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West Texas mayors support state water bill

$2 billion water legislation could fund the '100-year water plan'

By Joseph Basco
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Mayor Wes Perry, along with Abilene Mayor Norm Archibald and San Angelo Mayor Alvin New, testified before state lawmakers Tuesday to voice their support for a $2 billion water fund that could be used to help fund the three cities' "100-year water plan."

Perry said he and the other two mayors spoke to about eight or nine panels Tuesday, telling the legislators their cities don't necessarily need money now, but they still support the bill.

House Bill 4, filed by Rep. Alan Ritter, R-Nederland, on Jan. 10, calls for the creation of a $2 billion State Water Implementation Fund to help the Texas Water Development Board finance projects. The House Natural Resources Committee heard testimony Tuesday from mayors, including Perry, who support the bill.

"They asked good questions and the feedback sounded good," Perry said. "I think we're in good hands."

Perry said the committee was engaging and appreciated hearing from smaller cities such as Midland and Abilene because they always hear from the "Dallases and Houstons" of the world.

"It's important to get out there and tell legislators what's important to us," Perry said, noting how Midland's oil industry is stimulating the state economy.

Even though the T-Bar project already is funded, Perry said it is good to get an early start on obtaining additional funding because future water projects could cost as much as $52 million.

"The cost of these projects by the three cities is staggering," said Archibald via

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SORRY, NO VACANCY

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Work continues on new motels near the sports complex. Busy sports weekends are a real challenge for teams, tournaments and Midland's future when it comes to sports tourism because of high hotel rates.

Sports tourism hurt by high hotel rates

By Tyler White
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A top Midland ISD sports official worries about high hotel rates driving high school tournaments out of the Tall City.

Even on the eve of one of the city's busiest sports weekends, Executive Director of Athletics Todd Howey said it's only a matter of time before tournaments are cancelled. There are just too many hoops to jump through.

This weekend, which is one of two when the city becomes a mecca for high school sports, Midland will host golf, softball and tennis tournaments. The marquee event will be the Region I-2A girls basketball tournament, which brings the four best hoops teams from around West Texas. The winner of the region final four advances to the state tournament in Austin. Next week, another golf tournament, baseball tournament and the Region I-2A boys' final four take their turn in the spotlight.

But sports teams are finding out their toughest battles are securing hotel rooms.

The increased economic activity in and around Midland has hotel rooms filled night after night, and when there is a vacancy, out-of-town teams and their fan bases face exorbitant rates that drain

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Hotel business stays strong in Midland

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Lubbock: $6,149,416
Odessa: $5,630,760

Note: Midland in November 2011: $4,807,436

Top Midland hotels
(Total receipts)
Double Tree $777,703
Plaza Inn (Big Spring Street): $505,339
La Quinta (Wall Street): $502,226

DECEMBER 2012
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Midland: $5,193,876
Odessa: $5,164,717
Lubbock: $5,120,846

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For more information on hotel business in Midland during November, December and during the fourth quarter, check out the Your City page in Sunday's edition.

READER POLL

With all of the new restaurants and business moving into Midland, do you think there will be a reliable workforce to staff the new businesses?

- Yes. **3.7%**
- Maybe, but it will depend on the pay. **19%**
- No. Most qualified workers already have good jobs. **32.7%**
- If Midland had more affordable housing, the city could attract new workers. **46.1%**
- Unsure. **2.5%**

Source: MyWestTexas.com

Texas mom: Russian boy was playing before death

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — The adopted mother of a 3-year-old Russian boy who died in Texas told authorities the boy was outside playing with his younger brother before she found him unresponsive, a sheriff said Wednesday.

Laura Shatto told deputies that she was inside the family's home outside of Odessa on Jan. 21 and came out to find Max Alan Shatto on the ground, Ector County Sheriff Mark Donaldson said.

Deputies arrived at the home as the ambulance was leaving with Max, he said, and the boy was pronounced dead at the hospital a short time later. No one has been arrested in the case, authorities said.

The mother said Max was playing with his biological brother, 2-year-old Kristopher Shatto. Donaldson said he wasn't sure if anyone else was at the home besides Laura Shatto and the boys, whom Shatto and her husband

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Laura Bush to speak about conservation

From staff reports

Former first lady Laura Bush will be the luncheon keynote speaker at a symposium next week hosted by the Jenna Welch Nature Study Center.

The symposium, which will address issues regarding the conservation of playas for ranchers and farmers, is 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 1 at the Petroleum Club.

The four topics covered by the symposium will be playa ecosystems, habitats, soils and wildlife management.

The I-20 Wildlife Preserve and Jenna Welch Nature Study Center recently opened an 87-acre playa habitat has a place to protect and provide for wildlife.

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White House announces anti-theft trade strategy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration announced a broad new effort Wednesday to fight the growing theft of American trade secrets following fresh evidence linking cyberstealing to China's military.

The plan includes a new diplomatic push to discourage intellectual property theft abroad, along with better coordination at home to help U.S. companies protect themselves.

The administration said indications are that economic espionage is increasing, not only through electronic intrusion over the Internet but also through the recruitment of former employees of U.S. companies with knowledge of inside trade information.

"Trade secret theft threatens American businesses, undermines national security and places the security of the U.S. economy in jeopardy," said a report from the White House. "These acts also diminish U.S. export prospects around the globe and put American jobs at risk."

Earlier this week, a Virginia-based cybersecurity firm, Mandiant, accused a secret Chinese military unit in Shanghai of years of cyberattacks against more than 140 U.S. companies. The accusations and supporting evidence increased pressure on the United States to take more action against the Chinese for what experts say has been years of systematic espionage.

The Chinese government denied being involved in cybertheft, with China's defense minister calling the Mandiant report deeply flawed. China's Foreign Ministry said that country has also been a victim of hacking, much of it traced to the United States.

Wednesday's Obama administration report did not specifically target any one violator, but the China problem is evident in the case studies it cited. Those examples did not involve cyberattacks, but rather the theft of hundreds of millions of dollars in trade secrets by former employees of U.S. corporations including Ford Motor Co., DuPont Co., General Motors Corp., Cargill, Dow Chemical Co., Valspar and Motorola.

President Barack Obama signed an executive order last week aimed at helping protect the computer networks of American industries from cyberattacks. It called for the development of voluntary standards to protect the computer systems that run critical sectors of the economy such as the banking, power and transportation industries. It directed U.S. defense and intelligence agencies to share classified threat data with those companies.

The new report was short on specific consequences for trade secret theft, with no new fines or other trade actions announced. It included five actions to protect American innovation:

■ Applying diplomatic pressure by senior officials to foreign leaders to discourage theft.

■ Promoting best practices to help industries protect against theft.

■ Enhancing U.S. law enforcement operations to increase investigations and prosecutions.

■ Reviewing U.S. laws to determine if they need to be strengthened to protect against theft.

■ Beginning a public awareness campaign.

Commercial cyberspying pays off

Associated Press

BEIJING — For state-backed cyberspies such as a Chinese military unit implicated by a U.S. security firm in a computer crime wave, hacking foreign companies can produce high-value secrets ranging from details on oil fields to advanced manufacturing technology.

"This is really the new era of cybercrime," said Graham Cluley, a British security expert. "We've moved from kids in their bedroom and financially motivated crime to state-sponsored cybercrime, which is interested in stealing secrets and getting military or commercial advantage."

Instead of credit card numbers and other consumer data sought by crime gangs, security experts say cyberspies with resources that suggest they work for governments aim at better-guarded but more valuable information.

Companies in fields from petrochemicals to software can cut costs by receiving stolen secrets. An energy company bidding for access to an oil field abroad can save money if spies can tell it what foreign rivals might pay. Suppliers can press customers to pay more if they know details of their finances. For China, advanced technology and other information from the West could help speed the rise of giant state-owned companies seen as national champions.

"It's like an ongoing war," said Ryusuke Masuoka, a cybersecurity expert at Tokyo's Center for International Public Policy Studies, a private think tank. "It is going to spread and get deeper and deeper."

Mandiant, headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, said it found attacks on 141 entities, mostly in the United States but also in Canada, Britain and elsewhere. China's military is a leader in cyberwarfare research, along with its counterparts in the United States and Russia. The People's Liberation Army supports hacker hobby clubs with as many as 100,000 members to develop a pool of possible recruits, according to security consultants.

Mandiant said it traced attacks to a neighborhood in Shanghai's Pudong district where the PLA's Unit 61398 is housed in a 12-story building. The unit has advertised online for recruits with computer skills. Mandiant estimated its personnel at anywhere from hundreds to several thousand.

"There are a lot of hackers that are sponsored by the Chinese government who conduct cyberattacks," said Lim Jong-in, dean of Korea University's Graduate School of Information Security.

The United States and other major governments are developing cyberspying technology for intelligence and security purposes, though how much that might be used for commercial spying is unclear.

"All countries who can do conduct cyber operations," said Alastair MacGibbon, the former director of the Australian Federal Police's High Tech Crime Center.

"I think the thing that has upset people mostly about the Chinese is ... that they're doing it on an industrialized scale and in some ways in a brazen and audacious manner," said MacGibbon, who now runs an Internet safety institute at the University of Canberra.

China's ruling party has ambitious plans to build up state-owned champions in industries including banking, telecoms, oil and steel. State companies benefit from monopolies and other official favors but lack skills and technology.

POLITICSBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

Obama considers weighing in on gay marriage case

The Obama administration is quietly considering urging the Supreme Court to overturn California's ban on gay marriage, a step that would mark a political victory for advocates of same-sex unions.

President Barack Obama raised expectations among opponents of the Proposition 8 ban when he declared last month in his inaugural address that gays and lesbians must be "treated like anyone else under the law." The administration has until Feb. 28 to intervene by filing a "friend of the court" brief.

California voters approved the ballot initiative in 2008. It overturned a state Supreme Court decision allowing gay marriage.

WASHINGTON

Pentagon notifies Congress of likely furloughs

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta told Congress on Wednesday that if automatic government spending cuts kick in on March 1, he may have to shorten the workweek for the "vast majority" of the Defense Department's 800,000 civilian workers.

They would lose one day of work per week, or 20 percent of their pay, for up to 22 weeks, probably starting in late April.

To dispel the notion that this is mainly a problem for the nation's capital, the Pentagon's budget chief, Robert Hale, told reporters that the economic impact would be felt nationwide.

The biggest potential losses, in term of total civilian payroll dollars, would be in Virginia, California, Maryland, Texas and Georgia, according to figures provided by the Pentagon.

WASHINGTON

Kerry: Budget impasse a challenge for US diplomacy

Secretary of State John Kerry says the greatest challenge to U.S. foreign policy is not emerging China or Middle East instability. It's Congress.

In a speech Wednesday at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Kerry cited the adage that "we can't be strong in the world unless we are strong at home." He called the budget impasse a threat.

The State Department has said automatic spending cuts would jeopardize $2.6 billion in aid, security assistance and other international programs. Kerry said legislators need to avoid "senseless cuts."

Otherwise, he said his credibility as a diplomat might be damaged.

Kerry said, "Think about it: It's hard to tell the leadership of any number of countries that they must resolve their economic issues if we don't resolve our own."

WASHINGTON

Committee examines $500 million in IRS contracts

The House Oversight Committee is investigating whether a personal relationship between an Internal Revenue Service employee and the owner of a computer company produced a series of government contracts worth about $500 million.

In a letter obtained by The Associated Press from the committee's chairman, Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., to acting Treasury Secretary Neal S. Wolin, Issa wrote that he recently has learned about a personal relationship between an IRS employee and Braulio Castillo, the owner of Signet Computers Inc. Signet Computers' website lists company addresses in Virginia and Washington, D.C.

The name of the IRS employee, who works in the agency's procurement department, is blacked out in the letter obtained by the AP.

The IRS operates within the Treasury Department. Witnesses have told investigators with the Oversight Committee that the unidentified IRS staffer told several people that if they wanted their companies to receive contracts from the IRS they needed to speak with Castillo, Issa wrote.

In January, according to the letter, a separate whistle-blower wrote to the Small Business Administration with similar concerns.

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Doctor groups issue list of overused tests and therapies

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Don't be afraid to question your doctor and ask, "Do I really need that?"

That's the advice from leading medical groups who came up dozens of tests and treatments that physicians too often prescribe when they shouldn't.

No worrisome stroke signs? Then don't screen a healthy person for a clogged neck artery, the family physicians say. It could lead to risky surgery for a blockage too small to matter.

Don't routinely try heartburn medicine for infants with reflux, the pediatric hospitalists say. It hasn't been proven to work in babies, and could cause side effects.

Don't try feeding tubes in people with advanced dementia, say the hospice providers. Helping them eat is a better option.

These are examples of potentially needless care that not only can waste money and time, but sometimes can harm, said the warning being issued today from medical specialty groups that represent more than 350,000 doctors.

Too many people "think that more is better, that more treatment, more testing somehow results in better health care," said Dr. Glen Stream, former president of the American Academy of Family Physicians, which contributed to the list. "That really is not true."

The recommendations are part of a coalition called Choosing Wisely, formed by the American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation. Participating medical societies were asked to identify five tests or treatments that are commonly overused in their specialty.

The list is aimed at doctors and includes references to published studies. Consumers Reports and other consumer groups are publicizing the information in more patient-friendly terms.

Last year, the coalition listed 45 overused tests and treatments. It included some of the best known examples, such as too much imaging for back pain and repeating colonoscopies too frequently.

This year's list adds 90 more overused kinds of care. Some are the result of doctors' habits, hard to overcome despite new evidence, Stream said. Others come about because patients demand care they think they need.

SOME OTHER EXAMPLES:

■ Don't use opioid painkillers for migraines except as a last resort, say the neurologists. There are better, more migraine-specific drugs available without the addictive risk of narcotics. Plus, frequent use of opioids actually can worsen migraines, a concept known as rebound headache.

■ Just because a pregnant woman misses her due date, don't race to induce labor if mom and baby are doing fine, say the obstetricians. Inducing before the cervix is ready often fails, leading to an unneeded C-section. "Just being due by the calendar doesn't mean your body says you're due," Stream notes.

■ Don't automatically give a child a CT scan after a minor head injury, say the pediatricians. About half of children who go to the ER with head injuries get this radiation-heavy scan, and clinical observation first could help some who don't really need a CT avoid it.

■ And don't leave an implanted heart-zapping defibrillator turned on when a patient is near death, say the hospice providers. This technology clearly saves lives by guarding against an irregular heartbeat.

But if someone is dying of something else, or is in the terminal stages of heart disease, it can issue repeated painful shocks, to no avail.

Yet fewer than 10 percent of hospices have formal policies on when to switch off the implants.

Scientists use 3-D printing to grow ear

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Printing out body parts? Cornell University researchers showed it's possible by creating a replacement ear using a 3-D printer and injections of living cells.

The work reported Wednesday is a first step toward one day growing customized new ears for children born with malformed ones, or people who lose one to accident or disease.

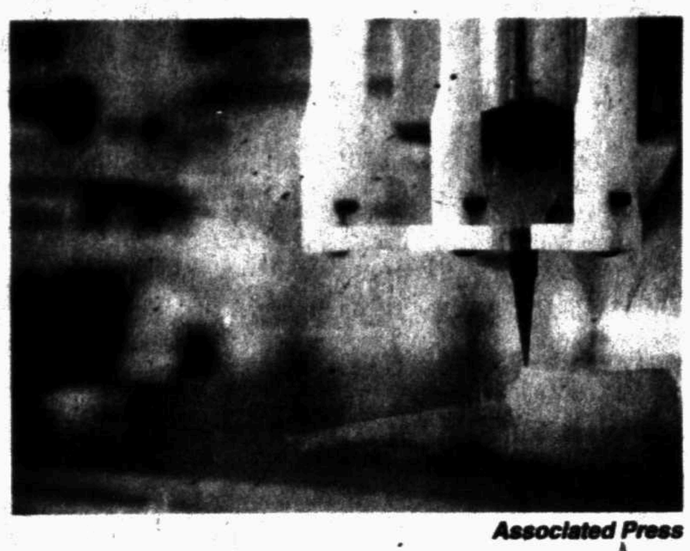
It's part of the hot field of tissue regeneration, trying to regrow all kinds of body parts. Scientists hope using 3-D printing technology might offer a speedier method with more lifelike results.

If it pans out, "this enables us to rapidly customize implants for whoever needs them," said Cornell biomedical engineer Lawrence Bonassar, who co-authored the research published online in the journal PLoS One.

This first-step work crafted a human-shaped ear that grew with cartilage from a cow, easier to obtain than human cartilage, especially the uniquely flexible kind that makes up ears. Study co-author Dr. Jason Spector of Weill Cornell Medical Center is working on the next step — how to cultivate enough of a child's remaining ear cartilage in the lab to grow an entirely new ear that could be implanted in the right spot.

Wednesday's report is "a nice advancement," said Dr. Anthony Atala, director of the Institute for Regenerative Medicine at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, who wasn't involved in the new research.

Three-dimensional printers, which gradually layer materials to form shapes, are widely used in manufacturing. For medicine, Atala said the ear work is part of broader research that shows "the technology now is at the point where we can in fact print these 3-dimensional structures and they do become functional over time."



Associated Press

A 3-D printer engineers a new ear at Cornell University.

Today, people who need a new ear often turn to prosthetics that require a rod to fasten to the head. For children, doctors sometimes fashion a new ear from the stiffer cartilage surrounding ribs, but it's a big operation. Spector said the end result seldom looks completely natural. Hence the quest to use a patient's own cells to grow a replacement ear.

The Cornell team started with a 3-D camera that rapidly rotates around a child's head for a picture of the existing ear to match. It beams the ear's geometry into a computer, without the mess of a traditional mold or the radiation if CT scans were used to measure ear anatomy.

"Kids aren't afraid of it," said Bonassar, who used his then-5-year-old twin daughters' healthy ears as models.

From that image, the 3-D printer produced a soft mold of the ear. Bonassar injected it with a special collagen gel that's full of cow cells that produce cartilage — forming a scaffolding. Over the next few weeks, cartilage grew to replace the collagen. At three months, it appeared to be a flexible and workable outer ear, the study concluded.

Now Bonassar's team can do the process even faster by using the living cells in that collagen gel as the printer's "ink." The 3-D technology directly layers the gel into just the right ear shape for cartilage to cover, without having to make a mold first.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Permian Basin Petroleum Museum's Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series is 11:30 a.m. today. Don and Julie Judson are the speakers.

The museum's newly opened Judson Mineral Gallery features more than 90 mineral specimens from all over the world. For more info, call 683-4403.

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. today.

The featured book is "Symbols of the USA." Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served.

To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

■ Concert, REO Speedwagon, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

Meetings schedule

Midland Crime Prevention Commission
7 p.m. today
Third-floor classroom Police Department
601 N. Loraine St.

Feedback

The Reporter–Telegram provides multiple avenues for your online participation in the conversation happening in our community.

■ **Story comments:** Once you finish the story, see what MyWestTexas readers are writing at the comments section.

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■ **MyOpenForum**: From local news to politics to the community scene, go to www.myopenforum.com and weigh in on the hot topic of the day.

Online this week

■ New restaurant reports from the city's commercial kitchens are now available to be viewed on MywestTexas.com/restaurants.

■ **Photo Galleries:** Collection of images from softball, basketball, golf and tennis tournaments Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

■ The Reporter-Telegram will give away free tickets to Tom Green's show Friday in Odessa.

Follow us at Facebook.com/TheReporterTelegram this week for more details.

Movies in Midland

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

■ **Tell City 14:**
Closing today: "Parker" and "Bullet to the Head"
Opening Friday: "Snitch" and "Dark Skies"

■ **Big Sky Drive-in:**
Closing today: "Zero Dark Thirty"
Opening Friday: "Safe Haven"

See the Pulse entertainment and dining guide in this issue for movie and DVD reviews.

Water tracker

The following is the amount of water delivered to the city of Midland from the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the Paul Davis water fields.

Tuesday's total: 10,548,000 gallons (CRMWD 7,506,000, Paul Davis field 3,042,000)

Last week (Feb. 12): 12,596,000 gallons

The average CRWMD delivery for January was 10,301,355. The current average for February is 9,314,579.

Reporter–Telegram on radio

Editor Stewart Doreen discusses local news at 9:35 a.m. Thursdays on KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1).

Outside agency funding

The city is accepting applications from agencies requesting funding in the city's budget for FY 2013-14. Each year, the city budgets funds for hotel/motel, city development, and non-departmental activities. Nineteen agencies currently are receiving funding through this process.

The three categories include:

■ Promotion of tourism and the hotel industry (i.e. Commemorative Air Force, Arts Council of Midland, Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau)

■ Promotion of growth and development (i.e. Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Midland College BEDC)

■ Agencies that are an extension of city services (i.e. Teen Court and Permian Basin Community Centers of Midland)

- Applications are due March 27. To receive an application, call Amy Turner, city secretary, at 685-7432.

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 0-6-7
Pick 3 night: 0-0-4
Daily 4 day: 8-5-2-8
Daily 4 night: 6-4-1-6
Cash Five: 2-4-11-17-25
Lotto Texas: 8-14-27-30-47-51
Powerball: 3-17-19-25-32 PB: 17
All or Nothing (morning): 1-2-3-4-7-10-11-12-13-15-20-24
All or Nothing (day): 2-3-4-5-6-8-10-11-14-15-22-24
All or Nothing (evening): 2-3-4-8-9-12-13-15-16-17-19-21
All or Nothing (night): 2-3-6-7-10-12-14-15-16-19-20-24

Today in history

Today is Thursday, Feb. 21, the 52nd day of 2013. There are 313 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1885, the Washington Monument was dedicated.

In 1945, during the World War II Battle of Iwo Jima, the escort carrier USS Bismarck Sea was sunk by kamikazes; 318 men were lost.

Associated Press

A video wall shows New York city police officers an interactive map of the area, security footage from nearby cameras, locations where high radiation levels are detected and whether any other threats have been made in New York on Tuesday.

FIGHTING CRIME

NYPD, Microsoft create high-tech system

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A 911 call comes in about a possible bomb in lower Manhattan and an alert pops up on computer screens at the New York Police Department, instantly showing officers an interactive map of the neighborhood, footage from nearby security cameras, whether there are high radiation levels and whether any other threats have been made against the city.

In a click, police know exactly what they're getting into. Such a hypothetical scenario may seem like something out of a futuristic crime drama, but the technology is real, developed in a partnership between the nation's largest police department and Microsoft Corp., and the latest version has been quietly in use for about a year.

The project could pay off in more ways than one: The NYPD could make tens of millions of dollars under an unprecedented marketing deal that allows Microsoft to sell the system to other law enforcement agencies and civilian companies around the world. The city will get a 30 percent cut.

The Domain Awareness System, known as the dashboard, gives easy access to the police department's voluminous arrest records, 911 calls, more than 3,000 security cameras citywide, license plate readers and portable radiation detectors — data that raises privacy concerns for some civil liberties groups. But the dashboard system mines existing tools and doesn't create any new surveillance.

Right now, it is used only in NYPD offices, mostly in the counterterrorism unit. Eventually, the system could supply crime-fighting information in real time to officers on laptops in their squad cars while they walk the beat.

For example, officers used the system during a deadly shooting outside the Empire State Building in August. Dozens of 911 calls were coming in, and it initially looked like an attack staged by several gunmen.

But officers mapped the information and pulled up cameras within 500 feet of the reported shots to determine there was only one shooter. Analysts are cautious about the potential profits, saying that largely depends on Microsoft's sales efforts and whether any major competition arises.

HOTELS

From 1A

school and family budgets, Howie said.

It's only a matter of time before other tournaments are canceled, said Howey, who faced the cancellation of the President's Cup girls soccer tournament in January.

In 2012, Midland's hotels pocketed about $75.8 million in taxable income, according to the Texas comptroller's website. That was more than double the revenue collected in 2010 and far surpassed the $32.4 million collected in 2009. A big reason is the soaring nightly room rate. The hotel rates affect all sports, Howie said, but those with varsity tournaments — basketball, baseball, soccer and softball — take the biggest hit. And Howie said Midland can't afford to be labeled as a city to avoid when it comes to sports tourism. Once a tournament is canceled in Midland, he said, school districts rarely get a second chance.

Tournaments are planned far in advance, and cancellations hurt the city and school district's reputation because they are perceived as incapable of following through with an event, he said. It's also difficult to attract other teams to travel to West Texas for a tournament, especially if the team is not required to make the commute, Howey said.

Mike Stevens, director of Chapparal Center, said reserving and paying for hotel rooms has not been an issue in the past, which makes this year all the more frustrating. The area hotels aren't budging on prices and offer little help in the form of discounts, which wasn't the case a year ago.

"They look at you like you're crazy," he said. "Now that we need the help, they are kind of laughing back in our face."

MISD works to prevent other cancellations, with one example being the combining of the Byron Johnson and Oilman's basketball tournaments into one larger tournament, Howey said.

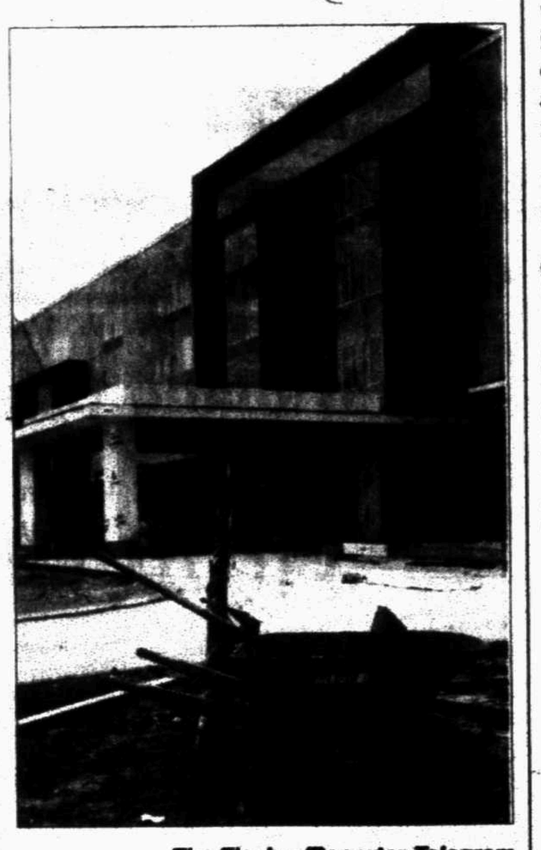
"We couldn't spread the wealth. There weren't enough teams to fill two quality tournaments," he said.

Meanwhile, school booster clubs have stepped up to help secure funds and rooms for out-of-town teams, and the Sports Entertainment Association of Midland gives the schools grants to cover expenses. But the money only goes so far, Howey said.

Katie Sangl, sports sales manager with the Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau, said her department works as a liaison between the schools and hotels to work out hotel room rates that benefit both sides. Some of the bureau's partners sacrifice profits in order to help sports teams in finding lodging, she said. Other hotel managers who do not offer rate discounts "have their hands tied on what they can offer," because the hotel owners make final decision, she said.

The bureau currently is not bidding on weeklong tournaments to come to Midland, such as the Amateur Softball Association's girls national tournaments — a tournament that used to be a regular event in Midland, bringing in more than a 100 teams. Sangl said the bureau will continue to support venture for tournaments lasting two-to-three days, Sangl said.

The Double Tree by Hilton General Manager Keith Dial said his hotel works to reduce rates for school sports teams. Double Tree room rates run at about $264 on Thursdays and about $184 on Fridays and Saturdays, but school teams coming from Arlington or El Paso might receive room discounts of up to $40 per room, he said.



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Work continues on new motels near the sports complex.

The hotel — which collected $2.64 million in total receipts during the last quarter of 2012, according to the comptroller's website — is looking to further decrease room rates in March to attract more family business as wedding season approaches, Dial said.

The Comfort Inn on Interstate 20 in Midland County also is working to maintain its relationships with sports teams, said Roger Beebe, general manager. Weekend room rates can drop from $159 to between $109 and $119 per room a day, and Thursday's higher rates also dropped to that lower rate, as well, Beebe said.

Meshele Ephraim, area sales manager for Sleep Inn and Suites in Midland, said she works to lower rates for sports teams, including Lee High School, the Midland Tennis Association and El Paso schools. Hotel officials might drop room rates ranging from $229 to $309 a night to between $159 and $209, she said.

Booking hotels on Fridays and Saturdays is easier because oil industry workers have left to go to their respective homes, Stevens said. But regardless of room availability, room prices are higher than they've ever been, he said.

Whether current conditions make future cancellations a reality remains to be seen. Stevens said Midland can't chance that happening.

He said tournament cancellations would adversely affect Midland's economic boom because hotels would lose that customer group. Lubbock and Abilene would benefit because they eventually would receive the business that was coming Midland's way, Stevens said.

"It would be a crying shame to lose them," he said.

Report: Mexico disappearances constitute 'crisis'

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — A Human Rights Watch report released Wednesday calls Mexico's anti-drug offensive "disastrous" and cites 249 cases of disappearances, most of which show evidence of having been carried out by the military or law enforcement.

The report says the enforced disappearances follow a pattern in which security forces detain people without warrants at checkpoints, homes or workplaces, or in public. When victims' families ask about their relatives, security forces deny the detentions or instruct them to look for their loved ones at police stations or army bases.

Human Rights Watch criticizes former President Felipe Calderon for ignoring the problem, calling it "the most severe crisis of enforced disappearances in Latin America in decades."

While the report acknowledges that current President Enrique Pena Nieto inherited the problem, it says he should act urgently "in cases where people have been taken against their will and their fate is still unknown."

Key figure

According to a report by Humans Rights Watch, the number of children under the age of 11 missing in Mexico:

1,200

Mexico's Interior Department, which oversees domestic security, declined to make an immediate comment about the report.

A civic organization released a data base late last year that it said contained official information on more than 20,000 people who had gone missing in Mexico over the previous six years.

In posting the date base on its website, Propuesta Civica, or Civic Proposal, said the information was collected by the federal Attorney General's Office during Calderon's recently ended administration.

The missing include police officers, bricklayers, housewives, lawyers, students, businessmen and more than 1,200 children under age 11. They are listed one by one with such details as name, age, gender and the date and place where the person disappeared.

Judge favors Odessa woman in lawsuit against UPS

From staff reports

A federal jury in Midland awarded an Odessa woman $600,000 after it decided that UPS Inc. discriminated against her, according to a television news report.

KOSA reported late Wednesday night that Amber Ibarra also stands to be awarded "front pay" and that UPS must pay her attorney fees.

Ibarra, according to the report, last worked at UPS in 2009. The report said she claimed the company forced her to deliver more packages than the company's male workers and then fired her after a wreck.

WATER

From 1A

email. "Without funding in place through cost effect loan programs, it will be more costly and possibly cost prohibitive for some projects to move forward."

One such project will be a "100-year water plan," a partnership with Abilene and San Angelo, Perry said.

The coalition formed in March 2012 to seek and develop future water sources together, according to an Aug. 19, 2012, Reporter-Telegram article. By collaborating, the three cities could share the cost of water projects, as well as the water obtained, the three mayors said.

Perry said the details on the partnership still are being worked out but stressed the importance of regional cooperation as Texas continues through a drought.

"This is a state of Texas problem that needs some state of Texas solutions," Archibald said.

DEATH

From 1A

Alan recently adopted.

The medical examiner's office said it couldn't immediately be determined if bruises on several parts of Max's body were intentional or accidental, but Russian authorities have blamed Max's death on "inhuman treatment" by the adopted parents.

Shirley Standefer, chief investigator for the Ector County Medical Examiner's Office, says there were signs of bruising on Max's lower abdominal area.

A full autopsy will be needed to determine what kind of bruising was on Max's body, she said. Authorities also have not received a toxicology report that would have details on whether Max was being given any medication, she said.

Donaldson said he didn't know when the final autopsy report would be completed.

A preliminary report from the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office has been received by county officials, but they decline to release it.

The death comes weeks after Russia announced it was banning all American adoptions in retaliation for a new U.S. law targeting alleged Russian human-rights violators. The ban also reflects lingering resentment over the 60,000 Russian children adopted by Americans in the past two decades, of which at least 19 have died.

Texas Child Protective Services spokesman Patrick Crimmins confirmed the agency had received a report on Max's death Jan. 21. Crimmins said CPS had received allegations of physical abuse and neglect, but had not determined whether those allegations were true.

The other boy, Kristopher Shatto, remains with his adoptive parents, Crimmins said.

BUSH

From 1A

as well as recharge groundwaters.

The mission behind the preserve and center is to make the urban playa available to those in the area for educational and recreational purposes. The preserve houses a trail system covering more than 3 miles with bird blinds, butterfly gardens and a hawk tower. The center is working on educational materials for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

To attend or for more information, contact Abby Cobb at 214-460-3037 or cobb.abigail@gmail.com.

Police offer confused testimony in Pistorius case

Associated Press

PRETORIA, South Africa — The detective leading the police investigation into Oscar Pistorius' fatal shooting of his girlfriend offered confusing testimony Wednesday, at one point agreeing with the athlete's defense that officers had no evidence challenging the runner's claim he accidentally killed her.

Testimony by Detective Warrant Officer Hilton Botha of the South African Police Service left prosecutors rubbing their temples, only able to look down at their notes as he misjudged distances and acknowledged a forensics team left in the toilet bowl one of the bullet slugs fired at Reeva Steenkamp.

However, Botha still poked holes in Pistorius' own account that he feared for his life and opened fire on Valentine's Day after mistaking Steenkamp for an intruder.

The second day of the bail hearing in a case that has riveted South Africa and much of the world appeared at first to go against the double-amputee runner, with prosecutors saying a witness can testify to hearing "non-stop talking, like shouting" between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. before the predawn shooting on Feb. 14.

However, Botha later said under cross examination that the person who overheard the argument was in a house 600 meters (yards) away in Pistorius' gated community in the suburbs of South Africa's capital, Pretoria.

Later, prosecutor Gerrie Nel questioned Botha again and the detective acknowledged the distance was much closer.

But confusion reigned for much of his testimony, when at one point Botha said officers found syringes and steroids in Pistorius' bedroom. Nel quickly cut the officer off and said the drugs were actually testosterone.

Pistorius' lead defense lawyer, Barry Roux, asserted when questioning the detective — who has 16 years' experience as a detective and 24 years with the police — that it was not a banned substance and that police were trying to give the discovery a "negative connotation."

"It is an herbal remedy," Roux said. "It is not a steroid and it is not a banned substance."

The name of the drug, offered later in court by Roux, could not be immediately found in reference materials by The Associated Press.

A spokesman for prosecutors later said it's too early to know what the substance is, as they don't yet have results of forensic testing on the material.

Pistorius, 26, said in an affidavit read in court Tuesday that he and his 29-year-old girlfriend had gone to bed and that when he awoke during the night he detected what he thought was an intruder in the bathroom.

He testified that he grabbed his 9 mm pistol and fired into the door of a toilet enclosed in the bathroom, only to discover later to his horror that Steenkamp was there, mortally wounded.

Pistorius, the first Paralympian runner to compete at the Olympics, is charged with premeditated murder in the case.

What's different?

JOHANNESBURG — There are several key points where testimony conflicts between the prosecution and the defense.

Killing

POLICE: Pistorius knew his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp was in the toilet stall when he fired through the door.

PISTORIUS: The shooting was a tragic accident; he mistook Steenkamp for an intruder.

Prosthetics

PROSECUTOR: Pistorius, a double amputee, took the time to put on his prosthetic legs and walk to the bathroom where he fired the gun.

PISTORIUS: He did not put on the prosthetics and was on his stumps and felt vulnerable when he shot through the toilet door.

He didn't notice the empty bed?

PROSECUTOR: He had to go through the bedroom to get to the bathroom and must have known she was not in the bed.

PISTORIUS: It was dark in the bedroom. He thought she was asleep in bed.

Substance discovered

POLICE: Two boxes of testosterone and needles were found in the athlete's bedroom.

PISTORIUS' LAWYER: It's an herbal remedy — not a steroid or a banned substance.

Was there an argument?

POLICE: The couple had an argument loud enough to disturb neighbors well before the shooting.

PISTORIUS: He and Steenkamp had gone to bed, falling asleep hours before the shooting.

Phone calls

POLICE: No calls for help to police or ambulance service on any of the four cell phones found in the bathroom and bedroom. Estate guards called Pistorius who told them he was "all right." The call was not disconnected and they could hear him crying.

PISTORIUS: He called the manager of the housing estate and asked him to call for an ambulance. He also called a private paramedic service. His lawyers say they have a fifth phone that the athlete used to make the calls.

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OPINION

Solitary confinement is torture by a different name

■ Tens of thousands of prison inmates are subjected to circumstances that warp the mind.

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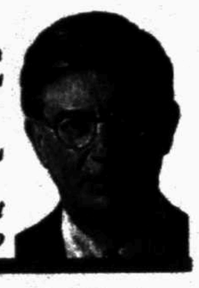

'Zero Dark Thirty," a nominee for Sunday's Oscar as Best Picture, reignited debate about whether the waterboarding of terrorism suspects was torture. This practice, which ended in 2003, was used on only three suspects. Meanwhile, tens of thousands of American prison inmates are kept in protracted solitary confinement that arguably constitutes torture and probably violates the Eighth Amendment prohibition of "cruel and unusual punishments."

Noting that half of all prison suicides are committed by prisoners held in isolation, Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., has prompted an independent assessment of solitary confinement in federal prisons. State prisons are equally vulnerable to Eighth Amendment challenges concerning whether inmates are subjected to "substantial risk of serious harm."

America, with 5 percent of the world's population, has 25 percent of its prisoners. Mass incarceration, which means a perpetual crisis of prisoners re-entering society, has generated understanding of solitary confinement's consequences when used as a long-term condition for an estimated 25,000 inmates in federal and state supermax prisons — and perhaps 80,000 others in isolation sections within regular prisons. Clearly, solitary confinement involves much more than the isolation of incorrigibly violent individuals for the protection of other inmates or prison personnel.

Federal law on torture prohibits conduct "specifically intended to inflict severe physical or mental pain or suffering." And "severe" physical pain is not limited to "excruciating or agonizing" pain, or pain "equivalent in intensity to the pain accompanying serious physical injury, such as organ failure, impairment of bodily functions, or even death." The severe mental suffering from prolonged solitary confinement puts the confined at risk of brain impairment.

Supermax prisons isolate inmates from social contact. Often prisoners are in their cells, sometimes smaller than 8 feet by 12 feet, 23 hours a day, released only for a shower or exercise in a small fenced-in outdoor space. Isolation changes the way the brain works, often making individuals *more* impulsive, *less* able to control themselves. The mental pain of solitary confinement is crippling: Brain studies reveal durable impairments and abnormalities in individuals denied social interaction. Plainly put, prisoners often lose their minds.

The first supermax began functioning in Marion, Ill., in 1983. By the beginning of this century there were more than 60 around the nation, and solitary-confinement facilities were in most maximum-security prisons. In an article ("Hellhole") in the March 30, 2009, New Yorker, Atul Gawande, a surgeon who writes on public health issues, noted, "One of the paradoxes of solitary confinement is that, as starved as people become for companionship, the experience typically leaves them unfit for social interaction." And those who are most incapacitated by solitary confinement are forced to remain in it because they have been rendered unfit for "the highly social world of mainline prison or free society." Last year, The New York Times reported that of the prisoners sent to solitary confinement in California's Pelican Bay prison because of gang affiliation, "248 have been there for 5 to 10 years; 218 for 10 to 20 years; and 90 for 20 years or more."

Two centuries ago, solitary confinement was considered a humane reform, promoting reflection, repentance — penitence; hence penitentiaries — and rehabilitation. Quakerism influenced the design of Philadelphia's Eastern State Penitentiary, which opened in 1829 with a regime of strict solitude. In 1842, Charles Dickens visited it:

"I hold this slow and daily tampering with the mysteries of the brain, to be immeasurably worse than any torture of the body: and because its ghastly signs and tokens are not so palpable to the eye and sense of touch as scars upon the flesh; because its wounds are not upon the surface, and it extorts few cries that human ears can hear; therefore I the more denounce it, as a secret punishment which slumbering humanity is not roused up to stay."

