led to significant reductions of Marcellus waste. Yet, a loophole in the policy allows operators of many older oil and gas wells to continue discharging significant amounts of wastewater into treatment plants, and thus, into rivers.

Michael Krancer, the state's top environmental regulator, said Pennsylvania doesn't need federal intervention to help it protect the environment. He told Congress last fall that Pennsylvania has taken the lead on regulations for the burgeoning gas industry.

"There's no question that EPA is overstepping," Katherine Gresh, Krancer's spokeswoman, told the AP. "DEP regulates these facilities and always has, and EPA has never before shown this degree of involvement."

The American Petroleum Institute urged the Obama administration last week to rein in the 10 agencies it says are either reviewing, studying or proposing regulation of fracking.

"The fact is that there is a strong state regulatory system in place, and adding potentially redundant and duplicative federal regulation would be unnecessary, costly, and could stifle investment," API Vice President Kyle Isakower said in a statement.

EPA said public health is its key focus and insists it is guided by sound science and the law.

"We have been clear that if we see an immediate threat to public health, we will not hesitate to take steps under the law to protect Americans whose health may be at risk," said Terri White, an EPA spokeswoman in Philadelphia.

The EPA investigations are being conducted amid reports of possibly drilling-related contamination in several Pennsylvania communities.

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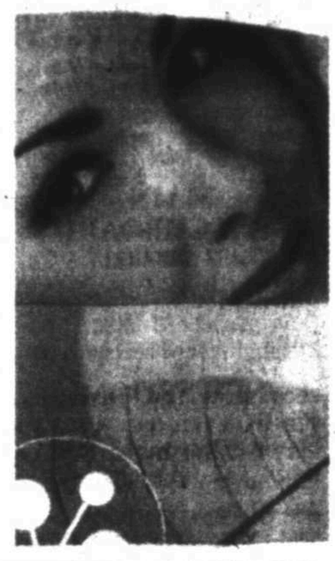

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Don't gloss over the intolerance of Islamic extremists

■ Supporters of peace, tolerance and basic human rights do a disservice to Muslim moderates.

JONATHAN GURWITZ
San Antonio Express-News

In Afghanistan, violent mobs go on a rampage because of what U.S. officials describe as the inadvertent incineration of copies of the Quran. In Iran, a trial court issues a final order of execution for a Christian pastor accused of apostasy.

Remind me again: Who is it that needs lessons in tolerance?

Merely juxtaposing these two recent news stories guarantees an accusation of Islamophobia. But phobias are irrational. There's nothing irrational about noting the violence of Islamic extremists or their violation of civilized norms of discourse.

And when it comes to theological provocations, there's nothing charitable about believing that Muslims — the vast majority of whom are not extremists — are less capable of responding in a civilized manner than members of other religions.

In Afghanistan, the immediate assumption was the U.S. military deliberately had desecrated Islam's holy book. Even if that were true, would it justify the violence in which more than 30 Afghans lost their lives and six American servicemembers have been killed in cold blood?

And what could justify the execution of Pastor Yousef Nadarkhani, whose capital crime — according to Iranian prosecutors — is that he was born a Muslim and became a Christian? After refusing to recant his faith, Nadarkhani now appears to be at imminent risk of being put to death.

Then there is the case of Talag Elbayomy. Elbayomy was charged with physically harassing an atheist he accused of blasphemy. The judge in the case, beyond finding no evidence of a crime, berated the alleged victim for being insufficiently deferential to members of the Muslim faith.

Elbayomy's trial didn't take place in Kabul or Tehran. It took place in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

The complainant in the case was Ernie Perce, state director of the American Atheists organization, who marched as a "zombie" Prophet Mohammed along with a fellow "zombie" pope in a Mechanicsburg Halloween parade. A good deal of fallacious reporting surrounds the Elbayomy trial, including the falsehood that the presiding judge — Cumberland County Magistrate Mark Martin — is Muslim.

Legal scholars such as Jonathan Turley have raised serious questions about Martin's decisions to exclude some videophone and eyewitness evidence. But the real shocker, which is a matter of public record, is Martin's scolding of Perce.

Martin, who served two tours in Iraq in the Army Reserve, made it threateningly clear that Perce's antics would be punishable by death in many Muslim countries. He made the similarly irrelevant assertion that there is a big difference between how Americans practice Christianity and how Muslims practice Islam. And Martin, an American judge, warned Perce that he was "way outside your bounds on First Amendment rights."

Over the course of 10 years of cultural and religious sensitivity training, Americans have come to accept the violent spasms of religious intolerance that frequently convulse parts of the Islamic world. But is it too much to ask that judges in the United States uphold rights enumerated in the U.S. Constitution?

Americans tolerate all sorts of offenses as the very acceptable price of free speech. Christians accept a popular culture that regularly mocks their beliefs. Jews accept Nazis marching through their neighborhoods. Americans of all religions and no religion tolerate the disgusting protests of the Westboro Baptist Church zealots.

When they don't, when they resort to violence or intimidation in an effort to abridge free speech, they are held accountable before the law. Supporters of peace, tolerance and basic human rights do a disservice to Muslim moderates when they hold extremists to a lower standard than themselves or gloss over their abuses — here in the United States or abroad.

GUEST VIEW

GOP voters should select Mitt Romney

Houston Chronicle

The Republican primaries are doing their job. But it is a job that needs to be completed sooner rather than later if the party is to effectively challenge President Barack Obama in November.

As of Feb. 28, the field essentially has been winnowed to two: former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum. Rep. Ron Paul has a steadfast core constituency of true believers — and some interesting ideas — but a Paul nomination is fantasy. As is a comeback by former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, whose deficits as a leader overshadow his occasional flashes of policy and rhetorical brilliance.

The GOP's decision to put its candidates through a gauntlet of seemingly endless debates was a well-intended effort to give party primary voters an in-depth look at all of the potential hopefuls. But it has backfired.

It has descended into a bickering, bloody mess, accurately described by former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and others as a circular firing squad.

We say: Stop the shooting.

We share the view of many that the Republican Party's most constructive course going forward is to waste little time and unite behind the candidate most likely to compete effectively against President Obama. In our view, Mitt Romney is that candidate. We endorse Gov. Romney for his party's nomination for president.

We would have preferred if Texas could have kept its original place on the primary calendar on Super Tuesday. But Texas Republicans have their party leaders in Austin to thank for pushing this state's primaries to late May.

The powerful GOP supermajority in the Texas Legislature overreached in the redistricting process, prompting a court challenge by rightly aggrieved Democrats. Subsequently, a panel of federal judges in San Antonio overreached in the opposite direction, drawing the objection of the U.S. Supreme Court and pushing our primaries back nearly to June.

Our endorsement is intended for the eyes and ears and thoughtful consideration of Texas Republicans, of course, but its timing is intended to send a clear message to Republicans nationwide: Stop self-destructing and begin uniting behind Mitt Romney.

Why Romney? Competence and long experience in the areas that matter most in this election: the economy, the budget deficit, the national debt and experience creating jobs. A steady presence that inspires confidence among Americans and would command respect among friends and foes alike, and which contrasts sharply with Santorum's tendency to shoot from the hip in ways that raise questions about his political maturity, while drawing attention away from his strengths.

Above all, we see in Romney a credential that is not much discussed among Republicans, and is often viewed as a weakness when it is taken into account. The man won election in and governed effectively in the commonwealth of Massachusetts, perhaps the most liberal bastion in the nation. To do so, he had to be a savvy operator in adverse circumstances — not unlike those that characterize the hyperpartisan Washington world he would be entering if elected president.

In his term as governor of the Bay State, Mitt Romney demonstrated political backbone that should appeal widely to Texas Republicans, vetoing legislation no less than 800 times. He is no shrinking violet.

Mitt Romney's roots are far from Texas, but his demeanor and devotion to principles, such as the right of free people to follow their own destinies, have a familiar, reassuring ring in the Lone Star State.

To no one's surprise, Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum's candidacies fall on either side of a GOP fault line between moderates and conservatives that dates back decades to the rivalry between Goldwater Republicans and Rockefeller Republicans.

It's time to set these differences aside. It's time for Republicans to end the destructive bickering and unite behind Mitt Romney as their candidate for president.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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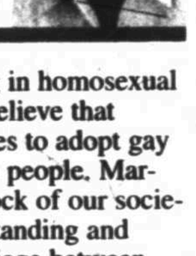
James believes in 'gay by choice'

■ Medical associations say the idea has been discredited but that doesn't stop GOP figures from tip-toeing around the idea.



PEGGY FIKAC
San Antonio Express-News

First it was failed presidential candidate Herman Cain, then "Sex and the City" star Cynthia Nixon and now U.S. Senate candidate Craig James.

It's not a fantasy dinner party. Instead, all three have made headlines with their views on whether people choose to be gay.

Cain said back in October that he thought being gay was a choice.

Nixon has walked back a quote in New York Times Magazine that being gay was a choice for her, clarifying that she's bisexual and chose to be in a gay relationship.

James, a former football standout and ESPN analyst, lofted the gay-by-choice comment at a Dallas debate a couple of weeks ago, then repeated it at a Texas Tribune forum in Austin. When I asked how he came to that conclusion, James — who attends Prestonwood Baptist Church — said, "I just believe based on my faith that the Lord created Adam and Eve, male and female, and my faith is where I draw from my conclusion that it's a choice."

Such statements concern people who think they make it easier to justify discrimination or efforts to "straighten out" gay people. So I asked other major U.S. Senate candidates whether they believe being gay is a choice, starting with former Dallas mayor Tom Leppert, who said, "I think it's likely a combination of factors and these may differ by individual, but I'm not going to hold myself up as an expert."

Leppert has been taken to task by GOP opponents James and Ted Cruz for marching in a couple of gay rights parades. He has said he opposes gay marriage but that as mayor, his job was to represent everyone.

On to Cruz, the former state solicitor general who prides himself on tough talk but ignored the question I emailed in favor of the one he wanted to answer: "I believe that engaging in homosexual conduct is a choice, and I do not believe that unelected judges should force States to adopt gay marriage, against the wishes of the people. Marriage is a fundamental building block of our society, and I have a proven record of standing and fighting to protect traditional marriage between one man and one woman."

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst answered: "I do not know. I am persuaded that the gay lifestyle is a choice. As a public policy goal, I support promoting the traditional American family, which is under assault and in need of assistance. I believe marriage is between a man and a woman. I believe a mom and a dad provide the best environment in which to raise children."

On the Democratic side of the race, former state Rep. Paul Sadler said, "I don't believe sexual orientation is a matter of choice. A statement that a person is gay by choice clearly demonstrates a failure to understand the difference between sexual orientation and specific conduct. The real question is whether or not we are going to continue to allow discrimination based on sexual orientation. I do not believe discrimination based on sexual orientation is in the best spirit of the American tradition."

The Log Cabin Republicans' Christian Berle said, "The idea that a person chooses to be gay or lesbian has been discredited by every major professional medical organization, starting with the American Psychological Association and the American Medical Association. "

Now voters have one more issue to weigh as they choose a candidate.

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WASHINGTON

Pentagon says military will still air Limbaugh

A Pentagon spokesman says the military's network will continue to air Rush Limbaugh's radio program.

George Little said the American Forces Network offers a wide range of programming to reflect listeners' interests and he is unaware of any plans to review that decision.

Limbaugh has come under fire for an outburst on his radio program last week when he called a 30-year-old law student a "slut" after she testified before Congress about birth control policies. He has since apologized.

The network on its website said that Limbaugh's show is popular. It said it doesn't try to protect listeners from hearing views with which they may disagree.

Limbaugh's show airs five mornings a week.

INDIANA

Baby dropped in field by tornado buried

SALEM — A 15-month-old Indiana girl who clung to life for two days after being scooped up by a tornado that killed her parents and two siblings was buried Monday in a snow-covered cemetery, a poignant end to what had seemed to be a miracle story of survival.

An American flag hung at half-staff as relatives of Angel Babcock gathered for the private burial. Angel, her mother and her 2-month-old sister were buried in one casket. Her father and 2-year-old brother were in another.

The little girl died Sunday at Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville, Ky., after suffering severe head injuries when a tornado struck her family's home in New Pekin, Ind., and swept her into the field. Her death is one of 40 from the tornadoes that ripped through the Midwest and South on Friday.

The miracle survivor amid widespread devastation wrought by the storms, Angel captivated the world with her fight to live. Though found critically injured, she was opening her eyes when she arrived at the hospital in Kentucky, which workers said was a hopeful sign.

What's so super about Tuesday? 419 delegates

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Super? Maybe not this time. But, it is a Tuesday, one with the biggest payout of the Republican presidential primaries.

Super Tuesday, slimmed down to half its 2008 size but still doling out one-third of the delegates needed to win, probably won't settle much.

Sure, it could nudge Newt Gingrich out of the race or lend Ron Paul more credibility, but it won't be easy for either Mitt Romney or Rick Santorum to score a decisive advantage because delegates are handed out by share. A close second in a state can pay off almost as well as first place.

Win some big states, especially Ohio, and the symbolism is powerful.

Romney might cement the front-runner status that keeps slipping through his fingers. Santorum could prove he's the real thing.

What's at stake, what does it mean and what might happen when 10 states stretching from Alaska to Virginia vote on the same day? A Super Tuesday tip sheet:

By the numbers

Delegates for grabs today: 419.

Delegates already won: 353. Romney, 203; Santorum, 92; Gingrich, 33; Paul, 25.

Delegates needed for the nomination: 1,144.

Super Tuesday is super expensive

This one day of voting can eat up millions of dollars in TV advertising.

When it comes to commercials, Romney and his campaign's supporters have outgunned the rest of the field.

Restore Our Future, a political action committee that backs Romney, had spent about $5.5 million in Super Tuesday states by the end of last week, according to data the Associated Press obtained from media buyers.

Ohio, Ohio, Ohio

It's the race to watch. Political junkies get all misty-eyed over this Rust Belt swing state, and not just because of the 63 delegates.

No Republican nominee has ever become president without winning Ohio in the general election. That makes it a powerful proving ground for the men trying to show they can take on President Barack Obama.

It's home to Joe the Plumber and tens of thousands of auto workers, but Ohio's not all blue collar. It's also the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, high-tech science, medical and energy workers, suburbanites, soybean farmers and a quarter-million dairy cows (OK, the cows can't vote). The big issue is the economy, including Obama's bailout of the auto industry.

Santorum and Romney are duking it out in Ohio. Look for the outcome to generate more buzz than any other Super Tuesday contest.

Last stand or rising again?

Get out the hook for Newt Gingrich if he loses in Georgia, the state he represented in the U.S. House for two decades.

Gingrich hopes to win decisively here and pick up enough other delegates to relaunch his up-and-down campaign, which has been mostly down-and-out since he lost Florida in January. He's got endorsements from Gov. Nathan Deal and Herman Cain, a fellow Georgian. He's got a new pitch, claiming he can bring the cost of gas down to $2.50 per gallon.

Santorum is pushing hard to wrest the state's Christian conservative and tea party voters away from Gingrich. Romney also remains a force. Georgia boasts the day's biggest cache of delegates: 76.

Elsewhere in the South

Two other Bible Belt states, Tennessee and Oklahoma, are central to Gingrich's hopes of revival. But, Santorum insists he'll be the big story in both.

In Tennessee, a confident-sounding Santorum is trying to walk the footsteps of another outspoken Christian conservative, Mike Huckabee, who won this primary four years ago. Romney boasts the support of popular Gov. Bill Haslam, while Gingrich is getting plugs from one of the state's most colorful political figures: former senator, movie actor and "Law & Order" star Fred Thompson. At stake are 55 delegates.

Dotted with drilling rigs and cattle ranches, Oklahoma straddles the South and the Great Plains and sits squarely among the reddest of the red states. Santorum tagged it "ground zero of the conservative movement," and his anti-abortion, pro-family values message attracts enthusiastic crowds here. The other three hopefuls also have dropped in, hoping to prove their conservative bona fides to the Okies. It offers 40 delegates.

Romney territory

There's little drama in the Northeastern races. Romney's virtually unopposed in his power base of Massachusetts, where he was governor just over five years ago. Delegates: 38. He's expected to win neighboring Vermont handily, too, although Santorum seeks to peel away some of its 17 delegates.

Paul's big night?

The anti-war, libertarian-leaning, unorthodox Republican hasn't won a single state. Super Tuesday could change that.

Paul is focusing on the three caucus states — Idaho, North Dakota and Alaska — where a big turnout by his cadre of enthusiastic followers would have the most impact. Even if he doesn't score a win, he's likely to pick up delegates to help power him into this summer's Republican convention with enough clout to promote his ideas.

But, his rivals won't make it easy.

Idaho's big Mormon population — about a fourth of its voters — bodes well for Romney, who's a Mormon. Santorum's looking to win in North Dakota, and Romney's trying, too.

Paul, a Texas congressman, may be the only one to journey to Alaska, however; he was in the state Sunday. Meanwhile, Alaska's most famous Republican, Sarah Palin, has been saying some nice things about Gingrich.

Together, the three caucuses pay out 84 delegates (Idaho 32, North Dakota 28, Alaska 24).

What's the deal with Virginia?

Gingrich would love to compete in this Southern state, but he's not. Only Romney and Paul landed spots on the ballot, by having early organizations strong enough to collect the required 10,000 signatures. That leaves Virginia mostly a curiosity. What kind of showing can Paul muster going mano-a-mano with Romney? The fight is over 46 delegates.

A footnote

Wyoming is almost a Super Tuesday state. Some of its counties start picking delegates Tuesday. But, others won't caucus until Saturday, so no official statewide results before then. Romney won a non-binding straw poll in Wyoming last month with Santorum close at his heels. At stake: 12 delegates.

Next up

Caucuses and primaries in Kansas, Alabama, Hawaii, Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois and Louisiana fill out the busiest month of the nomination season. Three territories — American Samoa, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico — also get their say in March.

Obama to speak at Joplin graduation

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. — President Barack Obama will speak at Joplin High School"s commencement, a year after a tornado struck just after the ceremony, killing more than 160 people and destroying much of the city.

The high school was among the thousands of homes and buildings destroyed, and students have been attending classes in a nearby mall this year.

Word traveled quickly through the student body Monday after the White House announced the president would speak at the May 21 graduation.

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By KEN MCINTOSH
STAFF WRITER

ICCA will be placing ads in newspapers, radio and running television spots this week asking people to bring in any old silver and gold coins made before 1970. Those that do bring in their coins will be able to speak with collectors one on one and have their coins looked at by a specialist. With the help of these ICCA members, offers will be made to those that have coins made before 1970. Offers will be made based on silver or gold content and the rarity of the coins. All coins made before 1970 will be examined and purchased including gold coins, silver coins, silver dollars, all types of nickels and pennies. Those that decide to sell their coins will be paid on the spot.

If you are like a lot of people, you might have a few old coins or even a coffee can full lying around. If you have ever wondered what they are worth, now might be your chance to find out and even sell them if you choose. They could be worth a lot according to the International Coin Collectors Association, also known as ICCA. Collectors will pay a fortune for some coins and currency for their collections. If they are rare enough, one coin could be worth over $100,000 according to Eric Helms coin collector and ICCA member. One ultra rare dime, an 1894S Barber, sold for a record $1.9 million to a collector in July of 2007. While that is an extreme example, many rare and valuable coins are stashed away in dresser drawers or lock boxes around the country. The ICCA and its collector members have organized a traveling event in search of all types of coins and currency. "Even common coins can be worth a significant amount due to the high price of silver and gold," says Helms. Washington quarters and Roosevelt dimes and worth many times their face value. Recent silver markets have driven the price up on even common coins made of silver. Helms explains, "All half dollars, quarter and dimes made before 1970 contain 90% silver and are sought after any time silver prices rise. Right now it's a sellers market."

The rarest coins these collectors are looking for include $20, $10, $5 and $2 1/2 gold coins and any coin made before 1850. These coins always bring big premiums according to the ICCA. Silver dollars are also very sought after nowadays.

Other types of items the ICCA will be purchasing during this event include U.S. currency, gold bullion, investment gold, silver bars, silver rounds, proof sets, etc. Even foreign coins are sought after and will be purchased.

Also, at this event anyone can sell their gold jewelry, dental gold or anything made of gold on the spot. Bring anything you think might be gold and the collectors will examine, test and price it for free. If you decide to sell you will be paid on the spot – it has been an unknown fact that coin dealers have always paid more for jewelry and scrap gold than other jewelers and pawn brokers.

So, whether you have one coin you think might be valuable or a large collection you recently inherited, you can talk to these collectors for free and if your lucky you may have a rarity worth thousands. Either way, there is nothing to lose and it sounds like fun!

For more information on this event visit the ICCA website at www.internationalcoincollectors.com.

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Education

LHS teachers plan Mediterranean trip

Students will visit Spain, France and Italy during 15-day event

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

In 2013, area high school students have the chance to leave the flat, dry Permian Basin for a 15-day trip to the Mediterranean coast.

The 15-day Mediterranean Cultures trip to Spain, France and Italy is being organized by Lee High School teachers John Briggs and Christina Ortez and coordinated by Passports Educational Group Travel.

The cost of the trip is $5,223, which includes transportation, lodging and admission to most attractions. Lunches are the only thing not included in the cost, Briggs said.

The trip is scheduled for June 10-24. Travelers will spend two nights each in Madrid and Barcelona, Spain; Nimes and Nice, France; Florence and Rome, Italy, and one night in Rapallo, Italy.

"Educational travel opens up whole new vistas to kids who have not done this before," Briggs said. "It is a hint of what they will see and do when they go to college and study abroad."

Briggs and Ortez have sponsored a combined 15 trips abroad for high school students. Though led by MISD teachers, the trips are not sponsored by or associated with the district.

"You can't sue MISD if something goes wrong. You'd have to sue me," Briggs said jokingly to parents and students during an information meeting Wednesday.

"It is an educational trip and students will behave. There will be no partying, staying up all night or drinking. If they're looking for the spring break atmosphere, they should not come," Briggs said.

The trips are structured with a good balance between supervised free time and educational lessons, he said.

Briggs takes a group from Midland every other year and said it is a great way to teach kids more about other cultures.

"A lot of these kids have no idea what it's like in other areas of the world," Ortez said. "I want them to see the differences. Like how everything here is new and in other cultures things are centuries old."

Ortez calls the experience eye-opening for students as they learn variances in the language and how it is spoken

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Future plans, direction key points of MC conference

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Hoping to empower and encourage women to think beyond today and about what they want from the future, the Midland College Cogdell Learning Center hosted a conference recently for 65 students in the GED and ESL programs.

"We decided to start something small that would be motivational and inspirational for our GED and ESL students," said Liz Zenteno, the center's associate director. "We want them to think beyond what they're doing now and look forward to the prospects in the future."

The conference was modeled after one led by the Women's Empowerment Center at San Antonio College, Zenteno said. She learned about the 10-year-old conference during the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities in the fall and thought it was something worth offering to the women at Midland College.

On Thursday, attendees heard from three women who started in ESL and GED classes at MC and eventually went on to college, Zenteno said.

"We wanted them to hear 'If we can do it, you can do it,'" Zenteno said.

Additional sessions were offered in Spanish and English and focused on career choices, health decisions, personal success, understanding financial credit, getting into college and landing a dream job.

"I know every individual who comes in our doors at Cogdell is seeking something bigger," Zenteno said. "Maybe that first step is a GED or to learn English, but they want to reach their full potential and we're trying to help them dream a little."

The conference culminated with lunch and discussion with Anita Martinez, a transition specialist at the Cogdell Learning Center, who talked about how students can get into college.

"We know it's scary and the pathway isn't always clear, but we want to put (in front of them) people who have gone down that path and let them know there is something out there," Zenteno said.

Happy with the results of the first small, but meaningful conference, Zenteno said they would like to expand it in the future.

"We're thinking in the future, we might be able to award scholarships for those who are earning a GED or reached a level of English to start college," Zenteno said.

This year's conference was possible because 48 voluntaeers participated in a

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'SCARS AND STRIPES'

Tristan Saenz, 14, listens Monday at Lee Freshman High School as Dave Roever shares the story about the day a hand grenade he was poised to throw exploded in his hand and burned him beyond recognition. **BELOW:** Purple Heart recipient and Navy veteran Roever shares his life story at the event.

War veteran shares story of overcoming life-changing obstacles

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Humor and emotion were used to share a variety of lessons like don't text while driving, don't consider suicide an option and stray away from drugs and alcohol with students at Lee Freshman High School on Monday morning.

Dave Roever, a Vietnam veteran and Purple Heart recipient turned public speaker, shared his story and life lessons with a gymnasium full of students.

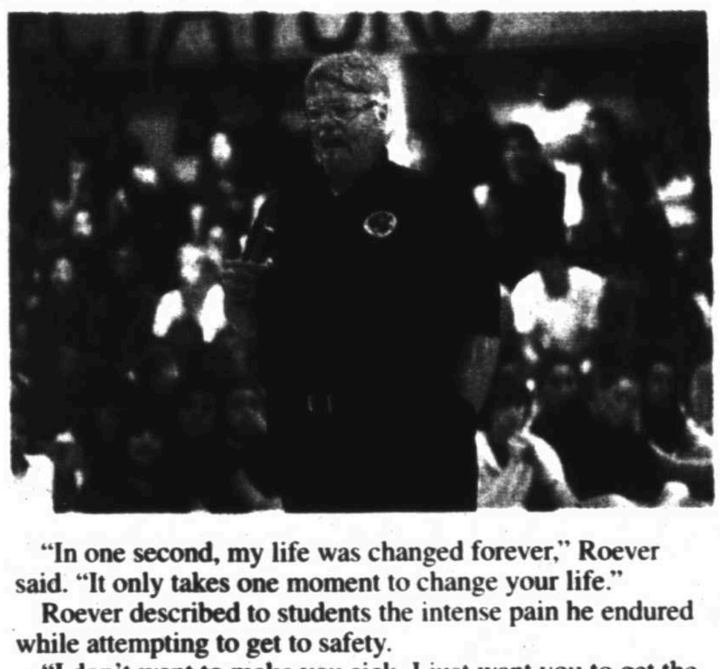
In 1968, Roever was drafted into the Vietnam War. Uninterested in serving in the Army, Roever enlisted in the Navy.

Previous time in college made Roever a leader, according to naval officials, and he was sent to train with Navy Seals in California.

"They taught me how to do things I thought I would never do," Roever said. "However, they never taught me the tough stuff like how to kiss your bride goodbye."

Throughout the presentation, Roever reiterated positive traits of a strong marriage, like how he waited to have sex until marriage and how it's important to treat women with respect.

As a riverboat gunner in the Brown Water Black Beret in 1969, Roever was burned beyond recognition when a phosphorous grenade exploded in his hand. He was set to throw the grenade at the enemy, but was shot by a sniper after pulling the pin.



"In one second, my life was changed forever," Roever said. "It only takes one moment to change your life."

Roever described to students the intense pain he endured while attempting to get to safety.

"I don't want to make you sick. I just want you to get the idea of an unlikely survival," Roever said as he explained to students how he could hear his skin sizzling as it burned in the water. "To be able to speak to you today is beyond comprehension."

Roever was sent to a hospital in Japan before returning to the United States, where he spent 14 months in the hospital.

In Japan, he asked for a mirror to look at the damage and at that moment, he felt his life was over, he told students.

"One side of my head was skull and the other side was so swollen," Roever said. "I knew my teenage wife would never love me and I knew it was over."

Afraid of rejection, Roever said he tried to take his life

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STORY BY MEREDITH MORIAK · PHOTOS BY CINDEKA NEALY

Car crash story takes journalist from newsroom to classroom

Teaching is a second profession for me. I came to it quite grudgingly, actually. For as long as I can remember, family members and teachers were telling me that I would be a teacher someday. I think they mostly meant it as a compliment, but I'm sure it also had something to do with my bossy, argumentative streak and need to always be right. Much like my 5-year-old now, I did not want to do what I was told.

So, I veered left (ha-ha) and became a journalist. My career in journalism began in high school. I graduated from South Houston High School in Pasadena, the same as my mom and dad. They had been on the newspaper staff there, and the advisor when I was in school had served on staff alongside them. So, I knew when I submitted my application that I was pretty much a shoe-in (and that it would look great on a college application). Turned out that I loved to write, especially when given the opportunity to share my opinions in op-ed pieces. I found a way to avoid doing what was expected of me and took my advisor's recommendation to major in journalism at Texas Tech. I chose Tech for three reasons: It was not UT or A&M, it had a well-respected mass communications department, and it was about as far away as I could get and still pay in-state tuition. I had graduated with kids I went to kindergarten with and felt strongly that it was time for a change. So off I went to Lubbock, leaving 4 1/2 years later with a journalism degree, a fiance, and a job as the city/business reporter for the Odessa American.

I worked seven years in that profession, first as a reporter and later as a news editor and page designer. It took me from Odessa to Greensboro, N.C., to Fort Worth. Journalism, however, was never as fun or as rewarding as it had been during my days on staff of The University Daily at Texas Tech. I got to cover the Lady Raiders winning the national championship, a referee getting run over by our famed mascot and the scandal of a fraternity that didn't appreciate the offensiveness of throwing — and photographing — a "Party in the Projects." It was awesome!

But journalism hours will get the best of you. Nights, weekends, holidays — someone always has to be working. And until you put in several years in one place, that someone usually is you. Journalism also is not for the thin-skinned or soft-hearted. I can recall the exact day when I knew it was time to move on: The editors were discussing how to play a story about a family in a car crash. If someone ended up dying, it was Page One. If no one dies, just put it on the local cover. I left that meeting more certain than ever that it was time to seek new opportunities. The older, wiser me who went into journalism to change the world, make a difference, and influence others in a positive way decided that my talents

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Obituaries

Arthur Frank Beshears

Arthur Frank "Jack" Beshears of North Little Rock, Arkansas passed away March 3, 2012 after a short illness.

Jack was born to the late D.W. and Madge Sousley Beshears in Pawnee, Oklahoma and graduated from high school when he was only 16. He attended junior college at Oklahoma Military Academy before transferring to Oklahoma State University. He was a proud member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in marketing.

Jack served in the United Stated Army during World War II in the field artillery, where he spent most of his time in combat in Italy firing Howitzer cannons. The army also utilized his business background to perform duties as a battery clerk. After the war, Jack settled in Muskogee, Oklahoma where he became a partner in the Beckman Well Servicing Company. The company later relocated to Midland, Texas. In the 1970's, Jack worked in oil and gas accounting at Tom Brown, Inc. until retiring in the 1990's. He relocated to North Little Rock in May, 2010 to be closer to his daughter and son-in-law. He spent his final years as a pool shark at Foxridge Assisted Living Center.

Jack was a man of deep faith and was active in the First Baptist Church in Midland, Texas. He was a voracious reader, and loved all types of literature. He could always be found with a book in hand. He was also a fervent fan of Oklahoma University football despite having attended Oklahoma State University. Throughout his entire life, he was an avid exerciser participating in swimming, running, aerobics, and weight lifting. We will all miss Jack's kind, loving, happy demeanor. He had an extremely sharp, quick sense of humor and enjoyed giving everyone a nickname. He had a humorous quip pertaining to most any situation. Most of all, Jack loved playing pool with his daughter, Holly, for hours on end. Although he was an excellent player, he always insisted that he "couldn't hit the broad side of a barn with a shot gun."

Jack is survived by his daughter, Holly B. Trotta and her husband, David of North Little Rock; his son, Brad Beshears and former wife, Paula Beshears of Midland, Texas; nephew, Paul Wood and his wife, Wendy of Little Rock.

