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MPD: Running vehicles easy targets for theft

Law enforcement has responded to more than 10 auto theft cases in January

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Vehicles left running and unattended have been easy targets for thieves, with Midland police responding to more than 10 cases this month, according to the city's public information officer.

In some instances the driver left the vehicle running at a conveninence store; in other instances the driver was waiting for the vehicle to warm up, said spokeswoman Sara Higgins.

These thefts occurred during morning hours in northwest Midland neighborhoods and apartment complexes, but leaving vehicles running and unattended is a risk regardless of time or place, said Sgt. Darin Clements, with MPD's Crime Prevention Unit.

"I'm hoping these are just isolated incidents. Having that many (vehicle thefts) in the first month is not where we want to go," he said.

In data released Friday, the department reported a slight decrease in vehicle theft — from 137 in 2011 to 136 in 2012, or less than 1 percent.

Vehicle owners who leave running vehicles unattended can be cited up to $500 for a Class C misdemeanor under Transportation Code Chapter 545.404, Higgins said.

Many new-model cars will not lock if the engine is running, which makes it easier for a theft to occur, Clements said.

Residents need to help prevent crime that is avoidable, he said.

"We need the citizens to do their part; just help us," Clements said.

MPD Chief Price Robinson said drivers should always take their keys with them as a way to prevent these incidents.

The department remains vigilant in combating vehicle theft, Clements said.

Patrol officers refer to a "hot sheet" that lists stolen vehicles, and the department receives anonymous tips that may help in the search for these stolen vehicles, he said.

Is it spring yet?

Rachael Morris helps her niece, Anihya Patton, 4, steer around a corner as she rides her bike around Hill Park on Monday afternoon.

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Winter weather reprieve

Weather quick 'cast'
Monday's high: 77
Record high for Jan. 28: 79 (1950, 1987, 2002)
Normal high for Jan. 28: 59
Degrees above normal: 18

How things will change
Today expect a high in the upper 50s and very windy conditions. The National Weather Service forecast calls for winds increasing to 35 mph and possibly gusting as high as 50 mph this afternoon. The low tonight should dip into the low 30s. The winds could stay around with gusts as high as 40 mph.

High wind warning
Average for a January day: 10.6 mph
Record for sustained winds in January: 46 mph (Jan. 12, 2005)
Record for peak wind speed: 59 mph (Jan. 17, 1996)

Source: National Weather Service

County approves guidelines for colonia septic tanks

■ $500,000 in grant funds may provide about 75 septic tanks for families living in colonias.

By Joseph Basco
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The lives of an estimated 75 families south of Interstate 20 might get easier after Midland County commissioners approved guidelines for a $500,000 grant to install septic tanks in colonia areas.

Colonias are defined as communities of low-income families that live within 150 miles of the Mexico/U.S. border.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Luis Sanchez said the grant will provide septic tanks to "more or less" about 75 families that apply and qualify based on factors such as income, property rights and the current state of the existing septic tank.

In the largest colonia area, which overlaps parts of Precincts 1, 2 and 3, there are about 6,000 families that may require a new septic tank.

"The ultimate goal is to provide septic tanks for all those who qualify," Sanchez said.

He said construction will start this year and could be completed next year.

"Every individual has a right to safe and disposable sewage at home," County Judge Mike Bradford said.

In other court news, the commissioners awarded Jon Floyd, a clerk who works in the Tax Assessor's Office, with the Employee of the Year Award.

Floyd won a framed certificate and a $300 check for his honor as the best among 11 other Employee of the Month winners for the 2012 year, as voted by county employees.

"I try to be positive and always smile while working with the public," said Floyd, regarding why he thinks he won. "It's a give-and-take relationship with the public; if you're nice to them, they're nice to you."

Bailey Lively, employee relations

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Texas Republicans cool to bipartisan immigration plan

By Gary Martin and Richard S. Dunham
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan Senate immigration reform proposal unveiled Monday received a cool response from Texas Republicans, despite the importance of the issue to the state's growing minority population.

In announcing the framework offered by a group of four Republicans and four Democrats, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., was crystal clear about why he believes it is imperative that the proposal becomes law.

"Elections. Elections," McCain said. "The Republican Party is losing support of our Hispanic citizens."

The bipartisan plan includes a path to citizenship for the country's estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants.

Texas Republican Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz were not enthusiastic.

Cornyn will review the Senate proposal, but first and foremost, a focus must be placed on the "porous border," said his spokeswoman Megan Mitchell.

"Unfortunately, President Obama has consistently shown he prefers to use the issue to score political points, and any progress will require his leadership," Mitchell said.

"I appreciate the good work that senators in both parties have put into trying to fix our broken immigration system," said Cruz in a statement. "There are some good elements in this proposal, especially increasing the resources and manpower to secure our border and also improving and streamlining legal immigration. However, I have deep concerns with the proposed path to citizenship. To allow those who came here illegally to be placed on such a path is both inconsistent with rule of law and profoundly unfair to the millions of legal immigrants who waited years, if not decades, to come to America

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Energy prices

WTI Futures	$96.44	▲ $0.26
WTI Physical	$96.25	▲ $1.60
WTI Futures	$75.49	▲ $1.20
Natural Gas	$3.300	▼ $0.100
Gasoline	$2.100	▲ $0.020

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Coming Wednesday

The Harlem Globetrotters, 7 p.m., Al G. Langford Chaparral Center, Midland College campus. Tickets: $17. Call 800-462-7979 or go to www.harlemglobetrotters.com or www.centralticketoffice.com.

Special meetings this week

The Midland ISD board of trustees will have special meetings on Thursday and Friday to discuss the building projects funded by the bond referendum passed by Midland voters in November.

The meetings are scheduled for noon each day at the administration building, 615 W. Missouri Ave.

Young Republicans meeting

The Midland County Young Republican Chapter will meet at 7 p.m. today at Gerardo's Casita, 2407 N. Big Spring St.

Bobby Burns, former Midland mayor and current president/CEO of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, will discuss his involvement in politics and give an update regarding the chamber. All interested community members are invited to attend.

More information about the chapter can be found by visiting the MCYR website http://midland.texasyoungrepublicans.com, facebook (Midland Co. Young Republicans), twitter (@MidlandYR), or calling J. Ross Lacy, president at 432-279-0084.

Support groups, club meetings today

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

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

■ Midland Optimist Club, noon, Abuelo's, 4610 N. Garfield St.; 685-7486.

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.

Friday's total: 12,352,000 gallons (CRMWD 8,829,000, Paul Davis fields 3,523,000)

Saturday total: 11,034,000 gallons (CRMWD 7,876,000, Paul Davis fields 3,158,000)

Sunday's total: 11,034,000 gallons (CRMWD 8,343,000, Paul Davis fields 3,161,000)

Comparing to previous week

Jan 18: 12,084,000

Jan 19: 12,798,000

Jan. 20: 13,502,000

Current total storage by CRMWD in their lakes is 153,837 acre-feet. (1 acre-foot is approximately 325,800 gallons). Total storage last year at the same time was 102,540 acre-feet. The current average for January 2013 is 10,550,667.

New outdoor watering schedule

A new outdoor watering schedule that will allow residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week is in effect.

Even numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. until midnight. Odd numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays from 6 p.m. until midnight. City officials ask that residents continue their dedication to practicing mindful watering habits and conservation techniques.

Source: City of Midland

How sick are you? Call 68-NURSE

Midland Memorial Hospital has partnered with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa on the telephone nurse triage program "68-NURSE," in order to bring the service to the entire Permian Basin.

The program is designed to help people determine whether or not their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room ... or just staying home.

Happy birthday to you

Debbie Trantham, of Stanton, turns 61 today.

Lottery

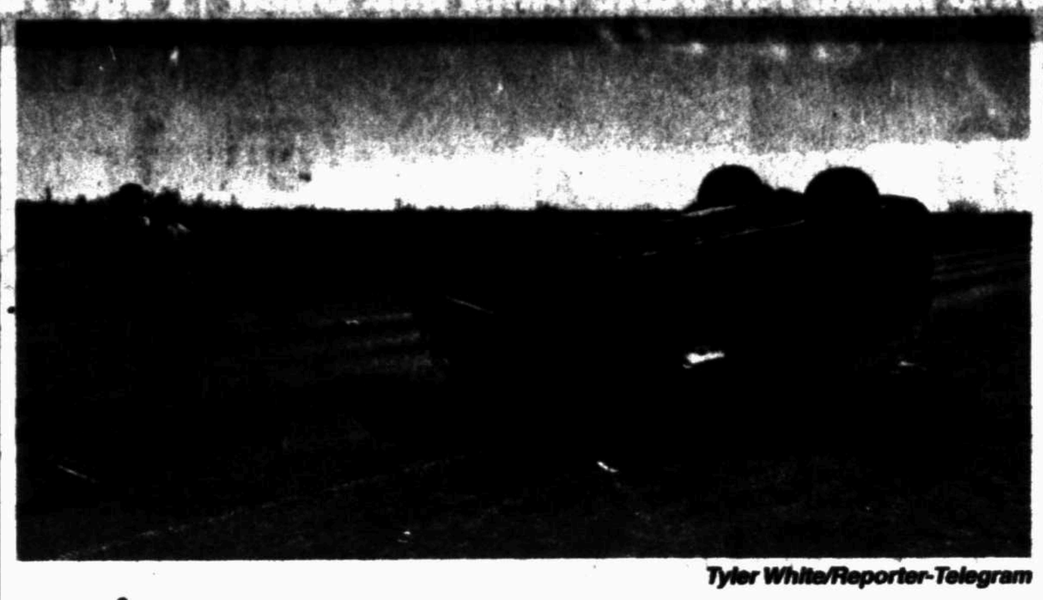
Pick 3 day: 9-0-9
Pick 3 night: 3-3-4
Daily 4 day: 7-2-3-9
Daily 4 night: 0-9-1-2
Cash Five: 2-4-11-19-32
Texas Two Step: 6-15-19-29 BB: 20
All or Nothing (morning): 2-3-4-5-6-8-9-15-17-18-20-24
All or Nothing (day): 1-2-6-8-12-14-15-16-17-18-21-22
All or Nothing (evening): 3-4-7-12-13-14-15-16-17-19-22-24
All or Nothing (night): 2-5-8-11-13-14-15-17-20-21-23-24

Today in history

On this date:

In 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven" was first published in the New York Evening Mirror.

In 1919, the ratification of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which launched Prohibition, was certified by Frank L. Polk, acting secretary of state.



Tyler White/Reporter-Telegram

DPS troopers clean up scattered debris from a rollover crash Monday afternoon on Interstate 20.

DPS: 1 injured in I-20 rollover

By Tyler White
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A driver sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital on Monday afternoon after rolling his SUV on Interstate 20.

DPS troopers and Midland Fire Department responded to the crash at about 2 p.m. at the 11000 block of West I-20.

The 21-year-old man from El Paso was driving an SUV west in the outside lane on I-20 when he clipped the left bumper of a pickup and lost control of the vehicle. The SUV then veered across the median and the eastbound lanes and rolled over across the median separating the eastbound lanes and a service road.

Evidence at the scene indicates the SUV may have gone airborne when crossing the eastbound lanes, according to a DPS trooper investigating the crash.

The driver, who was wearing his seat belt, sustained a head injury. A passenger in the SUV and the pickup driver were not injured.

The investigation is ongoing, and citations are pending against the SUV driver.

Speech will be scrutinized for clues to Gov. Perry's future

By Jonathan Tilove
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry will deliver his seventh State of the State address today, a speech that will help set the tone for the legislative session and might also reveal a little bit about his own state of mind.

Perhaps not since his first State of the State address in 2001 have Perry's future plans and current standing been so uncertain.

"It's a political statement, it is a tone-setting statement, it's a policy statement, and, if you have a governor who may be considering running for another office, it could even be seen as a statement aimed beyond the boundaries of the state of Texas," said Sherri Greenberg, director of the Center for Politics and Governance at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas, who served in the Texas House with Perry.

Perry has said he won't announce whether he will seek re-election or run for president until after the session is over.

In the meantime, said Eric Bearse, a former Perry speechwriter who has worked on four State of the State speeches, "this is the governor's chance to assert himself in the session, to set a forward-looking agenda that legislators can grab onto so that working together they can succeed in making our state a better place to live."

"I suspect his speech will be a blend of Texas exceptionalism, the record of achievement and forward-looking policy proposals to move the state forward and ensure that there are jobs and opportunities for the next generation," Bearse said.

In some very obvious ways, Perry, who will speak at 11 a.m. today before the joint session of the House and Senate, is a man diminished.

Two years ago, the governor strode to the podium at a time of greater fiscal peril for the state, but at the peak of his political powers. He had pulverized Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's challenge to the gubernatorial throne, and he was preparing a presidential run in which he was viewed as a fearsome contender.

Unfortunately for Perry, his presidential candidacy peaked the day he announced, and, with a series of unfortunate debate appearances, his fortunes faded.

He is already the longest-serving governor in the nation and in Texas history. That makes him an object of respect but also some frustration for a generation of politicians who have come of age and are now aging in offices they might have imagined as mere way stations on the way up.

For them, Perry has been the big stopper on the genie of their ambitions.

IMMIGRATION

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legally."

The carefully chosen words of the Texas senators underscore the political dilemma they face.

Cornyn and Cruz both sit on the Senate Judiciary Committee, the panel with jurisdiction over immigration legislation, giving the Texas lawmakers a venue to shape a bill. But if they immediately reject the framework, they could be marginalized if such legislation is successful.

Also, as Senate Republican Whip, Cornyn plays a major role. He could be forced to whip votes for such a bill if the rest of the GOP leadership decides to support it.

Immigrant rights groups are watching Cornyn and Cruz, who oppose citizenship proposals, to see how their positions play politically in Texas, a state that is expected to move steadily from being solidly Republican toward a Democratic majority.

"How the Texas Senate duo handles immigration in the coming debate will set the course for the future of the GOP" in the state, said Frank Sharry, executive director of the pro-immigrant advocacy group America's Voice.

Despite the GOP's overtures on immigration after last year's election, in which Hispanics voted overwhelmingly to re-elect President Barack Obama, Texas Republicans including Gov. Rick Perry were critical of the plan's path-to-citizenship proposal, claiming it was an "amnesty" that would reward lawbreakers who entered the country illegally.

"Gov. Perry has made his position clear that securing the border must be the No. 1 priority of any immigration plan and it must contain an ironclad commitment to upholding the rule of law to ensure that those who have violated it are not rewarded for their lawlessness," said Josh Havens, a spokesman in Austin.

A spokesman for Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, Matt Hirsch, said that "despite the federal government's uninspiring record," Dewhurst was "hopeful Washington lawmakers will propose serious and significant reforms to help secure our border once and for all."

Latino and minority growth in Texas over the last decade resulted in four new congressional seats for the state.

The Senate immigration proposals

Here are some details of the bipartisan Senate framework on immigration reform announced Monday. President Barack Obama is expected to endorse a similar set of proposals today during an appearance in Las Vegas.

Create a path to citizenship for 11 million illegal immigrants:

■ First, increase border security efforts including adding unmanned drones, surveillance equipment and more border agents;

■ Require completion of an entry-exit system to track whether people in the U.S. on temporary visas have left as required;

■ Create a commission of lawmakers and community leaders living along the southwest border to make a recommendation about when the border security measures have been completed;

■ While security measures are under way, illegal immigrants can register with the government, pass background checks and pay fines and back taxes in order to earn "probationary legal status."

■ Once security measures are in place, immigrants on "probationary legal status" could apply for permanent legal status behind other immigrants already in the system.

■ People brought to the U.S. as children and farmworkers, would have a quicker path to citizenship.

Improve the legal immigration system:

■ Reduce backlogs in family and employment visas;

■ Award green cards to immigrants who obtain advanced degrees in science, technology, engineering or math from American universities.

Strong employment verification:

■ Create non-forgeable electronic system for requiring prospective workers to demonstrate legal status and identity;

■ Stiff fines and criminal penalties for employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants.

Admitting new workers:

■ Employers could hire immigrants if they can demonstrate they were unsuccessful in recruiting an American and the hiring of an immigrant will not displace American workers;

■ Create an agricultural worker program to meet the needs of the nation's agriculture industry when American workers are not available;

■ Allow more lower-skilled immigrants to come to the country when the economy is creating jobs, and fewer when it is not;

■ Permit workers who have succeeded in the workplace and contributed to their communities over years to earn green cards.

Associated Press

Scouts consider retreat from no-gays policy

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Boy Scouts of America may soon give sponsors of troops the authority to decide whether to accept gays as Scouts and leaders — a potentially dramatic retreat from an exclusionary nationwide policy that has provoked relentless protests.

Under the change now being discussed, the different religious and civic groups that sponsor Scout units would be able to decide for themselves how to address the issue — either maintaining an exclusion of gays, as is now required of all units, or opening up their membership.

Monday's announcement of the possible change comes after years of protests over the no-gays policy — including petition campaigns that have prompted some corporations to suspend donations to the Boy Scouts.

Under the proposed change, said BSA spokesman Deron Smith, "the Boy Scouts would not, under any circumstances, dictate a position to units, members or parents."

Smith said the change could be announced as early as next week, after BSA's national board concludes a regularly scheduled meeting on Feb. 6. The meeting will be closed to the public.

The BSA, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2010, has long excluded both gays and atheists. Smith said a change in the policy toward atheists was not being considered, and that the BSA continued to view "Duty to God" as one of its basic principles.

Protests over the no-gays policy gained momentum in 2000, when the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the BSA's right to exclude gays. Scout units lost sponsorships by public schools and other entities that adhered to nondiscrimination policies, and several local Scout councils made public their displeasure with the policy.

More recently, amid petition campaigns, shipping giant UPS Inc. and drug-manufacturer Merck announced that they were halting donations from their charitable foundations to the Boy Scouts as long as the no-gays policy was in force.

Also, local Scout officials drew widespread criticism in recent months for ousting Jennifer Tyrrell, a lesbian mom, as a den leader of her son's Cub Scout pack in Ohio and for refusing to approve an Eagle Scout application by Ryan Andresen, a California teen who came out as gay last fall.

Tyrrell said she's thrilled for parents and their children who've been excluded from Scouting and "for those who are in Scouts and hiding who they are."

"For me it's not just about the Boy Scouts of America, it's about equality," she told The Associated Press. "This is a step toward equality in all aspects."

Many of the protest campaigns, including one seeking Tyrrell's reinstatement, had been waged with help from the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

"The Boy Scouts of America have heard from Scouts, corporations and millions of Americans that discriminating against gay Scouts and Scout leaders is wrong," said Herndon Graddick, GLAAD's president. "Scouting is a valuable institution, and this change will only strengthen its core principles of fairness and respect."

The Scouts had reaffirmed the no-gays policy as recently as last year, and appeared to have strong backing from conservative religious denominations — notably the Mormons, Roman Catholics and Southern Baptists — which sponsor large numbers of Scout units. Under the proposed change, they could continue excluding gays.

Before Monday's announcement, the BSA conferred with some leaders of these religious groups, although there were no official statements as to how they would respond.

Said Sister Mary Ann Walsh, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, "The bishops hope the Boy Scouts will continue to work under the Judeo-Christian principles upon which they were founded and under which they have served youth well."

Were the change adopted, said Smith, "there would no longer be any national policy regarding sexual orientation, and the chartered organizations that oversee and deliver Scouting would accept membership and select leaders consistent with each organization's mission, principles, or religious beliefs.

"BSA members and parents would be able to choose a local unit that best meets the needs of their families," he said. "Under this proposed policy, the BSA would not require any chartered organization to act in ways inconsistent with that organization's mission, principles, or religious beliefs."

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coordinator, said this is the third year the county has given out the award during the Commissioners' Court meeting.

Employees who have worked for Midland County for five, 10, 15, 20 or 30 years also were acknowledged. Lively said there were 69 awards handed out this year, excluding the Employee of the Year award.

"The county is a family," said Sheriff Gary Painter. "We reward people who go through hard times and good times."

Bradford said it is the court's firm belief to do this in public every year.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

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

Ruben D. Conway, 47, of Texarkana, was arrested Sunday on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and obstruction or retaliation.

Federico F. Granadas, 28, of Odessa, was arrested Sunday on a charge of evading arrest.

William D. Green, 32, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

William W. Lagrand, 24, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of burglary of a building.

Benito V. Monroy, 33, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on charges of aggravated assault on a date, family or household member with a weapon, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and child endangerment.

Victor Nava Jr., 28, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of aggravated robbery.

Kenneth S. Payne, 35, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of fraud.

Martin R. Perez Jr., 26, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of violation of probation.

Cindy A. Roberts, 31, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug-free zone.

Gabriel G. Teran, 33, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated with an open container.

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Guests stand outside the new Spaceport America hangar in Upham, N.M., in October 2011. Virgin Galactic has agreed to start paying New Mexico rent on the nearly quarter-billion dollar spaceport the state built for British businessman Richard Branson's space tourism business, but it says it is doing so under protest and without waiving its right to walk away from the project, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

FOR RENT

Virgin shuns binding spaceport lease

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Virgin Galactic has agreed to start paying New Mexico rent on the nearly quarter-billion dollar spaceport the state built for British businessman Richard Branson's space tourism business, but it says it is doing so under protest and without waiving its right to walk away from the project, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

In a Jan. 16 email to the New Mexico Spaceport Authority, Virgin Galactic said it does not believe the state has finished the work necessary to trigger activation of its $1 million annual rent obligation, and said if the work is not complete to its satisfaction by March 31, it "may either stop paying rent, pay reduced rent or give notice to terminate" its lease.

Virgin Galactic has publicly expressed concerns about the state's inability to attract more businesses to the project and has hinted it could leave if lawmakers refuse for a third year in a row to expand liability exemptions for the commercial space industry.

The Legislature is in session until mid-March and a compromise bill was endorsed Monday by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The dispute also comes as questions mount about whether the company will be able to start flying later this year or early next year, or whether it expects further delays in getting its $200,000-per-head spaceflights off the ground.

Spaceport America was developed with much fanfare under an agreement between former Gov. Bill Richardson and Branson. The deal called for taxpayers to build the spaceport and Virgin Galactic to develop the spacecraft.

With buildings mostly done, the state in November received from the architect a certificate of "base building standard completion," which under the agreement signed by the state and Virgin Galactic in 2008 is supposed to trigger rent and user fees from Virgin Galactic, the project's anchor tenant. At that time, Virgin Galactic is also supposed to give the state a $2 million letter of credit to serve as a deposit.

In the Jan. 16 email to NMSA Executive Director Christine Anderson, Jonathan Firth, Virgin Galactic's director of projects and operations, said that while the company does not believe the state has finished the work required, it is agreeing to start paying under protest, "being mindful that NMSA has agreed not to charge VG any user fees until VG starts flying."

In a response dated Thursday, Anderson said the statement that New Mexico has agreed to waive user fees "is not quite correct" and states that "NMSA confirms its current right to demand User Fees for a minimum number of missions or terminate the lease if VG fails to fly at least 25 missions in a calendar year."

"While the starting date is ill-defined in the lease," she continued, "I think this highlights the need for VG to provide NMSA accurate flight projections with frequent updates as appropriate."

Audit blasts Texas cancer agency over transparency

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A troubled $3 billion cancer-fighting agency under criminal investigation must address "significant issues" with accountability and transparency, according to a critical state audit obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

Auditors found that the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas could not produce records surrounding several lucrative taxpayer-funded grants. They also said the agency's former executive director recommended three projects for funding even though scientific peer review councils failed to endorse the projects. That trio of applicants wound up receiving more than $56 million combined, according to the State Auditor's Office.

"By not ensuring that all grant applications are properly evaluated and documented, CPRIT weakens its ability to ensure that its award decisions best align with the agency's mission," the report said.

State auditors had not yet officially released the 100-page report before copies began to trickle out Monday. But the audit had been eagerly anticipated by both Republican and Democratic lawmakers who have lined up to blast the beleaguered agency in recent weeks and demand sweeping reforms.

The audit is the latest black eye for CPRIT, which has been in upheaval for much of the past year. The agency was a darling of the scientific community and some of the nation's biggest advocacy groups after launching in 2009 as an unprecedented cancer-fighting effort on the state level.

The agency oversees the nation's second-largest pot of cancer research dollars, next to only the federal National Institutes of Health.

That money is now frozen, as CPRIT is under a moratorium following revelations of improperly awarded grants that have drawn the attention of Texas prosecutors. The agency's top three executives have all resigned in the past nine months.

Among the new revelations in Monday's report was CPRIT failing to produce documentation from scientific peer reviewers in support of a $25 million statewide clinical trial network — the largest single award in the agency's history.

The Clinical Trials Network of Texas also did not receive matching funds from other investors as required, auditors said. The same was true of at the time the agency awarded $11 million to Dallas-based Peloton Therapeutics, which also never had its funding application independently reviewed.

Speaker says Texas needs more than tax cuts

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas needs more than tax cuts to thrive and will require investments in education, infrastructure and water to keep growing, House Speaker Joe Straus told the Texas Association of Broadcasters on Monday.

The San Antonio Republican said the state's rapidly growing population and economy means the state must spend more on what he called the government's core responsibilities. The speaker oversees the Texas House and sets the legislative agenda.

"I believe in the importance of cutting spending wherever possible and keeping taxes low," Straus said. "But we also have to recognize that a healthy business climate needs more than low taxes. Job creators want to know that Texas will have water, roads and a work force that they will need in order to thrive."

Straus laid out his priorities for the 83rd Legislature a day before Gov. Rick Perry was scheduled to give his State of the State speech. Perry has said state spending on education has been "phenomenal" and suggested that tax cuts might be in order.

The 2011 Legislature cut government services by $27 billion, and Straus said lawmakers will have to restore some of those cuts with a supplemental spending bill in March. Lawmakers shorted Medicaid, the health plan for the poor and disabled, by $4.8 billion, and it will run out of money if a bill isn't passed soon.

"We are in a significantly better fiscal position than we were two years ago," he said. "We're going to have to go back and correct some of the things that we did last session."

Democrats have called on the Legislature to restore $5.4 billion in cuts to public schools. But Straus said he was only committed to funding new enrollments.

Legislators are reluctant to make any major changes to school finance until a final ruling in a lawsuit brought by school districts against the state for insufficient funding, he said.

Straus said quality schools, good roads and clean water should be bipartisan issues.

However, he faces persistent criticism from tea party members who complain that a true conservative should push for greater cuts in government spending, not a larger state budget.

REGIONROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

Police: Man pointed laser at helicopter

Dallas police have arrested a man accused of pointing a green laser beam at a police helicopter flying during an investigation.

Police said Kenneth Santodomingo pointed the laser several times at the helicopter as it assisted officers looking for a suspect in a vehicle burglary.

After it was hit multiple times, the helicopter's pilots found where the light was coming from and directed officers on the ground to Santodomingo's location.

The 22-year-old Santodomingo is charged with illuminating an aircraft with a laser pointer.

HOUSTON

Charges dropped against 1 in Texas campus shooting

Prosecutors on Monday dropped charges against a 22-year-old man who authorities initially believed was involved in a shooting that wounded him and two others at a Houston-area community college.

Carlton Berry was arrested soon after the Jan. 22 shootings at Lone Star College and charged with two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. But authorities later accused another man, Trey Foster, 22, of being the shooter.

Foster has been charged with two counts of aggravated assault and faces a charge of resisting arrest in an earlier case. He was arrested Friday in the Dallas suburb of Plano.

Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia defended his agency's initial arrest of Berry, saying two of the victims initially indicated that was the shooter.

He also said Berry at first refused to talk to investigators, and it was only after he was charged that he pointed authorities to Foster.

HOUSTON

2 officers accused of cocaine conspiracy

Two police officers have been charged with accepting bribes and allowing cocaine to be smuggled and distributed in the Houston area.

Federal prosecutors on Monday announced the arrest of Houston police Officer Emerson Canizales of Kingwood and Officer Michael Miceli of Humble.

Both face court appearances on charges of conspiracy to possess cocaine with intent to distribute and accepting bribes for protection services.

NEW MEXICO

Fraud allegedly targeted Dell Computers

ALBUQUERQUE — Court papers allege that somebody fraudulently obtained more than $1 million in parts from Dell Computers by making hundreds of calls while pretending to place orders for Sandia and Los Alamos national laboratories in New Mexico.

The Albuquerque Journal reported that the alleged fraud reportedly started in 2007 and continued until 2010. The case was turned over to the Secret Service that year after a security investigator for Round Rock-based Dell contacted Albuquerque police.

Two Albuquerque men were indicted last May on 131 state counts each of fraud up to $20,000. Ronald Campus and Allan Friedt have pleaded not guilty.

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Congress approves $50.5B Sandy aid

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Three months after Superstorm Sandy ravaged coastal areas in much of the Northeast, Congress on Monday sent a $50.5 billion emergency relief measure for storm victims to President Barack Obama for his signature.

"I commend Congress for giving families and businesses the help they deserve, and I will sign this bill into law as soon as it hits my desk," Obama said in a statement late Monday.

Despite opposition from conservatives concerned about adding billions of dollars more to the nation's debt, the Senate cleared the long-delayed bill, 62-36, after House Republicans had stripped it earlier this month of spending unrelated to disasters.

All 36 votes against the bill were from Republican senators.

"This is a huge relief," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., noting the vote came 91 days after Sandy struck. "We are now just a presidential pen-stroke away from beginning the rebuilding process in earnest."

Lawmakers said the money is urgently needed to start rebuilding homes, businesses, public transportation facilities and other infrastructure damaged by the Oct. 29 storm, one of the worst to strike the Northeast. Sandy is blamed for more than 130 deaths in the U.S. and tens of billions of dollars in property damages, particularly in New York and New Jersey.

The House passed the bill two weeks ago. The measure is aimed primarily at helping residents and businesses, as well as state and local governments, rebuild from the storm that roared up the East Coast.

AP file photo

Debris is piled near a beach-side business that was damaged by Superstorm Sandy in Seaside Heights, N.J., on Jan. 3.

The biggest chunk of money is $16 billion for Housing and Urban Development Department community development block grants. Of that, about $12.1 billion will be shared among Sandy victims as well as those from other federally declared disasters in 2011-2013. The remaining $3.9 billion is solely for Sandy-related projects.

More than $11 billion will go to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's disaster relief aid fund for shelter, restoring power and other storm-interrupted utility services and meeting other immediate needs arising from Sandy and other disasters. Another $10 billion is devoted to repairing New York and New Jersey transit systems and making them more resistant to future storms.

"The funding in this bill is urgently needed," said Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md. "Hundreds of thousands of families have seen their lives turned upside down."

Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., said Republicans weren't seeking "to undermine" help for Sandy victims but instead were trying to make sure that the money was actually being spent on emergency needs.

"We're simply trying to say we need some standards," Coats said.

Earlier in January, Congress approved and Obama signed a $9.7 billion bill to replenish the National Flood Insurance Program, which has received more than 100,000 flood insurance claims from businesses, homeowners and renters related to Sandy.

Added to the new, $50.5 billion package, the total is roughly in line with the $60.4 billion that Obama requested in December.

Sandy damaged or destroyed 305,000 housing units in New York and more than 265,000 businesses were disrupted there, according to officials. In New Jersey, more than 346,000 households were destroyed or damaged.

The recovery package

Details on how the $50.5 billion package of recovery and relief aid for victims of Superstorm Sandy and other federally declared disasters is to be spent:

- $16 billion for Housing and Urban Development Department community development block grants. Of that, $12.1 billion is for Sandy recovery as well as for projects in states with other federally declared disasters in 2011-2013; while $3.9 billion is solely for Sandy-related projects. HUD community development grants can be used for rebuilding roads and hospitals, other infrastructure projects, helping small businesses reopen, restoring utilities and providing rental subsidies. The grants are popular with state and local governments because of their flexibility on how the money is spent.
- $11.49 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's disaster relief aid fund for Sandy and other disasters. The money is used for shelter, restoring utilities and meeting other immediate needs.
- $10.9 billion for New York and New Jersey transit system recovery projects.
- $5.35 billion for Army Corps of Engineers projects for Sandy-related damages and protections against future storms.
- $2 billion for the Federal Highway Administration's emergency relief program to repair storm-damaged federal highways.
- $476 million for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, much of it for programs and equipment to improve weather forecasting.
- $274 million for repairing Sandy damages to Coast Guard facilities.
- $235 million for repairing Sandy damages at Veterans Affairs Department facilities.

Associated Press

Officials: Thousands lost cash in Ky.-based scheme

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Authorities seized a far-flung marketing operation Monday over claims the Kentucky-based company amounted to a global pyramid scheme that siphoned hundreds of millions of dollars from people who paid steep fees to become sales representatives but made a pittance for selling products.

Federal and state agents converged on Fortune Hi-Tech Marketing's headquarters in Lexington and its warehouse in Danville after a federal judge in Chicago ordered the company to cease operations. The judge appointed a receiver to oversee the company's assets.

"We think today's actions are the beginning of the end for one of the most prolific pyramid schemes operating in North America," said Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway, who joined in a federal lawsuit filed in Chicago against Fortune.

Besides Kentucky, other plaintiffs are the states of Illinois and North Carolina and the Federal Trade Commission. The company said in a recorded phone message at its Lexington headquarters that it will vigorously defend itself and expects to be vindicated.

Barge hits Mississippi River bridge; oil cleanup ongoing

Associated Press

VICKSBURG, Miss. — Experts say the stretch of Mississippi River where vessel traffic was halted after a barge hit a railroad bridge on Sunday is one of the most dangerous along the 2,500-mile-long river.

Late Monday, cleanup crews were skimming oily water near Vicksburg, a day after a barge struck a bridge, rupturing a compartment holding 80,000 gallons of oil.

Authorities said that the oil was being contained and there was no evidence of it washing ashore downriver. Orange boom was stretched across part of the river downstream from the barge, and small boats patrolled the area as oil was pumped from the ruptured tank into another tank on the same barge. Officials hope to eventually transfer all the oil to another barge.

Tugs were holding the barge at the bank on the Louisiana side of the river, directly across from Vicksburg's Riverwalk and Lady Luck casinos.

Coast Guard spokesman Lt. Ryan Gomez said a tug was pushing two tank barges when the collision occurred about 1:30 a.m. Sunday. Both barges were damaged, but only one leaked. Authorities declared the bridge safe after an inspection.

Gomez said United States Environmental Services, an oil spill response company, was collecting oily water.

Officials did not yet have an estimate of how much oil had been pumped out, or how much spilled into the Mississippi.

Another Coast Guard spokesman, Petty Officer 3rd Class Jonathan Lally, said the oil was contained and skimmers would work through the night collecting it. He said a flyover by a Coast Guard helicopter from Vicksburg 50 miles to the south didn't find evidence of shoreline impact.

Authorities said a major environmental disaster was unlikely as the swift current dispersed the oil. They were less certain when the river would reopen to vessels.

Drew Smith, a hydraulic engineer with the Army Corps of Engineers, wouldn't speculate on the specific cause of Sunday's crash, which is under investigation by the Coast Guard.

But he said the Mississippi at Vicksburg is challenging for southbound vessels, mostly barges carrying grain and other products from the nation's heartland.

Southbound tows must travel faster than the flow of the water for their rudders to steer effectively. At Vicksburg they must negotiate a 120-degree turn on the meandering Mississippi, then straighten up to pass under the railroad bridge and the Interstate 20 bridge.

The task is made more difficult by the Yazoo River, which empties into the Mississippi north of the bridges, increasing the speed of the current.

Herman Smith, superintendent of the Vicksburg Bridge Commission, said the railroad bridge is struck once or twice a year, usually during periods of high water. During the river's historic 2011 flood, the span took five hits over two weeks. The river isn't in flood stage now, he said.

"There's a curve to the north of us, about three-quarters to a mile away from us. But it's the current," Herman Smith said.

The river's other most dangerous stretch is at St. Louis. There, six bridges cross the river over a distance of four miles, Smith said.

On Monday, 31 tugboats, barges and other vessels were parked waiting for the river to reopen, said Army Corps spokesman Kavanaugh Breazeale. The river was closed to traffic for 16 miles — eight miles north and eight miles south of Vicksburg.

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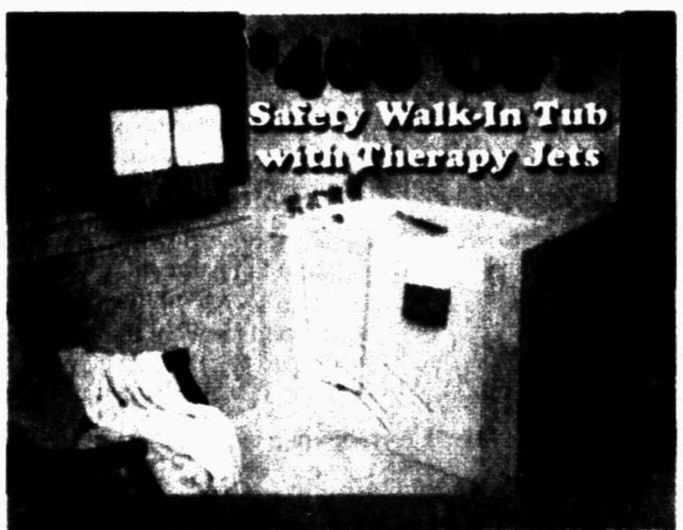

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OPINION

It's time to focus on parents for education failures

■ Parents have responsibility to ensure that their children excel.