In 1890, the U.S. Supreme Court said of solitary confinement essentially what Dickens had said: "A considerable number of the prisoners fell, after even a short confinement, into a semi-fatuous condition, from which it was next to impossible to arouse them, and others became violently insane; others, still, committed suicide." Americans should be roused against this by decency — and prudence.

Mass incarceration is expensive (California spends almost twice as much on prisons as on universities) and solitary confinement costs, on average, three times as much per inmate as in normal prisons. And remember: Most persons now in solitary confinement will someday be back on America's streets, some of them rendered psychotic by what are called correctional institutions.

OUR VIEW

Patrick's bill addresses path to graduation for all students

The Texas Senate Education committee has referred to the full chamber a bill that would overhaul high school graduation requirements to better emphasize workforce development.

The committee on Tuesday voted 7-0 with two abstentions to send it to the Senate. If passed, the new measure drastically would change the face of education as we know it today.

Committee Chairman Dan Patrick's Senate Bill 3 would end the requirement that all high school students take four years each of English, math, science and social studies for 16 core credits out of 26 to graduate.

Instead, it creates four avenues for graduation, including a "Foundation Diploma" that requires only 12 core credits out of 26. Patrick's measure also includes specially endorsed diplomas in business and industry, arts and humanities, science and math and distinguished achievement.

While there are questions that need to be asked as this moves to the floor of the Senate, we like what we see so far. The new design shifts to the broader aspect of education, acknowledging that many students aren't eager for a college education.

Students, under the Patrick plan, now can focus on vocational and career training rather than college readiness.

Under this plan, students walking the graduation stage may be getting very different diplomas. One enhances a student's ability to enter the college path, while the other directs a student toward an immediate vocational career or perhaps vocational courses in a community college.

We like the idea of broadening opportunities for all students. In many ways, the program accomplishes this mission. We do not buy into the fact that every child is meant for college, and it is important that we cater to the needs of those students as well.

It also has been reported that this bill does not address the testing aspect; that fight is being saved for a different day. We expect that issue will be raised during this session.

Patrick, as reported by the Associated Press, said this week that testing "is the most important issue in front of us this session. ... We're obviously going to go back and make some changes."

And while it could be argued that this bill forces students to make decisions about their education at an early age, the current one-size-fits-all system leaves a larger gap for students to fall through.

We hope this bill gets a good debate because Patrick's bill is an attempt to change education for a large group of Texas students who are impacted negatively by the status quo.

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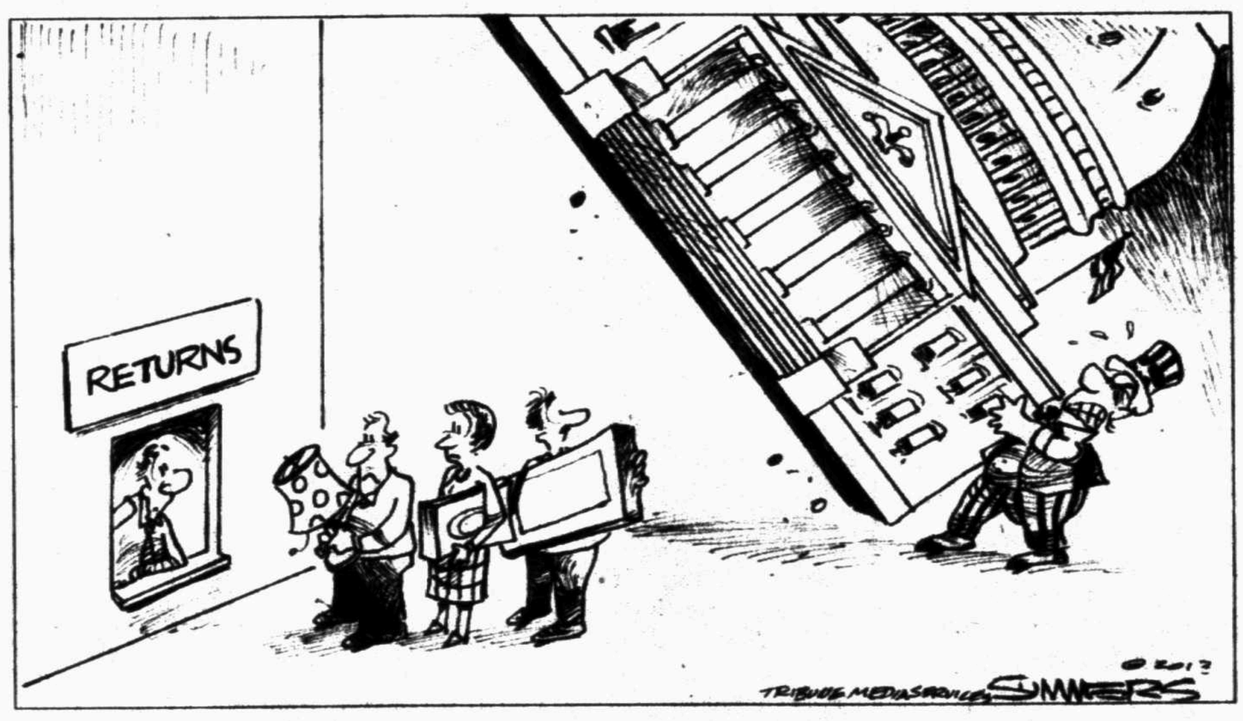

Obama's decoy could deliver a winner

■ The president's immigration plan could be the thing to bring another solution across the finish line.

EUGENE ROBINSON
Washington Post Writers Group

Republicans spent the weekend trumpeting shock and outrage over President Obama's leaked "backup plan" on immigration. In dysfunctional Washington, this means that prospects for comprehensive reform — including what amounts to an amnesty for the undocumented — are getting brighter.

"Dead on arrival" was the verdict from Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., who has taken on the thankless task of leading his party back within shouting distance of reasonable on the immigration issue. The president's plan, obtained by USA Today, would leave the nation with "unsecured borders and a broken legal immigration system for years to come," Rubio charged.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., said the White House proposal — which hasn't actually been proposed — shows that Obama is "really not serious" about reform. Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., said Obama's plan "tells us that he's looking for a partisan advantage and not a bipartisan solution."

Translation: Things are looking up!

Here's the state of play: In the November election, Obama carried both the nation's largest minority — Hispanics — and its fastest-growing minority — Asian-Americans — by nearly 3-to-1. Rubio, the son of Cuban immigrants, has been trying to explain to his party that immigration is a "threshold" issue for communities with fresh memories of arrival. Mitt Romney's notion of reform, which he summed up as "self-deportation," communicated hostility rather than empathy. Voters returned the favor.

So a bipartisan group of eight senators, led by Rubio, has been working to develop a comprehensive reform package that would provide some kind of legal status for the 11 million migrants who are here without papers.

The outlines of a solution are obvious. There would be a clear path to citizenship for those who were brought here as children. There would be provisional legal status, and a route to permanent legal status, for those who came as adults. There would be measures to tighten security along the border with Mexico. There probably would be some kind of guest-worker program for those who seek only to come for seasonal employment. And there would be changes to streamline the legal immigration system, especially for high-tech workers and potential entrepreneurs.

The problem is that Republicans have spent years demonizing undocumented immigrants as a way of appealing to xenophobic, jingoistic sentiment. So how can members of Congress switch from "these people are a plague" to "these people are welcome to stay" without facing the ire of the party's activist base?

Enter the president's draft proposal, which administration officials described as a "backup" plan that Obama may put forward if Congress is not able to reach agreement.

It's really not much different from what Rubio's group is talking about. But Republicans can slam Obama's plan as some sort of Kenyan-socialist-inspired abdication of sovereignty. They can blast the provisions on border security as laughable. They can describe the absence of a real plan for reforming the legal immigration process as slapdash, or unserious, or whatever they want to call it.

Republicans in the Senate can line up instead behind a bill that Rubio's Group of Eight eventually produces; even Paul, a tea party favorite, has indicated he could vote for reform as long as he had more than "a promise from President Obama" on border security. And if enough contrast can be drawn between a Senate proposal and Obama's plan, perhaps even a significant number of House Republicans can be brought along — if not a majority, then enough to convince Speaker John Boehner to allow an up-or-down vote.

In other words, this isn't so much about what is being proposed. The bigger factor is who's proposing it — as former House Speaker Newt Gingrich acknowledged Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

"An Obama plan, led and driven by Obama in this atmosphere, with the level of hostility toward the president and the way he goads the hostility, I think it is very hard to imagine that bill, that his bill is going to pass the House," Gingrich said. But he added that a bill originating in the Senate "could actually get to the president's desk."

I believe Gingrich is right. Republican members of Congress have shown a willingness, even an eagerness, to vote against measures that they themselves have sponsored in the past — if Obama is now proposing them.

So if the president really wants immigration reform to pass, one of the most helpful things he could do is put out his own plan as a decoy, to draw Republican fire, while the Senate works toward bipartisan consensus. Which looks suspiciously like what just happened.

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NASA rover prepares to analyze Mars rock dust

Fresh off drilling into a rock for the first time, the Mars rover Curiosity is prepping for the next step — dissecting the pulverized rock to determine what it's made of.

NASA said Wednesday it received confirmation that Curiosity successfully collected a tablespoon of powder from the drilling two weeks ago and was poised to transfer a pinch to its onboard laboratories. It's the first time a spacecraft has bored into a rock on Mars to retrieve a sample from the interior.

The analysis is expected to take days to complete.

If all goes smoothly, scientists will focus next on driving the six-wheel rover to Mount Sharp, its ultimate science destination.

CALIFORNIA

Report: Reason for failure of climate satellite unknown

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE — A group of experts investigating the launch failure of a NASA climate satellite has failed to come up with a reason.

The Glory satellite plummeted into the Pacific in 2011 shortly after lifting off from the Vandenberg Air Force Base along the California coast.

The panel's report released Wednesday found the rocket's clamshell-shaped covering over the satellite never fully opened. But the experts said they were unable to determine why. The covering surrounds the satellite as it flies through the atmosphere. The loss of the $424 million mission was an embarrassment for NASA, which similarly lost another climate satellite in 2009.

Experts split on Detroit's fiscal recovery options

Associated Press

DETROIT — In less than a month, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder will decide whether the state will take over Detroit's broken finances and send in someone to oversee the city's fiscal recovery.

Regardless of Snyder's decision, the question may not be who can save Detroit, but how can Detroit be saved.

The city's options are limited, with experts split on what may be best: long-term, methodical restructuring with help from the state or cutting the city's losses now through municipal bankruptcy.

Detroit, with a population of about 700,000 residents, would be the largest city to file for Chapter 9 bankruptcy if that path is taken, according to James Spiotto, a municipal bankruptcy expert at the Chicago-based Chapman and Cutler law firm.

"Chapter 9 is meant to be the absolute last resort ... when all else fails and you are no longer capable of working with the state or anyone else to bring about a resolution," Spiotto said. "It would have an adverse effect on the credit market, not only for that municipality, but also for the state."

About 640 Chapter 9 bankruptcies have been filed since Congress enacted a revised Municipal Bankruptcy Act in 1937.

Recent cities that have filed for bankruptcy include San Bernardino, Calif., which took that route in August after learning it had a $46 million deficit.

The largest municipal bankruptcy filing in U.S. history involved Jefferson County, Ala., which had more than $4 billion in debt when it filed in 2011. The most populous city in the U.S. to do so was the 290,000-resident Northern California community of Stockton, in June.

Detroit faces more than $14 billion in long-term liabilities, has a near-zero cash flow and a skyrocketing budget deficit that now is listed conservatively at $327 million, according to a state-appointed review team that looked at Detroit's books.

"Rome fell because it went broke, and France faced a national revolution when it went broke," said James McTevia, president of a Michigan-based firm that specializes in turnaround management. "If an emergency financial manager is not appointed immediately, the city should file for bankruptcy at once. The city's debt needs to be restructured."

The review team found that Detroit was in a "financial emergency" and forwarded its report to the governor. Snyder said he would carefully review the team's findings before deciding whether to appoint an emergency manager. If he does, Detroit Mayor Dave Bing would have 10 days to request a hearing.

Bing, who opposes a state takeover, has said that without an influx of money from the state, any emergency manager would face the same frustrations he's endured.

Bing also opposes taking the bankruptcy route, but he said his restructuring plan approved last year by the state has been hindered by legal and other roadblocks.

"We have the plan, but we face significant challenges executing it in a timely manner," the mayor said Wednesday. "We are hindered by several factors, including the city charter, labor agreements, litigation, governmental structure, and a scarcity of financial and human resources

Bing, who was elected in 2009, has yet to say whether he will seek re-election.

Tom Barrow, an accountant who ran twice for Detroit's top office, said an emergency manager would usurp Detroit's control over city finances, spending and assets. Barrow, who lost to Bing in 2009, is considering another mayoral run this year.

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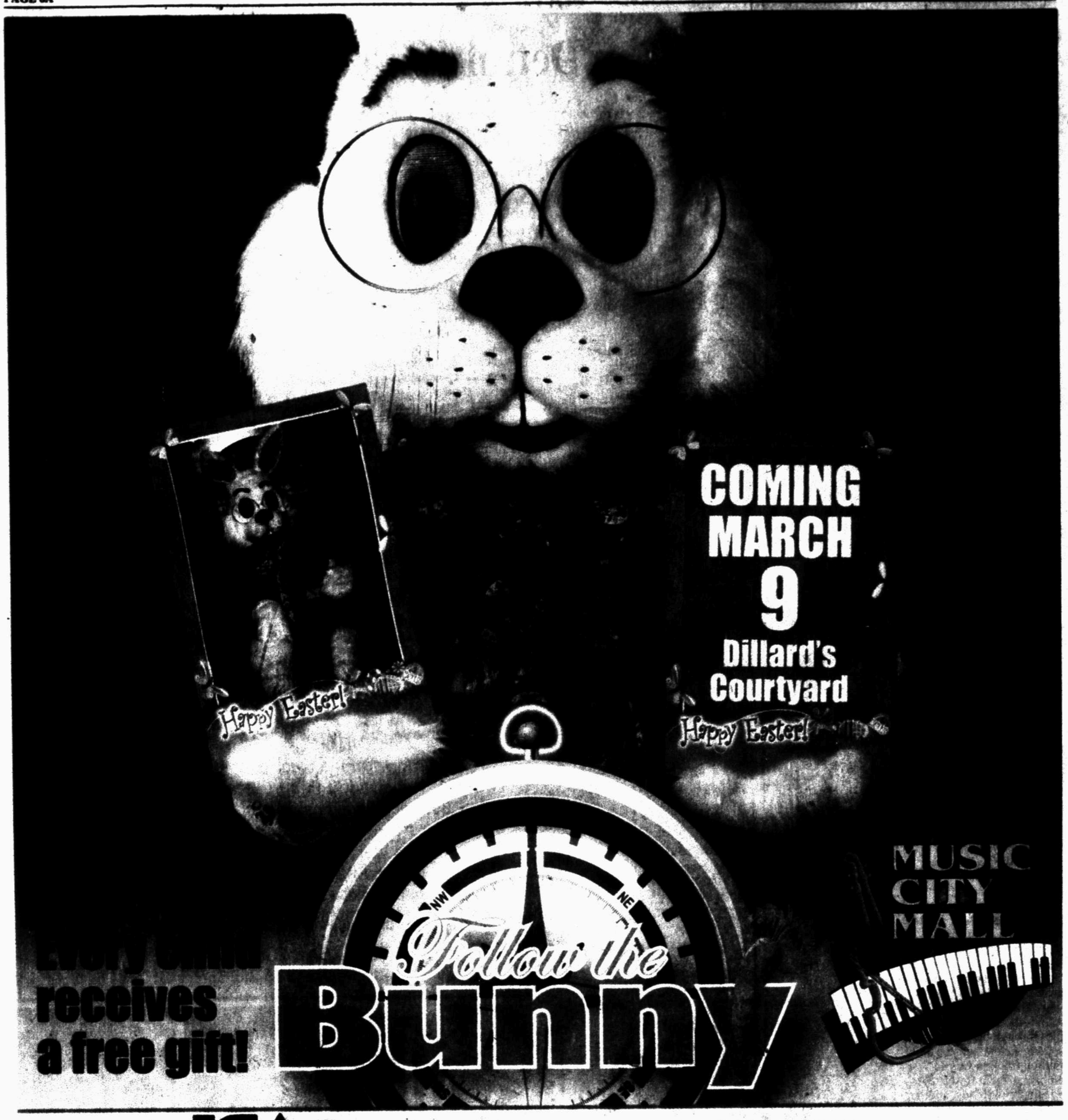

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Group donates $10K to library foundation

Recipient will use funds to ensure programs such as traveling exhibits

By Meredith Moriak
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Midland's Friends of Libraries and Literacy made a $10,000 donation Wednesday to the Midland County Public Library Foundation.

"We are very supportive of the library and wanted to give the foundation some funds to get started and help kick off their fundraising," said FOLL President Grace Aguilar after the check presentation at the Friends' bookstore.

The MCPL Foundation was established in December to ensure guest speakers, traveling exhibits and youth programming will remain an integral part of the library's services, said John Trischitti, Midland County Library System director.

Wednesday's donation from FOLL matches the foundation's largest one to date, Trischitti said. He said the Chester "Bud" Orem Trust contributed $10,000 after Orem's death last year.

"We are appreciative for this donation and all the support Friends has provided the library in the past," Trischitti said.

Since the early 1950s, FOLL has served Midland and surrounding West Texas communities by promoting literacy and reading. Volunteers staff the Michigan Avenue Friends bookstore, which is open from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays and Saturdays. All monies raised from selling donated books is used to fund literacy projects and needs for various nonprofit agencies in the Permian Basin, Aguilar said.

Monies generated by the MCPL Foundation will be used for the summer reading program, open houses and other events the library holds for the community throughout the year, Trischitti said. Before its establishment, there wasn't a way for Midlanders to give money directly to the library, Trischitti said.

A campaign encouraging donations to the MCPL Foundation will be coordinated with the MCPL's new Centennial branch grand opening, scheduled for April 13, said MCPL Foundation Board President Andy Shaffer.

Also Wednesday, the foundation presented FOLL volunteers Shirley Gist and Mary Mann with plaques honoring their three decades of dedication to the organization.

Want to help?

- To donate to the Friends of Libraries and Literacy, visit their website at http://midland-fol-bookstore.org or drop by the store, 2305 W. Michigan Ave., from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- To donate to the MCPL Foundation, mail checks or visit the downtown library, 301 W. Missouri Ave., during operating hours.

Custom license plates for Midland, Lee on the horizon

By Meredith Moriak
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Rebel fans from Lee High School have started the process to create custom license plates and are seeking feedback on three prototypes through an online survey.

The five-question survey asks people to vote on their favorite of three proposed design concepts and rank them by preference.

All three designs carry a maroon background with text and license plate numbers in white, but the logo on all three designs is different. Option A includes the school's crest, Option B features the standard block-letter Lee Rebels design with a gray star in the background and the simplistic Option C carries just the

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Midland College VP speaks at Corsicana college forum

■ Peebles is a finalist for the president's position at Navarro College.

By Janet Jacobs
Corsicana Daily Sun

Rex Peebles, vice president of instruction at Midland College, spoke Tuesday afternoon to an audience of about 85 people, the first of three presidential candidates participating in forums to introduce them to the community.

Peebles addressed questions from the faculty and staff that had been submitted earlier. The forum was moderated by Tommy Stringer.

Peebles said that Navarro College faces some interesting challenges in the coming years, including that the majority of growth is not in Navarro County, where the tax base lies; in academic accountability, and effectiveness. Navarro College is located in Corsicana, which is about 55 miles south of Dallas.

Peebles described himself as a Libertarian politically, with a management style in which he "asks a lot of hard questions," and as someone who thinks outside the normal range of college administrators.

"In some respects, I'm unorthodox, a tad irreverent," he told the audience.

What he brings to the

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BOOM SPARKS BUSINESS

William Luther/San Antonio Express-News

Jose Valdez welds a tank Feb. 13 at Fox Tank in Kerrville. The company, which builds steel oilfield tanks, is in expansion mode and opened a location in Kerrville about two years ago with the idea that it might have around 15 employees. Now they have 62 employees, and are building a new plant so they can further expand production and hope to add another 30-plus employees.

Kerrville oil tank company gets sales boost from boom

By Jennifer Hiller
San Antonio Express-News

When Fox Tank Co. opened in Kerrville a few years ago, the company planned to hire about 15 employees and figured its new location would land it within a reasonable drive of the Eagle Ford Shale oil and gas fields south of San Antonio.

Now the company, which builds steel oilfield tanks, has 62 employees in Kerrville and has picked up the bulk of its customers in the Permian Basin in Texas and New Mexico.

"It's really boomed on us," said vice president Nathan Fox. "We've scratched the surface. Nearly everything we build goes west. It's been a really beneficial development. The Permian is an older play but they're doing the new technology in the old area. It's gold rush time."

And Fox Tank is growing again. It's adding another production facility on its 24 acres across from the Kerr County Airport that will allow it to grow to more than 100 employees and build 80 tanks a week.

The tanks are roughly 12-15 feet 6 inches in diameter, and 16 to 32 feet tall — basically as large as possible while still being able to drive down the highway on the back of a truck.

"They're pretty big beasts," Fox said.

The company is pursuing certification with the American Petroleum Institute, which will open up more business in the Eagle Ford where major publicly traded companies dominate the market and require it. Smaller operators in the Permian don't require the certification, although the company already builds to API standards.

Recently, it also announced a specialized training program with Alamo Colleges. The first group of students that go through the Alamo Colleges program in Kerrville will come out as Fox Tank employees.

Jonas Titus, executive director of the Kerr Economic Development Corp., said the community hopes to attract other oil field-related companies as a way to diversify its economy. Although the community is better known for Hill Country tourism, the EDC is working with another prospect now that likes the location.

"You can get to the center of either play in two to three hours, so when a supplier is here they can have significantly lower

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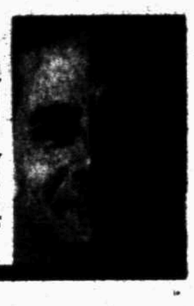

Texas improves on reporting mental health info for gun purchase database

There are legal guns, and there are mentally ill people, and when we form an even more perfect union never the twain shall meet.

But as we await perfection, all we can do is try to make sure we do all we can do to keep firearms out of the hands of people — criminal, mentally ill or otherwise — prohibited from having them. I'm glad this important side of the gun-control equation is getting some attention in the current debate.

We have pretty good records on the criminals who are not allowed to have guns, though there are some holes in that system. It's a lot trickier to build a database of the mentally ill. I doubt anybody wants a database of every psychiatrist's records (though there are a few politicians' names I'd enjoy running through such a database).

But there are voluminous records about folks who, for one reason or another, have been declared mentally ill in a state government forum. That includes people judged mentally incompetent to stand trial and people who wound up in a judicial proceeding that ended with a declaration of mental incompetency.

Here's the problem: Thanks to the U.S. Constitution's 10th Amendment (10th in the Bill of Rights but first in the hearts of many Texans), the federal government cannot force states to share records, including about the mental health of their citizens.

And that means huge holes in the National Instant Criminal Background Check system in place since 1999, a valuable system that has blocked more than 1.9 million gun sales to felons, the mentally ill and others barred from possessing firearms.

The federal government, however, can and does entice states to share the mental health records. Those enticements — money — have sparked a huge improvement in the reporting of mental health records from Texas, according to a U.S. Government Accountability Office report issued last year as a result of the 2007 shootings at Virginia Tech.

Those shootings, the report said, "raised questions about how the gunman was able to obtain firearms given his history of mental illness." The GAO report — with the mouthful title of "Gun Control: Sharing promising practices and assessing incentives could better position (the U.S. Department of) Justice to assist states in providing records for background checks" — took a look at federal legislation that offers grants as incentive for states to send mental health records to the national database.

The report says the law is clear: "Persons are prohibited from possessing firearms under federal law if they, among other things, have been convicted of a felony, have been involuntarily committed to a mental institution, or are unlawful users of or addicted to any controlled substance."

More specifically, federal regulations promulgated under the national Gun Control Act of 1968 say guns are barred for "persons who have been adjudicated as 'a mental defective,' including a finding of insanity by a court in a criminal case,

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Obituaries

Gerald Pat Bolden

Gerald Pat Bolden passed away Tuesday, February 19, 2013, in Midland. He was born July 29, 1925, in Naborton, Louisiana, in a Texaco lease house, to James Sonneman Bolden and Mary Todd Bolden, now deceased. He graduated from Golden Meadow High School in Golden Meadow, Louisiana, in 1943 with honors, and joined the Army Air Corp, July 1943 and was discharged as an Aviation Cadet in 1945. Pat graduated from The University of Texas at Austin in 1951, with a B.S. in geology and was employed by Shell Oil Company as an Exploration Geologist. He took retirement in November, 1978. He managed Hinkle Exploration as a consultant until 1983 and Hilliard Oil and Gas as Exploration Manager until 1986, when he became an independent Consultant Geologist.

Pat joined the American Association of Petroleum Geologists in 1951 and later became an Emeritus member. Pat received his 50 year gold AAPG pin in 2003. He was guest speaker at many geological societies, SWS AAPG, SEG local and National and AAPG national and led geological field trips for several universities. He served as an AAPG delegate and as Treasurer for SWS AAPG for 2 years. He was General Chairman of SIPES National Convention in 1992, received the Monroe G. Cheney Science Award in 1993 from SWS AAPG for his lead in Wrench Faulting. He was awarded Honorary Life Membership in West Texas Geological Society and was in *"Who's Who in Executives and Professionals"* in 1994. He was a Deacon, Elder, and Sunday school teacher.

Pat is survived by his wife, Charlene; son, Craig and wife, Sylvia; daughter, Kathy Jo Bolden of Porter, TX; and Charlene's three children: son, Mark Hutchison of Austin, his wife, Tracy and their daughter, Amy; daughter, Sharon Ott and husband, Richard of Houston; and son, Jay Hutchison and his wife, Cyndi of LaGrange. He also leaves behind a brother, James Roy Bolden, Odessa, TX. and his daughter, Debbie Lee and husband, Kenneth Lee of Tyler, TX.

Friends may call after noon on Thursday, February 21, 2013. A funeral service has been scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 22, 2013, at First Presbyterian Church, with interment to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Online condolences may be offered at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to one's church or favorite charities.

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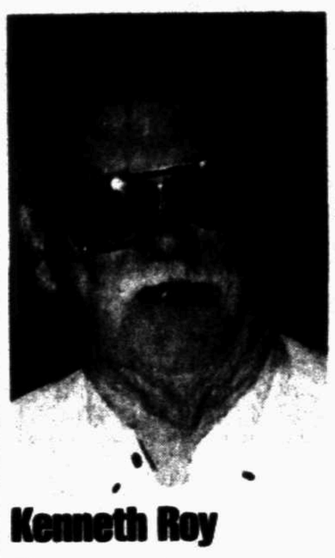

Kenneth Roy Rogers

Kenneth Roy Rogers, 73, of Midland, passed away on Monday, February 18, 2013.

Kenneth was born February 11, 1940, to Roy A. Rogers and Mildred D. Rogers. He was a Vietnam War Veteran and a Retired Midland Police Officer. He was employed at Target. Kenneth traveled Europe and all of the US and even lived in Italy. He had a love and passion for motorcycles and belonged to a Christian Motorcycle group.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Roy A. Rogers and Mildred D. Rogers; maternal grandparents, Espie and Lottie Eastridge; paternal grandparents, Commadore and Birdie Rogers.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his sisters, Kimberly K. Rogers and Sharon Rogers Mason; nephews, Matthew Mason and Craig Mason; nieces: Regina Barajas, Jessica Montes, Kalah Pahl, and Halee Rogers; great nieces: Melissa Mason, Kara Mason, and Karly Mason; great nephews, Kevin Mason and Weston Montes.

Family will receive friends on Thursday, February 21, 2013, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., at the funeral home. A funeral service has been scheduled for 11:00 a.m., at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, February 22, 2013. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Online condolences may be offered at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to ASPCA their number is (800) 628-0028, or the Disabled American Veterans Attention: Gift Processing, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

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Ramon Sanchez Ramirez

Ramon Sanchez Ramirez, 83, of Midland, TX, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on Tuesday, February 19, 2013. Ramon was born on August 1, 1929, in Midland, TX to the late Lasaro and Cruz Ramirez. He was raised and educated in Midland. Ramon met and later married Ruth Montez in August of 1959. Ramon worked as a reproduction operator most of his career. Ramon's passion was playing golf, he also enjoyed playing billiards. He loved to spend time with his family, wife, children, and especially his grandchildren. Ramon was a devout Catholic. He was a cursillista, Holy Name Society Usher, Volunteered in Family Fairs, and was involved in other activities at church. He was a lifetime member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Ramon is survived by his loving family: wife, Ruth Ramirez of Midland, TX; two sons, Gabriel Ramirez of Midland, TX, Ramon Ramirez, Jr of Midland, TX; three daughters, Lucy Longoria of San Angelo, TX, Delma Lopez of Midland, TX, Terry Adkins of Midland, TX; his three brothers, Fidel Ramirez, Emilio Ramirez, and Tory Ramirez, all of Midland, TX; his two sisters, Faye Ramirez and Cruz Winger of Midland, TX. He also leaves eighteen grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren, and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

A rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 21st, 2013, at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral Mass will be on Friday, February 22nd, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Services are entrusted to the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net.

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Death Notices

Amanda Thompson

Amanda Thompson, 89, of Midland, passed away Wednesday, February 20, 2013.

Graveside services will be held at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, February 23, 2013, at Resthaven Memorial Park. Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 23, 2013, at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include daughter, Elizabeth Suzanne Thompson; sons, David B. Thompson and R. Keith Thompson; seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

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

Daniel Vera Flores

Daniel Vera Flores, 44, of Big Spring, passed away Tuesday, February 19, 2013, at his residence.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 22, 2013, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Survivors include five sons, Daniel S. Flores, Jr. and (Crystal), Terry J. Flores (Heather), Adam J. Flores (Stacie), Henery N. Flores and Jordan J. Flores; a daughter, Lauren J. Flores; his father, Longino M. Flores; a brother; two sisters; and five grandchildren.

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

James David Yandell

James David Yandell, 57, of Midland, passed away on Monday, February 18, 2013.

He is survived by his loving wife, Francis E. Yandell of Midland.

A Memorial Service will be scheduled at a later date.

Services are entrusted to the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Jose Munoz

Jose Munoz, 91, of Big Spring, passed away Monday, February 18, 2013, in a local hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 22, 2013, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

A vigil service will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 21, 2013, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Survivors include four sons, Jose Munoz, Jr., Manuel Munoz, Federico Munoz, and Roberto Munoz; four daughters, Delores Garcia, Irene McCurdy, Mary Flores, and Anita Bitley; three sisters; and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren.

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

Roberto H. Hinojos

Roberto H. Hinojos, 74, of Odessa, passed away Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

Mr Hinojos is survived by sons: Robert Hinojos, Jr. (Nidza), Timothy Andrew Hinojos; daughters: Vanessa Hinojos, Diana Victoria Hinojos, Joanna Hinojos-Bolton; two brothers; four sisters; and twelve grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday February 22, 2013, at Odessa Funeral Home Chapel.

Services by Odessa Funeral Home.

Plates

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standard block-letter Lee Rebels design.

Midlanders also are asked to vote for either "Robert E. Lee" or "GO REBS!" as the tagline for the bottom of the plate.

The Lee survey will remain active through March 5 and can be accessed at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MidlandLeePlates.

The creation of a custom Lee plate comes about nine months after Midland HS marketing teacher Justin Walker initiated the process for custom Bulldog plates through MyPlates.com, the official vendor of Texas custom license plates.

After a multi-month application, design and community feedback process, a custom purple and gold plate with the MHS bulldog was approved by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

MHS plates will go on sale March 4 through MyPlates.com. Those wishing to be notified when MHS plates go on sale can register at http://www.myplates.com/register/midland.

Basic school custom plates, without name customization, cost $55 a year, $195 for five years and $295 for 10 years. This cost is in addition to the annual $62.75 license plate registration paid annually to Midland County.

For every plate sold, schools earn $5.50 from My Plates.

Forum

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table, though, is a different way of looking at things, Peebles said.

Peebles' background is in instruction at Midland College, but he also has worked as dean of social and behavioral sciences at Austin Community College. The two communities are very different, he said, given that Austin is more liberal and Midland more conservative. He brought up the differences while answering a question about security on campus.

"I've grown up with guns my whole life," Peebles said, who said he was a veteran and a former hunter.

"I think guns on campus is a bad idea," he said. The need to have people armed on campus is why colleges have a police force that's trained to respond.

The toughest challenges he's faced in his administrative background are almost always personnel issues, but he said that when it comes down to firing a staff or faculty member, he always keeps in mind what's best for the students, not the individual.

The challenges he'll face personally with becoming a president of a college for the first time are letting go of the instructional side, which he does now, and cultivating external relationships with the community that a college needs to have.

Peebles said that while it was possible to keep funding under the proposed new guidelines from the state by just passing through students with A's and B's, he urged faculty to maintain rigorous standards because it is reflected in student success. Lessening standards will make employers less likely to want to hire Navarro graduates in the future, he said.

The other finalists, Ron Liss — the vice president for Learning at Santa Fe Community College in Santa Fe, N.M., and Barbara Kavalier, the president of San Jose City College in San Jose, Calif. — were scheduled to speak Wednesday and today, respectively.

Boost

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transportation costs," Titus said.

And Titus said the lack of oil field work in the immediate vicinity can benefit companies worried about turnover.

"We have available workforce and a workforce that's working for a lower wage than in the oil field," Titus said. "They're the big fish in a little pond. We have the Hill Country quality of life amenity here and the Guadalupe River, and we're right on the interstate."

Fox said wages average a little higher than $16 an hour.

His father, Richard Fox, bought a small tank company in Albany in the '70s, growing the company through the boom years. When oil busted in the early '80s, the family business slowed, too.

Fox left for Kentucky to raise race horses for the next 25 years. But his father, who still runs Fox Tank offices in Albany, lured him back to Texas around 2011 to open the Kerrville location.

"It's gone full circle," Fox said. "I'm back to doing what I did every summer in junior high and high school. I'm the third generation in the oil field. My grandfather was a wildcat driller." His son Andrew Fox works with him as the production manager. "I'm glad we're able to help bring the boom of the Eagle Ford and the Permian to an area where otherwise there's not a drop of oil," Fox said.

William Luther/San Antonio Express-News

Andrew Fox, left, and his father, Nathan Fox, stand Feb. 13 in Kerrville in front of some of the oilfield tanks their company, Fox Tanks, produces.

Herman

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incompetent to stand trial, or not guilty by reason of insanity, and individuals involuntarily committed to a mental institution by a lawful authority."

Overall, GAO reported, states have made "limited progress" in providing mental health records to the national database that's used for gun-purchase background checks. The numbers look pretty good — up from 200,000 records in October 2004 to 1.2 million in October 2011, according to GAO — "but the progress largely reflects the efforts of 12 states, and most states have made little or no progress in providing these records."

On a related note, GAO reported that a significant uptick in the number of denied gun transactions probably resulted, in part, from the increase in mental health records in the database. Several states, however, reported not having an automated system for collecting the data.

"The one state in our sample that did not cite technology as a challenge, Texas, already had an automated system in place to facilitate the transmission of mental health records," the report said.

And here's more good news about us. Texas was among six states the GAO pinpointed for a closer look. It turns out we're responsible for a healthy chunk of the increased mental health records now available for use in background checks for gun purchases. The report says 190,000 more mental health records from Texas wound up in the national database as a result of a 2009 state law sponsored by Rep. Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin.

Naishtat recalled it took some jawboning to get his bill passed.

"There were some (House) members who thought it was the beginning of the proverbial slippery slope as far as gun regulation measures," he said. "I explained to them we were talking about people who have been adjudicated to be incapacitated people with serious mental health problems who are not allowed to have guns."

Three of the six states studied by GAO said they had no statutory authority to share the mental health records. Thanks to Naishtat and those who backed his 2009 bill, Texas requires local court clerks to send certain mental health records to a state repository within 30 days of court actions.

The GAO report said Texas received $1.3 million in federal money from 2010 to 2011 as part of the incentives for sharing mental health records. That includes a 2011 grant of $547,000 to help pump up reporting of mental health records in judicial districts that still need help getting it done.

"There have been positive fiscal implications for the state of Texas for doing what is right and necessary in terms of minimizing the chances that people with serious mental illness will have access to guns," Naishtat said.

Texas also got a pat on the back from Mayors Against Illegal Guns, currently among the most active pro-gun control organizations. Its November 2011 report ("Fatal Gaps: How missing records in the federal background check system put guns in the hands of killers") said Texas has made "dramatic improvement" in recent years in contributing to the national database of mental health records.

At the time of its report, Mayors Against Illegal Guns said 23 states and the District of Columbia had submitted fewer than 100 mental health records. Four had submitted none.

Texas' improvement in reporting mental health records also has drawn attention from CNN, which, in a recent report on the topic, cited the report by the mayors' group and said, "That makes gun-friendly Texas — the state next to Oklahoma, which has only reported three (mental health) records — one of the best record-reporters to the federal background check system in the nation."

Kind of sounds like CNN was surprised about that, doesn't it?

Bomb threat at A&M's Kyle Field investigated

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M University officials are investigating a bomb threat at Kyle Field that prompted officials to issue a "Code Maroon" safety advisory and close the stadium and nearby buildings.

An A&M statement Wednesday said the football stadium and adjacent buildings that were evacuated will remain closed for the rest of the day. The evacuation displaced about 700 people.

A&M said the threat was written on a wall of a nonacademic campus facility. Officials were informed at 10:50 a.m., flashed the "Code Maroon" message at 12:25 p.m. and gave the "all clear" at 7:10 p.m.

Another bomb threat Wednesday prompted officials at Navarro College to close its campus. The 10,000-student junior college in Corsicana is 50 miles south of Dallas.

MPD: Midland man arrested on kidnapping charge

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Tuesday for allegedly beating up a man for more than 10 minutes at a local motel, according to his arrest affidavit.

Subia

Midland Police Department is working to obtain arrest warrants for two other men allegedly involved in the assault, said Sara Higgins, the city's public information officer.

Enrique Subia, 33, is being held on a $100,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated kidnapping with bodily injury or sexual abuse.

Police officers responded to an assault at about 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Metro Inn Motel in the 3700 block of West Wall Street.

A hotel employee told officers a man had been assaulted by several men in one of the hotel rooms.

The officers contacted the alleged victim, who had multiple injuries, including a swollen right eye, bloody nose and bruises on his head, neck chest and arms, according to the arrest report.

The alleged victim said he was walking to his room when Subia and two other men started making derogatory statements to him. He said the three men grabbed him while he was on the phone with his daughter, according to the report.

Subia allegedly pulled the victim's sweater over his head and dragged him to the ground. Subia then allegedly grabbed his feet while the other two men put the victim in a chokehold and dragged him into Subia's room. The three men allegedly threw the victim into a corner of the room. Then Subia and one of the other men continuously punched him in the face and body for 10 to 20 minutes, according to the report.

The third man allegedly went into the bathroom to hide because he did not want to be involved in the assault, according to the arrest report.

The alleged victim, who said he was afraid of dying, escaped the room and fell down the second-story flight of stairs.

The officers found evidence that supported the alleged victim's claims, including clothing and blood-stained walls, according to the report.