The family would like to thank Dr. Brian Bean, Dr. Van H. De Bruyn, and Kristina Raley, APN for their excellent care and guidance during Jack's illness. We are also grateful to all staff members at St. Vincent's infirmary Little Rock in the Medical Intensive Care unit and 4 North West who were so kind and compassionate towards Jack and his family.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the North Little Rock Friends of Animals, #1 Championship Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Thursday at North Little Rock Funeral Home Chapel, 1921 Main, 758-1170. Burial will be in Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 7:30 Wednesday at the funeral home. Online obituary and guest registry at www.nlrfh.com.

Laquita Ann Cook

Laquita Ann Cook, age 59, lifelong Kermit resident, passed away on Sunday, March 4, 2012, at Hospice of Midland in Midland. She was born in Levelland, TX on February 23, 1953, to the late Durwood Chandler and Betty (Beckham) Wheeler. She worked as a bank teller and loan officer. Laquita had a strong faith that carried her through a lengthy illness. She knew that the Lord would give her the strength to overcome and provide her with a positive attitude that was an inspiration to those around her. Laquita was a loving mother and grandmother, whose children and grandchildren were her pride and joy.

Those left to cherish her love and memory are her son, Steve Cook and wife, Ruby of Kermit; daughter, Monica Luevano and husband, Steven of Kermit; and two sisters, Pam DeLeon and husband, Gilbert of Houston and Tonya Trevino and husband, Robert of Hobbs, NM; her step-father, Chuck Wheeler of Oklahoma; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was also "Mimi" to nine beloved grandchildren, Matthew Cook, Kimberly Cook, Amber Cook, Kaylynn Cook, Justin Cook, Jacob Hernandez, Bailey Brown, R. J. Martinez, and Diego Luevano; and one great-grandson, Blakely Martinez.

She was preceded in death by her father, Durwood Chandler and mother, Betty Wheeler.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at Family Services Funeral Chapel, officiated by Brother Steve Long. Interment will follow at Kermit Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Family Services Funeral Parlor of Kermit and condolences to the family may be sent online at: fs-fp.com.

The family wishes to express special thanks to the staff of Hospice of Midland and Midland Memorial Hospital.

Marie Starr Long

Marie Starr Long passed away Sunday, March 4, 2012, in Midland, TX. Marie was born February 17, 1920, in Franklin County, TX to George W. and Virgie Tibbs Starr.

Marie was an excellent mother and grandmother. She was known to her grandchildren as Nanny. She loved her family unconditionally.

Marie is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lee Long; sister, Evaleen Weatherford; and brother, Ray Starr. She is survived by her children, Tom Buck and wife, Sharon of Midland, TX, Ricky Long and wife, Linda of Ft. Worth, TX, Mickey Long and wife, Renee of Midland, TX, Barbara Long of McAllen, TX, Ann Long of Midland, TX; seven grand children and seven great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association or charity of your choice.

Funeral arrangements are tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at 11:00, under the direction of Beaty Funeral Home in Winnsboro, TX.

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Rudy Donald Foster

Rudy Donald Foster, 80, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, March 4, 2012. Rudy was born on March 13, 1931, to John C. and Lillie Mae Foster in Haskell, Oklahoma.

Rudy was the youngest of the 9 kids and had 5 brothers and 3 sisters.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy Foster; son, Rudy Von Foster; parents; and 4 brothers and 3 sisters.

He is survived by his brother, John C. Foster and his wife, Carla; best friend and companion, Jo Roch; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rudy was an Independent Oil Scout and retired January 1, 2011, and also a member of Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

A graveside service is planned for Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., at Serenity Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland. Condolences may be made at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Death Notices

Christopher Chandler

Christopher Chandler, 53, of Midland, passed away Sunday, March 4, 2012, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, March 8, 2012, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the funeral home. Funeral services will be on Friday, March 9, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie Chandler; sons, Chad (Amber) Chandler and TJ Chandler; two grandsons; sister, Elizabeth Chandler; brother, Tony (Donna) Chandler; father, Phil Chandler; and two nieces.

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

Ramona Gonzales

Funeral Mass will be celebrated for Ramona Gonzales, 74, of Seminole, on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at St. James Catholic Church at 10:30 a.m. Burial will follow at Gaines County Memorial Cemetery. Rosary was held Monday, March 5, 2012, at St. James Catholic Church from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All services are under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gonzales passed away March 3, 2012, in Lubbock.

Mrs. Ramona Gonzales is survived by her husband, Antonio Gonzales; three sons, Oscar Gonzales (Leticia), Adam Gonzales, and Thomas Gonzales (Gloria); five daughters, Sulema Garcia (Jay), Griselda Lindberg, Ninfa Arrezola, Ofelia Ortega (Ben), and Leticia Baeza; four sisters; twenty-nine grandchildren; and fifty-eight great-grandchildren.

Toni Barron Choate

Toni Barron Choate,73, of Midland passed away on March 3, 2012, at her residence.

Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 10, 2012, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad, Big Spring. A reception will immediately follow the service, in the Parrish Hall, until 4:00 p.m. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 9, 2012, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

Toni is survived by her husband, Wade Choate, former Mayor of Big Spring; son, Kyle Choate; son-in-law, Kyle Cook; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one brother, Jerry Barron (Carlene).

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Trip

From 1B

differently everywhere they go.

The number of students on the trip varies each year, Briggs said. Some years there have been 35 students from Midland, while other years it has been about 15. In that case, the local group has been paired with schools from other regions of the U.S. to make a full tour group of 35.

Though designed for students, the trip also is open to parents, Briggs said.

The teachers currently are recruiting foreign language students from Lee High School, but would be open to taking students from other high schools, as long as they felt the student was mature enough, they said.

For more information about the trip and how to register, email John Briggs at jbriggs@midlandisd.net.

Meredith Moriak can be reached at mmoriak@mrt.com.

Hayward

From 1B

might be better suited for the classroom after all.

Who knew a teacher's schedule could be just as demanding? Believe me, what we gain during the summer months we more than make up for during the school year. The stress of daily deadlines, the heartbreak of depressing stories that cross your desk, and the hostility of your audience is felt equally in newsrooms and classrooms.

Seven years in journalism did little to thicken this skin; you will be hard-pressed to find another profession that brings its professionals to tears more than teaching. A teacher's tears run the gamut: from deliriously happy to unbelievably heartbreaking to no-holds-barred angry. When it's good, it's really, really good. But when it's bad, it's almost unbearable.

And, no, of course we don't do it for the money and glory. We do it for the kids. Unfortunately, it's the kids who move some of us to stop doing it. But like journalists dealing with angry readers, teachers must learn not to take personally the angry students. When they complain about an assignment I've put my time and money into or they sneer at the mere sight of me before I've even said a word, I have to remind myself that it's the authority they are challenging, not necessarily the person.

So I may have delayed the inevitable when I came to that proverbial fork in the road some 20 years ago, but it's definitely been worth the wait. I'm proud of the route I took to get here, and I know my years in the "outside world" have been a benefit to me and to my students.

Obstacles

From 1B

that day and pulled the tubes out of his arms.

"I pulled the tube and waited to die. But then, I got hungry," Roever said laughing.

Though he used comedy throughout the talk to connect with the students, he spoke seriously about how nothing is worth taking one's life.

"When you take your life, you make everyone that hates you happy and everyone who loves you cry," Roever said. "Don't play into the enemy. Don't give up and don't ever think there's no tomorrow."

Though he hates war and everything it's taken from him, Roever told the students they have to make the best out of everything, because they can beat the odds and better things will come.

"I cannot make one scar on my body go away," Roever said, telling students about how his hair, an ear and some vision were lost. "I'm proud of my scars and stripes."

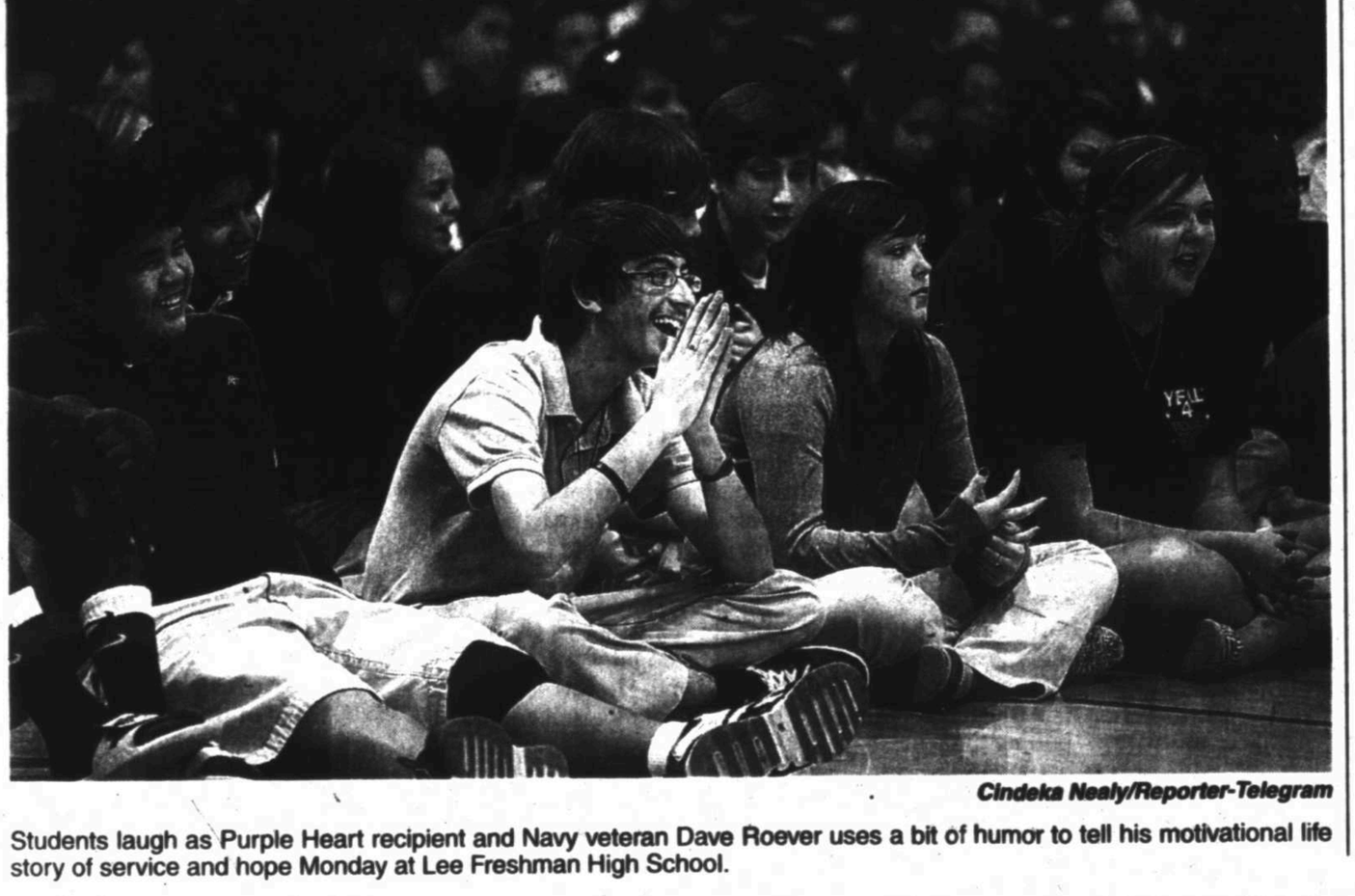
At 65, Roever said his life has been a journey and it's taken him time to regain self respect because of the physical deformities from his injury.

However, he's found a lot of healing with his family and has enjoyed 45 years of marriage.

"My children and grandchildren never knew any different because my face was always different," Roever said. "My children were never ashamed of me and it helped build back some self-respect I had lost."

While Monday's presentation covered a lot of topics, Roever said most of all, he wants students to value their lives and know they're important.

Meredith Moriak can be reached at mmoriak@mrt.com.



Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Students laugh as Purple Heart recipient and Navy veteran Dave Roever uses a bit of humor to tell his motivational life story of service and hope Monday at Lee Freshman High School.

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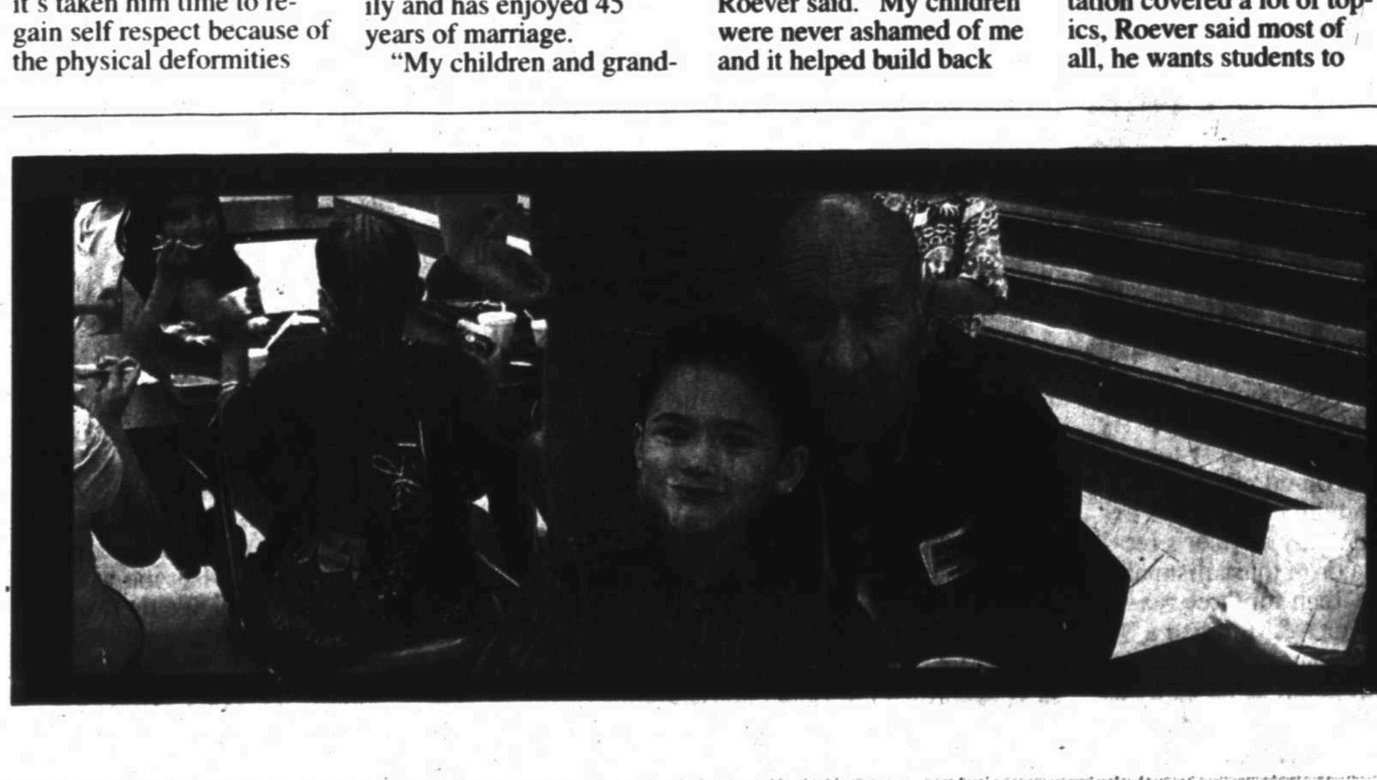

Special lunch day
Jackson Bayless eats with his grandfather, Gary Lea, Thursday during Grandparent's Lunch at Fannin Elementary School.
Courtesy photo

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

Lee High School senior **Jordan Causey** has been honored by the Midland Morning Lions Club. She is the daughter of Mark and Deanne Causey

Causey

She is a member of the basketball team, National Honor Society, Senior Girls, Texas Thespians and Principal's Advisory Council and is theater president. She is a Texas Scholar, academic letterman, was named UIL best actress and a member of the all-star cast and received an award from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She volunteers at Midland Memorial Hospital, Stonegate Fellowship Kids' Ministries and Midland Teen Court.

Causey plans to attend Baylor University and major in biochemistry.

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Midland High School senior **Robert B. Weidner III** has been honored by the Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Bob and Le'Ann Weidner.

Weidner

He is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and basketball team. He is a Texas Scholar and an academic letterman.

He is a peer minister at St. Ann's Catholic and volunteers with Little League.

Weidner plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in petroleum engineering.

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Lee High School senior **Adriel Gonzalez** has been honored by the Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Derly and Jo Ann Gonzalez.

Gonzalez

He is a member of the band, orchestra, National Honor Society and All-Region and All-Area bands.

Gonzalez plans to attend Louisiana State University or University of North Texas and major in music performance.

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Greenwood High School senior **Emily Dye** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Mike and Suzanne Dye.

Dye

She is a member of the volleyball, basketball and softball teams, Interact Club, PALS, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Students in Philanthropy and National Honor Society. She is a member of the All-District academic team in volleyball, basketball and softball; All-District team in volleyball, basketball and softball; All-State academic team in volleyball, basketball and softball; and All-State team in volleyball, basketball and softball.

She attends Crestview Baptist Church and volunteers with Meals-on-Wheels, Keep Midland Beautiful and vacation Bible school.

Dye plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in speech pathology.

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Midland High School senior **Lauren Delane Rivas** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of David and Susan Rivas.

Dye

She is Student Council secretary and member of Model Organization of American States team, National Honor Society and homecoming court. She is a Texas Scholar and academic letterman.

She attends Stonegate Fellowship, Bible study and Young Life and volunteers at Safe Place and Midland Teen Court.

Rivas plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in pre-occupational therapy.

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Lee High School senior **Caity Tarabocchia** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Dave and Laura Tarabocchia.

Tarabocchia

She is captain of the tennis team and is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Interact Club and PALS.

She is a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church where she is an ACTS team member, peer minister and Life Teen leader. She volunteers at Helping Hands, Meals-on-Wheels, Habitat for Humanity and Commemorative Air Force.

Tarabocchia plans to attend Texas A&M University or Texas Tech University and major in biology.

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Lee High School senior **Dontavia Bell** has been honored by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. She is the daughter of Ya'ton and George Bell.

Bell

She is a member of Slebbers Choir and volunteers with Miracle on Tyler Street.

Bell plans to attend Angelo State University or University of Texas at Arlington.

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Midland High School senior **Donavon Lee** has been honored by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. He is the son of Dawn and Jackie Lee.

Lee

He is a member of the football, basketball and track teams, is a member of the All-District team in football, is a Texas Scholar and a football, basketball and track letterman.

He volunteers at Keep Midland Beautiful and Midland Soup Kitchen.

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Coleman High School senior Gregory Paul Berry Jr. has been honored by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. He is the son of Gisele and Gregory Berry Sr.

Agency takes student loan complaints

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government's new consumer protection agency started accepting complaints Monday about student loans.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau said it expects complaints about billing, confusing advertising and collection by private student lenders. It will relay complaints about federal student loans, such as Stafford and PLUS loans, to the Department of Education.

Americans owe more to student lenders than they owe to credit card issuers or any other category of unsecured lender, the CFPB said.

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LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Dance Moms "Bullets and Ballet"		Dance Moms "The Runaway Mom"		Dance Moms "Topless Showgirls"		Prank My Mom (N)	Prank My Mom	Prank My Mom	Prank My Mom	Dance Moms "The Runaway Mom"	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	'70s	'70s	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Ink Master "Game On"		Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master (N)		Digger (N)	Ink Master		Digger
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★ Anaconda 3: The Offspring				★ Lake Placid 3 ('10, Hor) Yancy Butler.				★ Wrong Turn 3: Left for Dead			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Don Cheadle, Elisha Cuthbert, WZRD		The Office	The Office
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:45) Merry Wiv...		★★★ The Talk of the Town Cary Grant.				(:15) ★★★ History is Made at Night				Public Menace	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Maid en Manhattan		Flor salvaje		Relaciones Peligrosa		Noticiero	Sin senos no paraiso		Decision
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Str. Addiction	Str. Addiction	My 600-lb Life "Ashley's Story"		19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	Extreme Couponing		My 600-lb Life "Ashley's Story"		19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Bones "The Secret in the Soil"		★★★ Law Abiding Citizen (2009, Crime Story) Gerard Butler, Colm Meaney, Jamie Foxx.				Southland "God's Work" (N)		CSI: NY "Rain"		Southland "God's Work"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Home I.	Home I.	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Hot In	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Silence"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Deception"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Vulnerable"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Lust"		Psych		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Stolen"	
VERSUS	38	39				NBC Sports Talk		NHL Live!		NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild vs. Colorado Avalanche (L)					NHL Live!	Poker After Dark	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Always Sunny

SCHOOLCALENDAR

FROM STAFF REPORTS

March 12-19, 2012
Spring Break

March 22
Cowan Performing Arts Series presents The 5 Browns —"classical music's First Family of Piano Virtuosos" — 7 p.m., Chaparral Center

March 29
UTPB Shepperd Distinguished Lecture Series: Mary Matalin and James Carville Moderated by: Evan Smith, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center

April 6
Holiday: Midland ISD (bad weather makeup day)

April 6 and 9
Holiday: Midland Christian School, Trinity School, Midland Classical Academy

April 24
Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series presents Fareed Zakaria, foreign policy adviser, columnist and television host, 7 p.m., Chaparral Center

May 28
Memorial Day Holiday: Midland ISD

Graduations
- Midland High School and Lee High School, June 2
- Greenwood High School, May 25
- Trinity School, May 25
- Midland Christian School, May 25
- Midland Classical Academy, May 5
- Midland College, May 11
- University of Texas of the Permian Basin, May 12

Meetings schedule

MISD's board of trustees typically meets at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. Meetings take place in the first floor boardroom at 615 W. Missouri Ave.

Midland College's board of trustees typically meets at 4 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. Meetings take place in the Gibson Board room in the Administration Building.

Greenwood ISD's board of trustees typically meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Meetings take place in the Distance Learning Center at Greenwood High School.

Hungarian students protest changes

N.Y. Times News Service

BUDAPEST — University students and administrators are complaining of a climate of uncertainty as the government rolls out changes in the higher education system, including sharp cuts in the number of state-sponsored students and an obligation for them to work in Hungary after graduation.

Education Minister Rozsa Hoffmann traveled to Brussels last week to discuss the changes, which have raised concerns in the European Commission, the European Union's executive body.

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Yesterday's Answer: COIL, BOOTED, NIP, PIPER, LINE, DEPICT, ORBIT, BOP

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EDUCATIONINBRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MHS robotics team qualifies for world competition

The Midland High School First Tech Challenge robotics team Junkyard Dawgs won the Panhandle Plains FTC Championship on Saturday in Lubbock.

The team will advance to the World FTC Championship competition in St. Louis in April. The team won first place and the Inspire Award. The students were the overall game winners in the competition.

The MHS team Bodacious Bulldawgs was allied with the Junkyard Dawgs and aided them in their win. That team received second place in the Inspire Award.

The Lee High School team GearHeads received third place in the Inspire Award and also received the Rockwell Collins Innovative Award.

Midland ISD has robotics programs across campuses. This is the first year for robotics program at Alamo and Abell junior high schools, Pease Communication & Technology Academy and Carver Center. Schools that previously had robotics programs were Midland and Lee high schools, San Jacinto and Goddard junior high schools and Washington Math & Science Institute.

Student shot records must be up to date

Midland Health and Senior Services no longer will be able to administer immunizations to clients with private insurance.

Students with CHIP or Medicaid are eligible to receive immunizations at the Health Department. In all other cases, parents should set up appointments with their physicians or go to immunization providers.

Tracey Dees, MISD Health Services Supervisor, advises parents to plan to work with their health care providers well in advance of next school year in order to meet immunization requirements.

For the convenience of parents of insured children, the following local pharmacies will provide walk-in service and insurance billing:

Walgreens, 3300 N. Midland Drive, 215 Andrews Highway, 4213 Andrews Highway and 3201 N. Big Spring St.; H-E-B, 3325 W. Wadley Ave.; DR Pharmacy, 501 Andrews Highway; and Graham Pharmacy, 1601 W. Wall St.

Kindergarten through 12th-graders must have DTP/DTaP/DT, polio, hepatitis B, varicella, measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), hepatitis A and meningitis vaccines.

LHS to host young scientists

Lee High School will host its annual Lee Lab Day Thursday. Elementary school students come to Lee to learn chemistry and biology through hands-on activities including dissection and chemical combination exercises.

The day is fun and educational for both elementary school students and for high school students, Chris Bryant, LHS science department chair, said.

The student groups will watch a physics demonstration in the LHS auditorium for 30 minutes before going to classrooms for science activities.

Schools participating in lab day are: Bush, Bowie and Scharbauer, 9 to 10:25 a.m.; Burnet, Long and Santa Rita, 9:55 to 11:20 a.m.; DeZavala, Greathouse and Parker, 10:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; and Bonham and Jones, 12:40 to 2:05 p.m.

MHS students advance to state art contest

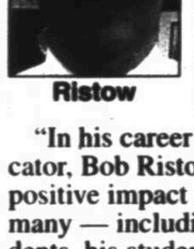
Midland High School art students Rubi Sosa and Faviola Calymayor will compete in the Texas Visual Art Scholastic Event competition April 13 and 14 in Bryan.

The students competed in the regional VASE competition Feb. 18 at Permian High School and earned scores high enough to advance.

Sosa, Calymayor, Jordyn Rogers, Karra Aguilar, Taylor Daley and Alyssa Wilson received superior ratings. Leo Flores and Canada White received excellent ratings.

UTPB education dean dies after long illness

UTPB School of Education Dean Robert Ristow died Friday following a long illness. He came to UTPB in May to lead the school of education.



Ristow

"In his career as an educator, Bob Ristow had a positive impact on so many — including his students, his students' students in the public school and with all whom he worked," said Bill Fannin, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "We at UTPB were honored and blessed to have Bob as part of our university family. He will be missed."

Before arriving at UTPB in May, Ristow developed or assisted in the development of five graduate programs and refocused teacher education into a nationally accredited program at St. Ambrose University.

Visitation is set for 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday at Ellis Funeral Home. A memorial service is planned for noon Friday at Midland Lutheran Church.

Voice of Lee Rebel Band dies at age 69

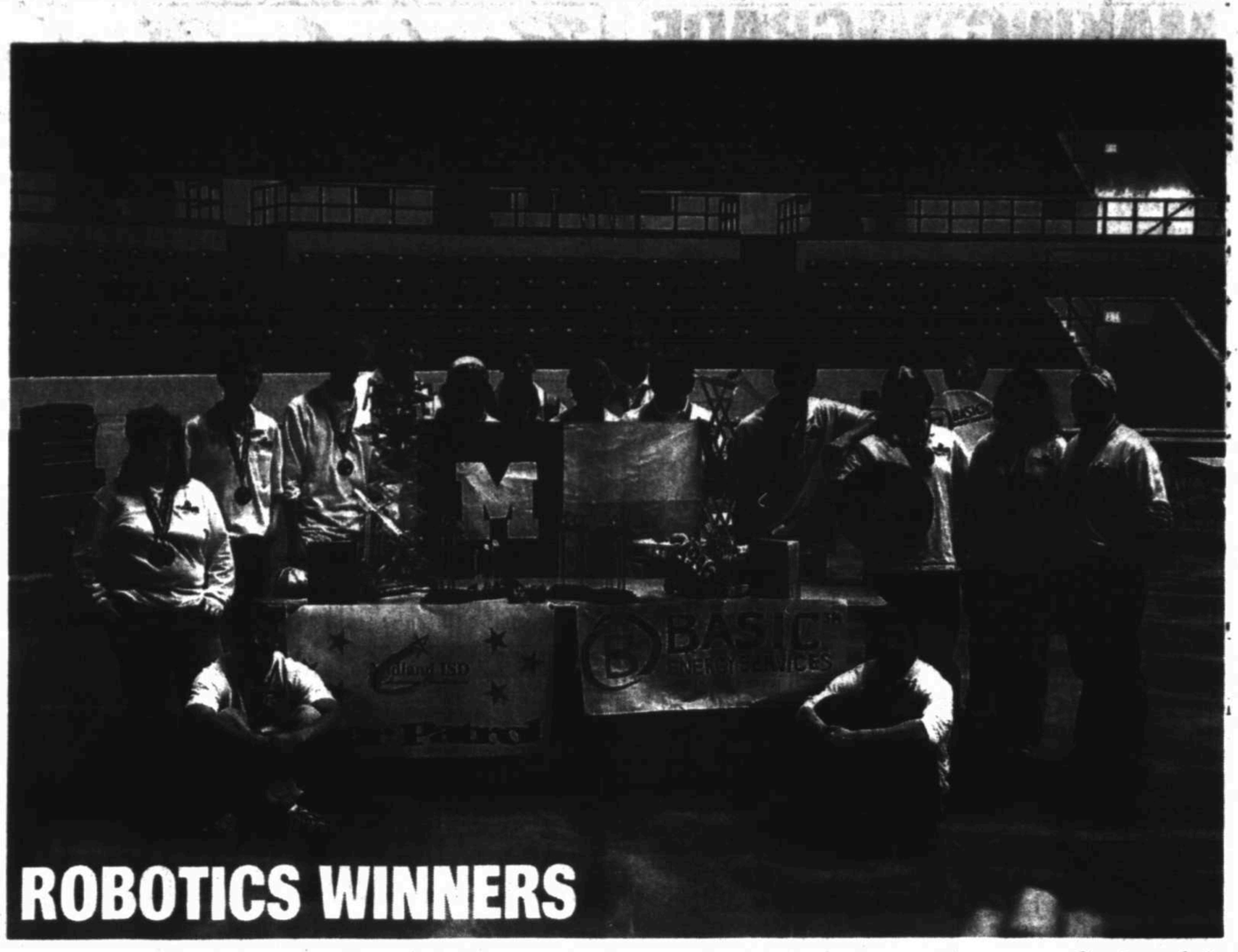
Since 1981, Don McCarty's voice was a regular staple during halftime at Lee High School football games.

The McCamey native was known as Don Mac on KCRS from 1962-82.

When his sons were in the Rebel band in 1981, he began announcing for its half-time shows, contests and other events.

He continued to announce through the 2009 season, when his health declined.

Each year the "Don McCarty Annual Award to Outstanding Lee Band Member" is awarded.



Courtesy photo

The Midland High School First Tech Challenge robotics teams pose with their awards Saturday at the Panhandle Plains FTC Championship in Lubbock. Two MHS teams will join 126 other teams in April at the World FTC Championship in St. Louis.

Report shows financial aid problems at UTPB, 10 other schools

A state auditor's report reveals UTPB is among 11 state colleges and universities that did not follow federal rules governing the handling of student aid money.

The report was released in February and shows UTPB miscalculated the cost of attendance for 6 percent of students evaluated during the 2007-08 academic year.

As a result, two students were over-awarded federal funds and a third student was under-awarded funds, according to the report.

Additionally, it was discovered UTPB did not send required disbursement notifications to Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) loan recipients during the 2007-08 award year within the 30-day requirement.

In a sample of 33 students tested at UTPB, (100 percent) received Pell Grant awards. However, UTPB did not report the date of at least one disbursement of Pell Grant awards for any of those 33 students, the report states.

Lastly, the report found that UTPBdid not disburse the funds within the required time.

The findings were not bad enough to endanger funding for UTPB or any of the other 10 schools with deficiencies, according to the report — "State of Texas Compliance with Federal Requirements for the Student Financial Assistance Cluster of Federal Programs."