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Turnabout is fair play, and in no arena as much as that of student academic achievement.

So after several years of hashing out policies focused on the quality of teacher education programs and teacher performance in the classroom, it's only right that the gaze of accountability should turn to parents.

A new tool to measure the quality of parent-school relationships is starting to make its way into several school districts, according to Education Week.

Harvard University and SurveyMonkey, a Web-based polling company, developed a 71-item parent questionnaire that includes inquiries such as "How often do you meet in person with the teachers at your child's school?" and "How often do you have conversations with your child about what his or her class is learning at school?"

The purpose is to measure family and community engagement and to collect data that can determine what parents think about their school's effectiveness. In some cases, the information will be used for meeting federal Race to the Top grant requirements.

How I wish that in these pilot districts, all parents would be required to take the survey (or the school risks losing federal funding) and then be issued a report card to be posted on the district's website underneath their pictures.

I know I'm dreaming. But what if those parent report card scores were aggregated in such a way that they could be compared school to school and district to district? What if, as the government compares the academic performance of schools by way of their own report cards and then gives adequate progress or failing grades, school communities were given those designations as well?

It might do little more than shame some people into paying more attention to what's going on at their kids' schools. Or it might quantify what I believe is the most pervasive problem impacting the quality of public school education: lack of student support at home.

As an ex-teacher, I'm always ready to criticize lazy teachers and inept administrators for the failings of the American education system. But I'm also eager to lay the blame for much of it where it rightly belongs: with parents.

My favorite statistic to counter the popular myth that the sole determinant of academic success is teacher quality comes from David C. Berliner's 2009 research paper "Poverty and Potential: Out-of-School Factors and School Success." In it, Berliner notes that "U.S. students spend about 1,150 waking hours a year in school versus about 4,700 more waking hours per year in their families and neighborhoods."

Slice those figures anyway you want, but parents are responsible for the quality of the time their children spend away from school and should understand that they have responsibility for at least a third of the academic hours, too (with both students and teachers making up the remainder).

I'll leave it to those who like to use the ills of poverty to explain away why poor and minority children underperform in school to duke it out with those who demand that all teachers be brilliant educators, entertainers, life coaches and social workers.

But instead of finding the perfect place to lay blame for our country's educational shortcomings, now — as meaty reforms are actually taking root nationwide — is a great time to put parents in the spotlight.

One of my education reform heroes is Phillip Jackson, executive director of the Black Star Project, an organization working to eliminate the ethnic and racial achievement gap. He recently wrote in an email blast:

"Those who say '... a parent's income and educational level are the biggest predictors of school success' are wrong. ... Here are the real and best predictors of school and students' success: 1) motivated, inspired, hardworking and minimally skilled students, 2) engaged parents who have a burning desire for their children to receive a good education and 3) excellent teachers with high student-achievement expectations."

Thank goodness that, so far, education reform efforts have addressed item No. 3 in order to cultivate item No. 1, but neither works without engaged parents who have that burning desire for their kids to excel academically.

So why not put parents on the spot?

If teachers have to be evaluated based on a "value-added" equation that includes their pupils' standardized test performance, it's only fair that they have the students' parental engagement grades factored into their final score.

OUR VIEW

Councilman James is right about need for Vision 2020 update

We wholeheartedly agree with City Councilman John James, who suggested last week to the League of Women Voters of Midland that the city should reassess the Vision 2020 plan.

Vision 2020 was a community-initiated project from 2009 that planned and set goals for the city to achieve by the year 2020. The project had multiple committees that focused on sectors of growth.

Even though it has been less than four years since the city took on the Vision 2020 project, we think it was a great forward thinking movement for our community. We can just look at the changes we've seen in our city since that time.

We have a new hospital patient tower that has expanded our ability to deliver health care to our citizens. We have met our immediate future water needs, following a record drought. We are embarking on an unprecedented move to improve our public school facilities. There are so many other lesser projects that have aided our growth through infrastructure improvements, new business expansions and a booming economy.

We could argue that Midland is not the same community as it was four years ago. In our view, we should once again take a forward-thinking look at our city and once again project ourselves forward.

The previous 2020 Vision committees did a tremendous job in pointing our community leaders to this moment. Most probably didn't think so much could have been accomplished in this time frame or just how much our city's face would change in less than five years, much less the changes we can now envision for 2020.

With that in mind, it makes sense to revisit the project to keep our focus pointed forward. We want to build a community that can overcome its hurdles, whether those obstacles come from infrastructure, housing, water, workforce, education, health care, entertainment opportunities or other issues.

Also, we think when we review this project everything should be on the table, including all our funding mechanisms. As our city changes, we also might conclude that changes are needed in how we direct our tax dollars. At the very least, we shouldn't be afraid to have a discussion.

The Vision 2020 project of 2009 doesn't have to be the end-all of our work to keep our community on task. That's why we side with Councilman James on his call to revisit this project.

Not only do we think it's a good idea, we think it is imperative to continually plan and look forward to protect the growth of our city.

It will be this kind of thinking that will propel us into the future.

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Gov. Perry takes on higher education

■ Shrewd politics? The governor is betting calls for reform will resonate with the electorate.

BILL KING
Houston Chronicle

One of the high profile, high stakes battles currently being waged in the Texas capital is over what higher education in Texas will look like in the future. Gov. Rick Perry declared the war by concluding that the state's major universities, and the University of Texas and Texas A&M in particular, were in need of serious reform.

The intellectual fuel for Perry's ideas of reform come from the Texas Public Policy Foundation (TPPF), a conservative Austin think tank that devotes a substantial portion of its efforts proposing solutions to what it believes are inefficiencies and waste in state government.

TPPF and its allies have been advocating a menu of changes to the way higher education is managed. It believes those changes would bring down the costs for students and, nearer to its heart, taxpayers. TPPF's proposals attempt to create some accountability for higher education's productivity.

But there is where the rub begins. To measure productivity, we must not only know the input costs, but what it is that we are trying to produce. So what is it exactly that we expect our universities to produce? Well, that depends on who you ask. TPPF and its allies think higher education should mostly be about producing young Texans with college degrees, something that academics see as only part of their mission.

One place where this battle is playing out is in what would otherwise be the mundane area of accounting for higher education costs. Higher education has traditionally made little attempt to segregate its costs. TPPF and its allies are pressing for higher education to account separately for instructional and research costs. They believe that such segregation would allow some judgments as to the efficacy and efficiency of each.

As you can imagine, the traditional academy sees this as nothing less than an all-out assault on a university system that has existed for centuries. They see such attempts at quantification as the first steps down a slippery slope that would undermine support for basic research and liberal arts generally, not to mention various academic privileges such as tenure.

Now it may seem that reform of higher education is not exactly in Perry's wheelhouse. But it may actually be very shrewd politics. And notwithstanding his embarrassing foray into presidential politics, Perry's raw political instincts should never be underestimated.

The average Texas family has seen astronomical increases in the costs of sending their children to college. Until 2003, the Texas Legislature set the tuition that state universities could charge their students. Then in 2003, faced with growing funding demands from the universities, the Legislature "deregulated" tuition rates. This was really just code for "We don't have the guts to increase taxes so we are going to force the boards of the universities to increase tuition on the students instead."

And that is exactly what happened. Since 2003, the tuition and fees to attend the state's four-year universities have more than doubled, far outpacing the rate of inflation.

On top of that, many families have seen their own children denied access to their alma maters because of the "10 percent rule" guaranteeing admission to the top students in Texas high schools and increasing competition for college slots. Together these two developments are a pretty good mix to breed discontent among the rank and file against the traditional academic community. And my guess is that a lot of families in this situation are going to be white suburbanites generally voting in the Republican primary.

But those who favor the traditional model of higher education have begun to push back. A group of well-heeled Texans has organized the Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education and begun raising money.

It will be an interesting issue to follow through the Legislature and over the next couple of years, both to see what effect it will have on higher education and whether Perry can use the issue to resuscitate his moribund approval ratings.

Education, at all levels, is one of our most change-resistant institutions. It is hard to imagine that the breakthroughs in information technology that have brought revolutionary changes to so many industries and institutions are not going to leave their mark on the traditional academic model for higher education as well.

All of that remains to be seen, but I will make one prediction. Perry's assault on UT guarantees that anyone who decides to take him on in the primary or general election next year will have burnt-orange campaign cash to burn. Some things in Texas never change.

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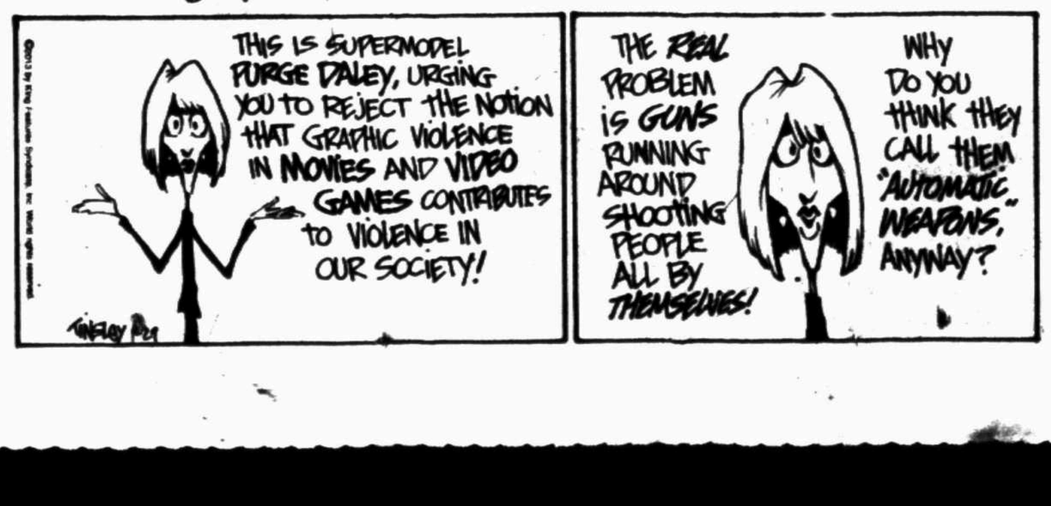

Obama urges gun control to law enforcement

By Charles J. Lewis
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — President Obama met Monday with the police chief of Newtown, Conn., and other law enforcement officers from around the country to urge congressional approval of gun measures that he said would prevent more mass violence.

Obama invited Newtown Police Chief Michael Kehoe and the others to the White House to tout the administration's efforts to set stricter rules for gun ownership in the aftermath of the Dec. 14 massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School where 20 students and six adults were murdered by a lone gunman.

Also at the meeting was John Edwards, police chief from Oak Creek, Wis., where six people were killed in a shooting rampage at a Sikh temple last August; Daniel Oates, police chief at Aurora, Colo., where a gunman shot and killed 12 moviegoers last July, and Robert Villasenor, police chief from Tucson, Ariz., near where then-Rep. Gabby Giffords, D-Ariz., was shot and six others were killed by a gunman.

"The only way that we're going to be able to do everything that needs to be done is with the cooperation of Congress," Obama told the law enforcement officials. "And that means passing serious laws that restrict the access and availability of assault weapons and magazine clips that aren't necessary for hunters and sportsmen and those responsible gun owners who are out there. It means that we are serious about universal background checks. It means that we take seriously issues of mental health and school safety."

The president said meeting participants came from a wide cross-section of communities across the country. "If law enforcement officials who are dealing with this stuff every single day can come to some basic consensus in terms of steps that we need to take, Congress is going to be paying attention to them and we'll be able to make progress."

Jay Carney, White House press secretary, later characterized the meeting as "very productive." "This all is part of the effort the president has undertaken to press forward on common-sense measures that can help reduce the scourge of gun violence in this country."

Obama and the 13 police chiefs and sheriffs were joined at the White House meeting by Vice President Joe Biden, Attorney General Eric Holder, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, and Bruce Reed, Biden's chief of staff.

Arrests along US borders increase

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A year after Border Patrol apprehensions of illegal border crossers plunged to the lowest levels in nearly 40 years agents have seen a slight increase in arrests, according to Border Patrol arrest data obtained by The Associated Press.

In the budget year that ended in September, Border Patrol agents arrested 356,873 would-be border crossers along the Mexican border. In fiscal year 2011, agents along the Mexican border made 327,577 arrests.

According to the arrest statistics, agents in three Border Patrol sectors in Texas and the Yuma, Ariz., sector all made more arrests in the last year. Arrests in other sectors were down compared to a year ago.

Customs and Border Protection said in a statement that apprehensions remain at "historic lows" and pointed to continued decreases in arrests in California, New Mexico and most of Arizona as evidence that fewer people are crossing the border illegally.

In the Rio Grande Valley, illegal border crossers from countries other than Mexico made up the majority of the increase in arrests, the Border Patrol has said previously.

Most of those people made their way to the border from Central American countries including Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras.

That portion of the Texas-Mexico border is the shortest distance from Central America.

The numbers of Guatemalans passing through the area increased so much recently that the country opened a consulate in McAllen. Guatemala's consul there, Alba Caceres, said that Honduras or El Salvador might share their office space this year.

Nationwide, arrests by the Border Patrol increased by about 7 percent from 340,252 in fiscal 2011 to 364,768 last year. Despite the increases, arrests of illegal border crossers remain at the lowest point since 1971.

Money fears, real benefits in Medicaid choice

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama thinks his health care law makes states an offer they can't refuse.

Whether to expand Medicaid, the federal-state program for the poor and disabled, could be the most important decision facing governors and legislatures this year. The repercussions go beyond their budgets, directly affecting the well-being of residents and the finances of critical hospitals.

Here's the offer:

If states expand their Medicaid programs to cover millions of low-income people now left out, the federal government will pick up the full cost for the first three years and 90 percent over the long haul. About 21 million uninsured people, most of them adults, eventually would gain health coverage if all the states agree.

Adding up the Medicaid costs under the law, less than $100 billion in state spending could trigger nearly $1 trillion in federal dollars over a decade, according to the nonpartisan Urban Institute.

"It's the biggest expansion of Medicaid in a long time, and the biggest ever in terms of adults covered," said Mark McClellan, who ran Medicare and Medicaid when George W. Bush was president.

"Although the federal government is on the hook for most of the cost, Medicaid on the whole is one of the biggest items in state budgets and the fastest growing. So there are some understandable concerns about the financial implications and how implementation would work," McClellan said.

A major worry for states is that deficit-burdened Washington sooner or later will renege on the 90-percent deal. The regular Medicaid match rate averages closer to 50 percent. That would represent a significant cost shift to the states.

Many Republicans also are unwilling to keep expanding government programs, particularly one as complicated as Medicaid, which has a reputation for being inefficient and unwieldy.

Awaiting decisions are people such as Debra Walker, of Houston, a part-time home health care provider. She had a good job with health insurance until she got laid off in 2007.

Walker recently was diagnosed with diabetes, and she's trying to manage by getting discounted medications through a county program for low-income uninsured people.

Walker estimates she earned about $10,000 last year, which means she would qualify under the income cutoff for the Medicaid expansion. But that could happen only if Gov. Rick Perry reconsiders his opposition.

"I think that would be awesome if the governor would allow that program to come into the state," Walker said. "That would be a help for me, robbing Paul to pay Peter for my medicines."

She seems determined to deal with her diabetes problem. "I don't want to lose a limb later on in life," said Walker, 58. "I want to beat this. I don't want to carry this around forever."

As Obama's law was originally written, low-income people such as Walker would not have had to worry or wait. Roughly half the uninsured people gaining coverage under the law were expected to go into Medicaid. The middle-class uninsured would get taxpayer-subsidized private coverage in new insurance markets called exchanges.

But last year the Supreme Court gave states the right to opt out of the Medicaid expansion. The court upheld the rest of the law, including insurance exchanges and a mandate that virtually everyone in the United States have health coverage, or face a fine.

The health care law will go into full effect next Jan. 1, and states are scrambling to crunch the numbers and understand the Medicaid trade-offs.

States can refuse the expansion outright or indefinitely postpone a decision. But if states think they'll ultimately end up taking the deal, there's a big incentive to act now: The three years of full federal funding for newly eligible enrollees are only available from 2014 through 2016.

So far, 17 states and the District of Columbia have said they'll take it. That group includes three Republican-led states, Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico. Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer was prominent among GOP leaders who had tried get the law overturned.

An additional 11 states, all led by Republicans, say they want no part of it. Perry said it tramples states' rights.

The remaining states are considering options.

In some cases, GOP governors are trying to persuade balky legislatures led by Republicans. Hospitals treating the uninsured are pressing for the expansion, as are advocates for the poor and some chambers of commerce, which see an economic multiplier from the infusion of federal dollars. Conservative foes of "Obamacare," defeated at the national level, want to hold the line.

The entire debate is overshadowed by some big misconceptions, including that the poor already have Medicaid.

Many of them do, but not all. Medicaid generally covers low-income disabled people, children, pregnant women and some parents. Childless adults are left out in most states.

The other misconception is that Medicaid is so skimpy that people are better off being uninsured.

Two recent studies debunked that.

One found a 6 percent drop in the adult death rate in states that already have expanded Medicaid along the lines of the federal health care law.

A second looked at Oregonians who won a lottery for Medicaid and compared them with ones who weren't picked and remained uninsured. The Medicaid group had greater access to health care, less likelihood of being saddled with medical bills, and felt better about their overall health.

Skeptics remain unconvinced.

Louisiana's health secretary, Bruce D. Greenstein, is concerned that the Medicaid expansion could replace private insurance for many low-wage workers in his state, dragging down quality throughout the health care system because the program pays doctors and hospitals far less than private insurance.

He said the Obama administration and Congress missed a chance to overhaul Medicaid and give states a bigger say in running the program.

How the new health law will affect Texas

AUSTIN — This fall, online health insurance markets called exchanges will open in each state as part of the new federal health care law. Consumers will be able to choose among a selection of private insurance plans, with the government providing subsidies for some who can't afford the premiums.

Gov. Rick Perry has said Texas will not set up its own exchange, instead relying on the federal government to do so. Here's a look at how the new system will affect Texas:

How many people are uninsured in Texas?

Texas has the highest percentage of people without health insurance in the country, about 29 percent of the non-elderly, or 6.6 million people. The new health insurance system is forecast to cut the number in half, to about 3.2 million people.

The remainder will be people who are either too poor to afford health insurance or who do not qualify, such as non-citizens.

What is Texas doing about expanding Medicaid?

The federal government is pressing the states to expand Medicaid, the government health care program for the poor and disabled, to cover more low-income people. Perry has rejected the idea, but some state lawmakers are exploring the possibility. Texas has one of the most stringent Medicaid programs in the country and for the most part bars single adults from participating.

More than 3.6 million people are enrolled, with 2.7 million of them under 19. Experts say expanding Medicaid would add between 1.5 million and 2 million people to the program. Under the new law, the federal government would cover the full cost of the expansion through 2016, with the state's contribution rising in stages to 10 percent.

Associated Press

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MINNESOTA

House panel plans gun hearings

ST. PAUL — A Minnesota House committee is gearing up for three days of hearings next week to take testimony on proposed changes to the state's gun laws.

The House Public Safety and Finance and Policy Committee has reserved today through Thursday for the hearings. Committee Chairman Michael Paymar says he anticipates as many as 10 bills to either restrict or expand the presence of guns will be heard.

Paymar, who supports tightening the state's gun laws, says votes will come later in the session on a comprehensive gun bill. Some possible components are mandatory background checks for purchases of pistols and semi-automatic guns no matter where a gun is sold and limits on the size of bullet clips.

WASHINGTON

Background checks peak after Conn. shooting

The FBI said Monday it conducted more background checks for firearms sales and permits to carry guns the week following the Newtown, Conn., shooting massacre than it has in any other one-week period since 1998.

The second highest week for background checks came earlier this month as President Barack Obama announced sweeping plans to curb gun violence.

The FBI started keeping track of federally mandated background checks in 1998.

The newly released FBI data confirms what many gun dealers around the country have said about sales going up after the deadly Connecticut shooting that left 26 dead, including 20 children, as gun enthusiasts braced for stricter controls.

The number of background checks does not represent the number of firearms purchased, but gun manufacturers use these statistics to measure the health of the gun industry in the U.S.

After the Dec. 14 shooting at a Newtown elementary school, the FBI conducted 953,613 background checks between Dec. 17 and Dec. 23.

The highest number of background checks in a single day since 1998 was Dec. 21, just one week after the Connecticut shootings. The second highest day for background checks was December 20.

During the week that Obama announced his plans to curb gun violence, the FBI conducted 641,501 background checks. The 10th highest single day for background checks came Jan. 19, three days after Obama spoke about gun violence and new gun control measures.

Obama has announced a $500 million plan to tighten federal gun laws, and he is urging Congress to pass new laws that would ban "military-style assault weapons."

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Chadian soldiers, above, patrol the streets of Gao, Northern Mali, on Monday.

Mali military enters fabled Timbuktu

Associated Press

SEVARE, Mali — Backed by French helicopters and paratroopers, Malian soldiers entered the fabled city of Timbuktu on Monday after al-Qaida-linked militants who ruled the outpost by fear for nearly 10 months fled into the desert, setting fire to a library that held thousands of manuscripts dating to the Middle Ages.

French Col. Thierry Burkhard, chief military spokesman in Paris, said that there had been no combat with the Islamists but that the French and Malian forces did not yet control the town.

Still, there was celebration among the thousands of Timbuktu residents who fled the city rather than live under strict and pitiless Islamic rule and the dire poverty that worsened after the tourist industry was destroyed.

"In the heart of people from northern Mali, it's a relief — freedom, finally," said Cheick Sormoye, a Timbuktu resident who fled to Bamako, the capital.

Timbuktu, a city of mud-walled buildings and 50,000 people, was for centuries a seat of Islamic learning and a major trading center along the North African caravan routes that carried slaves, gold and salt. In Europe, legend had it that it was a city of gold. Today, its name is synonymous to many with the ends of the earth.

It has been home to some 20,000 irreplaceable manuscripts, some dating to the 12th century. It was not immediately known how many were destroyed in the blaze that was set in recent days in an act of vengeance by the Islamists before they withdrew.

Michael Covitt, chairman of the Malian Manuscript Foundation, called the arson a "desecration to humanity."

"These manuscripts are irreplaceable. They have the wisdom of the ages and it's the most important find since the Dead Sea Scrolls," he said.

The militants seized Timbuktu last April and began imposing a strict Islamic version of Shariah, or religious law, across northern Mali, carrying out amputations and public executions.

Women could be whipped for going out in public without wearing veils, while men could be lashed for having cigarettes.

Just over two weeks after the French began their military intervention in Mali, French and Malian forces arrived in Timbuktu overnight, the French military spokesman said Monday.

Japan's new import rules to help beef, ranching industry

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Ranchers welcomed Japan's decision Monday to ease restrictions on U.S. beef imports, saying it will provide a boost to the American meat industry but cautioning that it will take time before exports to Japan reach their levels of a decade ago.

Japan is one of the biggest importers of U.S. beef, despite restrictions that for years haven't allowed the import of beef from cattle older than 20 months instead of the industry standard of 30 months. Those restricted imports were only allowed after Japan banned U.S. beef altogether in 2003 after the U.S. recorded its first case of mad cow disease, which can cause a fatal brain disease in humans.

The news of the expanded export market is especially welcome now because the beef industry has been hurt by several years of high feed prices and the drought that hit cattle country hard the past two years, said J.D. Alexander, president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

"It's a great shot in the arm," said Alexander, who runs a feedlot and corn farm near Pilger in northeast Nebraska. "This is going to help the profitability of the beef industry."

U.S. beef producers eventually hope to restore Japanese sales to their 2003 levels, when Japan was the biggest customer, buying 918 million pounds of beef. If Japan's loosening of restrictions leads to higher demand overall, American consumers may pay more for beef.

But the North American Meat Association said the effect on prices is likely to be limited because many popular cuts of meat in Japan, like tongue, aren't popular in America.

Still, the U.S. Meat Export Federation predicts that exports to Japan will grow to nearly 500 million pounds this year now that the restrictions are eased. That would be worth $1.5 billion.

Japan imported 317.2 million pounds in the first 11 months of 2012 and 456 million pounds of U.S. beef in 2011.

The number of cattle in the U.S. is down because Plains ranchers have been selling off much of their herds because they can't afford to feed them.

The supply of cattle is lean enough that Cargill shut down one of its processing plants near Plainview this month.

Ranchers likely will be glad to have any positive news in the midst of the drought. Exports accounted for nearly 11 percent of U.S. beef production in 2011 and 9 percent of the total in 2010.

"Anytime we have an expansion of access to an export market, it's good news for us," said Michael Kelsey, executive vice president of the Nebraska Cattlemen trade group.

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Eight local students make All-State Band, Choir

Lee, Midland High teens head to San Antonio to perform at convention

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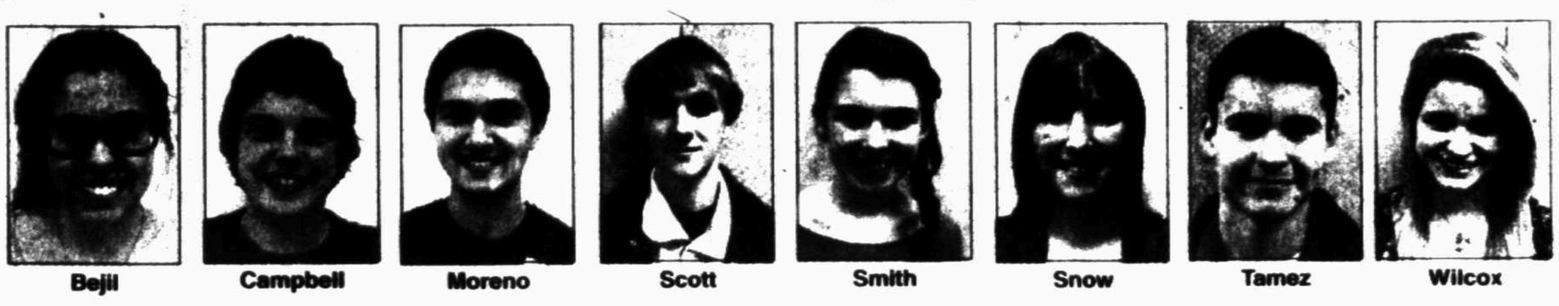

Bejil | Campbell | Moreno | Scott | Smith | Snow | Tamez | Wilcox

If there's one thing Lee High School senior Celest Bejil has learned during the past six months, it's that "hard work pays off and beats talent any day."

After hundreds of hours learning, practicing and perfecting music used during the audition process, Bejil's hard work finally paid off when she placed high enough at the area competition to earn a spot in the 2013 Texas Music Educators Association's All-State Choir.

More than 60,000 Texas high school students initially entered the All-State competitive process in band, choir and orchestra; only 1,560 students are selected to participate in 13 performing ensembles.

This year, eight Midland ISD students — three in choir and five in band — earned the distinction of All-State musicians, the highest honor a Texas music student can receive after performing at the highest level during region and area competitions.

Band members are Lee sophomore Mary Smith, MHS juniors Cory Tamez, Hannah Snow and Will Scott and MHS senior Hannah Wilcox. Choir members are LHS juniors Jared Campbell, Jacob Moreno and Bejil.

These students will perform Feb. 16 in San Antonio after three days of rehearsals and clinics during the annual TMEA Convention, which is attended by more than 26,000 people.

"I'm looking forward to being around people who are good and care about what they do," said Tamez, who will play bass clarinet in the All-State Band.

Though he typically plays B-flat clarinet in concert band, Tamez decided to try out on bass clarinet this year, hoping he would place higher than he had in the two previous years on B-flat clarinet.

"There are lots of people fighting for just a few chairs, and I felt like I could succeed on bass clarinet," said Tamez, who learned to play bass clarinet for a jazz quartet last spring.

Strategically choosing their instrument was a tactic also employed by Smith and Snow, who made the band on contrabassoon and contra-alto clarinet, respectively.

"I knew there was a lot better chance of making it with contrabassoon," said Smith, who auditioned on bassoon at area but also submitted an audition tape on contrabassoon to TMEA.

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DARRELL BENTON
San Jacinto Junior High

Education funding has decreased; teachers' commitment has not

Millions of Texas collectively grabbed their wallets on Jan. 8; the Texas Legislature was in session.

The Texas economy continues to improve, and revenues are increasing; thus, the battle of expenditures is at hand. Two years ago, $5.4 billion was cut from education in order to balance the budget. In addition, even though Texas schools are adding 80,000 additional students each year, funding for growth was not allotted.

Parents often get lost in the financial numbers and various funding arguments to the point of political dizziness. However, their minds are clear on the central issue: Is my child getting a quality education?

I am not a political animal by nature. I am conservative and my 20 years in the corporate world allowed me to see how government overreach and regulations cost jobs. However, my focus every waking hour is on my students and how I can improve my classroom and my lessons to help my kids compete effectively in the 21st century.

Teaching has become more challenging.

Three years ago, I taught five classes and had about 115 students. With the funding cutbacks and downsizing, I now teach seven classes with 187 students. Midland still is growing, and in the past few days, I have added nine students.

Something similar happened to me when I was with AT&T General Business Systems. As a senior systems consultant and project manager, I originally covered Midland-Odessa, Abilene and San Angelo. In the mid-1990s, I added El Paso to my territory. A few years later, I picked up Lubbock and Amarillo. I was out of town 50 nights per year and worked 70- to 80-hour weeks. In the midst of this, I remembered what my hiring manager in Dallas said back in 1981. He looked me in the eye and quietly said, "This is a professional position. If you can do the job in six hours each day, fine; if it takes you 12 hours, fine." The message was clear. I had a job to do. Period. There would be no excuses, just an expected level of performance.

Business continually looks to improve operating efficiency. Some people argue that education in the past was bloated and inefficient and that the Legislature was merely forcing the education community to become more lean and optimal in its operations. As an insider, I disagree. Although under the previous superintendent many of us questioned the expenditures on outside consultants, our concern was based on the concept of opportunity cost. In economics, opportunity cost is the difference in return between a chosen investment and one that is passed up. In short, we felt that the expenditures on consultants would more efficiently be used by updating and replacing teachers' computers.

Under MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren, the consulting contracts were not renewed. In my opinion, Dr. Warren, the school board and Chief Financial Officer David Garcia meticulously have scrubbed the budget to remove superfluous spending

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POTENTIAL PILFERER

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Jeff Fentem, choir director, gives the cast feedback while his four-legged helper, Fiona, checks out some nearby sandwiches during rehearsal for the districtwide production of "Annie" on Jan. 16 at Midland High.
See page 6B for more photos from the rehearsal.

GOP waits and sees on school funding

PEGGY FIKAC
San Antonio Express-News

A state judge is expected to rule next week on whether the school finance system is broken, but lawmakers aren't anywhere near ready to launch repairs.

Instead, Republican leaders plan to wait for an appeal and a final Texas Supreme Court ruling so they know exactly what they are forced to do.

In a twist, some of their rhetoric seems to suggest school districts have only themselves to blame for the postponement of hopes of restoring funds cut back from education two years ago.

The delay in acting is business-as-usual for the Legislature, which as an institution typically waits as education funding problems get bad enough to prompt a lawsuit by school districts. Then lawmakers wait some more, until the state's highest court outlines the parameters of the mess they must fix.

Senate Finance Chairman Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, said at a hearing last week that lawmakers should pay attention to those who want funding restored for key education programs.

But Williams also stressed the need to weigh that against other education-related funding demands, and he repeated his belief that the ongoing lawsuit makes it difficult for lawmakers to put in additional money for anything other than enrollment growth.

He also seemed to suggest that school districts used the courthouse as an alternative to discussion, odd to those who remember quite a school funding debate in the 2011 legislative session.

"I wish the school districts would sit down and talk to us," Williams said. "It really ties our hands when they file a lawsuit."

From one perspective, it makes sense for lawmakers to hang on to state dollars until they know what they have to do. If lawmakers put money in one place, and the court rules that funds are needed elsewhere, they could be in a fix.

But it makes little sense to blame school districts for suing after lawmakers in 2011 cut back spending by $5.4 billion, compared to previous funding levels, to help bridge a predicted state revenue shortfall (which

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Longtime MISD employee retires

By Meredith Moriak
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Smith

Another chapter in Patty Smith's life story is coming to a close Thursday upon her retirement from Midland ISD.

Smith worked 52 years for MISD in positions including substitute, Midland High instructional services director and district director of social studies. Her most recent position, director of the annual Celebrations of Light Storytelling Festival, has been her favorite.

"Social studies, character education and storytelling are all special interests of mine, but nothing could have been more fun and rewarding the last few years than the storytelling festival," said Smith, who retired from her duties as director of MISD's social studies and character education departments in 2008 to focus solely on the storytelling festival on a part-time basis.

Smith introduced a storytelling presence to Midland in 1992 when two tellers shared their tactics with 65 teachers. Over the years, the festival has grown to include three weeks of in-school instructional workshops, teacher training workshops and communitywide concerts that feature 10 storytellers. The program touched 12,235 members of the community in 2012, Smith said.

Though difficult to let go, knowing storytelling may never have the same presence in Midland's schools, Smith said it's time she truly enter retirement so she and her husband can travel, relax, visit family and pursue hobbies.

"So many people wait to retire until they're unable to do anything because of their health, and thankfully, we're not in that position," Smith said last week while taking a break from packing her office in the MISD administration building.

Though she no longer will be responsible for the program, Smith said she has agreed to serve as an advisor to a group of Midlanders who would like to continue the festival.

"I'd hope that we'll be able to have a festival here in December of every year to try and continue the established precedent," said Sue Roseberry, who has participated in the festival for nine years and hopes to continue the tradition.

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Obituaries

Albert Provence

Albert Neal Provence, 83, of Midland passed away on January 26, 2013. He was born on November 17, 1929 in Dale, Oklahoma. After a series of moves including Sulpher Springs, Bogato, Spur, Terminal and ultimately Midland he retired.

He is preceded in death by his wife Florence Anna, parents, Willie Robert and Nettie Lee Provence, one brother, Lonnie Leo Provence, three sisters: Katherine Brantley, Pearl Cherry and Joyce Proctor.

He is survived by his two daughters, Donna Holbrook of Cushing, Texas and Linda SuCarol Provence Ortiz and husband Richard of Midland, Texas. He is also survived by seven grandchildren: Gaylene Tubbe and husband James of Reklaw, Texas, Rebecca Holbrook of Reklaw, Texas, Jeff Holbrook and wife Karen of East Mountain, Texas, Bettina Holbrook of Cushing, Texas, Joseph Holbrook and Frankie of Cushing, Texas, Sissy Ortiz and Gabriel Storm Ortiz both of Midland. He also leaves behind 20 great grandchildren, 15 great great grandchildren one niece, one nephew and several cousins. The family would like to give a special thanks to Lindell P. Finch.

Graveside service will be held at 10:00am on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at Resthaven Memorial Park with Joe Sanders officiating. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Cheryl Roark

Cheryl Roark, 68, of Andrews passed away Friday, January 25, 2013 in a Lubbock Hospital.

A visitation will be held Monday from 6-8 PM at McNett Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be 1:00 PM January 29, 2013 at Means memorial United Methodist Church. Rev. James Egan of Gainesville, Texas will officiate. Burial will follow in Kermit Cemetery in Kermit, Texas.

Cheryl was born September 26, 1944 in Lubbock, Texas to C.A. and Vivian Mitchell. She grew up in Kermit, and was the first Kermit Yellow Jacket mascot. She married Robert Roark February 20, 1963 in Carlsbad, NM. They moved to Andrews from Dumas, Texas in 1979.

Cheryl was the granddaughter of one of the Pioneer Ranch families of West Texas.

She loved going to Kermit High School reunions and Ex's gatherings and catching up with all of her old friends and classmates. She loved to visit Santa Fe, NM and she loved art. Cheryl also loved going to Ruidoso and the horse races. She was a member of the American Quarter Horse Association and each year would go to the AQHA World Show.

Cheryl loved people and talking to people and she was very involved with her children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, C.A. and Vivian Mitchell, grandparents Mr. and Mrs. G.P. Mitchell; aunts and uncles, Grant and Ethel Faye Brumolow; A.P. Mitchell and George H. Mitchell.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Roark of Andrews; son, Ross Roark and his wife Sharon of Monahans; daughter Rachel Rankin and her husband Bart of Dallas; grandchildren, Finnley "Finn" Mitchell Rankin and Vivian Mills Rankin.