The officers found Subia, who appeared to be intoxicated, walking toward the motel from a nearby bar. Subia was arrested and Crime Scene Investigators noticed his right hand was swollen, which typically is consistent with being involved in a fight, according to the report.

If convicted, Subia could five to 99 years in prison.

DPS: Odessa woman arrested on DWI, drug possession charges

From staff reports

An Odessa woman was arrested by a Department of Public Safety trooper on multiple drug possession charges, according to her arrest affidavit.

Saum

Merlina Rae Saum, 48, is being held on bonds totaling $30,000 for three third-degree felony charges of possession of a controlled substance. Saum also was charged with driving while intoxicated.

A DPS trooper responded to a crash Tuesday on the service road of Interstate 20 in Midland County. Saum smelled of alcohol and could not stand without falling, according to the affidavit.

The trooper found multiple prescription pill bottles in her vehicle; one bottle contained hydrocodone, according to the arrest report.

If convicted, Saum could face up to 20 years in prison for each charge.

MCSO: Midland man arrested on sexual assault of a child charge

From staff reports

A Midland man remained in custody Wednesday after being arrested Tuesday for allegedly sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl, according to his arrest affidavit.

Creel

James Duke Creel III, 30, is being held on a $100,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of sexual assault of a child.

A family member of the girl went to the Midland County Sheriff's Office on Feb. 4 and spoke to a sergeant. The complainant said Creel allegedly gave methamphetamine to a 14-year-old family member and sexually assaulted her, according to the arrest report.

Investigators talked to the alleged victim, who said Creel invited her to his home sometime after Thanksgiving but before Christmas break "to do meth." The alleged victim said she and Creel allegedly got high on meth and engaged in sexual intercourse, according to the report.

If convicted, Creel could face up to 20 years in prison.

Handgun found at Odessa junior high school

From staff reports

An unloaded 9 mm handgun was found inside a backpack Wednesday at Nimitz Junior High in Odessa.

"Police do not believe the students and staff at the school were ever in danger. The school's regular schedule was not interrupted; the circumstances of the incident did not necessitate a shelter in place or a lockdown," according to an Ector County ISD news release.

Administrators received a CrimeStoppers tip that a 15-year-old male might have brought a weapon to school, and administrators and police worked together to locate the gun inside a locker.

The gun was found unloaded, inside a backpack, with no ammunition.

ECISD police are conducting an investigation, and the student will face criminal charges and district disciplinary action according to the standards in the ECISD Student Code of Conduct.

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		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Zero Hour "Face" (N)		Grey's A. "This Is Why We Fight" (N)		Scandal "Boom Goes the Dynamite" (N)	KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Kelly Ripa, Elon Musk	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Two and Half (N)	Person of Interest "Relevance" (N)		Elementary "Possibility Two" (N)	CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) Late Late
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Rules "The Chair"	The Vampire Diaries "Stand by Me" (N)		Beauty and Beast "Tough Love" (N)		Cops	Seinfeld	Rules "Twice"	That '70s Show	King of Queens	'Til Death
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	American Idol "Semifinalist Round, Part 2 Guys Perform" (N)				The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr's B & S	R' Itzhak Shapiro	Update News	Mark Blitz	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Matt Staver	Audra Grace	Thurman Scrivner
KQWS NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	Community (N)	Parks and Recreation (N)		1600 Penn (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Dreams Deferred"		News-West 9	(:35) Jay Leno Arsenio Hall, Tristan Prettyman	(:35) LateNight	
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Daytrippers	Parks and Wildlife	Frontline "Raising Adam Lanza".		After Newton: Guns in America		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Noche de Estrellas		Premio Lo Nuestro						Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Al Diablo con los Guapos	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Office	30 Rock	White Collar		White Collar		My News	Baggage	30 Rock	Sunny	Scrubs	Access H.
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:00) ★ The Wedding...		★★★ Beyond Out...			(:45) ★★★ Little Voice Jane Hancock.			★ Daddy and Them Jim Varney.			
HBO	300	68	14	14		Movie	(:45) ★ Battleship (12, SciFi) Taylor Kitsch.					Girls	Enlight	Taxicab Confessions	Real Sports		
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	★★ Hanna (11, Act) Saoirse Ronan.						★★★ The Lucky One	1stLook	★★ Green Lantern Ryan Reynolds.			
HBO5	304	70	16	102		(5:15) ★ 50 First Dates	The Sopranos			Bill Maher		★ The Sitter Jonah Hill.			(:25) ★★ New Year's Eve		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:20) ★★★ Red Tails (12, Act) Cuba Gooding Jr...					★★★ The Chronicles of Riddick			(:20) Spring	LifeTop	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		★ The Rite (11, Dra) Colin O'Donoghue.						★★ Varsity Blues	(:45) Guide	(:15) Guide	(:45) ★★ The Matrix		
PLEX			96			(:20) ★★ Poseidon (06, Dra) Mac Dant.						★★★ Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story		★ ★★ Alexander Elisha Cuthbert.		Movie	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:00) ★ The Twilight...		★ Lara Croft: Tomb Raider: The Cradle o...				Tim Minchin and		Gigolos	Gigolos	(:15) ★ Jolene	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) ★ Rare Knockt...		(:15) ★ ★ Twisted (04, Thri) Ashley Judd.				★ 4:44: Last Day on Earth			★★★ Source Code		
ABE	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Deadly Encounter/ Car Trouble"		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48 "Update Special: John Doe" (N)		The First 48		The First 48	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(5:00) ★ Anaconda		Walking Dead (N)		Comic Bo	Freaksho	Immortal	Comic Bo	Freaksho	Immortal	Comic Bo	Freaksho
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park		★ ★★ Cadillac Records				BET Honors				Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Shahs of Sunset		Shahs of Sunset		Shahs Social (N)		Kathy (N)		Housewives Atlanta		Millionaire	
CNBC	46	45		39	32	The Kudlow Report		Crime Inc.		American Greed		American Greed (N)		Mad Money		American Greed	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Auction Kings (N)		PropWars	(:45) PWars	Auction Kings		PropWars	(:45) PWars
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	A.N.T.	Shake Up	★ ★★★ Toy Story 2			DogBlog	(:05) Good.	GoodLuck	A.N.T.	Jessie	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball BYU vs. St. Mary's (L)			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) ★ ★★ Drumline				★ ★★ Remember the Titans Denzel Washington.				The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Sweet Genius		Chopped "Class Acts"		Chopped		Chef Wanted (N)		WorstCooks		Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	C-USA Showcase	SportsDay OnAir	NHL Hockey Vancouver Canucks vs. Dallas Stars Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)						Stars Live (L)	SportsDay OnAir	Breakthrough 'Boys	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★ ★★ Step Brothers (08, Com) Will Ferrell.				Anger M.	Anger M.	Archer (N)	Legit (N)	Biased	BrandX W/	Russell	Archer
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	BradyB.	BradyB.	HappyD.	HappyD.	HappyD.	HappyD.	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Dawgs	Dawgs	Salvage	Salvage	Rehab	Rehab	HouseH	House	Hawaii	Hawaii	Rehab	Rehab
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Big Rig "Tracked"		Swamp People		Swamp People		Big Rig Bounty		Only in America		Swamp People	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Dance Moms "You've Been Unfriended"		Project Runway		Runway "A Little Bit Country, a Little Bit Rock N Roll" (N)			Double Divas	Double Divas	Double Divas	Project Runway	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				NCAA Basketball Drexel vs. Delaware (L)				NCAA Basketball Gonzaga vs. Santa Clara (L)				FB Talk	Overtime	Ski U.S. Grand Prix	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Drake	Drake	House of Anubis		F.House	F.House	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(4:00) ★ A Bronx Tale		Impact Wrestling				Mixed Martial Arts Bellator Fight Night				Bellator 360	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:30) ★ The Omen (06, Hor) Julia Stiles.				★ My Soul to Take (10, Hor) John Magaro.				★ House of Bones Charisma Carpenter.			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Mango"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	King of the Nerds "Nerdy Dancing" (N)		Conan Mila Kunis, Chris Hardwick		King of the Nerds "Nerdy Dancing"	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(4:45) ★ Foreign Car...		★ ★★★ Double Indemnity				★ ★★★★ A Place in the Sun				(:15) ★ ★★ Alfie	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Pasion Prohibida		La patrona		El Rostro de la		Al rojo	Titulares	Decisiones	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Something Borrow	Something Borrowed	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Not-Wear "Shannon Elizabeth" (N)		Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	What Not to Wear "Shannon Elizabeth"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	The Mentalist "Bleeding Heart"		NBA Basketball Miami Heat vs. Chicago Bulls Site: United Center -- Chicago, Ill. (L)				NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs vs. Los Angeles Clippers Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)					
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Cosby	Cosby	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Hot In	Hot In	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Caught on Tape"		NCIS "Masquerade"		NCIS "Jack Knife"		Suits "War" (SF) (N)		Necessary Rough "There's the Door"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Streetwise"	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News	Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos		Rules "Baked"	Rules "Les-bro"

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Justin T. Campbell, 33, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft of a firearm.

Martha A. Cowley, 43, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated with an open alcohol container.

James D. Creel III, 30, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of sexual assault of a child.

Jordan P. Gibson, 29, of Lamesa, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of aggravated robbery.

Michael R. Harmon, 19, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of failure to appear or bail jumping.

Guillermo E. Higareda, 23, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on two charges of tampering with government records.

Juan J. Martinez, 40, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on charges of failure to appear or bail jumping and assault on a family or household member.

Noe M. Minjarez-Villalobos, 24, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of failure to comply with sex offender duties.

Merlina R. Saum, 48, of Odessa, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance greater than 4 grams but less than 200 grams.

Tracy D. Shackelford, 36, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of probation.

Enrique Subia, 33, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of aggravated kidnapping with bodily injury or sexual abuse.

Samantha L. Torres, 27, of Lamesa, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of aggravated robbery.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

DPS: Odessa man identified in fatal rollover crash

From staff reports

The Department of Public Safety released the name of the Odessa man who died in a Tuesday night rollover incident on Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

Jon C. King, 46, was pronounced dead at the scene Tuesday after DPS troopers, Midland County deputies and the Midland Fire Department responded to the crash at 9:09 p.m.

King was the eighth person to die in accidents on Midland County roads, according to Reporter-Telegram reports.

King, a passenger in the vehicle, was not wearing his seat belt, said DPS Trooper Molly Hernandez.

A tow truck used for transporting trailers was headed south on FM 1788 when the driver, of Cibolo, lost control of the truck likely due to weather conditions, Hernandez said. The crash occurred about 2 miles north of the intersection of Highway 191 and FM 1788. The driver was uninjured.

Hernandez said the investigation is ongoing and no citations are pending at this time.

Texas man who set ex-girlfriend on fire set to die

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — A federal appeals court has refused to halt the scheduled execution today of a Texas man convicted of killing his ex-girlfriend by tossing a cup of gasoline on her and then setting her on fire.

The New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in a brief ruling Wednesday evening, rejected an appeal filed by an attorney for 48-year-old Carl Blue.

Blue faces lethal injection in Huntsville for the 1994 attack that killed 38-year-old Carmen Richards-Sanders at her apartment in Bryan.

Blue's lawyer, Michael Charlton, said he's taking Blue's appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Small group of school activists gather at Capitol

A small group of demonstrators chanting "more funding now!" gathered in front of the Texas Capitol to call for restoring $5.4 billion in cuts to public education approved by the Legislature in 2011.

The advocacy group "Save Texas Schools" has begun an online petition calling for rolling back the funding reductions passed two years ago. It organized Wednesday's gathering.

Save Texas Schools expects thousands of students, teachers, parents, school administrators and community activists to gather at the Capitol on Saturday as part of its larger, annual rally in Austin.

Meanwhile, a group of lawmakers from both parties in the state House are discussing the possibility of restoring as much as nearly $1 billion to public education without exceeding spending limits in the current Texas budget.

AUSTIN

GOP lawmakers push for secret ballot for unions

Two Republican lawmakers want to require workers to cast a secret ballot in order to organize a union.

The bill was introduced Wednesday by Amarillo Sen. Kel Seliger and Waco Rep. Doc Anderson. Current Texas law makes it illegal to force someone to join a union, but allows labor organizers to collect signature cards to unionize a workplace.

The bill would require a secret ballot before a union could begin representing workers.

Critics said the measure is designed to make it more difficult for workers to organize into a union workplace. Seliger and Anderson say the legislation will protect worker rights.

Attorney General Greg Abbott also voiced support the bill. He also announced an optional notice for businesses to post that informs workers that Texas is a right-to-work state.

AUSTIN

Lawmakers to investigate UT regents

House and Senate leaders on Wednesday agreed to create a special committee to investigate the University of Texas System board of regents, as a key senator filed a bill seeking to limit the power of board members.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus agreed to form the joint panel following an emotional speech Dewhurst gave on the Senate floor Monday defending embattled University of Texas President Bill Powers.

Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee, said he wants to investigate whether the regents are "micromanaging" their nine campuses.

The joint committee will have subpoena power. Seliger has said it will call for testimony from regents and will likely demand copies of anonymous letters attacking Powers and his wife that have circulated among the regents. The first meetings could come in the next few weeks.

Who authored the letters is unclear. But Dewhurst and Seliger said Powers' marriage has now come under attack from some regents.

Powers met his wife while she was attending the university's law school and he was a professor. They married after she graduated in 1981 and have three children.

FORT WORTH

Ex-counselor gets probation for sex assault

FORT WORTH — A former professional marriage counselor in North Texas has received 10 years of probation after she was convicted of sexually assaulting a male client.

The Tarrant County district attorney's office said a jury took more than an hour to sentence 47-year-old Sheila Loven, who had a practice in the Fort Worth suburb of Euless. On Tuesday, jurors convicted Loven of sexual assault of the man in 2009.

Prosecutors said Loven held joint and individual counseling sessions with an Arlington husband and wife while trying to seduce the man. Loven also abused her position as a counselor when she sent both clients degrading and sexual text messages.

The couple also complained to state regulators about Loven. Records show she gave up her counselor's license in 2010.

The couple later divorced.

DALLAS

Parents win $10.5M verdict in monster truck death

The parents of a 23-year-old woman killed by a monster truck outside a gentlemen's club have won a $10.5 million civil verdict against the driver and the club for serving him alcohol.

Kasey McKenzie died after she was run over in March 2011 by a pickup elevated on monster tires in the parking lot of the Spearmint Rhino club in Dallas. The driver of the truck, Eric Crutchfield, was drunk and has since pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

McKenzie's parents, Gary McKenzie and Karen McDonald, sued Crutchfield and High Expectations Hospitality, the corporate name for Spearmint Rhino, pointing to state "dram shop" laws that allow a business to be held liable if it serves alcohol to someone who was clearly intoxicated and ended up causing harm to others.

A Dallas civil jury on Tuesday awarded $4 million to the parents for mental anguish and $3.5 million for loss of companionship, along with about $3 million in other damages and expenses.

Michael Schmidt, an attorney for McKenzie's parents, said the club served Crutchfield 10 or more drinks and shots on the night of McKenzie's death.

COLLEGE STATION

Mourners remember 2 firefighters killed in blaze

First responders from around the country filled roadways and church seats amid the mournful sound of bagpipes as family and friends gathered Wednesday to pay tribute to two Central Texas firefighters killed in a blaze.

Eulogists remembered Bryan Fire Lt. Gregory Pickard, 54, and Lt. Eric Wallace, 36, for their on-the-job dedication as well as their humor and kindness.

The Eagle of Bryan-College Station reported that the memorial started with a procession of more than 150 fire trucks from around the state that stretched nearly three miles. The four-hour memorial was held at Central Baptist Church in College Station.

Live Twitter surgeries a hit with hospitals, public

By Ramit Plushnick Masti
Associated Press

Courtesy photo

In this photo provided by Women's Memorial Hermann Hospital, a baby boy is held up for his mother shortly after the delivery Wednesday in Houston. A routine cesarean section delivery at the Houston hospital went live with the surgery on Twitter on Wednesday, broadcasting snippets of information along with graphic pictures and video, part of a growing and ever more popular trend as hospitals and doctors hungry for clients use social media to promote their services. This photo was posted on its Twitter feed during the surgery. The patient and her family members were not identified in the Twitter feed.

HOUSTON — Amy Shireman logged into Twitter early Wednesday to join thousands of people from 60 countries watch live something she had experienced but never seen: a baby boy delivered by cesarean section, in all its graphic imagery.

The live Twitter broadcast brought to viewers by Houston's Memorial Hermann Health System was the medical institution's latest foray into a growing trend to gain exposure by showing the world via social media routine procedures that happen daily in operating rooms.

While the Internet and social media have been a part of the medical industry for years, hospitals and doctors are now using it to gain leverage in a competitive market. And what better way to do that than provide people with an authentic online version of the kinds of surgeries they've been watching for years on fictional TV shows such as "Grey's Anatomy," "House" and "ER?"

"It's fascinating to pull back the curtain on the mystery of the OR," said Natalie Camarata, the social media manager at Houston's Memorial Hermann Hospital who helped broadcast Wednesday's C-section as well as two other procedures, including a brain surgery done by Dr. Dong Kim, who gained notoriety when he treated former U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords after she was shot in the head in 2011.

Through a variety of matrices that help track online activity, Camarata estimated that 72,000 watched the C-section live on Twitter, while an additional 11,000 viewed it in another format. The viewers were from 60 countries, she said, with the most international followers coming from Germany, Norway and Israel.

During the procedure, viewers tweeted questions, and doctors or staff responded. One viewer from Norway asked about the difference in how the umbilical cord is treated in a C-section. Several tweeted congratulations. In the two hours the hospital was live, it gained more than 600 followers, dozens of them in the first few minutes. Several noted the images were gory, joking they wouldn't watch it over breakfast.

Shireman, a 35-year-old mother of two from Pittsburgh, was intrigued to see "what was happening beyond the curtain" after having two C-sections herself. While she had hoped the hospital would focus more on the risks, she said she would watch it again, and would consider watching other surgeries.

"The pictures of watching that baby come out of the womb were just amazing" Shireman said. "I know it was delayed a bit ... but it did have that live feel like you were right there in the OR."

Previously, when Memorial Hermann live tweeted a brain surgery, more than 235,000 watched, more than 280,000 viewed photos and video and the hospital gained 7,000 new followers. With each event, the hospital finds more and different people participating, Camarata said.

"When hospitals did it several years back, the online audience wasn't fully engaged," she said. "Now people are living Twitter, living Facebook. It's part of their everyday life."

Tyler Haney, the vice president of digital marketing at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, said his hospital system has not live tweeted a surgery but also has not ruled it out. For now, it is focusing on innovative things at the center, like providing the online audience an opportunity to interact with a brain computer interface, which increased traffic from social media outlets by 120 percent.

This trend — which the medical industry latched on to later than others — will only grow, he said, quoting statistics that found 57 percent of people saying a social media connection would have a "strong impact" on their decision to seek treatment at a given hospital.

The Mayo Clinic has been a leader in the field, said Lee Aase, the clinic's social media director but has opted not to do live events from the OR, feeling that it is voyeuristic and does not provide additional benefits. The clinic has focused instead on question-and-answer sessions on specific topics.

"People are taking their social network connections with them wherever they go and we certainly are seeing building interest in this," he said.

Dr. Anne Gonzalez, one of the surgeons who participated in the C-section and is affiliated with the system's women's hospital, said social media helps doctors navigate a competitive market.

"There's a lot of challenges with trying to make patients understand what you think is best for them in a very non-paternalistic way, and I think Twitter helps with that," she said.

Swedish Health Services, which has five hospitals and more than 100 clinics in the Seattle area, recently live tweeted an ear surgery, said Dana Lewis, manager of digital marketing and internal communications, using only words and photos to reach a hearing-impaired audience.

The hospital also live tweeted a patient going through a sleep clinic and had some 10,000 people follow it in the middle of the night, she said.

"It's about reaching people where they are, so it doesn't make sense to have a seminar in the afternoon about not being able to sleep. Why not do it in the middle of the night ... when they can't sleep and they want to find out more about how they can get help?" Lewis said. "That's the beauty of social media."

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FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 61 Low: 35

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 69 Low: 43

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 66 and west winds between 20 and 25 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 29 and west winds between 15 and 25 mph becoming west between 5 and 10 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

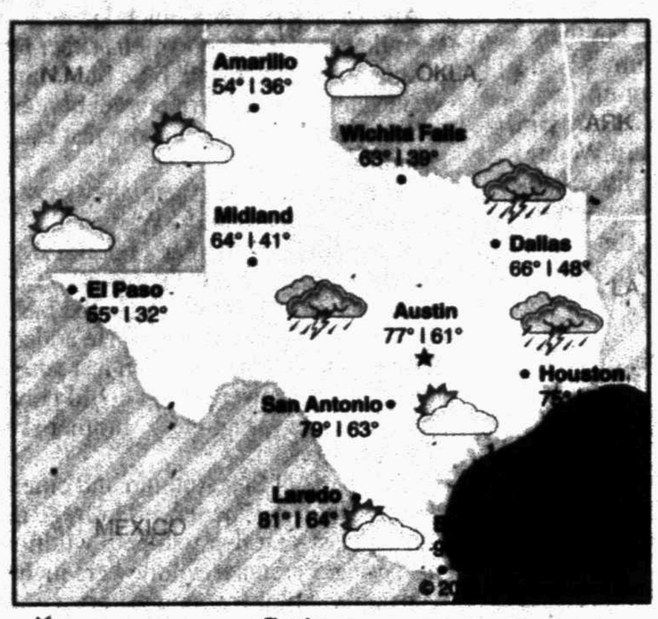
Friday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 61 and northeast winds between 5 and 15 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 35 and west winds between 5 and 15 mph.

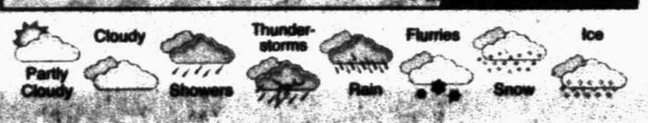
Saturday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 69 and a low around 43.

The high on Wednesday reached 64, while the low dropped to 46. The record high for Feb. 20 is 86 set in 1986. The record low is 18 set in 1955.

National forecast

In the West, chilly air will linger in the wake of the storm over the Southwest, despite sunshine.





Precipitation

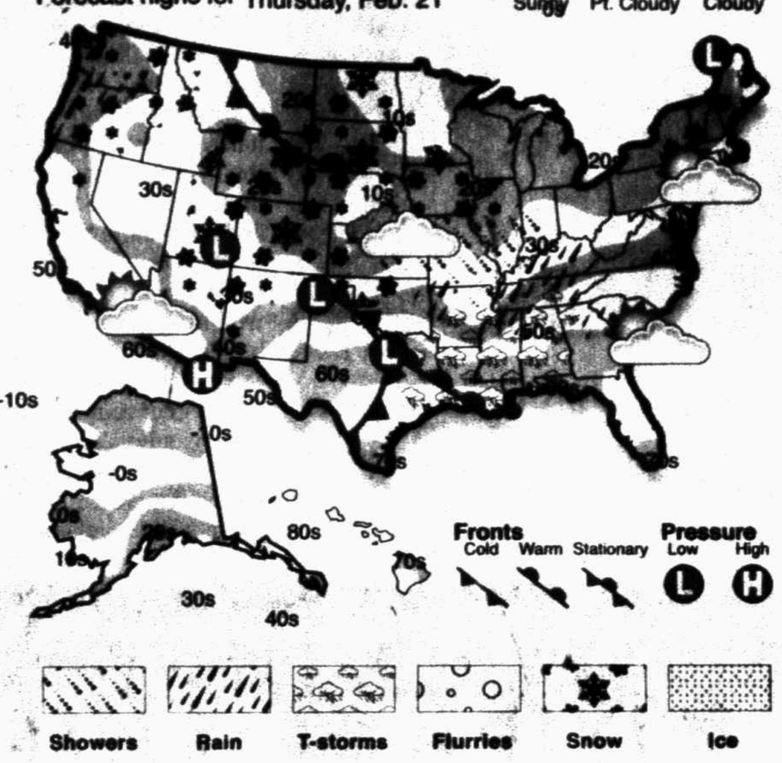
Tuesday	0.05 in.
Wednesday	trace
Month total	0.08 in.
Year total	1.53 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.08 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	64
Low	46
Normal high	64
Normal low	36
Sunrise	7:25 a.m.
Sunset	6:40 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Feb. 21



Winter Storm Reaches Nation's Mid-Section

Gentleman is slow to seal couple's dates with a kiss

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 43-year-old single mom with three young boys. I am also a veteran and getting ready to go back to school. I have been dating a gentleman for two months now, and we get along great. He's three years older than I am and good with my kids and family.

I like him a lot and we seem to have a LOT in common — more than most. I really want him to kiss me, but I don't want to seem pushy. He's a real gentleman. We have gone from hugs to holding hands while sitting on the couch watching television. I don't mind taking things slow, but ...

How do I find out if he wants to kiss me or not? Sometimes it seems like it, but then he seems afraid to. How do I let him know it's OK? Sorry I seem like a teenager. — CONFUSED IN IDAHO

DEAR CONFUSED: This man isn't taking things slow. Glaciers have been known to move faster. Two months is a very long time to wait for a first kiss.

The next time you find yourself sitting on the couch and holding hands with him, you have my permission to turn to him and say, "I'd love it if you kissed me." If that doesn't do the trick, then face it — his feelings for you are only brotherly.

DEAR ABBY: You have written about children in grocery stores before. Would you please address the risk to children by allowing them to stand in grocery shopping carts? I see it all too often, and I don't think the parents/grandparents realize that if the child falls out and lands on his or her head, neck or back, the child could end up paralyzed or dead. The adult must be the rule setter and protect the child. But too often it's the child setting the limits, and the results can be tragic. — CONCERNED SHOPPER IN NEW YORK

DEAR CONCERNED SHOPPER: I'm glad to oblige. Many markets equip their shopping carts with seat belts to secure tiny passengers and avoid this problem. That way, any liability that might stem from a child falling would lie directly where it belongs, with the adult who should have been using common sense.

DEAR ABBY: My oldest friend owes me a lot of money. I loaned it to her when she was being evicted. She has now come into some money and is going on a cruise.

I asked her to repay me before the trip. She said she "needs the cruise for her mental health." I am shocked and very angry. When I lost my temper and told her off, she accused me of being "greedy and money-obsessed."

Abby, I helped her when she needed it! What should I do? — FURIOUS IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR FURIOUS: When your "friend" returns from her sea cruise, see if you can get her to agree to a repayment plan for the sake of YOUR mental — and financial — health. However, if she refuses, you may have to write off the loan as tuition in the school of experience. Your mistake was not getting the terms of the loan in writing.

DEAR ABBY: I have two sons who will graduate from college on the same day. My wife and I would like to attend both ceremonies, but for obvious reasons, we cannot. How do I resolve this dilemma? — FATHER IN TEXAS

DEAR FATHER: Divide and conquer. You attend one graduation and your wife the other. To decide which one, you and the Mrs. should draw straws.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

The cards tell the story

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ Q 10 6 4 2
♡ Q 9
♢ A K 4
♣ K 5 2

WEST
♠ 9 8
♡ K J 10 8 7
♢ 9
♣ Q 9 8 7 6

EAST
♠ 5 3
♡ 4 3 2
♢ Q J 8 7 6 5 3
♣ 10

SOUTH
♠ A K J 7
♡ A 6 5
♢ 10 2
♣ A J 4 3

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: Nine of ♠

How do experts seem magically to work out the distribution of the opposing cards? Consider this deal from a recent European Team Championship.

North's two hearts was a transfer to spades, and South's jump response showed a maximum no-trump with good spades. The response to Blackwood showed four aces — the king of trumps counted as a fifth ace — and the good spade slam was reached.

West led a trump, won in the closed hand, and declarer drew a second round. Next came the ace and king of diamonds and a diamond ruffed high. On these tricks West discarded a club and a heart. Declarer now knew all that was necessary to virtually guarantee the slam. Do you?

West, who held only three cards in spades and diamonds, had to hold at least five clubs — with six or more hearts, West would never have parted with a club. So declarer ran all of dummy's trumps, coming down to the ace of hearts and four clubs in hand. West had to hold on to four clubs (otherwise declarer simply cashes the king of clubs and concedes a club), so the defender is forced down to only one heart. Declarer next cashes the ace of hearts. On this lie of the cards, that fells the king, so dummy's queen becomes the fulfilling trick. But had the monarch not appeared, declarer would simply have crossed to the king of clubs and ducked a club to West, scoring the last two tricks with the ace-jack of clubs on West's forced club return.

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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 Thursday, Feb. 21, 2013:

This year, dare to dream. That step will be important in turning a fantasy into a reality. Speak up about these desires. Your immediate circle of friends might be changing because you are transforming. A new person in your life could be quite controlling, which could become problematic. Don't bring this person in close until you know him or her better. If you are single, summer 2013 could bring a very special suitor. Enjoy this connection. If you are attached, you will be unusually content with each other. Schedule a wonderful retreat together. CANCER is as intuitive as you are. Listen to him or her.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You have plans, and you are goal-oriented. Events easily could change your schedule around in the morning, which leaves the remainder of the day to play catch-up. Your intuition guides you through complicated situations. Tonight: Remain sensitive to a difficult person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Understand someone's opposition. Ask yourself whether this is a knee-jerk reaction or a well thought-out response. You have a choice to make, but approach a power play with care. If you don't, it could be a waste of time. Tonight: Hang out with friends and family.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Put the reins on spending if you see some smoke signals floating around you. Your response could be more significant than you are aware of. Root out the issue with care, and you probably will be happier as a result. Tonight: Make weekend plans with close friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Listen to others who seek you out. They might perceive you as being more powerful than you think you are. Give yourself space to do what you feel is necessary, and appreciate that others could be putting you on a pedestal. Tonight: Follow your own ideas.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Respond to situations after listening to your inner voice. You might need — and want — to back off, at least for a little while. Your pregnant nature could demand a different outlet. Handle what needs to be done in solitude. Tonight: You don't have to tell everyone everything.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Zero in on what needs to happen. Your creativity might be challenged by someone, and you'll have to come up with quite a few ideas. Brainstorm with a friend who often doesn't agree with you; you will have several solutions to choose from. Tonight: Take a stand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Reach out for more information, as you might not have all the facts. Someone in your domestic life could let you know how little he or she thinks you know. Detach from the situation, and you just might find this matter to be humorous. Tonight: Good times happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Others who are involved in a project you're working on will join you in a brainstorming session. Whatever the objective of this meeting is, you'll find that a certain individual can be unusually challenging. Don't lose sight of your objective. Tonight: Read between the lines.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Understand what is happening with someone. This person might need you to make more of an effort to get together. A money issue could be the root of the problem. Recognize a liability, and establish a boundary, if need be. Tonight: Listen rather than speak.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You can be a hard person to resist. You are more than willing to play devil's advocate. You take this role rather seriously. A person you play this role with might not be as secure as you would like. Try to straighten out this issue. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ If you are able to avoid a difficult person, you could have a nearly perfect day. Accomplish what you must, but take some time for yourself. Schedule an appointment or a checkup. Include some exercise, or take a walk if you can. Tonight: Run an important errand.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Your creativity comes forth, which brings you many opportunities. Honor what is happening around you, and find the space to incorporate more of a specific experience into your life. You will feel better as a result. Tonight: Act like this is the beginning of your weekend.

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BORN TODAY

Actress Jennifer Love Hewitt (1979), actor Kelsey Grammer (1955), civil-rights activist John Lewis (1940)

DAILY CROSSWORD

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1 It's taken in court
6 City founded by King Harald III
10 Silences, gang-style
14 Skateboarder's leap
15 Pringle, e.g.
16 Brother of Fidel
17 "Squeaker
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21 Exhort
22 Make a fake of
23 "Fall in with the wrong crowd, say
27 Nurse
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31 Up on, with "of"
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50 "'Voilà!"
56 Daughter of King Triton
58 Composed
59 Yokohama yes
60 Kooky
61 "Cantique de Noël," in the States
64 Cause of a sniff
65 Three-piece piece
66 Big name in paper
67 Like many collectibles
68 War god
69 A/V component

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2 "Ooh, send me!"
3 Northern sheets
4 McCourt memoir
5 Texter's giggle
6 Yellowish shade
7 Chases flies
8 Energetic types
9 Unlock'd
10 Small pasta used in soups
11 Equal chance
12 Mold, mildew, etc.
13 "No __ Till Brooklyn": Beastie Boys song
18 Enjoys the beach
22 "I feel I should tell you," briefly
24 Trip to the dry cleaners, e.g.
25 Pizza place
26 Commands reverence from
30 Certain sample
31 Arroz __ Cubana: Spanish dish
32 Restaurant pan
33 Area conquered by Alexander the Great
34 Sch. whistle blower
35 1996 Olympic torch lighter
37 Ruby or topaz
38 Hesitant utterances
40 Energetic
41 Wedge in a mojito
46 100%
47 With great skill
48 Tool used to give the starts of the starred answers a 17-Across?
49 Big name in small bags
51 Western loop
52 Nimrods
53 "That sounds bad!"
54 "Chicago Hope" Emmy winner
55 "Me, too"
57 Rochester's love
61 Eggs in a lab
62 Cloak-and-dagger org.
63 Post-ER area

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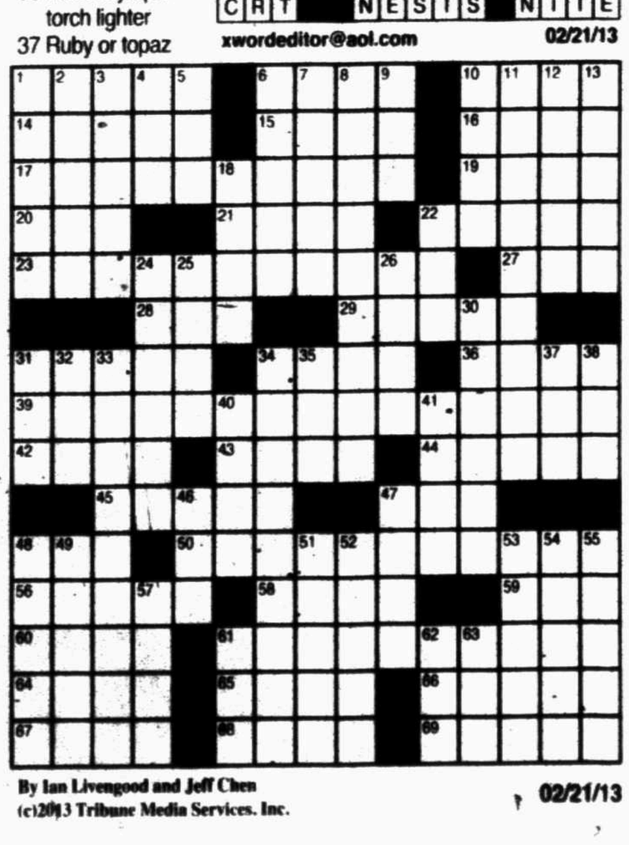

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Moderate displays of early wildflowers expected

Courtesy photo

In this March 27, 2012, photo provided the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, wildflowers grow in a field near Eddy. The wildflower showing across much of Texas isn't expected to be spectacular in the early spring, but there could be a rebound before summer.

By Jamie Stengle
Associated Press

DALLAS — The wildflower showing across much of Texas isn't expected to be spectacular in the early spring, but there could be a rebound before summer.

Damon Waitt, senior director of the University of Texas at Austin's Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, said Wednesday that drier than normal conditions since the fall mean early wildflowers won't be as hardy in many areas in Texas. But he says intermittent rains since last month will help those plants and boost blooms in late spring and early summer.

"This past fall we did not have great rainfall around the state. ... That doesn't bode well for the early spring wildflowers like bluebonnets, phlox and Indian paintbrush," Waitt said. "Now we got some pretty decent winter rains around the state, which is very beneficial for what did survive the fall and germination, so there will be bluebonnets and there will be wildflowers, probably just not as abundant as last year and maybe a little more diminutive in size."

Late spring and early summer blooms include Indian blanket and horsemint. "We should have a really nice late spring, early summer display," he said.

Areas with abundant bluebonnets — the state flower of Texas — often attract people posing among the bright blue blossoms. Waitt said that there will be bluebonnets in Texas this year, but "maybe just less bountiful."

"They'll still be out there, they may just be a little harder to find," Waitt said.

Waitt said that last year's bountiful wildflower display was the result of rainfall coming at just the right time in the fall and winter despite a drought. He added that seeds left in the soil from last year's abundant wildflower season could boost this year's late spring-early summer show of wildflowers.

Also, parts of San Antonio and cities including Del Rio experienced average rainfalls late last year that will help wildflowers this spring. Perennial wildflowers including winecup and pink evening primrose should fare better than bluebonnets and other single-season flowers because they depend less on fall rain.

Judith Jones, vice president of the Amarillo chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas, said she's hoping for a good display of wildflowers when the group hosts a wildflower workshop in early May at the Palo Duro Canyon in the Panhandle.

A favorite of hers is the basket-flower, which can grow up to 5 feet tall and features a pink-purple bloom. "The basket-flower will stop you in your tracks," she said.

Wildflowers already blooming in Central Texas include baby blue eyes, giant spiderwort and prairie verbena in eastern Travis County. Bluebonnet rosettes are growing along roadways in Brenham and the state flower can also be seen near Marble Falls.

Carolina jessamine has been spotted in Houston and spring cress and windflower can be seen in nearby Kingwood.

And Waitt notes that people seeking out particular wildflowers can always visit the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, where flowers are helped along with irrigation.

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To many, Coffman more than just a coach

By Len Hayward
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The news that Lee boys basketball coach Mark Coffman was retiring from his job came as a shock to some, and wasn't as much a surprise to others.

But what those who played for Coffman, coached with him and coached against him will remember about the coach that roamed the basketball sidelines at Lee for 13 seasons was a man who knew how to work with players, both on and off the court, an ability to coach-up teams and adapt his players to his system.

Most of all, they will remember a coach who was never afraid to voice his opinion and let you know where he stood.

"Some people might think he was a little rough around the edges, but I believe a lot of people said the same thing about me," said former Lee football coach John Parchman, who was heading up the Rebel football program when Coffman was hired in 2000. "He's a neat guy. When you work in our business, something you really appreciate is his honesty, his passion and all those things. That's what makes him special."

Coffman announced his retirement officially on Tuesday, and it will end a career at Lee that included a state tournament appearance in 2002 and a regional tournament appearance in 2008. Over his 32-year coaching career, he won more than 600 games.

Legendary former Midland High boys basketball coach Jack Stephenson said that coaching against Coffman was tough, and he said it was always a challenge to face his teams. And he added that they always played close games, especially early in Coffman's career at Lee when both squads were among the upper tier in the district.

"I knew that I had my work cut out for me every time we played," said Stephenson, who has retired to Bastrop. "I think that was pretty evident with the crowds that we drew when we played. It was quite a contest."

Current Kansas City Chiefs offensive lineman Eric Winston said one of his best sports memories was when he was part of Lee's 2002 state tournament team. That team made an improbable run to Austin that included an upset of Cedar Hill along the way, and Winston said Coffman made it fun to play basketball.

But Winston said Coffman's honesty as a coach was something that he's always appreciated as the years have passed.

"You always knew where he stood, and there was no middle ground with him," Winston said. "You knew if he was mad at an official, and you knew if he was mad at you. I hate it when you are trying to figure out where coaches are, but you knew exactly where he stood. You might not like it, but I

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Winston

Stephenson

THIS COULD BE THE YEAR

Rangers ready to end area woes

By Jordan Mason
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Technically, Greenwood didn't know it would be in this position again.

But that didn't stop the Rangers from looking forward to this day for quite a while now.

"Pretty much since district started," senior Taylor Hollingsworth said. "One of our main focuses is getting past the second round."