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Romans 5:2b-4
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The discussion will be moderated by the Chamber's Board Chairman, Chris Robin. As a local business owner, Mr. Robin will focus the discussion on the interdependence of business and education.
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MISD JUNIOR HIGH HONOR ROLL

A number of Midland Independent School District junior high students have been named to the "A" Honor Roll for the fourth six weeks

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

Abell Junior High

Seventh grade

ALFORD, BRADEN
ALIMBUYAO, AERA
BLEVINS, GUNNAR
BOROSKI, KHALIL
BOWDEN, NATHAN
CALLOWAY, MATTHEW
CAUSEY, JARED
CLARK, CELIE
CONNER, TAYLOR
DEME, SAMIKSHA
EDWARDS, KARYSA
FELIX, KARLA
FISHER, BRANDON
FONSECA, NICOLAS
FRANCO, ALEXEE
GALVAN, CASSANDRA
GARCIA, CAMERON
GRANILLO, ROBERTO
GUSHEE, NATHANIEL
HEERAMAN, AMIT
HERRERA, MICHAEL
HOAK, ALEXANDER
HOBBS, CHRISTOPHER
HOBBS, SARAH
JERGENSON, ALEXIS
KOO, SOPHIA
LOFTON, RYAN
MAGUIRE, RYLEE
MARNELL, JAYTON
OLIVAS, SHELBY
POLLOCK, AUGUSTUS
POOL, RANDLE
REEVES, MADELEINE
RODGERS, KAYLEE
RODRIGUEZ, JORDAN
SCHMID, TYLER
STEED, KAITLIN
SWINEY, KYLE
TAING, SIM
TEMPLE, ALEXIS
THOMAS, DEREK
VITELLO, CASON
WINKLEY, MATTHEW

Eighth grade

ADKISSON, ALEXIS
AGUIRRE, LAUREN
BUSHMAN, DAYCEE
CAVITT, JACI
COLEMAN, HUNTER
DUMAS, LEAH
GANTHNER, ANDREA
GARCIA, LAURA
GARCIA, RAMON
GONZALEZ, THALIA
GRAY, ZACKERY
HALAS, AMANDA
HALL, WESLEY
HERNANDEZ, LIDIA
HOLDERNESS, HOLLY
KEMP, FOSTER
LAWRENCE, CLAYTON
LE, ETHAN
LOFTIS, MICHAEL
LOY-OD, DARIANE
MARTINEZ ESTRADA, GISELLE
MULLOY, LANDRY
NUNEZ, KALEB
ODOM, AMANDA
O'GRADY, DARBY
OKIMI, OLUWASEUN
PAYTON, CHAPMAN
PRICE, MURPHIE
SARABIA, EDGAR
SEAWRIGHT, CHANDLER
SHAH, TANVI
SINISTERRA, MARIA
VITELLO, BRINSON
WALLACE, BAILEE
WARREN, TAYLOR
WASHINGTON, ANGELICA
WHITSELL, ALYSON
WILLIS, MICHAEL
YARBROUGH, NATALIE
YORK, ORDAN

Alamo Junior High

Seventh grade

AGUIRRE, VALERY
BALLESTEROS CASTELLANOS, SONIA
BUSTAMANTE, JANERI
CANTU, NATHON
CARRILLO, ANGELICA
CARTER, BLAKE
DOTSON, TATUM
GONZALEZ, ELIZABETH
GOSWICK, SAVANAH
GREER, JACOB
GUEBARA, VALERIE
GUENTHER, ASHTON
HERNANDEZ, ANALYCE
HERNANDEZ, MOLLY
HERRERA, PAOLA
HOANG, NANCY
HOPPER, AMBER
JOHNSON, SETH
LAUER, ADRIANNA
LOFTON, IVY
LUNA, ORION
MACHUCA, MATTHEW
MARRUFO, KYLE
NGUYEN, MICHILLE
ORNELAS, GILBERTO
ORNELAS, RYAN
PACKER, JUWON
PATTON, JAMES
PAZ, JOHN
PEREZ, CHLOE
PERTILE, MYLEAHA
RASCON, MIKAYLA
REAMS, ANGELA
SNODGRASS, JORDAN
SOTO-SOLIS, DESTINY
SUBIA, NIKAYLEE
TIDWELL, ISAAC
TURNER, JASMINE
ULATE, TATIANA
VARGAS, JACOB

Eighth grade

ALLEN, AALIYHA
ALLEN, TYLER
ARANDA, CARLOS
ARMSTRONG, BROOKE
BOWEN, AVERY
CABELLO, ELOY
ANTONIO
CARRILLO, ARIANA
CARTER, JAMES
CONTRERAS, ADRIAN
DURAN, SERINA
DURHAM, CAMERON
EVANS, MACY
FIGUEROA, MARK
GARNER, McKENZIE
GORDON, DANIKA
HERNANDEZ, ALEXIS
HERRERA, MICHAEL
HINOJOS, BELISHA
HLAVATY, CANDACE
HO, ALLEN
LINDNER, AARON
MALDONADO-ROMERO, ESMERALDA
McCOLLUM, CADDIE
MEDRANO, JAZMIN
MOORE, MADELINE
MORALES, RICHARDO
NINO, JESSIE
PARKS, LINDSAY
RUBIO, THOMAS
SANTOS ESCOBEDO, NORMA
SMITH, CLAIRE
THOMAS, SHALIS
TRIMBLE, CHANCE
WOODFIN, BRADEN
ZACHERY, JULIAS

Goddard Junior High

Seventh grade

AGUILAR, LIZETH
ALMENDAREZ, JOEL
ANUSZKIEWICZ, JACKSON
BLOOM, HANNA
BRITO, JULIETTA
FINCHER, REAGAN
FLORES, VIVIAN
GEORGE, ADAM
GONZALEZ, PATRICK
HALLMARK, JAXON
HEITING, PAXTON
HICKS, TYRESE
JACKSON, McKENZEY
JOHNSON, JACOB
JUAREZ, VERONICA
LOCKHART, NOAH
MARTIN, MARLI
MATTES, HANNAH
MELENDEZ, MELISSA
MONTOYA, PETER
MOODY, SARAH
PHILLIPS, JOE
PITCHFORD, MADISON
REECE, SHAKIRA
REEVES, CHLOE
RICHARDSON, MICHAEL
RODRIGUEZ, CELESTE
RODRIGUEZ, MARISSA
SAUCEDA, MARISELA
SHARPE, TAYLOR
TEJEDA, AARON
VANDERGRIFF, TIFFANY
WARREN, ALLISON
WATSON, BAILEY
WILKES, COURTNEY
WOOD, HOLT

Eighth grade

ABILA, GABRIELLE
ALEXANDER, JOSHUA
ALMODOVA, ADRIENNE
BALDOVINOS, YANIRA
BALTIER, CRISTIAN
BAUM, DARIAN
BYARS, ROBERT
CESSNA, JONATHAN
DICKIE, PAYTON
DREIBRODT, SHYANN
ELLIOTT, IVIE
ESPINOSA, GABRIEL
GARCIA GARCIA, DIANA
GARCIAROIZ, JACQUELINE
GONZALEZ, ITZEL
GORDEN, MAKAYLA
HARTZOGE, MATTHEW
HILLGER, JAYME
HOPKINS, ROBERT
LANGE, EMILY
MACIAS, MADELINE
MAST, AUTUMN
McADAMS, MORGAN
MERAZ, JAIME
MISKELL, KYLE
MORTON, SHTON
OLIVER, BETHANY
PARHAM, KEAGAN
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RIVERA, MATHIAS
ROY, MARIAH
SCHAFFER, MORGAN
SCHMIDT, CHARLES
SCHNEIDER, WILLIAM
SHIPP, AARON
SMITH, HUNTER
SOMSIRI, ALICE
SPROLES, JESSICA
STEWART, CHEYNNE
VAN CLEAVE, CHASE
VONHOLLE, ALEXANDER
WALKER, MIKAELA
WASHINGTON, ALEXIS
WOOD, RACHEL
WOOLSEY, CLINTON
WRIGHT, WHITNEY

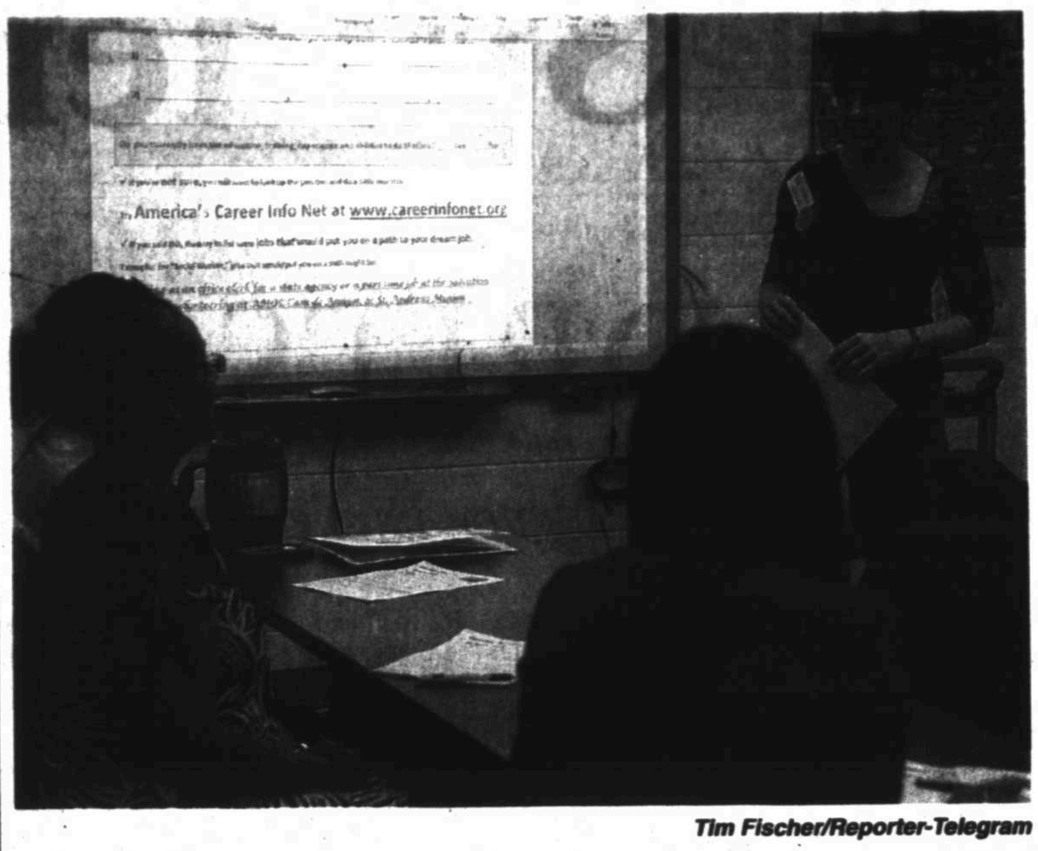
San Jacinto Junior High

Seventh grade

ANDIOLA, ALEXIS
ASHWOOD, CHYANNA
BRAZIEL, GRAYSON
BRENNER, LINDSEY
CAUBLE, JOSHUA
DAUGHERTY, KATHRYN
ELLIS, FOSTER
FRICKER, KEATON
GILLAND, LOREN
HANSEN, ASHLYN
HIGGINS, ANNA
HORD, HUNT
ISAACKS, AMANDA
JONES, ISAIAH
KENDRICK, THOMAS
LEYVA, MELISSA
MATOTT, ROBERT
MICHAEL, CADE
PARKISON, ANNA
ROGERS, JAMES
SCOTT, ALLISON
SNEED, MORGAN
STAPLES, MAGDALYN
STATTON, WILLIAM
THACHER, ABIGAIL
TYRE, MEGAN
WARE, JACKSON
WARREN, MEGAN
WOOD, GRANT

Eighth grade

BARTO, KATHERINE
BUSTILLOS, ALEXIS
DEARSTYNE, MARION
DEHOFF, MARK
DOMINGUEZ, SIERRA
FORD, MADISON
GONZALES, JACOBEY
GONZALEZ-GOMEZ, JULISSA
HALE, CASSIDY
HORNER, JACOB
HULLENDER, MILLICENT
KAM, ERIC
LAMB, SYDNEY
LANCASTER, CLAIRE
MARRUFO, SANTIAGO
NEWTON, BRIANNA
PINA, CHRISTIAN
RODRIGUEZ, GISELA
SINCLAIR, SCOTT



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Liz Zenteno, associate director for Cogdell Learning Center, talks with area women about their dream job and how to obtain those dreams at the Women's Conference on Friday at the Cogdell Center.

CONFERENCE

From 1B

Keep Midland Beautiful trash pick-up fundraiser, Zenteno said. By working for KMB, volunteers earned $500 that was used to pay for food and materials, she said.

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Data suggests black students are punished more

By Tamar Lewis
N.Y. Times News Service

Black students, especially boys, face much harsher discipline in public schools than other students, according to new data from the Department of Education.

Although black students made up only 18 percent of those enrolled in the schools sampled, they accounted for 35 percent of those suspended once, 46 percent of those suspended more than once and 39 percent of all expulsions, according to the Civil Rights Data Collection's 2009-10 statistics from 72,000 schools in 7,000 districts, serving about 85 percent of the nation's students.

One in 5 black boys and more than 1 in 10 black girls received an out-of-school suspension. Overall, black students were 3 1/2 times as likely to be suspended or expelled than their white peers.

And in districts that reported expulsions under zero-tolerance policies, Hispanic and black students represent 45 percent of the student body, but 56 percent of those expelled under such policies.

"Education is the civil rights of our generation," said Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, in a telephone briefing with reporters on Monday. "The undeniable truth is that the everyday education experience for too many students of color violates the principle of equity at the heart of the American promise."

The department began gathering data on civil rights and education in 1968, but the project was suspended by the Bush administration in 2006. It has been reinstated and expanded to examine a broader range of information, including, for the first time, referrals to law enforcement, an area of increasing concern to civil rights advocates who see the emergence of a school-to-prison pipeline for a growing number of students of color.

According to the schools' reports, more 70 percent of the students involved in school-related arrests or referred to law enforcement were Hispanic or black.

Black and Hispanic students — particularly those with disabilities — also are disproportionately subject to seclusion or restraints. Students with disabilities make up 12 percent of the student body, but 70 percent of those subject to physical restraints. Black students with disabilities constituted 21 percent of the total, but 44 percent of those with disabilities subject to mechanical restraints, like being strapped down. And while Hispanics made up 21 percent of the students without disabilities, they accounted for 42 percent of those without disabilities who were placed in seclusion.

"Those are extremely dramatic numbers, and show the importance of reinstating the civil rights data collection and expanding the categories of information collected," said Deborah J. Vagins, senior legislative counsel at the American Civil Liberties Union's Washington legislative office. "The harsh punishments, especially expulsion under zero tolerance and referrals to law enforcement, show that students of color and students with disabilities are increasingly being pushed out of schools, oftentimes into the criminal justice system."

While the disciplinary data was probably the most startling, the data showed a wide range of other racial and ethnic disparities. For while 55 percent of the high schools with low black and Hispanic enrollment offered calculus, only 29 percent of the high-minority high schools did so — and even in schools offering calculus, Hispanics made up 20 percent of the student body but only 10 percent of those enrolled in calculus.

And while black and Hispanic students made up 44 percent of the students in the survey, they were only 26 percent of the students in gifted and talented programs.

The data also showed that schools with a lot of black and Hispanic students were likely to have relatively inexperienced, and low-paid, teachers. On average, teachers in high-minority schools were paid $2,251 less per year than their colleagues elsewhere. In New York high schools, though, the discrepancy was more than $8,000, and in Philadelphia, more than $14,000.

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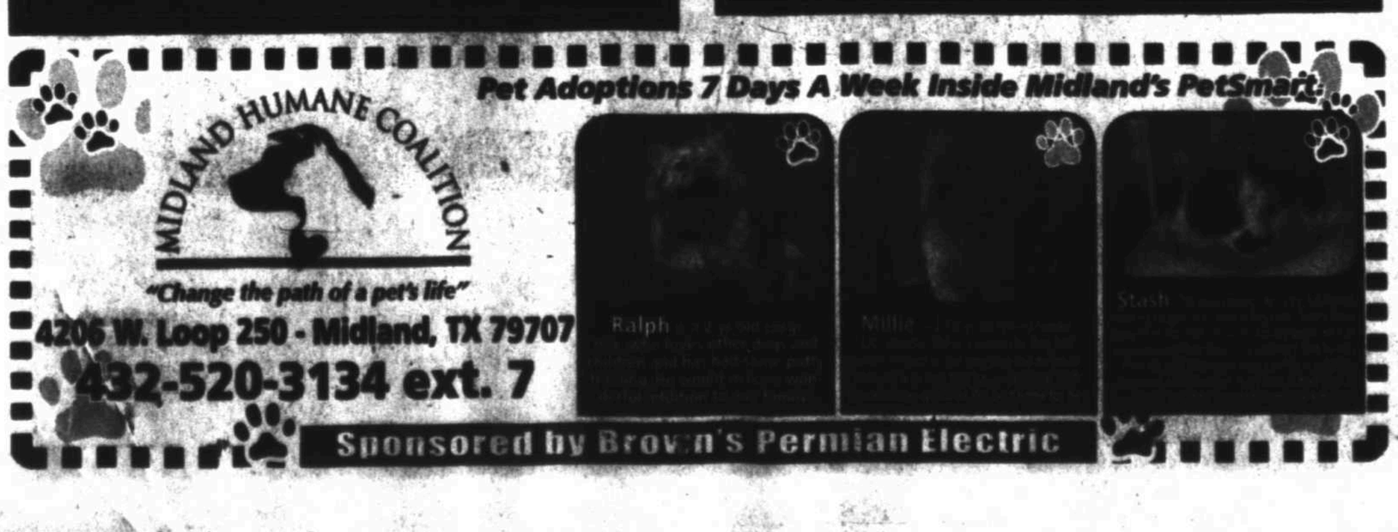


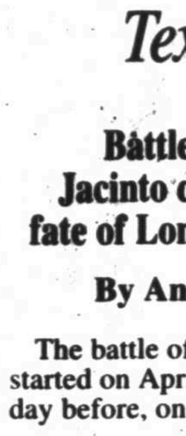
Student essays

'TIDBITS OF HISTORY'

Texas Independence Day essays from students at MCS and Hillander School

Battle of San Jacinto determines fate of Lone Star State

By Anna Flatt


Flatt

The battle of San Jacinto started on April 21,1836. A day before, on April 20, 1836, the Texan army, made up of many different nationalities such as Tejanos, English, Irish, Scots, Mexicans, French, Germans, Italians, Poles and Yankees, lodged in a forest of oaks near Buffalo Bayou and the San Jacinto River. They had Vince's Bayou on their right, opposite of the San Jacinto River to their left. Buffalo Bayou was behind them. Later that day, Santa Anna's Mexican army moved to settle near the San Jacinto River.

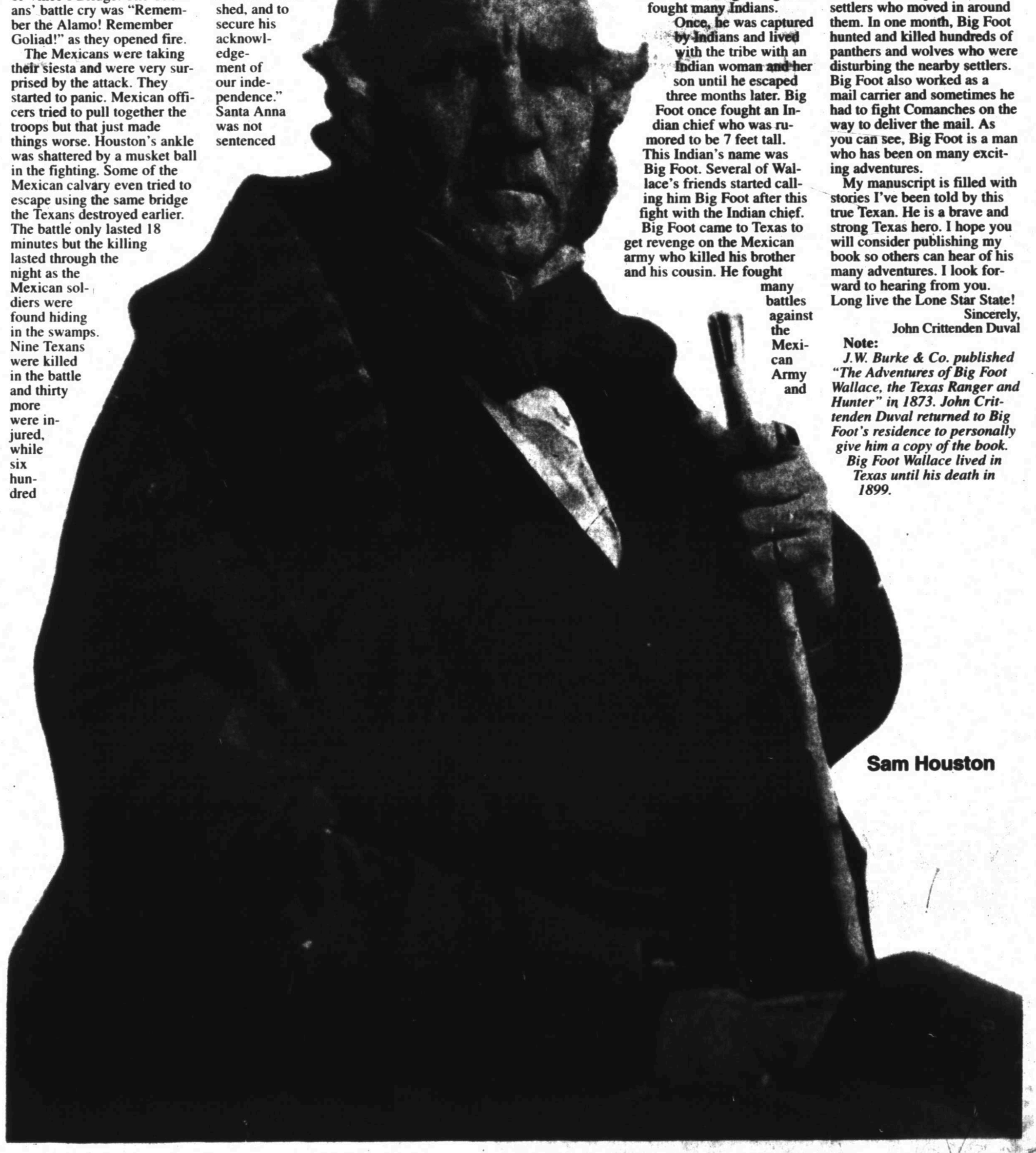
Some men in the army thought they were in a poor position to fend off an attack, but Santa Anna was confident that the Texans would not attack. In the afternoon a small quarrel occurred. On the morning of the fateful April 21st, Erastus "Deaf" Smith and Henry Karnes destroyed the bridge across Vince's Bayou cutting off the path of retreat for both armies. General Sam Houston ordered an immediate attack on the Mexicans as soon as "Deaf"Smith had announced the destruction of Vince's Bridge. The Texans' battle cry was "Remember the Alamo! Remember Goliad!" as they opened fire.

The Mexicans were taking their siesta and were very surprised by the attack. They started to panic. Mexican officers tried to pull together the troops but that just made things worse. Houston's ankle was shattered by a musket ball in the fighting. Some of the Mexican calvary even tried to escape using the same bridge the Texans destroyed earlier. The battle only lasted 18 minutes but the killing lasted through the night as the Mexican soldiers were found hiding in the swamps. Nine Texans were killed in the battle and thirty more were injured, while six hundred thirty Mexicans died and seven hundred thirty were taken as prisoners. This is Santa Anna's false account of the battle, "At two o'clock in the afternoon of April 21, 1836, I had fallen asleep in the shade of an oak, hoping the heat would moderate so that I might begin the march, (to find Filisola), when the filibusterers surprised my camp with admirable skill. Imagine my surprise, on opening my eyes, and finding myself surrounded by those people, threatening me with their rifles and overpowering my person. The responsibility of Filisola was obvious, because he and only he had caused such a catastrophe by his criminal disobedience." He disappeared, dressed as a regular soldier. But the Texans grew suspicious when he was saluted as "the president" in Spanish. Also, everyone knew Santa Anna wore silk underwear and when it was known that the man in question was wearing silk underwear, they knew it was him. After the battle, Santa Anna was taken to Velasco, to sign the Treaties of Velasco, with the Texan government.

Right after the battle, many Texans wanted Santa Anna dead. Sam Houston explained why he refused to let the soldiers kill Santa Anna in this quote; "My motive in sparing the life of Santa Anna was to relieve the country of all hostile enemies without further bloodshed, and to secure his acknowledgement of our independence." Santa Anna was not sentenced to death in Texas but he was detained from going home to Mexico due to angry Texans.

The Battle of San Jacinto won Texas' independence from Mexico. News of the amazing victory spread throughout Texas like a West Texas wildfire! Many families returned to their homes to find all their possessions gone. A girl named Dilue Rose Harris went by one of the battlefields, which appeared as a painting of destruction and death. She wrote this two days before her eleventh birthday, "We crossed the San Jacinto the next morning and stayed until late in the evening on the battle field. Both armies were camped near... I had lost my bonnet crossing Trinity Bay and was compelled to wear a table cloth again. It was six weeks since we had left home , and our homes were very much dilapidated. I could not go to see the Mexican prisoners with a table cloth tied on my head for I knew several of the young men."

Following the battle, Sam Houston went to New Orleans for medical treatment for his ankle, the Mexican army was led home by their second in command, Vicente Filisola, and volunteers came to help the Texans, only to find they had already won the war. President David Burnet and Vice President Lorenzo de Zavala had big problems to attend to.Texas had just won the war and now the Texans were returning home not as Mexican citizens, but citizens of the brand new, independent Republic of Texas.


Sam Houston

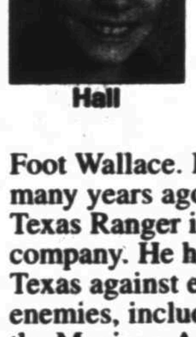
Legend of Big Foot Wallace is no tall tale

By Hayden Hall
Hillander School

October 10, 1872
J.W. Burke & Co.
Publishing Department
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is John Crittenden Duval. I have enclosed a manuscript of stories told to me by a true Texas legend, William Alexander Anderson Wallace, also known as Big Foot Wallace. I met Big Foot many years ago when I was a Texas Ranger in Jack Hays' company. He has defended Texas against every one of her enemies, including Indians, the Mexican Army led by General Santa Anna, bandits, droughts, wild animals, and rattlesnakes. Big Foot Wallace was born in Virginia in 1817, but I have never met a truer Texan.


Hall

As a Texas Ranger, Big Foot fought many Indians.

Once, he was captured by Indians and lived with the tribe with an Indian woman and her son until he escaped three months later. Big Foot once fought an Indian chief who was rumored to be 7 feet tall. This Indian's name was Big Foot. Several of Wallace's friends started calling him Big Foot after this fight with the Indian chief.

Big Foot came to Texas to get revenge on the Mexican army who killed his brother and his cousin. He fought many battles against the Mexican Army and many Mexican raiders. He was captured by Santa Anna"s army after the Battle of Mier. The captured Texans were forced to march from city to city. Big Foot and the other prisoners were starved and they were treated horribly. In one legendary story, the Texan prisoners were each forced to draw from a jar of beans. If the prisoner drew a white bean, he was safe. If the man drew a black bean, he would be killed by the Mexican soldiers. In the jar, there were 17 black beans and 170 white beans. Big Foot was one of the last men to draw a bean. He had noticed that the white beans were a little smaller than the black beans. He grabbed two beans and picked the smaller bean. It was a white bean and Big Foot was safe. Seventeen other men were killed after they drew a black bean. Big Foot remained a prisoner.

After two years of captivity, Big Foot was released by the Mexican army and he then returned to Texas. He was granted some land near the Medina River. He continued to fight Indians. In 1846, Big Foot volunteered to fight against the Mexicans for the U.S. Army. During that war, Big Foot took revenge on some of the Mexican soldiers who were mean to him while he was a prisoner.

After the war, Big Foot returned to Medina where he was a legendary hunter. He hunted deer, bears, and antelope, among other things. He and his friends protected the settlers who moved in around them. In one month, Big Foot hunted and killed hundreds of panthers and wolves who were disturbing the nearby settlers. Big Foot also worked as a mail carrier and sometimes he had to fight Comanches on the way to deliver the mail. As you can see, Big Foot is a man who has been on many exciting adventures.

My manuscript is filled with stories I've been told by this true Texan. He is a brave and strong Texas hero. I hope you will consider publishing my book so others can hear of his many adventures. I look forward to hearing from you.

Long live the Lone Star State!

Sincerely,
John Crittenden Duval

Note:
J.W. Burke & Co. published "The Adventures of Big Foot Wallace, the Texas Ranger and Hunter" in 1873. John Crittenden Duval returned to Big Foot's residence to personally give him a copy of the book. Big Foot Wallace lived in Texas until his death in 1899.

Sports

Thunder rallies late to beat Mavs

By Jeff Lazke
Associated Press

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OKLAHOMA CITY — Russell Westbrook scored 24 points, Kevin Durant added 22 and the Oklahoma City Thunder scored the final eight points to escape with a 95-91 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Monday night and run their home winning streak to 13 games.

Westbrook answered Dirk Nowitzki's fourth 3-pointer of the final period by hitting one of his own from the right wing to get Oklahoma City within 91-90 with 2:25 remaining, and Dallas didn't score again.

Serge Ibaka hit two free throws with 46 seconds left to give Oklahoma City the lead, and Jason Terry missed two shots down the stretch for the Mavericks.

Nowitzki finished with 27 points but didn't touch the ball on a key possession when Dallas was down by two with 13 seconds left.

Instead, Terry and Jason Kidd passed the ball back and forth with Kidd getting stuck under the basket before tossing it right back. Terry missed on a short jumper along the right baseline that would have tied it, and Westbrook hit two free throws to ice it after grabbing the rebound.

James Harden had 16 points and Kendrick Perkins grabbed a season-high 14 rebounds for West-leading Oklahoma City.

Terry ended up with 18 points and Ian Mahinmi added 13 points, all in the first half, after being pressed into action when starting center Brendan Haywood was hurt just seconds into the game.

Already short-handed at center, the Mavericks lost Haywood on the opening possession of the game. Haywood won the tip-off, then got the ball inside before missing a shot and landing with his left foot on top of Perkins' left foot. He hobbled up the court to foul Durant and then headed to locker room and did not return.

Dallas was already without reserve center Brandan Wright because of a concussion.

Mahinmi had seven points, including a three-point play, during a 15-5 run late in the second quarter, and Kidd's 3-pointer from the top of the key made it 52-42 with 1:20 to go before halftime.

The Thunder scored the final three points of the first half and then were able to reverse a seven-point halftime deficit during the third quarter. Oklahoma City scored the first seven points after halftime to tie it at 52 on Westbrook's jumper from the right elbow with 9:24 left, then pulled ahead with another string of seven consecutive points late in the third.

Durant got ahead of the defense for a two-handed dunk and converted the ensuing free throw for a 68-61 Thunder lead with 1:33 remaining in the third.

Sue Ogrocki/AP

Dallas Mavericks guard Rodrigue Beaubois, center, is sandwiched by Oklahoma City Thunder guard Reggie Jackson (15) and forward Serge Ibaka, right, on Monday in Oklahoma City.