Memorial fits may be made to Cal Farley's boys Ranch, the AQHA or the American Diabetes Association.

Geneva Turner

Geneva Campbell Turner long-time resident of Midland, Texas, departed this life on January 27, 2013. Geneva was born August 6, 1922 in Randlett, Oklahoma to parents Bessie Doss Campbell (1895-1981) and L. O. Campbell (1891-1953), both of whom predeceased her. The family moved from Randlett to Burkburnett, Texas in 1927, where her father owned a grocery store/service station. Geneva graduated from Burkburnett high school in 1939 and attended Draughan's Business College in Wichita Falls, Texas, and later Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma. She married John Edwin Turner (1919-1995) on October 26, 1945. The couple resided in Austin, Texas while John obtained his degree in geology. They moved to Midland, Texas in February 1950, and resided in Midland from 1950 to John's death. John was a consulting geologist in Midland for many years with the firm of Penn Hills & Turner. Geneva worked at Sinclair Oil Company (later Atlantic Richfield) for over 30 years and retired in 1984. Her beloved companion and husband John predeceased her in 1995. She temporarily resided in Duncan, Oklahoma at the Chisholm Trail Retirement Center from 2002 to 2007 and then returned to Midland permanently.

Geneva is survived by her sister, Lucille Bohner of Burkburnett, Texas; sister-in-law, Dorothy Campbell of Duncan, Oklahoma; eight nieces and nephews, Lisa Kuntz of Austin, Sylvia Sparks, Carole Buckholts and Robin Emerson, all of Duncan, Rhett Campbell of Houston, Karl Kuntz of Bellingham, Washington, Eric Kuntz of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Renae Campbell of McKinney, Texas; and numerous great- and great-great nieces and nephews. She was also predeceased by her brother Carl T. Campbell (1916-1999) of Duncan, Oklahoma; sister Nedra Kuntz (1918-2004) of San Antonio, Texas; brother Robert L. Campbell (1924-2008) of Duncan, Oklahoma; and niece, Ronda Campbell (1952-2004) of Burkburnett, Texas.

Geneva was a very special person, full of life and energy, always smiling, and continually brightening the lives of all who knew and loved her. She knew and loved the word of God and will be deeply missed by her many loving friends and relations.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 from 6:00-8:00PM. A service will be held Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 1:00PM at the Funeral Home. Interment will be at the Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

The family specially thanks her friends and caregivers, Maria Baeza, Rosa Sanchez, Ruth Natividad, Teena McKinney, and Yolanda Olivas; and special thanks and a big hug to Stephana Meek, John's long-time secretary and Geneva's long-time friend.

Arrangements are being handled by Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Lloyd Hagemeier

Lloyd Duane Hagemeier, 77, passed away Sunday, January 27, 2013, in Duncanville, TX. Graveside services will be 2:00p.m., Wednesday, January 30, 2013 in the Elliott-Hamil Garden of Memories Cemetery with Allen McNew officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday evening from 5 to 7p.m. at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 5701 Hwy 277 South.

Lloyd was born on February 3, 1935 to Loyd A. and Louise A. Hagemeier in Sterling, Colorado. His family moved to California in 1938 and lived in Fresno, CA until his mother's death in 1946. He then moved with his father and step-mother, Ruby Hagemeier to San Jose, CA in 1947 and lived there until he graduated from Willow Glen High School in 1953.

Lloyd joined the Air Force on January 8, 1954 and served with the Air Force Security Service stationed in Alaska, Germany, New York, California, and Texas. He married Sandra Lynn Chaffee in 1957 and they divorced in 1974.

After discharge from the service, Lloyd lived in Owego, N.Y. and Arlington, TX while working for Prudential Insurance Co. He entered the ministry in 1969 while in Arlington, and served many churches in Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. Lloyd was a 1972 graduate of Baylor University in Waco, TX (BA) and Texas Christian University, Brite Divinity School in 1977(Mdiv).

In 1975 Lloyd married Ollie Jewell Sides Hagemeier and together, they continued to serve United Methodist Churches in the Central Texas area until their retirement on June 1, 1999. They moved to Midland and then to Abilene in 2010.

Survivors include his wife, Ollie Hagemeier of Abilene; his children, Laura Lynn Bourgeois of Tyler, TX, Douglas Duane Hagemeier of Round Rock, TX, Stephen Sean Hagemeier of Auburn, CA, Patrick Paul Hagemeier of Hereford, TX, and Kerryn Kelly Barrera of Sugar Land, TX; sixteen grandchildren; and fourteen great-grandchildren. He is also survived by four step-sons, Jimmy Wayne McNew of Kerrville, TX, Tom McNew of Abilene, TX, Allen McNew of Midland, TX, Ralph L. McNew of Duncan, OK; eleven step-grandchildren; and seventeen step-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorials be sent to the American Heart Association, 149 N. Willis, Abilene, TX 79603 or the American Lung Association, P.O. Box 26460, Austin, TX 78755.

You may view and sign the guestbook at www.elliott-hamil.com

Teresa Ann Boles

SERVICES: Wednesday Jan. 30, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. at LaGrone Blackburn Shaw Funeral Home Coulter Road Chapel, 8310 S. Coulter, Amarillo. The family will receive guests this evening at the funeral home from 5 P.M.-7 P.M.

BURIAL: Memorial Park Cemetery by LaGrone Blackburn Shaw Funeral Directors Coulter Road.

BIOGRAPHY: Teresa was born on March 16, 1927 in Elgin, OK to Thomas Titah Parker, son of Quanah Parker, and Helen Marie Fisher Parker. She graduated from Chilocco Indian School in Chilocco, OK. Teresa had worked as a cook at the Herring Hotel and Campbell's Pancake House and as a meat wrapper at the meat market of Furr's Supermarket. She is the grand-daughter of Chief Quanah Parker, the last chief of the Comanche nation, and she was a member of the Inter-Tribal Organization here in Amarillo.

PRECEDED IN DEATH: her parents, 2 brothers, Edward Parker of Apache, OK and William Parker of Hobart, OK; 2 great-grandsons, Cole Kelley and Travis Boles.

SURVIVORS : 4 daughters, Mary Ann Endres and husband John of Okmulgee, OK, Ginger Stephens and husband Mike of Friona, Melanie Bowman of Midland, and Nancy Boles of Amarillo; a son, Richard Boles and wife Cyndi of Amarillo; 7 granddaughters and 4 grandsons, Lesley Pike, Justin Boles, Christy Boles, and Holly Kelley all of Amarillo and Bobby Ellis, Debrah McKay and Brenda Sloan all of Okmulgee, OK, John Stephens of Clovis, NM, Amy and David Stephens of Friona, and Katie Bowman of Midland; a step-granddaughter, Sarah Lee of Amarillo; a step-grandson, Jason Williams of AZ; 2 brothers, Elmer Parker of Salt Lake City, UT and Charles Parker of Lubbock; and 30 great-grandchildren.

MEMORIALS: Family suggests memorials be made to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Amarillo or Amarillo Humane Society.

Please visit our online guestbook at: www.lagronebl ackburnshaw.com

Dorothy Mildred Riley Strickland

Dorothy Mildred Riley Strickland, 88 of Midland passed away Friday, January 25, 2013. Dorothy was born August 1, 1924 in Paris, Arkansas, to Rev. L L Riley and wife Josephine. They moved to Russellville, Arkansas shortly after her birth. The family moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas her senior year in high school where she graduated in 1942. She lived most of her life in Midland, Texas after she was married.

She was a preacher's daughter and grew up in Arkansas. She ran away from home at 19 years old and went to Gainesville, Texas to meet her future husband that she was introduced to by a common friend during WWII whom she had only talked on the phone and had written letters for about two months. She arrived in Gainesville, Texas late on a Friday night June 16, 1944 and got married to William Burnon Strickland the next day June 17, 1944 and that marriage lasted until June 6, 2000 when he passed away, 56 years 11 months and 6 days.

This marriage produced four children of which Jerry Joe Strickland and Tana Gail Strickland both died at birth. Survivors are son (Bill) William B. Strickland, Jr. and wife Virginia of Stanton and daughter Pamela Sue Strickland Busbee of Midland and the late Bobby Lee Busbee. Grandchildren, Melissa Ann Strickland Burnett and spouse Gary of New Braunfels, Texas; Brian Todd Strickland and spouse Christy of New Braunfels, Texas; Cody Lee Busbee of Midland; and Lindsay Renee Busbee Haltom and spouse Chris of Edmond, Oklahoma; seven great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Dorothy lived in Midland for 66 years. During part of that time she worked in a small deli/hamburger place in west Midland called Bowen's Drug Store on Thomason Drive behind Bowen's Grocery Store located at Wall & Thomason. She served many hamburgers, pimento cheese sandwiches and tuna fish sandwiches to lots of Midland residents. Our mother was the sweetest little lady and will be deeply missed.

Graveside services will be on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at 1:00PM with Rev. Myron Unruh officiating at Resthaven Cemetery in Midland.

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

Death Notices

Cielo and Estrella Luna

Cielo and Estrella Luna, stillborn twins of Joel and Christina Luna of Midland, passed away on Friday, January 25, 2013.

Graveside service was held yesterday at Serenity Memorial Gardens. Graveside service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

They are survived by their parents; grandparents, Viviana Sauceda of Midland, Fernando Luna of Odessa and Arlene Luna of Midland; Numerous uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Dorothy Jones

Dorothy J. (Dottie) Jones of Big Spring, passed away on Sunday, January 27, 2013.

Graveside services will be held at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park Wednesday, January 30, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 29, 2013.

She is survived by her husband, Clemont R (Clem) Jones; three sons, Dana Jones, Brian Jones and Mark Jones; two sisters, Karen Dingle and Sandra Lehman; and one brother, Stephen H. Johnson; and three grandchildren.

Paul Stracener

Paul Stracener, age 91 of Seminole, Texas passed away Saturday, January 26, 2013.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at First Baptist Church in Seminole. Burial will follow at Gaines County Memorial Cemetery. All services are under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home of Seminole.

He is survived by three sons Carl Stracener, Roy Dean Stracener and wife Cindy, Paul Lee Stracener and wife June. Three brothers Monde Stracener, Bernice Stracener, Doug Stracener, seven grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren.

Salvador Galindo

Salvador, Olivas Galindo, 73, passed away on Monday, January 28, 2013.

Prayer service will be held tonight at 7:00p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral service is set for Wed., Jan. 30, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at Iglesia Bautista Betel. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

He is survived by his wife, Jesus H. Galindo; his son, Leo Galindo a; daughters, Mariveh Armendariz, Bahola Galindo, Norma Hernandez, Josefina Aranda, Mary Cortez and Leticia Gonzalez; brothers, Benjamin Galindo, Leopoldo Galindo, and Isidro Galindo and Victor Galindo; two sisters, Evangelina Baeza and Atilana Galindo; nineteen grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Scott Whitlow

Scott Randall Whitlow, 35, of Big Spring died Monday, January 21, 2013.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He is survived by one daughter: Amanda Whitlow of Victoria, TX; and two brothers: Roger Whitlow of Waxahachie, TX and Jim Whitlow of Grandfalls, TX.

William McNealey

William Thomas McNealey, 96, passed away on January 27, 2013 in Big Spring, Texas.

Funeral mass will be held today at 2:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Interment will be held in Clinton, Iowa. Funeral mass is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

He is survived by his family; sons, Larry McNealey; Thomas (Tommy) McNealy and Robert (Bob) McNealey; a daughter, Mardelle L. Wise and a brother, David McNealey; three grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Willy Zacharias Jr.

Willy Zacharias, Jr. passed away Sunday, January 27, 2013.

Funeral services will be held Friday, February 1, 2013 at First Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Gaines County Cemetery. All services are under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home.

He is survived by: father Wilhelm Zacharias, mother Helena Zacharias, one brother, six sisters, and numerous nephews and nieces.

All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

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turned out to be billions of dollars off the mark).

School districts are coping with the reduced spending as they deal with higher state academic standards and a growing population of low-income students, who can need extra help in school.

There's an argument to be made for paying for programs that education experts say are beneficial to such students — such as the one helping schools expand prekindergarten programs from a half day to a full day — whether or not a court forces the issue.

Lawyer David Thompson, a veteran participant in Texas' series of public education funding lawsuits who is representing a group of school districts in the current case, said that "there has been a tremendous amount of dialogue between school districts and the Legislature, and I hope and expect that that will continue."

Thompson would like to see a sense of urgency about matching the funding available with the amount it takes to educate a diverse group of students at the level expected by the state.

Waiting to deal with the issue, while not unusual, means an opportunity lost for another group of children, he said.

"We're not talking about widgets or ball bearings. We're talking about kids," Thompson said. "I do think there's some urgency around it. ... The history has been that the Legislature has tended to wait until they get a Supreme Court decision, but there's nothing that requires them to do that."

Olive Garden sponsors essay contest on hunger

From wire reports

ORLANDO, Fla. — Essays on ending hunger are being accepted for the 17th annual Pasta Tales contest sponsored by Olive Garden.

The contest is for first-through 12th-graders. The essays should be between 50 and 250 words and on the topic "How would you help end hunger in your community?"

The grand-prize winner will receive a three-day family trip to New York City that includes dinner at the Olive Garden in Times Square and a $2,500 savings bond. In addition, Olive Garden will provide a $5,000 grant to support hunger initiatives in the winner's community.

The winners in each of the 12 grade categories will receive a $500 savings bond and a family dinner at a local Olive Garden restaurant.

Submissions will be judged based on creativity, adherence to theme, organization, grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Deadline to enter is March 22.

Entry forms and complete rules are available at www.olivegarden.com/About-Us/News-and-Media/Pasta-Tales/.

Entries must include the writer's name, complete address, phone number with area code, grade, date of birth and a statement that the work is his or her own. Entries must be postmarked by March 22 and sent to Pasta Tales, PMB 2000, 6278 N. Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 33308-1916.

UNM redesigns math class for struggling students

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The University of New Mexico is taking a new approach to help struggling math students as the school strives to reach higher pass and retention rates.

A new math lab provides a setting for a redesigned remedial course, with students using computers to learn at their own pace instead of attending traditional lectures. Teachers and tutors are on hand in the lab to assist.

The course is divided into three sections, and students have to master each section before they move on to the next. Students can stretch the course work beyond a semester if they need more time to finish, the university said.

UNM President Bob Frank said the goal "is to have our students succeed, and we know that this a stumbling block for many students because they're not well-prepared in math," the Albuquerque Journal reported.

There was a celebration for the new lab's opening on Friday.

The university conducted a pilot program for the redesigned course, Math 120, last fall, and now more than 1,000 students are enrolled.

Math lecturer Jenny Ross, who helps run the new program, said many students in last semester's pilot program said they failed Math 120 multiple times, including some who were taking the course for the fifth and sixth times.

Ross said it's too early to show how students in the pilot program performed compared to their peers who took the traditional lecture course last semester.

However, one challenge that's evident so far has been to keep students engaged and completing their coursework.

Because the program is self-paced and without deadlines, keeping students on track has been "a little hard," Ross said.

Rural school officials: Give Texas teachers guns

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Superintendents of three small rural school districts that allow some teachers to carry guns told Texas lawmakers Monday that the practice provides a critical measure of safety for students in the event of a campus shooting, but a law enforcement expert said it also could put those teachers at "high risk" of being mistakenly shot by responding officers.

Lawmakers are grappling with the idea of allowing more non-law enforcement personnel to bring guns into classrooms in the wake of last month's shootings at a Connecticut elementary school. The rural school officials testified during a joint hearing of the Senate education and agriculture, rural affairs and homeland security committees — the first such hearing to take public testimony on the matter.

David Thweatt, superintendent of Harrold Independent School District near the Oklahoma border, said some teachers and administrators who have concealed handgun licenses are allowed to bring their weapons to class. The goal, he said, is to minimize the damage a gunman can do inside a school in the time it takes police officers to arrive.

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while increasing salaries to attract teaching applicants to an area where housing is scarce and exceedingly expensive.

There is cautious hope that with the economy rebounding, the Legislature will, at a minimum, fund Texas schools for the 80,000 additional students coming into the system each year and, at best, restore some of the cuts made two years ago. We will see.

So, what does this mean to the average parent? Class sizes have increased. Teachers must grade more papers, work harder and above all, work smarter. It is similar to what I experienced at AT&T, except my pay is half what it was in the corporate world.

Has the commitment lessened in the classroom? The answer is a strong no.

Over the past few years I have spoken to UTPB education majors and opined that they should not teach because they love science or social studies. They should enter the teaching profession only if they love kids and love the mission of preparing our kids for an ever-changing world.

Teaching is a tough, stress-laden profession. Each day is different and unpredictable. This year, I've had a male student break down in tears at the end of class from self-induced tension and had a girl remove a tooth midclass, holding it up for all to see. Teachers are not just academicians anymore. We deal with students who are impacted by divorce, family dysfunction, hunger and homelessness.

I guess you could call me an optimist or insane. Yet I have students, who have lost a parent through death or who have been shuffled around to multiple guardians, come in each day with a smile and gentle resolve to give their best. Students want someone to believe in them and often a teacher is the only one to do so.

I cannot control what the Texas Legislature does. But, I can control my classroom. My classroom will be a safe place, a warm place and a place to belong for your student. And, we will learn, we will grow and we will thrive.

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Without someone to coordinate the festival and write grants during the year, Roseberry said it's likely future storytelling festivals will follow a different framework that doesn't involve weeks of school-based workshops. Instead, the event will focus on a weekend of concerts with national storytellers.

"If there is going to be success going forward, we'll owe that all to Patty and how well she carried everything out during her tenure," Roseberry said. "She has single-handedly run this festival for 20 years. Yes, she's had help and she'll be sure to give that credit, but she's done all the grant writing and is the face of storytelling in our community. I can't even imagine trying to undertake what she did."

Roseberry said she plans to partner with an existing nonprofit with a similar mission to keep the festival going.

Though it's sad to move on, Smith said she knows it's time.

"I will miss every bit of this and will have to learn to cope with it and not get strung out," Smith said. "I have loved every job I have ever had with Midland schools and I would wish for every employee to be able to say that."

A retirement party for Smith is planned for 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday in room 101 of the Midland ISD administration building, 615 W. Missouri Ave.

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PRIME TIME	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Taste "Auditions" (N)	Happy End. (N)	Happy End. (N)	Body of Proof "Mind Games"		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Kim Kardashian	(:35) News Nightline
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Hit and Run" (N)	NCIS: Los Angeles "The Chosen One" (N)		Vegas "Road Trip" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) Late Late (N)
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Sein. "The Note"	Rules of Engage.	Hart of Dixie "Lovesick Blues" (N)	Emily Owens, M.D. (N)		Cops	Seinfeld	Rules of Engage.	'70s "Red Sees Red"	King of Queens	'Til Death
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Raising Hope (N)	MindyP-roject (N)	New Girl (N)	MindyP-roject (N)	The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: Criminal Intent
	KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Diana Dye	Yohanan Salamanca	Update News	Dr. Alewine	Light of the Southwest				Shepherd's Heart		Ministerios Nueva Vida
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	OffTheirR-ockers (N)	OffTheirR-ockers (N)	Go On (N)	New-Norm (N)	Dateline NBC		News-West 9	(:35) Tonight Show	(:35) LateNight
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Pioneers of TV "Superheroes" (N)		American Experience "Henry Ford" A profile of the American innovator, Henry Ford. (N)			Charlie Rose (N)		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Corona de lagrimas		Por ella soy eva		Amores Verdaderos		Amor Bravio		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Al Diablo con los Guapos
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	AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(5:00) ★ Escape Fro...		★★★ Predator ('87, Sci-Fi) Arnold Schwarzenegger.				★★ Predator II ('90, Act) Gary Busey, Danny Glover.				
	BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park (N)		Wayans	Wayans	Husbands	Husbands	Husbands	Wayans	Husbands	Wayans	Wendy Williams
	BRAVO	65	63		41		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills		Millionaire		Millionaire (N)		Watch (N)	Millionaire	Atlanta
	CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Target: Bullseye		60 Minutes		American Greed		Mad Money	60 Minutes	
	CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront	Piers Morgan	
	DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Dual Survival		Dual Survival		Dual Survival		Africa "Cape"		Dual Survival	Africa "Cape"	
	DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Shake Up	GoodLuck	★ 16 Wishes Kendall Cross.			(:10) Jessie	(:35) GoodL	Austin	Jessie	Wizards	Wizards
	ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Wisconsin vs. Ohio State (L)				NCAA Basketball Kentucky vs Mississippi (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
	ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball N.C. State vs Virginia (L)				FIFA Soccer International Friendly USA/Can. (L)				NFL Live		Basketb	NBA
	FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Pretty Little Liars		Pretty Little Liars (N)		The Lying Game (N)		Pretty Little Liars		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	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
	FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Game Time	Halls of Fame	WPT Poker Seminole Hard Rock Showdown		SportsD-ay OnAir	Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks vs. Portland Trail Blazers Site: Rose Garden - Portland, Ore. (L)				Maveric-ks Live (L)	
	FX	31	31	59	64	69	(5:30) ★ ★★★ The Other Guys Will Ferrell.				Ultimate Fighter (N)		Justified (N)		Justified		Justified	
	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	House	HouseH	Property	Property	Income Property		HouseH	House	Income	Income	Income Property	
	HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Top Gear		Counting	Counting	Ancient Aliens		Pwn Star	Pwn Star
	LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Dance Moms "But I'm a National Champion"		DanceMom "Liar Liar Dance Mom on Fire!"		DanceMom "Revenge of the Replacements"		Super "The Nullet Boccanfuso Family" (N)		Teen Trouble "Dayne"		DanceMom "Liar Liar Dance Mom on Fire!"	
	MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN	38	39				NHL Live!	NHL Hockey	New York Islanders vs. Pittsburgh Penguins (L)				NHL Live!	Star Spangled		Overtime	Cris Collinsworth	
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	SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	The Joe Schmo Show		The Joe Schmo Show		The Joe Schmo Show		The Joe Schmo Show		The Joe Schmo Show		The Joe Schmo Show	
	SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:30) Face Off		Face Off		Face Off (N)		Blackout	Blackout	Face Off		Blackout	Blackout
	TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Soup Nazi"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Cougar Town (N)	Big Bang Theory	Conan		Cougar Town	The Office
	TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Not With ...		★★★ The Italian Job Michael Caine.				★ The Lavender Hill Mob			★ They Came to Rob Las Vegas		
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	TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Food to Die For"		Castle "Demons"		Castle "Cops and Robbers"		Castle "Heartbreak Hotel"		CSI: NY "Forbidden Fruit"		CSI: NY "Help"	
	TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	MASH	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
	USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Resilience"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Pretend"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Smut"		White Collar "Brass Tacks" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Criminal"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Painless"	
	WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine		America's Funniest Home Videos		Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

ALL-STATE

From 1B

Though she didn't make state on bassoon, Smith's submitted recording on the contrabassoon did impress judges and she was selected to the All-State Band.

"My intention in the future is to make all-state on bassoon, not just sneak through the back door on contra," said Smith, who is looking forward to concert rehearsals with other musicians at TMEA.

As a second-year all-stater, Moreno said he knows his peers will be amazed by the high-level of musicality they experience at All-State.

"I was not prepared for people to be amazing and flawless like that," said Moreno of his experience last February. "There's so much talent in the All-State Choir and everyone is so involved in the music. With the music, you feel more than what you've ever felt."

For Snow, making All-State Band was a huge feeling of accomplishment

"I don't do well in school so this is the thing I can be good at. My parents are finally proud of me," said Snow, who would practice each night after getting off work at Chick-fil-A.

Securing her spot in the All-State Band didn't happen overnight and was something that took a lot of patience and determination, said Wilcox, a French horn player.

"I was very precise in practicing and did it in tiny segments at a specific tempo making sure everything was perfect before I moved on," said Wilcox, who considers membership in the All-State Band the perfect ending to her high school music career. She plans to study music education at West Texas A&M University.

Like so many of his peers, All-State has been a long-standing goal for Scott, a tenor saxophone player, but it wasn't until he made first alternate as a sophomore that he truly believed. "Oh hey, I actually have a good chance at making this."

Campbell, a member of Chorale at Lee, said the All-State audition process didn't become real to him until after placing high at region and deciding to truly dedicate rehearsal time.

"Our area is so competitive with schools from Dallas and El Paso and I just didn't know if I would make All-State, but I'm so glad I did," Campbell said.

The majority of the students indicated they practiced more than an hour each day, double that amount on the weekends and additional time each week with private lesson instructors.

For Smith, the majority of polishing and practicing came during Christmas break when she would practice up to four hours each day.

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EDUCATIONINBRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Bluebonnet book parties held at Rusk, Emerson

Rusk and Emerson elementary schools will each host Bluebonnet book parties today for third-through sixth-graders who have read five or more Texas Bluebonnet books.

Rusk's party will be at 8:30 a.m. and Emerson's at 2:30 p.m., said librarian Susan Harmon.

Students will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite book and participate in prize drawings.

LHS choirs plan madrigal dinner

Lee High Chorale will present the 22nd annual Renaissance Madrigal Dinner on Thursday through Sunday at Green Tree Country Club.

Seating begins at 6:35 p.m., and performances begin at 7:05 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, seating begins at 5:35 p.m. and the performance begins at 6:05 p.m.

"An elegant four-course dinner will be served by singing servants accompanied by brass fanfares, jesters and beggars," said said Choir Director Paula Edwards. "Madrigal singers in period costumes will entertain you in true Renaissance tradition. A light-hearted masque and an after-dinner concert of authentic Renaissance madrigals will complete your evening in Merrye Olde England."

Students to attend gov't conference

Midland ISD students are becoming involved in government via "The Y" Youth and Government program.

Sixty ECHS @MC students, and 19 Lee HS students will attending the Youth & Government State Conference from Thursday through Sunday in Austin.

LHS junior Pooja Patel will run for speaker of the House at the state level.

Students participate in the Legislative Section, Judicial Trials Court, Appellate Hearings and State Affairs Forum, along with a media group.

"The purpose of the program is to bring the workings of state government alive to students," according to its website. "It creates an opportunity for students to discuss current state issues with state administrators, elected officials, and students from high schools and YMCAs throughout the state."

For more information, visit www.ymcatexasyg.org.

JBS to hold annual Texas Leadership Forum

The 28th annual Texas Leadership Forum, sponsored by the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute, is Thursday through Saturday in Austin.

The forum is aimed at providing young professionals education about leadership, ethics and public service.

Speakers include economist Ray Perryman, Sen. Kel Seliger and Rep. Tryon Lewis.

The Outstanding State Leader award will be presented to Sen. Leticia R. Van de Putte, of San Antonio.

The Outstanding Local Leader award will be presented to Leodoro Martinez Jr., from Carrizo Springs, executive director of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council.

Student, artist collaboration coming to Midland College

Four artists from different parts of the country will visit Midland College Feb. 5-8 to work and collaborate with MC students, creating unique pieces of installation art that will be exhibited from Feb. 8 to March 22 in the McCormick Gallery.

The Out of Bounds exhibit will feature work of guest artists David Herbold from Idaho, Hector Hernandez from Los Angeles, Jieun Beth Kim from Austin and Molly Wicks from South Dakota and MC students, said MC painting instructor Michael Hubbard.

An opening reception for the exhibit will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 8 in the Allison Fine Arts Building's McCormick Gallery.

Parker to host art show, dinner

Parker Elementary will host a "Walk in the Art Garden" from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 7 at the school, 3800 Norwood St.

The art show is free and will display art from every Parker student. The show will also feature Lubbock artist Nancye Briggs, who specializes in watercolor, jewelry, and the restoration of Navajo rugs.

"This annual event allows each Parker student the opportunity to display his/her favorite piece of artwork from the school year, while also promoting interest in differing forms of art," said Kristi Abbott, PTA art walk chair.

A dinner provided by Parker's Partner in Education, Dickey's Barbecue Pit, will be from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Tickets cost $5 and will be available at the school next week.

Upward Bound @ MC to hold annual 5K/10K

Upward Bound at Midland College will hold the second 5K/10K run and health walk Feb. 23 to celebrate National TRiO Day.

Organized by the program's parent coalition, the event serves as a fundraiser for the program, which helps about 40 students from Midland ISD high schools graduate from high school and pursue a post-secondary degree.

Early registration is $15 and forms can be obtained at the Upward Bound Office at MC's Portable Building No. 5 or by emailing lgomez@midland.edu.

On-site registration is $20 and will begin at 8 a.m. Feb. 23. The run/walk will begin at 9 a.m.

TRiO Day is a day of service and recognition of the federal TRiO Programs (such as Upward Bound) that have helped more than 10 million first-generation-to-college students obtain a college education since 1965.

DECA students advance to state competition

Twenty-four DECA students from Lee and Midland high schools will advance to the state competition Feb. 28-March 2 in Corpus Christi after qualifying during Wednesday's district meet in San Angelo.

"The State Career Development Conference is a highly competitive event where some of the top students from all across Texas compete in a variety of events," said MHS DECA sponsor Justin Walker.

" I know how hard (Lee sponsor Kathy) Firkins and my students worked for their district honors and knowing how competitive all of our students are, their eyes are set on making it to the stage at state."

Lee High district meet results: Jesus Escobar, first place food marketing; Michael Hernandez, second place retail merchandising; Samantha Jones and Carlos Ornelas, second place hospitality team; Whitney McKenzie, second place business services; Elizabeth Olano, second place quick serve restaurant; Briana Orona, first place apparel and accessories; Miles Sentena, first place business finance; and Royanna Shuck, second place hotel and lodging.

Midland High district meet results: Reese Barden, first place sports marketing; Karrie Singer, second place sports marketing; Jon Martinez, fourth place sports marketing; Kayla Grant, first place business services; Willim Lopez, first place hospitality and tourism professional selling; Ben Noel first place professional selling; Sarah Wood, first place advertising campaign; Dood Ladd, first place entrepreneurship; Kaki Gant; state alternate hotel and lodging; James Barela and Ashton Brisco, first place marketing and communications team; Raul Corrales and Dillon Custer, first place business law and ethics team; and Landan Dory and Chris Terebessy, second place hospitality and tourism team.

Two MHS students advance to BPA state

Midland High School students Kimberlea Fox and David Rabenaldt will represent MHS at the state Business Professionals of American competition Feb. 27 in Houston.

Fox placed second in the banking and finance category and Rabenaldt first in PC servicing and troubleshooting at BPA's regional competition at UTPB.

Other MHS students who participated in the regional competition and were designated as state alternates are Abarrane Cazares, fundamental spreadsheet applications; McKenna Riley, keyboard production; Evelyn Hernandez, fundamental word processing skills; Oscar Romo, advanced word processing skills; Raegan Johnson, basic office systems and procedures; Matthew Scoggins, digital media production; and Kaitlin Harvey, prepared speech.

Culinary students cook lunch in Purple Dog Cafe

Midland High School culinary students have begun the "Purple Dog Café." Students in the program take lunch orders on Tuesdays, then deliver preordered meals to teachers for a Thursday lunch.

The café allows students to gain experience in food preparation and meal planning, with the help of their teacher, Patsy Wallis.

The school recently began a coffee shop, which is operated by MHS Life Skills students and MISD Child Nutrition Services.

Midlander Dan Hord named Baylor regent

Midland businessman Dan Hord III was named to the Baylor University Board of Regents Wednesday for a three-year term.

Hord, a 1989 Baylor graduate, is partner in HEDLOC Investment Co. LLC and Western Property Group of Midland.

"Mr. Hord represents the best of Baylor as an outstanding young business executive," said regents chairman Richard Willis.

Hord will attend his first regent's meeting in February.

Elementary schools win recycling contest

Three Midland ISD elementary schools have been named prize winners in The Permian Basin Area-Wide Phone Book Recycling Contest.

The schools that collected the most phone books for recycling the last week of November were: Greathouse Elementary School, first place, Travis Elementary School, second place, and Long Elementary School, third place. The schools will receive prizes of $500, $300, and $200, respectively.

The contest was coordinated by MISD and Permian Basin Area-Wide Phone Book, Keep Midland Beautiful, the city of Midland Solid Waste Department and Butts Recycling.

"It's important to engage the students at this age. It's important to get them involved in recycling," said Caleb Combs, with KMB.

MC plans summer travel opportunities

Midland College will offer three national and international travel courses in several disciplines this summer as a way to explore and earn college credit.

The trips are:

■ Peru: Lima, Cuzco, Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley. May 25 to June 1. Cost is $1,800.

Students can enroll for credit in Biology 2106, Environmental Biology Lab. For more information, contact Margaret Wade at mwade@midland.edu or 685-4615.

■ Scotland and Ireland: Killarney, Blarney, Rock of Cahsel and Dublin in Ireland and Holyhead, Lake District, Edinburgh, the Highlands, the Isle of Skye and Glasgow in Scotland, June 6-17. Cost is $5,085.

Students can enroll in English 2333, World Literature from 1800 and/or ARTS 1301, Art Appreciation. For more information, contact Pamela Howell at prhowell@midland.edu or Carol Bailey at cbailey@midland.edu.

■ Northeast United States: Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, New York City and Boston, June 24 to July 6. Cost is $1,995.

Students can enroll in one or two of several government and history courses.

For more information, contact Lee Almaguer at ferleal@midland.edu or Todd Houck at thouck@midland.edu.

Basin PBS seeks story submissions

Basin PBS is encouraging kindergarteners through third-graders to participate in the PBS Kids Go! Writers Contest.

Local and national prizes will be awarded to winning stories. Complete rules and entry forms regarding the contest are located at www.basinpbs.org/writerscontest.php.

PBRA offers scholarships

The Permian Basin Restaurant Association is offering scholarships to employees of member organizations.

For information on how to obtain a scholarship, call Jose "Bo" Zertuche at 915-239-6715.

Registration begins for Texas Brigade

SAN ANGELO — Registration has begun for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Texas Brigades summer camps program.

The camps deal with topics relating to wildlife, conservation, land management and ranching.

The camp dates and locations are:

■ Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, June 15-19, Centennial Lodge, Coleman.

■ South Texas Buckskin Brigade, June 16-20, Southern Star Ranch, Uvalde.

■ South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, June 23-27, 74 Ranch, Campbellton.

■ Bass Brigade, July 8-12, Warren Ranch, Santa Anna.

■ North Texas Buckskin Brigade, July 14-18, El Escondrijo Ranch, San Angelo.

■ Waterfowl Brigade, July 21-25, BigWoods on the Trinity, Tennessee Colony.

■ Ranch Brigade, July 31-Aug. 4, Camp Buckner, Burnet.

Tuition is $400, but financial aid is available, said Dale Rollins, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo and founder of the Texas Brigades.

Deadline to register is March 15. Applications may be completed online or downloaded at www.texasbrigades.org.

For more information, contact Helen Holdsworth at hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org or Kassi Scheffer at kscheffer@texas-wildlife.org or call 855-892-7447.

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SINGULAR SENSATION

Andrew Henry, Alamo Junior High director, works with MISD students in the all-city honor choir recently as they prepare for an upcoming performance.

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MAKING THE GRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ABILENE — **Kelsey Edwards** and **Sabrina Wegner** were named to the Dean's list for the fall semester at McMurry University.

To be eligible, students must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA.

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ALPINE — Midlander **Joaquin Porras** graduated last month from Sul Ross State University.

He received a bachelor of arts in general studies.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Midlander **Chelsea Hudson** has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Tennessee State University.

To be eligible, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.0.

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Two Midland High School seniors who volunteer at the George W. Bush Childhood Home have been chosen to receive a Docent Scholarship.

Lizbeth Contreras and **Jared Harland** each will receive $500, according to a press release.

The Docent Scholarship rewards students who complete 40 hours of community service at the home.

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ALPINE — Several Midlanders have been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Sul Ross State University.

To be eligible, students must maintain at least a 3.3 GPA.

Named to the list are: **Rachel Barrett, Ciara Brodie, Jason Buchan, Megan Downing, Rachel Fix, Alice Harman, Anjela Munoz, Melissa Schenkman, Geoffrey Schnette, Lauren Stroud** and **Samantha Vela**.

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Midland Christian School senior **Mara Bland** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club.

Bland

She is the daughter of Mark and Stacie Bland.

She is a member of National Honor Society.

She attends Kelview Baptist Church and is a member of the youth group. She volunteers at the Petroleum Museum.

Bland plans to attend University of Texas of the Permian Basin or Angelo State University and major in speech pathology.

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Midland High School senior **Abigail Folger** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club.

Folger

She is the daughter of Anthony and Ann Folger.

She is editor of the yearbook, secretary of the Robotics Club, is a member of National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society and is an academic letterman.

She volunteers with the Midland Symphony Guild, Midland SPCA and Alzheimer's and March of Dimes walks and St. Ann's Family Fair. She is involved in Teen Community Bible Study.