Nearly a year to the date after falling in the second round for the third consecutive season, Greenwood will try to exorcise its area-round demons when it takes on No. 18 Perryton at 7 p.m. today in Dimmitt.

Murphey

Greenwood (18-14) ended a one-year playoff absence in 2010 and has advanced to the area round every year since. But that's also where the Rangers' season has ended every year since, and no one is more aware of that than the team itself.

How can the Rangers forget? In 2010, it was a 30-point loss to eventual state champion Lubbock Estacado. In 2011, it was a 54-51 loss to Pampa that saw Greenwood claw back from down 12 in the fourth, only to lose on a block and ensuing layup — plus the foul for good measure — at the buzzer.

Then there was last year.

"We were crushed," Hollingsworth said of the Rangers'

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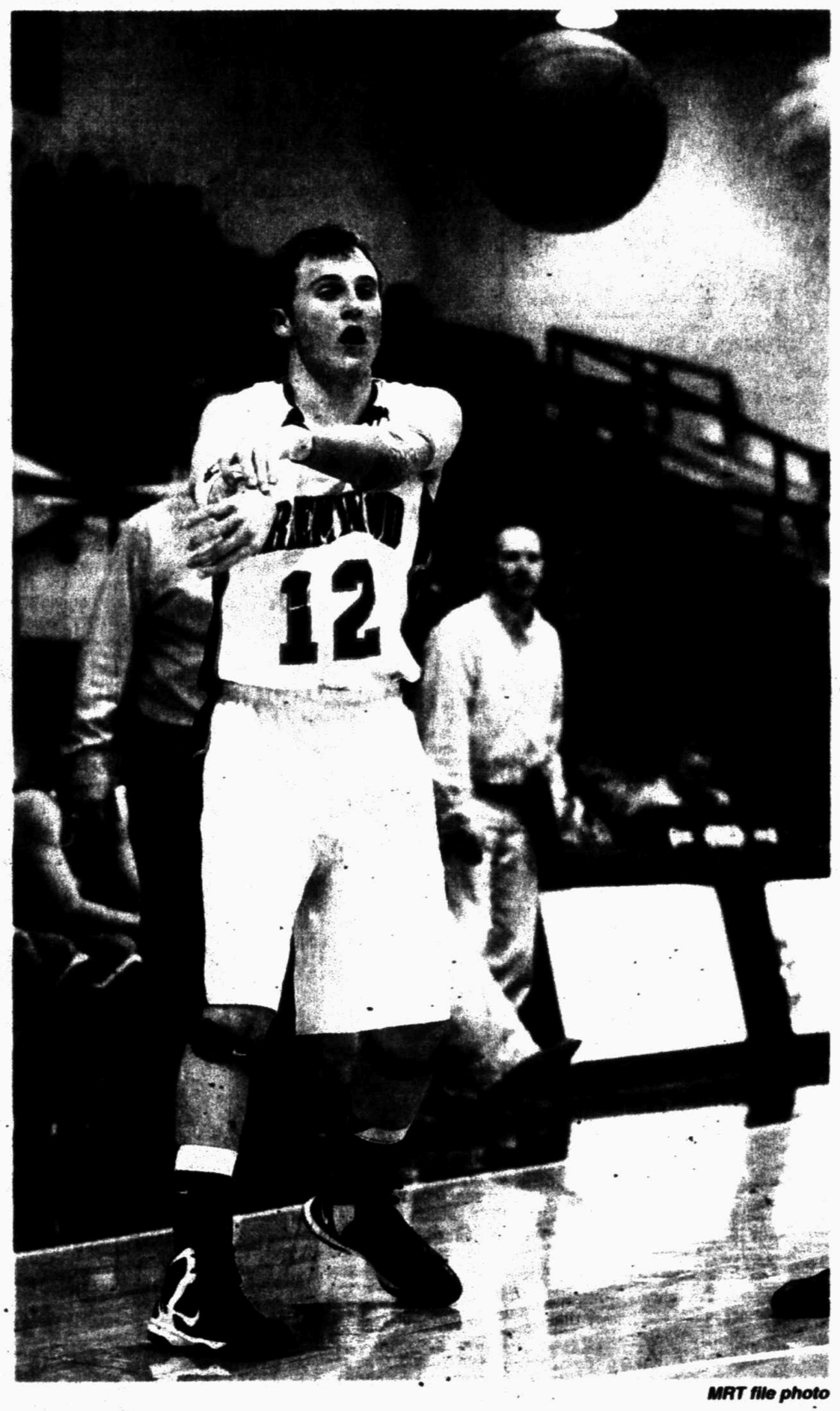
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Greenwood's Taylor Hollingsworth passes to a teammate under the basket during the game against Monahans on Feb. 8 at Greenwood. Hollingsworth and the rest of the Rangers take on No. 18 Perryton today in an area-round playoff game in Dimmitt.

Expectations high for diver James at state championship

By Len Hayward
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The expectations placed on Anna James in her first season of diving for Midland High were high.

And why wouldn't they be?

James was competing in her first season of high school diving coming off a summer where she competed in the Olympic Diving Trials and finished eighth and also qualified for the World Junior Championships.

But it's high expectations that drive James, and her drive is a major reason she has been as successful as she has been during her career.

James

"Since I've been to the Olympic Trials, a lot of people are expecting me to do really well," James said. "I like that because it gives me a challenge to meet those expectations. I think I do well in pressure situations."

James will be heading to Austin this weekend to compete in the University Interscholastic League Class 5A State Diving Championship at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swim Center. She is the top seed in the competition.

Being a favorite is nothing new to James, and now it's a matter of diving like she knows how.

Inside

Read state championship previews for MHS diver Taylor McKay and Greenwood swimmer Alyson Drennan.

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"There's going to be some good divers, and on any given day, anyone can win," Midland ISD swimming and diving coach Jennifer Mangum said. "Right now she's going in as the heavy favorite, but you've still got to do it that day. You've got to get through 11 solid dives, and our goal is to get through 11 solid dives."

James has been more than consistent during high school — she's been dominant. And she's been dominant on a diving discipline she hasn't worked much on the past year.

James is a platform diver, and it's what she qualified in for both the Olympic

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2-5A opponents to get early look at each other at tourney

Overton

Vines

By Jonathan Hull
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The Midland High and Lee softball teams know they're always going to see good competition when they host the West Texas Classic, but this year they're going to get a little taste of their district opponents, as well.

The West Texas Classic is set to begin at 5 p.m. today at Freddie Ezell Softball Complex and will conclude Saturday with 15 teams making up Division I. Lee is joined by Fort Stockton, Coahoma, Monahans, El Paso Hanks, Andrews and District 2-5A foe Odessa High in the maroon pool. Meanwhile, Midland High sees Alpine, Midland Christian, Big Spring, Greenwood, Amarillo Palo Duro and 2-5A opponents Abilene High and Odessa Permian in the purple pool.

"We've always been extremely fortunate to have some good teams come to the West Texas Classic," Lee coach Wes Overton said. "We're going to get some competition. The way it worked out with the teams entered in the tournament, we're going to have five District 2-5A teams in this tournament, and we're all going to have to play each other."

Inside

See a complete schedule for this year's West Texas Classic at Freddie Ezell Softball Complex.

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And while neither Overton nor MHS coach Shawnda Vines is necessarily thrilled to have three teams from their district in the tournament, they're both still satisfied with the quality of competition they'll get out of playing in it.

"There's pros and cons to (playing district opponents in a tournament)," Overton said. "You don't want to play now when it doesn't mean anything, but we do know we're going to be playing some good teams. It's kind of a catch 22."

Added Vines: "The West Texas Classic is always a tournament that has a lot of competition, even with our district opponents. You see some pretty close games."

Of course, ultimately the West Texas Classic, like any other tournament, is about playing several games in a short amount of time. That's particularly important for a young team like Midland High.

The Lady Bulldogs went 4-2 in a tournament in Bryan last weekend, finishing as the runner-up in the consolation bracket. The West Texas Classic allows MHS to continue to build team chemistry before district play starts.

"We're just trying to make sure we're continuing to come together as a team," Vines said. "We're

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COFFMAN

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respected the fact that you always knew."

Current Odessa Permian head coach Danny Wright, whose squad won its first playoff game in 15 years on Tuesday in Alpine, said he always respected how well Coffman would adapt players to his system. Wright said that was something that he admired and was fun to coach against.

"He identifies his players, and his whole offense is going to be designed for the shooters to shoot, the rebounders to rebound and his defenders to defend," Wright said Wednesday. "As a coach you respect that. Coach Coffman has a way of selling kids on his style of play and on what their role is going to be. That right there is the mark of his success."

Josh Templeton, who played basketball at Lee from 2006-2009, said he remembers Coffman offering plenty of encouragement to the 2008 team that made a run to the Region I-5A final. Templeton said they had a rough non-district schedule and then went through the district season undefeated.

But what he remembers most about Coffman was helping to shape him as a person off the court.

"He taught us more than about basketball," Templeton said. "It was more about pertaining to life, as well, where if you work hard in practice, it will also help you work hard for what you're wanting in your life goals. It was a pretty good experience because he also taught us not just to respect yourself, but also respecting your teammates."

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Lee coach Mark Coffman talks strategy with his players on Dec. 10, 2010, during their game against La Marque at the Tall City Oilman's Invitational at Chaparral Center. Coffman announced this week he will retire from Lee.

Greenwood's McKee named 4-3A Defensive Player of the Year

From staff reports

Greenwood junior Morgan McKee was named Defensive Player of the Year by the District 4-3A coaches on the all-district team that was recently announced.

McKee was key to the success of the Rangerettes full-court press this season and averaged 2.5 steals to go with 10.1 points and 3.9 rebounds per game.

Representing Greenwood on the first-team are seniors Ashton Hannsz and Courtney Waters, along with sophomore Amanda Bell. Hannsz led the Rangerettes with 3.1 assists per game, while Waters averaged 9.8 points and 4.9 rebounds per contest. Bell led Greenwood in scoring (11.2) and rebounding (6.4).

Big Spring was represented by senior Logan Yarbar on the first team, while junior Dyrshae Vanderbilt and sophomore Julianna Rodriguez were nominated to the second team.

McKee

Waters

Bell

Hannsz

4-3A ALL-DISTRICT GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

MVP — Punkin Mack, Jr., Abilene Wylie

Offensive Player of the Year — Brittany McPherson, Sr., Abilene Wylie

Defensive Player of the Year — Morgan McKee, Jr., Greenwood

Newcomer of the Year — Brittany Brewer, Fr., Abilene Wylie

First Team — Logan Yarbar, Sr., Big Spring; **Amanda Bell, Soph., Greenwood; Courtney Waters, Sr., Greenwood; Ashton Hannsz, Sr., Greenwood**; Selina Sanchez, Sr., Monahans. Lindzi Clemmer, Soph., Snyder; Kendra Crosson, Sr., Sweetwater; Suede Shirley, Sr., Sweetwater; Kelsi Crosson, Sr., Sweetwater; Hailey Brown, Sr., Abilene Wylie; Peyton Sanders, Soph., Abilene Wylie

Second Team — Dyrshae Vanderbilt, Jr., Big Spring; Julianna Rodriguez, Soph., Big Spring; **Bailey Ray, Sr., Greenwood; Grace Sunderland, Jr., Greenwood**; Tyniqua Phillips, Jr., Monahans; Baily Slade, Jr., Monahans; Heather Medrano, Sr., Snyder; Sydney Parker, Sr., Snyder; Shelby Cason, Sr., Sweetwater; Makenley Lunsford, Jr., Abilene Wylie; Taylor Rickman, Sr., Abilene Wylie.

PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

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Girls

Class 5A
Region I-5A Tournament
at Wilkerson-Grines Activity Center, Fort Worth
Semifinals

Lubbock Coronado (W2, 36-1) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (R5, 30-7), 6 p.m. Friday

Arlington Bowie (W3, 33-5) vs. Duncanville (W7, 38-0), 8 p.m. Friday

Final

Semifinal winners, 1 p.m. Saturday

Class 4A
Region I-4A Tournament
at The Coliseum, Snyder
Semifinals

El Paso Hanks (W2, 25-8) vs. Fort Worth Dunbar (W6, 21-12), 4 p.m. Friday

Canyon (T3, 30-6) vs. Aledo (W7, 28-6), 6 p.m. Friday

Final

Semifinal winners, 2 p.m. Saturday

Class 3A
Region I-3A Tournament
at United Spirit Arena, Lubbock
Semifinals

Lubbock Cooper (W2, 30-4) vs. Kennedale (W6, 27-6), 7 p.m. Friday

Perryton (W1, 26-4) vs. Stephenville (W7, 26-8), 8:30 p.m. Friday

Final

Semifinal winners, 1 p.m. Saturday

Class 2A
Region I
Region I-2A Tournament
at Chaparral Center
Semifinals

Childress (R3, 30-5) vs. Wall (W6, 26-7), 6 p.m. Friday

Idalou (W3, 27-7) vs. Merkel (W7, 35-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday

Final

Semifinal winners, 1 p.m., Saturday

Class A, Division I
Region I-A, Division I Tournament
at South Plains College's Texan Dome, Levelland
Semifinals

Clarendon (W2, 27-3) vs. Plains (W6, 31-4), 6:30 p.m. Friday

Wellington (W3, 25-5) vs. Smyer (R6, 29-6), 8 p.m. Friday

Final

Semifinal winners, 3:30 p.m. Saturday

Class A
Division II
Region I-A Tournament
at South Plains College's Texan Dome, Levelland
Semifinals

Whitharral (W4, 33-3) vs. Grady (W6, 28-4), 1 p.m. Friday

Hartley (W3) vs. O'Donnell (R6), 2:30 p.m. Friday

Final

Semifinal winners, 2 p.m. Saturday

Region II-A Tournament
at Abilene Christian University's Moody Coliseum
Semifinals

Clyde Eula (T12, 20-12) vs. Garden City (W14, 29-5), 5 p.m. Friday

Baird (R12, 26-6) vs. Roscoe Highland (W13), 7 p.m. Friday

Final

Semifinal winners, 2 p.m. Saturday

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Area
Midland Christian (T1, 20-13) at Dallas Christian (R2), 2 p.m. Saturday

Boys

Class 5A
Region I
Area

Keller (W4, 23-10) vs. El Paso Bel Air (R1, 26-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday. Odessa College Sports Center

Odessa Permian (W2, 25-6) vs. Arlington Martin (R3, 26-7), 6 p.m. Friday, Merkel HS

Killeen Ellison (W8, 28-6) vs. Flower Mound (R5, 26-10), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hillsboro HS

Colleyville Heritage (W6, 23-8) vs. South Grande Prairie (R7, 33-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mansfield Legacy HS

North Crowley (W3, 27-7) vs. El Paso Montwood (T1, 27-4), 5 p.m. Friday, Permian Fieldhouse, Odessa

El Paso Coronado (W1, 32-1) vs. Arlington Bowie (T3, 24-10), 6 p.m. Friday, O.W. Follis Gymnasium, Lamesa

DeSoto (W7, 30-2) vs. Coppell (T5, 17-17), 7 p.m. Friday, Arlington HS

Lewisville Hebron (W5, 33-2) vs. Cedar Hill (T7, 20-9), 7 p.m. Friday, Arlington Lamar HS

Class 3A
Region I
Area

Abilene Wylie (W4, 29-4) vs. Pampa (R1, 12-18), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wolfforth Frenship HS

Seminole (W2, 25-7) vs. Monahans (T4, 24-7), 6 p.m. Friday, Odessa College Sports Center

Liberty Hill (W8, 30-3) vs. Burkburnett (R5, 23-9), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Burleson HS

Kennedale (W6, 21-0) vs. Gatesville (T8, 17-15), 7:30 p.m. Friday, West HS

Fabens (W3, 20-10) vs. Lubbock Estacado (R2, 14-17), 8 p.m. Friday, Kermit HS

Perryton (W1, 24-2) vs. Greenwood (R4, 17-14), 7 p.m. Thursday, Dimmitt HS

Stephenville (W7, 24-7) vs. Graham (T5, 7-17), 7 p.m. Thursday, Brock HS

Wichita Falls (W5, 19-8) vs. Alvarado (T7, 17-16), 7 p.m. Friday, Bridgeport HS

Class 2A
Area

Brownfield (W4, 20-5) vs. Bushland (R1, 18-8), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dimmitt HS

Abernathy (W2, 19-4) vs. Childress (R3), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock

Holliday (W8, 29-3) vs. Kermit (R5, 17-11), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Merkel HS

Wall (W6, 16-3) vs. Clyde (R7, 25-7), 7 p.m. Thursday, Coleman HS

Idalou (W3, 29-3) vs. Dimmitt (R2, 21-10), 7 p.m. Friday, Hutcherson Center, Plainview

Canadian (W1) vs. Lamesa (R4, 20-11), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Canyon HS

Breckenridge (W7) vs. Tuscola Jim Ned (R6, 26-6), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Stamford HS

Tornillo (W5, 26-6) vs. Cisco (T7, 14-12), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Seminole HS

Class A
Division I
Region I
Area

Hale Center (W4, 20-4) vs. Vega (T2, 18-9), 8 p.m. Friday, Dimmitt HS

Panhandle (W2, 20-3) vs. Wellington (R3), 6 p.m. Friday, Canyon HS

Christoval (W7, 17-11) vs. Morton (R5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Stanton HS

Smyer (W6) vs. Ozona (T8), 6 p.m. Thursday, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Big Spring

Memphis (W3, 20-6) vs. Clarendon (R2, 17-7), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Amarillo High Activity Center

Stratford (W1, 8-4) vs. Shamrock (T3, 20-7), 8 p.m. Friday, Amarillo High Activity Center

Eli Pass Harmony (W7, 23-3) vs. Forsan (R6, 19-6), 8 p.m. Friday, Jerry Larned Sports Complex, Monahans

Farwell (W5) vs. Wink (T7, 12-14), 7 p.m. Friday, Tatum (N.M.) HS

Class A
Division II
Region I
Area

Whitharral (W4, 18-4) vs. Kress (T2), 8 p.m. Friday, Hale Center HS

Turkey Valley (W2) vs. Nazareth (R3), 6 p.m. Friday, Hale Center HS

Rankin (W8, 18-3) vs. Ropes (R5, 17-8), 8 p.m. Friday, Mustang Arena, Andrews

Grady (W6) vs. Belmorhea (R7, 13-7), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Kermit HS

Textine (W3, 23-6) vs. Groom (R2, 17-7), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Amarillo Tascosa Activity Center

Fort Elliott (W1) vs. Happy (T3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Borger HS

Fort Davis (W7, 23-3) vs. Sands (R6), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jerry Larned Sports Complex, Monahans

Petersburg (W5) vs. Grandfalls-Royalty (R8, 10-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, O.W. Follis Gym, Lamesa

Class A
Division II
Region II
Area

Clyde Eula (W12) vs. Blum (R9), 7 p.m. Thursday, Hamlin HS

Crowell (W10) vs. Graford (R11), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wichita Falls City View HS

Zephyr (W16) vs. Robert Lee (T14, 17-8), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Winters HS

Water Valley (W14, 28-2) vs. Panther Creek (R15), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Blackwell

Throckmorton (W11) vs. Paducah, (T9), 8 p.m. Friday, Stamford HS

Aspermont (W9, 23-3) vs. Woodson (T11), 6 p.m. Friday, Clyde HS

Garden City (R14, 22-7) vs. May (W15), 8 p.m. Friday, Jim Ned HS

Iraan (W13) vs. Cross Plains (T15, 14-12), 7 p.m. Friday, McMurry University

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Men

MIDLAND COLLEGE AT NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE

When/where: 7:30 p.m. (CST), Cahoon Armory, Roswell, N.M.

Records: Midland College 17-7, 8-5 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; New Mexico Military Institute 6-20, 2-11

Last game: Midland College 69, Western Texas 65; Clarendon College 102, NMMI 84

Notes & quotes: Midland College is looking for its third consecutive win today. ... The Chaparrals are coming off a hard-fought victory against Western Texas College in a game that saw them cut down on turnovers (only had seven) and shoot 15 of 23 from the free-throw line. MC coach Chris Craig said the team had a 6 a.m. practice that morning, which might have also caused them to shoot only 39.1 percent from the floor, including 18.2 percent from 3-point range, against the Westerners. Three Chaps were in double figures, led by Justin Coleman with 16 points to go with nine rebounds, Corey Hilliard had 14 points and Gary Akbar added 10 points. After Monday's game Coleman said he was pleased with the progress the team has been making. "A bunch of people are getting better. Hopefully, these next few games fall into place and we're playing longer than two weeks from now," Coleman said. ...The Chaps are currently tied for fourth place in the WJCAC standing with South Plains College and both teams have three games left in the regular season. This is pretty much the playoffs for MC as the Chaps need to keep winning to keep their postseason hopes alive.... NMMI has lost seven straight, including Monday's game at Clarendon.... The Chaparrals defeated NMMI 79-58 at Chaparral Center on Jan. 24. ... Three Broncos are averaging in double figures, led by 6-foot-1 sophomore G Desmond Barnes with 16.5 ppg, 6-3 freshman G Najee Whitehead with 15.4 ppg and 6-5 freshman F Ta'Jay Henry with 14.3 ppg.

Next: Clarendon College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m. Monday; NMMI at Howard College, 6:30 p.m. Monday

Standings

Women's WJCAC Standings

	Conference		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
x-Midland College	10	2	22	6
x-Odessa College	10	2	20	5
South Plains	8	4	19	5
New Mexico JC	6	5	19	5
Howard College	5	7	12	11
Clarendon	3	9	12	15
Frank Phillips	2	9	9	16
Western Texas	2	11	9	20

x-clinched Region V Tournament berth

Monday's Scores

Midland College 91, Western Texas 50; Odessa College 85, Howard College 57; New Mexico JC 76, Frank Phillips 34; South Plains and Clarendon College were open

Today's Games

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

Men's WJCAC Standings

	Conference		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
x-Odessa College	11	3	21	8
Howard College	10	3	23	4
New Mexico JC	10	3	22	5
South Plains	8	5	18	7
Midland College	8	6	17	7
Clarendon	4	9	15	12
Frank Phillips	4	10	14	14
Western Texas	3	11	13	15
New Mexico Military	2	11	6	20

x-clinched Region V Tournament berth

Monday's Scores

Midland College 69, Western Texas 65; Clarendon College 102, NMMI 86; New Mexico JC 76, Frank Phillips 70; Howard College 94, Odessa College 83; South Plains was open

Today's Games

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

RANGERS

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56-55 loss to Dalhart.

Greenwood led for all but 31 seconds against Dalhart last year, only for the Wolves to win it on a last-second layup.

"It was tough because the year before that, we had the Pampa game, which was the exact same way," senior Timmy Murphey said. "(Hollingsworth and I) had just been moved up for the playoffs (against Pampa), and so we were pretty heartbroken to have that happen two years in a row.

"(We're) pretty set now not to let it happen again."

Standing in the way of keeping "it" from happening again is Perryton, a team that had won 13-straight games, including an 8-0 record in district play, before losing its last game to Abernathy.

Perryton remains No. 18 in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Class 3A poll, even after the loss, but the ranking doesn't faze Greenwood, who played No. 5 Abilene Wylie and once-No. 21 Monahans in 4-3A play.

Greenwood nearly toppled Wylie in the teams' first meeting and blew out then-ranked Monahans by 17 on the road, and the two games have given them confidence heading into tonight.

"We have all the players to go out there and win. As long as we come out with intensity, work hard the whole game, we'll be fine," Hollingsworth said.

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Taylor Hollingsworth, Greenwood senior

Greenwood will be looking specifically to avoid the sluggish start it had in its playoff-opening win against Clint on Monday, an effort that cast a cloud over a 16-point win.

"After our game, we told them, first of all, it's good to get the win, but it really doesn't feel that good because we didn't feel like we got better defensively," coach Zach Boxell said, "and we've preached to them that in the playoffs you're going to win the big games by your defense."

If the Rangers can step it up defensively, the scrappy Murphey and fellow senior Cade Jones — a rangy 6-foot-3 guard — figure to play a key role. Murphey and Jones have stepped up in the absence of senior guard Kyle Hansard, who was lost for the season with a wrist injury late in district play.

But Boxell said he's been pleased with the play of the two seniors and has enough confidence in both to put them on the opponents' best player. And the team shares his confidence in them.

"Timmy and Cade really come in and give us good looks," Hollingsworth said. "So, they do well."

Greenwood feels confident heading into a round that has been a house of horrors for it of late. But there is no fear or anxiousness — if anything, the Rangers are happy that it's finally here.

"Now that we're to this game, we've talked it up as far as just saying they are a good team, they have got the recognition in the state, but we look at that more as a challenge than being afraid of it," Boxell said.

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GREENWOOD VS. NO. 18 PERRYTON

When/where: 7 p.m. today, Dimmitt HS

Records: Greenwood 18-14; Perryton 23-3

Last game: Greenwood 68, Clint 52; Abernathy 61, Perryton 51

Notes: After a 16-point win against Clint to open postseason play, Greenwood will look to end its area-round woes against District 1-3A champion Perryton. The last time Greenwood advanced past the area round was in 2008, when the Rangers went one round farther before falling to Fabens in a regional quarterfinal. ... Perryton is ranked No. 18 in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Class 3A poll, but this isn't the first time Greenwood has faced a ranked team this season. Greenwood went 1-2 against ranked teams after being swept by No. 5 Abilene Wylie, who they lost to by just three in the first meeting, and routing then-No. 21 Monahans by 17 on the road. ... Greenwood senior Jody Lively exploited his size advantage in the post against Clint to the tune of 24 points and 12 rebounds and may have a similar opportunity against Clint. "I think we have the mismatches as far as Jody and Kam (Williams), with his size," Greenwood coach Zach Boxell said. "If we can get them going inside early that would help open up stuff outside for our guards as far as (Hollingsworth) and Grant because Perryton does a good job of sagging down and helping on the post. So our guards are going to have to be able to hit some outside shots for us too to loosen everything up." ... On defense, Boxell said it will be key for his team to move its feet and keep Perryton out of the paint. "They do a real good job of attacking the basket, so we have to be ready to move and keep them out of the lane because if they get inside the lane they're good at finishing or kicking it out to somebody for the open three," Boxell said.

Next: Winner will play Fabens-Lubbock Estacado winner in Class 3A Region I quarterfinal

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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

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NJCAA Division I Men's Basketball Poll
(First place votes in parentheses)
Rank College ..... Record Points Pvs.
1. Southern Union 27-0 360 (14) 1
2. Collin Cnty CC 26-1 354 (2) 2
3. Indian Hills CC 26-2 302 3
4. Hutchinson Cmty C 26-2 292 5
5. Iowa Western CC 26-2 316 9
6. Hutchinson CC 25-2 313 4
7. Blue Lake CC 25-2 307 6
8. East Central State 25-2 287 8
9. Wisconsin University 25-2 267 6
10. Cuyahoga Cmty C 25-2 243 11
11. Chipola College 24-3 228 11
12. Chattahoochee Tech 25-3 211 16
13. North Idaho College 25-4 192 10
14. Northern Idaho CC 25-4 189 15
15. Palm Beach St. Coll. 27-2 157 8
16. Cent. Ariz. College 24-4 146 14
17. Northern Oklahoma 24-4 144 18
18. Hagerstown CC 26-4 139 20
19. Pearl River CC 25-1 137 12
20. Kilgore College 23-4 109 22
21. Mesller State CC 20-3 101 22
22. New Mexico JC 23-6 84 19
23. Ariz. Western Coll. 23-5 62 24
24. Cochise College 24-4 54 25
25. Odessa College 21-6 34 25

NJCAA Division I Women's Basketball Poll
(First place votes in parentheses)
Rank College ..... Record Points
1. Trinity Valley CC 28-1 198 (8)
2. Central Ariz. Coll. 26-1 186 2
3. Hutchinson CC 26-1 182 3
4. North Idaho Coll. 27-2 172 7
5. Shelton St. CC 26-0 165 5
6. NW Fla. St. Coll. 23-3 161 8
7. Walters State CC 25-1 150 7
8. Chipola College 22-4 145 6
9. Blinn College 25-1 137 9
10. Gulf Coast St. Coll. 23-4 129 10
11. Northeast CC 26-2 119 12
12. Danton St. Coll. 24-3 111 13
13. Collin County CC 23-3 98 15
14. Crowder College 24-4 93 16
15. Garden City CC 25-3 85 16
16. Salt Lake CC 16-10 81 16
17. Coll. of S. Idaho 19-11 79 14
18. Iowa Western CC 23-5 73 17
19. Midland College 21-6 65 18
20. ASA College 20-5 39 19
21. W. Nebraska CC 14-13 48 23
22. E. Okla. St. Coll. ..... 19-6 37 NR
23. Williston St. Coll. 24-3 31 24
24. St. Petersburg Coll. ..... 22-6 25 RV
25. Weatherford College ..... 19 RV

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	16	9	3	4	22	42	38
Pittsburgh	17	11	6	0	22	57	44
N.Y. Rangers	15	8	6	1	17	39	38
Philadelphia	16	8	9	1	17	51	54
N.Y. Islanders	16	6	9	1	13	46	57

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	16	11	4	1	23	46	35
Boston	13	9	2	2	20	37	32
Ottawa	17	9	6	2	20	40	32
Toronto	17	10	7	0	20	48	40
Buffalo	17	6	10	1	13	47	56

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	14	8	5	1	17	41	40
Tampa Bay	15	8	6	1	17	59	47
Winnipeg	15	6	8	1	13	37	47
Florida	15	4	7	4	12	35	50
Washington	15	5	9	1	11	41	51

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	16	13	0	3	29	55	34
Nashville	17	8	4	5	21	39	38
St. Louis	16	9	6	1	19	53	50
Detroit	16	7	6	3	17	43	48
Columbus	16	4	10	2	10	36	51

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	15	8	3	4	20	44	37
Minnesota	15	7	6	2	16	33	38
Edmonton	15	6	6	3	15	36	41
Calgary	14	5	6	3	13	39	51
Colorado	14	6	7	1	13	37	43

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	15	12	2	1	25	53	39
San Jose	15	8	4	3	19	38	34
Phoenix	16	8	6	2	18	44	41
Dallas	16	8	7	1	17	41	43
Los Angeles	14	6	6	2	14	33	37

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

Wednesday's Scores
Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 5
St. Louis at Colorado, late
Los Angeles at Calgary, late

Today's Games
Buffalo at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Florida at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Washington, 6 p.m.
Winnipeg at Carolina, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Columbus at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S SUMMARIES
FLYERS 6, PENGUINS 5

Philadelphia	2	2	1	3 — 6
Pittsburgh	2	2	1	0 — 5

First Period—1. Pittsburgh, Neskorozny 2 (Letang), 5:07 2. Pittsburgh, Malkin 4 (Martin, Neal), 7:15 (pp). 3. Philadelphia, Grossmann 1 (Knuble, Couturier), 11:49 4. Philadelphia, Simmonds 5 (Briere), 19:28

Second Period—5. Philadelphia, Voracek 4 (Simmonds, B.Schenn), 49:50 (pp).

Third Period—6. Philadelphia, Voracek 5 (Coburn, Giroux), 18, 7. Pittsburgh, Kennedy 2 (Martin, Orpik), 5:29 8. Philadelphia, Simmonds 6 (Talbot, Gervais), 7:38 9. Pittsburgh, Neal 12 (Malkin, Crosby), 12:46 (pp). 10. Pittsburgh, Sutter 4 (Martin, Cooke), 17:57. 11. Philadelphia, Voracek 6 (Giroux), 19:28

Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 15-9-6-2—32. Pittsburgh 13-9-10—32.

Goalies—Philadelphia, Bryzgalov. Pittsburgh, Vokoun. A—18,650 (18,387). T—2:38.

Tennis

U.S. National Indoor Championships Results
Wednesday
At The Racquet Club of Memphis
Memphis, Tenn.
Purse: Men, $1,253,500 (WT500); Women, $235,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
Men
First Round
Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, def. Yen-hsun Lu, Taiwan, 2-6, 7-6 (3), 6-4.
Donald Young, United States, def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, 5-1, retired.
Tommy Haas (6), Germany, def. Evgeny Donskoy, Russia, 7-6 (6), 6-4.
Alexandr Dolgopolov (7), Ukraine, def. Bjorn Phau, Germany, 6-3, 6-4.
Marinko Matosevic, Australia, def. Go Soeda, Japan, 7-6 (6), 6-4.
Women
Second Round
Kirsten Flipkens (1), Belgium, def. Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.
Stefanie Vogele, Switzerland, def. Claire Feuerstein, France, 3-6, 7-6 (7), 6-1.
Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, def. Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.
Heather Watson (4), Britain, def. Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, 2-6, 6-0, 6-3.
Sabine Lisicki (3), Germany, def. Melinda Czink, Hungary, 7-6 (6), 4-6, 6-2.
Kristina Mladenovic (8), France, def. Victoria Duval, Canada, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	32	19	.627	—
Brooklyn	28	22	.560	3
Boston	26	25	.510	5
Philadelphia	22	30	.423	10 1/2
Toronto	19	31	.380	12
Southeast Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Miami	37	14	.725	—
Atlanta	29	21	.580	8 1/2
Washington	15	37	.288	22 1/2
Orlando	15	39	.278	23 1/2
Charlotte	13	41	.241	25 1/2
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Indiana	33	21	.611	—
Chicago	31	22	.585	1 1/2
Milwaukee	26	27	.491	6 1/2
Detroit	22	34	.393	12
Cleveland	17	37	.315	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	43	12	.782	—
Memphis	35	18	.660	7
Houston	30	25	.545	13 1/2
Dallas	24	29	.453	18
New Orleans	19	36	.345	24
Northwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Oklahoma City	39	15	.722	—
Denver	34	21	.618	5 1/2
Utah	31	24	.564	8 1/2
Portland	25	29	.463	14
Minnesota	20	31	.392	17 1/2
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
L.A. Clippers	39	17	.696	—
Golden State	30	23	.566	7 1/2
L.A. Lakers	25	29	.463	13
Sacramento	19	36	.345	19 1/2
Phoenix	18	36	.333	20

Wednesday's Scores
Detroit 105, Charlotte 99
Memphis 88, Toronto 82
Indiana 125, New York 91
Houston 122, Oklahoma City 119
Minnesota 94, Philadelphia 87
Brooklyn 97, Milwaukee 84
Miami 103, Atlanta 90
Cleveland 105, New Orleans 100
Dallas 111, Orlando 96
Phoenix at Golden State, late
Boston at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games
Miami at Chicago, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S BOXES
ROCKETS 122, THUNDER 119
OKLAHOMA CITY (119): Durant 4-13 8-9 18, Ibaka 7-11 2-2 16, Thabeet 2-3 0-0 4, Westbrook 8-20 9-10 28, Sefolosha 11-16 0-0 29, Martin 5-13 3-4 15, Collison 2-3 0-0 4, P.Jones 0-1 2-2 2, Jackson 3-7 0-0 6. Totals 42-87 24-27 119.
HOUSTON (122): Parsons 6-15 3-4 17, Delfino 3-12 0-0 9, Asik 3-10 3-4 9, Lin 12-22 2-3 29, Harden 14-19 11-12 46, Smith 4-5 0-0 8, Beverley 0-4 0-0 0, Motiejunas 1-4 0-0 2, Anderson 7-11 0-0 2. Totals 44-92 19-23 122.
Oklahoma City 29 33 30 27 — 119
Houston 36 21 30 35 — 122

3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 11-28 (Durant 3-6, Westbrook 2-7, Martin 2-7, Ibaka 1-2, Sefolosha 1-2, Collison 0-1, Thabeet 0-1), Houston 15-33 (Harden 7-8, Lin 3-5, Delfino 3-10, Parsons 2-7, Motiejunas 0-1, Beverley 0-2, Anderson 0-2). Rebounds—Oklahoma City 55 (Durant 12), Houston 45 (Asik 10). Assists—Oklahoma City 25 (Durant 11), Houston 28 (Lin 8). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 22, Houston 23. Technicals—Lin, A-16,284 (18,023).

MAVERICKS 111, MAGIC 98
ORLANDO (98): Hezonja 9-15 1-4 20, Nicholson 4-11 2-6 10, Vucevic 7-11 2-2 16, Harkless 2-6 1-2 6, Afflalo 5-13 2-2 13, Nelson 12-3 3-10, DeJuan Blair 0-2 0-0 0, O'Quinn 0-0 0-0 0, Moore 2-6 0-0 5, Ayon 2-2 0-1 4, Smith 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 39-85 13-22 98.
DALLAS (111): Marion 7-11 2-2 17, Nowitzki 4-13 4-12 12, B.James 2-5 2-2 6, Collison 3-10 3-3 9, Mayo 5-11 0-0 13, Carter 5-12 0-0 14, Brand 6-8 5-7 17, M.James 5-9 0-0 12, Crowder 1-2 0-0 3, Da.Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Wright 4-6 0-0 8, Beaubois 0-0 0-0 0, Do.Jones 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-88 16-18 111.
Orlando 30 23 29 14 — 98
Dallas 42 17 34 18 — 111

3-Point Goals—Orlando 5-16 (Nelson 1-1, Harkless 1-2, Nelson 1-3, Afflalo 1-4, Redick 1-5, Da.Jones 0-1), Dallas 11-29 (Carter 4-8, Mayo 3-7, M.James 2-5, Crowder 1-2, Marion 1-2, Collison 0-2, Nowitzki 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 54 (Vucevic 13), Dallas 49 (Nowitzki 9). Assists—Orlando 24 (Afflalo, Nelson 7), Dallas 32 (Collison 9). Total Fouls—Orlando 13, Dallas 19. Technicals—Orlando defensive three second 2, A—19,985 (19,200).

NETS 97, BUCKS 84
BROOKLYN (97): Wallace 3-6 1-2 7, Evans 0-2 3-4 3, Lopez 3-13 3-4 9, Williams 7-16 6-7 23, Johnson 3-14 2-2 8, Blatche 5-9 2-4 12, Humphries 2-7 1-3 5, Watson 0-1 0-0 0, Teletovic 1-6 0-0 2, Bogans 2-3 0-6 6, Brooks 2-3 2-2 7. Totals 34-85 20-38 97.
MILWAUKEE (84): Mbah a Moute 0-6 1-2 1, Ilyasova 5-11 0-0 12, Sanders 5-10 2-3 12, Jennings 12-18 3-3 31, Ellis 5-15 4-9 14, Dunleavy 3-7 4-6 10, Udrih 2-4 0-0 4, Dalembert 0-0 3-4 3, Henson 1-2 0-1 2, Udoh 2-1 1-3 5. Totals 35-75 18-31 84.
Brooklyn 21 21 26 29 — 97
Milwaukee 29 18 15 22 — 84

3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 9-26 (Watson 3-4, Williams 3-7, Bogans 2-3, Brooks 1-1, Wallace 0-2, Teletovic 0-4, Johnson 0-5), Milwaukee 6-14 (Jennings 4-6, Ilyasova 2-3, Udrih 0-1, Dunleavy 0-2, Ellis 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 53 (Blatche 12), Milwaukee 57 (Sanders 13). Assists—Brooklyn 23 (Williams 8), Milwaukee 22 (Jennings 11). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 23, Milwaukee 24. Technicals—Bogans 2, Milwaukee defensive three second. A—14,563 (18,717).