Wide open race

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Alicia Alvarez, right, tries to steal second as Midland High's Naomi Posada hauls in the ball and tries to apply the tag during a softball game last year. The Lee and Midland High softball teams begin District 3-5A play today.

Protecting home field key in competitive District 3-5A

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

Inside

See capsules for today's District 3-5A softball games on Page 2C.

Opinions haven't changed about District 3-5A softball since the beginning of the season. At least, not for the two Midland ISD head coaches.

Midland High and Lee begin District 3-5A play at 4 p.m. today with the Lady Bulldogs making the trip out to Odessa to take on Permian, while Lee plays host to Odessa High at home. In the opinions of both teams' coaches, they're starting what should be a competitive, wide open district season.

"It's going to be very competitive as always," Lee coach Wes Overton said. "I don't see anyone going through district play undefeated, that's for sure."

Midland High coach Shawnda Vines is in agreement with Overton, and it sounds like any of the seven teams that make up 3-5A could end up holding the district title at the end of the regular season.

"I think our district is going to be extremely competitive," Vines said. "There's not a single team that should be counted out. It's going to be neck-to-neck until the end."

The Lady Bulldogs (11-7) played in the McKinney Tournament this past weekend, during which they posted a 3-2 record winning all of their pool games before losing back-to-back games in bracket play on Saturday.

Vines is still trying to figure some things out about the Lady Dawgs, but sees their talent as promising.

"I think our team has a lot of potential," Vines said. "We have a strong core of girls. They play well together and get along. Hopefully we are starting to put it together and will begin to play more consistently."

A big question for the Lady Dawgs heading into this season was the pitching situation. Vines was still utilizing three pitchers — senior Britney Segovia and sophomores Stefani Baeza and Madison Garcia — at the McKinney Tournament. That trend is likely to carry on into at least the beginning of district play.

"I know that our pitching is going to have to be there," Vines said. "Our offense has to pick up, too, if we want to be at the top of our district."

Like Vines with the Lady Dawgs, Overton is also still trying to figure out some things about the Lady Rebels with the arrival of district play.

"I'm still learning," Overton said. "We're still learning. We have a very young team improving all the time. I feel real confident that we're going to be in the mix, though."

Also like MHS, Lee enters district play with an 11-7 record, but Overton said the Lady Rebels could easily have more victories this season.

"I've been impressed with the willingness of this team to never say die," Overton said. "This group has always found ways to at least keep in games. When the last out was made in our losses, we either had the tying run on base or at the plate. We're giving ourselves a chance to win

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AP source: Saints owner backing GM, head coach

By Brett Martel
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — New Orleans Saints owner Tom Benson isn't backing off his support of his general manager and coach, even as his team is accused by the NFL of maintaining a bounty program to injure opponents.

While Benson cooperates with NFL officials in their investigation of the bounty program that spanned the last three seasons, he is standing behind general manager Mickey Loomis and head coach Sean Payton — even though the league says they knew about the bounties.

"The bond between Sean and Mickey and Mr. Benson could not be stronger," a team the official told The Associated Press on Monday on condition of anonymity because the investigation was still ongoing. "(Benson) is 110 percent behind his guys."

Williams

The NFL investigation found between 22 and 27 defensive players on the Saints, as well as former assistant coach Gregg Williams, maintained a bounty system for inflicting injuries on targeted players.

Former defensive coordinator Williams has admitted to running the pool, and the NFL's investigation concluded that Loomis and Payton did nothing to prevent it, even after Benson was alerted of the pool by the NFL last year and asked Loomis to put a stop to it.

"The team completely understands the ramifications, is taking the matter very seriously and has cooperated fully with the league," said the Saints official. "Mr. Benson is in constant contact with (Commissioner) Roger Goodell and his office, yet he remains steadfast in his support of Mickey and Sean, and his focus is on the upcoming free agency, making the team better and hosting the Super Bowl. ... We have a lot of positive things on our plate that we have to get working on."

The NFL's report said the Saints maintained a bounty pool of up to $50,000 the last three seasons. Payoffs were made for inflicting game-ending injuries on targeted players, including quarterbacks Brett Favre and Kurt Warner. "Knockouts," in which a player was knocked out of the game, were worth $1,500 and "cart-offs," in which

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McIlroy a No. 1 that gets no argument

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Rory McIlroy made quite a first impression in America, even when he lost.

He made his pro debut on American soil in the Arizona desert at the 2009 Match Play Championship. As a 19-year-old, McIlroy advanced to the quarterfinals and threw everything he had at Geoff Ogilvy until losing on the 17th hole.

Ogilvy, who went on to win his third World Golf Championship that week, recalls riding back to the clubhouse with his caddie, Allistair "Squirrel" Matheson, both of them realizing that the landscape was about to change.

"I played so good that day," Ogilvy said Sunday morning from his home in California. "I birdied 15, 16 and 17 and halved all three holes. We were way under par that day. Both Squirrel and I said, 'This guy is going to be unbelievable.' And then Squirrel said, 'If you want to be No. 1, you're going to have to be better than this guy.' Because not many people in the world will be better than that."

Never mind that Tiger Woods was No. 1 in the world by miles, and would go on to win seven times that year.

There was something special about this freckled-face kid with brown curls spilling out from under his cap, who played the game with a delightful mixture of joy and reckless abandon.

"Since that first day I saw him play, he was a level above us," Ogilvy said.

Their premonition came true when McIlroy won the Honda Classic in fashion befitting the No. 1 player in the world.

He didn't flinch when Woods went birdie-eagle for a 62, his best final round ever, and nearly nine shots better than the average score Sunday. McIlroy could hear the roar from a mile away, gathered himself and then rolled in a birdie putt. He followed with three par saves over the last five holes for a two-shot victory, elevating him to No. 1 in the world.

Commentary

McIlroy became the 16th player to become No. 1, ending the 40-week reign of Luke Donald, who sent a congratulatory message on Twitter by telling Boy Wonder, "Enjoy the view."

McIlroy is the second-youngest player to be No. 1 in the world ranking — Woods was 21 when he first reached the top after the U.S. Open in 1997. And it should be noted that Woods only stayed at No. 1 for one measly week. After trading places with Ernie Els, Greg Norman and eventually David Duval, Woods finally established himself as the best by staying at No. 1 for more than five years.

It's too early to call McIlroy the next Tiger.

Even though there are similarities in their age, it is worth pointing out their differences.

McIlroy reached No. 1 in his 115th tournament that count toward the rank-

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SET TO ATTACK

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Nico Francino (13) stops the ball to set himself up for a shot at the goal Saturday during the Bulldog's game against Lee at Grande Communications Stadium. See capsules for today's games on Page 2C.

HSSOCCERROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boys

ODESSA HIGH AT MIDLAND HIGH

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

Records: Midland High 8-10-2, 2-5-1-1 (9 points); Odessa High 9-7-4, 2-5-2-0 (10 points)

Last game: Midland High 2, Lee 1, SO (4-3); Odessa Permian 1, Odessa High 0

Last meeting: Odessa High 3, Midland High 2, SO (3-2) on Feb. 11

Notes: This game is big for both teams, and just getting a point in this one might not be enough. With the District 3-5A season winding down, the Bronchos and Bulldogs are on the outside looking in when it comes to the playoffs and need a win today to stay in the race for the final three playoff spots. ... Midland High picked up a crucial victory on Saturday against rival Lee as the Bulldogs rallied in both regulation and the shootout to earn two points. Midland High is still in sixth spot in the standings but one point behind Odessa High and four behind San Angelo Central. ... Odessa High, meanwhile, dropped its second straight game to rival Permian this season and the Bronchos also lost, 1-0, again on Saturday. The Bronchos are in fifth with 10 points, three points behind San Angelo Central. ... A loss by either team all but eliminates them from playoff contention with two games remaining after today's round.

Next: Midland High at Abilene High, noon Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene; Odessa High at Abilene Cooper, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

LEE AT ODESSA PERMIAN

When/where: 5:30 p.m. today, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa

Records: Lee 5-9-2, 4-2-0-2 (14 points); Odessa Permian 14-5-1, 9-0-0-0 (27 points)

Last game: Midland High 2, Lee 1, SO (4-3); Odessa Permian 1, Odessa High 0

Last meeting: Odessa Permian 3, Lee 1 on Feb. 11

Notes: The Panthers are firmly in the playoffs and with a regulation win today could clinch the district title. Lee, meanwhile, did pick up a point against rival Midland High on Saturday but the Rebels still find themselves in a position where they have to earn points to get into the postseason. Lee has 14 points and is in third place, one point ahead of San Angelo Central and three behind Abilene Cooper entering Monday. A win today by Lee should help them move closer to a postseason berth, while a loss could put more pressure on them the final three games of the season. ... Permian remained undefeated in 3-5A play after its win on Saturday against rival Odessa High. Other than winless Abilene High, the Panthers are the only team in the district not to be forced into a shootout this season. ... In the Feb. 11 game between these two teams, the Rebels scored the game's first goal, but the Panthers scored three unanswered to take the victory.

Next: Abilene Cooper at Lee, noon Saturday, Grande Communications Stadium; Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central, noon Saturday, San Angelo Stadium

Girls

ODESSA HIGH AT MIDLAND HIGH

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

Records: Midland High 14-6-1, 6-0-2-1 (23 points); Odessa High 13-8-0, 5-3-0-1 (16 points)

Last game: Midland High 1, Lee 0, SO (3-1); Odessa High 2, Odessa Permian 1

Last meeting: Midland High 3, Odessa High 0 on Feb. 11

Notes: The Lady Bulldogs dodged a bullet on Saturday against rival Lee and came away with two points that helped them clinch a spot in the playoffs. Now the focus returns to closing out the district championship. The Lady Bulldogs' 23 points is six points ahead of second-place Abilene High and seven ahead of the third-place Lady Bronchos. ... The Lady Bulldogs played to a scoreless tie in regulation against Lee on Saturday, and then beat the Lady Rebels in a shootout. Midland High co-head coach Jim Bragg said that the team came out flat on Saturday, and he said he hopes to see his team with a little more intensity today. "We are trying to learn to get better as a team, and they are going to learn the coach made a mistake," Bragg said after Saturday's victory. "There was no enthusiasm out there and we were flat. We knew we were a better team and we could score. We weren't hungry and there wasn't a real drive to get that dang ball in the net. We've got to get that hunger, and I realized in workouts (last) week and that is coaching." ... Odessa picked up a key victory on Saturday with the one-goal win against rival Permian. The Lady Bronchos are in third place, one point behind Abilene High and one point ahead of San Angelo Central.

Next: Midland High at Abilene High, 2 p.m. Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene; Odessa High at Abilene Cooper, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

LEE AT ODESSA PERMIAN

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa

Records: Lee 9-8-0, 2-5-0-1 (7 points); Odessa Permian 9-9-1, 4-5-0-0 (12 points)

Last game: Midland High 1, Lee 0, SO (3-1); Odessa High 2, Odessa Permian 1

Last meeting: Odessa Permian 1, Lee 0 on Feb. 11

Notes: To say this game is a must-win for Lee might be an understatement. After a sluggish start to the 3-5A schedule, the Lady Rebels have been working to dig out of a hole that is deep. A win today, and Lee stays in the playoff hunt, barely, but a loss and Lee could be all but eliminated. ... Lee did pick up a point in its shootout loss to rival Midland High on Saturday but still have a large hill to climb. The Lady Rebels are in sixth spot, five behind tonight's opponent — Permian. ... Lee did get some help from Odessa High on Saturday as the Lady Bronchos beat the Lady Panthers for the second time this season, allowing Lee to stay within striking distance. ... Lee senior midfielder Haley Smith suffered an apparent broken nose on Saturday after being hit by a ball in the second half. But Smith did return during the shootout. ... Thanks to Odessa Permian's bye the final round of district play, the Lady Panthers have two district games remaining after tonight. ... Permian beat Lee, 1-0, on Feb. 11 as the difference was a penalty kick late in the game.

Next: Abilene Cooper at Lee, 2 p.m. Saturday, Grande Communications Stadium; Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central, 2 p.m. Saturday, San Angelo Stadium.

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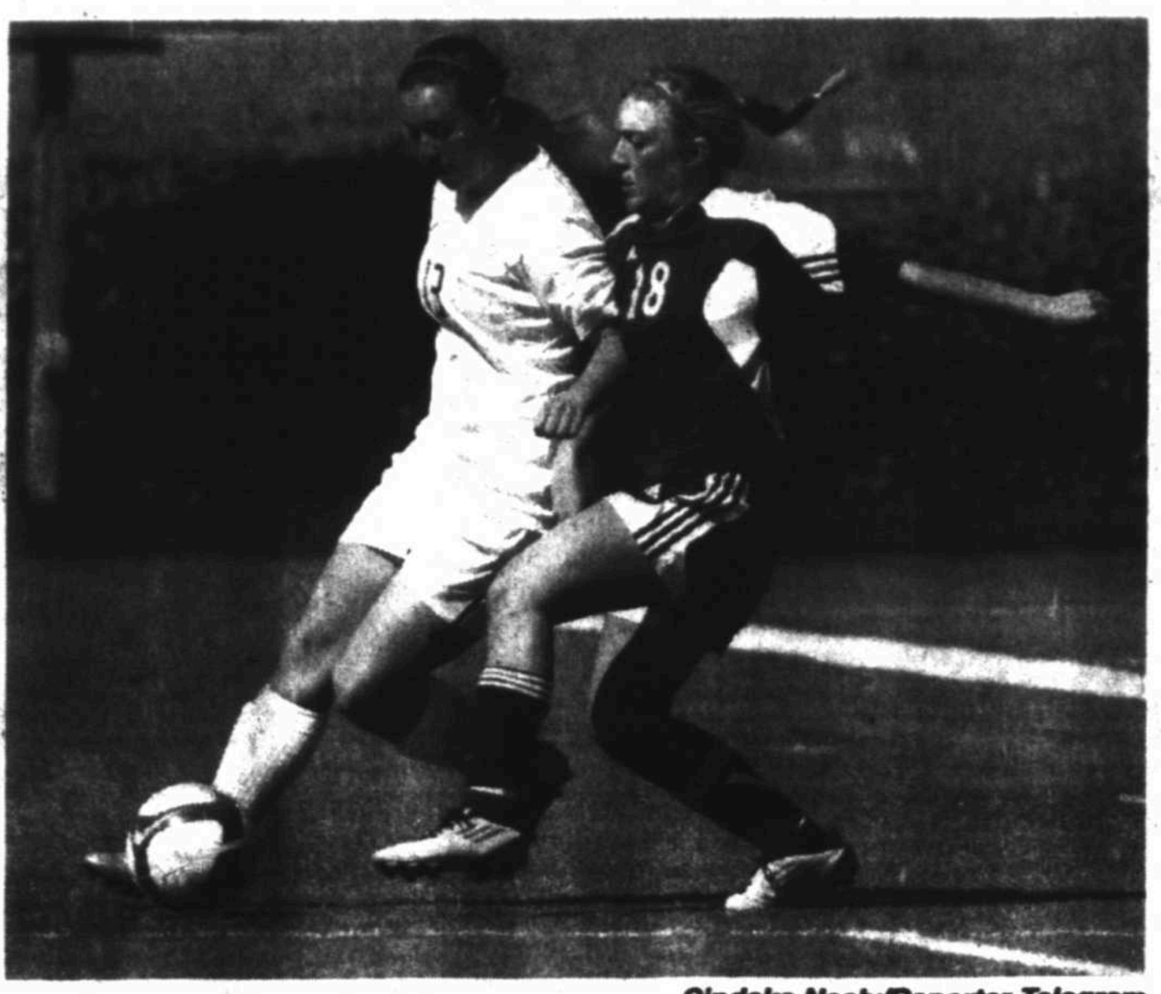

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Erin Cumbest (13) tries move the ball away from Midland High's Shelby Shelton (18) on Saturday during their game at Grande Communications Stadium.

3-5A Soccer standings

Boys

Team	District W	L	SOW	SOL	Pts.	Overall W	L	T
x-Odessa Permian	9	0	0	0	27	14	5	1
x-Abilene Cooper	6	2	1	0	20	11	8	0
Lee	4	2	0	2	14	5	9	2
San Angelo Central	4	4	0	1	13	6	10	0
Odessa High	2	5	2	0	10	9	7	4
Midland High	2	5	1	1	9	8	10	2
Abilene High	0	9	0	0	0	4	10	2

Note: Three points are awarded for a win, 2 points for a Shootout win (SOW) and 1 point for a Shootout loss (SOL)
x-clinched playoff spot

Saturday's Score

Midland High 2, Lee 1, SO (4-3); Abilene Cooper 3, Abilene High 0; Odessa Permian 1, Odessa High 0; San Angelo Central was idle.

Monday's Score

Abilene Cooper 5, San Angelo Central 2

Today's Games

Odessa High at Midland High; Lee at Odessa Permian; Abilene High is idle. All games at 5:30 p.m.

Girls

Team	District W	L	SOW	SOL	Pts.	Overall W	L	T
x-Midland High	6	0	2	1	23	14	6	1
San Angelo Central	5	2	1	1	18	14	6	0
Abilene High	5	3	1	0	17	14	6	0
Odessa High	5	3	0	1	16	13	8	0
Odessa Permian	4	5	0	0	12	9	9	1
Lee	2	5	0	1	7	9	8	0
Abilene Cooper	0	9	0	0	0	3	15	0

Note: Three points are awarded for a win, 2 points for a Shootout win (SOW) and 1 point for a Shootout loss (SOL)
x-clinched playoff spot

Saturday's Score

Midland High 1, Lee 0, SO (3-1); Abilene High 5, Abilene Cooper 1; Odessa High 2, Odessa Permian 1; San Angelo Central is idle.

Monday's Score

San Angelo Central 5, Abilene Cooper 0

Today's Games

Odessa High at Midland High; Lee at Odessa Permian; Abilene High is idle. All games at 7:30 p.m.

Chaps open Ronnie Black Invitational in 2nd

From staff reports

LOVINGTON, N.M. — The Midland College men's golf team was second after the first two round of the Ronnie Black Invitational at the Lovington Country Club on Monday.

The Chaps shot 282 in the first round and held the lead, but shot a 299 in the second round and finished at 581 in second, five strokes behind New Mexico Junior College, who is at 576.

Freshman Blake Brorman, a Big Spring grad, and sophomore Richie Farmer led the Chaps' No. 1 team as both had a two-round total of 144. Brorman shot 70-74—144 and Farmer had a pair of 72s.

Sean Lawrie shot 70-77—147, Luke Richardson had a 71-76—147 and Tyson Turnbow shot 71-79—150 over the two rounds.

For the Chaps' No. 2 team, Paul Simpson had an impressive 67 in the opening round and followed with a 76 to shoot 143 for the two days. David Ryan was at 74-76—150 and Tyler Brown also at 74-76—150. Stephen Gage shot 78-81—159 and Conner Brockhurst was at 85-81—166.

MC will conclude the tournament at Ocotillo Park in Hobbs, N.M., today.

BRORMAN ACES AT LOVINGTON

Blake Brorman recorded a hole-in-one on No. 12 at Lovington Country Club on Monday. Brorman used a 9-iron from 169 yards on the par-3 hole.

HSBASEBALL

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 8, LUBBOCK ESTACADO 1

The Mustangs scored in each of the first four innings on the way to a convincing non-district victory against Lubbock Estacado at Christensen Stadium on Monday.

The Mustangs scored two runs in the first and third innings, with a single run in the second and three runs in the fourth inning.

Bailey Blain had two hits and two RBI, and Jade Tamplin had a home run and two RBI on the day. Colton Chalker also had two hits and picked up the pitching victory as he threw five innings, giving up one run on five hits with two walks and a strikeout.

Midland Christian (8-4-2) will open TAPPS 1-4A play at 4:30 p.m. Friday against Arlington Pantego Christian at Haltom High School.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 8, LUBBOCK ESTACADO 1

Estacado	100	000	0	—1	5	0
MCS	212	300	x	—8	9	1

Perez, Carrillo (2) and Garza. Colton Chalker, Daniel Crooks (6) and Nolan Schattel, Bailey Blain. W — Chalker (1-1). L — Perez. 2B — MCS: Elias Aguirre. 3B — MCS: Crooks. HR — MCS: Matt Withrow, Jade Tamplin.

Record: Midland Christian 8-4-2

Next: Midland Christian at Arlington Pantego, 4:30 p.m. Friday, Haltom HS

SWEETWATER 11, GREENWOOD 4

The Mustangs combined to score eight runs in the first three innings and took advantage of nine Ranger errors to take a non-district victory against Greenwood on Monday night at Greenwood High School.

Sweetwater scored two runs in the first inning and then followed with three runs in each the second and third innings.

Greenwood scored three runs in the third inning, and then added a single run in the seventh.

Zach Long drove in three of the four runs for the Rangers and Dalton Williams also had an RBI.

Greenwood will take on Pecos at 1 p.m. Thursday at Greenwood during the first day of the West Texas Classic.

SWEETWATER 11, GREENWOOD 4

Sweetwater	233	101	1	—11	12	0
Greenwood	003	000	1	—4	7	9

Monkien and Marrow. Garrett Carlisle, Jonathan Shaw (3), Stephen Milligan (5) and Cali Carmichael, Zach Redwine (7). W — Monkien. L — Carlisle. 2B — Sweetwater: Baugh, May. 3B — Greenwood: Zach Long.

Record: Greenwood 2-8

Next: Greenwood vs. Pecos, 1 p.m. Thursday, West Texas Classic, Greenwood HS

MCALUMNIUPDATE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Here is an update of basketball players from Midland College who are now playing at four-year universities.

Men

Darren White
Campbell University, NC
(Big South Conference)
17-15 (11-7)
16.8 ppg (team's leading scorer), 5.5 rpg, 2.1 apg, 0.9 spg, 1.1 bpg (32 games)
Last Game: 15 points, two rebounds, one assist in a 71-55 loss to Wintrop University in the Big South Conference Tournament

Ty Nurse
Texas Tech University
(Big 12 Conference)
8-22 (1-17)
8.9 ppg, 1.8 rpg, 1.9 apg, 0.8 spg (30 games)
Last Game: 12 points, one rebound, two assists in an 81-59 loss to the University of Missouri

Rodney Milum
Appalachian State University, WV
(Southern Conference)
12-15 (7-9)
9.5 ppg, 1.8 rpg, 1.1 apg, 0.4 spg (11 games)
Note: Milum has left Appalachian State due to personal/family issues

Jamaal Trice
Appalachian State University, WV
(Southern Conference)
13-18 (7-11)
9.1 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 0.7 apg, 0.3 spg, 0.2 bpg (31 games)
Last Game: 11 points, two rebounds in a 65-55 loss to the University of North Carolina - Greensboro in the Southern Conference Tournament

Jonathon Simmons
University of Houston
(Conference USA)
15-14 (7-9)
14.9 ppg (team's leading scorer), 5.0 rpg, 2.1 apg, 0.7 spg, 0.4 bpg (29 games)
Last Game: 12 points, four rebounds, eight assists, two steals, one block in a 76-75 win over Rice University

Kenny Moore
Tennessee State University
(Ohio Valley Conference)
20-12 (11-5)
7.1 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 1.2 apg, 0.8 spg, 0.2 bpg (25 games)

Brockeith Pane
Utah State University
(Western Athletic Conference)
17-14 (8-6)
12.4 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 4.0 apg, 0.7 spg, 0.2 bpg (31 games)
Last Game: 20 points, four rebounds, one assist in a 61-60 win over the University of Hawaii

TyShwan Edmondson
Austin Peay State University, TN
(Ohio Valley Conference)
12-20 (8-8)
12.8 ppg (team's leading scorer), 3.2 rpg, 1.9 apg, 1.6 spg, 0.2 bpg (32 games)
Last Game: 22 points, three rebounds, two assists, one steal in a 75-70 loss to Jacksonville State University in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament

Caleb Dean
Western Michigan University
(Mid America Conference)
12-19 (6-10)
0.9 ppg, 0.9 rpg (9 games)

Dwight Miller
University of Tennessee
(Southeastern Conference)
18-13 (10-6)
2.7 ppg, 1.6 rpg, 0.3 spg, 0.6 bpg (21 games)

Guy Landry-Edi
Gonzaga University, WA
(West Coast Conference)
25-5 (13-3)
5.6 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 0.8 apg, 0.6 spg, 0.1 bpg (22 games)
Last Game: 11 points, five rebounds, one steal in a 77-58 win over Brigham Young University in the West Coast Conference Tournament

Women

Lauren Mansfield
Iowa State University
(Big 12 Conference)
18-11 (9-9)
7.6 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 3.3 apg, 1.1 spg (29 games)

Adrie Shiels
University of Idaho
(Western Athletic Conference)
11-19 (6-8)
4.0 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 0.6 apg, 0.4 spg, 0.9 bpg (29 games)

Erika Warren
University of Texas - El Paso
(Conference USA)
26-3 (15-1)
4.6 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 1.1 apg, 0.5 spg, 0.2 bpg (28 games)

Tanica Anderson
James Madison University, VA
(Colonial Athletic Conference)
23-6 (14-4)
2.1 ppg, 1.5 rpg, 0.6 apg (11 games)

DISTRICT3-5ASOFTBALL

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ODESSA HIGH AT LEE

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

Records: Odessa High 8-9; Lee 11-7

Last game: Lubbock Cooper 4, Odessa High 0; Burleson Centennial 5, Lee 1

Notes & Quotes: Lee is fortunate enough to start the District 3-5A season at home, but coach West Overton can't emphasize enough how important it is the Lady Rebels don't repeat last season's 0-2 start in 3-5A play. "It's very important to start the season with a win with it being at home," Overton said. "Teams have got to win their home games in this district. Last year, we started out 0-2 and it put us in a pretty big hole. You can't lose district on the first game, you can't win it either, but when you drop the first or second one, then it definitely sets you back a bit." ... Odessa High finished sixth in the Tournament at the Crossroads in Big Spring over the weekend, posting a 3-2 record with wins against Big Spring's junior varsity, Sweetwater and Monahans, while losing to Andrews and Lubbock Cooper in bracket play. ... The Lady Rebels get their bye early in district play with it occurring on Friday. They'll play a non-district game against Class 2A's 20th-ranked Coahoma before returning to 3-5A action against crosstown rival Midland High next Tuesday.

Next: Abilene High at Odessa High, 2 p.m. Saturday; Lee at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m. Friday

3-5A Softball

Team	District W	L	Overall W	L
Odessa Permian	0	0	15	1
Abilene Cooper	0	0	12	4
Midland High	0	0	11	7
Lee	0	0	11	7
Abilene High	0	0	4	4
Odessa High	0	0	8	9
San Angelo Central	0	0	8	10

Today's Games

Odessa High at Lee; Midland High at Odessa Permian; Abilene High at San Angelo Central; Abilene Cooper at Big Spring, 6:30 p.m. All games at 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

MIDLAND HIGH AT ODESSA PERMIAN

When/where: 4 p.m. today, Ratliff Softball Complex

Records: Midland High 11-7; Permian 15-1

Last game: Plano High 8, Midland High 2; Permian 4, Andrews 1

Notes & Quotes: Midland High went 3-2 in the McKinney Tournament, winning all three of its pool games against North Lamar, Pilot Point and Lewisville before losing its two gold bracket games against host McKinney Boyd and Plano High on Saturday. ... Permian went 5-0 at the Tournament at the Crossroads in Big Spring over the weekend, defeating Class 3A's eighth-ranked Andrews in the championship game, 4-1, on Saturday. ... The Lady Panthers enter 3-5A play with the top non-district record at 15-1. Their lone loss came on Feb. 21 against Wolfforth Frenship, 1-0. Senior pitcher Elizabeth Hernandez has been key to Permian's success as she's emerged as viable threat in the circle. Hernandez pitched four complete games in the Tournament at the Crossroads. ... These two teams split the District 3-5A title last season with identical 10-2 marks in league play. The Lady Panthers and Lady Dawgs also split their season series last year with Permian winning the first 6-2 and MHS taking the second, 2-0. ... Midland High plays its district home opener at 2 p.m. Saturday at Audrey Gill Sports Complex. The Lady Dawgs will be hosting San Angelo Central.

Next: San Angelo Central at Midland High, 2 p.m. Saturday, Audrey Gill Sports Complex; Odessa Permian at Abilene Cooper, 2 p.m. Saturday, Redbud Park, Abilene

ABILENE HIGH AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

When/where: 4 p.m. today, Central High School, San Angelo

Records: Abilene High 4-4; Central 8-10

Last game: Central 10, Snyder 3

Next: San Angelo Central at Midland High, 2 p.m. Saturday, Audrey Gill Sports Complex

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DISTRICT

From 1C

games and that's all I can ask as a coach."

When it comes to playing in what's expected to be such a competitive district, wins can become precious. For the rest of the season, 3-5A teams will be scrambling to defend its home turf, while also trying to pick up vital wins on the road. After all, the ability to walk into hostile territory and escape with a victory might be the deciding factor in 3-5A.

"I think being able to win games on the road is going to decide this district," Overton said. "It's like any year, you've got to win your home games, and whoever can steal the most games on the road is going to be the team that comes out on top."

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WILLIAMS

From 1C

players had to be helped off the field, were worth $1,000. Payments doubled or tripled for the playoffs.

Williams, who was summoned to New York on Monday to meet with NFL officials, called his role in the pool a "terrible mistake" when he issued a public apology late last week.

No punishments have been handed out, but they could include suspension, fines and loss of draft picks.

Next season's Super Bowl is scheduled for New Orleans, and the Saints hope to be a contender coming off a 13-win 2011 season that ended with a dramatic loss in the final seconds of a divisional-round playoff game at San Francisco. Yet, the Saints could potentially find themselves playing some games without several key returning defensive players such as linebacker Jonathan Vilma and strong safety Roman Harper — if they are found to have participated in the pool.

In Week 14 against Tennessee last season, Harper made two hits that drew a total of $22,500 in fines.

LOCALSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

TENNIS

Results for the Midland Christian tennis team at the Amarillo Sandie Cup in Amarillo this past weekend.

Gold Division

Boys Singles — 8. Marcus Gower; 12. Cole Franks
Boys Doubles — 4. Garrett Nelson-Kevin Conley
Girls Singles — 8. Jules Fletcher
Girls Doubles — 6. Katie Vaughan-Kalinda Wight
Mixed Doubles — 13. Brady Johnson-Danyale Kellogg

Black Division

Boys Singles — 7. A.J. Carter
Boys Doubles — 9. Colton Gilbert-Colby Gilbert
Girls Singles — 4. Caitlin Bell
Girls Doubles — 7. Bailey Warpula-Faith McKinney
Mixed Doubles — 11. Josh Hailes-Lauren Elrod

TWO ACES AT RANCHLAND HILLS

■ Bill Kirby aced No. 3 at Ranchland Hills Golf Coruse on Sunday during The 2012 Bootlegger Tournament. Kirby used a 6-iron from 155 yards.

Witnesses were Terry Lloyd, Rusty Maddux and Kelly Maddux.

■ Bob Moore recorded his first hole-in-one at Ranchland Hills Golf on Feb. 26. Moore aced No. 6, using a 7-wood from 150 yards.

Witnesses were Tim Bryson, Brooks Smith and Jim McBride.