Folger plans to attend School of the Art Institute of Chicago or Tisch School of Arts at New York University and major in photography.

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STEPHENVILLE — Midlanders **James Benton** and **Erica Olson** of Midland have been named to the honor rolls for the fall semester at Tarleton State University.

Benton was named to the A Honor Roll and Olson to the Distinguished Student List.

To be eligible for the A Honor Roll, students must maintain a 4.0 grade point ratio. For the Distinguished Student List, freshmen and sophomores must maintain a 3.25 GPR and juniors and seniors a 3.5 GPR.

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TIGERVILLE, S.C. — Midlander **Tyler L. Strange** has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at North Greenville University.

To qualify, students must maintain a 3.5 GPA.

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BROWNWOOD — Midlanders **Nellie Beau Brieanna Clevenger, Rebecca Danielle Knighton** and **Gage Logan Smith** have been named to the honor rolls for the fall semester at Howard Payne University.

Clevenger and Knighton were named to the President's List and Smith was named to the Honor Roll.

To be eligible for the President's List students must maintain a 4.0 GPA; for the Honor Roll, at least a 3.5 GPA.

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — Midlander **Emilio Rubio** has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at University of St. Mary.

To be eligible, students must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA.

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Early College High School at Midland College student **Juan Mendoza** has been honored by the Midland Rotary Club. He is the son of Maria Rodriguez.

Mendoza

He is a member of Youth and Government, Spanish and Science clubs, National Honor Society and Students in Philanthropy.

He volunteers for Feast of Sharing, Gourmet Gala, citywide garage sale and with recycling projects.

Mendoza plans to attend Angelo State University and major in business administration.

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STEPHENVILLE — Three Midlanders graduated last month from Tarleton State University.

Stephanie Leonard received a master of science degree in kinesiology.

Erik Alaniz received a bachelor of business administration degree in management.

Morgan Jenkins graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies.

Texas charter schools complain about state funds

Associated Press

AUSTIN — An official representing charter schools in Texas says that a state ban on funding buildings and other facilities means that those schools must divert money away from students.

Denise Pierce, the general counsel for the Texas Charter Schools Association, testified Monday in a lawsuit that more than 600 school districts brought against the state. School officials said lawmakers did not provide sufficient funding for public schools.

Charter schools joined the lawsuit and complain that they only receive per-student funding. That means the schools must spend money out of their education program for facilities.

MISD Junior High Honor Roll

Abilene Junior High
Seventh grade
BARRAGAN, MARCOS
BEEBE, THOMAS
BLASE, DYLAN
BOGART, AMANDA
CALLOWAY, COURTNEY
CAVITT, JOSLYN
DHAW, SHUBHRA
DUNNAM, CHLOE
ESPINOZA, ANDREA
GARZA, ALYSSA
GIBSON, BLAKE
GILLETTE, ELEXA
GLOVER, MAR'TAVON
HOWELL, KORY
JAMES, IVAN
LAWRENCE, REGAN
LEDONNE, KALEB
PATEL, DILAN
PATEL, NEIL
RAMIREZ, APRIL
RIVAS, RHYANA
SHELTON, GRACE
SHORES, NICOLAS
SMITH, MAREN
THIO, MARCEL
WHITE, HALIMA
WILLIAMS, NELLIE
WILLIS, ALEXYS

Eighth grade
ALEXANDER, LAUREN
ARGUELLO, KRYSTINA
BLEVINS, GUNNAR
BOWDEN , NATHAN
CALLOWAY, MATTHEW
CAMPBELL, CHARLYE
CAMPBELL, IAN
CARRIGER, KILE
CLARK, CELIE
CONNER, DANIELLE
DEME, SAMIKSHA
DUNAVAN, ASHTON
FONSECA ESCOBA, NICOLAS
FRANCO, ALEXEE
GARCIA, RAMON
HEERAMAN, AMIT
HELBIG, ALEXYSS
HERNANDEZ RAMO, MIKEL
HOBBS, CHRISTOPHER
HOBBS, SARAH
HOPKINS, JAMI
KOO, SOPHIA
LEON, LUZ
LLOYD, MEGAN
MAGUIRE, RYLEE
MARQUEZ, JULIANE
POOL, RANDLE
PRUITT, HAYLEE
RICHARDSON, BRADY
RODGERS, KAYLEE
RODRIGUEZ, JORDAN
SCHMID, TYLER
SINISTERRA, MARIA
SMITH, MEGHAN
STEED, KAITLIN
SWINEY, KYLE
TA , DARIAN
TARANGO, AYSHIA
TEMPLE, ALEXIS
TEMPLE, BAILEY
TRANUM, PAYTON
VELA, ANTONIO
WEAVER, SARAH
WILSON, CHEYANNE
WRAY, CASSIDY
ZARAZUA, GABRIELLA

Alamo Junior High
Seventh grade
ABBOTT, MACKENZI
AHRLETT, MAKAYLA
ARANDA, LUIS
BADGER, MORGAN
BARRAZA, MELODY
BATISTA, RONALD
BLACKMON, KASEY
CARRASCO, JEREMIAS
CASTANEDA, BIANCA
COX, JOHN
DELAROSA, BERENICE
DOMINGUEZ, ALEXANDRA
DOMINGUEZ, ISABEL
ELLISON, CHASTIN
ELVENA, ANNISTON
ENNIS, HAILEY
FARMER, ESTEEN
FINNELL, BRENT
FINNELL, BROOKLYNN
FISH, CORMAC
FLETCHER, NATHAN
GALINDO, KATHERINE
GAONA, GREGORIO
GARCIA, MARK
GRANADO, GABRIELLE
GUTIERREZ, MORIYAH
HANSON, EMILY
HERNANDEZ, VICENTE
HOLEMAN, McCARTNEY
HUTCHINS, JOSHUA
LINDNER, JOSHUA
LUJAN, JAYLENE
MADDY, KENNEDY
MADISON, BRITTANY
MARTINEZ, ALVARO
MARTINEZ, ANNELISA
MOORE, MEGAN
NEWSOM, KIRKLYND
PERALES, SAVANNAH
PORTER, MADELYN
RAMON, AMBER
RAY, EMILY
ROBERTS, CAITLYN
RODRIGUEZ, CRYSTAL
RUBIO, GABRIELLE
RUIZ, ADRIANA
RUIZ ANAYA, INGRID
SALDANA, JORDAN
SANTACRUZ CORD, JOSE
SCHULLER, MADISON
SKELTON, SKYLAR
STRAUB, JOSHUA
VALOIS-BROWN, EDEN
WILLIAMS, SHAYLEE
ZAPATA, ADREANNA

Eighth grade
BALDAZO, JONATHON
BALLESTEROS CA, CECILIA
BALLESTEROS CA, SONIA
BELTRAN CARAVE, ALAN
BULLOCK, CARLEA
CARTER, BLAKE
CLINTON, BAILEY
DE LA ROSA, NICHOLAS
DOTSON, TATUM
GARZA, RODRIGO
GRASSIE, CHANDLER
GREE, JACOB
GUEBARA, VALERIE
GUENTHER, ASHTON
HAMMOCK, JONATHAN
HENNINGS, BILLY
HERNANDEZ, CHRISTIAN
HOANG, NANCY
HOPPER, AMBER
KELLY, MADISON
KINDER, MICHAEL
LAMB, AUBREE
LAUER, ADRIANNA
LOFTO, IVY
LOPEZ, JUAN
LUJAN, FRANKIE
MARTIN, LOGAN
MCCLURE, MICHAELA
MCDUFFEY, ETHAN
MENDOZA, ANDY
MORALES, RICHARDO
MURRAY, GAVIN
PIERS, ERIC
PITTLES, JULIA
NGUYEN, MICHILLE
NINO, JESSIE
ORNELAS, RYAN
PAZ, JOHN
PEREZ, CHLOE
PERTILE, MYLEAHA
PORRAS GARDEA , ABEL
RABSON, MIKAYLA
REAMS, ANGELA
RINEHART, CHEYENNE
ROMERO, VERONICA
SAINZ, GUADALUPE
SANCHEZ, DESIRAE
SHEPHERD, MADISON
SOTO-SOLIS, DESTINY
TIDWELL, ISAAC
TURNER, JASMINE
ULATE, TATIANA
VARGAS, JACOB
ZACHERY, JULIAS

Goddard Junior High
Seventh grade
ALEXANDER, MALLORY
ARMSTRONG, EMILY
BARKER, CARLY
BARRAZA, GABRIELLA
BUTLE, BRIGHTON
CATES, COURTNEY
CORTE, JALYSA
COTTRELL, ALYSSA
DE LA GARZA, FAITH
DEHLINGE, SARAH
DENT, RACHEL
DOAN, CHRISTIAN
EDWARDS, CAMERON
EWING, MALORI
FIELDS, BRANDI
GLENN, SIMON
GOODRUM, BAILEY
HINOJOS, ADAM
HINOJOS, AMAYA
HUZZEY, HANNAH
JORDA, CAMRYN
JUAREZ, ABIGAIL
PARKER, DAILEY
PIPKIN, KAITLYN
READY, LAUREN
REAM, REAGAN
ROEMER, KINZIE
ROYE, JACIE
SHERMAN, CANTON
STEPHENS, SYDNEY
STREUN, JAYCI
TORRES, MATTHEW
TURNER, TREVOR
UTSMAN, LAUREL
VALLES, OMAR
VINES, BRADEN
VONHOLLE, KYLIE
WARNER, ELIJAH
ZARATE, AYLIN

Eighth grade
AGUILAR CARRAS, LIZETH
ALEXANDER, JOSHUA
ALMENDAREZ, JOEL
ANUSZKIEWICZ, JACKSON
ARANDA , ALEXA
BLOO, HANNA
BRITTAIN, HALEY
CLARK, MATTHEW
EDWARDS, ZACHERY
FINCHER, REAGAN
FRAZIER, JACI
GLOSSON-FUSON , COLTON
GONZALEZ, PATRICK
HALLMARK, JAXON
HEITING, PAXTON
HERNANDEZ, ANALYCE
MANRIQUEZ, JAYLEM
MARTIN, MARLI
MATA, MIRANDA
MATTES, HANNAH
MILLER, SKY
MOODY, SARAH
NHOY, CHRISTOPHER
O'DEL, STEVEN
PHILLIPS, JOE
RODRIGUEZ, CELESTE
RODRIGUEZ, MARISSA
SAGER, GREGORY
SAUCEDA, MARISELA
TEJEDA, AARON
WARREN, ALLISON
WILKES, COURTNEY
WOOD, HOLT

San Jacito Junior High
Seventh grade
AUSTIN, CHRISTOPHER
BARNDT, MELANIE
BEEBE, SAMUEL
CARRILLO, BRIANA
CARTER, MAKAYLEE
CONKLIN, MACKYNLIE
DUARTE, MAYA
FARQUHAR, FRANCES
FEDOROVA, EKATERINA
FOREMAN, GENTRY
GONZALES, MARINA
GONZALEZ, DAISY
HASKELL, ROBERT
HOLCOMB, GUNNAR
HOLMES, LOGAN
LAURITZEN, CAITLIN
LIAN SANG, EMANUEL
MATOTT, WYATT
McCALISTER, JASMINE
McCULLOUGH, COLLIN
MEE, JOHN
ME, RAYMOND
MUNIZ, ENRIQUE
POWELL, WILLIAM
RAUDALES, ASHLEY
SARAPAO, KHAIT
STEWART, ALLISON
SUN, WEI JIN
TINKER, NOAH
TUBBS, MATTHEW
VO, ANH
WADE, DYLAN
WARREN, ELLEN
WIGGINS, PEYTON
WRIGHT, MOLLIE

Eighth grade
ADAMS, NATALIE
BABCOCK, JESSIE
BRAZIEL,GRAYSON
CHUECOS RINCON, BERNARDO
DAUGHERT, KATHRYN
ELLIS, FOSTER
FRICKER, KEATON
GRIME, MIA
HANSE, ASHLYN
HARP, LAUREN
HARVEY, TORREY
HERNANDEZ, ALEXANDRIA
HORD, DAVIS
HORD, HUNT
LEYVA, MELISSA
MATOTT, ROBERT
MONTEZ, LARISSA
OSTERLUND, MIRIAM
PARKSON, ANNA
PARSONS, JACOB
REYES, MARISOL
SCOTT, ALLISON
SNEED, MORGAN
STATTON, WILLIAM
THACHER, ABIGAIL
THA, LAL
TYRE, MEGAN
VANZANDT, MACKENZI
VASQUEZ, CODY
WARREN, MEGAN
WOOD, GRANT

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DIM THE LIGHTS, RAISE THE CURTAIN

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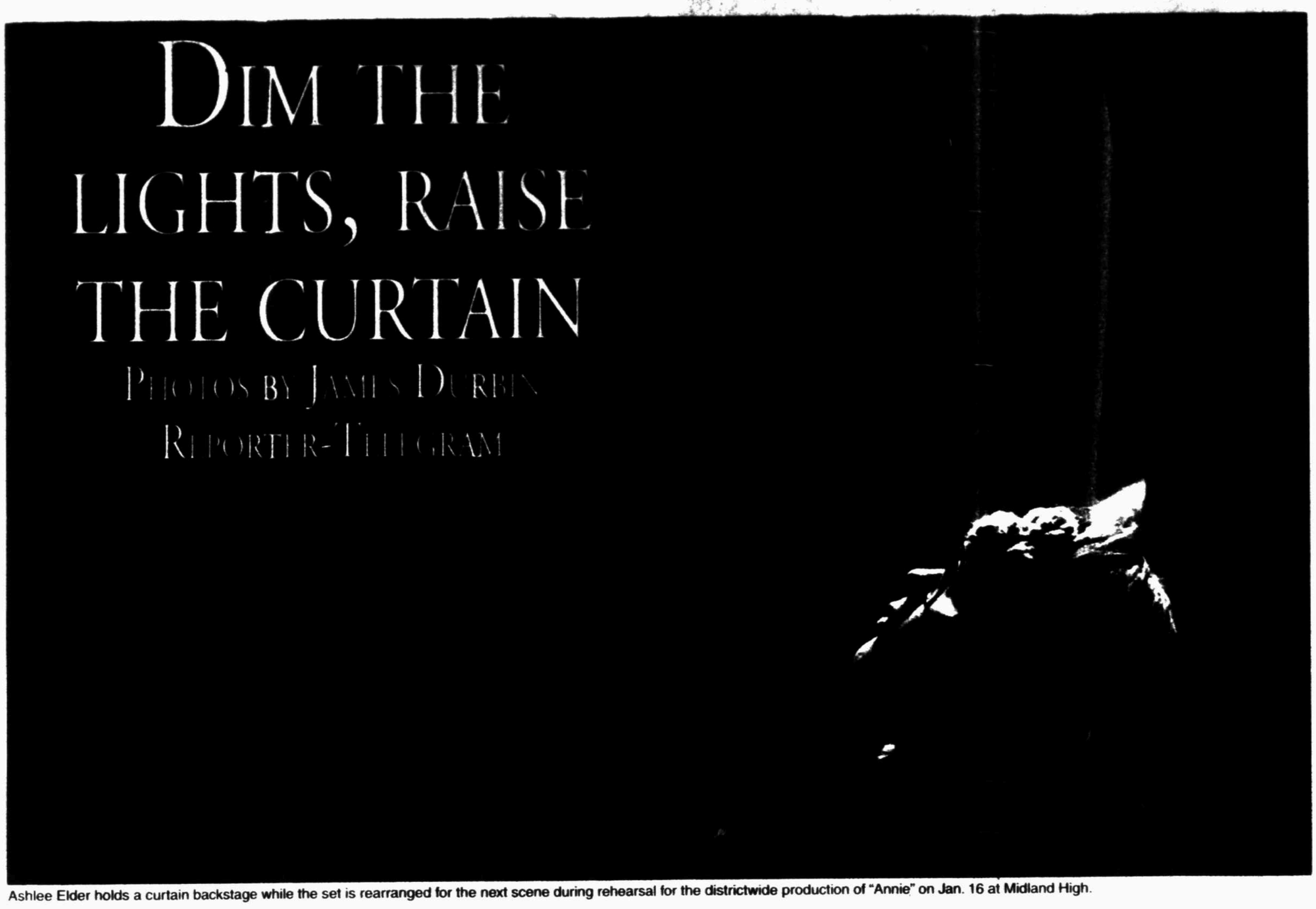
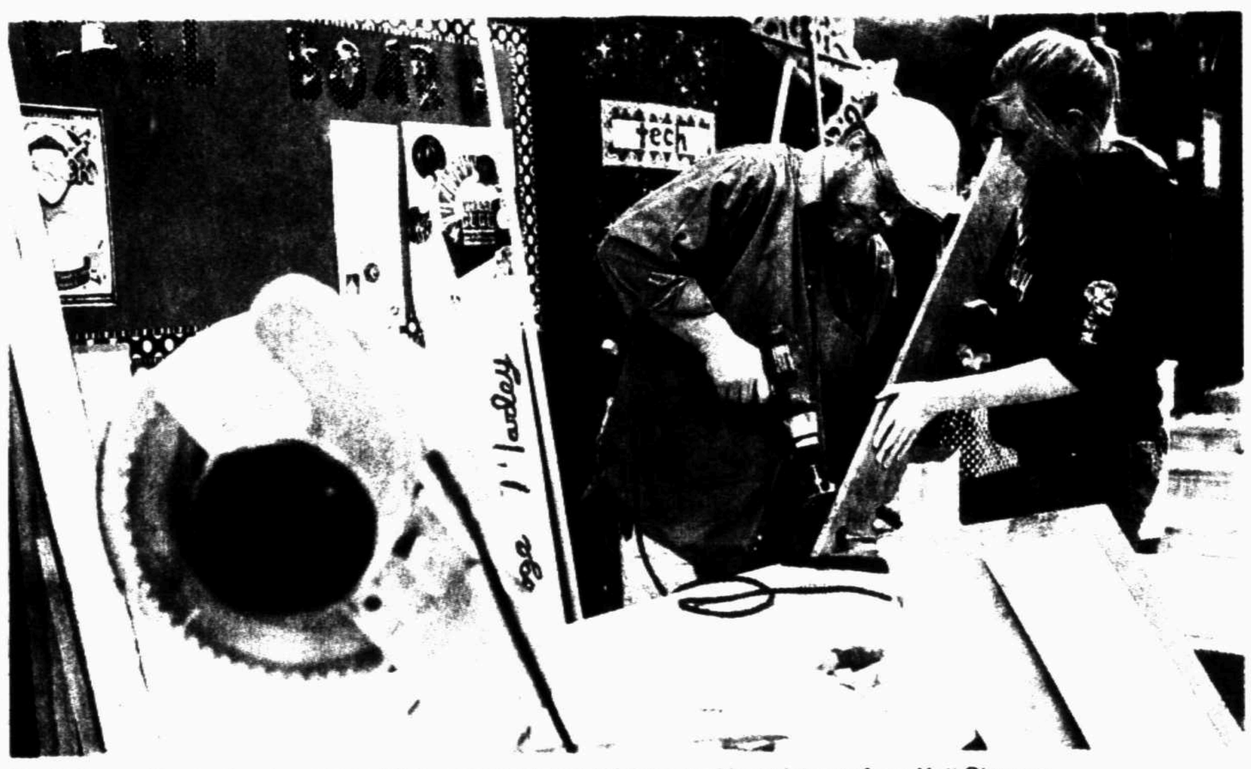
REPORTER-TELEGRAM



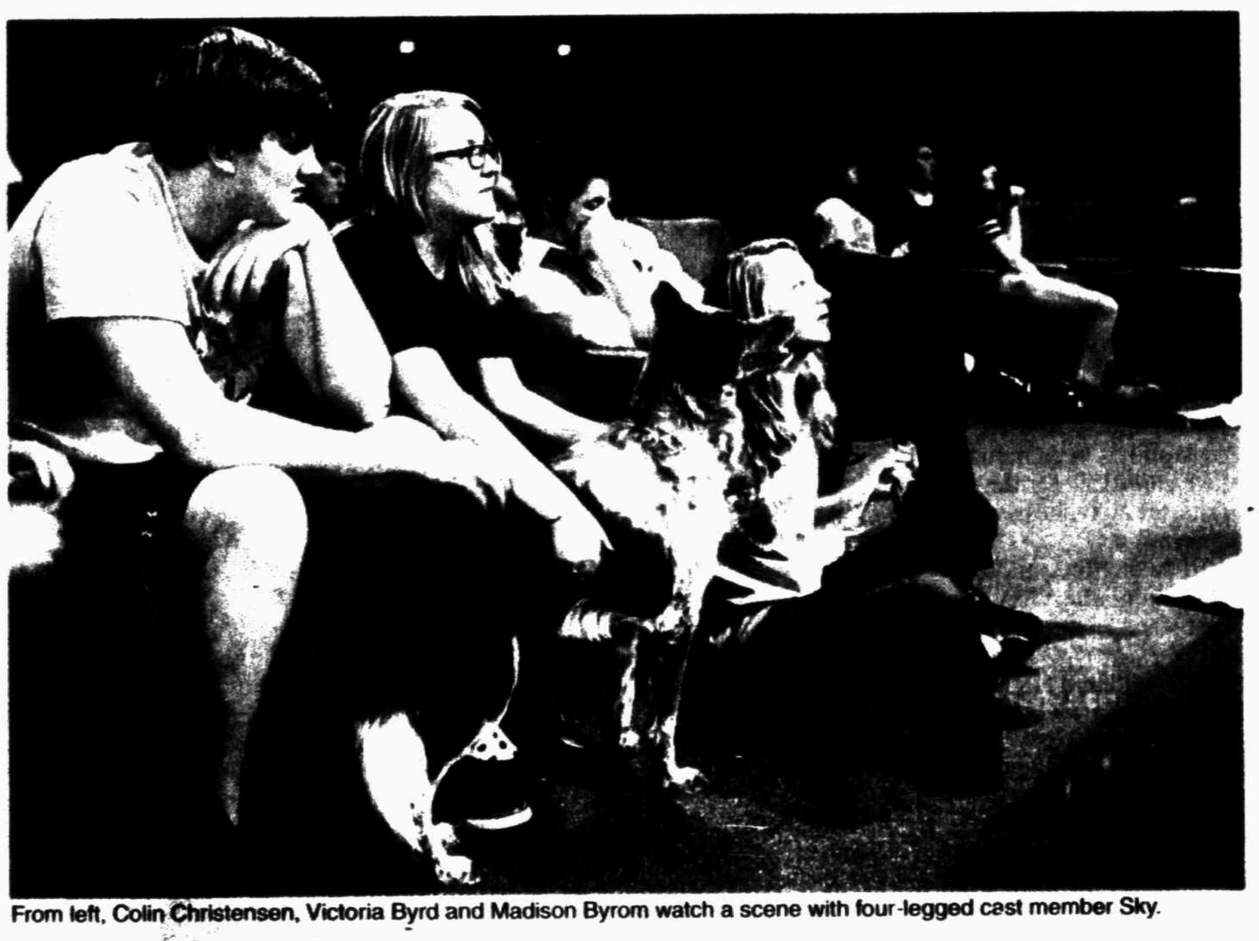
Ashlee Elder holds a curtain backstage while the set is rearranged for the next scene during rehearsal for the districtwide production of "Annie" on Jan. 16 at Midland High.

Tristen Radloff and MaKenzie McClure watch from backstage.



Scott Timms, theater teacher at Lee High, constructs part of the set with assistance from Katt Stowers.

Radloff narrates the opening scene.



From left, Colin Christensen, Victoria Byrd and Madison Byrom watch a scene with four-legged cast member Sky.

Krista Willis moves a prop backstage while stage techs prepare the set.

Travis Hernandez and Taylor Watson help lift and reposition part of the main set.

Phillip Pipkin screws a sheet of plywood onto the framework of the set.

Lady Chaps cruise past Clarendon

Monday's WJCAC Standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
[illegible]	5	1	18	3
[illegible]	5	1	16	3
[illegible]	5	1	17	6
[illegible]	5	2	15	5
[illegible]	2	4	13	8
[illegible]	2	4	9	1
Western Texas	1	6	8	15
Clarendon	0	6	10	12

Monday's Scores

Midland College 102, Clarendon College 77; South Plains 71, Frank Phillips 39; Odessa College 52, New Mexico JC 50; Howard College and Western Texas College are open

Thursday's Games

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

From staff reports

CLARENDON — The Midland College women's basketball team has moved into a three-way tie for first place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference after Monday's action.

Midland College rolled past Clarendon College 102-77 and is now tied with South Plains College and New Mexico Junior College, which fell 52-50 to Odessa College, at the top of the WJCAC.

Lady Chaparrals .102
Lady Bulldogs 77

That sets up Thursday's game at Chaparral Center as a big one for the Lady Chaparrals (17-5, 5-1) , who host New Mexico Junior College to break the three-way tie.

Brewer

Ade

As expected, it was a high-scoring game as Clarendon (10-12, 0-6) likes to shoot

Please see **LADY CHAPS/2C**

Men's WJCAC Standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico JC	7	0	18	2
Odessa College	6	2	16	5
Howard College	5	2	18	3
South Plains	4	3	15	5
Midland College	4	3	13	6
Frank Phillips	2	5	12	9
New Mexico Military	2	5	6	14
Clarendon	1	6	12	9
Western Texas	1	6	11	10

Monday's Scores

Midland College 76, Clarendon College 71; Howard College 89, NMMI 74; South Plains 82, Frank Phillips 78; New Mexico JC 61, Odessa College 57

Thursday's Games

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

Chaps top Clarendon for 3rd straight win

Chaparrals.....76
Bulldogs.....71

From staff reports

CLARENDON — The Midland College men's basketball team will gladly take a road win in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference any way it can get it.

On Monday, the Chaparrals hit their free throws down the stretch and then held on for a 76-71 victory over Clarendon College. It's the third straight win for the Chaparrals (13-5, 4-3), who remained in a tie for fourth place with South Plains College in the WJCAC standings.

Coleman

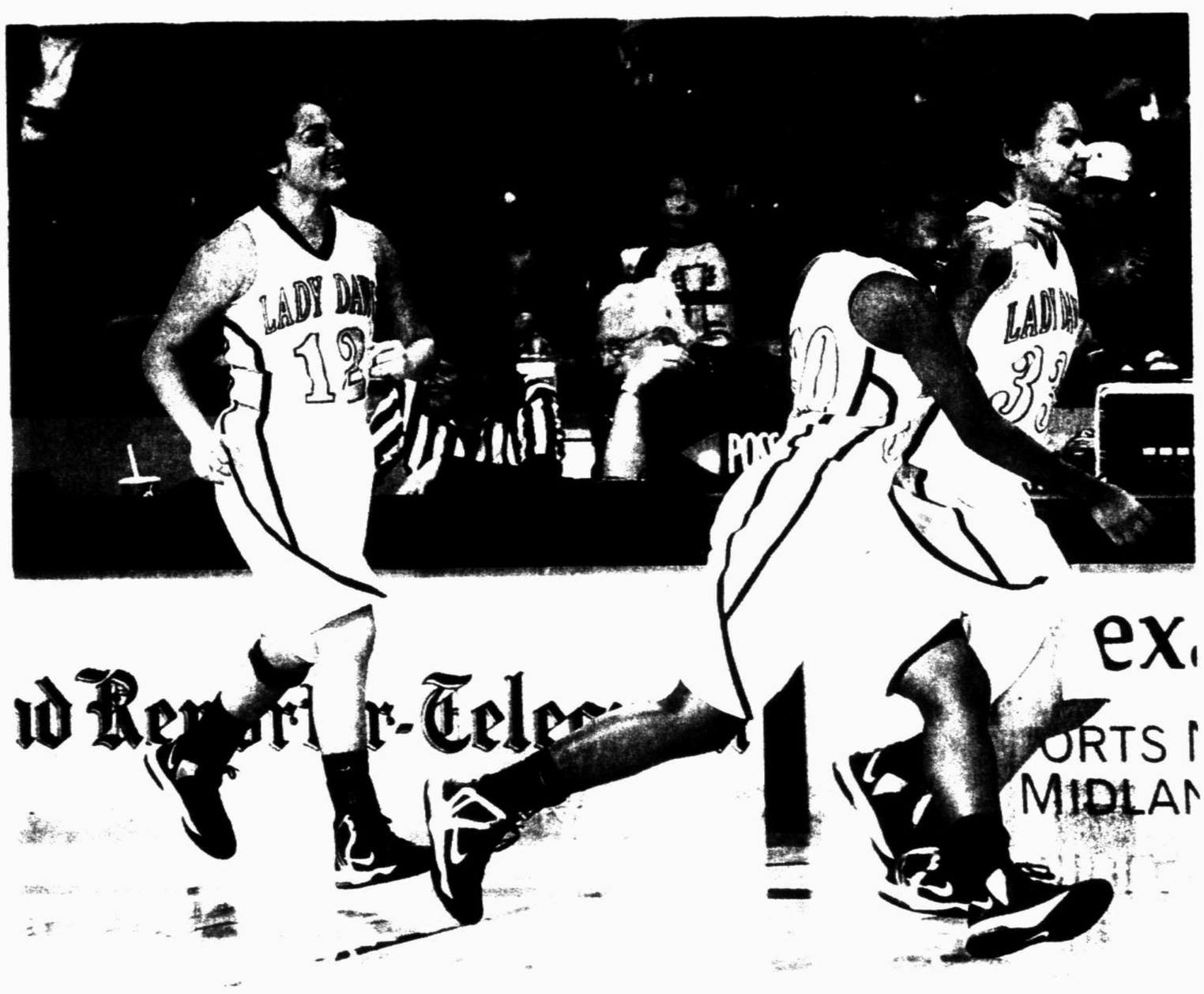
Hilliard

"It was a big-time win for us," MC coach Chris Craig said. "I was proud of the way we stuck together. This is a game of runs. We made some runs and they made some runs, but we made plays and hit our free throws down the stretch. By no means did we play great, but any road win in this conference is tough to get."

The teams were tied at 36 at the half before the Chaps got ahead by as many as 10 points in the second half, according to Craig, before Clarendon

Please see **CHAPS/2C**

PLAYING FOR POSITION



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Rebecca Gallegos (12), Desaré Allen (30) and Catarina Rendon (33) celebrate the Lady Dawgs' win during a Jan. 18 game against Lee at Chaparral Center. The Midland High and Lee girls teams are tied for second place in the District 2-5A standings with MHS holding the tiebreaker over Lee. Both MHS boys and girls teams are back at home today against Abilene Cooper. See capsules for today's District 2-5A games and other games on **Page 2C**.

International players influence Spurs' unselfish play

By Jeff McDonald
San Antonio Express-News

The mantra was drilled into Boris Diaw when he was still an impressionable kid, and in time, he came to know it as surely as he knew his ABCs or multiplication tables.

Penetrate. Find the open man. Make the extra pass. Repeat steps one through three.

At the French National Institute of Sport and Physical Education (INSEP) outside of Paris, where Diaw and Spurs teammate Tony Parker studied basketball as teenagers, one-on-one play and individual showmanship was strictly verboten.

"You played as a team," Diaw said, "or you didn't play at all."

Diaw was about 10 minutes into his NBA career when a U.S. coach first tried to rewire his internal hard drive.

In Atlanta, Phoenix and Charlotte, and occasionally still in San Antonio, they wanted Diaw to shoot first and ask questions later.

Forget culture shock. It was like asking a cat to do the samba.

"For me, team comes first," said Diaw, a slick-passing 6-foot-9 forward. "For a team to win, you have to win as a team. I don't see it as a debate."

At least Diaw has like-minded company with the Spurs, whose International House of Passing approach has spawned an offensive philosophy un-American in all the right ways.

Coach Gregg Popovich's 15-man roster has become a veritable hoops United Nations, boasting an NBA-record nine players born overseas, many of whom cut their basketball teeth at fundamentals-first foreign academies similar to France's INSEP.

It is perhaps no coincidence then that the Spurs lead the NBA in assists, with an average (25.2 per game) the club has not eclipsed in a season since the 1990-91 team handed out 26.1 per contest.

"It's easy to pass the ball and move the ball when you know somebody else is going to move it and pass to you when you're open," said All-Star forward Tim Duncan, a native of the U.S. Virgin Islands. "It's contagious in that respect."

Unselfishness, it seems, is not only a virtue. It is a smart way to play basketball.

Powered by the NBA's third-highest scoring offense (104.4 points per game), the Spurs own the top record in the league (36-11).

The Spurs have posted nine games with at least 30 assists, winning all of them. That includes a 38-assist masterpiece Dec. 8 against Charlotte, the Spurs' opponent Wednesday at the AT&T Center.

Five of the team's top six assist men hail from foreign shores, led by Parker, an All-Star point guard averaging 7.5 a game.

For the Spurs' corps of international players, sharing the ball is a matter of nurture over nature. It is just the way they were raised, be it in France or Australia, Argentina or Brazil.

"The way the game is played overseas, there's not a lot of room for one-on-one," said Manu Ginobili, an Argentine guard who also played professionally in Italy.

"Players don't have the natural ability of the guys here, so you have to find the extra pass to get an open shot. You've got to penetrate and kick because there is no other option."

Eric Gay/AP

San Antonio's Boris Diaw (33) shoots around Phoenix's Marcin Gortat, left, during the fourth quarter of Saturday's game in San Antonio.

At INSEP, Diaw and Parker spent mornings in the classroom, learning reading, writing and arithmetic like typical high school students. Afternoons were set aside for basketball work, with one caveat: no pick-up games.

Contrast that with the typical homegrown American prep star, whose chops are often honed through the game-intensive AAU traveling circuit that leaves little time for team practices.

"The style of play in Europe is more based on passing," Diaw said. "Here, it's more based on how good can you be and how good can you score. In high school and before high school, it's how good a one-on-one player can you be."

Popovich and his assistants got a chuckle watching the cultural difference play out on a recent game film.

"I won't mention the team, but a team we played recently, there was a foreign kid on there ..... he was open all the time," Popovich said. "He's wondering, 'How do I get the ball?' You'd see the look on his face five times during the game. ..... Well, an American kid is dribbling in place and holding the ball."

Ball stopping is a cardinal sin in Popovich's offense. Yet it is a pantomime Diaw has seen more times than he can count in his 10-plus seasons in the NBA.

"I feel like coaches here want to win so much, if you've got a player that's really good, you're going to let him play by himself and do whatever," Diaw said. "In France, even if you're really good, the coach won't allow that."

Please see **SPURS/2C**

Big 12 ADs discusss pros, cons of staying at 10 teams

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

IRVING — Big 12 athletic directors spent several hours Monday discussing the pros and cons of maintaining their 10-team configuration or eventually making additions to the conference — or maybe doing something in between.

League commissioner Bob Bowlsby repeated what he has said before "that our current composition is terrific for us" but the ADs went through plenty of "what-if" scenarios to be prepared for any eventuality in what has been an ongoing shift of conference affiliations. The Big 12 has lost four members to other leagues while adding West Virginia and TCU.

"I think we did gravitate around some principles that will guide us going forward and I think we created some filters that we all agreed on," Bowlsby said after the first day of their regular scheduled two-day meeting. "I think there was a fair amount of unanimity in the room."

Among the possibilities is an alliance with other conferences, including the ACC, and Bowlsby said there appears to be unanimous support for the idea.

"We talked about those kinds of things, and I think there are some ways that you can get some of the benefits and some of the value of larger configuration without actually adding members," Bowlsby said. "We spent a good portion of the late afternoon talking about how that all fit together and how it worked."

Bowlsby didn't get into specifics and wouldn't say what other conferences could be in the mix. Pac-12 and SEC officials have indicated they have had no such discussions with the Big 12.

Please see **BIG 12/4C**

HSBASKETBALLTODAY

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

ABILENE COOPER AT MIDLAND HIGH

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Chaparral Center

Records: Cooper 3-26, 1-12 in 2-5A; Midland High 21-9, 10-3

Last game: Lee 57, Cooper 29; Midland High 30, Odessa High 25

Last meeting: Midland High 53, Cooper 20 on Dec. 21

Notes: All four playoff spots have been clinched in District 2-5A and Midland High is in a battle with Lee and Abilene High as they try to sort out second, third and fourth seeds. Lubbock Coronado has already claimed the district title. Midland High has the tiebreaker on Lee after sweeping the Lady Rebels for the season series, while Abilene High js a game back of both the Lady Dawgs and Lady Rebels in the standings. Midland High defeated Abilene High earlier this season and faces the Lady Eagles again Friday. ... Abilene Cooper has won just one district game all season. That lone victory came against Odessa High, which is winless in 2-5A, but managed to give the Lady Dawgs a scare Friday. ... In the first meeting on Dec. 21, Midland High raced out to a 13-1 first-period advantage and never looked back. Freshman Alexandrea Washington led the Lady Dawgs with 12 points, while junior Desare' Allen added 10. Cooper didn't score more than eight points in any single period. ... Tonight's game has been dubbed junior high night as the girls playing in the San Jacinto and Goddard Junior High programs will be introduced at halftime.