TIMBERWOLVES 94, 76ERS 87
PHILADELPHIA (87): Turner 6-16 5-6 17, Allen 4-9 0-0 8, Hawes 3-9 3-4 9, Holiday 7-17 2-4 16, N.Young 1-7 4-6, Pargo 2-3 0-5, Wright 2-6 4-5 10, Williams 5-10 3-4 13, Brown 0-1 0-0 0, Ivey 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 31-81 21-32 87.
MINNESOTA (94): Kirilenko 4-8 6-6 15, Williams 7-12 1-2 17, Pekovic 9-16 9-15 27,

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
East Carolina 72, Tulsa 63
Iowa St. 87, Baylor 82
Kansas 68, Oklahoma St. 67, 2OT
Oklahoma 86, Texas Tech 71
Stephen F. Austin 50, Sam Houston St. 44
Texas-Arlington 63, Texas-Pan American 61

EAST
Army 77, Colgate 63
Boston U. 79, Albany (NY) 69
George Mason 79, Hofstra 50
George Washington 68, Fordham 60
Georgetown 90, DePaul 66
Hartford 49, New Hampshire 44
Lafayette 79, Holy Cross 76
Navy 50, American U. 44
Northeastern 86, James Madison 64
St. Bonaventure 99, UMass 94
St. John's 69, South Florida 54
Syracuse 84, Providence 59
Vermont 73, Maine 61
Xavier 55, Rhode Island 42

SOUTH
Alabama 64, Mississippi St. 56
Coll. of Charleston 67, W. Carolina 65
Davidson 73, Furman 36
E. Kentucky 91, Austin Peay 53
Hampton 63, Md.-Eastern Shore 59
Jacksonville St. 67, SE Missouri 65
Kentucky 74, Vanderbilt 70
Louisiana Tech 118, Central Baptist 48
Marshall 82, UCF 70
Memphis 81, Houston 74
Murray St. 108, Morehead St. 100, 2OT
Old Dominion 84, UNC Wilmington 61
South Carolina 63, Mississippi 62
Southern Miss. 45, UTEP 39
Texas A&M 65, Auburn 56
The Citadel 80, Appalachian St. 77, OT

MIDWEST
Belmont 80, E. Illinois 49
Drake 92, Bradley 84, OT
Evansville 79, Illinois St. 62
IPFW 77, Oakland 71
Milwaukee 64, W. Chicago 53
Ohio 73, E. Michigan 50
Ohio St. 71, Minnesota 45
Tennessee St. 83, SIU-Edwardsville 73
Wisconsin 69, Northwestern 41
Wright St. 50, Cleveland St. 41

FAR WEST
Boise St. 77, Air Force 65
Cal St.-Fullerton 77, Pacific 60
North Dakota 84, N. Colorado 62
UC Irvine 68, Pacific 59

TOP 25 FARED
Wednesday
1. Indiana (24-3) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Tuesday.
2. Miami (22-3) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Saturday.
3. Gonzaga (25-2) vs. Santa Clara. Next: vs. San Diego, Saturday.
4. Michigan State (22-5) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Ohio State, Sunday.
5. Florida (21-4) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Saturday.
6. Duke (22-3) did not play. Next: at Virginia Tech, Thursday.
7. Michigan (22-4) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Sunday.
8. Syracuse (22-4) beat Providence 84-59. Next: vs. No. 11 Georgetown, Saturday.
9. Kansas (21-4) at No. 14 Oklahoma State. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.
10. Louisville (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Saturday.
11. Georgetown (20-4) beat DePaul 90-66. Next: at No. 8 Syracuse, Saturday.
12. Arizona (21-4) vs. Washington. Next: vs. Washington State, Saturday.
13. Kansas State (21-5) did not play. Next: at Texas, Saturday.
14. Oklahoma State (19-5) vs. No. 9 Kansas. Next: vs. W. Virginia, Saturday.
15. Butler (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Louis, Friday.
16. New Mexico (22-4) did not play. Next: at No. 22 Colorado State, Saturday.
17. Memphis (19-6) did not play. Next: at Villanova, Saturday.
18. Ohio State (19-7) beat Minnesota 71-45. Next: vs. No. 4 Michigan State, Sunday.
19. Wisconsin (19-8) beat Northwestern 69-41. Next: vs. Nebraska, Tuesday.
20. Pittsburgh (20-7) did not play. Next: at St. John's, Sunday.
21. Memphis (23-3) beat Houston 81-74. Next: vs. Southern Mississippi, Saturday.
22. Colorado State (21-4) at UNLV. Next: vs. No. 16 New Mexico, Saturday.
23. Oregon (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. California, Thursday.
24. VCU (21-6) did not play. Next: at Xavier, Saturday.
25. Notre Dame (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. Cincinnati, Sunday.

WEDNESDAY'S TEXASBIG 12 BOXES
SOUTHERN MISS. 45, UTEP 39
UTEP (14-11): J. Washburn 3-9 0-0 6, Lang 2-2 1-5, Streeter 2-8 1-2 7, Mc. Moore 8-15 1-2 12, Tucker 2-11 0-0 5, Cooper 4-9 0-0, Bohannon 1-3 2-2 4, C. Washburn 0-0 0-0. Totals 15-50 5-8 39.
SOUTHERN MISS. (45): Boerdingham 2-3 4-7 8, Mills 2-6 0-0 4, Davis 3-13 0-6 6, Watson 3-8 3-4 11, Brooks 5-14 0-0 13, Jenkins 0-2 0-0 0, McGill 0-1 1-2 1, Carey 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 16-48 8-13 45.
Halftime—UTEP 22-16. 3-Point Goals—UTEP 4-26 (Streeter 2-8, Mc. Moore 1-6, Tucker 1-8, J. Washburn 0-2, Cooper 0-2), Southern Miss. 5-22 (Brooks 3-10, Watson 2-6, McGill 0-1, Jenkins 0-2, Davis 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—UTEP 33 (Mc. Moore 11), Southern Miss. 36 (Boerdingham 8). Assists—UTEP 10 (Mc. Moore, Streeter 3), Southern Miss. 7 (Watson 3). Total Fouls—UTEP 15, Southern Miss. 12. A—3,701.

TEXAS-ARLINGTON 63, TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN 48
TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN (13-15): Toivonen 1-1 0-0 2, Bridgeford 8-13 1-2 17, Provost 4-10 5-6 16, Lindsey 2-8 0-6 4, Leathers 0-4 0-0 0, Dantzler 0-2 0-0 0, Nash 0-2 0-0 0, Cabrera 0-2 0-0 0, Hines 2-3 2-7, Cleveland 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 17-45 8-12 48.
TEXAS-ARLINGTON (15-9): Butler 3-9 3-4 11, Edwards 5-7 0-1 11, Reves 5-8 4-10 14, White-Miller 4-6 3-4 5, Catlett 3-9 1-1 7, Outler 3-6 1-2 8, Charles 1-4 0-0 2, Gainey 0-1 0-0 0, Gruszecki 2-3 0-0 5. Totals 23-51 12-21 63.
Halftime—Texas-Arlington 39-19. 3-Point Goals—Texas-Pan American 6-23 (Br. Provost 3-7, Urbanus 2-7, Hines 1-1, Cabrera 0-1, Leathers 0-1, Dantzler 0-1, Nash 0-2, Delgado 0-3), Texas-Arlington 5-15 (Butler 2-3, Edwards 1-2, Gruszecki 1-2, Outler 1-4, Catlett 0-1, Charles 0-1, White-Miller 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Texas-Pan American 22 (Delgado, Hines 4), Texas-Arlington 42 (Reves 11). Assists—Texas-Pan American 9 (Br. Provost 4), Texas-Arlington 11 (White-Miller 3). Total Fouls—Texas-Pan American 19, Texas-Arlington 13. A—1,085.

TEXAS A&M 65, AUBURN 56
TEXAS A&M (16-10): Roberson 2-5 2-3 6, R. Turner 2-7 1-2 5, Reese 2-6 2-2 7, Caruso 6-11 2-4 14, E. Turner 6-12 5-5 21, Young 3-4 0-0 6, McDonald 0-0 0-0, Green 0-0 0-0. Totals 19-45 12-16 65.
AUBURN (9-17): Payne 4-7 2-2 11, Davis 3-8 3-4 9, S. Johnson 3-8 0-2 7, Wallace 1-3 0-0 2, Sullivan 2-9 2-2 7, Dixon-Tatum 1-3 0-0 2, Denson 4-7 1-2 9, Price 3-6 1-2 9, Greene Jr. 0-5 0-0 0, Granger 0-0 0-0 0, N. Johnson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-56 9-14 56.
Halftime—Auburn 31-29. 3-Point Goals—Texas A&M 5-19 (E. Turner 4-9, Reese 1-3, Johns 0-1, Caruso 0-3, Green 0-3), Auburn 5-23 (Price 2-5, Payne 1-3, S. Johnson 1-3, Sullivan 1-3, Davis 0-1, Denson 0-1, Greene Jr. 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Texas A&M 34 (Roberson 10), Auburn 32 (S. Johnson 6). Assists—Texas A&M 13 (Caruso 8), Auburn 11 (Payne 4). Total Fouls—Texas A&M 13, Auburn 19. A—5,322.

OKLAHOMA 86, TEXAS TECH 71
OKLAHOMA (17-8): Pledger 8-15 0-0 22, Hornbeak 1-6 0-0 2, Cousins 0-1 0-0 0, Clark 2-3 0-0 5, Tolbert 3-9 4-9 10, Robinson 0-1 0-0 0, Tapscott 2-6 0-1 0, Adams 0-0 2-2 2, Gotcher 0-0 0-0 0, Crockett 5-11 2-2 15, Lamb 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 24-58 12-28 71.
TEXAS TECH (9-15): Hannahs 3-9 2-2 9, Gray 10-22 6-9 26, Kraus 1-1 0-0 2, Williams, Jr. 0-1 0-0 0, Tabor 3-9 4-9 10, Robinson 0-1 0-0 0, Tapscott 0-0 0-1 0, Adams 0-0 2-2 2, Gotcher 0-0 0-0 0, Crockett 5-11 2-2 15, Lamb 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 24-58 12-28 71.
**Oklahoma 44-36 3-Point Goals—Oklahoma 8-17 (Pledger 6-13, M'Baye 2-3, Hornbeak 0-1), Texas Tech 6-13 (Crockett 3-5, Lammert 2-2, Hannahs 1-3, Gray 2-1, Williams, Jr. 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma 39 (M'Baye 13), Texas Tech 29 (Crockett, Tabor 7). Assists—Oklahoma 17 (Grooms, M'Baye 5), Texas Tech 6 (Gray 5). Total Fouls—Oklahoma 24, Texas Tech 19. A—8,248.

NO. 21 MEMPHIS 81, HOUSTON 74
HOUSTON (15-10): McLean 0-2 1-4 1, House 6-9 3-5 16, Thomas 9-19 2-4 20, Young 6-12 8-9 22, Womack 1-1 1-2 3, Morris 0-0 0-0 0, Thompson 0-2 0-0 0, Barnes 1-2 0-0 2, Gibson 0-0 0-0 0, Steppers 2-7 0-0 6. Totals 25-54 16-24 74.
MEMPHIS (23-3): Thomas 8-17 6-7 22, Goodwin 1-2 0-2 2, Stephens 6-7 2-2 14, Jackson 3-6 5-6 11, Johnson 2-6 2-2 6, Hall 0-0 0-1 0, Crawford 4-9 2-2 11, Black 1-1 0-0 3, Wilson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-58 18-25 81.
Halftime—Memphis 35-28. 3-Point Goals—Houston 8-22 (Young 3-6, Steppers 2-5, House 1-2, Thompson 0-1), Memphis 3-14 (Crawford 3-7, Jackson 0-1, Johnson 0-3, Thomas 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 25 (Thomas 6), Memphis 40 (Crawford 13). Assists—Houston 12 (Womack 4), Memphis 21 (Crawford 9). Total Fouls—Houston 24, Memphis 20. Technical—Johnson. A—16,791.

NO. 9 KANSAS 68, NO. 14 OKLAHOMA ST. 67, 2OT
KANSAS (22-4): Young 4-9 0-2 8, Withey 3-7 11-14 17, Johnson 6-9 0-2 10, McLemore 3-12 0-0 7, Releford 7-10 4-7 18, Tharpe 2-11 0-0 4, Traylor 1-2 2-2 4, Ellis 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-61 17-27 68.
OKLAHOMA ST. (19-6): Nash 3-10 2-7 8, Cobbins 4-7 0-0 8, Junick 1-1 0-0 2, Brown 7-15 4-6 20, Smart 5-14 1-2 16, Gardner 0-2 0-0 0, Williams 0-3 0-0 0, Forte 4-12 4-4 13, Murphy 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-64 21-31 67.
Halftime—Tied 26-26. End Of Regulation—Tied 57. End Of 1st Overtime—Tied 63. 3-Point Goals—Kansas 1-11 (McLemore 1-3, Releford 0-2, Tharpe 0-6), Oklahoma St. 4-21 (Brown 2-5, Smart 1-4, Forte 1-8, Williams 0-1, Nash 0-1). Fouled Out—Cobbins, Johnson. Smart. Rebounds—Kansas 50 (Withey 14), Oklahoma St. 41 (Cobbins 14). Assists—Kansas 5 (Tharpe 3), Oklahoma St. 10 (Brown 4). Total Fouls—Kansas 21, Oklahoma St. 22. A—13,611.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 50, SAM HOUSTON ST. 44
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (22-3): Bateman 3-9 9-10 15, Bostic 2-7 1-2 6, Haymon 2-7 0-4 4, Smith 6-10 1-13, Parker 4-12 0-0 10, Wallace 0-0 0-0 0, Thomas 0-2 0-2, Bright 0-0 0-0, Asorbe 0-0 0-0. Totals 18-47 11-13 50.
SAM HOUSTON ST. (14-12): Gaston 1-5 1-2 4, Mitchell 2-7 0-0 5, Fuller 2-7 0-0 4, Baxter 1-7 0-0 3, Holyfield 0-2 0-0 0, Harrington 1-2 0-2 2, Motley 2-5 0-0 4, Bond 1-4 0-0 3, Mauffa 5-10 3-7 14. Totals 16-48 5-14 44.
Halftime—Stephen F. Austin 19-16. 3-Point Goals—Stephen F. Austin 3-9 (Parker 2-4, Bostic 1-2), Sam Houston 2-11 (Haymon 0-1, Sam Houston St. 4-14 (Baxter 1-2, Bond 1-3, Mason 1-4, Gaston 1-4, McKinney 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Stephen F. Austin 34 (Smith 10), Sam Houston St. 32 (Thomas 8). Assists—Stephen F. Austin 15 (Bateman 8), Sam Houston St. 10 (Mauffa 3). Total Fouls—Stephen F. Austin 18, Sam Houston St. 18. A—2,395.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE
SOUTHWEST
Georgia at Arkansas, 6 p.m
FAU at North Texas, 7 p.m.

Women

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
FAU 73, North Texas 60
Houston Baptist 78, Texas St. 76, OT
Oklahoma 72, Kansas St. 57
Sam Houston St. 84, Stephen F. Austin 50
TCU 64, Oklahoma St. 63
Texas 93, Kansas 83
Texas-Arlington 57, New Orleans 57

EAST
CCSU 63, LIU Brooklyn 54
Charleston So. 100, Mercy 44
Lincinnati 59, Pittsburgh 50
Colgate 60, Army 56
Holy Cross 56, Lafayette 58
Lehigh 49, Bucknell 37
Maine 73, Vermont 60
Miami (Ohio) 69, Buffalo 56
Navy 52, American U. 42
New Hampshire 51, Hartford 49
Penn St. 95, Illinois 8
Quinnipac 72, Monmouth (NJ) 45
Saint Joseph's 68, La Salle 31
Seton Hall 72, Providence 56
SUNY-Buffalo 72, Stony Brook 51
Xavier 54, Temple 53

SOUTH
Appalachian St. 74, Coll. of Charleston 65
Davidson 59, UNC-Greensboro 56, OT
Etsh St. Wolfford 58 -
Hampton 78, Md.-Eastern Shore 47
Louisiana-Lafayette 63, Troy 59
Middle Tennessee 69, South Alabama 48
Richmond 66, VCU 62
South Florida 73, Louisville 62
W. Kentucky 65, Louisiana-Monroe 63

MIDWEST
Ball St. 56, E. Michigan 34
Bowling Green 74, Akron 61
Butler 67, Saint Louis 62
Cent. Michigan 77, W. Michigan 53
Indiana St. 62, Drake 61
Michigan St. 54, Northwestern 45
Ohio 61, Kent St. 55
St. John's 67, Marquette 61
Toledo 72, N. Illinois 40

FAR WEST
Air Force 77, Boise St. 72
Colorado St. 60, UNLV 44
Nevada 60, Fresno St. 54
San Diego St. 57, Wyoming 51

TOP 25 FARED
Wednesday
1. Baylor (25-1) did not play. Next: vs. Texas, Saturday.
2. Notre Dame (24-1) did not play. Next: at DePaul, Sunday.
3. UConn (24-2) did not play. Next: vs Seton Hall, Saturday.
4. Stanford (24-2) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon State, Friday.
5. Duke (24-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Florida State, Friday.
6. California (23-2) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon, Friday.
7. Penn State (22-3) beat Illinois 95-62. Next: vs. Michigan, Sunday.
8. Kentucky (23-3) did not play. Next: at LSU, Sunday.
9. Maryland (21-4) did not play. Next: at Boston College, Thursday.
10. Texas A&M (20-6) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi, Thursday.
11. Tennessee (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn, Thursday.
12. Louisville (21-6) beat to South Florida 73-62. Next: at Rutgers, Sunday.
13. Georgia (21-4) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Thursday.
14. Delaware (22-1) did not play. Next: at St. Bonaventure, Thursday.
15. South Carolina (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi State, Sunday.
16. Nebraska (19-6) did not play. Next: at Ohio St., Sunday.
17. UCLA (20-6) did not play. Next: vs. Southern California, Thursday.
18. Delaware (23-3) did not play. Next: vs. James Madison, Sunday.
19. Florida State (20-5) did not play. Next: at No. 5 Duke, Friday.
20. Colorado (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. Washington State, Friday.
21. Syracuse (22-3) did not play. Next: at South Florida, Saturday.
22. Purdue (19-7) lost to Indiana 62-61. Next: at Minnesota, Sunday.
23. Oklahoma State (18-7) lost to TCU 64-63. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Saturday.
24. Nebraska (19-6) did not play. Next: at Michigan, Thursday.
25. Green Bay (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. Valparaiso, Saturday.

WEDNESDAY'S TEXAS BOXES
**TCU 64, NO. 23 OKLAHOMA ST

Williams gets 3A All-State first team nod

From staff and wire reports

BRYAN — Greenwood senior quarterback and punter Kam Williams earned a first team nod as a punter on the Texas Sports Writers Association Class 3A All-State Football Team, which was announced on Wednesday.

Kam Williams: Named to the TSWA 3A All-State Football Team as a first team punter. Read the complete 3A honors on Page 3C.

Williams, who also earned all-state honors as punter in the Associated Press Sports Editors team in December, averaged 42.8 yads a punt this season on 37 punts.

Williams also picked up a third team mention as an athlete as he threw for 2,661 yards and 25 touchdowns and rushed for 1,360 yards and 24 touchdowns this season.

Monahans center Joe Brandenburg was a third team selection as a center.

Players who earned honorable mention on this year's team were Julian Garcia, Greenwood (defensive line), Rickey Harcrow, Greenwood (defensive line), Guillermo Esparza, Andrews (defensive line), Logan Day, Greenwood (linebacker), Garrett Bawcom, Andrews (linebacker), Mason Fraley, Greenwood (defensive back) and Devin Roberson, Big Spring (punter).

Navasota's Kadarius Baker and Stephenville's Tyler Jones shared offensive player of the year honors on this year's team.

El Campo lineman Cole Hunt and Navasota lineman Jordan Wells shared defensive player of the year honors.

Rangers' Berkman says calf strain is no issue

Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Lance Berkman knows he's being watched with some trepidation while going through spring training with the Texas Rangers.

"Kind of a house of cards deal with me," he said Wednesday.

After all, he is 37 years old with a gray-speckled beard and coming off a season when he played only 32 games with St. Louis because of two operations on his right knee and a left calf strain. He thought about retiring before accepting an $11 million, one-year deal from Texas to be primarily a designated hitter.

Now, a week into spring training, Berkman has a mild strain in his right calf.

He said it's nothing to worry about.

"It's no big deal. I think it's a result of more volume than I've done," Berkman said. "We're taking groundballs, we're running, I haven't been doing that stuff. I've been lifting, and more in a rehab mode, and now I've kind of shifted into the baseball mode and it's not something that to me is that concerning. It's just one of the things that happens to you at the beginning of camp when you start trying to sort things out physically."

Berkman is a .296 career hitter with 360 home runs and 1,200 RBIs in 1,806 regular-season games. He spent most of his career with Houston before being an All-Star in 2011 with the Cardinals, when he hit .301 with 31 homers and 94 RBIs in 145 games and was part of their World Series championship over Texas.

Fearless McKay ready for state diving championship

By Len Hayward
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McKay

Jennifer Mangum knew she had a potential diver the first day Taylor McKay walked into the Mabee Aquatic Center to try out.

McKay didn't hesitate in walking up the 10-meter platform and going off of it. The second day, McKay did a backflip off that same platform and landed on his back. Mangum said McKay never hesitated. She gave him some instruction, and McKay completed the dive a second time.

Even though high school competition involves the 1-meter springboard and not the platform, what Mangum saw in McKay was a fearlessness that would make him an easy diver to teach — and also one that could be successful.

"From that moment on, I was like, 'He's a keeper,'" Mangum said.

Three years later, McKay still has that fearlessness, but now it's a little more refined.

It's been refined to the point that McKay, a senior at Midland High, will participate in his first University Interscholastic League State Diving Championship in Austin on Friday and Saturday, and the self-admitted adrenaline junkie is excited about getting this chance his last year to dive.

"If I could only say one word, it's been a blast," McKay said Tuesday at the Mabee Aquatic Center before a workout. "I'm going to remember this the rest of my life ... the people, the facility, everything has been great."

McKay's choice of diving came partly because he needed a sport to participate in as a sophomore, and partly because he wanted something that would give him the rush of adrenaline he sometimes craves.

McKay admitted that when he was younger, he was the one who would take his bike over the jump no one else would, and while many kids his age would be terrified of falling off a 10-meter platform, he took it as a challenge.

And McKay was diving without any previous experience in the sport.

But Mangum said the fearlessness coupled with a willingness to work is what helped McKay progress. Mangum could teach him a dive, and he would do it, and work on it, without ever worrying about whether McKay was thinking he might get hurt.

"It's pretty amazing for someone with no background in the sport to make it as far as he has," Mangum said. "That makes it really easy to teach him dives because he is fearless, because it's, 'Hey, let's try this,' and it's OK. That makes it really fun, and he's got a great attitude, and he likes the show part of it. He has fun with it, and that's been refreshing."

McKay said the easy part is learning the dives, but the hard part is the form that is required to score well, and he said it's something he has had to work on. But takes satisfaction in knowing that he is beating competitors who have spent many more years than him in the sport.

"This is my third year, and it's definitely been cool going up against people that have more experience," McKay said.

McKay finished second at the Region I-5A diving meet two weeks ago in Lubbock, and he knows that his chances of medaling are slim, but that doesn't phase McKay. He's ready for the chance to compete in the state meet, even though it's likely the last time he will dive competitively.

But he said he's enjoyed every minute of having this chance to compete and earn a spot in the state meet, and also fill his adrenaline need.

"If you would've told me I would be going to state when I first started here, I would've thought, 'No way,'" McKay said. "That first year, I got smashed at regionals. But it's just about not giving up, keeping going and keep trying."

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Unfazed by injury, Drennan heads to second state meet

By Len Hayward
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Drennan

Alyson Drennan's journey to this weekend's UIL State Swimming Championships in Austin hasn't been without its issues.

The major one was a wrist injury that Drennan suffered the week before heading to the Region I-4A meet two weeks ago in Andrews, and the Greenwood sophomore easily admitted it affected her chances of reaching the state meet in two events.

Drennan still qualified in the 50-yard freestyle and won that event. She said her wrist is better but at times is still sore. In typical Drennan fashion, though, she is focused more on achieving her goals than worrying about an injury.

"You've just got to suck it up and do it," Drennan said.

Drennan will compete in the Class 4A state meet in Austin, which begins Friday at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swim Center, for the second straight year in the 50 freestyle, and she heads to the event with goals of making Saturday's A Final and breaking the 24-second barrier.

Drennan's best time in the event is 25.2 seconds. She said she has been working all winter to lower that time into the 24-second bracket, which is the time needed to qualify for a club sectional meet later this summer.

Drennan and her coach for the City of Midland Aquatics Team, Jenna Purkey, said they have been working on starts, finishes and the one turn that is so critical in the short race.

If Drennan can get all of those working at the same time on Friday and Saturday, Purkey said she has a shot to break 25 seconds.

"You know, the 50 freestyle is kind of like all the stars have to align to have a perfect race," Purkey said. "We've worked on her turn a lot this season, and then we worked on her start throughout the taper period."

Drennan won't have to worry about swimming in multiple events like she did in the regional meet and in last week's West Texas Championships at the Mabee Aquatic Center, and that as much as anything will help rest her wrist.

"You just think about that one race, and you don't have to worry about all the other races you have," Drennan said. "I'm going to give everything I have in this race."

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JAMES

From 1C

Trials and the World Junior Championships, so competing in spring board is something new.

But her scores show she's adapted well to the new discipline.

James won the district meet by more than 130 points and in the regional meet was dominant again. James set a regional record with 538 points and in the process earned a 10 on one of her final dives of the day.

"It's given me a chance to practice my springboard and perfect some stuff on it," James said. "I'm getting better at it, but I still think I'm better at tower."

No matter the diving event, James is ready for the competition and what it might bring.

"Really, I just need to do it like I've been doing it in practice because I'm really not sure how the competition is going to be," James said. "If I do the dives like I've been doing them, I can do very well."

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Chaps baseball splits doubleheader with Hill

From staff reports

Chaps	3-14
Rebels	4-3

ABILENE — The Midland College baseball team split a non-conference doubleheader with Hill College on Wednesday at McMurry University's Drigger Field.

The Chaps dropped the first game 4-3 to the Rebels, but Midland College rebounded in the second game to win 14-3 in a game that ended in the eighth inning because of the run-rule. The game was moved from its original location at Hardin-Simmons University's Hunter Field because of Tuesday's rain.

In the first game, Hill opened a 3-0 lead in the fourth inning but Midland College cut the lead to 3-2 with a pair of runs in the fifth inning.

Blair Beck was 2 for 3 in the game with a stolen base, and Joel Atkinson was 1 for 3 with two RBI and a sacrifice fly. Hunter Redman came off the bench in the seventh for a pinch-hit double.

The Chaps (6-3) offense came alive in the second game as they broke open a 3-2 game in the third with five runs. Then Midland College plated six in the eighth inning to help invoke the run-rule.

Atkinson was 3 for 6 with two RBI and a run scored in the game, and Beck was 2 for 4 with three RBI and two runs scored. Ethan Kohnle was 1 for 3 with a double, two RBI, two runs scored and drew two walks.

Jason Gardowski picked up his first pitching victory of the season as he gave up three runs on seven hits in six innings with one walk and four strikeouts.

Midland College will continue its non-district slate on Saturday with a pair of games agianst Colby (Kan.) Community College at noon at Christensen Stadium.

HILL COLLEGE 4, MIDLAND COLLEGE 3

Hill	000	300	1	—4	8	1
MC	000	000	1	—3	7	2

Reininger and Germaine. Cody Brown, Clay O'Dell (4), Jake Bateman (7) and Chris Shaw. W — Reininger. L — Brown (1-1). 2B — HC: Murray, Germaine. MC: Chris Shaw, Hunter Redman.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 14, HILL COLLEGE 3

MC	505	000	04	—14	10	0
Hill	200	001	00	—3	9	2

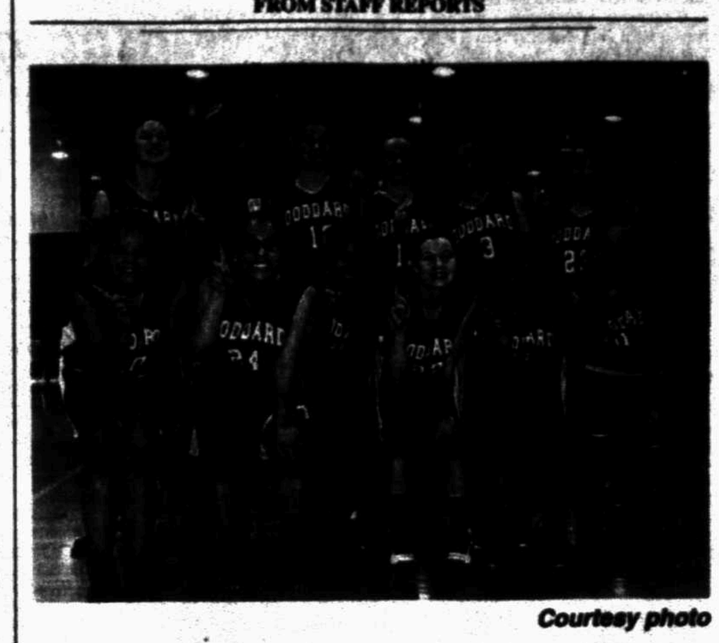
Jason Gardowski, Chris Dixon (7) and Hunter Redman. Tomberg, Reed (3), Bruno (4) and Germaine. W — Gardowski (1-0). L — Tomberg. 2B — MC: Ethan Kohnle.

Record: Midland College 6-3

Next: Colby (Kan.) at MC, Noon Saturday, Christensen Stadium

YOUTHSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS



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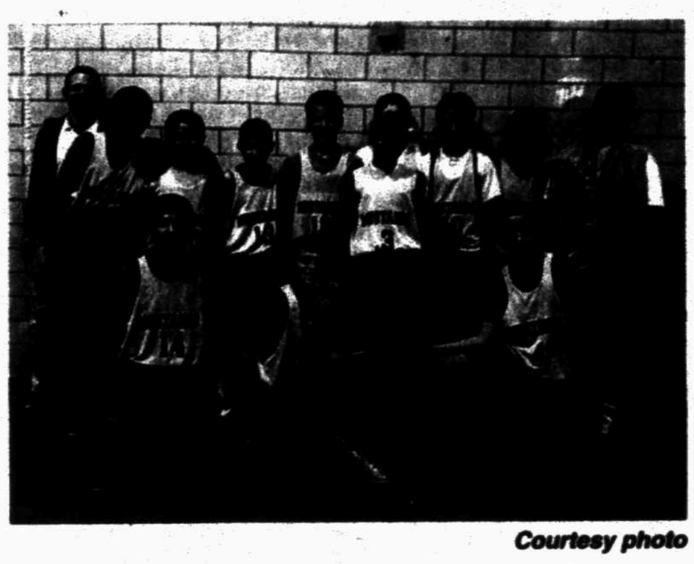
The Goddard 7th Grade Girls A basketball team won the Midessa Tournament and finished the season with an 11-1 record. Back row, from left to right, Melea Tracy, coach Whitney Nix, Bailey Goodrum, Myca Flowers, Merrick Beach, Kylie VonHolle; front row, from left to right, Camryn Jordan, Eden Arriola, Gaby Barraza, Jaycie Streun, Alyssa Flowers, Emma Pennington.



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The San Jacinto 7th Grade boys basketball team won the Mid-Cities basketball title. Back row, from left to right, coach Matthew Wennerlind, Armani Stayner, Luis Natividad, Jake Moylett, Gunnar Holcomb, Malachi Mitchell, John Mee, Bradley Farrington, Andrew Moore, Chris Martinez; front row from left to right, Rene Madrid, Sam Hullender and Sebastian Juarez

TOURNEY

From 1C

pretty young. (The tournament) allows them to compete together and learn about each other on the field."

The Lady Rebels went 5-1 in tournament play in Lubbock last week, but it's the one loss that is haunting Overton. Lee had one bad inning against Wolfforth Frenship and ultimately fell to the Lady Tigers 3-2, despite outhitting them 6-3.

"We've got to get a little more consistency," Overton said. "That loss was because we had a letdown in one inning. We've got to stay focused for an entire seven innings. It cost us the one game we lost."

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Schedule

West Texas Classic
Thursday–Saturday
Freddie Estil Softball Complex
Pool play
Division I

Maroon pool — Lee, Fort Stockton, Coahoma, Monahans, Odessa High, El Paso Hanks, Andrews.

Purple pool — Midland High, Alpine, Midland Christian, Abilene High, Big Spring, Greenwood, Amarillo Palo Duro, Odessa Permian

Division II — Midland High JV, Lee JV, Greenwood JV, Coahoma JV, Monahans JV, Big Spring JV, Abilene High JV, Lubbock Coronado JV, Odessa Permian JV, Lubbock Monterey JV, Odessa High JV

Point System — A maximum of 10 points can be scored in each game. Six points are awarded for each win. Each run scored up to three runs is worth a single point. A single point is awarded for a shutout.

Today

5 p.m. — MHS JV vs. Greenwood JV, Field 1; Lee JV vs. Coahoma JV, Field 2; Lee vs. Fort Stockton, Field 3; Coahoma vs. Monahans, Field 4; Odessa Permian JV vs. Monahans JV, Field 5; Abilene High vs. Midland Christian, Field 6; Midland High vs. Amarillo Palo Duro, Field 7; Odessa High JV vs. Andrews JV, Field 8

7 p.m. — MHS JV vs. Coahoma JV, Field 1; Lee JV vs. Monahans JV, Field 2; Odessa Permian JV vs. Abilene High JV, Field 3; Odessa High vs. Monahans, Field 4; El Paso Hanks vs. Andrews, Field 5; Big Spring vs. Greenwood, Field 6; Alpine vs. Odessa Permian, Field 7; Greenwood JV vs. Big Spring JV, Field 8

9 p.m. — Andrews vs. Odessa High, Field 1; Big Spring JV vs. Abilene High JV, Field 2; Lee vs. Coahoma, Field 3; Alpine vs. Midland Christian, Field 4; El Paso Hanks vs. Fort Stockton, Field 5; Big Spring vs. Amarillo Palo Duro, Field 6; Midland High vs. Greenwood, Field 7; Abilene High vs. Odessa Permian, Field 8

Friday

11 a.m. — Lubbock Coronado JV vs. Odessa Permian JV, Field 2; Lubbock Monterey JV vs. Coahoma JV, Field 3; Fort Stockton vs. Coahoma, Field 4; Big Spring vs. Odessa Permian, Field 5; Abilene High vs. Greenwood, Field 6; Lee vs. El Paso Hanks, Field 7.

1 p.m. — Lubbock Coronado JV vs. Greenwood JV, Field 2; Lubbock Monterey JV vs. Andrews JV, Field 3; El Paso Hanks vs. Odessa High, Field 4; Abilene High JV vs. Odessa High JV, Field 5; Alpine vs. Amarillo Palo Duro, Field 6; Midland High vs. Midland Christian, Field 7

3 p.m. — MHS Jv vs. Odessa Permian JV, Field 2; Fort Stockton vs. Monahans, Field 3; Andrews vs. Coahoma, Field 4; Midland Christian vs. Odessa Permian, Field 5; Monahans JV vs. Coahoma JV, Field 6; Lee JV vs. Greenwood JV, Field 7

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7 p.m. — Lee JV vs. Abilene High JV, Field 3; MHS JV vs. Big Spring JV, Field 4; Andrews vs. Monahans, Field 5; Andrews JV vs. Monahans JV, Field 6; Midland High vs. Alpine, Field 7

Saturday

11 a.m. — Lee JV vs. Lubbock Monterey JV, Field 1; Lubbock Coronado vs. Odessa High JV, Field 2; El Paso Hanks vs. Coahoma, Field 3; Odessa High vs. Fort Stockton, Field 4; Odessa Permian vs. Greenwood, Field 5; Midland Christian vs. Amarillo Palo Duro, Field 6; Midland High vs. Abilene High, Field 7

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3 p.m. — MHS JV vs. Monahans JV, Field 1; Lubbock Coronado vs. Big Spring JV, Field 2; Andrews vs. Fort Stockton, Field 3; Andrews JV vs. Greenwood JV, Field 4; Amarillo Palo Duro vs. Odessa Permian, Field 5; Greenwood vs. Alpine, Field 6; Midland High vs. Big Spring, Field 7

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2013 REPORTER-TELEGRAM'S HIGH SCHOOL TRACK PREVIEW

BOYS

LEE

Athletes to watch: Jason McAfee, Sr.; Talor Nunez, Sr.; Josh Warren, Jr.; Darius Strambler, Jr.

2012 team results: 5th in District 3-5A

What to expect in 2013: The Rebels have two athletes who could push for district championships in their respective events. Senior Talor Nunez is the defending District 3-5A champion in the 110 hurdles, while senior Jason McAfee placed second in the 100 meters in district last year. ... The Rebels have a new head coach for the program with Jeff Pair taking over for Kane Harris. Pair has been coaching the Lee JV baseball team as well as a varsity football assistant the past three years. Pair does have a track background as his father Dan Pair was the Lady Rebels head track coach two seasons ago. "I learned a lot about track from him," Jeff Pair said. "I grew up around track, and I'm excited to be back coaching it."

Nunez

REBELS 2013 SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Location
Feb. 22	Unicorn Relays	New Braunfels
March 1-2	Tall City Relays	Memorial Stadium
March 9	West Texas Relays	Ratliff Stadium
March 22-23	San Angelo Relays	San Angelo
March 29-30	Lubbock Invitational	Lubbock
April 5	Hawk Relays	Haltom City
April 11-12	District 2-5A Meet	San Angelo
April 19-20	Area Meet	El Paso
April 26-27	Region I-5A Meet	Texas Tech
May 10-11	State Meet	Austin

MIDLAND HIGH

Athletes to watch: Cameron Meridyth, Sr.; Isaac Eng, Sr.; Landon Dory, Sr.; Carter Tate, Soph.

2012 team results: 6th in District 3-5A

What to expect in 2013: The Bulldogs sent two athletes — Dutton Watson (discus) and Chase Jones (pole vault) — to state last season, but both graduated, leaving some big points to make up. ... Watson's points in the discus could be accounted for by seniors Isaac Eng and Landon Dory, who respectively finished fourth and fifth in district last season. ... Meridyth is the defending district champion in the 100 meters, although he was unable to run at the regional meet. ... Tate was part of the Midland High cross country team which qualified for region during the fall and placed sixth in the district 3,200 meters race.

BULLDOGS 2013 SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Location
Feb. 22-23	City Bank Tiger Relays	Wolfforth
March 1-2	Tall City Relays	Memorial Stadium
March 9	West Texas Relays	Ratliff Stadium
March 22-23	San Angelo Relays	San Angelo
March 29-30	Lubbock Invitational	Lubbock
April 11-12	District 3-5A Meet	San Angelo
April 19-20	Area Meet	El Paso
April 26-27	Region I-5A Meet	Texas Tech
May 10-11	State Meet	Austin

GREENWOOD

Athletes to watch: Neil Reed, Soph.; Kam Williams, Sr.; Braydin Moreland, Soph.

2012 team results: 3rd in District 4-3A

What to expect in 2013: The Rangers are going to be very young in several events with only senior Kam Williams returning among individuals who qualified for the regional meet last season. Williams was second in 4-3A in the 200 meters. ... Coach Adam Alba is excited about some of the young athletes he has coming out this year, particularly among the distance runners. Sophomores Jonathan Brookshire and Neil Reid and junior Anthony Madrid are three of the talented distance runners Alba believes he has on the squad. ... Redistricting certainly didn't do the Rangers any favors, though, with powers such as Abilene Wylie and Big Spring moving into their league. "It got extremely tough for us," Alba said. "You're adding a school that's always got a lot of kids, a lot more than we'll be able to put out there, in Wylie. Big Spring is always fast and competitive. District is going to be a real challenge for us."