RANCHLAND HILLS 2012 BOOTLEGGER

First Flight — 1. Jerad Fain-Keith Bitner 64-61—125; 2. Cody Childers-Troy North 67-61—128; 3. Brian Stephens-Aaron Garza 65-67—132
Second Flight — 1. Trey Perkins-David Bradley 68-64—132*; 2. Jerry Reese-Bill Averitt 68-64—132; 3. Chad Campbell-Bobby Hess 68-64—132
Third Flight — 1. Chris Baltzell-Mark Oliver 74-65—139; 2. Kyle Shoup-Ransom Gibbs 71-70—141; Kelly Maddux-Rusty Maddux 72-69—141
Fourth Flight — 1. John Chandler-Brian Ginder 77-70—147*; 2. Greg Gasser-George Rivero 78-69—147; 3. Matt Manulik-Mark Miladenka 79-70—149
Fifth Flight — 1. J.J. Hickman-Chris Salcedo 83-71—154; 2. Greg Tomlin-Shayne Moody 81-74—155; 3. Rodney Cox-Don Burney 81-74—155
* Won playoff

Spring Training

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
Boston	2	0	1.000
Detroit	3	0	1.000
Kansas City	2	0	1.000
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000
Seattle	3	1	.750
New York	2	1	.667
Toronto	2	1	.667
Oakland	3	2	.600
Baltimore	1	1	.500
Minnesota	2	2	.500
Chicago	0	1	.000
Cleveland	0	2	.000
Tampa Bay	0	3	.000
Texas	0	2	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
Cincinnati	2	0	1.000
Colorado	1	0	1.000
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000
Miami	1	0	1.000
Houston	2	1	.667
San Francisco	1	1	.500
Arizona	1	2	.333
Atlanta	1	2	.333
Philadelphia	1	2	.333
Pittsburgh	1	2	.333
Washington	1	2	.333
Milwaukee	0	0	.000
Chicago	0	2	.000
New York	0	1	.000
San Diego	0	2	.000
St. Louis	0	1	.000

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

Monday's Scores

Miami 4, St. Louis 3
Detroit 4, Toronto 2
Baltimore (ss) 3, Tampa Bay 1
Atlanta 10, Houston 5
Philadelphia 9, N.Y. Yankees 3
L.A. Dodgers 6, Chicago White Sox 4
Kansas City 7, Texas 6
L.A. Angels 9, Oakland (ss) 1
Seattle 13, San Diego 7
Oakland (ss) 8, Chicago Cubs 7
Cincinnati 12, Cleveland 7
Colorado 6, Arizona 5
Washington 3, N.Y. Mets 1
Pittsburgh 10, Baltimore (ss) 3
Boston 10, Minnesota 2
Milwaukee vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., late

Today's Games

N.Y. Mets (ss) vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Washington vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. N.Y. Mets (ss) at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:10 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Kansas City (ss) at Surprise, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City (ss) vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 2:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.

MONDAY'S TEXAS LINESCORES

ROYALS 7, RANGERS 6

At Surprise, Ariz.

Texas	320	100	000	—	6	11	1
Kansas City	010	022	002	—	7	13	1

D.Holland, Ogando (3), Stetter (5), Cotts (6), B.Snyder (7), Scheppers (8), K.de la Cruz (9) and Torrealba, Du.Brown, C.Robinson; B.Chen, L.Coleman (2), Montgomery (4), C.Dwyer (6), Collins (8), Bl.Wood (9) and S.Perez, M.Ramirez, C.Clark. W—Bl.Wood. L—K.de la Cruz. HRs—Kansas City, A.Gordon (1), A.Escobar (1).

BRAVES 10, ASTROS 5

At Kissimmee, Fla.

Atlanta	201	100	411	—	10	13	1
Houston	020	012	000	—	5	11	2

Jurrjens, R.Fish (3), Y.Flande (4), L.Avilan (5), T.Redmond (6), Gearrin (8), Z.Spruill (9) and Boscan, C.Bethancourt; Lyles, X.Cedeno (3), Duke (4), R.Cruz (7), Villar (7), J.Abreu (8), Del Rosario (9) and J.Castro, Corporan, R.Garcia. W—T.Redmond. L—R.Cruz. HRs—Atlanta, Uggla (1).

Auto Racing

NASCAR Sprint Cup Points Leaders
Through March 4

1. Denny Hamlin 89
2. Greg Biffle 83
3. Kevin Harvick 81
4. Matt Kenseth 79
5. Dale Earnhardt Jr. 72
6. Martin Truex Jr. 71
7. Mark Martin 71
8. Joey Logano 70
9. Kyle Busch 66
10. Carl Edwards 63
11. Bobby Labonte 58
12. Brad Keselowski 52
13. Jeff Burton 52
14. Paul Menard 52
15. Tony Stewart 52
16. Dave Blaney 51
17. Clint Bowyer 47
18. Ryan Newman 46
19. Regan Smith 45
20. Aric Almirola 43

NASCAR Nationwide Points Leaders
Through March 3

1. Elliott Sadler 89
2. Austin Dillon 79
3. Trevor Bayne 72
4. Cole Whitt 71
5. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. 66
6. Sam Hornish Jr. 63
7. Tayler Malsam 62
8. Michael Annett 51
9. Benny Gordon 49
10. Joe Nemechek 42

NASCAR Camping World Truck Points Leaders
Through Feb. 24

1. John King 47
2. Timothy Peters 42
3. Justin Lofton 41
4. Jason White 40
5. Todd Bodine 38
6. Chris Fontaine 37
7. Ward Burton 36
8. Ty Dillon 35
9. Clay Greenfield 34
10. Parker Kligerman 33

NHRA Leaders
Through Feb. 19

Top Fuel

1, Antron Brown, 212. 2, Tony Schumacher, 180. 3, Spencer Massey, 176. 4, Morgan Lucas, 143. 5, Shawn Langdon, 139. 6, Clay Millican, 126. 7 (tie), Steve Torrence and Bob Vandergriff, 89. 9 (tie), Brandon Bernstein and Doug Kalitta, 85.

Funny Car

1, Mike Neff, 196. 2, Robert Hight, 154. 3, John Force, 150. 4, Jack Beckman, 137. 5, Ron Capps, 125. 6, Courtney Force, 124. 7, Todd Lesenko, 102. 8, Johnny Gray, 99. 9, Jeff Arend, 84. 10, Gary Densham, 83.

Pro Stock

1, Greg Anderson, 209. 2, Jason Line, 208. 3, Mike Edwards, 147. 4, Rodger Brogdon, 125. 5, Jeg Coughlin, 122. 6, Vincent Nobile, 111. 7, Greg Stanfield, 103. 8, Allen Johnson, 93. 9 (tie), Erica Enders, Shane Gray and Larry Morgan, 84.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

THE TOP TWENTY FIVE

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 4, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Team	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Kentucky (63)	30-1	1,623	1
2. Syracuse (2)	30-1	1,561	2
3. Kansas	26-5	1,482	3
4. North Carolina	27-4	1,442	6
5. Missouri	27-4	1,343	7
6. Duke	26-5	1,262	4
7. Ohio St.	25-6	1,251	10
8. Michigan St.	24-7	1,149	5
9. Marquette	25-6	1,087	8
10. Michigan	23-8	945	13
11. Murray St.	30-1	922	12
12. Baylor	**25-6**	**909**	**9**
13. Georgetown	22-7	873	11
14. Wisconsin	23-8	853	14
15. Indiana	24-7	707	18
16. Wichita St.	27-5	492	15
17. Florida St.	21-9	468	22
18. San Diego St.	24-6	441	21
19. Creighton	28-5	364	25
20. UNLV	25-7	360	17
21. Temple	24-6	343	23
22. Florida	22-9	305	16
23. Notre Dame	21-10	256	20
24. Gonzaga	25-5	170	—
25. Iowa St.	22-9	127	—

Others receiving votes: Saint Mary's (Cal) 88, Louisville 84, Drexel 83, New Mexico 64, Virginia 34, Memphis 13, VCU 6, Vanderbilt 6, Cincinnati 5, Long Beach St. 3, Kansas St. 2, Harvard 1, Saint Louis 1.

USA TODAY/ESPN TOP 25 POLL

The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 4, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Kentucky (31)	30-1	775	1
2. Syracuse	30-1	744	2
3. Kansas	26-5	703	4
4. North Carolina	27-4	690	6
5. Missouri	27-4	620	8
6. Duke	26-5	604	3
7. Ohio State	25-6	575	11
8. Michigan State	24-7	540	5
9. Marquette	25-6	537	7
10. Murray State	30-1	526	9
11. Baylor	**25-6**	**422**	**10**
12. Wisconsin	23-8	417	15
13. Michigan	23-8	397	16
14. Georgetown	22-7	369	12
15. Indiana	24-7	287	20
16. Wichita State	27-5	241	14
17. Florida State	21-9	199	22
18. Saint Mary's	26-5	198	21
19. Florida	22-9	187	13
20. UNLV	25-7	181	17
21. San Diego State	24-6	165	23
22. Creighton	28-5	164	24
23. Notre Dame	21-10	134	19
24. Temple	24-6	112	25
25. Gonzaga	25-5	80	—

Others receiving votes: Louisville 60, New Mexico 26, Iowa State 24, Memphis 24, Drexel 21, Virginia 18, Kansas State 11, Mississippi State 8, Saint Louis 6, Nevada 3, VCU 3, Harvard 2, Middle Tennessee 1, Montana 1.

MONDAY'S SCORES
TOURNAMENT

Colonial Athletic Association
VCU 59, Drexel 56

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Championship
Loyola (Md.) 48, Fairfield 44

Mid-American Conference
First Round
Cent. Michigan 54, Bowling Green 53
Toledo 60, Miami (Ohio) 53
W. Michigan 69, Ball St. 63
N. Illinois 55, E. Michigan 52

Summit League
Semifinals
W. Illinois 54, Oral Roberts 53

Sun Belt Conference
Semifinals
North Texas 76, Arkansas St. 72

TOP 25 FARED
Monday

1. Kentucky (30-1) did not play. Next: vs. LSU or Arkansas, Friday.
2. Syracuse (30-1) did not play. Next: Big East quarterfinals, Thursday.
3. Kansas (26-5) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma or Texas A&M, Thursday.
4. North Carolina (27-4) did not play. Next: vs. Maryland or Wake Forest, Friday.
5. Missouri (27-4) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State or Texas Tech, Thursday.
6. Duke (26-5) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson or Virginia Tech, Friday.
7. Ohio State (25-6) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue or Nebraska, Friday.
8. Michigan State (24-7) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa or Illinois, Friday.
9. Marquette (25-6) did not play. Next: Big East quarterfinals, Thursday.
10. Michigan (23-8) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern or Minnesota, Friday.
11. Murray State (30-1) did not play. Next: NCAA tournament.
12. Baylor (25-6) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Thursday.
13. Georgetown (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's or Pittsburgh, Wednesday.
14. Wisconsin (23-8) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Indiana or Penn State, Friday.
15. Indiana (24-7) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State, Thursday.
16. Wichita State (27-5) did not play. Next: TBA.
17. Florida State (21-9) did not play. Next: vs. Miami or Georgia Tech, Friday.
18. San Diego State (24-6) did not play. Next: vs. Boise State, Thursday.
19. Creighton (28-5) did not play. Next: NCAA tournament.
20. UNLV (25-7) did not play. Next: vs. Wyoming, Thursday.
21. Temple (24-6) did not play. Next: vs. Duquesne or UMass, Friday.
22. Florida (22-9) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama or South Carolina, Friday.
23. Notre Dame (21-10) did not play. Next: Big East quarterfinals, Thursday.
24. Gonzaga (25-6) lost to Saint Mary's (Cal) 78-74, OT. Next: TBA.
25. Iowa State (22-9) did not play. Next: vs. Texas, Thursday.

MONDAY'S TEXAS BOX

NORTH TEXAS 76, ARKANSAS ST. 72

ARKANSAS ST. (14-20): Finn 6-12 4-4 21, Hooten 8-16 0-0 18, Peterson 2-6 2-2 6, Townsel 1-6 0-1 3, Kirkland 7-13 0-0 14, Dickerson 1-3 1-2 4, Griswold 3-4 0-0 6. Totals 28-60 7-9 72.

NORTH TEXAS (18-13): Holmen 8-11 0-0 21, Walton 4-7 2-2 11, A. Williams 4-6 4-6 12, Mitchell 1-3 8-8 11, Franklin 5-9 0-0 10, Robinson 0-0 0-0 0, Norris 0-1 0-0 0, Hogans 2-3 0-0 4, Stojiljkovic 2-3 0-0 4, Hall 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 27-46 14-16 76.

Halftime—North Texas 38-34. 3-Point Goals—Arkansas St. 9-23 (Finn 5-10, Hooten 2-8, Dickerson 1-2, Townsel 1-3), North Texas 8-13 (Holmen 5-5, Mitchell 1-1, Hall 1-3, Walton 1-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Arkansas St. 32 (Kirkland 10), North Texas 23 (Mitchell 5). Assists—Arkansas St. 13 (Townsel 6), North Texas 13 (Holmen 4). Total Fouls—Arkansas St. 17, North Texas 15. A—NA.

TEXAS CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES

Big 12 Conference
At The Sprint Center
Kansas City, Mo.
First Round
Wednesday
Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma State vs. Texas Tech, 8:30 p.m.
Quarterfinals
Thursday
Baylor vs. Kansas State, 11:30 A.m.
Kansas vs. Oklahoma-Texas A&M winner, 2 p.m.
Missouri vs. Oklahoma State-Texas Tech winner, 6 p.m.
Iowa State vs. Texas, 8:30 p.m.
Semifinals
Friday, Mach 9
Baylor-Kansas State winner vs. Kansas—Oklahoma-Texas A&M winner, 6:30 p.m.
Missouri—Oklahoma State-Texas Tech winner vs. Iowa State-Texas winner, 9 p.m.
Championship
Saturday, March 10
Semifinal winners, 5 p.m.

Conference USA
At FedEx Forum
Memphis, Tenn.
First Round
Wednesday
Rice vs. East Carolina, noon
Marshall vs. SMU, 2:30 p.m.
UTEP vs. Houston, 6:30 p.m.
UAB vs. Tulane, 9 p.m.

Great West Conference
(Non-automatic bid)
At Emil and Patricia A. Jones Convocation Center
Chicago
First Round
Thursday
NJIT vs. Houston Baptist, 2:30 p.m.

Mountain West Conference
At The Thomas & Mack Center
Las Vegas
First Round
Thursday
San Diego State vs. Boise State, 2 p.m.
Colorado State vs. TCU, 4:30 p.m.
New Mexico vs. Air Force, 8 p.m.
UNLV vs. Wyoming, 10:30 p.m.

Southland Conference
At The Leonard E. Merrell Center
Katy
First Round
Wednesday
Stephen F. Austin vs. Sam Houston State, noon
Lamar vs. Northwestern State, 2:30 p.m.
Texas-Arlington vs. Nicholls State, 6 p.m.
McNeese State vs. UTSA, 8:30 p.m.

Southwestern Athletic Conference
At The Special Events Center
Garland
First Round
Wednesday, March 7
Texas Southern vs. Alabama A&M, 12:30 p.m.
MVSU vs. Jackson State, 8 p.m.

Sun Belt Conference
At Hot Springs, Ark.
At Summit Arena
Semifinals
Monday
North Texas 76, Arkansas State 72
Western Kentucky vs. Denver, late
Championship
Today
North Texas vs. W.Kentucky-Denver winner, 7 p.m.

Women

THE WOMEN'S TOP TWENTY FIVE

The top 25 teams in the The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 4, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Team	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Baylor (40)	**31-0**	**1,000**	**1**
2. Stanford	28-1	946	2
3. Notre Dame	29-2	931	3
4. UConn	27-4	866	4
5. Maryland	28-4	848	6
6. Duke	24-5	751	5
7. Delaware	27-1	737	8
8. Miami	25-5	691	7
9. Tennessee	24-8	661	13
10. Green Bay	27-1	637	11
11. Penn St.	24-6	585	9
12. Kentucky	25-6	560	10
13. St. John's	22-8	509	18
14. Purdue	23-8	447	21
15. Georgia Tech	24-8	433	15
16. St. Bonaventure	29-2	367	19
17. Ohio St.	25-6	349	14
18. Georgetown	22-8	252	12
19. Louisville	22-9	242	20
20. Nebraska	24-8	228	24
21. Georgia	22-8	227	16
22. Texas A&M	**20-9**	**191**	**17**
23. Gonzaga	26-4	149	22
24. Rutgers	22-9	88	23
25. West Virginia	23-7	85	—

Others receiving votes: South Carolina 83, Princeton 67, Middle Tennessee 18, LSU 17, Florida Gulf Coast 13, DePaul 10, California 6, Arkansas 4, Dayton 1, Fresno St. 1.

MONDAY'S SCORES
SOUTH
High Point 74, UNC Asheville 56
Winthrop 84, Coastal Carolina 47
TOURNAMENT
Atlantic 10 Conference Championship
Dayton 56, St. Bonaventure 53
Big East Conference
Semifinals
Notre Dame 73, West Virginia 45
Horizon League
First Round
Cleveland St. 59, Youngstown St. 56
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
First Round
Coppin St. 76, NC Central 37
Md.-Eastern Shore 51, Savannah St. 28
NC A&T 66, Morgan St. 53
Norfolk St. 51, Bethune-Cookman 41
Patriot League
Semifinals
Holy Cross 67, American U. 52
Navy 64, Lehigh 59
Southern Conference
Championship
Samford 54, Appalachian St. 43
Summit League
Semifinals
S. Dakota St. 79, IUPUI 54
UMKC 71, W. Illinois 56
Sun Belt Conference
Semifinals
Middle Tennessee 63, FIU 53
UALR 59, FAU 42
West Coast Conference
Championship
BYU 78, Gonzaga 66

TEXAS CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES

Big 12 Conference
At Municipal Auditorium
Kansas City, Mo.
First Round
Wednesday
Texas vs. Texas Tech, 5 p.m.
Oklahoma State vs. Missouri, 7:30 p.m.
Quarterfinals
Thursday
Iowa State vs. Kansas State, 11 a.m.
Baylor vs. Texas-Texas Tech winner, 1:30 p.m.
Oklahoma vs. Oklahoma State-Missouri winner, 5 p.m.
Texas A&M vs. Kansas, 7:30 p.m.
Semifinals
Friday, Mach 9
Iowa State-Kansas State winner vs. Baylor—Texas-Texas Tech winner, noon
Oklahoma—Oklahoma State-Missouri winner vs. Texas A&M-Kansas winner, 2:30 p.m.
Championship
Saturday, March 10
Semifinal winners, 11 a.m.

Conference USA
At Elma Roane Fieldhouse
Memphis, Tenn.
First Round
Wednesday, March 7
Tulsa vs. East Carolina, Noon
Marshall vs. SMU, 2:30 p.m.
UCF vs. Southern Mississippi, 6 p.m.
Rice vs. Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Mountain West Conference
At The Thomas & Mack Center
Las Vegas
First Round
Wednesday, March 7
San Diego State vs. Air Force, 2 p.m.
TCU vs. Wyoming, 4:30 p.m.
UNLV vs. New Mexico, 8 p.m.
Colorado State vs. Boise State, 10:30 p.m.

Southland Conference
At The Leonard E. Merrell Center
Katy, Texas
First Round
Today
McNeese State vs. Southeastern Louisiana, noon
Sam Houston State vs. Texas State, 2:30 p.m.
Central Arkansas vs. Nicholls State, 6 p.m.
Stephen F. Austin vs. Lamar, 8:30 p.m.

Southwestern Athletic Conference
At The Special Events Center
Garland
First Round
Tuesday, March 6
Alcorn State vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 3 p.m.
Jackson State vs. Texas Southern, 5:30 p.m.

Sun Belt Conference
At Hot Springs, Ark.
At Summit Arena
Semifinals
Monday
Middle Tennessee 63, FIU 53
UALR 59, FAU 42
Championship
Today
Middle Tennessee vs. UALR, 1 p.m.

ON THE AIR

CYCLING

Paris-Nice, stage 3, Vierzon to Le Lac de Vassiviere, France (same-day tape), 3:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Big East Conference, first round, DePaul vs. UConn, at New York, noon, ESPN2

Big East Conference, first round, St. John's vs. Pittsburgh, 1 p.m., ESPN2

Sun Belt Conference, championship game, Arkansas St.-North Texas winner vs. Western Kentucky-Denver winner, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Horizon League, championship game, Detroit at Valparaiso, 8 p.m., ESPN

Summit League, championship game, Oral Roberts-Western Illinois winner vs. South Dakota St.-Southern Utah winner, 8 p.m., ESPN2

NBA

New York at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

NHL

Minnesota at Colorado, 8 p.m., NBC Sports Network

Dallas at Vancouver, 9 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus; Fox Sports Southwest (joined-in-progress)

SOCCER

UEFA Champions League, Benfica vs. Zenit, 1:30 p.m, Fox Sports Southwest

UEFA Champions League, Arsenal vs. AC Milan, (same-day tape), 1:30 a.m., Fox Sports Southwest

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Big East Conference, championship game, West Virginia-Notre Dame winner vs. St. John's-UConn winner, 6 p.m., ESPN

WHAT'S ON DECK

COLLEGE BASEBALL
Texas Tech at Arizona State, 7:30 p.m.
Lubbock Chrisitan vs. UTPB, 7 p.m., Citibank Ballpark

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
Midland High at Lubbock Monterey, 6 p.m.

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL GOLF
Lee, Trinity, Midland Christian at Seminole Tournament

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER
Lee at Odessa Permian, 5:30 p.m., Ratliff Stadium, Odessa
Odessa High at Midland High, 5:30 p.m., Grande Communications Stadium

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER
Lee at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m., Ratliff Stadium, Odessa
Odessa High at Midland High, 7:30 p.m., Grande Communications Stadium

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL
Midland High at Odessa Permian, 4 p.m.
Odessa High at Lee, 4 p.m.
Seminole at Midland Christian, 6 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS
Midland Classical at Greenwood, 4 p.m.

JUNIOR COLLEGE GOLF
Ronnie Black Invitational, Ocotillo Park, Hobbs, N.M.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with RHP Alberto Cabrera, RHP Lendy Castillo, RHP Casey Coleman, RHP Rafael Dolis, RHP Marcos Mateo, RHP Jeff Samardzija, RHP Casey Weathers, LHP Jeff Beliveau, LHP John Gaub, LHP Scott Maine, LHP James Russell, LHP Travis Wood, C Welington Castillo, C Steve Clevenger, INF Darwin Barney, INF Adrian Cardenas, INF Starlin Castro, INF Bryan LaHair, INF Junior Lake, INF Anthony Rizzo, INF Josh Vitters, OF Tony Campana, OF Dave Sappelt and OF Matt Szczur on one-year contracts.

American Association

EL PASO DIABLOS—Signed INF Uriak Marquez.
LAREDO LEMURS—Signed INF Anton Gray.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS—Signed INF John Alonso.

Frontier League

EVANSVILLE OTTERS—Signed RHP Josh Cephas and LHP Matt Zielinski to contract extensions. Signed SS Kevin Lovelace.
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES—Signed 3B Jake Overstreet.
RIVER CITY RASCALS—Signed RHP Casey Edelbrock and LHP Matt Evers.
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS—Placed 1B Ernie Banks on the suspended list.
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS—Traded INF Wes Kartch to Roswell (Pecos) for a player to be named. Acquired C Michael Surnia from Abilene (NAL) to complete an earlier trade. Signed OF Doug Thennis to a contract extension. Signed C Michael Surnia.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

SACRAMENTO KINGS—Signed coach Keith Smart to a contract extension through the 2012-13 season.

Women's National Basketball Association

TULSA SHOCK—Signed C Chanel Mokango.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

BALTIMORE RAVENS—Released CB Domonique Foxworth.
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed WR Stevie Johnson to a contract extension.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Designated LB Anthony Spencer as the franchise player.
DENVER BRONCOS—Designated K Matt Prater as the franchise player.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Agreed to terms with DE Robert Mathis.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Designated K Josh Scobee as the franchise player.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Designated WR Dwayne Bowe as the franchise player.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Designated WR Wes Welker as the franchise player.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Designated P Steve Weatherford as the franchise player.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Released DE Luis Castillo.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Named Kunal Malik chief technology officer.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Re-signed OL Jeremy Zuttah to a four-year contract. Designated K Connor Barth as the franchise player.
TENNESSEE TITANS—Designated S Michael Griffin as the franchise player.

Canadian Football League

EDMONTON ESKIMOS—Released OL Junius Coston.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

BOSTON BRUINS—Signed G Marty Turco to a one-year contract.
DALLAS MAVERICKS—Recalled F Sean Williams from Texas (NBADL).
DETROIT RED WINGS—Recalled D Doug Janik, F Chris Conner and G Jordan Pearce from Grand Rapids (AHL).
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled F Andreas Engqvist from Hamilton (AHL).
OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled G Ben Bishop from Binghamton (AHL). Assigned G Robin Lehner to Binghamton.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned G Braden Holtby to Hershey (AHL).

American Hockey League

GRAND RAPID GRIFFINS—Announced G Tom McCollum was reassigned to the team from Toledo (ECHL). Recalled D Bryan Rufenach from Toledo.

ECHL

BAKERSFIELD CONDORS—Announced G Matt Keetley was loaned to Houston (AHL).

Central Hockey League

EVANSVILLE ICEMEN—Placed F Mark Cody on leave of absence. Announced F Mario Boilard was placed on league suspension for two games.
QUAD CITY MALLARDS—Announced G David Brown was assigned to the team by Abbotsford (AHL). Placed G Justin Grant on waivers.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION—Waived MF Ryan Kinne and forward Zack Schilawski.
PHILADELPHIA UNION—Signed F Cristhian Hernandez.

COLLEGE

BROWN—Announced it will not renew the contract of men's basketball coach Jesse Agel.
GEORGE WASHINGTON—Fired women's basketball coach Mike Bozeman.
NEBRASKA-KEARNEY—Named Andy Siegal offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.
ST AUGUSTINE'S—Fired men's basketball coach Ken Spencer.
WINTHROP—Fired men's basketball coach Randy Peele.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	22	17	.564	—
Boston	19	17	.528	1 1/2
New York	18	19	.486	3
New Jersey	12	26	.316	9 1/2
Toronto	12	26	.316	9 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	28	9	.757	—
Orlando	25	14	.641	4
Atlanta	22	15	.595	6
Washington	8	29	.216	20
Charlotte	4	31	.114	23

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	32	8	.800	—
Indiana	23	13	.639	7
Milwaukee	15	23	.395	16
Cleveland	13	23	.361	17
Detroit	12	26	.316	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	25	12	.676	—
Memphis	22	15	.595	3
Dallas	22	17	.564	4
Houston	21	17	.553	4 1/2
New Orleans	9	28	.243	16

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	30	8	.789	—
Denver	21	17	.553	9
Minnesota	20	19	.513	10 1/2
Utah	18	19	.486	11 1/2
Portland	18	19	.486	11 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	23	14	.622	—
L.A. Clippers	22	14	.611	1/2
Phoenix	17	20	.459	6
Golden State	15	20	.429	7
Sacramento	12	25	.324	11

Monday's Scores

Utah 109, Cleveland 100
Orlando 92, Toronto 88
Golden State 120, Washington 100
Chicago 92, Indiana 72
Oklahoma City 95, Dallas 91
Minnesota 95, L.A. Clippers 94
Milwaukee 97, Philadelphia 93
Sacramento at Denver, late
New Orleans at Portland, late

Today's Games

Orlando at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Houston at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOXES

THUNDER 95, MAVERICKS 91

DALLAS (91): Marion 5-11 0-0 10, Nowitzki 10-22 3-3 27, Haywood 0-1 0-0 0, Kidd 2-4 0-0 6, Carter 0-1 0-0 0, Mahinmi 5-6 3-3 13, Odom 3-9 0-0 6, Terry 7-19 2-2 18, Beaubois 3-9 2-2 9, Yi 1-2 0-0 2, Williams 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-84 10-10 91.

OKLAHOMA CITY (95): Durant 6-18 9-10 22, Ibaka 3-8 2-2 8, Perkins 3-5 1-2 7, Westbrook 6-20 10-12 24, Cook 3-6 0-0 8, Collison 1-2 0-0 2, Harden 4-11 7-7 16, Ivey 1-3 0-0 3, Jackson 2-3 0-0 5. Totals 29-76 29-33 95.

Dallas	23	29	13	26	—	91
Oklahoma City	26	19	23	27	—	95

3-Point Goals—Dallas 9-21 (Nowitzki 4-6, Kidd 2-4, Terry 2-6, Beaubois 1-2, Carter 0-1, Odom 0-2), Oklahoma City 8-27 (Cook 2-5, Westbrook 2-6, Ivey 1-2, Jackson 1-2, Harden 1-6, Durant 1-6). Fouled Out—Mahinmi. Rebounds—Dallas 44 (Marion 10), Oklahoma City 55 (Perkins 14). Assists—Dallas 19 (Terry 7), Oklahoma City 13 (Harden 4). Total Fouls—Dallas 23, Oklahoma City 16. Technicals—Westbrook. A—18,203 (18,203).

MAGIC 92, RAPTORS 88

ORLANDO (92): Turkoglu 0-6 0-0 0, Anderson 7-16 4-4 19, Howard 16-20 4-14 36, Nelson 4-10 0-0 11, J.Richardson 2-10 1-2 6, Redick 3-10 4-6 13, Duhon 1-2 0-0 3, G.Davis 2-5 0-2 4. Totals 35-79 13-28 92.

TORONTO (88): J.Johnson 5-13 2-2 13, E.Davis 3-7 0-2 6, Gray 4-7 3-4 11, Calderon 3-9 0-0 8, DeRozan 9-22 4-4 23, Barbosa 2-6 2-2 8, Bayless 4-7 5-6 15, Kleiza 1-6 0-0 2, Magloire 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 32-79 16-20 88.

Orlando	23	20	25	24	—	92
Toronto	20	18	25	25	—	88

3-Point Goals—Orlando 9-28 (Redick 3-4, Nelson 3-6, Duhon 1-2, Anderson 1-5, J.Richardson 1-7, Turkoglu 0-4), Toronto 8-20 (Barbosa 2-2, Calderon 2-3, Bayless 2-4, DeRozan 1-4, J.Johnson 1-4, Kleiza 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 60 (Anderson, Howard 13), Toronto 50 (Gray 11). Assists—Orlando 25 (Turkoglu 9), Toronto 22 (J.Johnson, Calderon 7). Total Fouls—Orlando 16, Toronto 28. A—15,392 (19,800).

JAZZ 109, CAVALIERS 100

UTAH (109): Howard 6-14 2-3 14, Millsap 5-12 3-5 13, Jefferson 9-16 7-8 25, D.Harris 2-4 5-6 9, Bell 1-3 0-0 2, Favors 4-6 0-0 8, Hayward 8-11 5-5 23, Watson 1-2 2-2 5, Miles 0-2 0-0 0, Kanter 1-6 0-0 2, Evans 0-0 0-0 0, Burks 1-1 0-0 2, Tinsley 2-3 0-0 6. Totals 40-80 24-29 109.

CLEVELAND (100): Gee 5-11 2-4 15, Jamison 8-18 5-6 22, Hollins 1-2 1-4 3, Irving 10-19 1-1 22, Parker 2-5 0-0 5, Gibson 2-3 1-2 6, Sessions 5-12 3-3 14, Thompson 1-6 1-3 3, Samuels 2-3 2-2 6, Casspi 1-2 1-2 4. Totals 37-81 17-27 100.