Next: Abilene Cooper at Amarillo Tascosa, 4 p.m. Friday; Abilene High at Midland High, 6 p.m. Friday, Chaparral Center

LEE AT ABILENE HIGH

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Abilene High gymnasium

Records: Lee 14-11, 10-3 in 2-5A; Abilene high 19-9, 9-4

Last game: Lee 57, Abilene Cooper 29; Abilene High 56, San Angelo Central 34

Last meeting: Lee 56, Abilene High 53 on Dec. 21

District 2-5A Standings

Girls

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
x-p-Lubbock Coronado	14	0	30	1
x-Midland High	10	3	21	9
x-Lee	10	3	19	11
x-Abilene High	9	4	19	9
San Angelo Central	6	8	9	17
Odessa Permian	5	8	14	14
Amarillo Tascosa	5	8	9	18
Abilene Cooper	1	12	3	26
Odessa High	0	13	3	26

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched district title

Friday's Scores

Lee 57, Abilene Cooper 29; Midland High 30, Odessa High 25; Lubbock Coronado 59, Odessa Permian 26; Abilene High 56, San Angelo Central 34, Amarillo Tascosa was idle

Today's Games

Lee at Abilene High; Abilene Cooper at Midland High; San Angelo Central at Odessa Permian; Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa High. Lubbock Coronado is idle. All games at 6 p.m.

Boys

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
x-Odessa Permian	10	1	19	6
x-Lubbock Coronado	10	2	22	6
San Angelo Central	8	4	17	9
Abilene High	6	5	16	8
Amarillo Tascosa	6	5	14	11
Odessa High	4	8	12	15
Abilene Cooper	4	8	10	17
Lee	3	9	12	16
Midland High	1	10	6	23

x-clinched playoff spot

Friday's Scores

Lee 48, Abilene Cooper 38; Odessa High 80, Midland High 75, 2OT; Abilene High 58, San Angelo Central 45, Odessa Permian 52. Lubbock Coronado 51. Amarillo Tascosa was idle

Today's Games

Abilene Cooper at Midland High; Lee at Abilene High. Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa High; San Angelo Central at Odessa Permian. All games at 7:30 p.m. Lubbock Coronado is idle

Notes: This matchup is vital for both teams as they try to sort out seeding in District 2-5A. With Lubbock Coronado having already clinched the district title, the Lady Rebels and Lady Eagles are battling with Midland High to decide the second, third and fourth seeds. ... Abilene High is a game back of Lee and Midland High in the standings, and can pull even with Lee with a win tonight. Lee will likely need to beat the Lady Eagles to keep even with Midland High for second place as the Lady Dawgs take on struggling Abilene Cooper. MHS holds the tiebreaker on Lee after sweeping the Lady Rebels this season. ... Lee was on the verge of blowing out Abilene High during their first meeting on Dec. 21, holding a 43-28 advantage heading into the fourth period. Abilene High rallied, though and tied the gave at 53-53 in the final minute. Lee sophomore guard Daija Stanford hit a layup late in the game for Lee to help preserve the 56-53 victory. Stanford finished with a team-high 18 points while Shay Ray had 12 points and Jackie Rivas and Cindy Benavides each scored 10.

Next: Lee at Odessa Permian, 6 p.m. Friday; Abilene High at Midland High, 6 p.m. Friday, Chaparral Center

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL AT ODESSA PERMIAN

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Permian Fieldhouse

Records: Central 9-17, 6-8 in 2-5A; Permian 14-14, 5-8

Last game: Abilene High 56, Central 34; Lubbock Coronado 89, Permian 24

Last meeting: Central 52, Permian 51 on Dec. 21

Next: Lubbock Coronado at San Angelo Central, 6 p.m. Friday; Lee at Odessa Permian, 6 p.m. Friday

AMARILLO TASCOSA AT ODESSA HIGH

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Odessa High Fieldhouse

District 4-3A Standings

Girls

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
x-Abilene Wylie	7	0	21	7
x-Greenwood	6	1	14	14
Big Spring	4	3	16	13
Sweetwater	3	4	17	13
Snyder	1	6	12	16
Monahans	0	7	5	19

x-clinched playoff spot

Friday's Scores

Greenwood 45, Sweetwater 27; Big Spring 57, Snyder 45; Abilene Wylie 56, Monahans 30

Today's Games

Greenwood at Snyder; Abilene Wylie at Big Spring; Sweetwater at Monahans. All games at 6:15 p.m.

Boys

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Abilene Wylie	5	0	24	4
Greenwood	4	1	14	12
Monahans	3	2	20	5
Big Spring	2	3	8	18
Sweetwater	1	4	12	11
Snyder	0	5	4	19

Friday's Scores

Greenwood 75, Sweetwater 42; Abilene Wylie 61, Monahans 31; Big Spring 67, Snyder 43

Today's Games

Greenwood at Snyder, 7:30 p.m. Abilene Wylie at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.; Sweetwater at Monahans, 8 p.m. at 7:30 p.m.

Records: Tascosa 9-19, 5-8 in 2-5A; Odessa High 3-26, 0-13

Last game: Tascosa 41, Midland High 37; Midland High 30, Odessa High 25

Last meeting: Tascosa 57, Odessa High 36 on Dec. 21

Next: Abilene Cooper at Amarillo Tascosa, 4 p.m. Friday; Odessa High at Abilene Cooper, 6 p.m. Feb. 5

DISTRICT 4-3A GREENWOOD AT SNYDER

When/where: 6:15 p.m. today, Snyder High School gymnasium

Records: Greenwood 14-14, 6-1 in 4-3A; Snyder 12-16, 1-6

Last game: Greenwood 45, Sweetwater 27; Big Spring 57, Snyder 45

Last meeting: Greenwood 57, Snyder 51 at Jan. 11

Notes: Greenwood clinched a playoff spot with Friday's 45-27 win against Sweetwater. The Rangerettes remain a game back of Abilene Wylie in the district standings, but can tie the Lady Bulldogs for first place when the two teams meet Friday in Abilene. ... In the first meeting with Snyder on Jan. 11, the Rangerettes got a stellar performance from Morgan McKee, who hit six 3-pointers to go with a game-high 24 points. Amanda Bell added 11 points and Courtney Waters had 10. ... Snyder had just one win in district play this season, and it came against Monahans, which is winless in 4-3A.

Next: Greenwood at Abilene Wylie, 6:15 p.m. Friday; Monahans at Snyder, 6:15 p.m. Friday

Boys

DISTRICT 2-5A ABILENE COOPER AT MIDLAND HIGH

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Chaparral Center

Records: Cooper 10-17, 4-8 in District 2-5A; MHS 6-23, 1-10

Last game: Lee 48, Cooper 36; Odessa High 80, MHS 75, 2OT

Last meeting: Cooper 65, MHS 55 on Dec. 21

Notes: Midland High returns home after dropping two consecutive road games for its ninth and 10th straight district losses. The Bulldogs' last loss was its closest in league play as Odessa High prevailed at home in two overtimes. ... Midland High will play two games at home this week before hitting the road for games against Odessa Permian and Lubbock Coronado, the top two teams in 2-5A, next week. After Friday, the Bulldogs' only remaining home game is the regular season finale against San Angelo Central. ... Cooper enters this game after seeing a fourth-quarter lead turn into a 12-point loss against Lee. The Cougars return to Chap Center today having lost five straight.

Next: Cooper at Amarillo Tascosa, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Abilene High at MHS, 7:30 p.m. Friday

LEE AT ABILENE HIGH

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, AHS Gym

Records: Lee 12-16, 3-9 in District 2-5A; AHS 16-8, 6-5

Last game: Lee 48, Abilene Cooper 36; AHS 58, San Angelo Central 45

Last meeting: Lee 53, AHS 48 on Dec. 21

Notes: Lee is looking to win consecutive games for the first time in district play after rallying to defeat Abilene Cooper at home Friday. The Rebels now hit the road to face the only team they defeated in the first half of district play in Abilene High. ... Lee still has an outside shot at reaching the playoffs but will need to win out and have collapses from Abilene High and Amarillo Tascosa for it to happen. ... Abilene High enters this game with a bit of momentum after pummeling third-place San Angelo Central by 13 in its last game. ... The Eagles are tied with Amarillo Tascosa for the fourth and final playoff spot in 2-5A. Abilene High will face Tascosa in Amarillo a week from today.

Next: Lee at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m. Friday; AHS at Midland High, 7:30 p.m. Friday

AMARILLO TASCOSA AT ODESSA HIGH

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, OHS Fieldhouse

Records: Tascosa 14-11, 6-5 in District 2-5A; OHS 12-15, 4-8

Last game: Tascosa 78, Midland High 59; OHS 80, Midland High 75, 2OT

Last meeting: Tascosa 61, OHS 56 on Dec. 21

Next: Abilene Cooper at Tascosa, 7:30 p.m. Friday; OHS at Abilene Cooper, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 5

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL AT ODESSA PERMIAN

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Permian Fieldhouse

Records: Central 17-9, 8-4 in District 2-5A; Permian 19-6, 10-1

Last game: Abilene High 58, Central 45; Permian 52, Lubbock Coronado 51

Last meeting: Permian 59, Central 31 on Dec. 21

Next: Lubbock Coronado at Central, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Lee at Permian, 7:30 p.m. Friday

DISTRICT 4-3A GREENWOOD AT SNYDER

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Snyder Gym

Records: Greenwood 14-12, 4-1 in District 4-3A; Snyder 4-19, 0-5

Last game: Greenwood 75, Sweetwater 42; Big Spring 67, Snyder 43

Last meeting: Greenwood 67, Snyder 31 on Jan. 11

Notes: Greenwood now sits firmly in second place in 4-3A and has positioned itself for a shot at a district title Friday against Abilene Wylie with a win today. The Rangers sit one game ahead of third-place Monahans and two games ahead of fourth-place Big Spring, which is currently on the outside looking in on the playoff picture. ... Greenwood picked up its most dominant win of the district season in its first meeting with Snyder as the Rangers won the 4-3A opener by 36. ... Snyder remains winless in league play and has lost its district games by an average margin of 30.8 points per game.

Next: Greenwood at Abilene Wylie, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Snyder at Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m. Friday

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Cowboys say one DWI incident is 'too many'

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

The Dallas Cowboys on Monday finally broke their silence on the subject of Jay Ratliff's drunk-driving arrest, which came less than two months after another DWI wreck cost practice squad player Jerry Brown his life.

Ratliff, a veteran nose tackle, was arrested Jan. 22 in Grapevine after his 2011

Ford pickup truck clipped a semitrailer truck. Six days later, the club released a statement authored by Calvin Hill, a former player from the Tom Landry era who is now a consultant for the team's player development program.

"Having recently experienced the most tragic of circumstances regarding this issue, we, as an organization, understand the ultimate consequences of driving while impaired," the statement read. "We know that one incident is too many."

Ratliff

Brown died Dec. 8 in a one-car accident that resulted in Cowboys backup nose tackle Josh Brent being charged with intoxication manslaughter. That fiery wreck occurred on the same road where police arrested Ratliff: State Highway 114.

Ratliff's blood alcohol level was twice the legal limit the night of his arrest, Grapevine police said Monday.

Police said Ratliff failed a field sobriety test. He allegedly refused a breath test, but police obtained a warrant for a blood sample, which they say produced a blood-alcohol level of 0.16.

Brent's blood-alcohol level at the time of his arrest was 0.18, police said.

Hill's statement indicated the Cowboys would continue to use education as the primary means to prevent DWI arrests among their player.

"The critical goal is to effect the decision-making process in the hours before the wrong decision is made," the statement read.

"Our player assistant programs in the areas of preventing incidents such as these are at the highest level in professional sports, but we are always looking to do better and for ways to improve. We will continue to draw upon the best expertise and resources available, both internally and from outside the organization, to work toward being the best in the areas of education, prevention, and effecting the right decisions."

The Cowboys have talked to Ratliff since the arrest and are monitoring his case, according to the statement.

MONDAY'SNBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ROCKETS 125 JAZZ 80

SALT LAKE CITY — James Harden scored 25 points and Houston handed Utah its worst home loss in franchise history.

The Jazz had won six straight at home but simply couldn't keep pace in transition. They were outscored 26-2 on the break and shot just 39.5 percent. Their previous worst defeat at home was by 33 points to Milwaukee on Nov. 18, 1980.

Carlos Delfino and Marcus Morris each hit four 3-pointers for Houston, which made 16 of 34 from beyond the arc. Omer Asik had 19 rebounds as the Rockets (25-22) won their third straight.

Houston led by 21 points in the second, by 35 in the third and kept pouring it on fourth.

Randy Foye led Utah with 12 points.

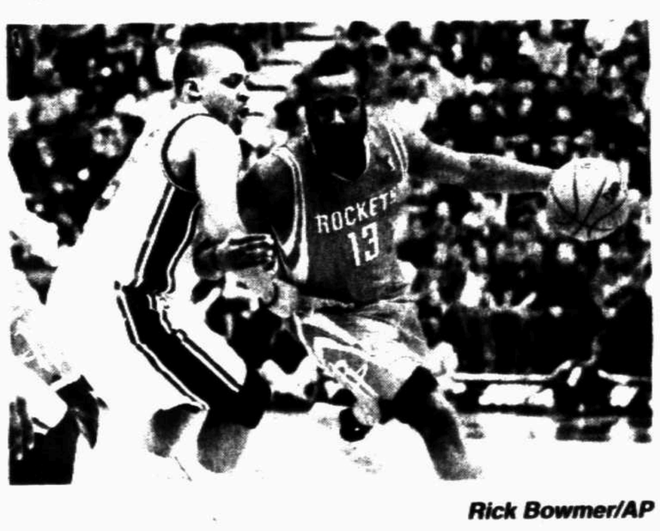
NUGGETS 102 PACERS 101

DENVER — Andre Iguodala made a free throw with 0.4 seconds remaining after forcing a turnover to deny a last-second shot by Indiana, and the Denver Nuggets beat the Pacers 102-101 Monday night.

Iguodala finished with 13 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists, and had the defensive play of the game when he stole the ball from Paul George as the Pacers' guard maneuvered for a last-second shot.

GRIZZLIES 103 76ERS 100

PHILADELPHIA — Marc Gasol scored a season-high 27 points and Rudy Gay had 26 to help Memphis rally from 17 points down to beat Philadelphia.



Rick Bowmer/AP

Houston's James Harden (13) drives around Utah's Randy Foye (8) during the second quarter of Monday's game in Salt Lake City.

Jerryd Bayless scored a season-high 21 points to help the Grizzlies win without point guard Mike Conley, out with a sprained left ankle.

The Grizzlies rallied from their double-digit deficit to take control late in the fourth. Bayless missed a jumper, Gay grabbed the rebound and made it 101-100 on a bucket with 13.3 seconds left. Philadelphia's Thaddeus Young missed a short attempt in front of the basket and the Grizzlies grabbed the rebound.

KINGS 96 WIZARDS 94

WASHINGTON — Isaiah Thomas made a floater with a second to play, capping a seesaw finish as Sacramento broke a four-game losing streak.

Thomas dribbled down the clock after the Wizards tied the game on Martell Webster's short jumper with 7.9 seconds to play, then drove down the middle and put the ball in with a soft touch from 9 feet.

BULLS 93 BOBCATS 85

CHICAGO — Jimmy Butler scored a career-high 19 points and Nate Robinson added 15 as Chicago won for the seventh time in nine games.

Luol Deng returned to the Bulls' lineup after missing five games with a hamstring injury, and scored 12 points in 31 minutes. Chicago won three of five without Deng as his absence was eased by the strong play of Butler, who returned to a reserve role.

WARRIORS 114 RAPTORS 102

TORONTO — David Lee had 21 points and 12 rebounds, Stephen Curry scored 17 points before leaving with an injury, and Golden State beat an Eastern Conference opponent for the first time in four games this month.

Klay Thompson scored 19 points, Carl Landry had six of his 12 points in the fourth quarter and Andrew Bogut returned from an injury to also score 12 for the Warriors. Harrison Barnes and Jarrett Jack each scored 14 for Golden State, which wraps up a four-game road trip at Cleveland on Tuesday.

NETS 97 MAGIC 77

NEW YORK — Deron Williams had 20 points and nine assists to help Brooklyn sweep the four-game season against Orlando and win its eighth straight at home.

The Nets rebounded from their first two-game losing streak under P.J. Carlesimo.

Brook Lopez scored 16 points and Joe Johnson had 13 for the Nets, who tied a franchise record with their 11th victory in January and can break it when they host the NBA champion Miami Heat on Wednesday.

LADY CHAPS

From 1C

a lot of 3-pointers but the Lady Bulldogs also give up a lot of points. Clarendon hit 12 3-pointers but gave up 10 3s by MC, including five by Meghan Braeuer, who had a game-high 24 points.

Five Lady Chaps were in double figures. In addition to Braeuer, Achiri Ade had 16, Chanelle DiCroce and Sabrina Ochoa each had 13 points and Darnetta Jackson added 11.

"I was really happy with the energy we spent in the game," said MC coach Ron Jones whose team led 51-31 at the half. "Clarendon is really hard to guard and they shoot a three anytime you give them any space. And sure enough, they began the second half by draining a few threes. But we did what we needed to do and I'm happy with that."

MIDLAND COLLEGE 102, CLARENDON COLLEGE 77

Midland College (17-5, 5-1) — Gabriela Martins 0-0 0-0. Meghan Braeuer 7 5-6 24. Darnetta Jackson 5 0-0 11. Danechka Canales 2 0-0 4. Chanelle DiCroce 5 3-4 13 Achin Ade 8 0-1 16. Catherine Kruschke 2 3-8 7. Femke Vaandrager 2 -0-0 4. Diamalises Rivera 5 0-1 10. Sabrina Ochoa 4 1-2 13. Totals 40 12-22 102.

Clarendon College (10-12, 0-6) — Vanessa Mata 1 0-0 3. Alex Skice 5 0-0 12. Jessica Williams 5 1-1 13. Jae Carrasco 1 3-4 5. Brandi Leal 3 0-1 7. Lauren Brightwell 2 0-1 5. T-Keeyah Hall 1 0-0 2. Cory Minjarez 5 5-7 19. Clarissa Elizondo 1 0-0 2. Anissa Reyna 2 0-0 5. Baily Gardner. Elizabet Angong 2 0-0 4. Totals 28 9-14 77.

Halftime — MC 51. CC 31. 3-point goals — MC 10 (Braeuer 5. Ochoa 4. Jackson). CC 12 (Minjarez 4. Williams 2. Skice 2. Leal. Mata. Brightwell. Reyna). Total fouls — MC 16. CC 19. Fouled out — Minjarez.

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

CHAPS

From 1C

(12-9, 1-6) made a run to get close again.

"They pressured us for most of the game, and we didn't do a good job against their press for most of the night, but then we did good against it in the big moments," Craig said.

Justin Coleman and Corey Hilliard each had 14 points, Tiegbe Bamba had 13, and Gary Akbar and Colan Weasby each chipped in with 11 for MC.

The Chaps return home to Chaparral Center on Thursday to host No. 10 New Mexico Junior College. The first-place Thunderbirds held on to beat Odessa College 61-57 late Monday in Hobbs, N.M., to remain unbeaten in WJCAC play.

SPURS

From 1C

Diaw's altruism feels at home in San Antonio, a basketball Babel where passing the ball is the lingua franca.

Popovich's offensive dictum of "good to great" — translated: "if somebody is more open, the ball's got to go there" — is simply an Anglicized version of the philosophy poured into Diaw in French many years ago.

Move the ball. Find the open man. Make the extra pass. Team first.

"It's the only way I know how to play," Diaw said.

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Tennis

WTA TOUR
Open Gaz de France SUEZ Results
Monday
At Stade Pierre de Coubertin
Paris
Purse: $600,000 (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
First Round
Klara Zakopalova (8), Czech Republic, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, 2-6, 7-6, 6-4.
Maria Berlinkina, Germany, def. Urszula Radwanska, Poland, 7-6 (1), 6-0.
Christina McHale, United States, def. Pauline Parmentier, France, 6-4, 6-1.
Doubles
First Round
Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (1), Italy, def. Alize Cornet and Kristina Mladenovic, France, 6-1, 6-2.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, and Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, def. Danija Jurak, Croatia, and Katalina Marosi, Hungary, 6-4, 4-6, 10-5.
Liga Dekmeijere, Latvia, and Stephanie Foretz Gacon, France, def. Natalie Grandin, South Africa, and Vladimira Uhlirova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 7-6 (2).

WTA PTT Pattaya Women's Open
Monday
At Dusit Resort
Pattaya, Thailand
Purse: $235,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Varatchaya Wongteanchai, Thailand, def. Annika Beck, Germany, 6-3, 6-3.
Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, def. Hsieh Su-wei (3), Taiwan, 6-2, 6-2.
Alexandra Panova, Russia, def. Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, 7-6 (6), 3-2, retired.
Mathilde Johansson, France, def. Chang Kai-chen, Taiwan, 6-4, 6-3.
Doubles
First Round
Nina Bratchikova, Russia, and Andreja Klepac, Slovenia, def. Han Xinyun, China, and Mai Miyamura, Japan, 6-4, 3-6, 10-5.
Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, and Casey Dellacqua, Australia, def. Sorana Cirstea, Romania, and Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, 4-6, 6-2, 12-10.
Timea Babos, Hungary, and Eleni Daniilidou, Greece, def. Tatiana Malek, Germany, and Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, 6-4, 7-5.
Varatchaya and Varunya Wongteanchai, Thailand, def. Chan Hao-ching and Yung-jan (3), Taiwan, 6-4, 3-6, 10-7.

WTA Money Leaders
Through Jan. 27

1 Victoria Azarenka	$2,477,651
2 Li Na	$1,365,879
3 Sloane Stephens	$537,826
4 Maria Sharapova	$502,457
5 Serena Williams	$444,363
6 Agnieszka Radwanska	$408,229
7 Roberta Vinci	$352,146
8 Ekaterina Makarova	$321,711
9 Sara Errani	$314,628
10 Svetlana Kuznetsova	$280,927
11 Elena Vesnina	$234,778
12 Angelique Kerber	$183,388
13 Casey Dellacqua	$154,217
14 Ashleigh Barty	$152,417
15 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova	$148,696
16 Kirsten Flipkens	$148,270
17 Julia Goerges	$148,187
18 Maria Kirilenko	$147,465
19 Bojana Jovanovski	$147,215
20 Caroline Wozniacki	$142,253
21 Dominika Cibulkova	$128,650
22 Jarmila Gajdosova	$126,108
23 Ana Ivanovic	$125,614
24 Varvara Lepchenko	$117,889
25 Lesia Tsurenko	$117,836
26 Zheng Jie	$114,111
27 Klara Zakopalova	$112,270
28 Carla Suarez Navarro	$111,295
29 Yanina Wickmayer	$106,797
30 Lucie Hradecka	$105,769
31 Venus Williams	$101,436
32 Kimiko Date-Krumm	$100,495
33 Jelena Jankovic	$97,521
34 Peng Shuai	$95,706
35 Lucie Safarova	$93,635
36 Ayumi Morita	$91,772
37 Madison Keys	$89,699
38 Laura Robson	$84,232
39 Sorana Cirstea	$82,530
40 Jamie Hampton	$81,774
41 Heather Watson	$81,580
42 Monica Niculescu	$81,395
43 Ksenia Pervak	$80,465
44 Marion Bartoli	$80,052
45 Hsieh Su-wei	$78,074
46 Daniela Hantuchova	$77,075
47 Nadia Petrova	$75,961
48 Valeria Savinykh	$71,849
49 Sam Stosur	$69,967
50 Alize Cornet	$67,647

ATP World Tour Money Leaders
Through Jan. 27

1 Novak Djokovic	$2,559,519
2 Andy Murray	$1,358,559
3 David Ferrer	$656,430
4 Roger Federer	$526,650
5 Richard Gasquet	$312,262
6 Jeremy Chardy	$302,352
7 Tomas Berdych	$274,625
8 Nicolas Almagro	$263,325
9 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	$263,325
10 Bob Bryan	$262,133
10 Mike Bryan	$262,133
12 Janko Tipsarevic	$201,162
13 Kevin Anderson	$190,844
14 Igor Sijsling	$166,600
15 Robin Haase	$166,260
16 Andreas Seppi	$165,576
17 Philipp Kohlschreiber	$162,209
18 Kei Nishikori	$157,572
19 Bernard Tomic	$153,584
20 Stanislas Wawrinka	$153,522
21 Gilles Simon	$145,617
22 Nikolay Davydenko	$143,055
23 Milos Raonic	$141,162
24 Marcel Granollers	$126,684
25 Gael Monfils	$126,464
26 Julien Benneteau	$121,346
27 Simone Bolelli	$120,970
28 Marcos Baghdatis	$118,336
29 Fernando Verdasco	$117,343
30 Fabio Fognini	$114,125
31 Jurgen Melzer	$102,502
32 Daniel Brands	$99,455
33 Lukas Lacko	$99,348
34 Sam Querrey	$97,104
35 Roberto Bautista-Agut	$96,638
36 Grigor Dimitrov	$96,133
37 Benoit Paire	$95,505
38 Ivan Dodig	$94,377
39 Jerzy Janowicz	$90,435
40 Radek Stepanek	$90,867
41 Mikhail Youzhny	$87,582
42 Marin Cilic	$86,084
43 Go Soeda	$82,144
44 Jarkko Nieminen	$81,984
45 Denis Istomin	$81,273
46 Blaz Kavcic	$81,169
47 Evgeny Donskoy	$80,084
48 Benjamin Becker	$77,846
49 Ricardas Berankis	$75,129
50 Feliciano Lopez	$75,088

Soccer

2013 U.S. Soccer Schedule
Tuesday, Jan. 29 — vs. Canada at Houston, 6:11 p.m.
q-Wednesday, Feb. 6 — vs. Honduras at San Pedro Sula, Honduras, 3 p.m.
q-Friday, March 22 — vs. Costa Rica at Commerce City, Colo., 9:11 p.m.
q-Tuesday, March 26 — at Mexico
Wednesday, May 29 — vs. Germany (tentative)
q-Friday, June 7 — at Jamaica
q-Tuesday, June 11 — vs. Panama
q-Tuesday, June 18 — vs. Honduras
July 7-28 — CONCACAF Gold Cup
Wednesday, Aug. 14 — possible exhibition
q-Friday, Sept. 6 — at Costa Rica
q-Tuesday, Sept. 10 — vs. Mexico
q-Friday, Oct. 11 — vs. Jamaica
q-Tuesday, Oct. 15 — at Panama
Friday, Nov. 15 — World Cup playoff or exhibition
Tuesday, Nov. 19 — World Cup playoff or exhibition
q-World Cup qualifier

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

Monday's Scores
SOUTHWEST
Prairie View A&M, Alabama A&M 46
Texas Southern 87, Alabama St. 65
SOUTH
Bethune-Cookman 58, Mid.-Eastern Shore 57
Delaware St. 57, Florida A&M 48
Jackson St. 82, Ark.-Pine Bluff 67
Jones (Miss.)CC 63, LeMoyne-Owen 58
Louisville 64, Pittsburgh 61
MVSU 66, Grambling St. 50
NC A&T 63, Coppin St. 62
NC Central 69, Morgan St. 61
SC-Upstate 88, ETSU 71
MIDWEST
Marquette 63, South Florida 50
EAST
Delaware 66, Drexel 64
Kansas 61, West Virginia 56
FAR WEST
E. Washington 76, Portland St. 65
Utah Valley 84, Peru St. 49

Top 25 Fared
Monday
1. Michigan (19-1) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Wednesday.
2. Kansas (19-1) beat West Virginia 61-56. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday.
3. Indiana (18-2) did not play. Next: at Purdue, Wednesday.
4. Florida (16-2) did not play. Next: vs South Carolina, Wednesday.
5. Duke (17-2) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Wednesday.
6. Syracuse (18-2) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Saturday.
7. Gonzaga (19-2) did not play. Next: at Loyola Marymount, Thursday.
8. Arizona (17-2) did not play. Next: at Washington, Thursday.
9. Butler (17-3) did not play. Next: at St Louis, Thursday.
10. Oregon (18-2) did not play. Next: at Stanford, Wednesday.
11. Ohio State (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Tuesday.
12. Louisville (17-4) beat Pittsburgh 64-61. Next: vs. No. 25 Marquette, Sunday.
13. Michigan State (17-4) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Thursday.
14. Miami (15-3) did not play. Next: at Virginia Tech, Wednesday.
15. Wichita State (19-2) did not play. Next: vs Indiana State, Tuesday.
16. Mississippi (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. Kentucky, Tuesday.
17. Missouri (15-4) did not play. Next: at LSU, Wednesday.
18. Kansas State (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Texas, Wednesday.
19. NC State (16-4) did not play. Next: at Virginia, Tuesday.
20. New Mexico (17-3) did not play. Next: at Wyoming, Wednesday.
21. Creighton (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri State, Wednesday.
22. Texas (15-6) beat Iowa State (16-4) did not play. Next: at Air Force, Saturday.
23. Minnesota (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Tuesday.
24. Cincinnati (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. Rutgers, Wednesday.
25. Marquette (15-4) beat South Florida 63-50. Next: at No. 12 Louisville, Sunday.

Women

Monday's Scores
SOUTHWEST
Prairie View 68, Alabama A&M 59
Texas Southern 74, Alabama St. 40
SOUTH
Austin Peay 78, Jacksonville St. 71
Belmont 88, Morehead St. 45
Bethune-Cookman 55, Mid.-Eastern Shore 54
Davidson 65, W Carolina 56
Delaware St. 57, Florida A&M 53
E. Kentucky 62, Tennessee St. 54
ETSU 74, Jacksonville 57
Elon 70, Georgia Southern 59
Furman 80, Coll of Charleston 71
Hampton 67, Howard 45
Jackson St. 70, Ark.-Pine Bluff 59
Kennesaw St. 55, Lipscomb 39
MVSU 50, Grambling St. 48
Martin Methodist 73, Fisk 55
Mercer 77, N. Kentucky 67
Miles 48, Lane 37
Morgan St. 56, NC Central 39
Murray St. 68, Tennessee Tech 52
NC A&T 70, Coppin St. 64
Notre Dame 77, Tennessee 67
SC-Upstate 64, North Florida 52
Samford 66, Appalachian St. 64
UNC-Greensboro 87, Wofford 75
Xavier (NO) 76, Mobile 58
MIDWEST
E. Illinois 84, UT-Martin 79
Green Bay 70, Wright St 48
Illinois 91, Minnesota 86
Northwestern 53, Indiana 39
SIU-Edwardsville 78, SE Missouri 65
EAST
Brooklyn 71, York (NY) 20
John Jay 75, Lehman 57
Marist 75, Siena 64
Monmouth (NJ) 61, Fairleigh Dickinson 53
Mount St. Mary's 73, Wagner 58
Quinnipiac 82, CCSU 73
Sacred Heart 62, Bryant 44
St. Francis (NY) 68, LIU Brooklyn 58
St. Francis (Pa.) 72, Robert Morris 63
FAR WEST
Saint Mary's (Cal) 68, San Francisco 63

Top 25 Fared
Monday
1. Baylor (19-1) did not play. Next: at Texas Tech, Wednesday.
2. Notre Dame (19-1) beat No. 9 Tennessee 77-67. Next: vs. Cincinnati, Saturday.
3. UConn (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. Villanova, Tuesday.
4. Stanford (18-2) did not play. Next: at Oregon, Friday.
5. Duke (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. Miami, Thursday.
6. California (17-2) did not play. Next: at Oregon State, Friday.
7. Penn State (17-2) did not play. Next: at Wisconsin, Thursday.
8. Kentucky (19-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Georgia, Sunday.
9. Tennessee (17-4) lost to No. 2 Notre Dame 77-67. Next: vs. Mississippi State, Thursday.
10. Maryland (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Sunday.
11. North Carolina (19-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Florida State, Thursday.
12. Louisville (17-4) did not play. Next: at South Florida, Wednesday.
13. Georgia (17-3) beat No. 22 Texas A&M 61-49. Next: vs. Alabama, Thursday.
14. Purdue (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana, Thursday.
15. South Carolina (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn, Sunday.
16. Texas A&M (16-5) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Thursday.
17. Dayton (17-1) did not play. Next: vs. VCU, Wednesday.
18. UCLA (17-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 Colorado, Friday.
19. Oklahoma State (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Tuesday.
20. Florida State (17-3) did not play. Next: at No. 11 North Carolina, Thursday.
21. Oklahoma (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Wednesday.
22. Colorado (15-4) did not play. Next: at No. 18 UCLA, Friday.
23. Iowa State (14-4) did not play. Next: at Kansas, Wednesday.
24. Iowa (16-5) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Thursday.
25. Delaware (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Northeastern, Tuesday.

NBA

Ma Williams 1-4. Evans 0-1. Favors 0-1. Watson 0-1. Carroll 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 52 (Aska 19). Utah 50 (Kanter, Jefferson 8). Assists—Houston 27 (Lin 7). Utah 19 (Burks 4). Total Fouls—Houston 18. Utah 19 A—18,387 (19,911).

GRIZZLIES 103, 76ERS 100
MEMPHIS (103): Gay 10-17 3-4 26. Randolph 2-7 0-4. Gasol 10-15 6-6 27. Bayless 8-15 4-7. Allen 2-6 0-0 5. Pondexter 3-7 0-2 8. Wroten 2-2 2-3 6. Johnson 3-4 0-0 8. Totals 40-73 15-19 103.
PHILADELPHIA (100): Turner 12-18 3-4 27. Young 11-19 1-2 23. Hawes 4-7 0-0 8. Holiday 9-19 0-0 18. N.Young 5-13 1-1 13. Allen 1-2 0-0 2. Henry 2-4 0-0 4. Williams 0-2 0-0. Mack 0-0 0-0. Brown 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 45-83 6-9 100.
Memphis 20 37 22 24 — 103
Philadelphia 33 21 25 21 — 100
3-Point Goals—Memphis 8-13 (Gay 3, Johnson 2). Gasol 1-1. Bayless 1-2. Allen 1-2). Philadelphia 4-9 (Iverson 2, N.Young 2). Hawes 0-1. Holiday 0-1. T.Young 0-1. Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 44 (Randolph 12). Philadelphia 34 (T.Young 7). Assists—Memphis 26 (Bayless 9). Philadelphia 25 (Holiday 10). Total Fouls—Memphis 15. Philadelphia 14. A—15,448 (20,328).

KINGS 96, WIZARDS 94
SACRAMENTO (96): Salmons 0-4 5-0 5. Thompson 1-4 0-0 2. Cousins 5-8 2-4 12. Thomas 9-16 3-7 22. Evans 4-10 5-8 13. Robinson 4-10 1-1 9. Hayes 1-4 0-0 2. Thornton 4-12 0-1 11. Fredette 2-4 2-2 7. Gainok 10-1-1 17. Johnson 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 36-82 19-25 96.
WASHINGTON (94): Webster 6-9 4-4 18. Nene 2-8 0-0 4. Okafor 9-13 5-6 23. Wall 9-16 1-2 19. Beal 2-6 1-1 6. Price 1-5 0-0 2. Seraphin 1-3 0-2 2. Crawford 1-5 2-2 4. Arizin 1-4 2-2 4. Booker 1-2 0-0 2. Temple 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-77 17-21 94.
Sacramento 27 26 19 24 — 96
Washington 32 25 19 18 — 94
3-Point Goals—Sacramento 9-23 (Garcia 4-6. Thornton 3). Fredette 1-2. Thomas 1-4. Evans 0-2. Salmons 0-2). Washington 3-11 (Webster 2-5. Beal 1-2. Price 0-1. Crawford 0-1. Arizin 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 47 (Hayes. Evans. Thompson 5). Washington 53 (Okafor 15). Assists—Sacramento 24 (Thomas 7). Washington 20 (Wall 6). Total Fouls—Sacramento 19 (Hayes). Washington 19. Technicals—Sacramento defensive three second. Wall. Washington defensive three second A—13,422 (20,308).