RANGERS 2013 SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Location
March 1	West of the Pecos Relays	Pecos
March 7	Mustang Relays	Shallowater
March 23	Bulldog Relays	Bandera
March 28	Ranger Relays	Greenwood
April 8 & 11	District 4-3A Meet	Snyder
April 19	Area Meet	Pecos
April 26-27	Region I-3A Meet	Texas Tech
May 10-11	State Meet	Austin

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN

Athletes to watch: Bryson Taylor, Sr.; Brit Hooper, Jr.; Jared Koym, Jr.; Elias Aguirre, Jr.

Taylor

2012 team results: TAPPS 4A State Champion

What to expect in 2013: After winning a second consecutive state title last season, the Mustangs enter the 2013 season with a third straight TAPPS 4A championship in mind. As usual, the Mustangs have a lot of depth and return a multitude of defending state champions to their team, including Bryson Taylor (discus) and Brit Hooper (pole vault). ... The Mustangs do need to replace some key runners, particularly in the sprints and middle distances. "Our strength is definitely in the field events," MCS coach Chris McKinney said. "We need to see what we got in some of the other races. We're at least serviceable right now." ... The Mustangs will have junior Elias Aguirre for the more important meets. Aguirre spends most of the spring on the baseball diamond but does step onto the track for district, regional and state meets and was part of a state record-setting 400 relay team last year. Another member of that squad, Christian Whigham, also spends more time playing baseball, but McKinney says he's not sure if Whigham, who injured his knee during football season, will be available this year.

MUSTANGS 2013 SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Location
Feb. 23	Comanche Relays	Fort Stockton
March 1-2	Tall City Relays	Memorial Stadium
March 8-9	Bluebonnet Relays	Brownwood
March 22-23	San Angelo Relays	San Angelo
April 4	Lone Wolf Relays	Colorado City
April 22-23	TAPPS 1-4A Meet	N Richland Hills
May 2	North Regional Meet	Abilene
May 10-11	TAPPS State Meet	Waco

TRINITY

Athletes to watch: Christian Farris, Sr.; Preston Ramsey, Fr.; Powers Ramsey, Soph.

2012 team results: TCAF State Champion

What to expect in 2013: This is Trinity's first season back in TAPPS level after winning three straight TCAF state championships. While a TAPPS 3A state championship might be out of reach, the Chargers should have an individual champion as senior Christian Farris will be the favorite to win both the 1,600 and 3,200 meter events. Farris won a cross country state title in the fall. ... Coach Cindy Brock said she has football and basketball players joining the team this season who she hopes will be able to contribute once the district meet comes around. Brothers Preston and Powers Ramsey have competed in the local track clubs for several years, and Brock said both could be a factor in the 400 and 800 meter races. ... The Chargers are taking a step up in competition at the TAPPS level, so a fourth consecutive state title after winning the last three in TCAF seems unlikely. "We simply don't have the depth for a team title," Brock admitted. "We've got some athletes who could win some individual medals, but we don't have the numbers for the team title."

CHARGERS 2013 SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Location
Feb. 28	Snyder Relays	Snyder
March 1-2	Tall City Relays	Memorial Stadium
March 9	West Texas Relays	Ratliff Stadium
March 22	Mustang Relays	Andrews
March 28	Red Devils Relays	Rankin
April 5	Seminole Relays	Seminole
April 27	TAPPS 1-3A Meet	TBA
May 4	North Regional Meet	TBA

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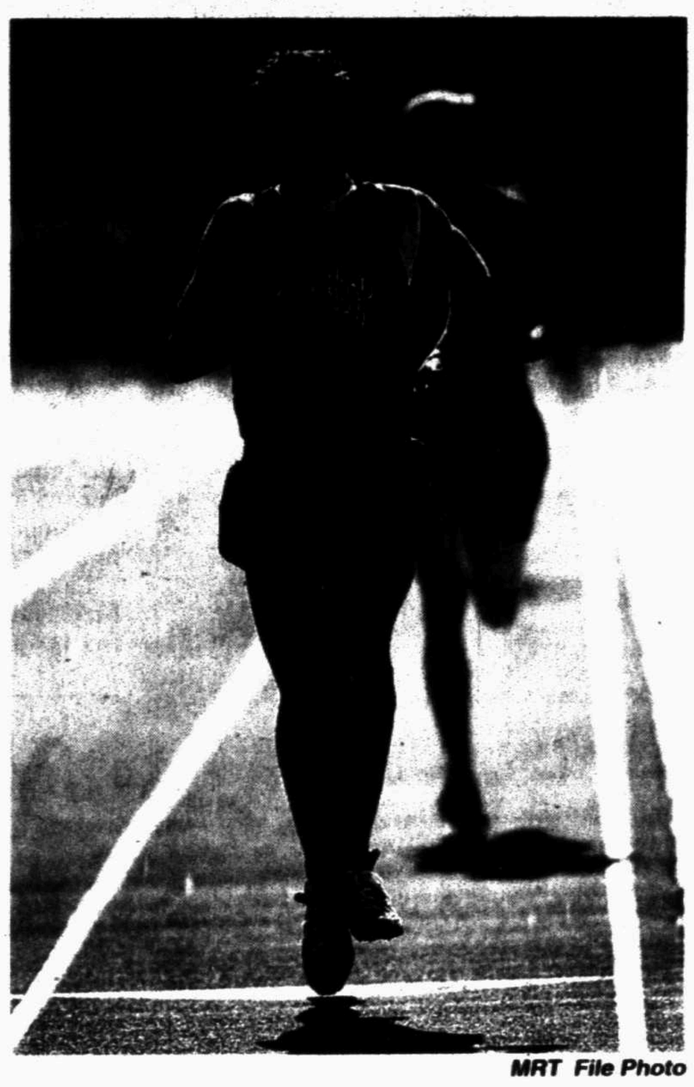
LEE'S JASON MCAFEE, LEFT, AND MIDLAND HIGH'S CAMERON MERIDYTH, RIGHT



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TRINITY'S CHRISTIAN FARRIS

GIRLS

LEE

Athletes to watch: Shay Ray, Jr.; Tori Rackow, Sr.; Allison Blessie, Jr.; Maria Gil, Sr.

2012 team results: 4th in District 3-5A

What to expect in 2013: Lady Rebels coach Mike Connelly is feeling good about the overall talent the team will have this season and thinks the Lady Rebels are poised to contend for a District 2-5A title. "I feel like we have a lot more pieces this year than last year," Connelly said. "We're bringing back the core of the team, and I think we've got the pieces to fit around it. I think a nine-team district changes the way the points shake out, and it will benefit us." ... The Lady Rebels return a pair of defending district champions in junior Shay Ray (100 meters) and senior Tori Rackow (triple jump). Also back is senior Maria Gil, who was second in the 400 meters at district last season and qualified for region in cross country in the fall. ... Connelly says he has a couple of girls from the Lady Rebels soccer team he believes will contribute. Junior Deo'nna Calhoun will give the Lady Rebels some speed, while fellow junior Ashley Lopez is athletic enough to find a place on the team as well.

LADY REBELS 2013 SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Location
Feb. 22	Unicorn Relays	New Braunfels
March 1-2	Tall City Relays	Memorial Stadium
March 9	West Texas Relays	Ratliff Stadium
March 22-23	San Angelo Relays	San Angelo
March 29-30	Lubbock Invitational	Lubbock
April 5	Hawk Relays	Haltom City
April 11-12	District 2-5A Meet	San Angelo
April 19-20	Area Meet	El Paso
April 26-27	Regional I-5A Meet	Texas Tech
May 10-11	State Meet	Austin

MIDLAND HIGH

Athletes to watch: Kori Wooten, Sr; Taylor Looper, Sr.

2012 team results: 7th in District 3-5A

What to expect in 2013: The Lady Bulldogs remain a young team for the most part, but coach Tim Anuszkiewicz does feel they have some girls ready to compete for some points at the varsity level this year. ... Anuszkiewicz says senior Kori Wooten started to come on strong in the pole vault at the end of last year and thinks she can factor into the points at district. .... Anuszkiewicz is also excited about the distance runners he's got and says Taylor Looper is the leader of the team. "I think we have a couple girls who might be more talented than Taylor," Anuszkiewicz said, "but she's a hard working kid and really sets the tone for our practices." ... Anuszkiewicz has kept a majority of his athletes on the junior varsity level the last two years but says he plans on throwing quite a few of his underclassmen, including a large freshman class, into the fire this season. "We're going to move some of these girls with the potential and see what they can do early," Anuszkiewicz said. "Maybe they earn their spot and stay up there."

LADY BULLDOGS 2013 SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Location
Feb. 22-23	City Bank Tiger Relays	Wolfforth
March 1-2	Tall City Relays	Memorial Stadium
March 9	West Texas Relays	Ratliff Stadium
March 22-23	San Angelo Relays	San Angelo
March 29-30	Lubbock Invitational	Lubbock
April 11-12	District 3-5A Meet	San Angelo
April 19-20	Area Meet	El Paso
April 26-27	Region I-5A Meet	Texas Tech
May 10-11	State Meet	Austin

GREENWOOD

Athletes to watch: Morgan McKee, Jr.; Amanda Bell, Soph.; Bailey Ray, Sr.

2012 team results: 3rd in District 4-3A

What to expect in 2013: The Rangerettes have a lot of talent coming back this season, including two-time state qualifier Morgan McKee. McKee qualified for state in the high jump as a freshman and sophomore and will have the same expectations as a junior. ... Amanda Bell did a bit of everything for the Rangerettes last season, qualifying for region in the discus and 800 meters. This season, Greenwood coach Todd Martin says Bell will focus more on the throws. "Amanda is such a good athlete and a great competitor that we almost feel like she's doing too much," Martin said. "She's got a full plate when it comes to sports, and we want to have her step back a little bit. I think she could score for me in the running events, but we want her to focus more on her throws." ... Greenwood's district got significantly more challenging with realignment thanks to the addition of Big Spring and Abilene Wylie. Big Spring has finished second at the state meet the last two years, while Wylie always fields a large and competitive team. "I expect our district to be the most competitive 3A district in the state," Martin said. "There's no weak sister in the district."

McKee

RANGERETTES 2013 SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Location
March 1	West of the Pecos Relays	Pecos
March 7	Mustang Relays	Shallowater
March 23	Bulldog Relays	Bandera
March 28	Ranger Relays	Greenwood
April 8 & 11	District 4-3A Meet	Snyder
April 19	Area Meet	Pecos
April 26-27	Region I-3A Meet	Texas Tech
May 10-11	State Meet	Austin

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN

Athletes to watch: Kami Berryhill, Jr.; Emma Thompson, Sr.; Kenzi McGraw, Soph.

2012 team results: 2nd at TAPPS 4A state meet

What to expect in 2013: This might be the best girls team the Lady Mustangs have ever fielded, and they'll be the favorites to win their first state title this season as a result. MCS finished second at state the last two years, but with Concordia Tomball moving up to TAPPS 5A, the Lady Mustangs' path to the state title just got clearer. Of course, coach Christie Crouch was confident the Lady Mustangs would be winning their first state title this season even if Concordia hadn't moved up. "(Concordia) lost a lot of their top girls last year, so I think we could beat them anyway," Crouch said. "I think we're better than we've ever been. We've had phenomenal years in the past, but this team is strong all around and ready to win it all." ... Crouch also says she doesn't worry about complacency with the team as a result of being so talented. "Not with this group," Crouch said. "We do have some young girls, but the ones leading the team, they're not going to let anyone step back."

LADY MUSTANGS 2013 SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Location
Feb. 23	Comanche Relays	Fort Stockton
March 1-2	Tall City Relays	Memorial Stadium
March 8-9	Bluebonnet Relays	Brownwood
March 22-23	San Angelo Relays	San Angelo
April 4	Lone Wolf Relays	Colorado City
April 22-23	TAPPS 1-4A Meet	N Richland Hills
May 2	North Regional Meet	Abilene
May 10-11	TAPPS State Meet	Waco

TRINITY

Athletes to watch: Lindsey Friesenhahn, Sr.; Katie Pack, Soph.; Ava English, Soph.

2012 team results: Won TCAF state title

What to expect in 2013: The move to TAPPS 3A will be tougher on the Lady Chargers than it should be on their male counterparts. The Trinity girls have less depth than the boys, so a repeat of a state title is likely out of the realm of possibilities. ... The Lady Chargers do have some individuals capable of winning individual state gold, though. Senior Lindsey Friesenhahn, who transferred to Trinity from Lee, won the TAPPS 3A cross country state title in the fall, and coach Cindy Brock feels she's capable of competing in any race from 800 to 3,200 meters. ... Also returning to the Lady Chargers is sophomore Katie Pack, who won a TCAF cross country state title as a freshman but was away studying in Ghana this past fall. Pack will figure into either the middle or long distance races for Trinity this season.

LADY CHARGERS 2013 SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Location
Feb. 28	Snyder Relays	Snyder
March 1-2	Tall City Relays	Memorial Stadium
March 9	West Texas Relays	Ratliff Stadium
March 22	Mustang Relays	Andrews
March 28	Red Devils Relays	Rankin
April 5	Seminole Relays	Seminole
April 27	TAPPS 1-3A Meet	TBA
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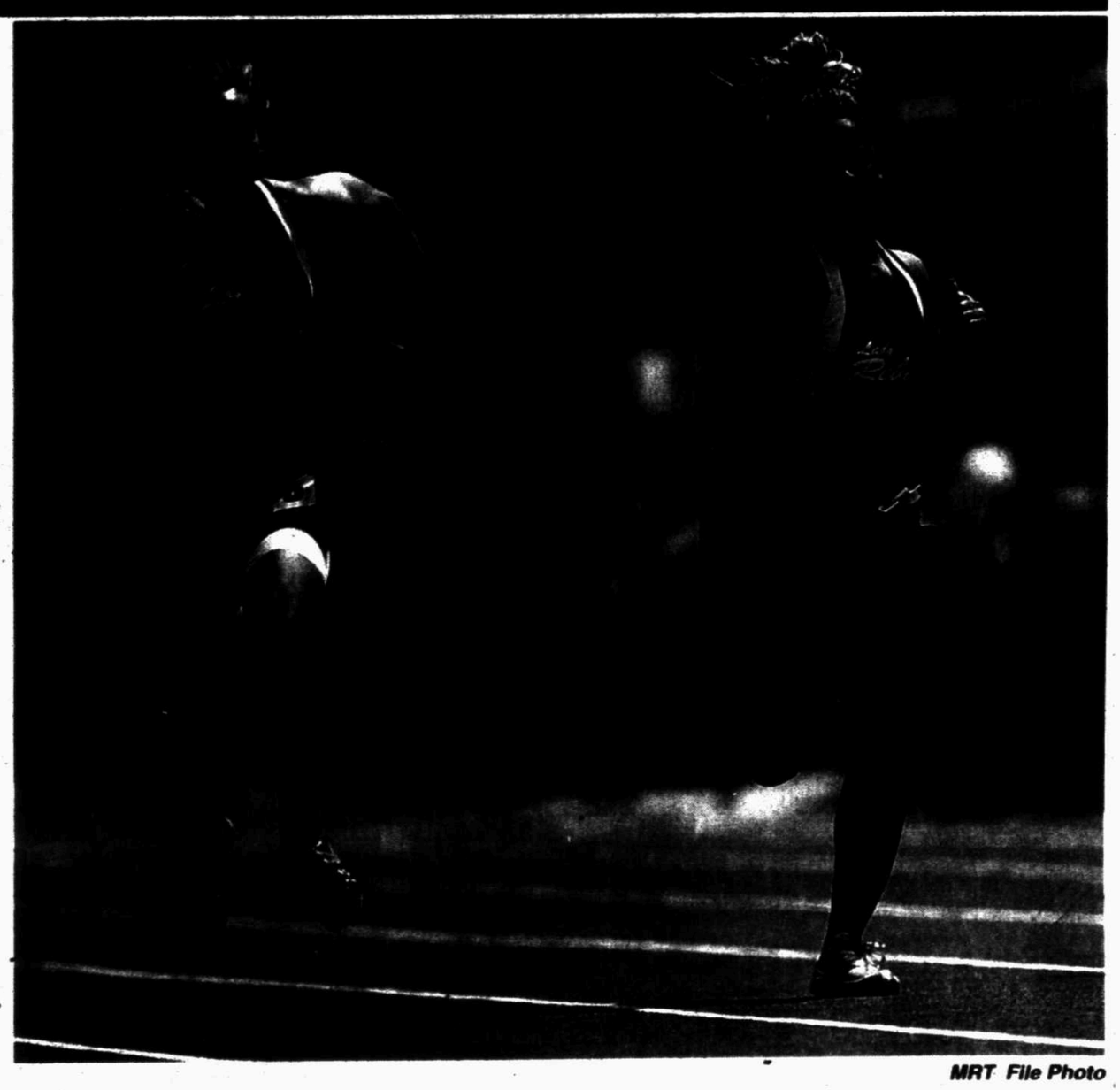

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LEE TORI RACKOW, LEFT, AND SHAY RAY, RIGHT

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MIDLAND CHRISTIAN'S KAMI BERRYILL

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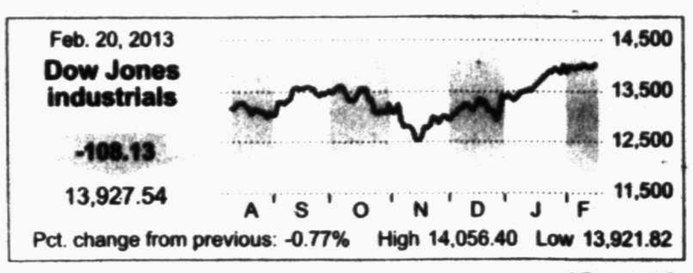
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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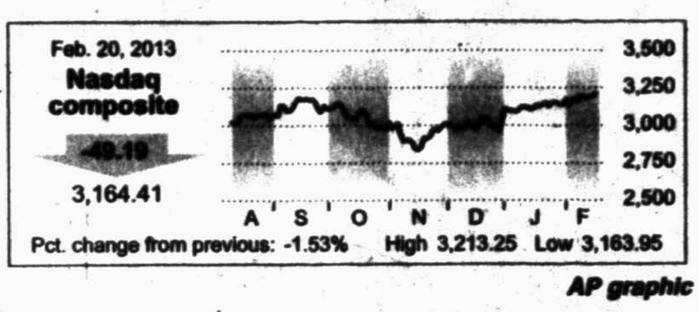

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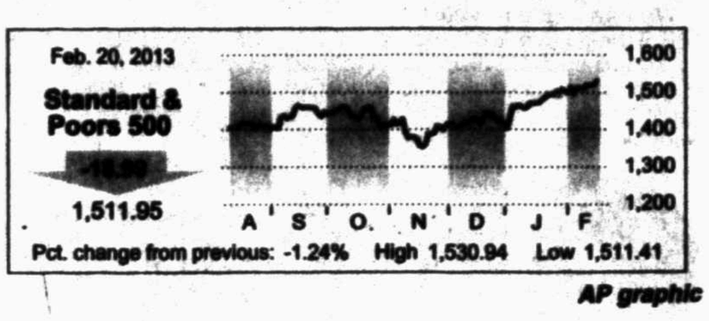

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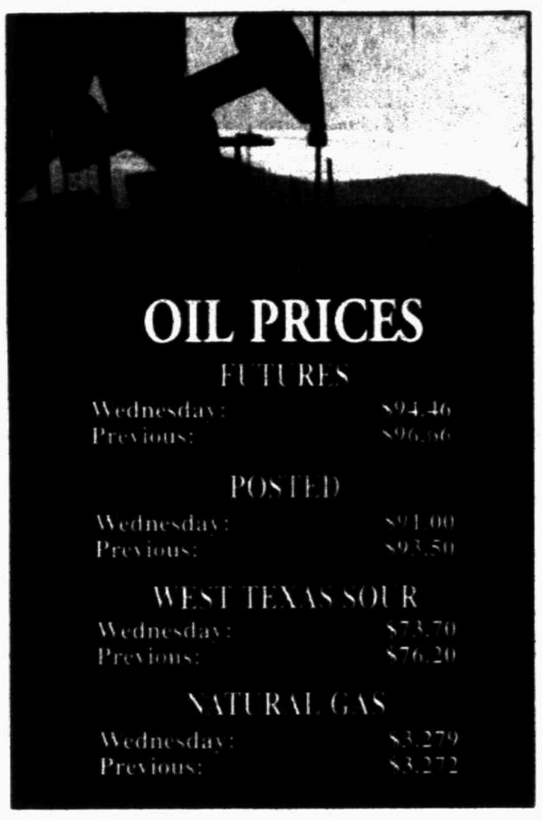

OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday: $94.46
Previous: $96.06

POSTED

Wednesday: $91.00
Previous: $93.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $75.50
Previous: $76.20

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $3.279
Previous: $3.272

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1782018	11.80	-.39
S&P500ETF	1448733	151.34	-1.91
OfficeDpt	1189818	4.18	-.84
NokiaCp	542716	3.82	-.11
BarPVix rs	539856	22.83	+1.81

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
HarvNRes	5.45	-3.71	-40.5
MillMda n	8.95	-5.38	-37.5
GMX Rs pfB	10.36	-2.14	-17.1
OfficeDpt	4.18	-.84	-16.7
GMX Rs rs	2.80	-.49	-14.9

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PrUVxST rs	10.31	+1.55	+17.7
CSVS2xVx rs	4.65	+.62	+15.4
DirDGldBr	55.47	+7.11	+14.7
Endvrntl	3.34	+.35	+11.7
LaZBoy	17.23	+1.77	+11.4

Diary

Advanced	716
Declined	2,342
Unchanged	113
Total issues	3,171
New Highs	289
New Lows	40
Volume	4,089,228,995

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Rentech	58004	2.74	-.16
CheniereEn	50230	20.55	-1.08
NA Pall g	45405	1.49	-.17
NevGold g	39269	8.78	-.45
CFCda g	29672	19.25	-.73

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GldFld	3.46	-.39	-10.1
RareEle g	2.33	-.23	-9.0
Sandst g rs	9.16	-.86	-8.6
GoldenMin	2.80	-.23	-7.6
TanzRy g	3.11	-.25	-7.4

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
UraniumEn	2.69	+.13	+5.1
MGTCap rs	2.89	+.13	+4.8
Eapey	26.59	+1.19	+4.7
Crexendo	2.52	+.11	+4.6
AmShrd	2.26	+.09	+4.3

Diary

Advanced	124
Declined	300
Unchanged	38
Total issues	462
New Highs	11
New Lows	21
Volume	98,092,480

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	546251	3.10	-.07
RschMotn	535371	13.71	-.65
Cisco	460108	21.11	-.36
Intel	450644	20.73	-.36
Microsoft	428157	27.87	-.18

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MethesE n	4.35	-.95	-17.9
Oncolyt g	3.90	-.77	-16.5
VitB&T	2.04	-.37	-15.4
Anadigc	2.40	-.40	-14.3
MitekSys	4.18	-.68	-14.0

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NetSpend	15.81	+3.52	+28.6
Novogen s	8.15	+1.68	+26.0
CornerTher	6.85	+1.35	+24.5
MeruNetw	4.10	+.68	+19.9
Ikonics	9.34	+1.34	+16.8

Diary

Advanced	544
Declined	1,955
Unchanged	86
Total issues	2,585
New Highs	182
New Lows	19
Volume	1,935,228,570

Chesapeake CEO cleared of intentional wrongdoing

Associated Press

NEW YORK — An investigation by Chesapeake Energy Corp.'s board of directors into outgoing CEO Aubrey McClendon's personal financing deals with company partners has found the deals did not benefit McClendon improperly or cost the company more.

The company said Wednesday that "no intentional misconduct by Mr. McClendon or any of the company's management was found."

McClendon, who founded Chesapeake in 1989 and saw it become the second largest natural gas producer in the U.S., had a special arrangement with the company that allowed him to invest personally in the oil and gas wells the company drilled.

As the company expanded and oil and gas prices fluctuated, McClendon needed to borrow money to pay for his stakes in the wells and he used those stakes as collateral to do so.

Last spring Reuters reported that McClendon received loans of $1.4 billion from an investment firm called EIG Global Energy Partners that was negotiating a separate oil and gas deal with Chesapeake.

The probe sought to discover if McClendon, who was then chairman and CEO of Chesapeake, received a special deal from EIG and in return sold the company's assets at lower-than-market value. The probe also looked further back into other similar deals McClendon may have struck.

The company announced Wednesday that "The review of the financing arrangements did not reveal any improper benefit to Mr. McClendon or increased cost to the company as a result of the overlap in the financial relationships."

Chesapeake said McClendon had no comment on the findings.

McClendon was stripped of his role as board chairman in May. Last month Chesapeake announced McClendon would leave the company April 1 amid philosophical differences.

Chesapeake shares slipped 4 cents to $20.32 in afternoon trading Wednesday. They have traded in a 52-week range of $13.32 to $26.09.

Yahoo redesign aims to make site more inviting

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Yahoo is renovating the main entry into its website in an effort to get people to visit more frequently and stay longer.

The long-awaited makeover of Yahoo.com's home page is the most notable change to the website since the Internet company hired Marissa Mayer as its CEO seven months ago. The new look debuted Wednesday in the U.S., although it could take a few more days before everyone starts to see it.

It's the first time Yahoo has redesigned the page in four years. In that time, the company has seen its annual revenue drop by about 30 percent from $7.2 billion in 2008 to $5 billion last year as more online advertising flowed to rivals such as Internet search leader Google Inc. and social networking leader Facebook Inc.

Mayer, who spent 13 years helping to build Google into the Internet's most powerful company, has vowed to revive Yahoo Inc.'s revenue growth by establishing more of the company's services as daily habits that "delight and inspire" their users.

Yahoo.com's revamped home page figures to play a key role in determining whether Mayer, 37, realizes her ambition.

"We think this will be the new foundation for Yahoo," said Mike Kerns, the company's vice president of product.

Despite the company's recent financial malaise, Yahoo's home page has remained one of the Internet's top destinations. The page attracted 392 million worldwide visitors last month, a 7 percent increase from 365 million at the same time last year, according to research firm comScore Inc. By comparison, Microsoft Corp.'s msn.com drew a crowd of 334 million, up 4 percent from last year.

But visitors haven't been spending as much time at Yahoo.com when they check in. They also haven't been making as many return visits each month. That's been a problem for many other websites, too, as Facebook and other online hangouts capture more of people's online time.

Yahoo's revamped home page isn't a radical new look, but there are enough changes that could make the website more addictive. In a blog post, Mayer wrote that she is trying to infuse Yahoo's home page with a "more modern experience."

The biggest switch will be in how Yahoo determines which stories to show each visitor on the home page and how the information is displayed.

Oil drops on sell-off

The price of oil fell Wednesday, as a drop in metals commodities overflowed to crude markets and stocks retreated from five-year highs.

Benchmark crude for April delivery lost $1.88, or 2 percent, to finish at $95.22 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The March contract, which expires Wednesday, fell $2.20 to end at $94.46 per barrel.

Brent crude, used to price many international varieties of oil imported by U.S. refineries, fell $1.92 to finish at $115.60 a barrel in London.

The stock market backed off on Wednesday as well, with the major indexes lower after minutes from the last Fed meeting showed some concern about the risk in the central bank's bond-buying stimulus policy.

Also on Wednesday, the Commerce Department said housing starts slowed in January from December, although applications for building permits continued to rise, pointing to more recovery for the housing market this year.

Dollar rises

The euro fell to $1.3281 late Wednesday from $1.3389 on Tuesday. The dollar also rose to 93.81 Japanese yen from 93.44 yen.

The British pound deepened its decline. It fell below $1.52 Wednesday for the first time since July 2010 after a report showed that the Bank of England was more concerned about Britain's economy.

The pound was worth $1.5240 compared with $1.5423 late Tuesday.

The dollar also gained against the Canadian dollar and Swiss franc.

Gold for April delivery dropped $26.20, or 1.6 percent, to $1,578 an ounce, its first close below $1,600 an ounce since August.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $38.91 Down 0.36

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $94.67 Down 3.12

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $31.20 Down 1.33

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $21.28 Down 1.54

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $26.32 Down 0.11

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.20 Down 0.20

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $18.47 Down 0.50

Ring Energy (RNGE)
Closing Price $6.90 Unchanged

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80f	29	35.47	-.20	+5.2
Abraxas	...	...	2.12	-.04	-3.2
AdamsEx	.67e	...	11.35	-.10	+7.2
AMD	...	...	2.70	-.12	+12.5
AlcatelLuc	...	...	1.52	-.01	+9.4
Alcoa	.12	49	8.76	-.30	+.9
AlonUSA	.16	33	19.68	-.87	+8.8
AmIntlGrp	...	3	37.57	-1.03	+6.4
Amgen	1.88f	15	94.65	+.52	-1.8
Anadarko	.36	17	80.37	-3.76	+8.2
Apache	.80f	15	75.48	-1.82	-3.8
Apple Inc	10.60	10	448.85	-11.14	-15.7
ApldMatl	.36	...	13.59	-.30	+18.8
ATMOS	1.40	15	37.81	-.26	+7.7
AutoData	1.74	21	61.21	-.25	+7.5
BP PLC	2.16f	6	40.80	-.76	-2.0
BabsCCInv	1.20a	...	16.50	-.15	+8.0
BakrHu	.60	15	46.08	-.57	+12.8
BkofAm	.04	45	11.80	-.39	+1.6
BarPVix rs	...	...	22.83	+1.81	-28.2
BarrickG	.80	9	30.27	-1.24	-13.5
BasicEnSv	...	9	14.87	-1.13	+30.3
BerkHa A	...	19151000.00		-1498.00	+12.6
BerryPet	.32	...	38.59	-1.97	+15.0
BthWllaCp	1.52f	16	41.02	-.20	+12.9
BostonSci	...	...	7.29	-.21	+27.2
BrlStySq	1.40f	31	36.69	-.25	+13.8
BrownFA s	1.02a	26	68.00	...	+10.6
BrownFB s	1.02a	25	68.11	-.37	+4.5
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3,213.60	2,726.69	Nasdaq Composite	3,164.41	-49.15	-1.53	+4.80	+7.88
1,530.94	1,266.74	S&P 500	1,511.95	-18.89	-1.24	+6.01	+11.26
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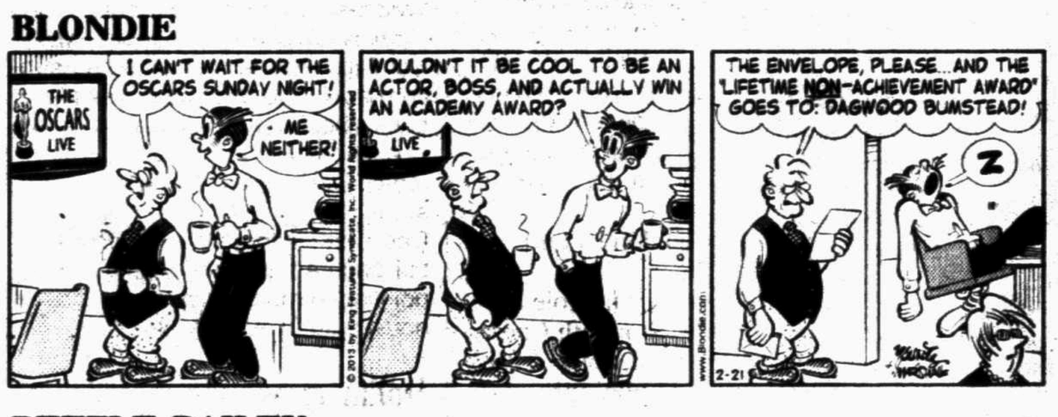

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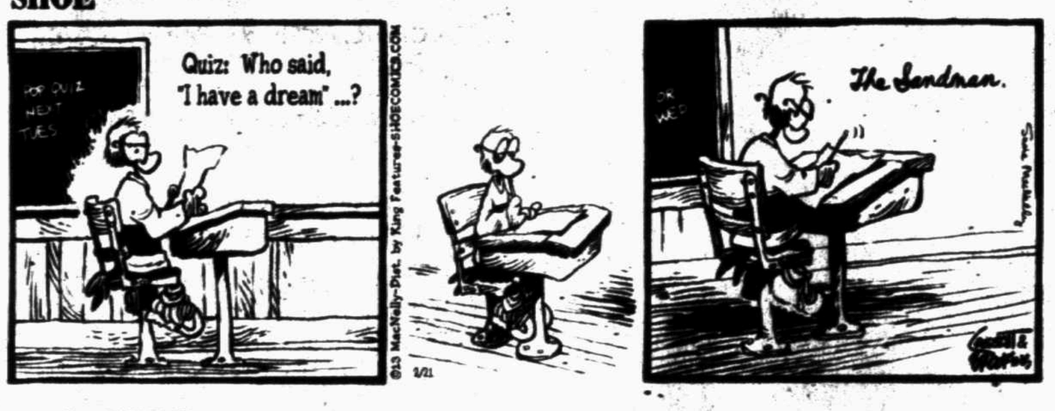

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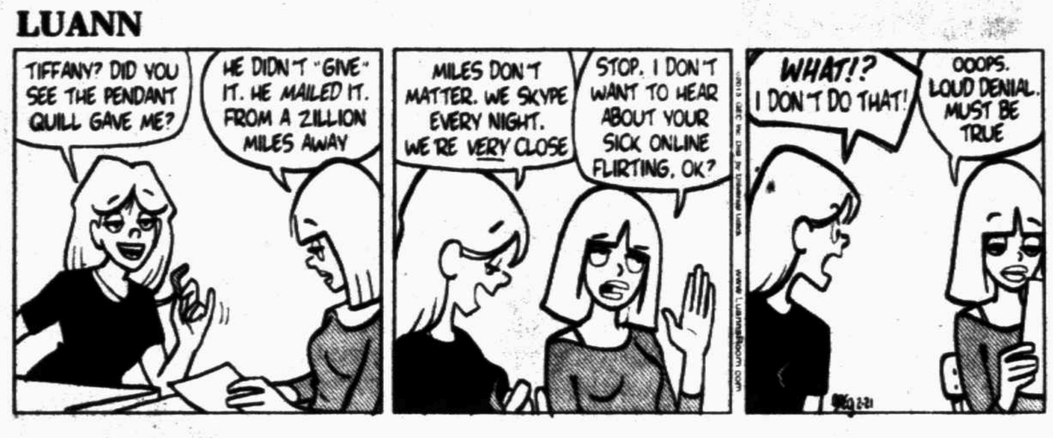

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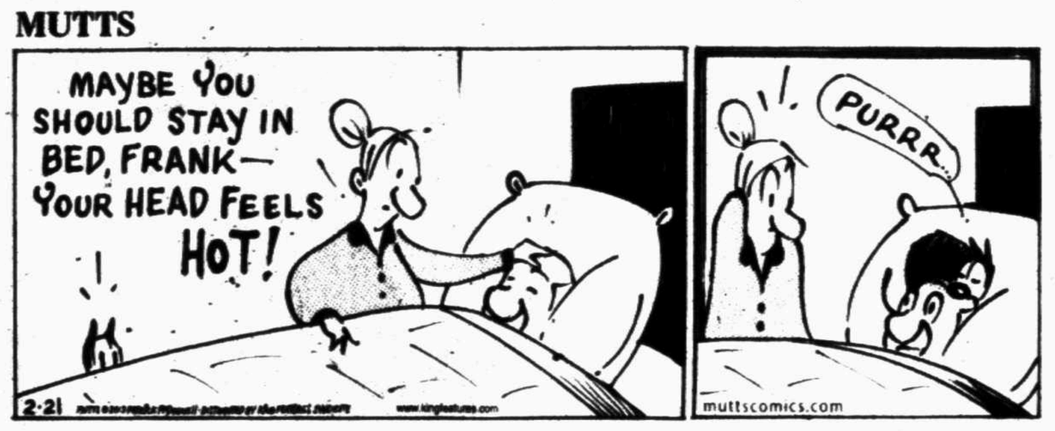

CLOSE TO HOME

"Hey, Dan, did you see a duodenum come scooting under the door here...oh, phew! There it is."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"WHAT DID THE DOCTOR PRESCRIBE FOR YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE, DEAR?"

"A DEADBOLT LOCK!"

LOCKHORNS

"I DID TELL YOU I WAS WELL OFF BEFORE WE WERE MARRIED . . . AND I WAS."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"When I get to heaven, do I get to hug God or just shake His hand?"

NASCAR THIS WEEK

SPEED FREAKS

A couple of questions we just had to ask — ourselves

AP/TERRY RENNA

Yes, she won more than a flag for capturing the Daytona 500 pole position.

How many laps will Danica lead in the Daytona 500?

GODSPEAK: I think Danica will stay up on the wheel until the first round of pit stops, then Kevin Harvick might lap the field.

KEN'S CALL: I'm assuming Jeff Gordon is sharp enough to tuck in behind her for a few laps. I put it at Lap 5.

Does she have a chance to win the 500?

GODSPEAK: Do you recall a kid by the name of Trevor Bayne? Anything can happen in the Daytona 500. Don't bet against Patrick.

KEN'S CALL: No, but I'm not pulling against it. No matter how good your car is, if you win the 500, you have earned it in many ways.

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SPRINT CUP SCHEDULE

A look at the first 10 races of the season

(All Times Eastern)

SUNDAY: Daytona International Speedway — Daytona 500, FOX, 1 p.m.

MARCH 3: Phoenix International Raceway, FOX, 3 p.m.

MARCH 10: Las Vegas Motor Speedway, FOX, 3 p.m.

MARCH 17: Bristol Motor Speedway, FOX, 1 p.m.

MARCH 24: Auto Club Speedway, FOX, 3 p.m.

APRIL 7: Martinsville Speedway, FOX, 1 p.m.

APRIL 13: Texas Motor Speedway, FOX, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 21: Kansas Speedway, FOX, 1 p.m.

APRIL 27: Richmond International Raceway, FOX, 7:30 p.m.

MAY 5: Talladega Superspeedway, FOX, 1 p.m.

SPEED DATING

Before they arrived at Speedweeks, Danica Patrick and Ricky Stenhouse Jr. announced they were dating. It's kind of a big deal because Danica drives a Chevrolet and Stenhouse races a Ford. And, they are battling for Sprint Cup Rookie of the Year honors.

When the couple got to NASCAR Media Day on Thursday – yes, Valentine's Day – they were bombarded with questions about their relationship. Patrick bravely fielded all queries.

Three days later, she became the first female Cup driver to earn a pole position. And not just any pole, but the Daytona 500 pole.

After making history, Patrick admitted it was nice to talk racing instead of Ricky.

"I don't mind answering questions about the other stuff," she said. "I get that it's not about racing. It's nice to change the tone of the questions because of what's going on on the track. That is a really good sign, and I like that."

For the record, Stenhouse posted the 12th-fastest lap in 500 time trials and received little attention.

Gordon's goals

Jeff Gordon, 41, has little more to prove to validate his standing in the Cup Series. After four championships, 87 victories and bringing in new fans during the 1990s, he still has goals in the sport.

"I've never won a 'Sprint Cup' ever since they've gone to this (Chase) format," Gordon said. "I've come close but got beat. There's only one thing left and that's to win the Sprint Cup championship.

"What I've realized as I get older, the things that matter to me. I like to make other people proud, people that put a lot of effort into our race team, my wife, my kids. Those are the things that motivate me."

Lots of one-liners

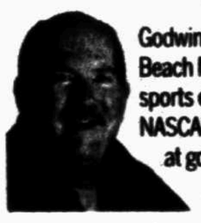
The first four days of Speedweeks produced several one-liners. Here is a quick sampling:

- **Sprint Unlimited winner Kevin Harvick about the spotlight on the Danica Patrick-Ricky Stenhouse Jr. romance on Media Day:** "I missed all you guys because you were all busy being TMZ the other day."
- **Jeff Gordon, after earning outside pole honors for the Daytona 500:** "I'm the fastest MAN in the field."
- **Owner Tony Stewart, praising the teamwork of driver Danica Patrick and crew chief Tony Gibson:** "Danica has two boyfriends. She has Ricky (Stenhouse) and she has Tony Gibson. They are all but holding hands in the shop when they're there every day together."
- **Patrick, 30, on being nervous during Daytona Speedweeks:** "My dad said he was going to show up with a lot more gray hairs when qualifying is over with. My hairstylist the other day said he saw one (in my hair). I cried a little."