Utah	28	28	29	24	—	109
Cleveland	26	15	31	28	—	100

3-Point Goals—Utah 5-9 (Tinsley 2-2, Hayward 2-3, Watson 1-2, Bell 0-2), Cleveland 9-23 (Gee 3-5, Gibson 1-2, Parker 1-2, Sessions 1-2, Casspi 1-2, Irving 1-4, Jamison 1-6). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah 54 (Jefferson 13), Cleveland 45 (Jamison, Hollins, Gee, Irving, Samuels 4). Assists—Utah 24 (Jefferson 7), Cleveland 20 (Jamison 6). Total Fouls—Utah 25, Cleveland 18. Technicals—Bell, Cleveland defensive three second. A—13,190 (20,562).

WARRIORS 120, WIZARDS 100

GOLDEN STATE (120): D.Wright 3-8 0-0 9, Lee 5-10 3-4 13, Udoh 5-10 7-7 17, Ellis 10-16 3-3 25, McGuire 2-4 0-0 4, Curry 5-7 0-0 12, Robinson 3-8 0-0 8, Rush 4-5 0-0 10, Thompson 7-14 0-0 18, Biedrins 0-0 0-0 0, Jenkins 0-0 0-0 0, C.Wright 1-1 2-2 4. Totals 45-83 15-16 120.

WASHINGTON (100): Singleton 1-7 0-0 2, Booker 6-10 2-3 14, McGee 4-9 2-6 10, Wall 7-10 6-7 20, Crawford 2-13 0-0 5, Young 9-14 3-4 25, Evans 1-2 0-0 3, Vesely 1-3 5-11 7, Blatche 2-6 0-0 4, Mack 0-3 1-2 1, Mason 2-7 1-2 7, Seraphin 1-1 0-1 2. Totals 36-85 20-36 100.

Golden State	41	24	24	31	—	120
Washington	24	27	20	29	—	100

3-Point Goals—Golden State 15-23 (Thompson 4-5, D.Wright 3-5, Rush 2-2, Curry 2-3, Robinson 2-4, Ellis 2-4), Washington 8-22 (Young 4-6, Mason 2-5, Evans 1-1, Crawford 1-6, Singleton 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 48 (Lee 10), Washington 56 (McGee 10). Assists—Golden State 27 (Ellis 8), Washington 25 (Wall 14). Total Fouls—Golden State 24, Washington 16. A—17,843 (20,278).

TIMBERWOLVES 95, CLIPPERS 94

L.A. CLIPPERS (94): Butler 0-6 0-0 0, Griffin 10-18 6-13 26, Jordan 2-2 0-0 4, Paul 5-14 8-9 18, Foye 2-8 0-0 5, M.Williams 7-14 3-3 19, Simmons 2-7 1-1 7, Martin 3-6 0-0 6, Evans 1-3 0-0 2, Bledsoe 2-6 3-6 7. Totals 34-84 21-32 94.

MINNESOTA (95): Johnson 1-6 0-0 3, Love 13-25 8-11 39, Milicic 6-7 1-2 13, Rubio 1-7 2-4 4, Ridnour 4-11 3-3 12, Barea 0-7 0-0 0, D.Williams 4-9 4-5 15, Beasley 3-6 2-2 9, Webster 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 32-80 20-27 95.

L.A. Clippers	16	28	21	29	—	94
Minnesota	26	19	30	20	—	95

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 5-23 (Simmons 2-6, M.Williams 2-7, Foye 1-4, Bledsoe 0-1, Butler 0-1, Paul 0-4), Minnesota 11-28 (Love 5-10, D.Williams 3-7, Johnson 1-1, Beasley 1-2, Ridnour 1-5, Barea 0-1, Rubio 0-1, Webster 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 63 (Griffin, Jordan 12), Minnesota 53 (Love 17). Assists—L.A. Clippers 15 (Paul 5), Minnesota 19 (Rubio 6). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 21, Minnesota 21. Technicals—Griffin, Martin, L.A. Clippers defensive three second. A—19,509 (19,356).

BUCKS 97, 76ERS 93

PHILADELPHIA (93): Iguodala 6-9 1-2 16, Brand 2-6 2-4 6, Vucevic 3-8 0-0 6, Holiday 4-13 0-0 8, Turner 1-12 0-0 2, Young 6-15 2-2 14, Williams 7-17 11-15 26, Meeks 5-10 0-0 13, Allen 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 35-94 16-23 93.

MILWAUKEE (97): Harris 2-2 1-1 5, Ilyasova 3-11 4-4 11, Gooden 9-21 7-8 25, Jennings 11-23 7-8 33, Delfino 1-7 0-0 2, Dunleavy 4-10 0-0 10, Sanders 1-3 1-2 3, Livingston 1-3 0-0 2, Udrih 3-8 0-0 6. Totals 35-88 20-23 97.

Philadelphia	33	22	16	22	—	93
Milwaukee	28	23	23	23	—	97

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 7-19 (Iguodala 3-3, Meeks 3-7, Williams 1-6, Holiday 0-3), Milwaukee 7-20 (Jennings 4-8, Dunleavy 2-5, Ilyasova 1-3, Gooden 0-1, Udrih 0-1, Delfino 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 65 (Young 13), Milwaukee 57 (Ilyasova 18). Assists—Philadelphia 17 (Iguodala, Holiday 5), Milwaukee 24 (Jennings 7). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 17, Milwaukee 19. Technicals—Philadelphia defensive three second 2, Milwaukee defensive three second. A—12,315 (18,717).

BULLS 92, PACERS 72

INDIANA (72): Granger 4-12 2-2 11, West 4-11 2-2 10, Hibbert 1-6 0-2 2, Collison 0-6 0-0 0, George 8-17 5-5 21, Hansbrough 1-6 0-0 2, Hill 6-12 3-3 17, Price 1-5 1-4 3, Amundson 2-4 2-4 6, Jones 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-79 15-22 72.

CHICAGO (92): Deng 5-13 7-7 20, Boozer 2-9 0-0 4, Noah 3-6 3-6 9, Rose 5-16 0-2 13, Hamilton 0-0 0-0 0, Brewer 6-11 0-0 12, Gibson 4-8 2-4 10, Lucas 5-9 2-2 13, Asik 0-2 3-6 3, Korver 2-3 0-0 6, Butler 0-0 0-0 0, Scalabrine 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 33-78 17-27 92.

Indiana	20	23	13	16	—	72
Chicago	22	20	33	17	—	92

3-Point Goals—Indiana 3-16 (Hill 2-5, Granger 1-5, Price 0-2, George 0-4), Chicago 9-15 (Deng 3-5, Rose 3-6, Korver 2-2, Lucas 1-1, Brewer 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 42 (West 9), Chicago 72 (Noah 17). Assists—Indiana 18 (Hibbert 4), Chicago 20 (Rose 9). Total Fouls—Indiana 18, Chicago 19. A—22,106 (20,917).

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	LOT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	64	42	15	7	91	179	133
Pittsburgh	65	39	21	5	83	209	168
Philadelphia	64	36	21	7	79	210	191
New Jersey	65	36	24	5	77	180	175
N.Y. Islanders	66	28	29	9	65	155	195

Northeast Division

	GP	W	LOT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	64	38	23	3	79	209	150
Ottawa	67	34	25	8	76	202	198
Buffalo	66	30	28	8	68	163	186
Toronto	65	30	28	7	67	194	201
Montreal	66	25	31	10	60	170	184

Southeast Division

	GP	W	LOT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	65	31	22	12	74	163	184
Winnipeg	67	32	27	8	72	176	187
Washington	65	32	28	5	69	172	184
Tampa Bay	65	31	28	6	68	184	219
Carolina	65	24	27	14	62	171	197

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	LOT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	66	41	18	7	89	169	131
Detroit	66	43	20	3	89	209	153
Nashville	65	38	20	7	83	184	166
Chicago	67	36	24	7	79	202	195
Columbus	65	20	38	7	47	153	214

Northwest Division

	GP	W	LOT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	66	41	17	8	90	209	161
Colorado	67	34	29	4	72	171	180
Calgary	66	29	25	12	70	159	181
Minnesota	66	28	28	10	66	143	180
Edmonton	64	25	33	6	56	170	192

Pacific Division

	GP	W	LOT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	66	35	26	5	75	174	178
Phoenix	66	33	24	9	75	171	167
San Jose	64	33	24	7	73	179	163
Los Angeles	65	30	23	12	72	142	139
Anaheim	66	28	28	10	66	166	186

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

Monday's Scores

Pittsburgh 2, Phoenix 1
Winnipeg 3, Buffalo 1
Edmonton at Anaheim, late

Today's Games

Boston at Toronto, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Montreal at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S SUMMARIES

JETS 3, SABRES 1

Buffalo	0	1	0	—	1
Winnipeg	1	0	2	—	3

First Period—1, Winnipeg, Ladd 21 (Little), 13:45.

Second Period—2, Buffalo, Tropp 2 (Ellis, Boyes), 19:25.

Third Period—3, Winnipeg, Wheeler 15 (Little), 8:02. 4, Winnipeg, Thorburn 4 (Little, Enstrom), 10:54.

Shots on Goal—Buffalo 7-9-8—24. Winnipeg 10-8-13—31.

Goalies—Buffalo, Miller. Winnipeg, Pavelec. A—15,004 (15,015). T—2:16.

PENGUINS 2, COYOTES 1

Phoenix	0	0	1	—	1
Pittsburgh	2	0	0	—	2

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Michalek 2 (Staal), 11:44. 2, Pittsburgh, Kunitz 19 (Malkin, Martin), 14:45.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—3, Phoenix, Whitney 21 (Vrbata, Hanzal), 1:27.

Shots on Goal—Phoenix 12-15-10—37. Pittsburgh 11-12-5—28.

Goalies—Phoenix, Smith. Pittsburgh, Fleury. A—18,540 (18,387). T—2:27.

PRO RODEO LEADERS

Pro Rodeo Leaders
Through March 4

All-Around

1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $41,880
2. Bobby Mote, Culver, Ore., $17,030
3. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla., $16,284
4. Cimarron Boardman, Stephenville, $15,776
5. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah, $15,160

Bareback Riding

1. Wes Stevenson, Lubbock, $48,110
2. Will Lowe, Canyon, $31,760
3. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb., $29,169
4. Kaycee Feild, Payson, Utah, $21,807
5. Tilden Hooper, Carthage, $18,453

Steer Wrestling

1. Ethen Thouvenell, Napa, Calif., $30,239
2. Billy Bugenig, Ferndale, Calif., $20,456
3. Beau Clark, Belgrade, Mont., $16,454
4. Ben Shofner, Jasper, $15,919
5. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta, $14,834

Team Roping (header)

1. Nick Sartain, Dover, Okla., $26,290
2. Colby Lovell, Madisonville, $25,669
3. Keven Daniel, Franklin, Tenn., $23,580
4. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga., $21,074
5. Garrett Tonozzi, Fruita, Colo., $18,430

Team Roping (heeler)

1. Kollin VonAhn, Durant, Okla., $26,290
2. Kinney Harrell, Marshall, $23,719
3. Chase Tryan, Helena, Mont., $23,580
4. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore., $18,794
5. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla., $18,305

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah, $28,245
2. Cody Taton, Mud Butte, S.D., $24,737
3. Chet Johnson, Sheridan, Wyo., $21,129
4. Cole Elshere, Faith, S.D., $18,521
5. Jeff Willert, Belvidere, S.D., $18,258

Tie-down Roping

1. Justin Maass, Giddings, $35,241
2. Houston Hutto, Tomball, $22,440
3. Cory Solomon, Prairie View, $21,415
4. Riley Pruitt, Gering, Neb., $18,052
5. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, $17,991

Steer Roping

1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $22,944
2. Kim Ziegelgruber, Edmond, Okla., $20,814
3. Cody Lee, Gatesville, $19,109
4. Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D., $13,551
5. Dan Fisher, Andrews, $13,269

Bull Riding

1. Cody Teel, Kountze, $48,647
2. Cody Samora, Cortez, Colo., $40,996
3. Kanin Asay, Powell, Wyo., $38,258
4. J.W. Harris, Mullin, $32,062
5. Trey Benton III, Rock Island, $21,346

Barrel Racing

1. Brittany Pozzi, Victoria, $54,241
2. Benette Barrington-Little, Ardmore, Okla., $50,680
3. Carlee Pierce, Stephenville, $39,554
4. Angie Meadors, Blanchard, Okla., $21,240
5. Nikki Steffes, Vale, S.D., $20,870

GOLF

PGA Tour

FedExCup Standings
Through March 4

Rank Name	Points	Bonus Money
1. Kyle Stanley	935	$1,938,515
2. Johnson Wagner	860	$1,660,293
3. Mark Wilson	840	$1,802,970
4. Rory McIlroy	815	$1,876,000
5. Phil Mickelson	807	$1,789,931
6. Bill Haas	752	$1,661,659
7. Hunter Mahan	742	$1,760,840
8. Brandt Snedeker	716	$1,477,879
9. Steve Stricker	598	$1,282,000
10. Keegan Bradley	563	$1,151,642
11. Ben Crane	514	$1,060,228
12. John Huh	490	$1,073,400
13. Martin Laird	465	$1,040,539
14. Spencer Levin	418	$741,248
15. Charlie Wi	372	$754,426
16. Harrison Frazar	352	$667,986
17. Tiger Woods	346	$699,000
18. John Rollins	340	$727,668
19. Charles Howell III	333	$517,112
20. Sean O'Hair	327	$539,364
21. Kevin Na	325	$685,116
22. Aaron Baddeley	321	$644,866
23. Dustin Johnson	316	$674,910
24. Carl Pettersson	311	$471,253
25. Bubba Watson	310	$829,567
26. D.A. Points	310	$616,468
27. Robert Garrigus	296	$524,697
28. Webb Simpson	292	$606,800
29. Lee Westwood	275	$763,600
30. Ricky Barnes	272	$516,581
31. Tom Gillis	272	$523,450
32. Jimmy Walker	267	$599,534
33. Jonathan Byrd	265	$605,400
34. Robert Allenby	265	$515,013
35. Sang-Moon Bae	256	$455,129
36. John Mallinger	254	$461,571
37. Bryce Molder	248	$485,906
38. Pat Perez	242	$374,309
39. Chris Stroud	240	$509,129
40. John Senden	234	$402,688
41. Cameron Tringale	231	$373,871
42. Matt Kuchar	227	$407,486
43. Justin Rose	218	$414,450
44. Brendon de Jonge	215	$340,191
45. Rickie Fowler	213	$382,794
46. Harris English	213	$305,095
47. Jeff Maggert	208	$364,477
48. Zach Johnson	206	$341,399
49. K.J. Choi	200	$361,940
50. Jarrod Lyle	199	$363,685
51. Nick Watney	197	$336,797
52. Bo Van Pelt	193	$419,688
53. Kevin Stadler	189	$313,948
54. David Toms	187	$355,600
55. Michael Thompson	184	$302,009
56. Jason Dufner	180	$354,477
57. Scott Piercy	178	$288,955
58. Rory Sabbatini	175	$305,040
59. Matt Every	171	$392,663
60. Brian Gay	171	$276,873
61. Martin Flores	169	$280,114
62. Brendon Todd	168	$304,207
63. Bud Cauley	166	$191,470
64. Greg Chalmers	165	$258,368
64. Ken Duke	165	$283,677
66. D.J. Trahan	162	$314,650
67. Vijay Singh	159	$201,355
68. Chris Kirk	158	$255,108
69. Brian Harman	152	$239,664
70. Charl Schwartzel	152	$311,600
71. Brendan Steele	151	$326,048
72. Bobby Gates	150	$228,379
73. Josh Teater	148	$153,648
74. Ryan Palmer	140	$147,393
75. Dicky Pride	136	$313,788
76. Fredrik Jacobson	134	$262,800
77. Colt Knost	131	$285,386
78. Sergio Garcia	131	$304,875
79. Jason Kokrak	131	$217,528
80. Rod Pampling	130	$273,822
81. Stewart Cink	128	$169,220
82. Ryan Moore	128	$198,754
83. George McNeill	127	$131,068
84. Gary Christian	122	$165,764
85. Ernie Els	121	$182,585
86. Seung-Yul Noh	119	$144,387
87. Y.E. Yang	119	$161,555
88. Jim Furyk	117	$225,250
88. J.B. Holmes	117	$221,972
90. William McGirt	116	$140,902
91. Marc Leishman	116	$168,994
92. Gary Woodland	114	$182,670
93. Padraig Harrington	113	$238,199
94. David Hearn	109	$179,619
95. Erik Compton	109	$106,264
95. Bob Estes	109	$170,484
97. Chris DiMarco	108	$142,809
98. Ted Potter, Jr.	108	$156,360
99. Kevin Chappell	105	$119,687
100. Jeff Overton	105	$125,341

World Rankings

Through March 4

1. Rory McIlroy	NIR	9.29
2. Luke Donald	ENG	8.97
3. Lee Westwood	ENG	8.19
4. Martin Kaymer	GER	6.02
5. Steve Stricker	USA	5.71
6. Webb Simpson	USA	5.07
7. Jason Day	AUS	5.03
8. Dustin Johnson	USA	5.02
9. Charl Schwartzel	SAF	4.99
10. Hunter Mahan	USA	4.97
11. Adam Scott	AUS	4.96
12. Phil Mickelson	USA	4.96
13. Bill Haas	USA	4.62
14. Matt Kuchar	USA	4.56
15. Graeme McDowell	NIR	4.40
16. Tiger Woods	USA	4.40
17. Nick Watney	USA	4.36
18. Sergio Garcia	ESP	4.09
19. Brandt Snedeker	USA	4.07
20. Keegan Bradley	USA	4.06

LPGA Tour

Money Leaders
Through Feb. 26

Rank Name	Trn	Money
1. Yani Tseng	3	$312,186
2. Angela Stanford	3	$237,141
3. Ai Miyazato	2	$186,365
4. Jenny Shin	3	$167,043
5. Jessica Korda	1	$165,000
6. Shanshan Feng	2	$151,861
7. Jiyai Shin	3	$149,022
8. Stacy Lewis	3	$129,457
9. Na Yeon Choi	2	$116,737
10. Amy Yang	2	$95,327
11. So Yeon Ryu	2	$90,489
12. Brittany Lincicome	3	$88,238
13. Julieta Granada	3	$84,627
14. Hee Kyung Seo	3	$76,570
15. Jimin Kang	3	$63,466
16. Katie Futcher	3	$63,401
17. Amanda Blumenherst	3	$62,539
18. Hee Young Park	3	$61,914
19. I.K. Kim	2	$52,359
20. Anna Nordqvist	3	$51,526
21. Karrie Webb	3	$48,922
22. Vicky Hurst	3	$45,585
23. Suzann Pettersen	3	$42,080
24. Mina Harigae	3	$40,007
25. Azahara Munoz	3	$38,536
26. Kristy McPherson	3	$36,086
27. Cristie Kerr	3	$35,693
28. Chella Choi	3	$34,653
29. Beatriz Recari	3	$33,303
30. Sandra Gal	3	$32,647
31. Karen Stupples	2	$32,097
32. Meena Lee	3	$30,740
33. Catriona Matthew	3	$30,549
34. Se Ri Pak	2	$30,549
35. Sun Young Yoo	3	$29,065
36. Pornanong Phatlum	3	$28,706
37. Momoko Ueda	2	$28,511
38. Eun-Hee Ji	3	$28,198
39. Morgan Pressel	3	$26,665
40. Sophie Gustafson	3	$26,079
41. Mika Miyazato	2	$25,670
42. Brittany Lang	3	$21,942
43. Inbee Park	3	$20,743
44. Maria Hjorth	2	$19,722
45. Katherine Hull	3	$19,112
46. Ryann O'Toole	3	$18,439
47. Christel Boeljon	3	$18,345
48. Jennifer Johnson	2	$18,277
49. Caroline Hedwall	2	$16,948
49. Sarah Kemp	1	$16,948

Nationwide Tour

Money Leaders
Through March 4

Rank Name	Trn	Money
1. Skip Kendall	2	$112,111
2. Edward Loar	1	$99,000
3. Andrew Svoboda	2	$54,880
4. Andres Gonzales	2	$52,800
5. Brian Smock	2	$50,700
6. Luke List	2	$39,008
7. Ryan Armour	2	$36,300
7. Cameron Percy	2	$36,300
9. Peter Lonard	2	$28,023
10. James Hahn	2	$26,400
10. Kirk Triplett	1	$26,400
12. Kevin Johnson	2	$25,860
13. Michael Connell	2	$22,635
14. Charles Warren	2	$22,065
15. Justin Bolli	2	$19,800
16. Brad Fritsch	2	$19,733
17. Tom Hoge	2	$19,425
17. Bronson La'Cassie	2	$19,425
19. Steve LeBrun	2	$17,841
20. Oscar Serna	2	$16,201
21. Derek Fathauer	2	$15,810
22. Darron Stiles	2	$15,030
23. Mike Lavery	2	$14,258
24. David Lingmerth	2	$13,545
24. Tim Wilkinson	2	$13,545
26. Aaron Goldberg	2	$13,110
27. Michael Sim	2	$12,365
28. Jason Allred	2	$12,087
28. Paul Claxton	2	$12,087
30. Tyrone Van Aswegen	2	$11,757

Champions Tour

Charles Schwab Cup Leaders
Through Feb. 19

Rank Name	Points	Money
1. Dan Forsman	307	$330,893
2. Corey Pavin	270	$299,387
3. Bernhard Langer	259	$291,150
4. Kenny Perry	240	$266,420
5. Michael Allen	239	$263,382
6. Jay Haas	203	$202,750
7. John Cook	200	$217,910
8. Jay Don Blake	186	$231,132
9. Peter Senior	158	$171,360
10. Gary Hallberg	144	$147,737
11. Jeff Sluman	128	$149,200
12. Mark Calcavecchia	118	$149,200
13. Brad Bryant	100	$101,720
14. Tom Lehman	95	$146,220
14. Bill Glasson	95	$124,267
14. Mike Goodes	95	$117,067
17. Russ Cochran	82	$113,560
18. Tom Watson	60	$60,000
19. Nick Price	58	$108,200
19. Larry Mize	58	$98,900
21. David Frost	51	$94,000
22. Rod Spittle	42	$64,200
23. Olin Browne	40	$96,453
23. John Huston	40	$68,660
23. Fred Funk	40	$41,016

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Kansas' Robinson is AP Big 12 player of year

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

Thomas Robinson had to wait for his turn behind some other big men at Kansas.

There was Cole Aldrich and then the Morris twins, Marcus and Markieff. All were NBA lottery picks over the last two years.

Now like Marcus Morris last season, Robinson has become the Associated Press Big 12 men's basketball Player of the Year. Robinson, a 6-foot-10 junior forward averaging 18 points and a league-high 11.9 rebounds a game, was the unanimous pick in the AP awards announced Monday.

"It shows how hard he's worked, and how hungry he is," Jayhawks coach Bill Self said. "He's had three lottery picks play in front of him, averaged eight and 15 minutes a game the last two years. But when his number was called and opportunity knocked, he certainly made the most of it."

The only Big 12 player averaging a double-double, Robinson got all 18 AP votes from a panel of sports writers and sportscasters who cover the league on a regular basis. The coaches also picked Robinson as the league's top player.

Robinson is joined on the AP All-Big 12 first team by teammate Tyshawn Taylor after the Jayhawks won their eighth consecutive Big 12 regular-season title. The rest of the top five are Texas junior guard and Big 12 scoring leader J'Covan Brown, Missouri senior guard Marcus Denmon and Iowa State sophomore forward Royce White, who was also selected as the league's Newcomer of the Year.

First-year Missouri coach Frank Haith was selected as the AP Big 12 Coach of the Year after the Tigers set a school record with 27 wins in the regular season.

"It's about our guys, and about our staff. We've had a great year, a great year, a great run," Haith said. "I really believe this, we just didn't mess it up. We've got good players, and I've got a really good staff. ... It's been a special year for me because I had the opportunity to compete with some of the best (coaches) in the business."

Haith got nine of 18 votes in the AP voting, while Self got seven and Iowa State's Fred Hoiberg, two. The Big 12 coaches over the weekend selected Self and Hoiberg as co-coaches of the year.

Oklahoma State guard/forward Le'Bryan Nash, who missed the last three games of the regular season because of a broken left hand, was named the Big 12's Freshman of the Year.

ALL BIG 12 TEAM LIST

FIRST TEAM

J'Covan Brown, Texas, Jr., 6-1, 197, Port Arthur, Texas.
Marcus Denmon, Missouri, Sr., 6-3, 185, Kansas City, Mo.
Thomas Robinson, Kansas, Jr., 6-10, 237, Washington, D.C.
Tyshawn Taylor, Kansas, Sr., 6-3, 185, Hoboken, N.J.
Royce White, Iowa St., So., 6-8, 270, Minneapolis, Minn.

SECOND TEAM

Pierre Jackson, Baylor, Jr., 5-10, 180, Las Vegas.
Perry Jones III, Baylor, So., 6-11, 235, Duncanville, Texas.
Rodney McGruder, Kansas St., Jr., 6-4, 205, Washington D.C.
Keiton Page, Oklahoma St., Sr., 5-9, 165, Pawnee, Okla.
Phil Pressey, Missouri, So., 5-10, 175, Dallas.
Ricardo Ratliffe, Missouri, Sr., 6-8, 240, Hampton, Va.
(asterisk)Note: Because of a tie for the fifth spot on the second team, there are six players.

HONORABLE MENTION

Quincy Acy, Baylor; Scott Christopherson, Iowa St.; Michael Dixon, Missouri; Kim English, Missouri; Steven Pledger, Oklahoma; Jeff Withey, Kansas.
COACH OF THE YEAR: Frank Haith, Missouri.
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Thomas Robinson, Kansas.
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR: Royce White, Iowa St.
FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: LeBryan Nash, Oklahoma St.

Griner named Big 12 women's Player of Year

Associated Press

IRVING — Brittney Griner has been selected as the Big 12 women's basketball Player of the Year for the second year in a row by the league's coaches.

Baylor's Kim Mulkey was named the Big 12 Coach of the Year for the second year in a row. The Lady Bears (31-0, 18-0 Big 12) were the only major college team to finish the regular season undefeated.

Joining Griner as unanimous choices on the All-Big 12 first team Monday were sophomore guard Odyssey Sims, her teammate with top-ranked Baylor, and Iowa State junior forward Chelsea Poppens.

Griner is the Big 12 leading scorer with 23.3 points a game. The 6-foot-8 junior already with 550 career blocked shots was also picked as the league's top defender for the third consecutive season.

TOURNEYTITLEROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

COLONIAL ATHLETIC
VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH 59, DREXEL 56

RICHMOND, Va. — Darius Theus had a career-high 16 points and five steals and Troy Daniels made four huge free throws in the final 19 seconds, allowing VCU to hang on and beat top-seeded Drexel 59-56 Monday night in the championship of the Colonial Athletic Association tournament.

MAAC
LOYOLA (MD) 48, FAIRFIELD 44

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Erik Etherly had 10 points and seven rebounds to lead Loyola-Maryland back into the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1994 with a 48-44 win over Fairfield Monday in the MAAC championship game.

WCC
SAINT MARY'S 78, GONZAGA 74

LAS VEGAS — Matthew Dellavedova scored 22 points to lead Saint Mary's to a 78-74 victory against No. 24 Gonzaga on Monday night to claim its second West Coast Conference tournament title and automatic NCAA bid in three years.

SOUTHERN
DAVIDSON 93, WESTERN CAROLINA 91, 2 OT

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — Clint Mann's dunk with 1:04 left in double-overtime put Davidson ahead to stay and the Wildcats defeated Western Carolina 93-91 to win the Southern Conference championship and an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament Monday night.

WCC
BYU 78, GONZAGA 66

LAS VEGAS — Dani Peterson scored a career-high 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to help Brigham Young beat three-time defending champion Gonzaga 78-66 for the West Coast Conference tournament title on Monday.

MAAC
MARIST 61, FAIRFIELD 35

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Corielle Yarde scored 16 points and Brandy Gang added 15 to help Marist beat Fairfield 61-35 on Monday to win the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference tournament for the seventh straight year and clinch a bid to the NCAA tournament.

Women

ATLANTIC 10
DAYTON 56, ST. BONAVENTURE 53

PHILADELPHIA — Justine Raterman scored 13 points and Dayton rebounded after blowing a 22-point lead to beat No. 16 St. Bonaventure 56-53 on Monday to win the Atlantic 10 tournament championship and clinch a bid to the NCAA tournament.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NUGGETS 119, KINGS 116, OT

DENVER — Arron Afflalo hit three free throws with 0.6 seconds left in regulation and Ty Lawson made a 3-pointer with four seconds remaining in overtime as the Denver Nuggets rallied for a 119-116 victory over the struggling Sacramento Kings on Monday night.

WARRIORS 120, WIZARDS 100

WASHINGTON — Monta Ellis scored 25 points and Klay Thompson added 18 to lead the Golden State Warriors in a 120-100 rout of the Washington Wizards on Monday night.

JAZZ 109, CAVALIERS 100

CLEVELAND — Al Jefferson scored 25 points, Gordon Hayward added 23, and the Utah Jazz beat Cleveland 109-100 on Monday night, sending the Cavaliers to their sixth straight loss.

MAGIC 92, RAPTORS 88

TORONTO — Dwight Howard had 36 points and 13 rebounds, Ryan Anderson added 19 points and 13 boards, and the Orlando Magic beat the Toronto Raptors 92-88 on Monday night.

BULLS 92, PACERS 72

CHICAGO — Luol Deng scored 20 points, teaming with Derrick Rose in a decisive third-quarter rally that sent the Chicago Bulls to their seventh straight victory, 92-72 over the Indiana Pacers on Monday night.

BUCKS 97, 76ERS 93

MILWAUKEE — Beno Udrih hit a go-ahead jumper with just under a minute left, and the Milwaukee Bucks held off a late comeback to beat the Philadelphia 76ers 97-93 on Monday night.

T-WOLVES 95, CLIPPERS 94

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Love had 39 points and 17 rebounds to carry the Minnesota Timberwolves to a 95-94 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Monday night.

TRAIL BLAZERS 86, HORNETS 74

PORTLAND, Ore. — Nicolas Batum scored 19 points and the Portland Trail Blazers snapped a three-game losing streak with an 86-74 victory over the New Orleans Hornets on Monday night.

McILROY

From 1C

ing: Woods reached the top in his 21st tournament.

McIlroy won for the fifth time in his career, including a U.S. Open he won at Congressional by eight shots with a record score (268). When Woods played 115 tournaments, he already had won five majors and 32 tournaments around the world.

Even as Woods appears to be getting closer to regaining full form, his gallery was double the size of the crowd following McIlroy in the final round, and not just because Woods has made south Florida his new home. Woods remains compelling. No one has ever won more majors so quickly, and there remains interest whether he can make it all the way back.

Four players have been No. 1 since Woods abdicated his throne 16 months ago — Lee Westwood, Martin Kaymer, Luke Donald and now McIlroy. The difference is that McIlroy is so young, and already has accomplished so much.

- He might only have five wins, but three were in the United States, including a major.

Not everyone accepted Westwood as the world's No. 1 player during his two stints that covered 22 weeks because he never won a major. There is no correlation between No. 1 and winning majors, it only seemed that way because Woods was at the top for so long and had won 14 majors before he turned 33.