NETS 97, MAGIC 77
ORLANDO (77): Harkless 7-10 0-0 16. Davis 6-13 3-5 15. Vucevic 9-13 0-0 18. Nelson 3-12 0-0 6. Ross 2-13 0-0 5. Ayon 1-3 0-0 2. Jones 0-3 2-2 2. Moore 0-2 0-0 0. Turkoglu 2-5 0-0 4. Smith 0-1 2-2 2. O.Quinn 2-3 0-0 4. Nicholson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 32-76 7-9 77.
BROOKLYN (97): Wallace 3-3 0-0 7. Evans 0-2 0-0 0. Humphries 6-14 4-6 16. Williams 2-3 0-0 2. Johnson 5-10 1-1 11. Humphries 0-4 3-4 3. Bogans 4-7 0-0 12. Brooks 4-8 0-0 8. Blatche 3-11 2-2 8. Watson 2-5 0-0 5. Terry 0-4 0-0 2. Totals 29-72 10-12 97.
Orlando 20 20 23 14 — 77
Brooklyn 30 26 14 27 — 97
3-Point Goals—Orlando 6-27 (Nelson 3-8. Harkless 2-4. Davis 1-6. Jones 0-1. Smith 0-1. Moore 0-2. Turkoglu 0-3). Brooklyn 13-29 (Williams 4-7. Bogans 4-7. Johnson 2-4. Watson 1-1. Teletovic 1-3. Watson 1-4. Blatche 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 39 (Vucevic 9). Brooklyn 49 (Evans 15). Assists—Orlando 24 (Redick 10). Brooklyn 21 (Williams 9). Total Fouls—Orlando 12. Brooklyn 13. A—16,480 (17,732).

BULLS 93, BOBCATS 85
CHARLOTTE (85): Kidd-Gilchrist 2-9 2-2 6. Aldrich 5-7 4-6 14. Biyombo 4-6 0-1 8. Walker 6-17 2-2 16. Henderson 4-12 2-3 10. Thomas 0-3 0-0 0. Sessions 2-9 3-3 7. Haywood 0-3 2-4. Gordon 2-13 3-6 7. Taylor 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 32-91 18-31 85.
CHICAGO (93): Deng 3-8 4-5 12. Boozer 5-13 1-3 11. Noah 6-12 1-1 13. Hinrich 2-8 2-6. Hamilton 11-20 0-2. Robinson 6-12 2-2 14. Belinelli 2-5 0-0 4. Butler 7-15 5-7 19. Totals 35-78 16-25 93.
Charlotte 18 22 15 30 — 85
Chicago 21 28 14 30 — 93
3-Point Goals—Charlotte 6-12 (Gordon 4. Walker 2-6. Henderson 0-1). Chicago 7-18 (Robinson 3-5. Deng 2-4. Butler 1-2. Boozer 1-2. Belinelli 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 51 (Aldrich 10). Chicago 46 (Noah 9). Assists—Charlotte 12 (Walker 6). Chicago 22 (Noah 7). Total Fouls—Charlotte 20. Chicago 20. Technicals—Charlotte defensive three second. Chicago defensive three second 2. A—21,308 (20,917).

NUGGETS 102, PACERS 101
INDIANA (101): George 9-17 1-1 23. West 8-15 1-2 17. Hibbert 3-12 2-2 8. Hill 4-12 1-2 9. Stephenson 8-13 2-2 20. Johnson 3-5 0-0 8. Hansbrough 2-4 0-0 4. Mahinmi 2-5 2-4 6. Augustin 1-4 2-2 4. Totals 39-85 12-17 101.
DENVER (102): Gallinari 9-16 6-7 27. Koufos 2-3 4-4 8. Lawson 7-12 2-2 17. Iguodala 3-8 1-2 7. Mozgov 4-7 2-2 10. A.Miller 2-3 1-1 5. Totals 37-78 21-30 102.
Indiana 29 24 21 27 — 101
Denver 24 24 31 23 — 102
3-Point Goals—Indiana 11-23 (George 4-9. Hill 3-6. Johnson 2-2. Stephenson 2-3. Augustin 0-3). Denver 7-14 (Brown 3-5. Gallinari 3-6. Lawson 1-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 49 (Hibbert 11). Denver 52 (Koufos 11). Assists—Indiana 23 (Hill 6). Denver 23 (Lawson. Iguodala 7). Total Fouls—Indiana 27. Denver 23. Technicals—West. Denver defensive three second. A—16,031 (19,155).

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	4	3	0	1	7	14	9
Pittsburgh	5	3	2	0	6	15	14
N Y Islanders	5	2	1	2	6	18	18
N Y Rangers	5	2	3	0	4	16	18
Philadelphia	6	2	4	0	4	13	18
Northeast Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	5	4	1	0	8	17	11
Ottawa	5	3	1	1	7	16	10
Montreal	4	3	1	0	6	13	7
Buffalo	5	2	3	0	4	14	18
Toronto	5	2	3	0	4	14	17
Southeast Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	5	4	1	0	8	24	13
Winnipeg	5	3	1	1	7	15	14
Carolina	5	2	3	0	4	14	19
Washington	5	1	3	1	3	11	19
Florida	5	1	4	0	2	8	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	6	6	0	0	12	22	13
St. Louis	6	5	1	0	10	24	13
Columbus	6	2	3	1	5	11	19
Detroit	5	2	2	1	5	11	16
Nashville	6	2	3	1	5	10	18
Northwest Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	5	3	2	0	6	15	14
Minnesota	5	2	2	1	5	13	15
Vancouver	5	2	2	1	5	14	16
Colorado	5	2	3	0	4	10	13
Calgary	4	1	2	1	3	11	15
Pacific Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	5	5	0	0	10	23	8
Anaheim	4	3	1	0	6	15	14
Dallas	6	2	3	1	5	12	14
Phoenix	6	2	4	0	4	21	20
Los Angeles	4	1	2	1	3	8	12

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

Monday's Scores
Boston 5, Carolina 3
Columbus 2, Dallas 1
Phoenix 4, Nashville 0
Edmonton 4, Colorado 1
Vancouver at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games
New Jersey at Boston, 6 pm
Toronto at Ottawa, 6 pm
Philadelphia at N Y Rangers, 6 pm
Winnipeg at Montreal, 6:30 pm
Washington at Ottawa, 6:30 pm
N Y Islanders at Pittsburgh, 6:30 pm
Florida at Tampa Bay, 6:30 pm
Dallas at Detroit, 6:30 pm
Columbus at Minnesota, 7 pm
Anaheim at San Jose, 9:30 pm

MONDAY'S SUMMARIES
BLUE JACKETS 2, STARS 1

Dallas	0	1	0	— 1
Columbus	1	0	1	— 2

First Period—None
Second Period—1. Dallas, Larsen 1 (Goligoski, Jo Berra, 4:13 (pp)) 2. Columbus, Dorsett 1 (Tyutin, Anisimov), 17:47
Third Period—3. Columbus, Prospal 2 (Wisniewski, Johnson), 1:22
Shots on Goal—Dallas 9-5-11—25
Columbus 3-17-7—27
Goalies—Dallas, Lehtonen. Columbus, Bobrovsky. A—10,475 (18,144). T—2:28.

BRUINS 5, HURRICANES 3

Boston	2	1	2	— 5
Carolina	1	2	0	— 3

First Period—1. Boston, Marchand 3 (Chara, Bergeron), 3:16 (sh) 2. Boston, Chara 5 (Krejci, Seguin), 6:15 (pp) 3. Carolina, McBain 1 (E.Staal, Semin), 14:50
Second Period—4. Boston, Horton 2 (Chara, J.Boychuk), 15:52 5. Carolina, Skinner 5 (J.Staal), 17:55 6. Carolina, E.Staal 4 (Semin), 18:41
Third Period—7. Boston, Krejci 1 (Hamilton, Horton), 18:10 8. Boston, Seguin 1, 19:52 (en-pp)
Shots on Goal—Boston 11-9-18—38 Carolina 11-13-8—32
Goalies—Boston, Khudobin. Carolina, Ward A—17,190 (18,680). T—2:24.

COYOTES 4, PREDATORS 0

Nashville	0	0	0	— 0
Phoenix	1	1	2	— 4

First Period—1. Phoenix, Vermette 3 (N.Johnson, Hanzal), 3:00
Second Period—2. Phoenix, Korpikoski 3 (Gordon), 16:48
Third Period—3. Phoenix, N.Johnson 1 (Yandle, Morris), 11:34 4. Phoenix, Yandle 1 (Ekman-Larsson, Vrbata), 15:02 (pp)
Shots on Goal—Nashville 3-7-12—22 Phoenix 5-9-11—25
Goalies—Nashville, Rinne. Phoenix, C.Johnson A—8,581 (17,125) T—2:22

OILERS 4, AVALANCHE 1

Colorado	0	0	1	— 1
Edmonton	2	1	1	— 4

First Period—1. Edmonton, Hemsky 2 (Hartikainen, Gagner), 15:23 (pp) 2. Edmonton, Eberle 3 (Hall, Whitney), 18:05 (pp)
Second Period—3. Edmonton, Horcoff 1 (Hall, Nugent-Hopkins), 9:40 (pp)
Third Period—4. Colorado, Parenteau 3 (Duchene, McGinn), 7:43 5. Edmonton, Yakupov 3 (Gagner), 19:27 (en-pp)
Shots on Goal—Colorado 3-11-24—38 Edmonton 14-7-6—27
Goalies—Colorado, Varlamov. Edmonton, Dubnyk. A—16,839 (16,839). T—2:23

PRO RODEO

Pro Rodeo Leaders
Through Jan. 27
Bareback Riding
1. Ty Breuer, Mendon, M.D., $15,981; 2. Clint Cannon, Walker, $8,698; 3. R.C. Landing ham, Pendleton, Ore., $8,026; 4. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa, $5,975; 5. Wes Sharrocks, Lubbock, $5,703; 6. George Gillespie, N. Powder, Ore., $5,283; 7. Jake Halvorson, Decatur, $5,242; 8. Matthew Smith, Louisville, Ky., $4,980; 9. Bobby Mote, Parker, Ore., $4,661; 10. Tanner Aus, Granite Falls, Minn., $4,417; 11. Jake Brown, Hillsboro, $4,273; 12. Jared Smith, Cross Plains, Texas, $4,197; 13. Casey Colwell, Pueblo, Colo., $4,097; 14. Cody Lewis, Canyon, $3,899; 15. Orin Larson, Twin Falls, Idaho, $3,811; 16. Joe Price, Buffalo, S.D., $3,549; 17. Chris Harris, Kansas, $3,404; 18. Dustin Genin, Rome, Ga., $3,000; 19. Trey Chandler, N. Walker, $2,913; 20. Steven Andrews, Athens, $2,860.

Steer Wrestling
1. Casey Martin, Sulphur, La., $17,089; 2. Jason Miller, Lance Creek, Wyo., $13,089; 3. Cody Ellison, Helena, Mont., $9,075; 4. Jake Rinehart, Highmore, S.D., $8,282; 5. Cooper Gaines, Hartsville, $5,000; 6. Shyatt Tilton, Bonham, Texas, $4,840; 7. Jack Hoult, Ponteland, Kan., $4,042; 8. Dean Gossett, Quitman, Miss., $4,386; 9. Wade Sumpter, Fowler, Calif., $4,212; 10. Tee Ramos, Piedmont, S.D., $4,210; 11. Dustin Quinn, Cheney, Wash., $4,102; 12. Juan Alcazar Jr., Kissimmee, Fla., $4,020; 13. Justin Thigpen, Waynesboro, Ga., $3,918; 14. Jacob Talley, Gadsden, Ala., $3,729; 15. Weldon Gray, Stephenville, Texas, $3,661; 16. Les Shepperson, Midwest, Wyo., $3,502; 17. Kenny Dymnek, Kissimmee, Fla., $3,437; 18. Quinn Campbell, Ennis, Mont., $3,235; 19. Blake Sheridan, Hepptner, Ore., $3,114; 20. Monty Eakin, Pecos, $3,114.

Team Roping (header)
1. Nick Sartain, Dover, Okla., $8,786; 2. Turtle Powell, Stephenville, $7,502; 3. Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont., $6,664; 4. Bradley Lanham, Ft. Pierce, Fla., $5,594; 5. B.J. Campbell, Aguila, Ariz., $5,560; 6. Justin Van Davis, Mackinaville, $5,881; 7. Tyler Wade, Terrell, $5,650; 8. Nathan McWhorter, Telephone, $5,489; 9. Luke Brown, Stephenville, $5,167; 10. Landon McCaughanty, Tahlen, $5,068; 11. Edwin Rodriguez, Bayard, Neb., $4,982; 12. Calvin Brock, Durango, Colo., $4,598; 13. Logan Olson, Pendleton, S.D., $4,357; 14. Washington Jones, Buffalo, Okla., $4,182; 15. Jake Tierney, Hermosa, S.D., $4,124; 16. Cherly Crawford, Prineville, Ore., $3,913; 17. Clay White, Stockton, Calif., $3,876; 18. Clayton Hass, Terrell, $3,762; 19. Justin Lovell, Kingsland, $3,736; 20. Brock Hanson, Casa Grande, Ariz., $3,582.

Team Roping (heeler)
1. Rich Skelton, Llano, $10,304; 2. Rory Kiontz, Buffalo, $8,792; 3. Paul Eaves, Lonoke, Ark., $8,094; 4. Shane Hanna, Weatherford, Okla., $6,884; 5. Ryan Zumbo, Torrington, Wyo., $6,498; 6. Dugan Kelly, Paso Robles, Calif., $6,016; 7. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $5,490; 8. Jake LaBoeuf, Anderson, $5,490; 9. Jake Cooper, Ardmore, Okla., $5,167; 10. Tommy Zunigha, Centerville, $5,088; 11. Clay Tonkin, Ft. Worth, $4,979; 12. Matt Sherman, Sacramento, Calif., $4,979; 13. Jake Pinkerton, Ft. Pierce, Fla., $4,979; 14. Jacobs Crofford, Stephenville, $3,857; 15. Cole Elshere, Faith, S.D., $3,098; 16. Dean Wadsworth, Ocoma, $2,981; 17. Miles Wilkinson, Aztec, Okla., $2,901; 18. Samuel Kelly, Millsville, Alberta, $2,724; 19. Chuck Schmidt, Kelliher, S.D., $2,003; 20. Nick Lauhin, Livermore, Calif., $2,540.

Tie-down Roping
1. Shane Hansbury, Sulphur, La., $11,299; 2. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah, $10,582; 3. Tom Richards, Sisters, Ore., $10,042; 4. Justin Maass, Giddings, $9,035; 5. Dave Kirkpatrick, Stephenville, $8,377; 6. Blair Burk, Dayton, Wash., $8,002; 7. Rhen Richards, Roosevelt, Utah, $6,279; 8. Clint Cooper, Decatur, $6,093; 9. Caleb Smidt, Yorktown, $5,616; 10. Jeremiah Peek, Pueblo, Colo., $5,534; 11. Tyler Magnus, Comanche, Okla., $5,086; 12. Riley Pruitt, Gering, Neb., $4,981; 13. Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho, $4,767; 14. Barrett Pearson, Cheyenne, $4,564; 15. Shane Slack, Idabel, Okla., $4,193; 16. Jesse Wilson, Ft. Pierce, N.M., $3,897; 17. Blake Hindes, Turlock, Calif., $3,698; 18. Justin Macha, Hacienda Heights, $3,570; 19. Tyler Thiel, Belle Plaine, Kan., $3,560; 20. Will Blomberg, Sweetwater, $3,080.

Steer Roping
1. Cody Lee, Gatesville, $11,207; 2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $7,247; 3. Bryce Davis, Cotulla, $5,833; 4. Joe Wells, Coco, $5,084; 5. John Zeigelgruber, Edmond, Okla., $4,935; 6. J. Paul Williams, Burbank, Okla., $4,705; 7. Wilt Pfeifer Jr., Anthony, Kan., $4,676; 8. Chet Herren, Pawhuska, Okla., $4,232; 9. Tony Reina, Weimar, $3,570; 10. Tim Abbott, Midland, $3,381; 11. Coy Thompson, Winnsboro, S.D., $3,017; 12. Walter Pinkerly, Robstown, $2,525; 13. Shorty

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BY LEN HAYWARD

Boys

LEE
AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

When/where: 7 p.m. today, Bobcat Stadium, San Angelo

Records: Lee 4-3-2, 1-0-0 (3 points); San Angelo Central 6-1-1, 2-0-0 (6 points)

Last district game: Lee 3, Lubbock Coronado 1; San Angelo Central 5, Amarillo Tascosa 1

Notes: The Rebels started league play off with a convincing victory against Lubbock Coronado where Lee controlled the pace of play through the game and scored two second-half goals. Reilly Gwin scored a pair of goals and Omar Alvidrez added the other in the victory. ... Today, though, could be a much stiffer test for the Rebels. The Bobcats have outscored their first two district opponents, 7-1, including an impressive 2-0 shutout against Odessa High. Central scored four first-half goals to rally from a one-goal deficit in their last game against Amarillo Tascosa. Keyland Taylor scored two goals and Gage Bonaventure, Gilbert Pedroza and Edward Nuno also scored for the Bobcats. ... Lee and Central split their two games in 2012 as the Rebels finished second in 3-5A and the Bobcats were fourth.

Next: Odessa High at Lee, 2 p.m. Saturday; San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper, 2 p.m. Saturday

ODESSA PERMIAN
AT ABILENE HIGH

When/where: 7 p.m. today, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Records: Odessa Permian 3-4-1, 2-0-0 (6 points); Abilene High 5-3-3, 0-2-0 (0 points)

Last district game: Odessa Permian 3, Midland High 1; Odessa High 2, Abilene High 1

Next: Abilene High at Amarillo Tascosa, 2 p.m. Saturday; Odessa Permian at Lubbock Coronado, 7 p.m. Feb. 5

ABILENE COOPER
AT LUBBOCK CORONADO

When/where: 7 p.m. today, Willie McCool Field, Lubbock

Records: Abilene Cooper 1-3-2, 0-1-0 (0 points); Lubbock Coronado 4-7-0, 1-1-0 (3 points)

Last district game: Lee 3, Lubbock Coronado 1; Odessa Permian 2, Abilene Cooper 0 on Jan. 22

Next: San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper, 2 p.m. Saturday; Midland High at Lubbock Coronado, 2 p.m. Saturday

AMARILLO TASCOSA
AT ODESSA HIGH

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

Records: Amarillo Tascosa 5-5-0, 0-2-0 (0 points); Odessa High 6-2-1, 1-1-0 (3 points)

Last district game: Odessa High 2, Abilene High 1; San Angelo Central 5, Amarillo Tascosa 1

Next: Odessa High at Lee, 2 p.m. Saturday; Abilene High at Amarillo Tascosa, 2 p.m. Saturday

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Cesar Gonzalez battles for the ball with Lubbock Coronado's Cameron Lugo Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium. The Rebels host San Angelo Central today at Grande.

Girls

LEE
AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

When/where: 5 p.m. today, Bobcat Stadium, San Angelo

Records: Lee 2-5-0, 1-0-0 (3 points); San Angelo Central 6-5-0, 2-0-0 (6 points)

Last district game: San Angelo Central 6, Amarillo Tascosa 0; Lee 3, Lubbock Coronado 0

Notes: The Lady Rebels had a better start to the district season on Saturday than they did in 2012 with a convincing victory against Lubbock Coronado. Abby Ramirez, Candace Stark and Cassidy Ryan all tallied goals for Lee in the victory, and gave Lee its first district-opening win since 2011. The victory was also Lee's second of the season. ... Central is considered one of the teams that could challenge Midland High for the district title, and has had a solid start to the season. The Lady Bobcats have recorded a pair of shutouts in its two opening district games and scored eight goals. Six of those goals came on Saturday in the blowout against Amarillo Tascosa. Morgan Lowman scored two goals and Caitlin Buselli, Jasmine Ortiz, Dani Lewis and Baylee Jenkins all found of the back of the net. ... Central beat Lee twice in 2012, as the Lady Rebels lost a shootout in the second meeting between the two teams.

Next: Odessa High at Lee, Noon Saturday; San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper, Noon Saturday

ODESSA PERMIAN
AT ABILENE HIGH

When/where: 5 p.m. today, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Records: Odessa Permian 7-3-0, 1-1-0 (3 points); Abilene High 7-4-1, 0-2-0 (0 points)

Last district game: Midland High 2, Odessa Permian 0; Odessa High 3, Abilene High 0

Next: Abilene High at Amarillo Tascosa, Noon Saturday; Odessa Permian at Lubbock Coronado, 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5

ABILENE COOPER
AT LUBBOCK CORONADO

When/where: 5 p.m. today, Willie McCool Field, Lubbock

Records: Abilene cooper 5-1-1, 0-1-0 (0 points); Lubbock Coronado 2-6-1, 0-1-1 (1 point)

Last district game: Odessa Permian 2, Abilene Cooper 0 on Jan. 22; Lee 3, Lubbock Coronado 0

Next: San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper, Noon Saturday; Midland High at Lubbock Coronado, Noon Saturday

AMARILLO TASCOSA
AT ODESSA HIGH

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

Records: Amarillo Tascosa 2-6-1, 0-1-1 (1 point); Odessa High 5-2-1, 1-1-0 (3 points)

Last district game: San Angelo Central 6, Amarillo Tascosa 0; Odessa High 3, Abilene High 0

Next: Odessa High at Lee, 2 p.m. Saturday; Abilene High at Amarillo Tascosa, 2 p.m. Saturday

Girls District 2-5A Soccer Standings

	District				Overall		
	W	L	T	Pts.	W	L	T
San Angelo Central	2	0	0	6	6	1	1
Midland High	2	0	0	6	5	0	3
Odessa Permian	1	1	0	3	7	3	0
Odessa High	1	1	0	3	5	2	1
Lee	1	0	0	3	2	5	0
Lubbock Coronado	0	1	1	1	2	6	1
Amarillo Tascosa	0	1	1	1	2	6	1
Abilene Cooper	0	1	0	0	5	1	1
Abilene High	0	2	0	0	7	4	1

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie

Saturday's Scores

Midland High 2, Odessa Permian 0; Lee 3, Lubbock Coronado 0; San Angelo Central 6, Amarillo Tascosa 0; Odessa High 3, Abilene High 0. Abilene Cooper is idle.

Today's Games

Lee at San Angelo Central; Odessa Permian at Abilene High; Abilene Cooper at Lubbock Coronado; Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa High. All games at 5 p.m. Midland High is idle.

Boys District 2-5A Soccer Standings

	District				Overall		
	W	L	T	Pts.	W	L	T
San Angelo Central	2	0	0	6	6	1	1
Odessa Permian	2	0	0	6	3	4	1
Odessa High	1	1	0	3	6	2	1
Midland High	1	1	0	3	4	2	2
Lubbock Coronado	1	1	0	3	4	7	0
Lee	1	0	0	3	4	3	2
Abilene High	0	2	0	0	5	4	3
Abilene Cooper	0	1	0	0	1	3	2
Amarillo Tascosa	0	2	0	0	5	5	0

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie

Saturday's Scores

Odessa Permian 3, Midland High 1; Lee 3, Lubbock Coronado 1; San Angelo Central 5, Amarillo Tascosa 1; Odessa High 2, Abilene High 1. Abilene Cooper is idle.

Today's Games

Lee at San Angelo Central; Odessa Permian at Abilene High; Abilene Cooper at Lubbock Coronado; Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa High. All games at 7 p.m. Midland High is idle.

Michigan No. 1, Kansas No. 2 in latest AP poll

By Noah Tristar
Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — John Beilein acknowledged Monday afternoon that he had quite a few text messages on his phone.

The Michigan coach just hadn't checked them yet.

"I've been absorbed in Northwestern tape," Beilein said.

The Wolverines are No. 1 in The Associated Press' college basketball poll for the first time since their Fab Five days 20 years ago, but Beilein is determined not to get carried away with all this recognition.

Michigan took over the top spot after a 74-60 victory at Illinois on Sunday night. Next up on the schedule is Northwestern, and there's no reason for the routine to change.

"Our goal at Michigan is to be No. 1 in the Big Ten. When you achieve that honor, you will have a chance at the national championship," Beilein said. "All through the year polls will spark great interest among college basketball fans everywhere and that is always good. Our coaches and players, however, will remain focused on our goals of improving daily and competing for the championship within our conference."

Michigan is doing pretty well in that regard, too. The Wolverines tied for the Big Ten title last year, and they're deadlocked atop the league right now with No. 3 Indiana. The Hoosiers host Michigan on Saturday night.

Michigan received 51 first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel Monday. Kansas moved up one spot to No. 2 and had 13 first-place votes. They are the only one-loss teams in the poll. Indiana, Florida, which drew the other first-place vote, and Duke complete the top five.

Duke, which was No. 1 last week, dropped after being routed 90-63 by Miami in the third-worst defeat by a top-ranked team. It was the second straight week the No. 1 team lost.

The Wolverines advanced from No. 2 to become No. 1 for the fourth time. They were at the top for 10 weeks in 1964-65, eight weeks in 1976-77 and three weeks at the start of 1992-93, the Fab Five's second and final season together.

That season, Chris Webber, Juwan Howard, Jalen Rose, Jimmy King and Ray Jackson made it to the national championship game for the second straight year.

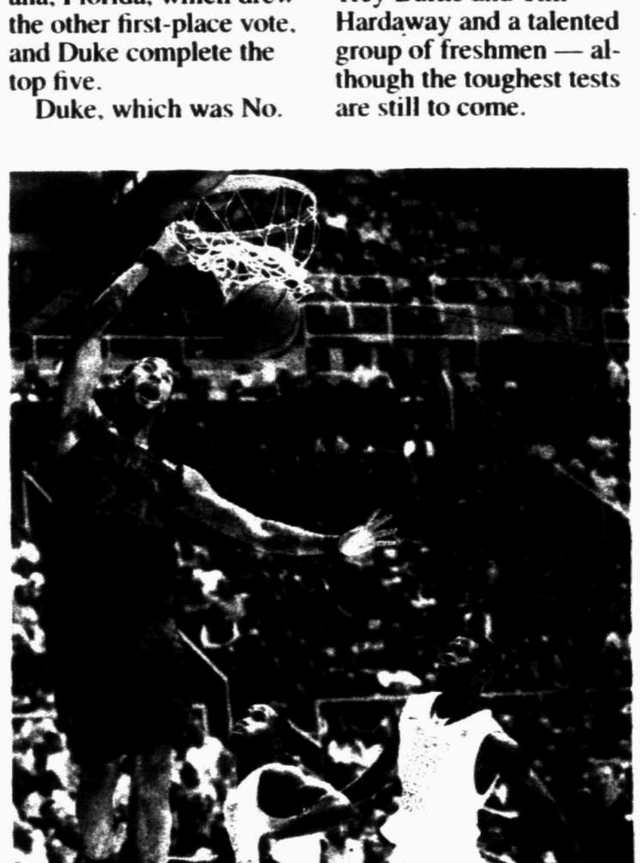
Jackson now lives in Texas, but he roots for the Wolverines from afar.

"I'm excited about it and I'm very proud of those boys," Jackson said in a telephone interview Monday. "I'm really excited and pleased about what Coach Beilein has done to turn the program around."

Michigan fell on hard times after the Fab Five moved on, in part because of NCAA sanctions related to that era. Beilein took over in 2007 and made the NCAA tournament in his second season with the Wolverines, but the program's rise didn't really begin until two years ago.

In January 2011, Michigan was 1-6 in Big Ten play when the Wolverines shocked Michigan State in East Lansing. Michigan took off after that victory, reaching the NCAA tournament that year. The following season, the Wolverines won a share of their first conference title since 1986.

Now the Wolverines are national title contenders thanks to guards Trey Burke and Tim Hardaway and a talented group of freshmen — although the toughest tests are still to come.



David Smith/AP

Kansas' Travis Releford (24) dunks over West Virginia's Jabarie Hinds, center, and Eron Harris (10) during the first half of Monday's game in Morgantown, W.Va.

Woods wins at Torrey Pines for 8th time

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

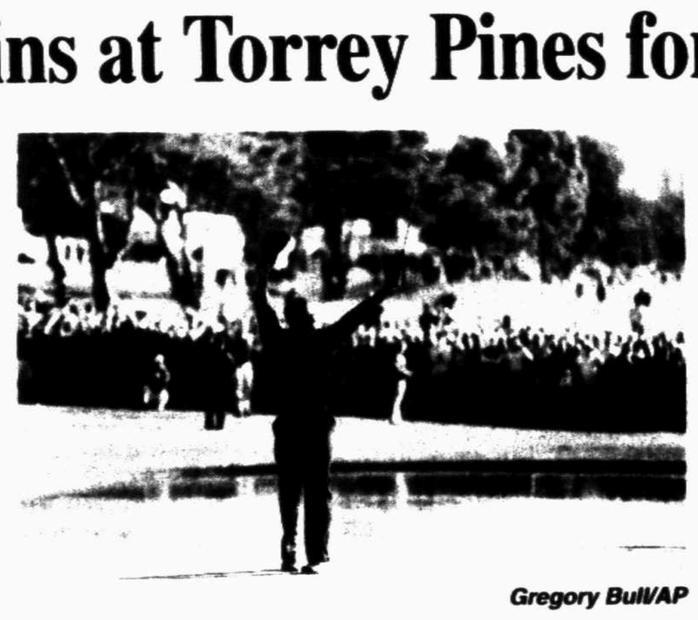
SAN DIEGO — Tiger Woods was so good for so long at Torrey Pines that it didn't matter how bad it looked at the end.

In a finish that was fitting for such a long and exasperating week, Woods built an eight-shot lead with five holes to play on Monday until he lost patience with the slow play and started losing shots that only determined the margin of victory.

Despite two bogeys and a double bogey in the final hour, he closed with an even-par 72 for a four-shot victory in the Farmers Insurance Open.

"I'm excited the way I played all week," Woods said. "I hit the ball well — pretty much did everything well and built myself a nice little cushion. I had some mistakes at the end, but all my good play before that allowed me to afford those mistakes."

He won for the 75th time in his PGA Tour career, seven behind the record held by Sam Snead.



Gregory Bull/AP

Tiger Woods celebrates after his victory in the Farmers Insurance Open on Monday at Torrey Pines Golf Course in San Diego.

Woods won this tournament for the seventh time, and he set a PGA Tour record by winning at Torrey Pines for the eighth time, including his 2008 U.S. Open. Woods also has won seven times at Bay Hill and at Firestone.

Torrey Pines is a public course that he has turned into his private domain.

"I don't know if anybody would have beaten him this week," said Nick Watney, who got within five shots of Woods when the tournament was still undecided until making three bogeys on his next five holes. "He's definitely on his game."

It was the 23rd time Woods has won by at least four shots on the PGA Tour. Defending champion Brandt Snedeker (69) and Josh Teater (69) tied for the second. Watney had a 71 and tied for fourth with Jimmy Walker.

It was a strong statement for Woods, who was coming off a missed cut last week in Abu Dhabi. This was the second time in his career that Woods won in his next tournament after missing the cut, but this was the first time it happened the following week.

Abu Dhabi is now a distant memory. The question how is what kind of season is shaping up for Woods.

"I think he wanted to send a message," said Hunter Mahan, who shares a swing coach with Woods. "I think deep down he did. You play some games to try to motivate yourself. There's been so much talk about Rory (McIlroy). Rory is now with Nike. That would be my guess."

The last time Woods won at Torrey Pines also was on a Monday, when he beat Rocco Mediate in a playoff to capture the U.S. Open for his 14th major.

Big 12

From 1C

All the Big 12 athletic directors agreed to defer questions to Bowlsby, but several seemed encouraged by their discussions when asked what was accomplished.

The primary items on Tuesday's agenda are football scheduling and bowl alliances.

Their first day was reserved for discussing the makeup of the league, and Bowlsby said that was "talked completely through for about three hours." Bowlsby said there were a whole bunch of different financial and geographical and scheduling possibilities discussed.

Bowlsby described the meeting as a free-flowing opportunity to interject a lot of ideas, and said the interactive nature by everyone in the room was probably indicative of the interest in the topic.

"I think that it's possible to make a considered decision to stay at the most favorable structure and that's where we have been," Bowlsby said. "But having said that, I don't think we ever want to be in a position of being un-nimble, and by that I mean it's a changing environment and we have to be prepared to respond to that changing environment, and this meeting is certainly going to help us do that."

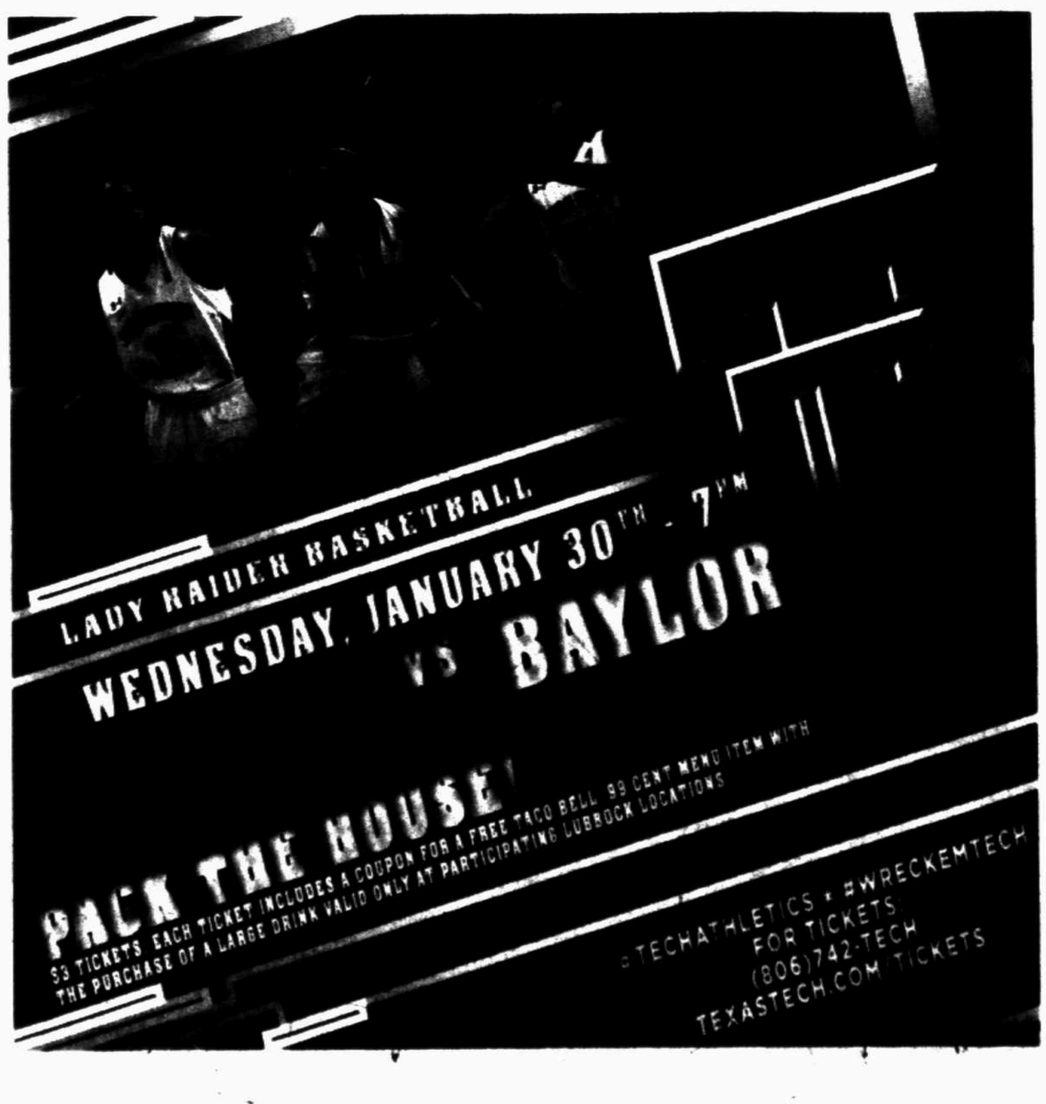
Bowlsby said there is evidence that dictates the league stay at 10 schools, and other that suggests getting bigger.

"We have evidence on both sides of it," he said. "But I don't know that any of it is compelling enough to cause change right now."

Forbes recently projected revenue conferences would generate this school year through network television deals, bowl games and NCAA tournaments. The Big 12 is expected to earn $262 million, which averages to $26.2 million for each of the 10 schools — the highest per-team average of any conference.

According to Forbes, Big Ten teams would an average of $25.8 million from a $310 million poll, followed by the Pac-12 ($25.3 million), ACC ($24.4 million). The SEC, which expanded to 14 teams with the additions this school year of former Big 12 members Texas A&M and Missouri will average about $19.3 million per team.

When asked if any school the Big 12 might consider in the future would have to be able to bring the same kind of revenue, Bowlsby said, "Anybody we would look at would have to bring prorata or a very high likelihood of sustained growth that would bring benefits to the league. We are never going to get bigger just for the sake of getting bigger."



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TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 57 Low: 32

WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 56 Low: 30

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 66 Low: 34

Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 57 and west winds increasing to between 25 and 35 mph in the afternoon. Gusts could could increase to 50 mph this afternoon. Tonight expect a low around 32.

The forecast calls for a high of 56 and low of 30 on Wednesday. The high on Thursday should rise into the mid-60s.

The high on Monday reached 77, while the low dropped to 45. The record high for Jan. 28 is 79 set in 1950, 1987 and 2002. The record low is 10 set in 1948.