AP/TERRY RENNA

First Daytona 500 pole winner to accessorize trophy with earrings.

GODWIN'S DAYTONA 500 PICKS



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WINNER: Matt Kenseth
REST OF THE TOP FIVE: Tony Stewart, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Kasey Kahne, Joey Logano
DARK HORSE: Mark Martin
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Danica Patrick
FIRST ONE OUT: Regan Smith
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: There are two big wrecks. One early because of a mistake and the other as drivers jostle in the final laps.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Compelling questions — and maybe a few actual answers

AP/TERRY RENNA

Hey, Bud, one more year at ROX?

Does Kevin Harvick's win in the Sprint Unlimited suggest a successful final season for him at Childress Racing?

Anything is possible, but don't bet on it just yet. Things will come into better focus after we learn where Anheuser-Busch will be spending its racing budget next year. Whether the Budweiser colors are leaving with Harvick or staying with Childress, the decision is bound to hurt some feelings and kneecap someone's budget.

So it's all about the beer?

Ain't that the way it always goes? Many a friendship and partnership have spoiled due to one side's desire to hog the keg. Yes, it's possible that the Harvick/RCR combination will end on a high note, but the odds are against it. And if you like personal drama, it could be fun to watch, considering both men have a stubborn side. Can't wait.

Do we dare consider the possibility of Danica Patrick winning the Daytona 500?

We've learned to never doubt the Daytona 500's ability to serve up shockers. But keeping the car calm and straight for one very fast lap is entirely different from holding off the jackals and bloodhounds on race day. A driver with relatively little superspeedway experience, especially at this level, will have to pedal fast and learn even faster. A lead-lap, top-15 finish would be like a win.

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FEUD OF THE WEEK

Harvick Bills

Kevin Harvick vs. Greg Biffle: Harvick blocked Biffle on the last lap to win Saturday's Sprint Unlimited.

Outside Kelly gives his take: "Biffle could have knocked Harvick aside but said he didn't want to create a 'sparks and parts' situation in Daytona's Turn 2."

WHAT'S ON TAP?

(All Times Eastern)

THURSDAY: Budweiser Duel (qualifying races), SPEED, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY: NextEra Energy Resources 250 NASCAR truck race, SPEED, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY: DRIVE4COPD 300 Nationwide race, ESPN, 1 p.m.

SUNDAY: 55th-annual Daytona 500, Fox, 1 p.m.

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Rule 38 Case No. 08-0280654
Status/Permit No. 755850

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 325, Bk. , LA SALLE CSL LGE 325 LAB 25 Survey, A-424, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 18.6 miles NW direction from STANTON, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Mar. 13, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name:	SCHARBAUER RANCH 'B'	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	1H	
Lease/Unit Acres :	536.4	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	100.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	53.0	
Lease Lines :	683.0 F SOUTH L.	688.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines :	683.0 F SOUTH L.	688.0 F EAST L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 683.0 F SOUTH L
688.0 F EAST L

Terminus Location
BH County : MARTIN
Section : Block: Abstract:
Survey : LASALLE CSL LGE 325 LAB 15
Lease Lines : 100.00 F NORTH L
830.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines : 100.0 F NORTH L
830.0 F EAST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10200 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, MANDY HEDGPETH, at (972) 969-3873.

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 6, 2013
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 13, 2013
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

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Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	53.0	
Lease Lines :	683.0 F SOUTH L.	723.0 F EAST L
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Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1
Penetration Point Location
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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is Tuesday, 03/05/2013 at 3:00 P.M. at 709 West Wadley, Midland, Texas, 79705. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash, immediate removal required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property includes contents of spaces of following delinquent tenants: Diane Smallwood, household goods; Leticia Rodriguez, household goods; Gary Buchanan, household goods; Kathy Ely, household goods; Mark Ward, household goods; Maxine Woods, household goods. Property from the above listed delinquent tenants will be sold as individual units. For further information contact A-Plus Super Storage, 432-683-2500.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is Tuesday, 03/05/2013 at 1:00 P.M. at 3420 Thomason Drive, Midland, Texas, 79703. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash, immediate removal required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property includes contents of spaces of following delinquent tenants: Michelle L. Frasier, household goods; Myesha Roberson, household goods; Tammy Williams, household goods; Donald Howle, household goods; Ebony Holloway, household goods; Johnny Butler, household goods; Jeremy Labreche, household goods; Sam Caudillo, household goods; Shaune Woolen, household goods; Lamont Rose, household goods; Sam Caudillo, household goods; Sean Hennigan, household goods. Property from the above listed delinquent tenants will be sold as individual units. For further information contact Affordable Self Storage, 432-694-4444.

Legal & Public Notices

MOTOR POLICY BOARD

Announcement of Meeting:

Date: February 25, 2013
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Located at: Wright Office Complex, Suite 1
9601 Wright Drive
Midland, Texas 79706

Conduct Executive Session concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Chapter 551 of the Texas Administrative Code, including but not limited to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 for the purpose of consulting with the board's attorney; Texas Government code Section 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to discuss personnel matters.

Legal & Public Notices

SEALED BIDS should be addressed to James Riggen, Midland IASD, 801 S. Moran, Midland, Texas 79701 for asbestos removal/demolition at West Early Education Center and Bunche Elementary School. Bids will be received up to and no later than 2:00 P.M., March 26, 2013. At this time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 801 S. Moran: Building 4, Midland, Texas.

Pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 1:30 P.M., March 7, 2013, at Bunche Elementary School, 700 S. Jackson, Midland, Texas.

Interested parties may obtain complete sets of contract documents at the Consultant's office at 1931 E. 37th, Suite 3, Odessa, Texas 79762. Midland ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in any bid received.

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1st & 3rd Tues.
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Midland Lodge #623
2nd & 4th Thurs.
7:30pm
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1st & 3rd Sat.
8:30am
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CHRYSLER 2007 300, new tires 12/24/12, new engine 8/30/12, 98k mi., $11,000 OBO, 432-741-9896.

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Midland, 432-572-5988

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65k Miles

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53k Miles

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Space Gray/Gray, Heated Seats, Xenon, Sunroof, CPO Warr.
45k Miles

2009 BMW 750i
Flint Brown/Beige
Night Vision, Nav., Lux. Seats.
24k Miles

2009 Chevy Suburban
Black/Black, LT, Bench Seat, Cloth, New Tires, 50k Miles

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Jerez Black/Black
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Cashmere/Black, Certified Warr.,Sport, Htd Seats, SAT., Roof, 28k Miles

2011 BMW 328i
White/Tan, NAV,Roof,SAT, Htd Seats/Wheel, 26k Miles

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TOYOTA 2006 Camry XLE. White, V6, leather, moon roof, 57k miles. Excellent condition. Asking $16,900 obo. Call 432-559-4039 or 432-559-1436.

VOLKSWAGEN 2010 Jetta Wagon, TDI Turbo Diesel, 1 Owner, 54,000 mi, (40+ hwy mpg), Radio(Sat-AM/FM-XM-iPod) Bluetooth, New Tires, Cruise Cont., more... Auto Trans, $18,500, Call 432-528-7266.

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Internal Auditor

Lea County State Bank FT

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John Maddox, Production Director
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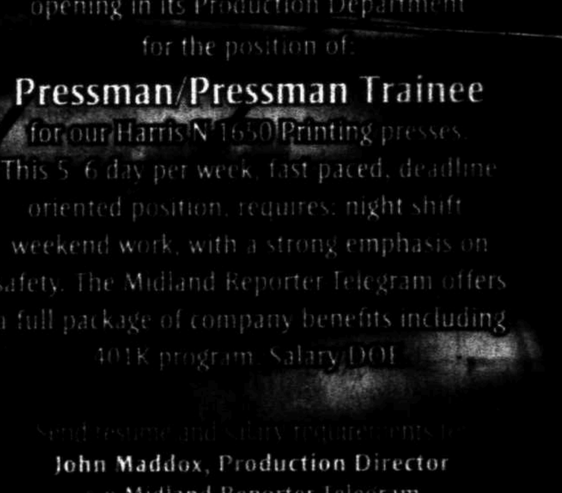

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Midland, TX 79705

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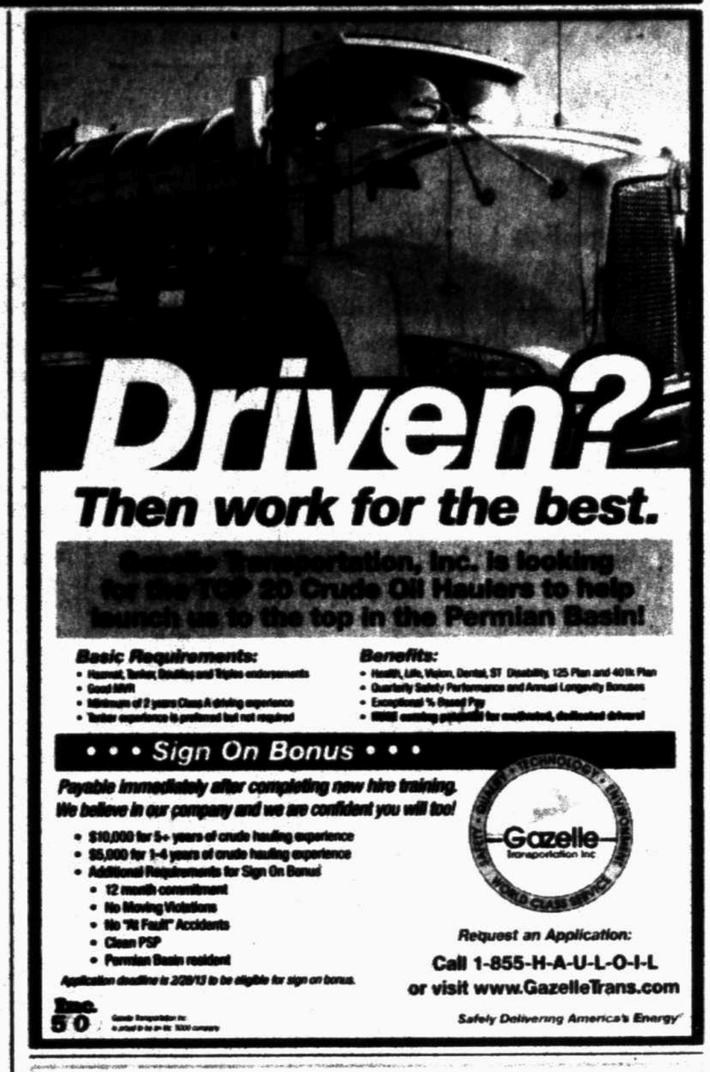

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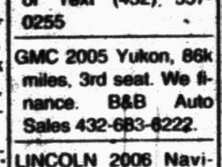

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Thurs.-Sat. 10am-6pm
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Pair of Italian Chairs, Pair of Italian Figural Tables, Pair of 5 drawer side chests, Antique clock collection, Aztec table set, Gold leaf Curio, Pair of Mahogany China cabinets, Mahogany server, Fruitwood buffet, Magazine racks, Drazel desk, bedroom suites, book shelves, 9 drawer chest and mirror, Grandmother clock, Teakwood stand, Vitrine, Plant stands, Brass teacart, Gun Cabinet, Telephone table, Wicker buffet, Oriental carved two door chest, Carved trunk, Jade tree, Limoges Christmas Set, Lenox, Boehm Angels, Wedgewood, Milk glass, Ruby, Cobalt, Forest green, Depression Cranberry, Bohemian, Waterford, Oriental porcelain, Bird figurines, Iris & Herringbone, Amber punch set, Christmas, Grand Baroque, Sterling, Silverplate, Jewelry, Geranium china, Duet Silhouette china, B & G plates, Lenox china, Homer Laughlin, many types of Fostoria stemware including Jamestown, Imperial Old Williamsburg, Noritake, Transferware, Cup and saucers, Sesia Portugal dishes, Vaseline glass, crystal, cut glass, hundreds of cook books, kitchen misc., Books including Antiques, Dolls, People, Patriotic, History, Texas, etc., Dictionary stand, prints, paintings, fine linens, Vintage clothing, purses, hats, post cards, mirrors, hundreds of dolls including Madame Alex, Barbie, Effanbee, Peggy Nesbit, Robin Woods, Doll furniture, Children's furniture, Show cases, 1950's Store Display case, Magazines, Christmas, Stereo, clothing, Oil Paintings, Prints, Garden furniture, Postcards, records and thousands of things too numerous to mention. Visit our website to see photos of this sale at www.AntiqueElegANCEShow.com. Services provided by The Cats Meow, Visa, Amex, MC accepted.

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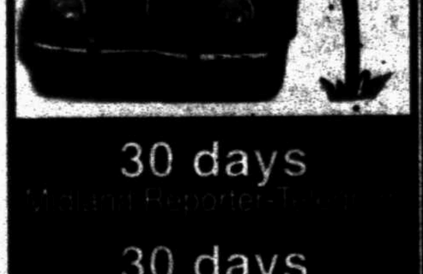

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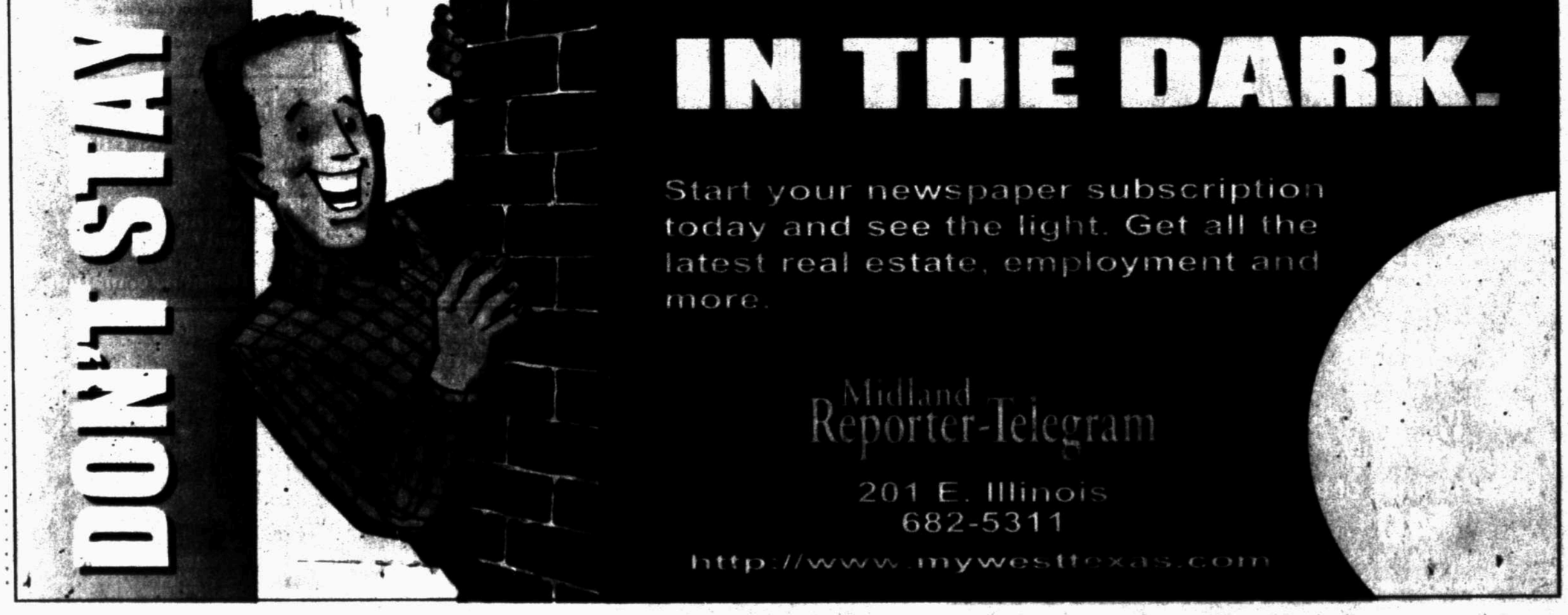

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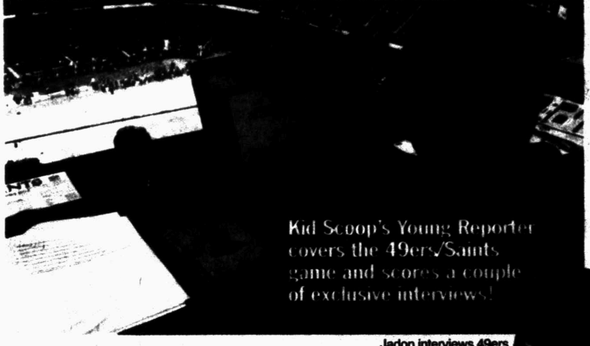
BEHIND THE SCENES OF A PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL GAME



Kid Scoop's Young Reporter covers the 49ers/Saints game and scores a couple of exclusive interviews!

Jadon interviews 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh.

by Jadon Bosarge
KID SCOOP YOUNG REPORTER

NEW ORLEANS, La. – It was a hot and humid day in New Orleans, even though the calendar proved the year's end was fast approaching. As an eleven-year-old California native, I was out of my element, yet excited as I approached the Mercedes Benz Superdome. For the next few hours I would serve as a sports reporter at a professional football game – the New Orleans Saints vs. the San Francisco 49ers.

"I quickly met other professional reporters from ESPN, NFL Network, and Yahoo Sports. Today I was not just a kid, I was their colleague."
– JADON BOSARGE

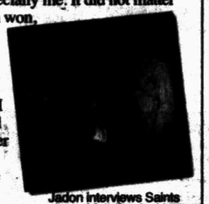
A quick elevator ride took me to the Press Box. It was an awesome view, perfect for seeing everything in the stadium. I quickly found my assigned seat and spotted the teams warming up on the field below. I was greeted by the PR Directors from both teams: Matt Ryan with the Saints and Bob Lange with SF. I quickly met professional reporters from ESPN, NFL Network, and Yahoo Sports. Today I was not just a kid, I was their colleague. There was a nice lunch buffet for all holding a media credential. However, my nerves only allowed me to nibble on a few cookies and sip a soda.

GAME TIME!

As game time approached, the excitement could be felt in the air. The home team appeared on the field running through a tunnel of smoke, while the visiting team walked on from the sidelines. The noise in the Superdome soon became deafening. This was an advantage for the Saints, but perhaps an obstacle for the 49ers. I could hardly hear myself think. As points were scored, the game became much more exciting.

INTERVIEWING PROS

At halftime, burgers were added to the menu in the Press Box. By that time I was feeling more comfortable and able to enjoy the meal. Before I realized it, the 4th quarter was almost over. This is when all the reporters leave the Press Box and head down to the field and locker rooms. I was with them as we squeezed into elevator 8 (used only for the press and coaches). I was a kid in a grown-ups world, yet no one seemed to mind – especially me. It did not matter which team won. I felt like a champion!



Jadon interviews Saints player Malcolm Jenkins.

I was very nervous as I interviewed Saints player Malcolm Jenkins. He was a first round draft pick (which means he was the very first player selected by New Orleans that season). I think Malcolm enjoyed being interviewed by a kid, as I am sure it rarely ever happens.

As the 49ers were piling onto their buses, I met with their head coach, Jim Harbaugh. I could feel my heart in my throat as I forced out the words for each question. He balanced out my nerves with his calm and relaxed demeanor.

UNFORGETTABLE DAY

Leaving the Superdome, my dad and I headed to the French Quarter (downtown New Orleans) to take in the sights. My favorite was the St. Louis Cathedral. It is the oldest cathedral in North America. Next we sampled the world famous beignets – square pieces of fried dough, dusted with powdered sugar. It was a sweet ending to an extremely sweet day!

Jadon enjoys a tasty treat in New Orleans after the game.

About This Kid Scoop Young Reporter

Jadon Bosarge has a passion for football and he loves to write. Between 6th grade school work at Corona Creek Elementary in Petaluma, Calif. he juggles drums, modeling, GATE, volunteering and playing football for the Petaluma Panthers. His goals are to be a sports reporter and to make everyone a football fan. Go to **www.kidscoop.com** to read his interviews with Saints safety Malcolm Jenkins and San Francisco 49ers head coach Jim Harbaugh.

Extra! Extra! Photo Frames

Cut out a sports photograph from the newspaper. What is inside each photo's "frame" or edges? What is not seen in the photograph? Would the picture have a different feeling if they showed something that is now not seen?

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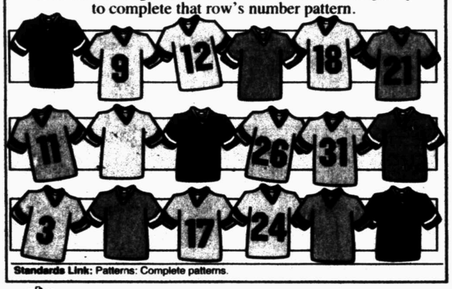
Kid Scoop Puzzler

Write the missing numbers in each row of football jerseys to complete that row's number pattern.



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The Online Scoop

Learn more about NFL teams and enjoy some online games at **www.kidscoop.com**

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Sports Math

Make a math problem using the scores of a sporting event published in the sports section of your newspaper. Solve the problem with a friend.

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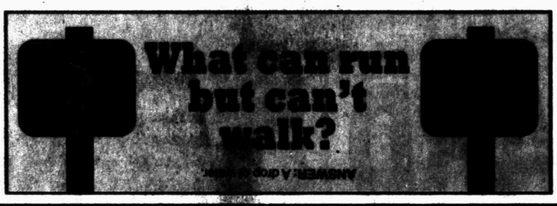

Weekly Writing Corner

Invention Lab

Students have problems with completing their homework. I decided to invent a robot that does your homework for you. All you have to do is push a button and put your homework in the robot hand. You are guaranteed a 100. It even does college work too! Grab your "Homework Robot" today to make your school life easier.

Michael Weidner,
4th grade, St. Ann's

I think a problem people face is getting to locations on time. To fix this problem, I would want an invention that could take you anywhere you want in the fastest amount of time. My invention would be able to transform into any vehicle that is wanted at that time. My invention would be voice activated, and it would come with a driver and pilot.

Sathvik Deme,
6th grade, Hillander

Inventions can be useful or just for you to play around with. In this case, my invention idea is going to help kids get their homework done faster and still have good grades. My invention would be a computer like robot that you can put in the amount of homework you have and it already knows what you're capable of doing. I think the teachers would only be allowed the buy their own because it would be on a teacher's only website and they would program them to the certain children's needs. I think it would improve over a couple of years and stay popular forever.

Amaya Padilla,
4th grade, St. Ann's

Things would be a lot easier if you didn't have to cook or clean so I would invent a robot to be able to do anything you ask it to do. That way you can do anything you want.

Hayden Johnon,
6th grade, Hillander

Do you know a problem my class has? It is remembering to do our homework. My invention would be a machine that looks like a shredder, but it is not. It's a homework doing machine! To use it, you just put your homework in the top slot and in just ten minutes your homework will be done and filled in your homework folder! So, when you get to school, all you have to do is put your name on it and turn it in. But, until then, remember to do your homework!

Madi Lane
4th grade, St. Ann's

Write On!

2-D or 3-D?

Which do you like better, 2-D or 3-D? Explain why.

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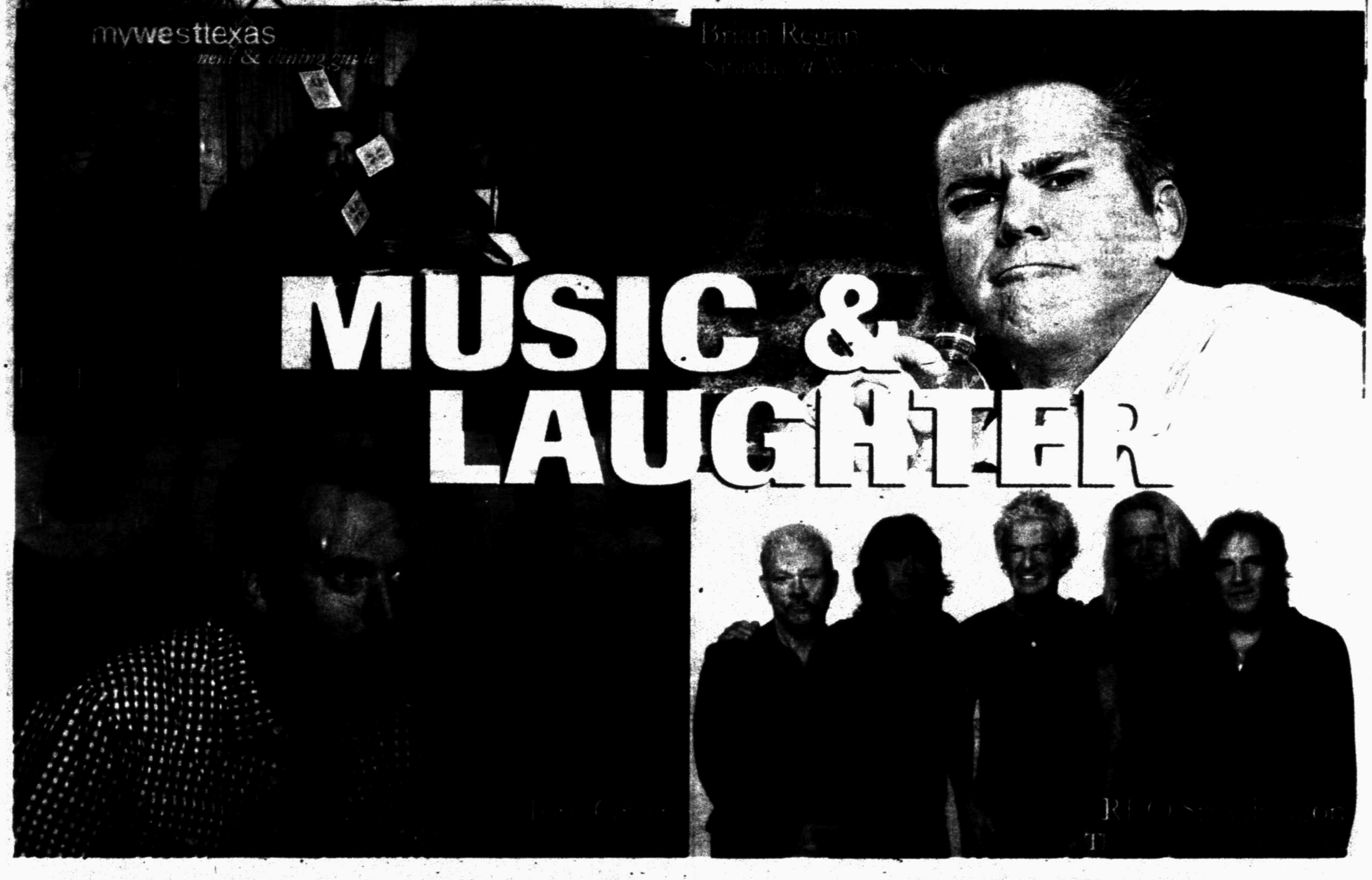

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On stage 7, 8

- Comedian Tom Green comes to MCM Elegante in Odessa.
- Child labor, crime, cruelty and greed take center stage in 'Oliver!' at the Yucca Theatre.
- 'The Dream' opens Friday at the Globe Theatre.

Live and in concert 10, 12

- Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center presents REO Speedwagon today, Los Lonely Boys on Friday and comedian Brian Regan on Saturday.
- Live on stage presents Terry Barber on Monday.

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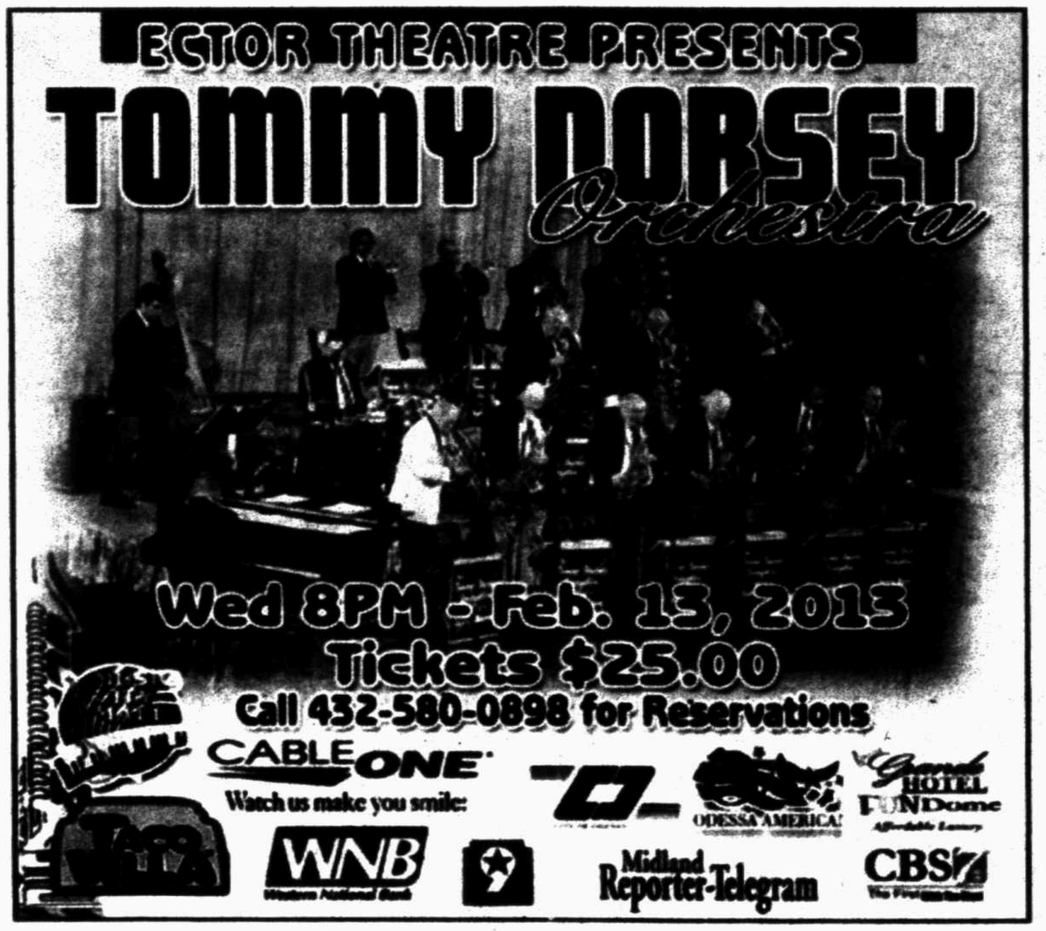

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Today

REO SPEEDWAGON
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: Box office open noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 552-4430 or visit wagner-noel.com.

THE MUSICAL "OLIVER"
When: Today through Sunday
Where: Yucca Theatre, 208 Colorado Ave.
Info: Presented by Trinity School
Tickets: On sale at Trinity School. Call 681-3334.

BROWN BAG LUNCH AND LECTURE SERIES
When: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 I-20 West
Info: The newly opened Judson Mineral Gallery at the Petroleum Museum features more than 90 mineral specimens from all over the world. The collection featured in the gallery is a tribute to the life and work of Edward H. Judson. His son and his wife, Don and Julie Judson, will talk about the collection and Judson's interest in mineralogy and dedication to geblogy. Bring a brown bag lunch and the museum will provide drinks and cookies.
Call: 683-4403

SENIOR CITIZEN THURSDAY NIGHT DANCE CLUB
When: 7:30-10 p.m.
Where: 1225 N. Adams St., Odessa
Info: Live country band
Admission: $5 members, $6 non-members.
Contact person: Faye Woolf, president, 366-8910. Dances on Thursdays.

Friday

LOS LONELY BOYS
When: 8 p.m.
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: Box office open noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 552-4430 or visit wagner-noel.com.

THE DIAMONDS
When: 8 p.m.
Where: Ector Theatre, Odessa
Tickets: $25
Call: 580-0898

COMEDIAN TOM GREEN
When: 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday
Where: MCM Elegante Hotel, Odessa
Info: 18 and over

"THE DREAM"
When: Friday-March 3
Where: Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa
Tickets: $15 general admission, $13 for seniors and students, $10 for a group of 15 or more, $7 for ages 12 and younger and free for all students and faculy of Odessa College with ID.
Info: Joint production between the Globe Theater and OC's music department. "The Dream" is an opera.

HOME AND GARDEN SHOW THIS WEEKEND @ THE HORSESHOE
The Permian Basin Home Builders Association's show is open from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Tumbleweed Smith will speak at 2 p.m. Saturday; Dillard's will present a style show at 7:30 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Sunday; Natural Ponds & Gardens will present an 18-by-30-feet Butterfly House; and Permian Basin Master Gardeners will have presentations throughout the show. Tickets are $7 for adults, $3 for children ages 3 to 12 and $10 for a weekend pass.

LONE STAR BRASS SUNDAY @ THE WAGNER NOEL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
A Lone Star Brass Chamber Concert is set for 2 p.m. in the Rea Greathouse Recital Hall. A performing ensemble of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc., the Lone Star Brass offers programs of classical music, jazz, original works and even opera. Tickets are $12 general admission. Patrons are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance by calling the Wagner Noël Performing Arts box office at 552-4430.

SHRIMPFEST MONDAY @ ECTOR COUNTY COLISEUM, ODESSA
This annual fundraiser for the Ellen Noel Art Museum features a silent auction, a live auction and live music. Nearly 1,200 pounds of shrimp, along with all the sides are served at Building G in the coliseum. Sponsor tables for $1,200, $3,000 or $5,000 are available. These tables include admission to the sponsor-only cocktail reception from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with appetizers and private waiters. General admission tickets with all you can eat and drink are also available. They are $40 each and can be purchased at the museum during regular business hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or online at www.noelartmuseum.org.

"SHREK: THE MUSICAL"
When: through March 9
Where: Davis-Theatre I, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
Info: Opening production of Midland Community Theatre's 2013 season. Call 570-4111 or go to www.mctmidland.org.

"OUT OF BOUNDS" EXHIBITION
When: through March 29
Where: McCormich Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Building, Midland College main campus
Info: Features works by David Herbold, Hector Hernandez, Jieun Beth Kim and Molly Wicks in collaboration with MC students.

HOLD' EM POKER TOURNAMENTS: LONESTAR POKER TOUR
When: No games Monday and Thursday. Games all other days
Where: Woofers and Tweeters and The Detour
Admission: Free to join, free to play
Info: Seven games a week with cash prizes.
Details: All players must be registered by 6:45 p.m. Schedule: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at Woofers and Tweeters, Tuesday and Saturday at The Detour.

Saturday

BRIAN REGAN
When: 8 p.m.
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: Box office open noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 552-4430 or visit wagner-noel.com.

Sunday

"RIDERS ON THE ORPHAN TRAIN"
When: 2:30 p.m.
Where: Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West
Info: Chronicles the lives of two children among around 250,000 young people "placed out" between 1854 and 1929, boarding trains in New York City and being given away at rail stations across the country. This is a free event with 200 seats. For reservations, call the museum, 683-4403.

MONTY PYTHON
When: 2:30 and 7 p.m.
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Info: Spamalot tells the tale of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table as they embark on their quest for the Holy Grail. Features showgirls, cows, killer rabbits and French people. Starring 30 singers, dancers and orchestra musicians.
Info: Box office open noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 552-4430 or visit wagner-noel.com.

AUDITIONS FOR "JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR"
When and where: 6:30 p.m. Sunday and Monday at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave., and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Wagner & Brown Auditorium, Allison Fine Arts Building, Midland College campus.
Call: 682-2544, ext. 103.

BEARDED IRIS PROGRAM
When: 1:30 p.m.
Where: St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 1701 N. Main St.
Info: Iris hybridizer Bob Van Liere of Denver will present a program on the tall bearded iris. Presented by the West Texas Iris Society

Monday

TERRY BARBER
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: Single admission $30.
Info: Live on Stage series.

CHESS CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

MIDLAND COMMUNITY SYMPHONIC BAND
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall
Info: Weekly meeting, New members welcome. Call Walter, 260-7136.

Tuesday

PAINT TIME
When: 9 a.m.-noon
Where: Midland Palette Club, 907 West Wadley Ave.
Info: Call 352-8297.

CLASSIC MOVIE CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Cigar Frog's

PERMIAN BASIN DANCE CLUB
When: 7:30-10 p.m.
Where: St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave.
Cost: $5 members, $6 non-members.
Call: 520-4343 or 218-8215.
Info: Live country and Western music each week

onscreen

"BEAUTIFUL CREATURES" — The genders have been reversed but the supernatural, star-crossed teen angst remains firmly intact in this drama that clearly aims to pick up where the "Twilight" franchise left off. Writer-director Richard LaGravenese's film, based on the first novel in the young adult series by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl, oozes Southern Gothic eccentricity and some amusing if inconsistent touches of camp. But a strong cast of likable and, yes, beautiful actors can only do so much with the formula in which they're forced to work. And, like the "Twilight" movies, the special effects are all too often distractingly cheesy. The setup breathes some new life into such familiar material, though, as co-stars Alden Ehrenreich and Alice Englert feel like actual awkward teens enjoying the fraught thrills of first love. Once the plot machinations start grinding in the second half, though, "Beautiful Creatures" as a whole grinds to a halt. Spells and scenery-chewing can be a hoot; watching other people sitting around scouring ancient tomes for clues, not so much. Ehrenreich plays a restless teen in small-town South Carolina who's smitten by Englert's mysterious new girl. Turns out she's a witch — and she's probably doomed — but could true love with a mortal save her? Emma Thompson, Emmy Rossum and Viola Davis co-star. PG-13 for violence, scary images and some sexual material. 123 minutes. Two stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

"A GOOD DAY TO DIE HARD" — It's supposed to be a parody of itself, right? That's the only way to explain this ridiculously over-the-top, repetitively numbing fifth film in the "Die Hard" franchise. John McClane used to be a cowboy. Now, he's a cartoon character — specifically, Wile E. Coyote, given how many times he should be seriously injured and/or killed in this movie. The most he suffers is a scratch here and there, and then he's ready to pop back up again with a bemused twinkle in his eye and a wry quip. Part of the charm of this career-defining Bruce Willis' character was the regular-guy, Reagan-era resourcefulness he represented; now, he's weirdly superhuman. But as charismatic as Willis ordinarily is, even he can't fool us into thinking he's enjoying himself this time. "A Good Day to Die Hard" is pointless and joyless, a barrage of noise and chaos, an onslaught of destruction without the slightest mention of consequence. Director John Moore mistakes shaky-cam and dizzying zooms for artistic finesse in his action sequences. But the most obnoxious element of all may be the father-son feel-goodery that occurs in the midst of all this madness. You see, Willis' unstoppable New York cop has traveled to Moscow to track down his bitter, estranged son, Jack (Jai Courtney), whom he believes to be in criminal trouble. Jack is actually a spy working undercover to protect a government whistleblower (Sebastian Koch), and dad has arrived just in time to ruin his mission. Now they must work together — and bond. R for violence and language. 97 minutes. One star out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

Capsule reviews of feature films

RATINGS: 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor

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"BULLET TO THE HEAD" — Someone is eating their Activia. Sylvester Stallone defies time, playing a deadly hitman in this grim and violent crime thriller. With Sung Kang, Sarah Shahi and Jason Momoa. 1 hr. 31 R (strong violence, nudity, profanity, substance abuse). 2 stars.