That's why Donald, despite being No. 1 longer than anyone besides Woods in the last 15 years, was slow to gain proper respect. It took him winning the money titles on two tours before Donald got his due.

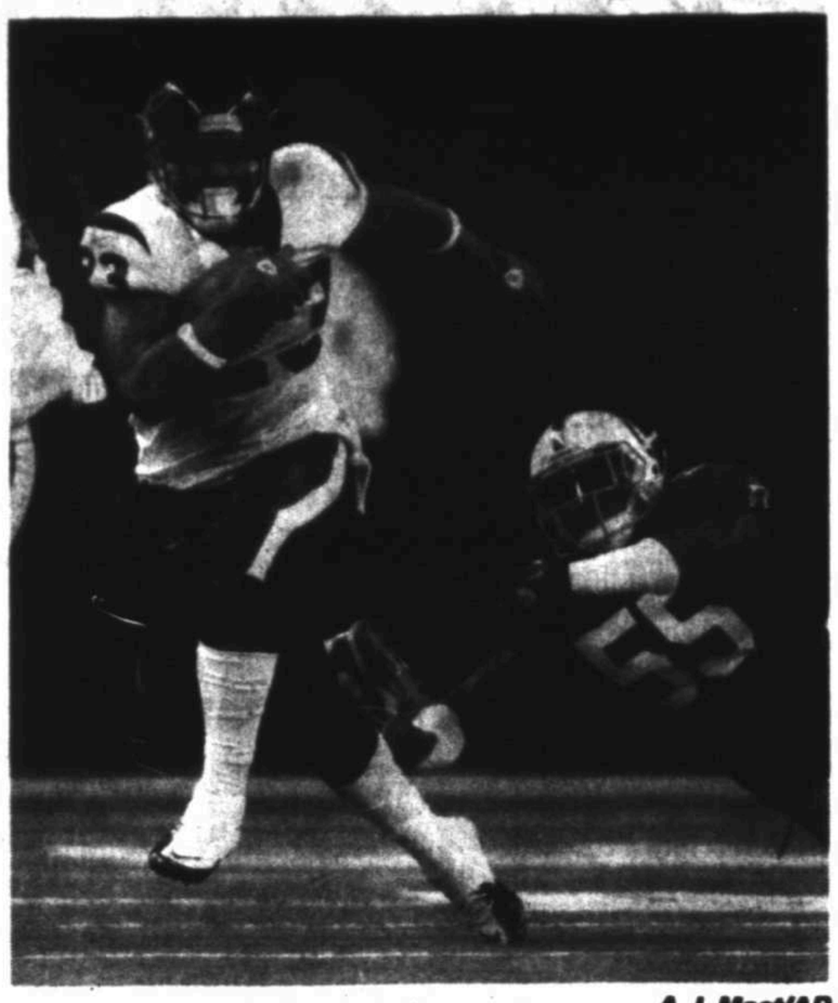
Kaymer had won a PGA Championship, yet remained an enigma.

With McIlroy, there is no debate.

"He's got a game that people think is world No. 1," three-time major champion Padraig Harrington said. "That's why nobody is going to have any complaints about Rory being world No. 1. He won a major at a young age. He's got the game. Yeah, you can compare him with Tiger. He's still got a lot to do. And there's no doubt that Tiger's 14 majors are very impressive.'

Foster agrees to 5-year deal with Texans

By Chris Duncan
Associated Press



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Arian Foster, seen here running out of the tackle of Indianapolis' Ernie Sims during a Dec. 22 game in Indianapolis, signed a five-year deal with the Houston Texans.

HOUSTON — Arian Foster got what he wanted from the Houston Texans, agreeing to a new five-year contract.

Foster's agent Mike McCartney said Monday that a deal was done, though Foster had not yet signed it.

Foster was an undrafted free agent in 2009, and made $525,000 last season. He was the NFL's leading rusher in 2010 with 1,616 yards and ran for 1,224 yards and 10 touchdowns last season. He was due to become a restricted free agent next week, but McCartney said Foster was eager to work out a deal with the Texans.

His new deal is worth up to $43.5 million, with $20.75 million guaranteed. He'll make $18 million in base salary next season, plus incentives.

"This was a really tough time for Arian, because he took a major risk," McCartney said. "He really took to heart that the Texans basically said, 'Hey, we know you had a great year (in 2010), but we need to see it again.'

"I give the Texans credit," McCartney said. "He was restricted, at a low salary. It would've been really easy for them to just sit back and see what happened."

Foster never seemed preoccupied with his contract situation during the regular season, rushing for more than 100 yards in seven games. He ran for 153 yards in the Texans' playoff victory over Cincinnati.

"He handled the whole situation with great class," McCartney said. "He was a great example of how to handle these kinds of situations, and to see the Texans reward him like this, I'm really thrilled for him. He's definitely excited about it."

Keeping Foster was one of Houston's main objectives after the Texans earned their first division title and playoff victory last season. The Texans also must make a decision on outside linebacker Mario Williams, who's an unrestricted free agent.

McCartney was impressed that general manager Rick Smith made Foster a priority.

"He was proactive," McCartney said. "We had excellent dialogue throughout the negotiation. I have great respect for the way the Texans handled this. It's great to see them reward a guy who does it the right way. Arian's done everything the right way, throughout this whole process."

McCartney said Foster feels like he's a perfect fit for coach Gary Kubiak's offense, another big reason why he wanted to get a deal done.

Foster was also Houston's second-leading receiver last season, with 53 catches for 617 yards and two touchdowns, and he ranked third in yards from scrimmage in (1,841).

Cowboys put franchise tag on LB Spencer

Associated Press

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys have placed their franchise tag on Anthony Spencer to keep the outside linebacker from becoming an unrestricted free agent.

With the decision before Monday's deadline for such a move, Spencer will be guaranteed a base salary of about $8.8 million next season.

Spencer has started 53 of 76 games in his five seasons with the Cowboys, starting all but one game the past three seasons. Spencer had 66 tackles with six sacks and four recovered fumbles last season.

Dallas has used the franchise tag only two other times, in 2002 on offensive lineman Flozell Adams and in 2008 on safety Ken Hamlin. Adams and Hamlin both later agreed to contract extensions.

Spencer has 21 1/2 career sacks.

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Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 73 and south winds between 15 and 25 mph with gusts as high as 35 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 53 and south winds between 20 and 25 mph with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 78, a low around 58 and south winds between 15 and 20 mph.

Thursday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 70 and a low around 37.

The high on Monday reached 77 while the low dropped to 33. The record high for March 5 is 89 set in 1991 and 2009. The record low is 11 set in 1989.

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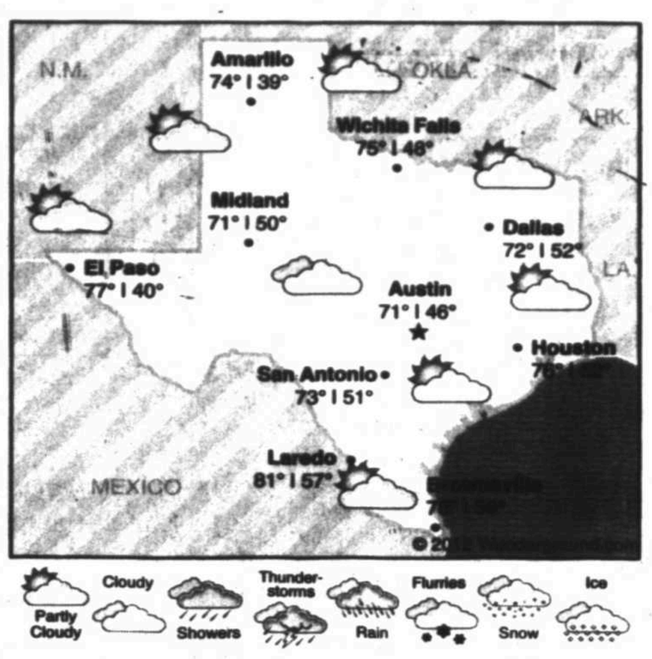
In the Northeast, a dip in the jet stream will cause a pocket of chilly air to hang on. The flow around a departing storm will help keep the chill in for a few more hours. This was the same storm that brought snow to areas recently hit by tornadoes.

Over the middle of the nation, a northward bulge in the jet stream combined with high pressure at the surface along the Middle Atlantic Coast will pump warmer air over the Plains and Midwest and into the South. As the flow becomes aligned at the surface, winds can gusty past 40 mph.



Precipitation

Sunday	.0.00 in.
Monday	.0.00 in.
Total for month	.0.00 in.
Total for year	.1.19 in.
Normal total (year to date)	.1.37 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	77
Low	33
Normal high	67
Normal low	39

Sunrise ... 7:09 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:51 p.m.

Intrusive question diminishes expectant mom's news

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: My husband and I are in our 30s and have been happily married for almost six years. After two years of trying, we're finally expecting our first child.

The problem is, how do we handle questions as to whether or not we conceived naturally? I am appalled by people we hardly know asking if we did in vitro fertilization.

As a matter of fact, we DID conceive using IVF, after having tried numerous other options. We don't see anything wrong with it nor are we ashamed. But I don't think it is anyone else's business. Please help me respond properly without seeming as rude as those who ask. — INTRUDED ON IN DALLAS

DEAR INTRUDED ON: Handle it by saying, "That is a very personal question and I'd rather not discuss it." That an acquaintance would have such little respect for boundaries to ask this question is appalling, I agree.

DEAR ABBY: My mother retired and since I have a degree and background in finance, she asked me to help her get her finances in order. She held low-paying jobs most of her working life, so I was pleasantly surprised to find she had amassed a substantial amount of money in her retirement and other accounts.

Together, Mom and I developed a budget that will not only pay her bills, but will also give her a certain amount of spending money each month while still allowing her savings to grow. Despite my assurances, she still won't treat herself to dinners out or go on nice vacations even though she says she'd like to do those things. How can I convince her that she deserves those things and she has the money now to enjoy them? — WANTS THE BEST FOR MOM IN MICHIGAN

DEAR WANTS THE BEST FOR MOM: Recognize that the habits of a lifetime can be difficult to break. Your mother might be more open to dinners out if you go together. As to the vacations, do some research for her online or talk to a travel agent and get some brochures for vacation spots you think she might enjoy. It doesn't have to be fancy or exotic — the greatest adventure can start with baby steps. Be patient and you may find she becomes receptive.

DEAR ABBY: I'm one of four guys who go on a men's golf trip every year. There's no infidelity — just three days of golf and fine dining.

I no longer want to go because I'm tired of being the big brother, the referee and the designated driver while the others get drunk and obnoxious and are oblivious to others around us. I am also a physician who treats them and their families in my medical practice. How do I get out of this mess? I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings. — THE ODD MAN OUT

DEAR ODD MAN OUT: An effective way to manage it would be to tell them that the dates they have selected for the golf trip "don't work" for you. You don't have to be specific about why — it could be a family obligation or something related to your practice that makes you unavailable.

HOWEVER, as their physician, if you know these patients drink to such excess that they become obnoxious, oblivious and a danger behind the wheel, it would be in their interests to talk to them about it during their medical exam because they're a danger to themselves and others.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

A simple hand to win

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ Q 7 6
♡ Q 5
◇ A 3 2
♣ A J 10 7 4

WEST
♠ 10 3 2
♡ A 10 8 6 3 2
◇ J 5 4
♣ 8

EAST
♠ J 9 5 4
♡ J 7
◇ Q 10 9 6
♣ K 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A K 8
♡ K 9 4
◇ K 8 7
♣ Q 9 5 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Six of ♡

There is no art to winning tricks with high cards. Not to win them is where the skill comes into action. Consider this deal.

You arrive in three no-trump on a straightforward auction and get a heart lead. If the club finesse works, there is no problem — you have tricks to spare. But what if the finesse fails?

There is one hope — that West started with six hearts. Can you shut out the enemy's long suit? Yes, but you have to play well to take advantage of the one situation that will allow you to get home — East to have no more than two hearts.

Play a low heart from dummy and allow East's jack to win the first trick! When you cover the heart return with the queen, it makes no difference whether West wins or allows you to hold the trick — when East wins the king of clubs he has no return that will hurt you. By sacrificing a possible heart trick, you have guaranteed 10 tricks as the cards lie — three spades, one heart, two diamonds and at least four club tricks. Well done.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 6, 2012:

Once you focus, something you desire — an object, goal or situation — becomes a distinct possibility. You have a strong sense of direction that is fueled by an enthusiasm often not seen by others. Your self-expression is dynamic and caring. If you are single, you are the apple of many people's eyes. The only question is: Who will you choose? If you are attached, you have great influence over your sweetie. At some point, expect a rebellion. Remember you are in a partnership and both of you have say. LEO likes working with you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Tap into your sources of inspiration, whether it is eyeing a problem, looking for a solution or just daydreaming. What comes up might not be logical, yet it could be more doable than you think. Branch out from traditional thinking. Tonight: Out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You have a unique way of looking at emotional situations. You could be taken aback by another's lack of practicality. Move past that criticism, and look at the concept behind the idea. You will find validity there, and you might decide to work with this person. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ How you handle a heated situation involving someone you look up to could determine your role in this dealing. You see conflict, but you also see possibility. Help make the goal real, and keep negativity to yourself. Tonight: Doing only what you love.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ What you verbalize and what your vision is could be very different. As soon as you feel OK with an idea, toss it on others' plates. You need to make a personal decision regarding this matter. Drop the word "impossible" from your vocabulary. Tonight: Head home. Buy the makings for a favorite meal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You have the ability to play devil's advocate. Do you really want to deal with a partner or dear friend who is espousing a somewhat far-out idea? You might want to give up the role of the cynic and try the role of the supportive aide. Ask yourself how you can help make this goal a reality. Start brainstorming. Tonight: Gather with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Remain sensitive to others' ideas. You might want to discuss your feelings toward a partner or dear friend. For many years, you have gone along with this person's wishes. Now it is time to find a more authentic way of working with him or her. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Today, you will witness a radical change in your mood, energy and sense of empowerment. You could drag your heels for a good portion of the day, then suddenly feel as if you just woke up from a wonderful night's sleep. Keep detail-oriented work to a minimum until you have an energy surge. Tonight: All smiles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Zero in on a meeting. Have vibrant discussions, and share some incredibly dynamic ideas. You initially might get a negative reaction. Remember that many people do not like change. Give them time. Your enthusiasm could win nearly anyone over. Tonight: Play it low-key.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Stay on top of your commitments and errands. Weigh the pros and cons of a dreamy idea. Can you make it real? Discuss possibilities with a trusted friend, only when you have extra time. The afternoon holds promise. Tonight: With those you love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Detach from an immediate situation. Be careful with a promotion. You might not want to make it a reality just yet. Your sense of direction tells you what will work. Indulge a child or loved one. It does not need to take a lot of time. Tonight: Could go to the wee hours.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Be willing to be the person others bounce ideas off of. Before saying your immediate reaction, put yourself in another space — one where you are less judgmental. Help someone manifest a long-term dream, but know that it might take more than just today's feedback. Tonight: Treat your mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Honor another person's feedback. You do not need to change directions because of what you hear. Remain independent, and make decisions accordingly. Tonight: Be with that special person.

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BORN TODAY

Artist Michelangelo (1475), poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806), guitarist David Gilmour (1946)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Picket line crosser
5 Arrange, as a vacation
9 Washington neighbor
14 "Splendor in the Grass" director Kazan
15 Gutter site
16 La Scala's city
17 Top banana
19 Mayan corn crop
20 Observation after too many wrong turns
21 "Dirty Harry" composer Schifrin
23 "Don't __ stranger"
24 Like a dog's hind leg
25 A low-flow showerhead will help lower it
27 Enzyme ending
29 Online auction site
30 50 cents, in slang
35 After "get," gain an advantage
39 Attending a Lakers game, say
40 Ski resort named for a tree
42 Longest river entirely in Switzerland
43 Inning half
45 Baker's container
47 Dedicated works
49 Taylor of fashion
50 Hit generating four 71-Across
54 Horizontal punctuator
58 Hold up, as a bank
59 Yogi, for one
60 Wheel cover
62 Hi hello
64 "The Iron Horse," baseball's all-time 50-Across recordholder
66 Jeopardy
67 Hops kiln
68 Took __ loan
69 It has reservations
70 G.I. fare
71 One of them is hidden in 17-, 25-, 30- and 45-Across

DOWN

1 Event before finals
2 Ascend
3 Path between rows
4 Conductor's wand
5 Cheeky
6 Research site
7 St. Teresa's city
8 Cancel out
9 Wicked
10 Lunes o martes
11 Perp's story
12 Eye color
13 "Shaq Diesel" rapper
18 Founded: Abbr.
22 Beirut's country
25 Licks, as a stamp
26 One way to play
28 Cat breed
30 White lie
31 Dedicatee of Lennon's "Woman"
32 Final: Abbr.
33 Inform against
34 Sunblock letters
36 Gift of the garrulous?
37 Ocean State sch.
38 Pilot product
41 Jason with a record 63-yard field goal to his credit
44 Weirdo
46 Like inappropriate influence
48 Picabo Street race
50 It's plotted in math class
51 Loggers' game
52 Scrub the launch
53 Like a cheering crowd
55 Can't stand
56 Use elbow grease on
57 Part of Hispaniola
60 5'2", 6'3", etc.: Abbr.
61 Some major golf tournaments, informally
63 Move it
65 Employ

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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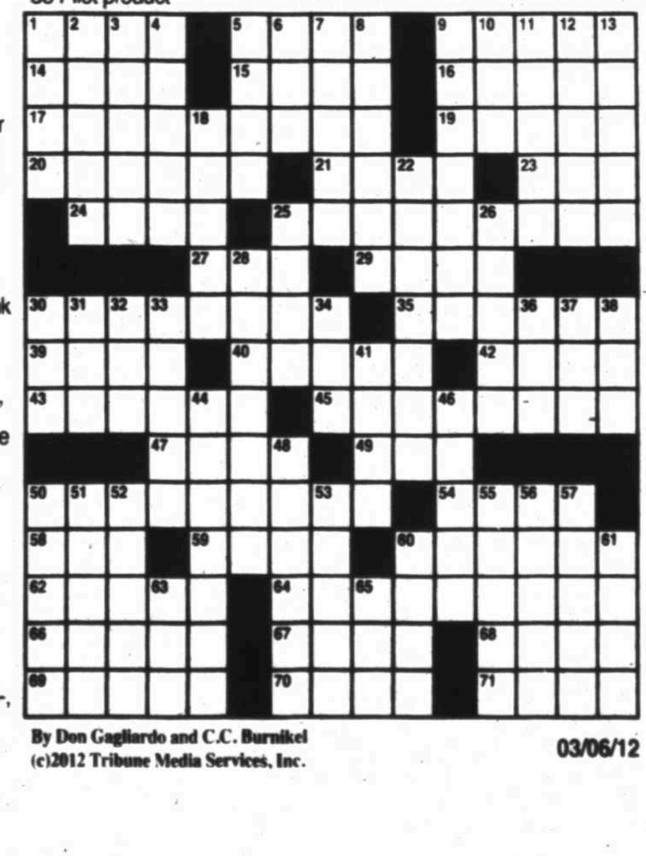

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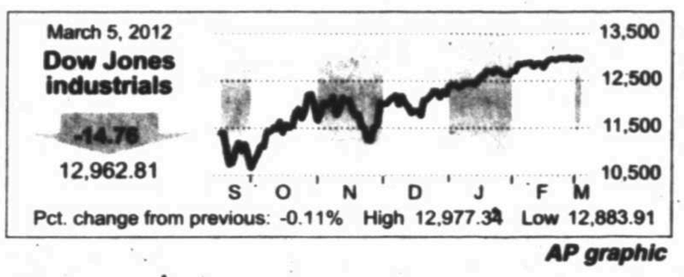

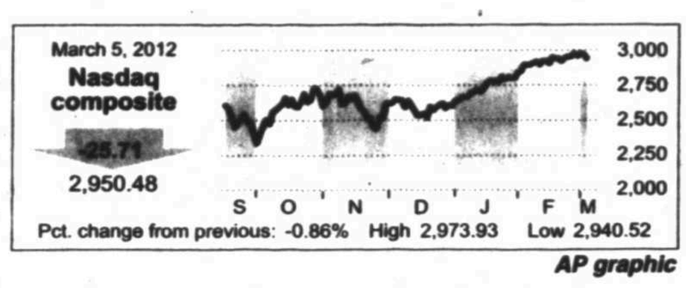

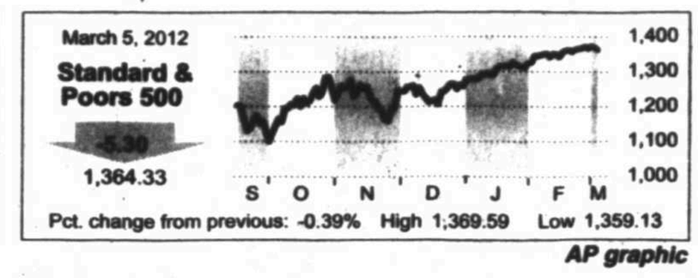

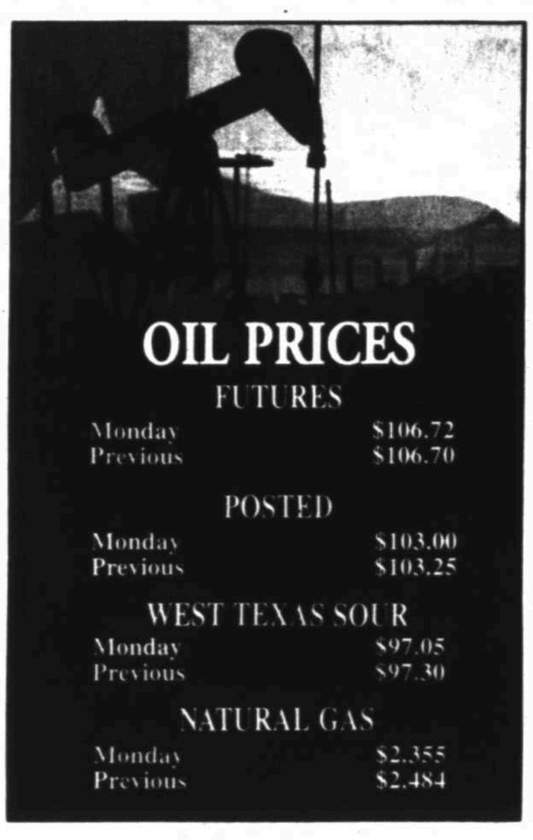

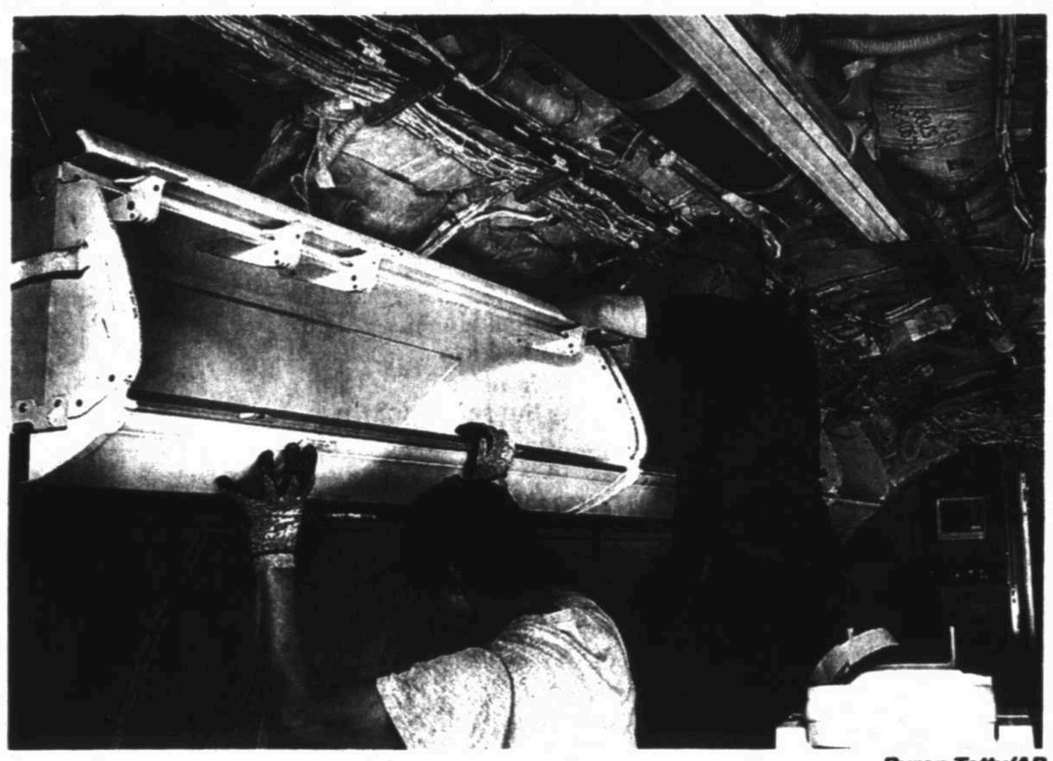

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Workers install larger bins for carry-on luggage on a Boeing 737, in Tulsa, Okla. Fliers can stop sharpening their elbows. Overhead bins are getting bigger.

Overhead bins get bigger to fit more carry-on bags

By Joshua Freed
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Fliers can stop sharpening their elbows. Overhead bins are getting bigger.

Packed planes and a high volume of carry-ons are forcing airlines to expand the space above passenger's heads. United and Delta are the latest airlines to replace or upgrade bins so they hold more luggage. And engineers at Boeing are designing jet interiors with today's bulkier luggage in mind.

It's a chance to placate passengers who feel like they're thrown into a roller derby every time they board a plane. Because of fees on checked bags, more passengers are bringing carry-ons, which are growing in size. And with planes more crowded than ever, bins fill up before everyone has reached their seat. Travelers fight physics and one another to shove one more bag overhead. Or they're forced to check luggage at the gate.

The result is upset travelers, harried flight attendants and delays.

The percentage of passengers bringing bags on board has hovered around 87 percent in recent years, United Continental says. And "the size of the carry-on has increased. They are stretching the limits of their bags," says Scott O'Leary, managing director of customer solutions at United Continental Holdings Inc.

Expanding bins is a smart way for airlines to set themselves apart, says Henry Harteveldt, who leads airline and travel analysis at Atmosphere Research Group, a market research firm. "Especially if they cater to the business traveler, they're hoping it will give them a small but noticeable competitive advantage."

Business travelers, for example, avoid an airline that doesn't have room for their carry-ons.

At first blush, it might seem like airlines risk giving away fees if more people can fit carry-ons on board. But they're not risking much as it turns out.

Airlines often waive bag fees when luggage can't fit overhead and must be checked at the gate. And business travelers, who generate most of the industry's revenue, are often exempt from baggage fees anyway.

But will bigger bins encourage fliers to bring larger bags? Airlines hope not and are trying to crack down before luggage makes it into the cabin.

Airlines expanding their bins include:

■ United: The airline is replacing bin doors on 152 planes starting in April. The new doors curve out more than the old ones. That allows passengers to slide bags into the compartment wheels-first instead of sideways. The renovated bins will be on all of United's Airbus A320s and will hold 106 typical roll-on bags, up from 64.

Passengers on United's A320s have had to check their bags at a higher rate than travelers on other planes because there wasn't enough room. "That's a real sore point," O'Leary says.

■ American Airlines: The airline's new 737s will hold 48 more bags than the planes they are replacing, although they have 24 more seats, too. That means more people and luggage. American's older 737s are also getting new baggage-bin doors that curve out more. The work is finished on about half of the 76 planes.

■ Delta Air Lines: Passengers on international routes like Atlanta-Paris or Minneapolis-Amsterdam are starting to see new bins on the airline's 767 jets. The compartments hold 26 more bags than the bins they are replacing. It's an increase of 23 percent.

■ US Airways Group Inc.: In 2008, it enlarged bins on its 757s, a mid-sized plane flown on routes including Phoenix to Hawaii and Charlotte, N.C., to Dublin.

Pump prices rise again

The average price at the gas pump pushed toward $3.80 per gallon Monday as oil prices remained stubbornly high because of tensions tied to Iran's nuclear program.

The nationwide average for gasoline rose less than a penny overnight to $3.77 a gallon, which was the 27th consecutive day of gains, according to AAA, Wright Express and the Oil Price Information Service. The price has risen 32 cents, or 9.3 percent, since Feb. 1.

OPIS chief oil analyst Tom Kloza said the average price could reach $4.25 per gallon by late March or April but the pace of the increase should slow. Gasoline has tracked oil prices, which have risen about 8 percent since the end of January. Also, refineries have begun switching to costlier summer blends of fuel. That adds about 10 cents to a gallon of gas.

Oil prices topped $107 per barrel in New York before falling back in afternoon trading. Investors remained concerned about potential supply disruptions stemming from the dispute between the West and Iran over that country's nuclear program. The U.S., Europe and other nations fear that Iran may be building a nuclear weapon. Iran, the world's third-largest oil exporter, denies it.

Euro rises against dollar

The euro rose modestly against the dollar Monday, following three days of losses, after 12 big financial firms said they will participate in a bond swap for Greece.

Greece needs to complete the debt restructuring deal to get its second $172 billion bailout and avoid a default. Investors holding Greek debt will have to accept a lower value on their bonds and also lower returns.

Traders are waiting to see if more institutions will voluntarily participate in the program. The deadline to do so is Thursday.