Weather Whys

Q: You sometimes hear the expression "diamond dust" in regard to weather. What is it?

Diamond dust occurs usually when the air is very cold, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The dust is not dust at all, but tiny ice crystals," he explained. "The dust is so fine that it hangs in the air, and when light is reflected off it, it produces some very strange looking beams that appear to go from the Earth straight up into the atmosphere."

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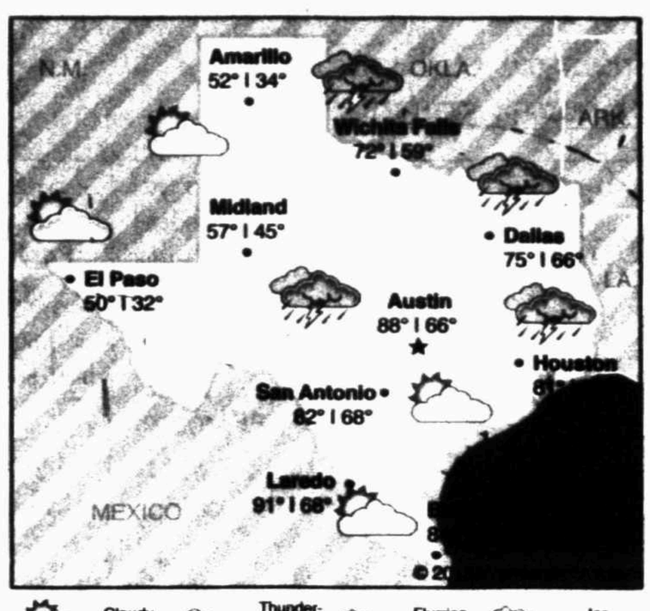

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Precipitation

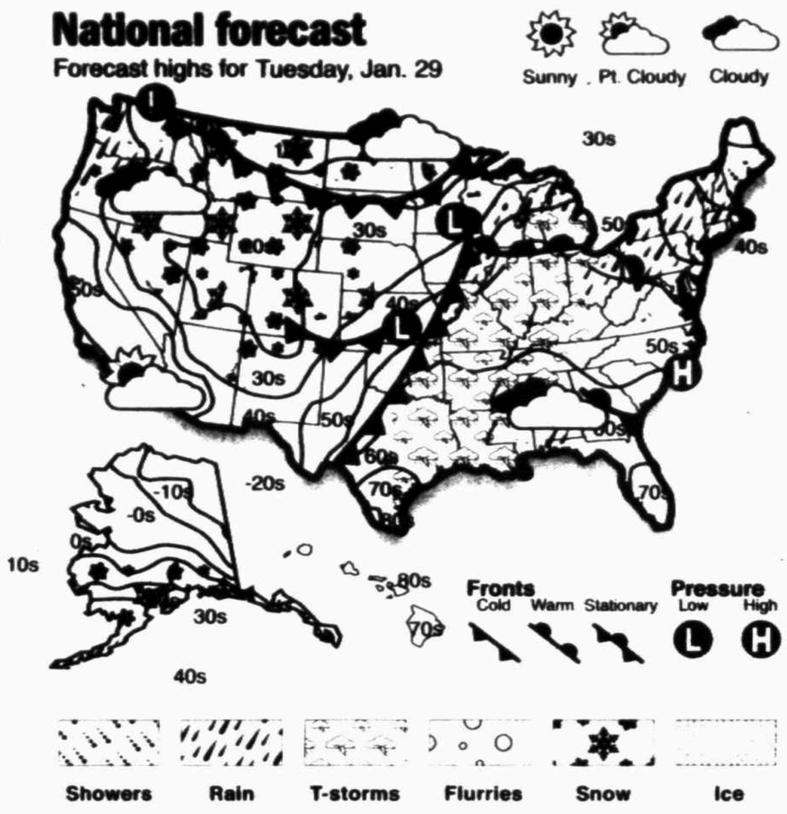
Sunday	trace
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.45 in.
Year total	1.45 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.49 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	77
Low	45
Normal high	59
Normal low	31
Sunrise	7:44 a.m.
Sunset	6:20 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Jan. 29



Severe Storms Possible In Deep South And Midwest

Reader annoyed by cellphone should talk instead of walk

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: In today's world, there are people who apparently cannot exist detached from their cellphones. In case you are wondering — yes, I do have one, but I use it only for emergencies, not idle banter.

If I'm trying to hold a conversation with someone and he/she is playing with an electronic toy, I get up and walk away. It's obvious to me that my company isn't worth the person's time, so neither is theirs. If I am in a restaurant and people start texting, I get up and go and leave the person with the bill. (Of course, I make sure I have eaten first.) In other words, I show them the same amount of courtesy they have shown me, which is none.

What do you think of the statement I'm trying to make? — OVER IT IN PATERSON, N.J.

DEAR OVER IT: Has it occurred to you that the person may not realize why you walked away? You could communicate your message more effectively if you spoke up when your companion reached for the cellphone and SAID you'd prefer your visit not be interrupted because you feel it is rude.

DEAR ABBY: About a year ago I caught my otherwise loving, loyal and well-providing husband checking online porn. I have trust issues that he knows about. I feel violated and hurt. He says, "Everyone does it."

I take great pain to maintain my appearance and my body. Although I'm almost 50, many consider me to be "hot." He lies about a lot of little things, but he seems to love me. My question is, is that enough? Do all men REALLY fantasize constantly? Since I started menopause, I want him all the time. It is such a relief to know I can't get pregnant again — it is a time of renewal for me. Then I caught him online.

Should I cut my losses or focus on the positive? This has hurt me so much I can barely stand it. — BETRAYED IN FLORIDA

DEAR BETRAYED: Porn is easily available, and many men look at it without it being a danger to their marriages. And yes, they do fantasize often. If you can, it might be helpful to encourage your husband to discuss with you his reason for doing it. It may have nothing to do with you, and more to do with issues of his own.

Before you let this ruin a perfectly good marriage, it might be helpful for you to talk with a therapist about your trust issues and what they stem from. The therapist may recommend joint counseling with your spouse, and you should consider that, too.

You have a right to the kind of fulfilling marital relationship you desire, but it won't happen unless there is honest, open communication and understanding between you and your husband.

DEAR ABBY: I have a dilemma. I deliver mail to offices daily and I never know how to answer when they thank me. It seems like "You're welcome" isn't appropriate because it's my job to bring the mail.

How should I respond? Should I say "You're welcome" or just "Have a nice day" or something else? — WANTS TO BE POLITE

DEAR WANTS: I appreciate that you want to be polite, but you are overthinking this. "You're welcome" and "Have a nice day" are both appropriate responses when someone thanks you.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Count your tricks

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 10 7 2
♥ K 10 8
♦ A 10 7 3
♣ J 5

WEST
♠ 8 6 3
♥ 5 3 2
♦ 6 5 2
♣ A Q 10 8

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

SOUTH
♠ J 9
♥ A Q J 9 7 6
♦ K J
♣ 9 6 4

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1	Pass	1♠	Pass
2	Pass	4	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Three of ♣

Before playing to the first trick, take a moment to count your tricks. That simple act can point the way to the winning line.

With two jacks of questionable value and a lack of defense, the South hand, at this vulnerability, is actually better suited to a weak two-bid than an opening bid of one heart. The final contract, however, should be the same no matter which opening bid South chooses.

West leads a low spade. How would you plan the play? If you are sure that West has a spade honor, one way to tackle the hand would be to play a low spade from dummy, unblocking the jack when East produces the queen, then later take a finesse for the king of spades for the 10th trick. But there is no guarantee that West holds a spade honor.

If you count your tricks, a better way presents itself. You have nine off the top and the simplest way to the fulfilling trick is via a club ruff. Do not duck the first trick. Should the defenders win and the lead hearts at every opportunity, you may end up a trick short. Rise with the ace of spades and lead a club, and whenever you gain the lead persevere with clubs. There is no way the defenders can prevent you from ruffing a club in dummy for your 10th trick.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2013:

This year your focus remains on your self-image and how others see you in the community and/or professional circle. You could find that you have to work very hard, as additional responsibility has been tossed into your daily routine. If you do not like your work, be smart and find another job. If you are single, others will think that you are far more serious than you are. Be as authentic as possible when relating. If you are attached, you might not enjoy going out so much; cozy times at home will have far more appeal. Share more with your significant other. VIRGO can be a real pusher.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Extremes dominate your thoughts, as you keep switching from one perspective to the next. A discussion evolves into a brainstorming session. As a result, you come up with solutions quickly and efficiently. A partner makes an effort to help. Tonight: Do something just for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Your creativity energizes others. You could gain in some form from a conversation that could cause you to see the big picture. Detach in order to see what is really going on. Listen to your inner voice dealing with an associate or partner. Tonight: Switch into fun mode.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You could be dealing with a difficult situation, like it or not. The good news is that you will make it successfully past any encumbrances. A partner or loved one could point to the right path. Follow this person's lead. Tonight: Be joyous. Look at the glass as half-full.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Your instincts lead you, and the wise will follow. You recognize your own limitations better than many people. How you handle a personal matter could change as the result of a conversation. A creative effort falls flat with a loved one or child. Tonight: Fun and games.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Curb spending if possible. You might be revamping a project or other undertaking, which could create an endless pit in your finances. Think this over again. Your efforts to get others to agree with you might not work. Schedule a check-up with the dentist. Tonight: Having fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You are full of get-up-and-go, and you know what works. Start visualizing your goals and desires. Be sure to look for support from others, but be aware that they could be afraid of your independence and willingness to head in a chosen direction. Tonight: All smiles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ Know that it serves you well to slow down and approach a situation differently. You might not be happy with what you are seeing, but you also haven't chosen a new course yet. Talk to a trusted adviser before you make a decision or take any action. Tonight: Do your thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Know what it is that you want from a situation. With this goal in mind, you can create just that. You might not be as receptive as before. As a result, some people distance themselves. Open up conversations — you will like what occurs. Tonight: Where crowds can be found.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Others come forward with a lot of information to share. You might wonder where it all begins. Your sixth sense doesn't seem to be working for you in a financial sense. Play it conservatively for now. Your instincts will guide you well. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You are wise for how you are looking at a difficult situation. Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with those you care about. You might want to seek out a respected friend or adviser. Others wonder as they watch you handle this issue. Tonight: Take in new vistas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Deal with each person in your life without being distracted. You desire to follow through on a certain path, yet there are other options that need to be explored. A boss or an authority figure is difficult; do not kid yourself about that fact. Tonight: Let a friend take the lead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Defer to others, and make sure you know what needs to happen. A fine-tuned sense of humor separates you from others in a trying situation. A meeting points to many alternatives. You might be tempted to walk the other way. Tonight: Pay more attention to a loved one.

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BORN TODAY

Media proprietor Oprah Winfrey (1954), Comedian, actor, juggler W.C. Fields (1880), author Anton Pavlovich Chekhov (1860)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Bit of high jinks
6 Eastern European
10 Sounds of disapproval
14 Team leader
15 Hang (around) in a hammock, say
16 Dos cubed
17 Second-largest Indian city
18 Play parts
19 Say grace, say
20 *4-0 World Series win, e.g.
22 Salad fish
23 Make illegal
24 Spy for Moses
26 Bit of schoolyard disagreement
29 Gardner of Hollywood
32 Under the covers
35 "The Shield" force, briefly
36 Diabolical sorts
39 "Norma __"
40 Pooling vehicle
41 "Broom alternative
42 www bookmark
43 Org. with many specialists
44 Online newsgroup system
45 Nora was his mistress
46 Justin Timberlake's former band
48 Fir feller
49 Bok __: cabbage
50 Nudges
53 Corrosive stuff
55 Cashless deal
57 Designed for two functions, and a hint to the answers to starred clues
63 Buffalo's lake
64 Not nuts
65 Run to the window
66 Gave for a while
67 Malevolent
68 Great enthusiasm
69 Colony critters
70 Riga resident
71 Scatter about

DOWN
1 Adapter letters
2 Carolers' offering
3 Shakespeare's "The Winter's __"
4 Sleepy Hollow schoolteacher Crane
5 Plates for company
6 Side with a sandwich
7 Bridal gown trim
8 Ancient Mexican
9 Italian scooter
10 David Letterman list
11 *Scouring aid
12 Genghis __
13 Tofu source
21 Bureaucratic bungles
25 Speech therapist's concern
26 Highway to Fairbanks
27 Sirs' counterparts
28 *Graffiti maker's medium
30 Clamping device
31 MetLife competitor
33 Turn a deaf __
34 Airport annoyance
37 Carlsbad Caverns locale: Abbr.
38 "I'm listening!"
41 "Watch your head!"
45 Prevailed against, slangily
47 Common rental restriction
51 Four-wheeled flop
52 Dry Italian wine
54 Safecrackers
55 Ward of "CSI: NY"
56 Small songbird
58 Army division
59 Shot at the bar
60 Cold War country: Abbr.
61 Mal de __: Henri's headache
62 "That hurts!"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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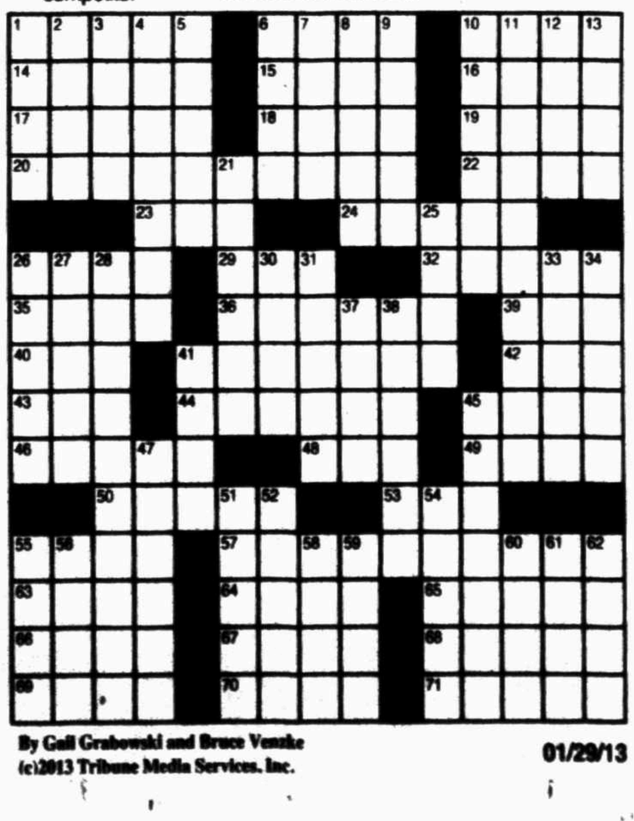

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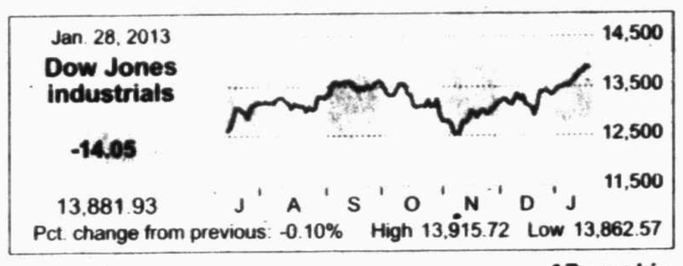
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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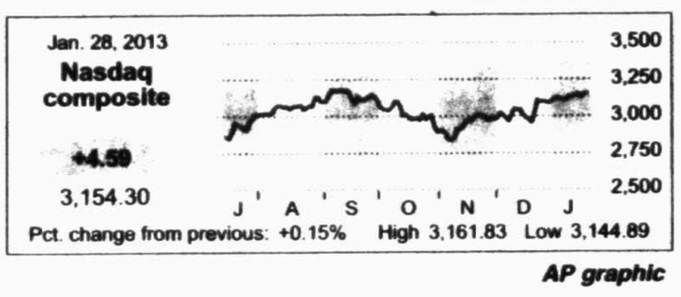

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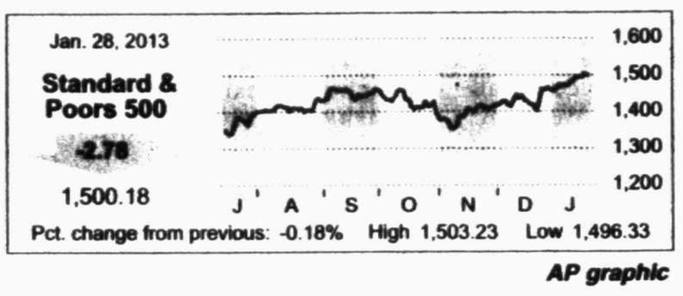

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday: $96.44
Previous: $95.88

POSTED

Monday: $93.25
Previous: $92.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday: $76.40
Previous: $75.40

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $3.289
Previous: $3.444

Associated Press

A Hostess Twinkie is seen on Nov. 16, 2012, in San Francisco. Hostess Brands, the maker of Twinkies, Ho Hos, and other pastries, announced Monday that it has picked the maker of Little Debbie as the lead bidder for its Drake's cakes. But fate of Twinkies and other Hostess cakes are still being negotiated with other bidders.

Hostess picks Little Debbie maker for Drake's

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hostess has picked the maker of Little Debbie as the lead bidder for its Drake's cakes.

According to a filing in U.S. bankruptcy court, McKee Foods has offered $27.5 million in cash for the cake brands, which include Devil Dogs, Funny Bones and Yodels. The fate of Twinkies and other Hostess cakes are still being negotiated with other bidders.

Hostess also said United States Bakery Inc. agreed to pay $28.9 million for its remained bread brands, which include Sweetheart, Eddy's, Standish Farms and Grandma Emilie's. That offer includes four bakeries, 14 depots and equipment. Earlier this month, Hostess picked Flowers Foods, which makes Tastykake and Nature's Own and Bunny bread, as the lead bidder for six of its major bread brands, including Wonder.

The "stalking horse" bids set the floor for an auction process that lets competitors make better offers. A judge would have to approve any final sales.

McKee Foods, based in Collegedale, Tenn., makes a variety of snack cakes under the Little Debbie banner that compete with Hostess cakes at a lower price. For example, its Cloud Cakes resemble Twinkies and its Devil Cremes resemble Devil Dogs. A representative for McKee Foods, Mike Gloekler, said the company didn't plan to scrap any brands as a result of the deal.

"Our intent is to produce like products as they are since they have different packaging and formulae," Gloekler said in a statement.

McKee's bid includes some equipment but not the Drake's bakery in Wayne, N.J. Gloekler said McKee hoped to make Drake's products at its plant in Stuarts Draft, Va. since Drake's cakes are best known in the northeast region.

When asked about the fate of the Drake's bakery, Hostess spokesman Tom Becker said the company continues "to market all remaining assets."

Hostess has said in court previously that it needed to move quickly in selling off its brands to capitalize on the outpouring of nostalgia and media coverage prompted by its demise. The company repeated the sentiment in its court filing Monday, noting that there is no advertising or marketing for Drake's brands, which also include Ring Dings, Sunny Doodles and Yankee Doodles.

"The longer Drake's products stay off the shelves, the more likely it is that consumers will begin to use competitors' products," the filing said.

McKee generates about $1.1 billion in sales a year, with its Little Debbie cake division accounting for $800 million of that, according to the company. In recent years, McKee has seen its sales remain flat or fall as eating habits have changed.

Hostess Brands Inc., based in Irving, has been plagued by even greater problems. The company announced in November that it was shutting down its business and selling its breads and snack cakes. Its demise came after years of management turmoil and turnover, with workers saying the company failed to invest its brands. Hostess filed for its second Chapter 11 bankruptcy in less than a decade this January, citing costs associated with its unionized workforce.

Oil slightly higher

The price of oil rose Monday after a strong durable goods report in the U.S.

Demand for long-lasting manufactured goods rose sharply in December with gains in volatile aircraft orders, the Commerce Department said. But the number of pending home sales fell last month after hitting a 2 1/2 year high in November.

Benchmark oil rose 56 cents to finish at $96.44 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

At the pump, the average price for a gallon of gas rose over the weekend to $3.35, the highest level since the second week of December.

Brent crude, used to price international varieties of oil, rose 20 cents to end at $113.48 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

Dollar rises

The dollar rose against most major currencies Monday after US housing and manufacturing data painted a mixed pictured of the economy.

The National Association of Realtors said that its index for pending home sales dropped 4.3 percent in December from November to 101.7.

The euro fell to $1.3456 in late trading Monday from $1.3467 late Friday. The British pound fell to $1.5695 from $1.5800.

The dollar was practically unchanged at 0.9263 Swiss franc from 0.9262 Swiss franc.

The dollar fell to 90.79 Japanese yen from 90.98 Japanese yen and to 1.0064 Canadian dollar from 1.0078 Canadian dollar.

Gold for February delivery fell $3.70 to settle Monday at $1,652.90 an ounce. Gold prices have dropped 1.3 percent so far this year.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $40.59 Up 0.77

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $90.53 Down 1.37

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $27.13 Up 0.40

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $21.64 Down 0.36

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $26.00 Up 0.52

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.77 Down 0.15

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $18.02 Up 0.07

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	894714	150.07	-.18
BkofAm	866414	11.48	-.14
iShEMkts	552880	43.85	-.31
NokiaCp	546013	4.25	+.05
FordM	495148	13.78	+.20

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RadioShk	3.22	+.58	+22.0
Navistr pfD	9.58	+1.58	+19.8
IFM Inv rs	3.61	+.54	+17.6
GrayTvA	3.28	+.47	+16.7
CSVInvNG	20.71	+2.71	+15.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSVLgNGs	19.87	-3.34	-14.4
3D Sys	59.50	-9.57	-13.9
JPBetaIMet	38.09	-5.11	-11.8
PrSUltNG rs	37.13	-3.95	-9.6
Herbalife	40.02	-3.57	-8.2

DIARY

Advanced	1,308
Declined	1,725
Unchanged	115
Total issues	3,148
New Highs	338
New Lows	19
Volume	3,278,482,797

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
ChenereEn	28178	20.80	-.13
NwGold g	25302	9.39	-.02
Rubicon g	23023	2.39	-.05
NA Pall g	22110	1.68	-.02
Rentech	19818	2.99	+.01

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TravelCtrs	7.79	+.50	+6.9
GoldResg	2.46	+.72	+41.2
SeanergyM	2.46	+.72	+41.2
GenFnn un	11.98	+3.13	+35.4
VentrusBio	2.73	+.52	+23.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GldFld	2.79	-.36	-11.4
BoveMed	2.50	-.24	-8.8
IncOpR	3.40	-.29	-7.9
Barno g	2.39	-.14	-5.5
Augusta g	2.25	-.12	-5.1

DIARY

Advanced	157
Declined	273
Unchanged	33
Total issues	463
New Highs	13
New Lows	5
Volume	69,767,406

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Intel	974474	21.05	+.09
RschMotn	881935	16.18	-1.36
Facebook n	572591	32.47	+.93
Zynga	556667	2.84	+.35
Microsoft	544453	27.91	+.03

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
KeryxBio	6.06	+2.63	+76.6
FuneixPh	35.34	+14.10	+66.4
SeanergyM	2.46	+.72	+41.2
GenFnn un	11.98	+3.13	+35.4
VentrusBio	2.73	+.52	+23.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Repros wtA	12.69	-11.93	-48.5
ReprosTh	11.11	-7.50	-40.3
Torm rs	3.30	-.69	-17.3
JosABank	39.28	-6.99	-15.1
TxCapB wt	28.34	-5.00	-15.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,392
Declined	1,069
Unchanged	120
Total issues	2,581
New Highs	215
New Lows	11
Volume	1,890,298,966

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	...	4.11	-.33	-10.7
AT&T Inc	1.80f	28	34.13	+.11	+1.2
AbtLab s	.56	22	33.00	+.21	+5.3
Abraxas	...	...	**2.12**	**-.02**	**-3.2**
AdamsEx	**.67e**	**...**	**11.31**	**+.02**	**+6.8**
AMD	...	...	2.82	-.03	+17.5
Alcoa	.12	36	8.90	-.13	+2.5
AlonUSA	.16	31	18.39	+.12	+1.7
AlphaNRs	...	...	8.89	-.32	-8.7
AmInt'Grp	...	3	37.30	+.60	+5.7
Amgen	**1.88f**	**16**	**85.59**	**+2.17**	**-.7**
Anadarko	**.36**	**...**	**79.41**	**-1.59**	**+6.9**
Apache	**.68**	**13**	**83.73**	**-.42**	**+6.7**
Apple Inc	10.60	10	449.83	+9.95	-15.5
ApidMatl	**.36**	**100**	**12.96**	**+.13**	**+13.3**
ATMOS	**1.40f**	**16**	**37.31**	**+.21**	**+6.2**
AutoData	1.74	21	59.64	-.25	+4.8
BP PLC	**1.92a**	**6**	**44.35**	**+.42**	**+6.5**
BabsCCInv	1.20a	...	17.26	-.04	+13.0
BakrHu	.60	15	45.62	+.01	+11.7
BkofAm	.04	44	11.48	-.14	-1.1
BarrPVix rs	...	...	23.57	+.62	-25.9
BascEnSv	...	8	12.98	-.17	+13.8
BerkHa A	**...**	**1**	**146720.00**	**-570.00**	**+9.4**
BerryPet	**.32**	**...**	**35.03**	**-.30**	**+4.4**
BlkHillsCp	**1.48**	**18**	**40.02**	**+.43**	**+10.1**
BostonSci	...	...	6.86	...	+19.7
BrklySq	**1.40f**	**31**	**36.41**	**-.28**	**+12.9**
BrownFA s	**1.02a**	**25**	**65.12**	**-.77**	**+5.9**
BrownFB s	**1.02a**	**25**	**64.34**	**-.75**	**+1.7**
CVS Care	.90f	17	51.34	-.52	+6.2
Cameron	...	24	61.24	+.52	+8.5
Caterpillar	2.08	10	97.45	+1.87	+8.8
Celestic g	...	15	8.15	-.09	...
CntryLink	2.90	36	40.26	+.13	+2.9
ChesEng	.35	...	18.93	-.43	+13.9
Chevron	**3.60**	**10**	**116.04**	**-.16**	**+7.3**
Chicos	.21	17	17.49	-.56	-5.3
Chimera	.38e	...	2.98	-.03	+14.2
Cimarex	.48	15	64.01	+.01	+10.9
Cisco	.56	14	21.06	-.09	+7.2
Citigroup	.04	13	42.34	-.57	+7.0
ClayEng	**...**	**27**	**40.59**	**+.77**	**+1.5**
Clearwire	...	...	3.36	+.09	+16.3
CocaCola s	**1.02**	**19**	**37.01**	**-.04**	**+2.1**
ColgPal	**2.48**	**21**	**110.15**	**...**	**+5.4**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**21**	**32.63**	**+.30**	**+10.6**
ConchoRes	**...**	**20**	**90.53**	**-1.37**	**+12.4**
ConocPhil s	**2.64**	**8**	**60.75**	**-.31**	**+4.8**
Corning	.36f	10	12.15	-.09	-3.7
CrackerB	2.00	15	64.19	-.39	-.1
CrosTim	**2.28e**	**12**	**30.83**	**+.14**	**+14.5**
DCP Mid	2.76f	...	44.56	+.74	+6.7
DTE	2.48	16	62.46	-.29	+4.0
Dataram h	...	...	.40	...	+21.2
Dawson	**...**	**19**	**27.13**	**+.40**	**+2.8**
Dell Inc	.32	9	13.04	-.12	+28.6
DevonE	**.80**	**34**	**54.56**	**-.42**	**+4.8**
Disney	**.75f**	**17**	**54.36**	**-.02**	**+9.2**
DowChm	**1.28**	**26**	**34.42**	**-.16**	**+6.5**
EMC Cp	...	21	25.20	-.06	-.4
EOG Res	**.68**	**28**	**124.20**	**-1.07**	**+2.8**
EmpDist	**1.00**	**16**	**20.80**	**-.05**	**+2.1**
Energen	.58f	15	47.28	-.94	+4.9
EngyTsfr	3.58	9	46.64	+.39	+8.6
EnPro	**...**	**22**	**44.51**	**-.28**	**+8.8**
EntPrPt	2.64f	21	56.49	+.85	+12.8
Ericsson	.35e	...	10.84	+.12	+7.3
ExterranH	**...**	**...**	**23.10**	**+.06**	**+5.4**
ExxonMbl	**2.28**	**12**	**91.11**	**-.62**	**+5.3**
Facebook n	...	...	32.47	+.93	+22.0
FordM	.40f	11	13.78	+.20	+6.4
ForestOil	...	10	6.50	-.13	-2.8
FrozenFd h	**...**	**...**	**1.13**	**-.04**	**+27.0**
GATX	**1.24f**	**19**	**47.02**	**+.88**	**+8.6**
GabMultT	**.80**	**...**	**8.53**	**+.02**	**+8.6**
GAInv	**2.00e**	**...**	**29.75**	**-.04**	**+6.9**
GenElec	**.76f**	**16**	**22.50**	**+.21**	**+7.2**
GaGulf	.32	24	54.58	+4.34	+32.2
GtPlainEn	**.87f**	**16**	**21.08**	**+.05**	**+3.8**
HalconR rs	...	...	7.75	-.03	+12.0
Hallibrtn	.36	13	40.28	+.56	+16.1
Heinz	**2.06**	**19**	**60.61**	**-.11**	**+5.1**
Herbalife	1.20	10	40.02	-3.57	+21.5
Hess	.40	14	62.48	+3.58	+18.0
HewlettP	.53	...	17.02	+.03	+19.4
iShJapn	.19e	...	9.72	-.15	-.3
iShChina25	.94e	...	40.96	-.14	+1.3
iShEMkts	.74e	...	43.85	-.31	-1.1
iS Eale	1.76e	...	58.74	-.29	+3.3
iShR2K	1.69e	...	90.00	+.06	+6.7
IntegrysE	2.72	17	54.52	-.09	+4.4
Intel	**.90**	**10**	**21.05**	**+.09**	**+2.1**
InterDig	.40a	7	45.97	+1.27	+11.9
JPMorgCh	1.20	9	46.64	-.52	+6.8
JohnJn	**2.44**	**19**	**73.62**	**-.30**	**+5.0**
KeryxBio	...	...	6.06	+2.63	+131.2
KimbClk	**2.96**	**20**	**86.80**	**+.54**	**+2.8**
KindME	5.16f	...	89.67	+.67	+12.4
KindMorg	1.48f	55	37.53	+.28	+6.2
KindMM	5.16f	...	83.36	+.57	+10.5
LegacyRes	2.28f	...	26.00	+.52	+9.2
Lubys	**...**	**27**	**6.90**	**-.09**	**+3.1**
MGM Rsts	...	...	12.98	-.02	+11.5
MktVGold	.46e	...	41.48	-.44	-10.6
McDnlds	3.08f	18	94.36	+.64	+7.0
Merck	1.72f	20	42.93	-.53	+4.9
MeritMed	**...**	**25**	**13.99**	**-.22**	**+.6**
MexcoEn	...	...	5.77	-.15	-10.4
MicronT	...	...	7.82	-.05	+23.3
Microsoft	.92	15	27.91	+.03	+4.5
MorgStan	.20	...	22.31	-.39	+16.7
Nabors	...	...	16.54	-.09	+14.5
NatGrid	**3.17e**	**...**	**55.36**	**-.18**	**-3.6**
NOilVarco	.52f	13	73.62	-.38	+7.7
Netflix	...	...	162.11	-7.45	+75.1
NewsCpA	.17	25	27.56	+.35	+8.0
NokiaCp	...	...	4.25	+.05	+7.6
NvMAd	**.85e**	**...**	**15.47**	**-.22**	**+1.7**
NvPMI	**.88**	**...**	**15.35**	**-.34**	**+2.9**
NuvPI	**.86**	**...**	**15.55**	**-.20**	**+3.9**
NSTFR	**.66e**	**...**	**15.40**	**-.05**	**+5.3**
NTXQI	**.73**	**...**	**16.52**	**+.05**	**+4.3**
OcciPet	**2.16**	**12**	**83.84**	**-.22**	**+8.4**
Oracle	.24	17	35.54	+.16	+6.7
ParTech	**...**	**13**	**4.58**	**-.06**	**-6.9**
ParkDrl	**...**	**...**	**5.66**	**+.17**	**+23.0**
PattUTI	**.20**	**10**	**20.15**	**...**	**+8.2**
PennaRE	**.64**	**...**	**18.74**	**+.05**	**+6.2**
Prmian	1.08e	11	13.98	-.08	+13.9
Pfizer	**.96f**	**16**	**26.84**	**-.16**	**+7.0**
PioNtrl	.06	...	114.99	-.62	+7.9
PlainsAA s	**2.25f**	**22**	**52.51**	**+.94**	**+16.1**
PwShs QQQ	.81e	...	67.15	+.15	+3.1
Pwrwv rsh	...	...	.08	-.23	-74.2
Praxair	**2.40f**	**20**	**109.98**	**-1.75**	**+.5**
PrmEgy	**...**	**8**	**25.80**	**+.80**	**+12.2**
PrUVxST rs	...	...	11.15	+.59	-46.7
ProctGam	**2.25**	**19**	**73.77**	**+.52**	**+8.7**
RadioShk	...	...	3.22	+.58	+51.9
RangeRs	.16	...	67.35	-1.35	+7.2
RschMotn	...	32	16.18	-1.36	+36.3
Rowan	...	26	35.01	+.07	+12.0
RoyDShllA	3.44	9	71.59	+.13	+3.8
SpdrDJIA	3.34e	...	138.65	+.03	+6.2
S&P500ETF	3.10e	...	150.07	-.18	+5.4
SabnR	3.59e	13	46.90	+.57	+17.9
SanderFm	**.68**	**21**	**50.48**	**+.51**	**+6.2**
SandRdge	**...**	**...**	**7.00**	**-.07**	**+10.2**
Sapient	**...**	**24**	**12.40**	**+.13**	**+17.4**
Schlmbrg	1.25f	19	79.28	-.23	+14.4
SchoolSp	...	...	.12	-.48	-87.4
SigmaAld	**.80**	**21**	**76.97**	**-.43**	**+4.6**
SiriusXM	.05e	5	3.15	...	+9.0
Smucker	2.08	21	88.80	-.46	+3.0
SouthnCo	1.96	17	44.35	-.10	+3.6
SprintNex	...	...	5.56	-.08	-1.9
SPDR Fncl	.26e	...	17.40	-.07	+6.2
Staples	.44	...	13.37	+.40	+17.3
SunocoLog	2.18f	14	58.32	+1.59	+17.3
TaiwSemi	.50e	...	17.52	-.23	+2.1
TeleflEsp	**...**	**...**	**14.52**	**+.04**	**+7.6**
Tesoro	.60f	11	45.83	+1.25	+4.0
3M Co	2.36	16	100.65	+.06	+8.4
Torchmark	**.60**	**11**	**55.85**	**-.33**	**+8.0**
TriContl	**.51e**	**...**	**16.97**	**-.02**	**+5.7**
TylerTech	**...**	**55**	**53.96**	**-.46**	**+11.4**
UBWV	**1.24**	**17**	**25.85**	**+.05**	**+6.2**
ValeroE	.80f	10	38.81	+.71	+13.7
VangEmg	.99e	...	44.23	-.33	-.7
VerizonCm	2.06	...	42.77	+.10	-1.2
Vodafone	1.53e	...	27.05	-.02	+7.4
VulcanM	**.04**	**...**	**56.83**	**-.37**	**+9.2**
Walgrn	**1.10**	**18**	**40.10**	**+.43**	**+8.3**
WsteMInc	1.42	19	36.46	+.77	+8.1
WellsFargo	1.00f	10	35.11	-.03	+2.7
WstnRefin	.48f	20	30.27	+.45	+7.4
WstnUnion	.50f	7	14.02	+.49	+3.0
WhitingPet	...	12	47.64	-.11	+9.8
WmsCos	1.36f	23	34.87	+.04	+6.5
XcelEngy	**1.08**	**15**	**27.40**	**-.15**	**+2.6**
Xerox	**.17**	**9**	**8.23**	**+.30**	**+20.7**
Yahoo	...	6	20.31	-.06	+2.1
Zynga	...	...	2.84	+.35	+20.3