"IDENTITY THIEF" — Jason Bateman is the mark whose identity — and credit line — is appropriated by a plus-size, potty-mouthed con artist, played with a (literal) punch by Melissa McCarthy, in this cheesy comedy. When he uncharacteristically goes after her, an odd-couple slapstick road movie ensues. 1 hr. 52 R (profanity, violence, sex, adult themes) 2 1/2 stars.

"MAMA" — An intensely spooky ghost story, with two deeply traumatized young girls discovered in the woods and taken to live with their uncle and aunt (Jessica Chastain) — a move the wraith-like title character is hardly happy about. 1 hr. 40 PG-13 (intense scares, children in jeopardy, adult themes) 3 stars.

"PARKER" — Jason Statham is Donald E. Westlake's famous "heister" in Taylor Hackford's hard-knuckle crime thriller, chasing down a gang of doublecrossers with an assist from Jennifer Lopez. 1 hr. 58 R (violence, profanity, nudity, adult themes) 2 1/2 stars.

"SIDE EFFECTS" — Filmmaker Steven Soderbergh's tightly coiled psychological thriller — with "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo's" Rooney Mara, with Jude Law and Catherine Zeta-Jones — would make James M. Cain proud. On one level, a dark take on the culture of pharmaceutical cure-alls, on another, a classic, twisting noir. 1 hr. 46 R (violence, profanity, sex, nudity, drugs, adult themes) 3 1/2 stars.

"SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK" — A head-spinning wonder of a movie about love, pain, reinvention, rehabilitation and the totemic power of an NFL franchise, with Bradley Cooper as a guy dealing with bipolar disorder and heartbreak, Jennifer Lawrence as a young widow with her own troubles and woe, and with an amazing supporting cast. From director David O. Russell, based on Matthew Quick's novel. 2 hrs. 02 R (profanity, sex, drugs, violence, adult themes) 4 stars

"WARM BODIES" — A smart, snappy and appropriately gory rom-com-zom, about a sensitive walking dead dude who saves a flesh-and-blood girl from being eaten, and finds himself falling in love with her. The feelings, surprisingly, are reciprocal. Jonathan ("50/50") Levine directs, adapting the Isaac Marion novel. 1 hr. 37 PG-13 (violence, gore, profanity, adult themes). 3 stars

Also

"ESCAPE FROM PLANET EARTH" — In this animated film, a nerdy blue alien endeavors to rescue his brother, a famous astronaut, from the notoriously dangerous planet Earth. With the voices of Brendan Fraser, Sarah Jessica Parker, Jessica Alba and George Lopez. Written by Cal Brunker and Bob Barlen. Directed by Brunker. In 3-D. (1:29) PG.

"HANSEL AND GRETEL: WITCH HUNTERS" — Having developed a taste for retribution at a young age and grown up as witch-hunting vigilantes, siblings Hansel and Gretel must reckon with their dark past. With Jeremy Renner, Gemma Arteron and Famke Jannson. Written and directed by Tommy Wirkola. In 3-D and Imax. (1:28) R.

"A HAUNTED HOUSE" — In this spoof of found-footage horror movies, a young couple move into a dream house and encounter a demonic presence that throws their lives into chaos. With Marlon Wayans, Essence Atkins and Cedric the Entertainer. Written by Wayans and Rick Alvarez. Directed by Michel Tiddes. (1:25) R.

"SAFE HAVEN" — Newly arrived in a small town in North Carolina, a guarded young woman begins opening up to a widowed store owner and father of two, but soon her dark past begins to catch up with her. With Josh Duhamel, Julianne Hough and David Lyons. Written by Dana Stevens and Gage Lansky. Directed by Lasse Hallstrom. (1:55) PG-13.

DVDIVA'S
pick of the week

Newest 007 adventure elevates series to new level

By Nancy Adamson
DVDiva columnist

Pick of the week:

"Skyfall" (PG-13) The series about England's coolest spy has unquestionably entered a new era. And it's an era that people who didn't get the series can finally enjoy. This is one terrific film and shows a vulnerable James Bond previously unseen, which combines with breathtaking stunts and a plausible story to make for one of the year's best films. A

"Bully" (PG-13) Heart-wrenching documentary about students subjected to bullying by classmates, some to the point where they take their own lives. Watching these kids deal with their pain can be both distressing and uplifting, especially the story of Alex Libby, who is shown under attack on his school bus. Armed with the film footage, his parents go to school authorities to beg for help, only to be turned away. If your heart can take it, this amazing film should not be missed. Be sure to check out the extras on the DVD: You'll be amazed at where Alex is today. B+

"Jedi Junkies" (unrated) Documentary about obsessive fans of the "Star Wars" films and its merchandising tries to boldly go where man has gone before — the 1997 film "Trekkies" — with limited success. It's fun to see these superfans — including "Blair Witch Project" director Eduardo Sanchez — go to all lengths to acquire the memorabilia, but sad to see the consequences of their addiction. B-

"The Man With the Iron Fists" (R) Fans of the old school martial arts exploitation genre will probably be the only ones to appreciate this film "presented by Quentin Tarantino" that was written and directed by his pal RZA. The rest of us will not. C+

"The Perks of Being a Wallflower" (PG-13) Touching teen drama that beautifully avoids coming-of-age cliches shows Emma Watson has a very good chance of emerging from her "Harry Potter" years as a bona fide star. B+

"Robot & Frank" (PG-13) Set not too far in the future, Frank Langella positively shines as a retired burglar whose failing memory prompts his son to buy him a robot to look after him. The robot — voiced by Peter Sarsgaard doing a very impressive Hal from "2001: A Space Odyssey" — and his new owner share a caring and playful relationship. The best robot movie since "Wall-E" has a few twists and turns that help make it a total delight. A-

"The Sessions" (R) Prepare yourself for a Helen Hunt you've never seen before — and a whole lot of her. Hunt is amazing in the film — her Oscar nod is deserved — as is John Hawkes, whose snub for an Oscar is flabbergasting. True story of Mark O'Brien's only fault is its failure to convey that the film is set in the 1980s — the clothing and hairstyles don't always fit the period. B+

"Silent Hill: Revelation" (R) Bloody sequel to 2006 video game adaptation is, for my money, better than the original. With an obvious nod to Guillermo del Toro's glorious "Pan's Labyrinth," this sequel abounds with creative creatures. Its nonsensical third act is another matter, though. B-

"Smiley" (R) College students play a deadly online game when they conjure up a serial killer. Despite a few interesting twists — including one following the credits if you get that far — this is a pathetic attempt to create a franchise. C-

"The Whole Truth" (not rated) Kitschy film about an aspiring acting coach who finds a lucrative side career coaching criminals to act innocent in court. Stars Elisabeth Rohm and Sean Patrick Flanery are obviously having a good time, but it's Eric Roberts as a Russian mobster whose over-the-top performance makes it all worthwhile. B-

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CEDRIC THE ENTERTAINER
When: 8 p.m. Feb. 28
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

OPEN CAMPUS NIGHT
When: March 1
Where: Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Admission: Free.
Info: Features Brian Selznick in the Durham Children's Museum, Miniature Books in the Turner Memorial Art Gallery, and storytelling in the Blakemore Planetarium.

THE BALLET "PETER AND THE WOLF"
When: 7:30 p.m. March 1
Where: Midland High School Auditorium.
Guest artists: Jayson Pescasio as Peter

MOSC POPS III: SHOWER THE PEOPLE
When: 8 p.m. March 2
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

SUNBURST U.S.A. BEAUTY PAGEANT
When: 1 p.m. March 3
Where: Midland Park Mall
Info: For all children, teens and young adults. A preliminary pageant leading to the Sunburst State and International Finals. Contestants can win trophies, crowns, sashes and banners.

AUDITIONS FOR "ROMEO & JULIET"
When: March 4 and 5
Where: Globe Theatre, Odessa
Call: 580-3177 or 432-332-1586
Info: Holding auditions for Disney's "Aladdin" (dual language edition) April 22 and 23.

YAPPY HOUR
What: Benefit for Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals
When: 5:30-8 p.m. March 7
Where: Petroleum Club of Midland
Contact: Bethany Etheredge, 553-1528

WEST TEXAS GUITAR FESTIVAL
When: March 7-9
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Info: Festival concert 7 p.m. March 9. Sponsored by UTPB.

"BOEING-BOEING"
When: March 8-23
Where: Mabee Theatre II, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
Info: Midland Community Theatre production. Recommended for those age 12 and up due to subject matter and language. Call 570-4111 or go to mctmidland.org.

THE MOODY BLUES
When: 8 p.m. March 10
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

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10TH ANNUAL MARIACHI WORKSHOP AND COMPETITION
When: March 13-15
Where: Abell Junior High
Info: Competition on the March 14 and concert March 15. Both at Midland High Auditorium.

BUDDY GUY
When: March 15
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $55 to $95. Purchase online at www.wagnernoel.com, charge by phone at 1-800-514-3849, or buy at the box office from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

THE TEMPTATIONS
When: 8 p.m. March 16
Where: Ector Theatre, Odessa
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Stand up comedian takes MCM Elegante stage

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

Tom Green, the Canadian actor, rapper, writer, comedian, talk show host and media personality, has a fondness for Texas. He does, however, have one complaint.

"I always love coming to Texas," Green said in a telephone interview before his performances Friday and Saturday at Odessa's MCM Elegante Hotel. "Being Canadian, it's fun to be able to explore the United States, and I always loved Texas. I've done lots of shows in Texas in Dallas and Houston and in Tom Green County. I tried to apply for a library card there once and was denied. I'm Tom Green. I should be able to get a library card there.

"The southern part of the United States is always fun for me. The people remind me of Canadian people. They are a little bit more laid back and polite, and I'm looking forward to it (the Odessa shows)."

Known for his shock humor brand of comedy, Green found mainstream prominence via his MTV television show "The Tom Green Show." He was also in the public eye for his short-lived marriage to actress Drew Barrymore, and for his roles in such films as "Freddy Got Fingered," "Road Trip," "Stealing Harvard" and "Charlie's Angels."

In June 2003, Green served as a guest-host on Late Show with David Letterman which led to him hosting his own late-night talk show on MTV entitled "The New Tom Green Show." From 2006-2011, he hosted his Internet talk show "Tom Green's House Tonight" from his living room.

He headlined at the Edinburgh Comedy Festival, where he performed to sold-out audiences and received rave reviews. Recently he started Tom Green Radio podcast, which is streamed live every week from Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles, Calif., and available on iTunes and at tomgreen.com. Steve O from JACKASS was his second guest.

Green started performing stand-up comedy in January of 2010 and described his live show as "a hilarious standup comedy show."

He draws his routines from "conversations with people. Observations I make. Things I think are ridiculous about the world. ... I always make notes to myself when I see something that strikes me as a little odd.

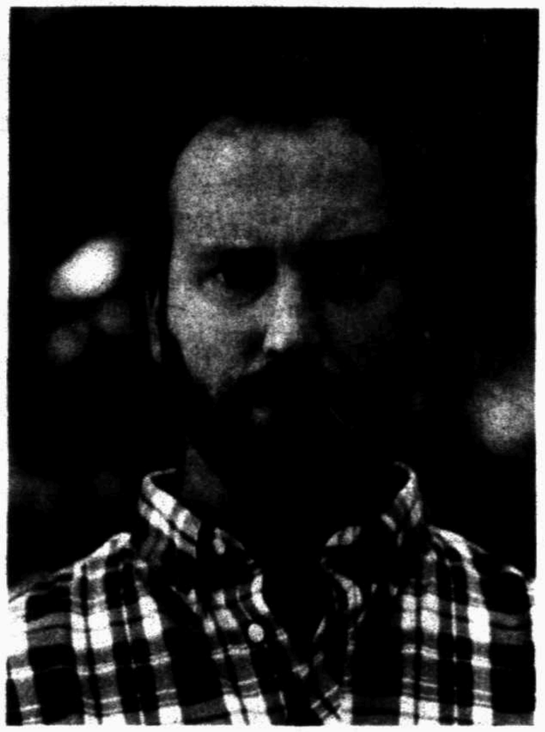
"People like to laugh at the things they can relate to, and we share a lot of common experiences in the world today. I try to kind of make light of some of that pressure and stress we have in our lives.

"In a lot of ways it's very cathartic for me to do standup. I get to get up on stage and rant about things I think are frustrating to me. That's where a lot of comedy comes from."

To do standup comedy, Green said, "You have to have the drive and desire to get up on stage and have fun and have some laughs with people. It's something, I think, that is in you from an early age.

"Once you realize that's something you like to do and are good at, you have to have the motivation to get up there and do it, to practice and really figure out the craft. It's an art form. It's a craft developed over time with lots of practice.

"You have to have a unique point of view and see life through a slightly different lens than everybody so that you can put a spin on things and maybe shine a light on things. You have to be able to surprise people in the way they look at the world."



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COMEDIAN TOM GREEN
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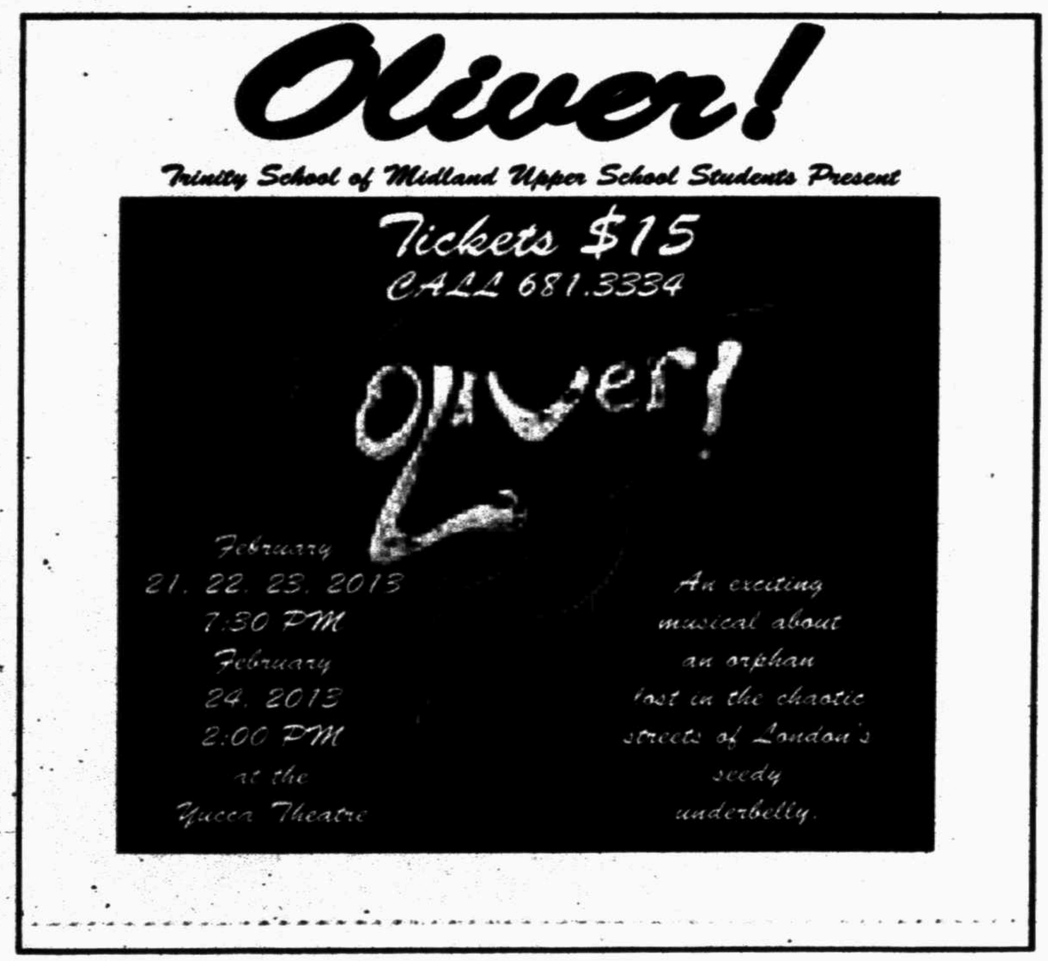
Where: MCM Elegante Hotel, Odessa
Info: 18 and over



onstage

"THE DREAM"

ODESSA — World War I French soldier Andrew is facing his life in the trenches. During the siege and going "over the top" he gets hit with a bomb shell and is knocked out in "The Dream," a joint production of the Globe Theatre and the Odessa College Music Department, opening Friday at the Globe, 2308 Shakespeare Road.

With music by Maurice Ravel and Carl Orff, "The Dream" was conceived by David Corman of OC. The opera is on stage at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and March 1 and 2 and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday and March 3. For tickets, go to www.GlobeSW.org or call 580-3177.

"OLIVER! THE MUSICAL"

Child labor, crime, cruelty and greed take center stage at the Yucca Theatre, 208 Colorado Ave., today in Trinity School's production of the British musical "Oliver!" Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. today through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Based on the Charles Dickens novel "Oliver Twist," published in 1838, the musical was created by Lionel Bart and premiered in London's West End in 1960. The plot of Dickens' original novel is considerably simplified for the purposes of the musical.

Tickets are $15 and are on sale at Trinity School. Call the box office, 681-3334.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Soldiers in "The Dream" production with Globe Theater and Odessa College, front from left, Garren Schneider, Andrew Wright, Kaleb Saldana, Christopher Brokaw and Andrew Corman, back left, Paul Gore, Matthew Braithwaite and Ceferino Montes, in a scene where the soldiers are about to come out of the trenches to fight.

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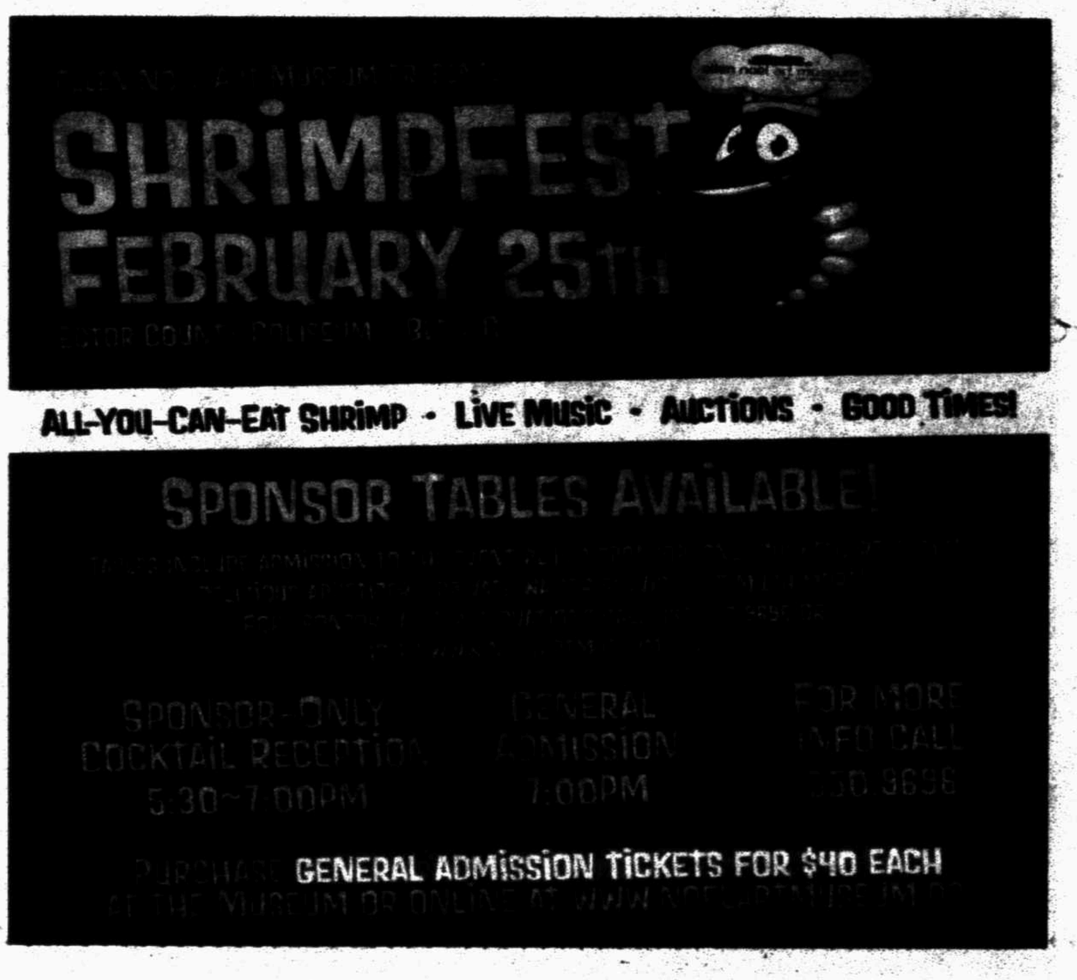

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LOS LONELY BOYS FRIDAY @ THE WAGNER NOEL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The lineup for Los Lonely Boys is Henry Garza on guitar and vocals, Jojo Garza on bass and vocals and Ringo Garza on drums and vocals. The brothers' self-titled debut album went double platinum and from that a No. 1 radio hit "Heaven" won a Grammy. The newest album, "Rockpango," is the band's fourth studio album. All of the material was written by the Garzas, who add the Tosca String Quartet and keyboards where necessary to expand the sound. Love and family are major themes.

THE DIAMONDS FRIDAY @ ECTOR THEATRE, ODESSA

In 1957 The Diamonds released an instant million-selling hit called "Little Darlin'." The song continues to sell worldwide and has been dubbed "the National Anthem of Rock and Roll." To date it has sold approximately 20 million copies.

BRIAN REGAN SATURDAY @ THE WAGNER NOËL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

An American stand-up comedian who uses observational, sarcastic and self-deprecating humor, Regan's material typically covers everyday events, such as shipping a package with UPS and a visit to an optometrist. He makes frequent references to childhood, including Little League baseball, grade school spelling bees and science projects.

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Live Wire

Midland/Odessa/Big Spring/Alpine

Thursday, Feb. 21
Jake Kellen @ Rockin Rodeo

Friday, Feb. 22
Black Eye Shiner @ Hot Shots
The Diamonds @ Ector Theatre
Los Lonely Boys, Platero @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
Nite Life, Ann Russell, Dené Redmon @ Music City Mall
Seth Candan, Justin Langston @ Lone Star Bar
The Six-String Boys @ Redneck's

Friday, Feb. 22, and Saturday, Feb. 23
Blacklisted @ The Bar
3 Lit Pigz @ Your Place

Saturday, Feb. 23
Bentio Ramos, Arisos Strings, Mike Leonard, Jesse Thomas, Ty Miller, Richard Jaquez @ Music City Mall
Happy Good Times, The Blood Of Tyrants, Pathogenocide, Cicada, First Dead Witness @ Blue Max
Sam Riggs Band, Charlie Stout @ Lone Star Bar

Sunday, Feb. 24
Midland-Odessa Symphony Orchestra chamber concert: Lone Star Brass @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center (2 p.m.)
Monty Python: Spamalot @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center (two shows, 2:30 p.m., 7 p.m.)
Tom Jean Jerry Band, Tech Jazz, Mary Mitchell, Jacob Garcia, Hunter Blain @ Music City Mall

Monday, Feb. 25
Terry Barber @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center

Wednesday, Feb. 27
William Clark Green @ Lone Star Bar

Lubbock

Saturday, Feb. 23
Jon Wolfe, Old 97's @ Blue Light

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Friday, Feb. 22
Pink, The Hives @ American Airlines Center

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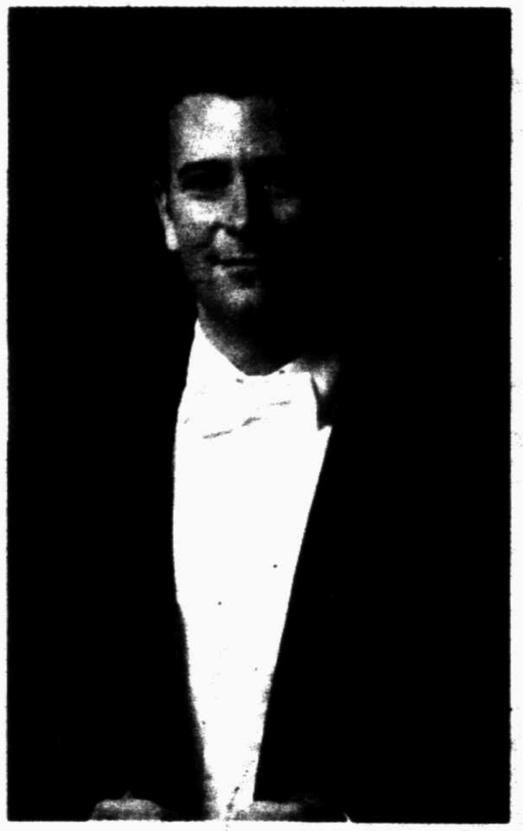
As a member of the multiple Grammy-winning ensemble Chanticleer, American countertenor Terry Barber worked his way through the repertoire performing opera, classical, gospel, jazz and folk music in a dozen languages at more than 100 concerts around the globe.

In 2002, Barber joined the roster of the Metropolitan Opera for its staging of "Sly," starring Placido Domingo. He made his New York City Opera debut in 2001 in "Il Ritorno d'Ulisse" in Patria and covered Daniel Taylor in the NYC Opera's production of Handel's "Rinaldo" starring David Daniels. In summer of 2002 he performed at the International Spoleto Festival both the Spirit and the Witch in Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas."

Whether performing classical or popular favorites, he "breathes new life into everything he sings," and crafts what the Los Angeles Times has called "performances of great vitality and verve."

Single admission tickets to Monday's performance are $30 at the door.



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diningguide

Restaurant Guide: Pulse publishes a portion of the Restaurant Guide each week. Restaurants are listed in categories according to the type of food they serve and classified as order at counter (OAC) then sit down, or sit down (SD) and be waited on. Several are listed as cafeteria or buffet style, a few are carry out.
Entree price range is based on the average entree price on the menu: $ = $1-10, $$ = $10-20 and $$$ = $20 or more. Restaurants are given a general rating based on quality of food, service, cleanliness, atmosphere and overall experience. 1 spoon = poor, 2 spoons = average, 3 spoons = above average, 4 spoons = good and 5 spoons = excellent.

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King & I (SD)
801 N. Big Spring St.
4400 N. Midland Drive
682-0988

Large menu offering authentic Thai food. Noodle dishes such as beef, chicken, pork or vegetables stir-fried in rice noodles with broccoli, egg and carrot. Popcorn's special (angel hair pasta, green onions, white onions, tomatoes, broccoli, garlic, jalapenos with special sauce) is a dish favored by many Midlanders. Rice dishes such as chicken cashew and chicken sesame are delicious. The chocolate confusion cake is a must. Kid's menu and catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 5-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Kuo's Chinese Restaurant (SD)
3303 N. Midkiff Rd., Suite 152, San Miguel Shopping Center
697-8888

Friendly service and a relaxing atmosphere. Menu items include sweet and sour chicken, peking duck, coconut chicken and Mongolian steak. Lunch specials are offered from 11 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. and include a fried cream cheese wonton, steamed or fried rice and choice of soup with a smaller portioned entree. Lunch entrees include sweet and sour chicken, Kung Pao chicken, moo goo chicken, hunan chicken and kung pao beef.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. -2:15 p.m., 5-9:45 p.m. Monday-Saturday: 11:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m., 4:30-8:45 p.m. Sunday
4 spoons

Shogun Restaurant (SD)
4610 N. Garfield St.
570-8888

This Japanese steakhouse has served Midlanders for more than 20 years. Sit at the Teppan Yaki tables with other customers and watch your meals cooked on the grill at the table or order from the sushi menu which includes nigiri sushi and maki sushi. Teppan Yaki table menu includes steak, chicken and seafood served with cucumber and shrimp salad, soup, steamed rice and grilled vegetables. Evening prices are high.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11:30 - 9:30 p.m. Sunday - Friday; noon - 9:30 p.m. Saturday
4 spoons

Grand Buffet (SD/buffet)
2510 W. Louisiana Ave.
688-8881

Extensive "all-you-can-eat" Asian buffet. Tables are dedicated to particular types of food such as salads with mixed salads, lettuce and fresh toppings; soups; seafood including salmon and crab; fried foods such as sweet and sour chicken or pork, fried okra and fried shrimp; stir-fried dishes such as beef and broccoli; a fruit bar with Jell-O salads and fresh fruit; sushi bar; and more. Mongolian grill station.
Buffet price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday
2 spoons

The Great Wall (OAC: Carry out only)
2215 N. Midland Dr. (Mesa Verde shopping center)
694-5555

Extensive menu for Chinese take-out with dishes including noodles, fried rice, seafood, pork, beef, chicken, tofu and vegetables. Lunch specials served 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. Monday through Friday include soup or an egg roll and fried rice with an entree. Prices range from $1.20 for spring rolls to $11.95 for the chef's special featuring General Tso's chicken with sesame shrimp.
Entrée price range: $

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Hours: 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, 4:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Sunday.
3 spoons

Moon Garden (SD)
2319 W. Loop 250 N.
570-1165 or 685-3012

Lunch specials available 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. More than a dozen entrees including broccoli with garlic sauce, sweet and sour chicken, hunan chicken, chicken with broccoli, beef chow mein and kung pao shrimp. Served with an egg roll and rice, a choice of egg drop, hot and sour or wonton soup. Two-entrée plate also offered on the lunch special. Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5-9:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.
2 spoons

Thai House (SD)
#9 Meta Drive
687-3373

Thai and Chinese food. A few appetizer choices are egg rolls, fried vegetable spring rolls and Bangkok rolls, soups and stews. Combination plate includes an entrée such as pepper steak, cashew chicken, spicy beef or chicken, mixed vegetables, sweet and sour chicken, all of which are served with steamed or fried rice and soup or egg roll. All combination plates are only $6.50.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Genghis Grill (SD)
4517 Midkiff Road
(In the parking lot of Midland Park Mall)
520-5426
www.genghisgrill.com

Come in, take a bowl and choose your main ingredients: chicken, steak, pork, shrimp, sausage or tofu. Next, choose the seasoning, vegetables and sauce from a wide array of choices. Finally, choose between steamed or fried rice, noodles, spiral pasta or tortillas. Hand your bowl to a chef, go sit down and your dish will be returned to you when it is cooked.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
3 spoons

Chinese Kitchen (OAC)
4200 W. Illinois Ave.
694-3922

Open for 25 years. Daily special combination meals with one, two or three entrée choices served with an egg roll and choice of fried rice or pan-fried noodles. Entrees include sweet and sour pork or chicken, chicken chow mein, lemon chicken, beef and broccoli, Mandarin beef, Thai grilled chicken and more. Appetizers include shrimp rolls, crab Rangoon, spicy wings, tempura shrimp, tempura chicken, fried wontons and puffs. Take-out food is packaged in little white pails and chopsticks and fortune cookies are included.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily
3 spoons

Taste of China Super Buffet (buffet)
4400 N. Big Spring St., #53
684-5288

All-you-can-eat buffet features six large tables with more than 80 items, or order from an extensive menu. Buffet entrees include traditional Chinese dishes such as sweet and sour chicken and cashew chicken, pepper steak, beef with broccoli, Hunan beef and beef with assorted vegetables. Try seafood, fruits, salads, sushi or a grill where you can choose ingredients to be stir-fried into your own creation. Senior citizens 10 percent discount and children under 3 eat free.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday - Saturday.
2 spoons

Barbecue/Burgers

Bob's Better Burger (drive-in)
3417 Thomason Drive
694-1561

Serving burgers, fries, milkshakes for more than 50 years. Menu is posted in front of the kitchen where customers stand outside and place orders through a window. Menu includes small and large burgers with additions such as cheese, jalapenos, chili and bacon. Corn dogs, hot dogs, sandwiches, fries and onion rings are available. Kid's menu. Cash only.
Entree price range:$
Hours:-9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday - Saturday
4 spoons

Dickey's Barbecue Pit (OAC)
5210 W. Wadley Ave.
689-4500, catering 212-3351
www.dickeys.com

The menu says, "Cooked slow, served fast." Quick, friendly service and traditional barbecue selections of brisket, chicken, pulled pork, all the sides. Also stuffed baked potatoes, chicken Caesar salad, sandwiches and platters. Kid's menu and family packs. Don't forget your yellow drink cup with your favorite drink. Catering.
Entrée price range: $

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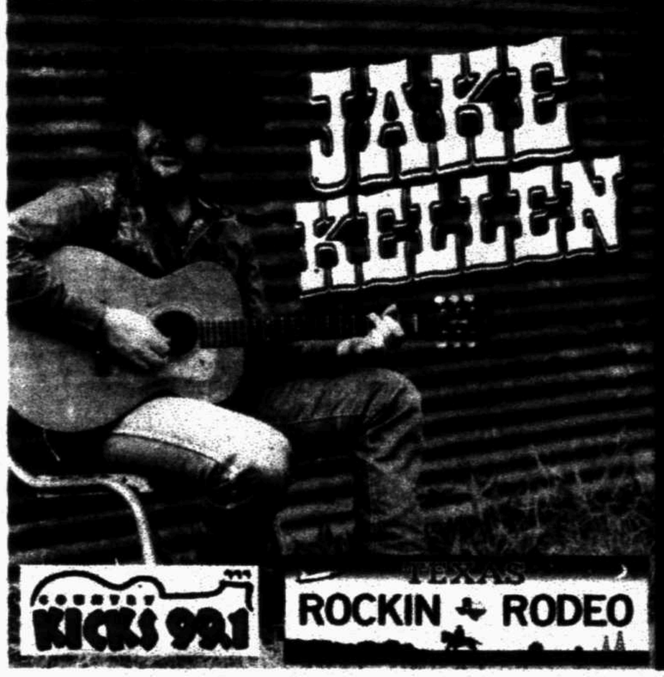

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Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily
4 spoons

Johnny's Bar B-Q & Diner (cafeteria)
316 N. Big Spring
683-4581

Bar B-Q and all the fixings. Look for the neon pig sign. Sandwich specials include side and a drink for $6.49. Barbecue offerings include brisket, ribs, sausage, jalapeno sausage, turkey, ham and chopped barbecue. Plate meals with one, two or three meats and two sides and Texas toast. Half portion children's plates are available or try one of the value packs to feed the whole family. Park on side of building.
Entrée price range $
Hours: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday –Thursday; 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
4 spoons

Michael's Charcoal Grill (OAC)
723 W. Wadley Ave. 686-9030
and 4317 W. Illinois Ave. 689-9702

Barbecue specialties including ribs, brisket, sausage and chicken. Other entrees include rib eye steaks, pork chops, country fried steak, chopped sirloin steak as well as several seafood dishes including fried catfish and fried cod. Sandwiches, burgers, salads, low cal plates as well as junior pilot and senior menu. Beer and wine served. Airplane memorabilia decorates the large dining room. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Brooks Bar B-Q (SD)
501 E. Texas Ave.
685-5079

Known for "fat burgers" and barbecue plates, also serves entrees such as chicken fried steak, fried shrimp, hamburger steaks and more. Sandwiches include grilled or fried chicken or fish, patty melt, BLT, chopped beef and sliced beef. Save room for a slice of homemade pie or another dessert.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday
4 spoons

Tank's Bar-B-Que and Catering (Carry out)
401 East Scharbauer Drive
684-0006

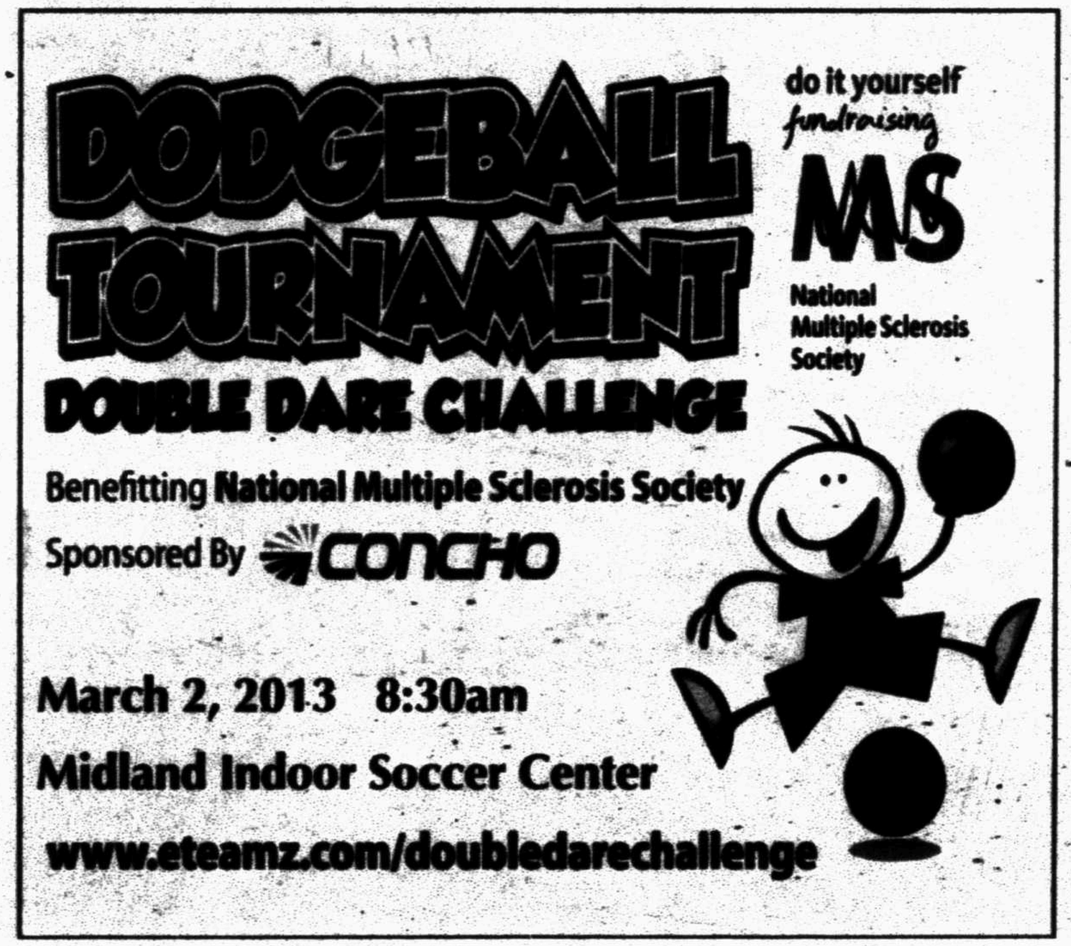
Carry out restaurant, offering barbecue ribs, brisket, sausage and turkey by the pound or plate. Call in your order before you arrive or walk up to the window. Friday, try the fried catfish. Traditional side dishes, beans, potato salad, onion rings and fries are served. Claims to have one of the best burgers in town. Kid's menu and catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.
4 spoons

KD's Bar-B-Q (OAC)
3113 Garden City Highway
683-4013

KD's Bar-B-Q serves a variety of barbecued meats and sides. Customers choose their meat from the grill. Choices include turkey, brisket, ham, chopped beef, several types of sausage, pork chops, chicken, pork tenderloin and ribs. Sides include potato salad, coleslaw, corn and roasted jalapenos.
Entree price range: meat priced per pound; sandwiches $
Hours: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., Friday-Saturday.
5 spoons

Dixie Burger (OAC)
1300 Rankin Highway
email: dixieburger@gmail.com
686-0116

A chef brings his influence to a burger joint with delicious results. Great burgers and barbecue combo (smoked pork or beef sandwich with homemade Dixie BBQ sauce) and steak combo (thinly-sliced sirloin steak with onions and cheese served on white or wheat). Also featured are "classic meals" such as Frito pie, chili and chili cheese dogs, corn dogs and hot dogs. Daily specials include the "black and blue," sirloin steak grilled to your liking topped with bleu cheese and grilled onions on a toasted bun with horseradish mayonnaise, lettuce and tomatoes. Delicious desserts are available, too.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday
2 spoons



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