Gold for April delivery fell $5.90 to finish at $1,703.90 an ounce.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1930902	7.97	-.16
S&P500ETF	1237088	136.75	-.56
iShEMkts	487504	43.87	-.77
SPDR Fncl	475351	14.81	-.06
iShR2K	412886	80.34	+.09

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSVInvNG	63.96	+11.49	+21.9
NY&Co	3.26	+.42	+14.8
CamelotInfo	2.70	+.27	+11.1
CrwfdB	4.79	+.43	+9.9
CSVInvCpr	52.80	+4.38	+9.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Yelp n	20.99	-3.59	-14.6
CSVLgNGs	33.89	-5.33	-13.6
BkAS&P7-1313.06		-1.89	-12.6
OxfordRes	7.22	-.78	-9.8
Polypore	35.91	-3.87	-9.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,223
Declined	1,819
Unchanged	94
Total issues	3,136
New Highs	79
New Lows	21
Volume	3,362,067,050

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NovaGld g	78964	7.97	-.16
ChenereEn	55524	15.88	-.79
NwGold g	41212	10.52	-.40
Rentech	31789	1.73	-.08
AntaresP	21245	2.71	+.12

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ContlMatls	14.76	+1.46	+11.0
FlexSolu	2.34	+.15	+6.8
NTS Rlty	3.67	+.22	+6.4
AvalonHld	3.77	+.19	+5.3
AntaresP	2.71	+.12	+4.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DocuSec	3.80	-.48	-11.1
GreenHntr	2.83	-.30	-9.6
Compx	14.80	-1.57	-9.6
NewConcEn	2.99	-.25	-7.7
Richmnt g	9.34	-.72	-7.2

DIARY

Advanced	161
Declined	300
Unchanged	33
Total issues	494
New Highs	11
New Lows	7
Volume	93,148,482

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	483102	2.26	-.06
Microsoft	449367	31.80	-.28
PwShs QQQ	445953	64.20	-.67
Oracle	335974	30.24	+.28
Intel	318117	26.54	-.38

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
KeryxBio	4.94	+1.24	+33.5
Ameritrs pf	3.55	+.75	+26.8
TranS1	4.07	+.79	+23.9
AEterna g	2.15	+.40	+22.9
ArchLearn	11.09	+2.05	+22.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GlobTcAdv	4.87	-.82	-14.4
Micrvisn rs	2.49	-.38	-13.2
Dynasil	2.00	-.24	-10.7
Pentford	5.31	-.63	-10.6
SemiLeds h	4.24	-.48	-10.2

DIARY

Advanced	1,138
Declined	1,365
Unchanged	123
Total issues	2,626
New Highs	52
New Lows	28
Volume	1,647,267,672

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $17.94 Down 0.78

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $81.48 Down 1.34

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $104.24 Down 2.65

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $36.53 Down 0.39

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $29.25 Down 0.38

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $8.73 Down 0.51

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $12.97 Up 0.26

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.76f	47	30.99	+.12	+2.5
Abraxas	...	14	3.77	-.10	+14.2
AdamsEx	.65e	...	10.74	-.06	+11.4
AMD		11	7.07	-.39	+30.9
AEterna g		...	2.15	+.40	+39.6
AlcatelLuc		...	2.38	-.01	+52.6
Alcoa	.12	14	9.87	-.37	+14.1
AlonUSA	.16	23	9.72	-.43	+11.6
AlphaNRs		...	16.35	-1.05	-20.0
AmIntlGrp		3	30.39	+.59	+31.0
Amgen	1.44f	17	67.23	-.50	+4.7
Anadarko	.36	...	83.16	+.61	+8.9
Apache	.68f	9	106.93	+.48	+18.1
Apple Inc		15	533.16	-12.02	+31.6
ApldMatl	.36f	10	12.03	-.19	+12.3
ATMOS	1.38	14	31.23	+.28	-6.4
AutoData	1.58	20	54.49	+.05	+.9
BP PLC	1.92f	6	47.96	+.46	+12.2
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	17.62	-.03	-2.1
BakrHu	.60	13	48.06	-.97	-1.2
BkofAm	.04	...	7.97	-.16	+43.3
Bar iPVix		...	24.19	-.09	-31.9
BasicEnSv		15	17.94	-.78	-8.9
BerkHa A		20	118695.00	+1461.00	+3.6
BerryPet	.32	...	52.94	-.08	+26.0
BlkHillsCp	1.48f	31	32.82	+.28	-2.3
BrMySq	1.36f	15	32.92	+.33	-6.6
BrownFA	1.40	20	78.55	-.16	-.9
BrownFB	1.40	20	81.00	-.11	+.6
CVS Care	.65f	17	45.17	+.14	+10.8
Cameron		25	54.55	-.89	+10.9
Caterpillar	1.84	15	110.09	-2.40	+21.5
Celestic g		9	9.48	-.13	+29.3
Cemex		...	7.96	-.11	+47.7
CntryLink	2.90	23	38.67	-.36	+4.0
ChesEng	.35	7	24.23	-.10	+8.7
Chevron	3.24	8	109.32	-.29	+2.7
Chicos	.21f	19	15.34	+.19	+37.7
Cimarex	.48f	13	79.56	-1.66	+28.5
Cisco	.32f	15	19.60	-.16	+8.8
Citigrp rs	.04	9	33.68	-.42	+28.0
ClayEng	...	11	81.48	-1.34	+7.4
CocaCola	2.04f	19	69.23	+.05	-1.1
ColgPal	2.32	19	93.35	+.15	+1.0
Comcast	.65f	19	29.10	-.14	+22.7
ConAgra	.96	15	26.36	+.22	-.2
ConchoRes	...	21	104.24	-2.65	+11.2
ConocPhil	2.64	9	77.56	-.09	+6.4
Corning	.30	7	12.88	-.11	-.8
CrackerB	1.00	16	55.00	+.06	+9.1
CrosTim	2.94e	15	46.06	-.33	-5.7
DCP Mid	2.60f	38	46.77	+.02	-1.5
DTE	2.35	13	54.36	+.01	-.2
Dataram h		...	.79	+.03	-2.5
Dawson		...	36.53	-.39	-7.6
Dell Inc		9	17.11	-.25	+17.0
DevonE	.80f	6	72.68	-.32	+17.2
DirSCBear		...	19.94	-.07	-24.7
DirFnBear		...	25.17	+.17	-32.6
Disney	.60f	16	42.70	+.34	+13.9
DowChm	1.00	16	33.69	-.51	+17.1
EMC Cp		28	28.12	-.46	+30.5
EOG Res	.68f	27	113.20	-.70	+14.9
EmpDist	1.00	15	19.69	-.05	-6.6
Energen	.56f	14	52.83	-.11	+5.7
EngyTsfr	3.58	43	46.51	-.35	+1.4
EnPro	...	16	37.39	-.21	+13.4
EntPrPt	2.48f	22	52.45	+.16	+13.1
Ericsson	.37e	...	9.71	-.13	-4.1
ExterranH	...	...	13.70	-.66	+50.5
ExxonMbl	1.88	10	87.01	+.68	+2.7
FordM	.20	7	12.46	-.26	+15.8
ForestOil s		15	12.09	-.40	-10.8
FMCG	1.25f	8	40.45	-1.58	+9.9
FrozenFd	...	...	1.21	+.01	-6.0
GATX	1.20f	20	43.37	+.66	-.7
GabMultT	.80m	...	7.22	...	+15.9
GAInv	.50e	...	28.35	-.19	+13.8
GenElec	.68	15	18.85	-.12	+5.2
Golfsmith		...	4.22	+.07	+31.9
Goodrich	1.16	20	126.03	...	+1.9
GtPlainEn	.85	16	19.78	+.05	-9.2
HalconR rs		45	10.77	-.23	+14.7
Hallibrtn	.36	11	35.07	-.89	+1.6
Heinz	1.92	17	53.09	+.11	-1.8
HewlettP	.48	9	25.01	-.31	-2.9
Hitachi	...	...	57.32	+.30	+8.9
HuntBnk	.16	11	5.72	-.16	+4.2
iShBraz	1.50e	...	68.99	-1.31	+20.2
iShJapn	.20e	...	9.89	-.06	+8.6
iShSilver		...	33.03	-.73	+22.6
iShChina25	.77e	...	39.17	-1.10	+12.3
iShEMkts	.81e	...	43.87	-.77	+15.6
iShR2K	1.02e	...	80.34	+.09	+8.9
IntegrysE	2.72	18	52.30	+.23	-3.5
Intel	.84	11	26.54	-.38	+9.4
InterDig	.40	19	37.53	-.45	-13.9
JPMorgCh	1.00	9	40.40	-.23	+21.5
JohnJn	2.28	19	64.91	+.14	-1.0
KeryxBio		...	4.94	+1.24	+95.3
Keycorp	.12	8	7.81	-.17	+1.6
KimbClk	2.96f	18	72.66	+.31	-1.2
KindME	4.64	...	88.47	-.48	+4.1
KindMM	4.64f	...	80.21	-.47	+2.2
LegacyRes	2.20f	17	29.25	-.38	+3.6
Lowes	.56	20	28.24	+.11	+11.3
Lubys	...	25	4.95	+.23	+9.8
MktVGold	.15e	...	53.62	-1.17	+4.3
MarvellT	...	12	14.79	-.28	+6.8
McDnlds	2.80	19	99.94	+.44	-.4
Merck	1.68	19	38.45	+.52	+2.0
MeritMed s	...	21	12.58	+.11	-6.0
MexcoEn	...	62	8.73	-.51	+24.7
MicronT	...	...	8.20	-.45	+30.4
Microsoft	.80	12	31.80	-.28	+22.5
MorgStan	.20	16	18.29	-.58	+20.9
Nabors	...	15	20.62	-.93	+18.9
NetGrid	3.00e	...	51.85	+.28	+6.5
NOVarco	.48	17	79.94	-2.30	+17.6
NewsCpA	.17m	15	19.49	-.32	+9.2
NokiaCp	1.26e	...	5.17	-.06	+7.3
NvMAd	.99e	...	15.38	+.14	+4.8
NvPMI	.94	...	15.18	-.13	+2.5
NuvPI	.92	...	14.75	-.07	+1.9
NSTFI3	.95e	...	14.61	-.07	+2.1
NTXQI	.86	...	16.32	-.00	-.1
Nvidia	...	16	14.86	-.52	+7.2
OcciPet	2.16f	12	103.52	-.84	+10.5
Oracle	.24	17	30.24	+.28	+17.9
PerTech	...	17	5.01	-.04	+27.2
PerkDrl	...	...	8.36	-.06	-11.3
PetIUTI	.20	9	19.04	-.34	-4.7
PenRE	.60	...	14.02	+.13	+34.3
Prmian	1.44e	17	22.34	+.42	+9.7
Petrobras	1.28e	...	29.62	-.90	+19.2
Pfizer	.88f	17	21.50	+.09	-.6
PioNtr	.08	15	106.16	-2.24	+18.6
PlainsAA	4.10f	17	82.36	-.72	+12.1
PwShs QQQ	.46e	...	64.20	-.67	+15.0
Praxair	2.20f	20	108.42	-.73	+1.4
PrmEgy	...	...	22.32	-.23	-1.2
PrUSh5&P	...	...	16.18	+.12	-16.1
ProctGam	2.10	17	66.95	+.28	+.4
RangeRs	.16	87	63.48	+.73	+2.5
RegionsFn	.04	35	5.93	-.03	+37.9
RschMotn	...	3	13.32	-.47	-8.1
Rowan	...	33	35.54	-.40	+17.2
RoyDShltA	3.36	14	72.53	-.22	-.8
SpdrDJIA	3.48e	...	129.42	-.13	+6.2
S&P500ETF	2.58e	...	136.75	-.56	+9.0
SabnR	4.04e	16	63.46	-.39	+.7
SanderFm	.68	...	51.47	+.37	+2.7
SandRidge	...	60	7.79	-.25	-4.5
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SigmaAld	.80f	19	71.62	-.29	+14.7
SiriusXM	...	17	2.26	-.06	+23.9
Smucker	1.92	19	76.48	+.13	-2.2
SprintNex	...	...	2.43	-.07	+3.8
SPDR Fncl	.22e	...	14.81	-.06	+13.9
SP Inds	.73e	...	36.88	-.26	+9.3
SunocoL s	1.68f	13	38.76	-.38	-1.6
Synovus	.04	...	2.05	-.09	+45.4
TelefEsp	2.14e	...	16.97	-.07	-1.3
Tesoro	...	7	27.14	-.46	+16.2
3M Co	2.36f	15	87.06	-.46	+6.5
Trchmrk s	.60f	10	49.19	+.63	+13.4
TriContl	.39e	...	15.78	-.11	+10.9
TylerTech	...	45	37.53	+.27	+24.6
US Airwy	...	13	6.99	-.64	+37.9
UBWV	1.24	19	29.91	+.09	+5.8
Vale SA	1.55e	...	24.74	-.94	+15.3
ValeroE	.60	7	25.69	-.33	+22.0
VangEmg	.91e	...	44.30	-.67	+15.9
VerizonCm	2.00	46	39.00	+.33	-2.8
VulcanM	.04	...	43.81	+.18	+11.3
Weigrn	.90	11	33.30	+.61	+.7
WealthIntl	...	63	16.42	-.78	+12.2
WellsFargo	.48	11	30.97	-.31	+12.4
WstnRefin	.04e	11	19.05	...	+43.3
WhitingPet	...	12	57.33	-.62	+22.8
WmsCos	1.04f	20	30.35	+.09	+12.6
XcelEngy	1.04	15	26.44	+.12	-4.3
Xerox	.17	9	8.34	+.07	+4.8

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
13,055.75	10,404.49	Dow Jones Industrials	12,962.81	-14.76	-.11	+6.10	+7.22
5,627.85	3,950.66	Dow Jones Transportation	5,125.74	-34.39	-.67	+2.11	+2.14
467.64	381.99	Dow Jones Utilities	454.51	+.76	+.17	-2.19	+9.99
8,718.25	6,414.89	NYSE Composite	8,091.26	-33.92	-.42	+8.21	-2.95
2,498.89	1,941.99	Amex Index	2,437.75	-17.75	-.72	+7.00	+1.49
3,000.11	2,298.89	Nasdaq Composite	2,950.48	-25.71	-.86	+13.26	+7.46
1,378.04	1,074.77	S&P 500	1,364.33	-5.30	-.39	+8.49	+4.14
14,562.01	11,208.42	Wilshire 5000	14,372.52	-53.80	-.37	+8.97	+3.50
868.57	601.71	Russell 2000	803.65	+1.23	+.15	+8.47	-1.06

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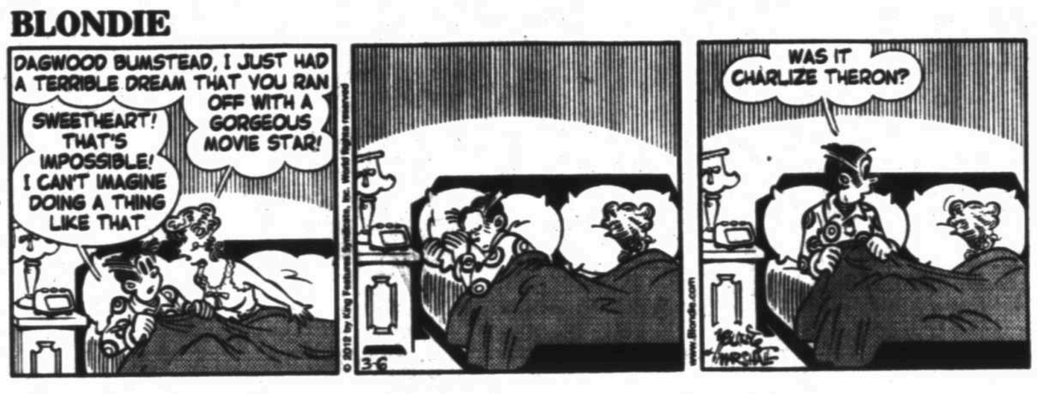

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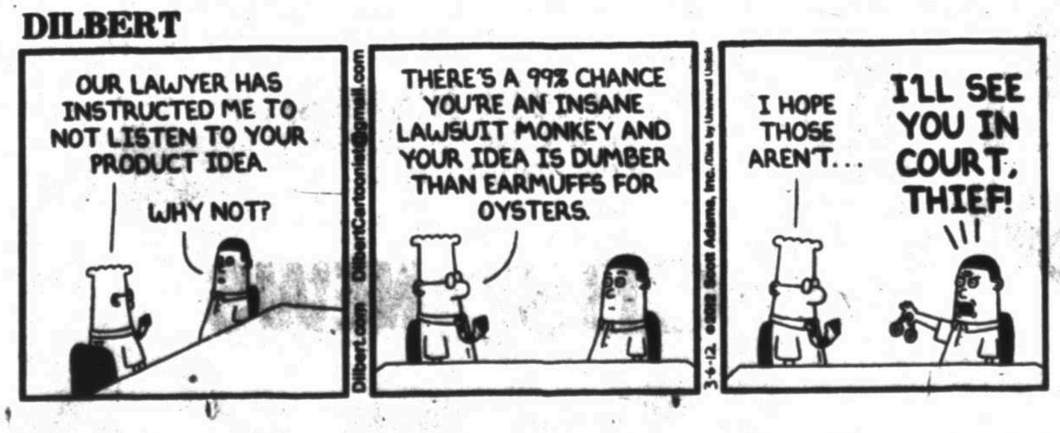

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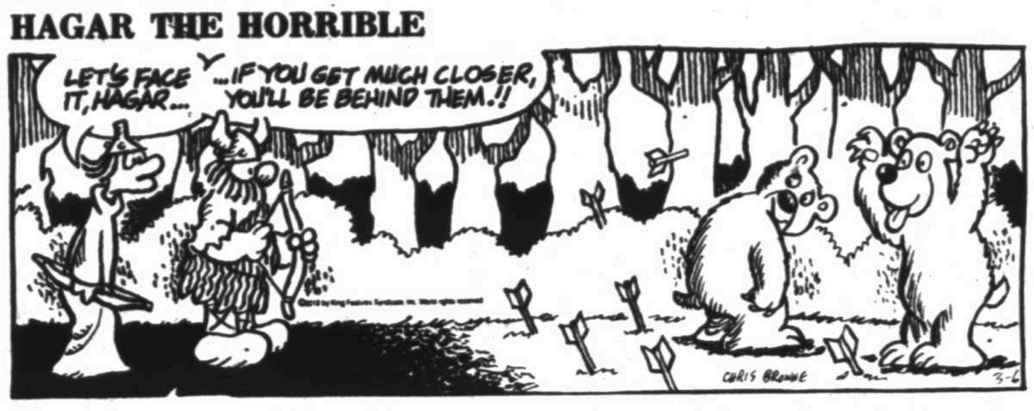

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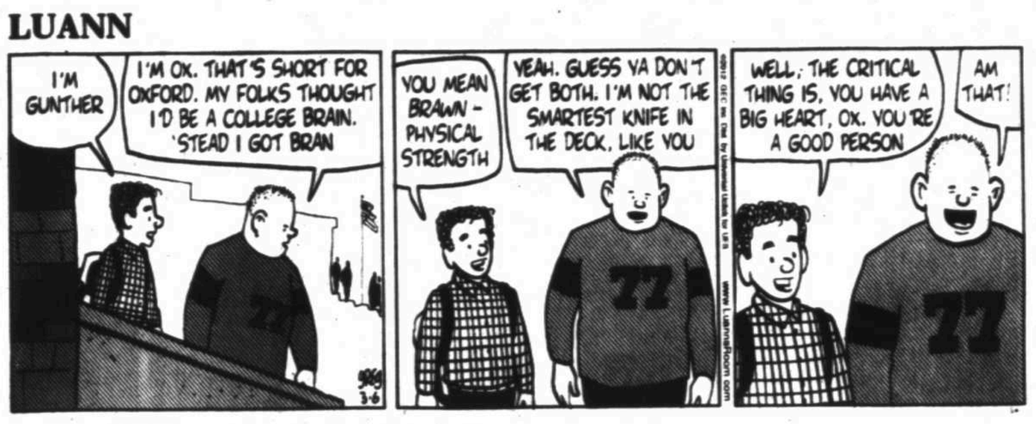

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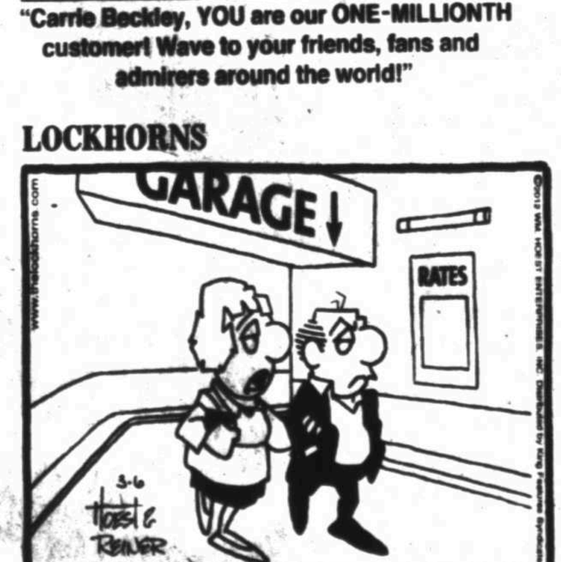

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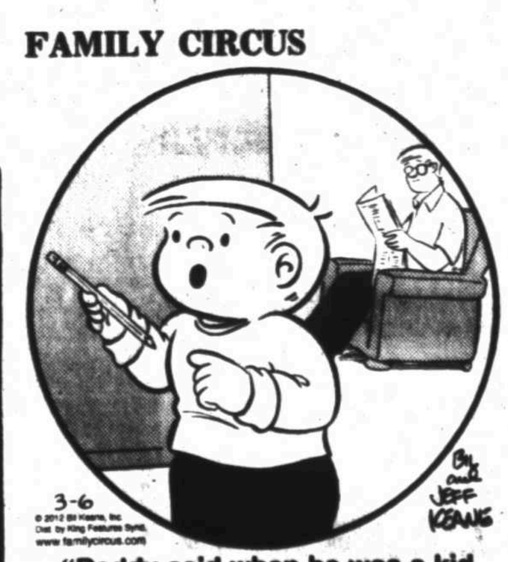

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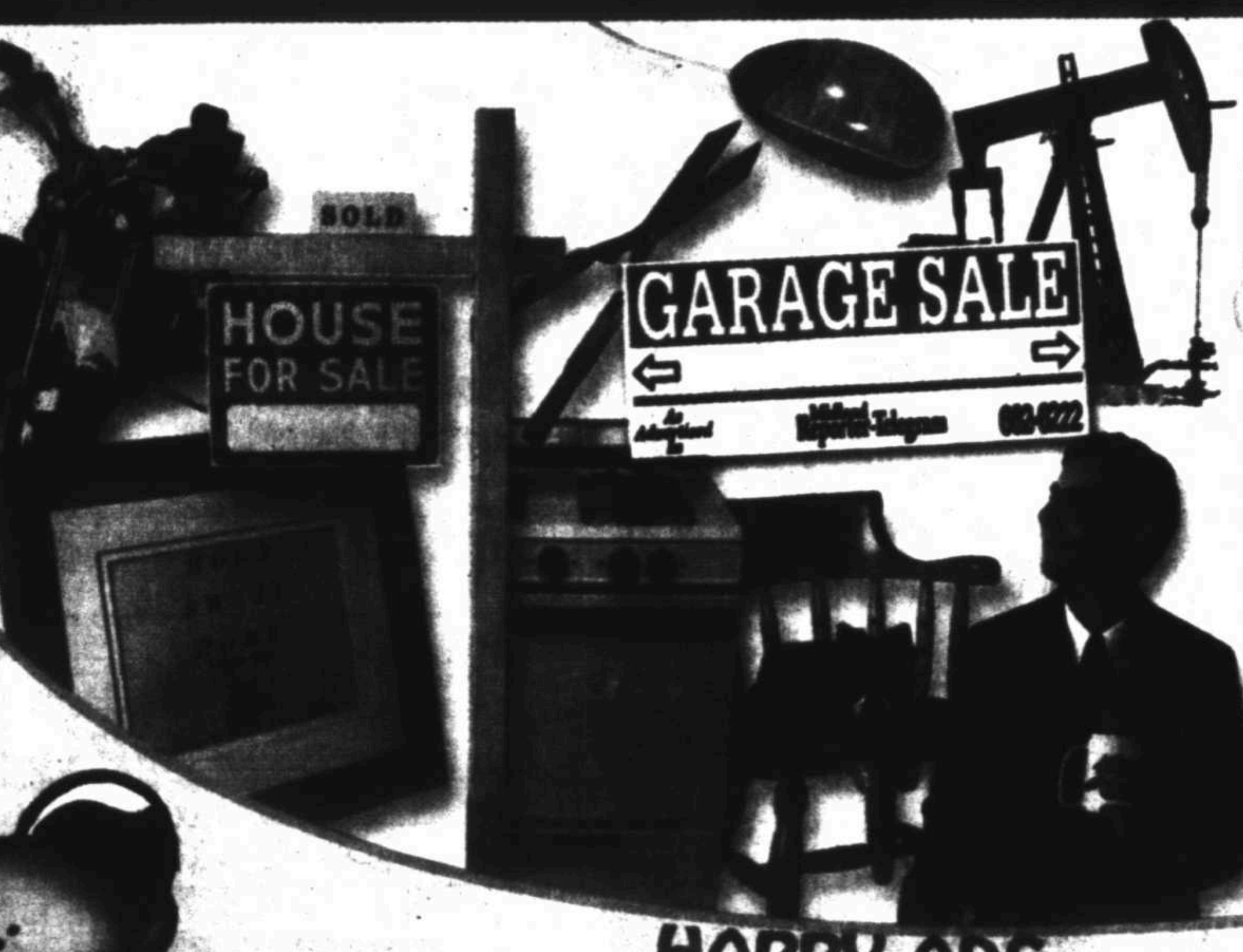

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FOUND MALE large Yorkie mix, 2/29 on Illinois & Powell. Call 432-238-0620

FOUND SMALL white male Chihuahua. Call to identify 432-813-6034, 432-694-7015.

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Lost & Found

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LOST FEMALE Chihuahua white w/black spots & male Poodle white w/black tip ears near Midkiff/Mariana. Gone since Friday. REWARD! 238-0620.

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Bid No. 4604-12
For: Heavy Duty Cab & Chassis

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

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Bid No. 4594-12
For: Total Cost Bid for 4 - Backhoe/Loader Combinations and 2 - 3 CY Rubber Tire Loaders for the Garage Division.

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Bid No. 4589-12
For: Boom Truck Body

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Bid No. 4654-12
For: Annual master agreement for water meters for the Municipal Warehouse.

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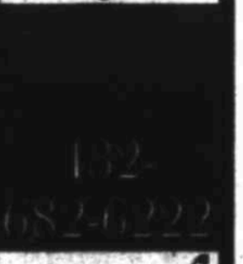

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eating on the RUN

Workouts may not be best time for a snack

By Gina Kolata
N.Y. Times News Service

A few weeks ago, a friend showed up for a run with a CamelBak — one of those humplike backpacks with a tube that allows you to sip liquid — and a belt containing food to eat along the way. Every 20 minutes or so as we ran, he stopped to eat and drink, sprinting afterward to catch up.

Now that is unusual, I thought. Does it really help to eat so often during a 16-mile run?

Certainly a lot of athletes believe they need constant nourishment. My friend and running partner Jen Davis, who has entered more races and run more than I ever have, once went on a 30-mile training run with a guy wearing a CamelBak and bearing snacks. He stopped every 20 minutes along the way and then, about halfway through the run, pulled out a turkey sandwich.

"I'm not sure if he ever actually ran an ultra race," Jen said. "He may have gotten injured after carrying that heavy pack on those long runs."

There is no end to the crazy foods people will eat at endurance events. At the JFK 50 Mile in Maryland, boiled potatoes and chicken broth are provided at aid stations. At the Rocky Raccoon Endurance Trail Run in Texas, runners can choose rice and beans or pasta, along with snacks like pretzels, cookies and candy.

At a 100-mile bike ride my husband and I have done several times, pumpkin pie is offered about 25 miles from the finish line. (My husband tried it one year and felt ill the rest of the ride.)

For the athlete determined to munch on the go, there are shelves worth of prepackaged "energy gels" and bars, even jelly beans, promising to raise performance.

But most athletes are not running 30 or 50 or 100 miles, nor are they doing the equivalent amount of exercise in another sport, like cycling or swimming or skiing. So most of us really do not need to keep eating during a race to maintain energy and stamina, said Nancy Rodriguez, a sports nutritionist at the University of Connecticut.

Rodriguez reviewed published studies on nutrition and performance as part of a group of experts who wrote a position paper on the topic for the American College of Sports Medicine. Runners, for example, competing in a 5- or 10-kilometer race, she said, "don't need the CamelBaks and don't need to have that Hershey bar or Powerade or Clif shot."

Even athletes who are fast and competitive may not always need to eat during a workout. There's no set rule on what they should eat and drink before, during and after exercise, said Melinda M. Manore, a sports nutritionist at Oregon State University who was an author of the position paper.

"People have gotten the message that they have to eat something," Manore said.

They guzzle an energy drink or eat a sports bar, but that doesn't help. And for the many who are trying to lose weight, the habit just adds extra calories.

What they need depends on what they ate before they started and how hard their workout is going to be, among other things, she explained.

"If you can run six-minute miles or five-minute miles and you are going out for an hour, you do not need to be eating an energy bar during the workout," Manore said.

Moderate athletes need to eat and drink after the workout, she said, but a healthy meal with plenty of fluids is sufficient. Indeed, for most of them, the most common error is to eat too much.

Manore follows her own advice. She hikes for an hour in the hills every morning, four to five miles. All she has before she goes out is a cup of tea with milk.

But anyone exercising for two hours or more does need to get carbohydrates, the muscles' fuel, according to the position statement. That means eating before, and perhaps during, the workout.

Those who try to skimp can end up with a poorer performance, said Dan Benradot, a sports nutrition researcher at Georgia State University. A long workout, like a run that lasts more than two hours, is "an enormous drain on blood sugar," he said.

If the body runs out of glucose for fuel, it will start breaking down muscle, which is counterproductive. Benradot's research indicates that athletes do best when they never let themselves have more than a 400-calorie deficit during the day. That is, if you expend 1,500 calories on a two-hour run, you offset it with at least 1,100 calories in food that day.

That means it is a disadvantage to eat most of the day's calories at one time — at night, for example. But athletes should make dietary changes gradually so their bodies can adapt to more frequent fueling, he said. Those who try sudden changes sometimes pay a price.

Try 'if this then that' for your task reminder needs

Dear PropellerHeads: Are there any websites for sending email reminders before important dates? I tried using anniversary reminders on greeting card sites, but they sent more ads than reminders.

A: That's the problem with all these "free" services. It turns out there is such a thing as a free lunch, and about half of it is spam. Greeting card sites send reminders before your anniversary, and advertisements for flowers. Weather sites send thunderstorm alerts, and advertisements for umbrellas. Can't we just get web services for nothin' and baby chickens for free? (I'm pretty sure I quoted that song right...)

Check out Google Calendar (calendar.google.com), which supports repeating events and email reminders.

Then think bigger. That's what Linden Tibbets did when he had an idea for "digital duct tape" that connects "any two services together." He called the site "if this then that," or ifttt for short (ifttt.com).

The idea is simple: if this happens, then that other thing should happen. "This" could be the temperature dropping, a stock price rising, or — here's where you come in — "my anniversary approaching." Ifttt responds to an impressive number of these "triggers," ranging from "if I receive an email" to "if I'm tagged in a Facebook photo."

If any of these triggers occur, then "that" happens. "That" could be "send me an email," "post a link on my Facebook wall," or "add an event to my calendar." Ifttt can even send text messages and call you. These are called "actions," so the basic formula is that "triggers cause actions."

Triggers and actions are grouped into channels to make them easier to find. There are channels for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Gmail. There are more than 40 in all, including Weather, Stocks, and Date/Time (for remembering anniversaries).

A trigger/action combination is called a "task." You might have a task that specifies "if it's September 20th, then email a reminder to buy Gretchen flowers." On a related note, "if someone starts selling my possessions on craigslist, then call my phone."

The Weather and Stock channels are especially useful. "If it will rain tomorrow, then email me." "If the temperature hits 70, then call my phone and say 'Time for a walk.'" "If MSFT stock rises above 30, then send me a text message."

Other tasks are nerdy. "If I upload new photos to Facebook, then copy them to an online backup service." "If I share a link on Facebook, then share it on LinkedIn too."

Blog notifications can be handy too. "If Amazon posts a free song or eBook, then email me." Another sure-to-be popular one is "if the PropellerHeads update their blog, then send a chat notification."

Here's a favorite for anyone routinely called into boring meetings at work: "If it's 2:15 PM on Tuesday, then call my phone" (so I can fake an emergency and leave early).

Shared tasks are called "recipes." Visit ifttt.com/recipes to browse some popular ones, like "If I update my profile picture on Facebook, then update my Twitter profile to use the same picture." Try out ifttt.com/recipes/21876 to get emailed whenever we Propeller-Heads post to our blog.

Our only real complaint is that using the browser's "back" button when creating a task doesn't work as expected. Instead of going back to the previous step, it starts the task creation process all over. But the service is free, so we can tolerate a lack of polish on an otherwise well-designed site.

Check it out now, because they don't have a trigger for "if my wife kicks me out of the house."

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