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INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
13,895.98	12,035.09	Dow Jones Industrials	13,881.93	-14.05	-.10	+5.94	+9.71
5,877.79	4,795.28	Dow Jones Transportation	5,875.56	+5.51	+.09	+10.72	+10.40
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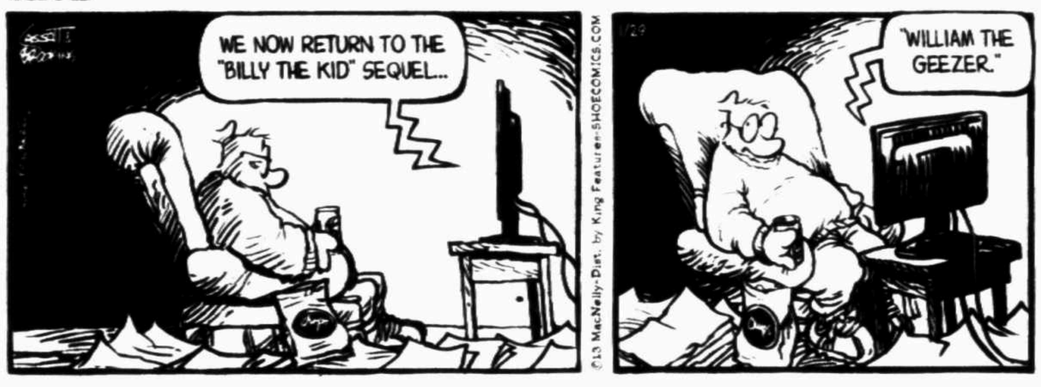

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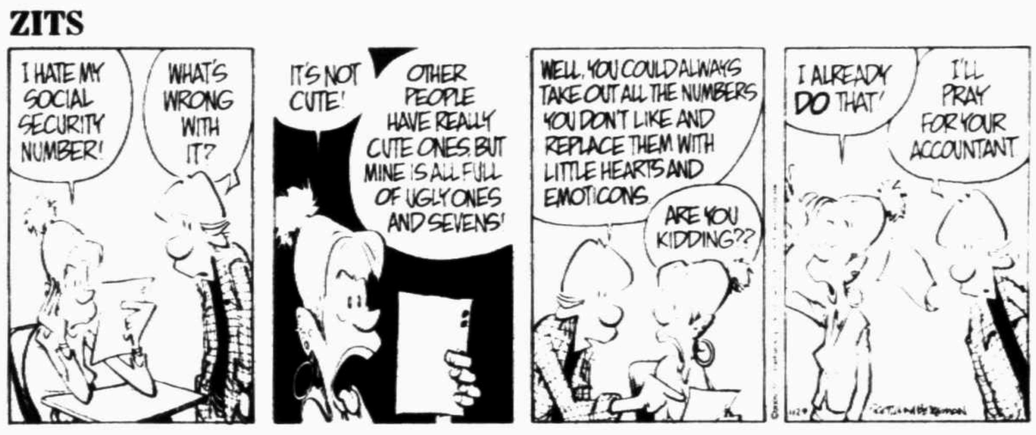

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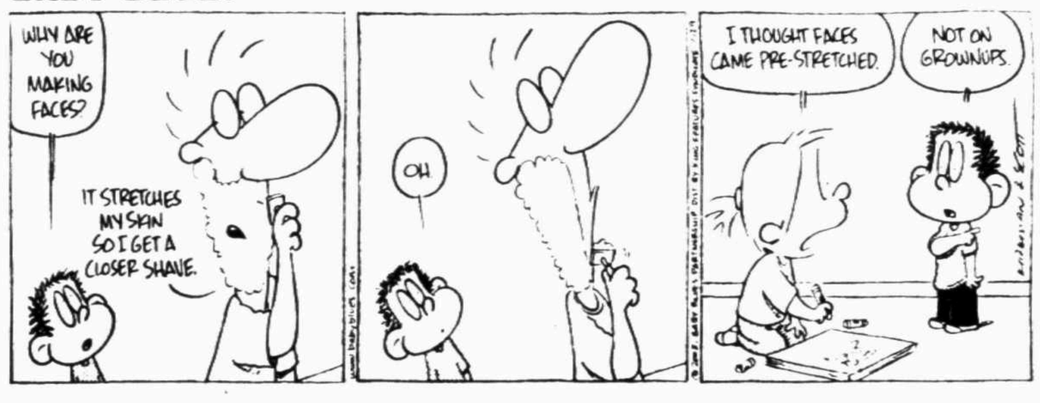

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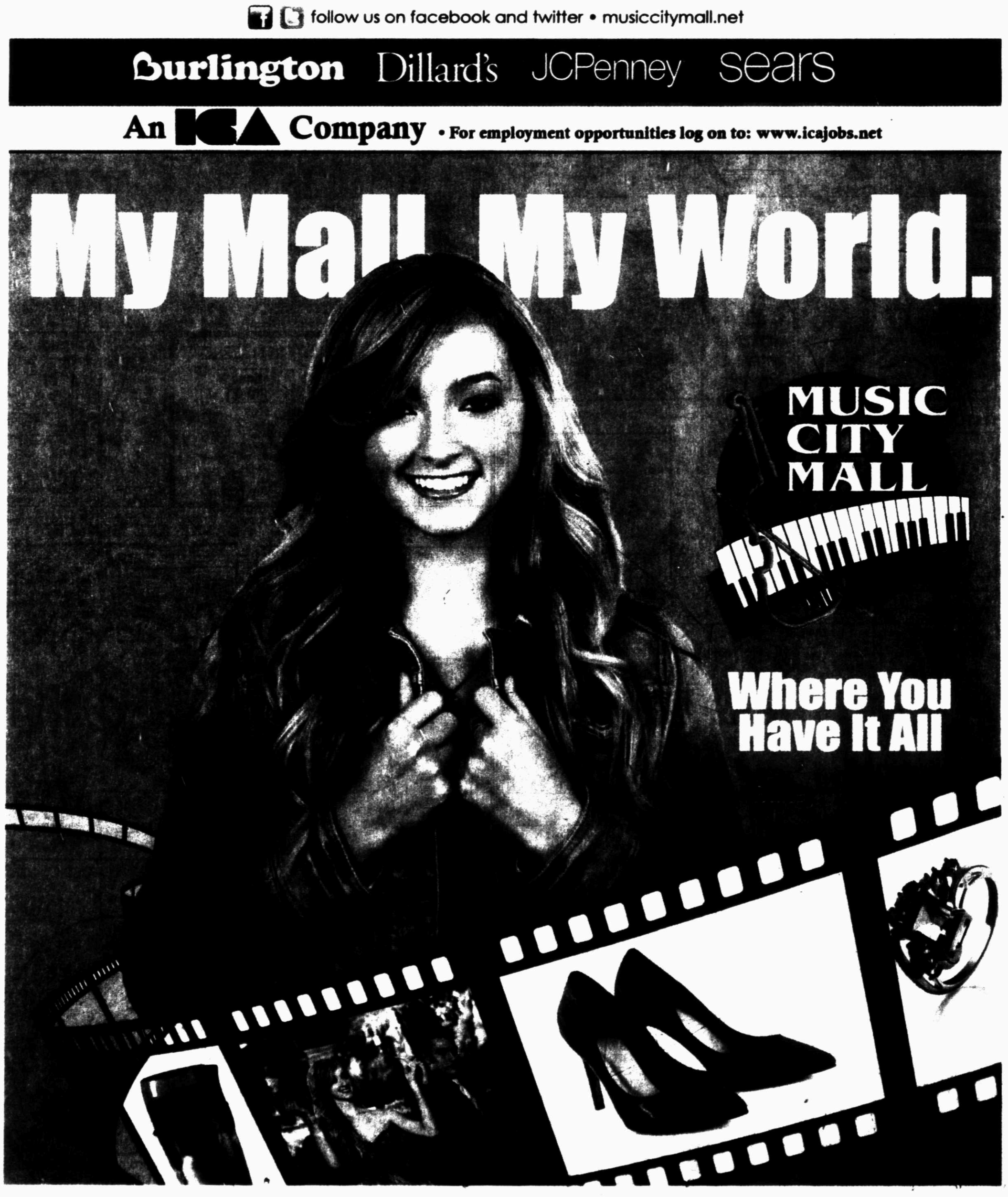

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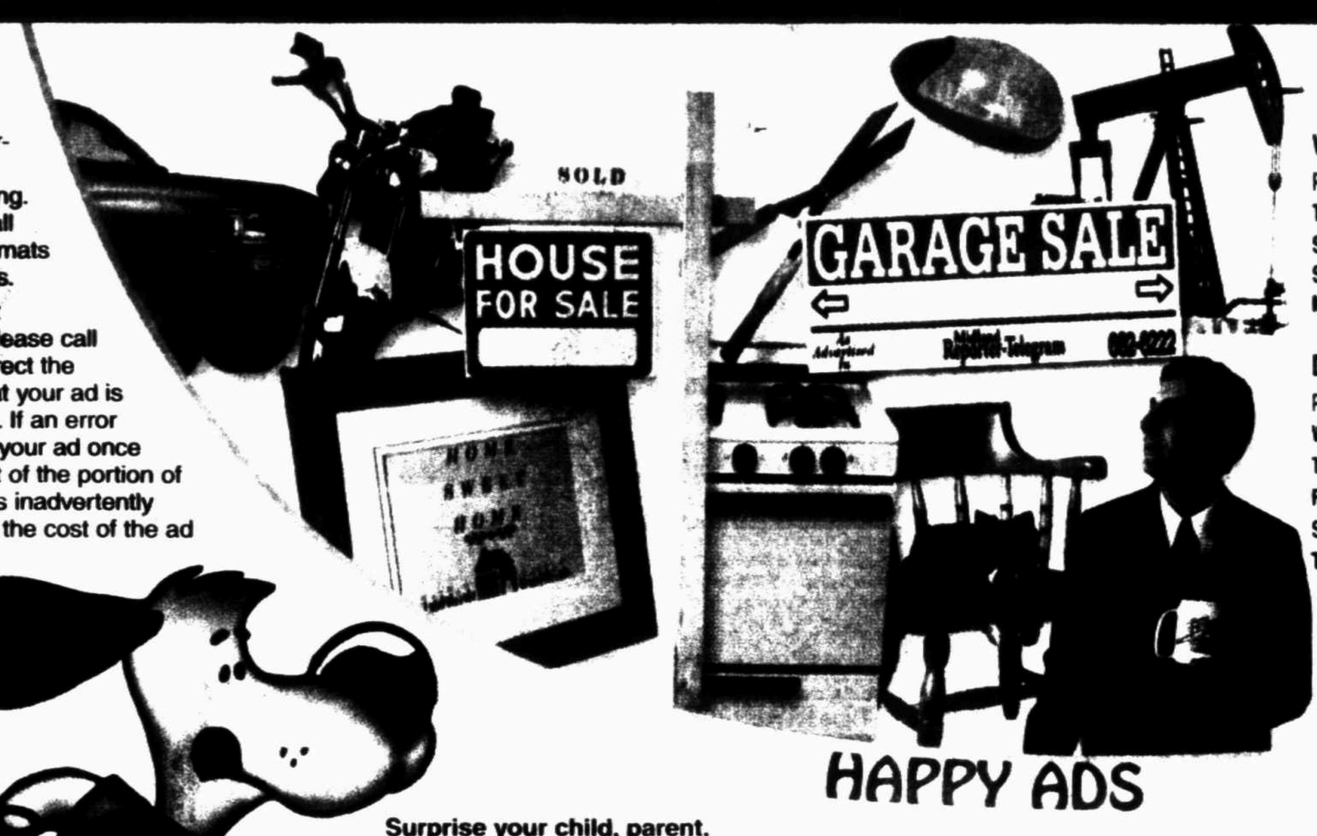

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NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WANDA L. PHILLIPS, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of January, 2013, Letters Testamentary were issued to Joyce Louise Taylor as Independent Executrix in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Wanda L. Phillips, Deceased," being No. P-17328 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Joyce Louise Taylor, 1213 Chukar Lane, Midland, Texas 79706, within the time prescribed by law.

DATED this 28th day of January, 2013.

JOYCE LOUISE TAYLOR,
Independent Executrix of the Estate of Wanda L. Phillips, Deceased

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF MIDLAND

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of JOY WEST McKINNEY, deceased, Probate Case Number P17286:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of JOY WEST McKINNEY, deceased, late of Midland County, Texas, by MIKE BRADFORD, Judge of the County Court of said County, on the 22nd day of January, 2013, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to MONTE ROBERT WEST, 1607 Augusta Drive, Snyder, Texas 79549, within the time prescribed by law.

EXECUTED this 22nd day of January, 2013.

/s/ MONTE ROBERT WEST
Independent Executor of the Estate of JOY WEST McKinney, deceased

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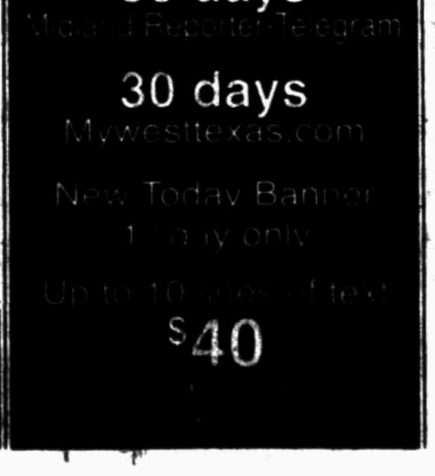

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TitanLiner, Inc. currently has the following employment opportunities in our Midland, TX location: **Entry Level Field Technicians** and **Project Manager**. All positions require at least a high school diploma or equivalent. Oilfield experience preferred. CDL A required if applying for Field Technician. Previous management/supervisor experience required for Project Manager position. Qualified applicants may submit resumes to **hr@titanliner.com**. No phone calls please.

HSE Manager

TitanLiner, Inc. is looking to fill the position of **H.S.E. Manager**. Position will be based in our Corporate Office in Midland, TX. Responsibilities include the development & implementation of HSE & DOT program for our company, ensure compliance with OSHA & DOT, investigate work place incidents, conduct new hire safety orientations, & perform regular HSE/DOT site audits to ensure compliance. 5 or more years of work experience in the HSE discipline (preferred in Oil & Gas Industry). Safety degree and/or related certifications required. Must be able to travel 50+% of the time. Must have a valid US driver's license & pass standard background check & drug test. Compensation DOE. Qualified applicants may submit resumes to **hr@titanliner.com**. No phone calls pls.

Tubing Tester

Confidential FT

Experienced Tubing Tester, CDL with tank endorsement required. Call 432-557-2809 or 432-557-2807.

HEALTHCARE

Caregivers

HomeCare Plus

Now hiring for in home Caregivers. Must be able to pass back ground check and drug test. Apply at 501 Andrews Hwy in Midland

Chairside Dental Assistant

Confidential PT

Immediate opening for Part-time Chairside Dental Assistant in Midland. Experience preferred. Please send resume to: P-17, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701.

CNA's / Providers

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. FT

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. is seeking experienced CNA's/Providers to assist with personal care, meal prep and light housekeeping. Part-Time. Call: 1-800-458-3257. E.O.E.

OTHER JOBS

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Midland Reporter-Telegram has immediate openings in it's Distribution Department (Mailroom)

Part-Time Shift Work Available

Schedule consists of a combination of day and night shifts. Night Shifts - 12 (midnight) until 3-5 a.m.

Starting pay is $10.00 hourly.

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

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: etitsworth@hearstnp.com
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

HEALTHCARE

LPC/LCDC/License Counselor

Midland/Odessa Addiction Treatment Center PT
Monday-Friday 6:00am-10:00am
Treatment planning/Case management. Personal days/CEU days. Paid holidays. Fax resume to 800-671-8364.

Marketer/ Office Clerk & PRN/Weekend RN

Martin County Home Health is now taking applications for a Full Time Marketer/Office Clerk. Monday through Friday 8:30 to 5:00. Excellent Benefits with competitive pay and mileage. Also looking for PRN/Weekend RN. Call Allison Roy, RN/DON at 432-607-3249 or fax resume to 432-607-3299.

Medical Assistant

Dr.'s office looking for FT/PT experienced Medical Assistant & Insurance Verification. Fax resume to: 432-522-2950.

Optician

Phillips Eye Clinic FT
4311 W. Wadley Ave. **Midland, TX 79707**
Experienced preferred but not required. Please apply in person.

Personal Care Attendants

InHome Care, Inc. FT

Looking for individuals to do light housekeeping and cooking in patients home. Must be 18 years of age or older. Please come by or send resume to: InHome Care, Inc. 808 W Indiana, Midland, Tx. 79701. Fax: 432-570-1303.

Phlebotomy Certification Class (blood drawing)

Odessa: Feb. 9th and 10th. $300. Call 505-217-2284, 505-410-7889 or 505-410-9559. www.swphlebotomy.com

Registered Dental Assistant

Growing practice in need of **Registered Dental Assistant**. Please email resume to **info@smilemidland.com** or fax resume to Drs. Kauffman and Campanga **432 520-0720**

Sitters / CNA's

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. FT

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. is seeking experienced Sitters/CNA's to work for private duty clients. Must pass drug test and background check. All shifts available. E.O.E. Call 522-5080 or 1-800-201-5904.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Executive Housekeeper

Holiday Inn Express FT
5309 West Loop 250 North
Now hiring Full-time Executive Housekeeper. Will train the right person. Serious inquiries only. Previous applicants need not apply. Apply in person only. No phone calls. Competitive pay.

Housekeeping & Laundry & Breakfast Attendant

LaQuinta Inn & Suites FT
Now Hiring
- Housekeepers
- Laundry & Breakfast Attendant

Flexible Hours. Great Pay!
Please apply at LaQuita Inn & Suites
on Loop 250, next to Kohl's

Manager

Confidential FT

Midland Hotel seeking candidate with strong team building skills who can manage overall daily operations, payroll, hiring, training & property mgmt. Previous hotel experience a plus! Salary/Benefits negotiable. Send resume to kelly@crest-mgmt.com

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

Security Officers

AlliedBarton Security Services FT

NOW HIRING! Security Officers Needed! Benefits including 401(k), paid vacation, and tuition reimbursement. Contact Dan for more information at (972) 560-1489 EOE M/D/F/V

OTHER JOBS

Caregiver

For weekend night shifts. 3pm-11pm also. 11pm-7am and for various other shifts when needed. Must be dependable and very caring for the elderly. There will be a background check. Will train. $10 hourly. Call 432-213-1448 or 432-213-2470.

Electrician

A&A Instrumentation & Electrical is needing licensed electricians w/experience in industrial work for local projects. Please email resumes to casasirma@aol.com

Handyman/Janitorial Position

McClatchy Bros, Inc. FT

McClatchy Bros, Inc. is hiring Handyman/Janitorial position. Sunday thru Thursday. This is a full time position. Salary with benefits. Working hours negotiable. Apply at McClatchy Bros Inc 3901 W Industrial Midland. 432-694-9691

Maids and Janitors

Confidential PT

Part-time Janitorial positions available. Work M-F, 5:30pm-8:30pm, no weekends. Good way to make extra money. Apply at: 1307 North Big Spring, 8:30am-5:30pm.

Medical Equipment Delivery Driver

HomeCare Plus FT

HomeCare Plus is seeking a medical equipment delivery driver. Knowledge of assembly of wheel chairs, beds, O2, and other medical equipment preferred. Able to lift heavy objects, minimal computer entry and some on call required. Must have valid driver license and able to pass background check and drug screening. Apply at 501 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX

Midland County Now Hiring

Midland County FT

Midland County has an opening for the following positions:
*Equipment Operator *Building Maintenance
*Program Coordinator *Licensed Professional Counselor or Intern
*Newtork Administrator *Juvenile Probation Officer-Female Caseload

Please see our website www.co.midland.tx.us for more details and other openings. To be considered you must send a completed application with job reference number to: Midland County Human Resources Office, 500 N. Loraine St. Ste. 100 Midland, TX 79701 or hr@co.midland.tx.us EOE

Preschool Teacher

The Cottage of Mama Bears is looking for FT Preschool Teacher. HS Diploma & background check. Call 432-684-8270 for interview.

Sales Associate & Mover

Refind Furnishings PT

Now hiring part time sales associate and part time mover, apply in person 3211 W. Wadley, Ste 16B. 432-689-3405

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the position of:

Pressman Pressman Trainee

for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses. This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Production Director
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701
E-mail: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
or
come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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General

NEWSPAPER STREET CORNER SALES

Midland Reporter-Telegram

Selling Newspapers On The Street Corners
(avg. income $50.00 - $100.00/day)

MUST BE AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD SUNDAYS ONLY IF INTERESTED CALL TOMMY 967-2267

Screen Printer & Embroidery Tech

Immediate Positions Available: Experienced Screen Printer & Embroidery Tech. Requires a high-energy, detail oriented person. Call A-1 Sign Engravers, Inc/A-1 Embroidery & Screen Printing, Inc. at 800-876-7446 speak with Martin Baeza

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Commercial CSR

Seeking full time position with an insurance agency in Midland, TX. Must have experience in commercial property and casualty insurance. License preferred but not required. 432.683.4619

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

All Positions

Hiring all positions, Kitchen staff, starting at $12, wait staff, starting at $4.50 plus tips, bussers & dishwashers. Incentives & bonuses. Apply at Basin Burger House, 607 N Colorado.

Cook

Dismas Charities PT

Dismas Charities is now hiring a part-time Cook. Apply at: www.dismas.com

DOMINO'S PIZZA NOW HIRING!

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Food & Beverage Manager

Midland Country Club FT

Is looking for a Food and Beverage Manager. We hire attitude and personality over experience. Position is full-time. In addition to competitive wages we offer paid medical and 401k. Please apply in person: Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705.

Golf Course Member Service

Midland's Premier County Club FT/PT

Is looking for outside golf course member service staff. We hire attitude and personality over experience. All positions available Full or Part time. In addition to competitive wages we offer paid medical and 401K. Please apply in person at Midland Country Club 6101 N Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705.

Servers, Cooks & Bussers

The Racquet Club FT

Seeking candidates for Servers, Cooks & bussing positions. Flexible hours, excellent working environment. Apply in person, 3009 Racquet Club Dr. No phone calls please.

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Pharmacy Technicians & Shift Leads

Walgreens Drug Store

Now seeking Pharmacy Technicians & Shift Leads. Benefits available including Medical, Dental and 401K. Apply in person: 215 Andrews Hwy. or walgreens.com/careers.

SALES JOBS

Dee Horn Aviation Ltd. Co., a leading provider of Aviation services in Midland Texas, is looking to fill the following positions:

Aircraft Sales Administrator
Position requires professional, energetic individual to perform administrative duties for the director of sales and Acquisitions. Candidate should be neat in appearance and having working knowledge of MS word, Excel, calculator and email programs. Deer Horn Aviation Ltd. Co. will provide training. Salary will be based on qualifications.

Building & Property Maintenance
Position requires a candidate in good physical condition. Candidate must be capable of working in extreme heat and cold when necessary. The ideal candidate will have a general knowledge of plumbing, heating air conditioning and electrical units, some grounds maintenance is required. This is a full time position. Salary will be based on qualifications.

Deer Horn Aviation Ltd. Co. has over (70) employees at the Midland International Airport. The company offers outstanding benefits to include Medical Benefits for employee and family, 401k retirement with 100% match up to 15% of salary, bonus, paid vacation & sick leave.

Send resume's to Deer Horn Aviation Ltd. Co., P.O. Box 60248, Midland Texas 79711. Attention: Robin Williams or apply in person at 8818 W. Highway 80, Midland International Airport. Deer Horn Aviation Ltd. Co. is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Drug Free Workplace.

FT Assistant Sales Manager

Affordable Storage, Inc. FT

Affordable Storage, is seeking a **FT Assistant Sales Manager.** Applicants must have an extensive sales background. Working most weekends is required. Room to grow in the company! $28K - $33K starting Salary. Send Resumes to: jd@selfstorageoflubbock.com. Fax to: (432) 694-4445. Drop off at 3420 Thomason Dr.

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Oil Field Sales

Lighthouse Energy Solutions is a rapidly growing oil field service company seeking **Outside Sales people**. Qualified candidates must be self motivated & have ability to make cold calls in the field. Salary depending on experience. Must have good driving record and pass drug screening. Please call **432-699-7744** to make and appt. for interview.

Sales Rep

Sales Representative for BHA. Apply in person: 2915 South County Rd 1255, Midland or Call Gary 432-563-1784

SKILLED LABOR

Cabinet Maker & Laborers

Immediate Hire - Great Pay, experienced cabinet maker and laborers. Fax Resume to 432-684-7990 or call 432-684-9377, email: info@tenstarcabinets.com

Shop Hand

Lee-Co Coating Enterprise FT

Now accepting application for full-time Shop Hand. Duties will include: preparations, coating and painting sub pump equipment. No experience required, will train. Hours are usually afternoon-late night shift. Position starts at $13.50 an hour. Call for application 432-570-8283 from 10am-4pm, Monday - Friday or email resume to: teda@suddenlinkmail.com

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SKILLED LABOR

Electrical/Automation Technician

Energen Resources Corporation, a subsidiary of Energen Corporation has an immediate opening for Electrical/Automation Technician in its Midland, Texas office.

Responsibilities include:

- Installation and maintenance of electrical equipment, PLC Controllers, Instrumentation Transmitters, Pump Off Controllers, Telemetry and radio equipment.
- PLC and HMI Display programming
- Supervision of electrical/automation contractors
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The qualified applicant will have 3-5 year's Automation/Electrical experience with a broad knowledge of all types of instrumentation and electrical equipment. A good knowledge of Personal Computer Systems, Windows operating system and proficiency with Excel spreadsheets a must. Experience with Automation Direct PLC Controllers and a Journeyman Electrical License is a plus. We offer a highly competitive salary and bonus plan with a complete benefits package.

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Electrician

B & L Electric seeking electrician for oilfield services. Requirements: Journeyman license or 3 years experience in Controls-Troubleshooting. Benefits include, Competitive pay, Health insurance, with 90 day work period, vacation - bonus. Please call 432-813-1910 for appointment

EMI Inspection Machine Operator

Smith Pipe of Abilene FT

Need an experienced operator for a Non-Destructive Testing Unit in our Abilene Yard.Apply in person at Smith Pipe of Abilene 7435 Hwy 277 South Abilene, Texas, call 325-691-1085 for an application, or email – lmorris@smithpipe.net. EOE

Licensed Journeyman Electricians/Apprentices

Star Electric FT

Star Electric is now hiring Licensed Journeyman Electricians & Apprentices with at least 3 years experience. Commercial experience required. Comepttitive wages, benefits, paid holidays. Please fax resumes to 432-684-9292. For questions call 432-684-9191

Licensed Journeymen & Licensed Apprentice Electricians

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BASIN Electric Co.

Mechanic

Mechanic needed. Must furnish own tools, have at least some experience with diesel engines (preferred Detroit, but not required). Some experience with freightliner trucks. Will be on call at least 1 week in the month. Fax resume to: 432-618-9854

MECHANIC OR MECHANICS ASSISTANT

Job duties to include but no limited to: Maintenance and repairs for trucks, trailers, and heavy equipment. Salary DOE. Benefits include: Uniforms, health insurance and 401k. Apply in person: **K.D.M. HOT OIL SERVICE, INC. 2400 FM 715 Midland, Texas 79706**

Painters Helpers

Confidential FT

Painters Helpers wanted. Experience preferred. Please call 432-425-5523.

Winders & Mechanics

B & L Electric seeking winders & mechanics for motor shop. Benefits include, Competitive pay, Health insurance, with 90 day work period, vacation - bonus. Please call 432-813-1910 for appointment

CORNELL Wireline, LLC

Wireline Cased Hole Completions Engineer

***Cornell Wireline, LLC,* a fast growing McAllen, TX based oil field service company is looking to grow in the Midland/Odessa area. We are looking for a highly motivate individual with the following qualifications.**

- Minimum 2 year experience with Wireline services (mainly stage work and logging)
- Hold a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL)

Candidates meeting the requirements are invited to submit their resumes and qualifications by email to jason@cornellsolutions.net or request an employment application.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Driver

Horizon Transportation FT

Now hiring Class A CDL Drivers, clean driving record is required. Must pass a criminal background check and DOT drug test. Guaranteed Pay. Please call 432-699-4468.

CDL Drivers & Non-CDL Drivers

B & B Wrecker Service is looking to hire **CDL Drivers** and **Non-CDL Drivers**. Must be 21 years or older. Good driving record. Paid every Friday. Health Insurance provided. Please come by **2823 S. Rankin Hwy**

Class A CDL Truck Drivers

Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: driver $2,000 sign-on bonus, medical, life & dental insurance, paid vacation, & 401k. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call **432-563-1894** for interview or online @ **www.silverlinetx.com**

DOT Transportation Coordinator/Manager

WTG Fuels FT

The ideal candidate will be highly skilled in Transportation Safety including interpreting and stablishing policies to ensure compliance with State and Federal Regulations regarding Transportation and Workplace Safety. Must have a High School Diploma or equivalent and DOT Transportation Certification helpful, with 3-5 years experience in DOT Transportation and Regulations. Working knowledge of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, CSA Fleet Management Database, and Federal, State Safety Laws and Regulations particulary DOT Regulations. Must possess extensive knowledge of Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR) and excellent written and verbal communicating skills and be willing to travel. For a full list of qualification and responsibilities or to apply please bring resume by 11501 W CO Rd 125, Odessa, TX 79765.

FLEET MECHANICS

Ingram Concrete, a family-oriented concrete manufacturing company, is currently seeking **Fleet Mechanics**. These are full-time and permanent positions in Midland, Abilene, San Angelo, Sweetwater, and Big Spring, Texas. Paid weekly. Home daily. No waiting period on medical insurance. Full benefits 401k. Please call **325-646-6518** for additional info. EOE M/F/D/V

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39' 2006 Fleetwood Discovery, 330 hp Cat., 17,000 miles, 3 slides, HD satellite, 2 AC's, convection oven, washer/dryer, much more, excellent condition, $89K. 432-263-7676.

80' Lancer Mobile Home. Has stove, refrigerator, waher, dryer and electric fireplace. Good Condition. Cash - No Financing. Please call Danny (432) 557-6784

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Beige couch, loveseat, & chair $350, 3 drawer dresser & shelves $20. 432-687-0024.

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SCIENCE becomes SOCIAL

Science topics find audience in social media

By Mary Ann Giordano
N.Y. Times News Service

The largest and most sophisticated rover landed safely on Mars and the world's most famous Moon visitor died, but the space event that most captured the public's imagination in 2012 involved a journey to Earth.

On Oct. 14, YouTube counted 52 million streams of the Austrian daredevil Felix Baumgartner's supersonic, record-breaking jump from a balloon 24 miles above the New Mexico desert. YouTube called it "one of the most-viewed live events ever," and it landed at No. 10 on the video-sharing site's year-end trending list — the first time a science-related subject made the list, a YouTube spokeswoman said. (Google listed the leap as No. 7 in its Zeitgeist 2012 of trending events.)

And it was far from the only science story to go viral. To put it in 140 characters or less, social media and science found each other in 2012.

In surprising numbers, people posted, viewed and searched for science-related topics last year — sharing news from space and undersea, commenting on new discoveries and uploading photos and video in a full-out embrace of the ability to communicate with thousands of others about global subjects in real time.

The first Twitter message Aug. 5 from@MarsCuriosity, NASA's official rover handle — "Gale Crater I Am in You!!!" — was retweeted more than 72,000 times. Photos of the space shuttle Endeavour flying over the West Coast, on its way to its final resting place, ricocheted across the planet. And director James Cameron's claim to have sent the "deepest tweet" — from the Mariana Trench, about seven miles below the surface of the Pacific — was rated one of Twitter's "moments of serendipity and just plain awesomeness" (although it was actually sent by a friend above water). Four science-related events made that list, with the Mars landing at No. 1. In an age of despair over math and science acuity, it appears that what was once considered uninteresting or unfathomable has become cool and exciting.

People now feel that "if they're not paying attention, they're missing out on something," said Kevin Allocca, the trends manager for YouTube.

The rover in particular has picked up followers and likes at amazing speed and volume, although it is the fourth landing of a U.S. space exploration vehicle on the planet.

"We went from 120,000 on Aug. 4 to over 800,000 followers on landing night," Veronica McGregor, the media relations and social media manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, said of its Twitter account. "And then we hit a million really quickly."

Two months after the landing, the mission was averaging about 30,000 Twitter mentions a month. The Facebook page for NASA's Mars rover Curiosity is heading toward a half-million likes, and the hashtag #Curiosity was the fifth most used on Google Plus in 2012.

The trend is, in some ways, self-fulfilling. Social media platforms are growing in popularity. There is also more online content, which is becoming more accessible, entertaining and engaging, Allocca said. Science subjects are also universal, more likely to attract global audiences. And people who are interested in science and technology tend to be especially comfortable with seeking and sharing information in digital ways.

Still, an epidemic of science geekiness seems to have broken out.

On Facebook, Baumgartner's jump ranked higher than Mitt Romney's announcement of Rep. Paul D. Ryan of Wisconsin as his running mate, according to the Talk Meter, a tool that compares chatter on the social site with baseline conversation.

Onthe Google Zeitgeist 2012 list, "Stratosphere jump" follows "Presidential debate" (No. 6) but surpasses "Penn State scandal" (No. 8) and "Trayvon Martin shooting" (No. 9). "Hurricane Sandy" is No. 1.

NASA (which now has about 1.6 million likes on Facebook) has also become more sophisticated and assertive about doling out information piece by piece to sustain interest. The strategy plays into the strengths of social platforms, which allow users to dip in and out of streams of news and information at their convenience.

NASA's "Seven Minutes of Terror" video on YouTube, about the difficulties of landing the rover, attracted 2 million views. And a satirical video made independently of NASA, "We're NASA and We Know It" — to the tune of "I'm Sexy and I Know It" (chorus: "Crane lower that rover") — has gotten close to 2.7 million views.

There are also more ways for followers to engage in events: helping to name the rover, or picking up a Curiosity Explorer badge on Foursquare for checking in at a NASA visitor center, science museum or planetarium. McGregor said that NASA, in turn, was paying attention to what its fans want. It was learning that with so many followers just starting to connect with the whole space thing, the agency needs to provide more basic information.

Earthlings have long had a fascination with the unknown. But social media experts say people can now feel as if they are part of the adventure. They can watch events live, then incorporate the developments in their "timelines." They can follow science — and not have to worry about taking the final exam.

A recent LiveScience article, "Why We're Mad for Mars," tries to explain the renewed popularity of Mars. The answer is simple, noted a commenter, Jerry.

"People are explorers," he wrote. "That is all the article needed to say."

Check out this year's computer conventions

Dear PropellerHeads: One of the items on my bucket list for this year is to go to one of the big computer conventions. What are my options?

A: This is on your bucket list? Well, if you are over 30 and in the computer industry, I guess I can see your point. I bet you're still using a Blackberry too. Old-timer. Gramps. Gee-zer. Fossil. Mossback. Mossback?

Well, as far as computer-themed (and more broadly, electronics-themed) conventions, you can start with the granddaddy of them all: The Consumer Electronic Show (CES), Jan. 8-11, Las Vegas, www.cesweb.org. Of course, this is not open to the public and by the time you read this, it'll probably be too late to attend; but maybe next year if you are still breathing you can weasel your way in.

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The CES is essentially a first-look at all of the cool gadgets that will be available for us to purchase this year, discarding all the stuff we bought last year that was introduced at CES. I sense a vicious cycle here.

Next up, chronologically, there is Macworld/iWorld, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, San Francisco, www.macworldiworld.com. This is kinda like the CES, but only for Apple products. iTunes, iPod, iPhone, iPad... all of these were introduced at Macworld/iWorld. What will 2013 bring us? Maybe this: bit.ly/PV0dki

If you also have a trip to Germany on your bucket list, you might want to wait for CeBIT and kill two birds with one stone, March 5-11, Hannover, Germany, www.cebit.de. CeBIT is reserved for computers and not electronics as a whole. But the truly international nature of this expo can yield some pyrotechnics. In 2008, a number of police raids occurred for patent infringement. You just can't beat that kind of excitement, even on TV!

South by Southwest (SXSW) is only tangentially related to computers, but there is an Interactive component so I thought I'd include it here too, March 8-17, Austin, www.sxsw.com. Last year's interactive features were social discovery apps such as Sonar and Kismet.

Not to be outdone by Apple, Android also has a conference, the AnDevCon (hate the name), May 28-31, Boston, www.andevcon.com. However, this one is not as polished as the Apple counterpart and is reserved more for developers of Android apps. On offer are 75 classes for Android development.

Even the hackers have their own conventions: Black Hat, July 27-Aug. 1, Las Vegas, www.blackhat.com. This one is focused on computer security and is always fun because pretty much every computer security expert is a onetime hacker. And this conference is like a battle royale where the two sides of computer security face off.

DEF CON is another hacker convention that has some notoriety, Aug. 1-4, Las Vegas, www.defcon.org. It is more of a party than an actual conference. But it takes place in Vegas so it must be a good party.

Finally, we need to give the penguins some press. LinuxCon takes place Sept. 16-18 in New Orleans, events.linuxfoundation.org. This is the preeminent conference for all things Linux. Each year plans are made on how Linux will slowly take over the world, which it is.

These are but a few of the more well-known conferences and conventions you may want to consider before you retire from the computing world. There are literally hundreds, if not thousands of others, and not all of them require you to travel all the way to Las Vegas or Germany to attend. Good luck, mossback!

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