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MFD investigates 10 suspicious fires on Monday

National Weather Service issues red flag warnings, high fire danger alerts for today

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

The Midland Fire Department is investigating 10 suspicious fires that authorities said were ignited during a six-hour period early Monday morning.

Between 1:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m., 10 separate fires occurred — four grass fires, two trash bin fires and four other fires that damaged two small sheds and residential fences.

Investigators with the fire marshal's office conducted interviews Monday afternoon, but it was still unknown at press time if any of the fires were related. Assistant fire marshal David Hickman said all the fires started in residential alleys.

About half of the fires occurred in north central Midland, while the rest were spread throughout the city.

"We're not going to call it arson, but it is unusual that we had so many fires in a short period of time like that," he said. "We're thinking that some of these may have been set."

While the two trash bin fires were not out of the ordinary, Hickman said those fires are being linked to the other fires because all were in alleys.

City officials are asking residents to be vigilant and clean their alleys of any debris or high grass that could potentially start or fuel a fire. Hickman is asking Midlanders to call authorities if they see a fire so crews can get a handle on it before it spreads.

Monday marked the one-year anniversary of the beginning of last year's wildfire season in Midland. A large grass fire off Interstate 20 caused smoke to build up

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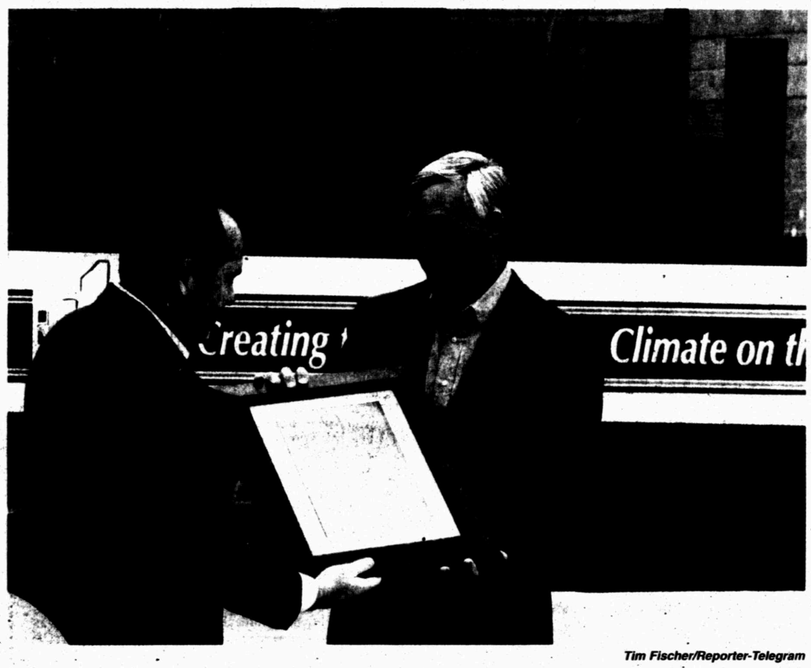

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Chris Robin, chairman of the board for Midland Chamber of Commerce, left, presents Mayor Wes Perry a plaque Monday morning thanking him and City Council members for their work to supply water to the city for coming decades.

City leaders recognized for water efforts

From staff reports

Past and present city leaders were recognized Monday for their efforts in planning for the future of Midland's water supply.

Chris Robin, chairman of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, presented a resolution to the Midland City Council recognizing its efforts to plan for the future of Midland. Bobby Burns, president and CEO of the chamber, also recognized past leaders — including Mayor Hank Avery and former council members such as Curtis R. Inman, Edwin H. Magruder Jr., Preston J. Lea, Hugh D. McCullough and Joe H. E. Ward — for their work in acquiring T Bar Ranch in Winkler and Loving counties.

Last week, the City Council signed a contract to develop a pipeline from T Bar Ranch to Midland that will supply the city's water for at least the next 40 years.

"In the past few decades, our water supply was not an urgent consideration or top priority on the council's agenda," Burns said. "It simply wasn't a matter of consideration. Now, with a multitude of new factors such as our ever-increasing population and the unexpected and severe drought, it is at the forefront of our minds. Mayor (Wes) Perry and the council have done a wonderful job of assessing the situation and finding a solid, long-term solution through accessing the water supply at T Bar Ranch."

Magruder, as well as council members, attended the presentation.

In addition to honoring city leaders, Burns said the chamber wanted to host Monday's event to show its dedication to doing whatever's necessary to support water supply issues, particularly over the next year. Because the pipeline from T Bar won't be complete for about 15 months, businesses and individuals will need to do what they can to conserve and honor water restrictions during the coming months.

"It is extremely important that everyone understand that a solution is coming, but it will take some time to get the actual pipeline constructed," he said.

New library to have twice the number of items than old branch

■ Midland County agrees to spend $500,000 on purchases.

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

The new library branch will have a collection with twice as many offerings than the Centennial Branch after Midland County Commissioners voted Monday to spend $500,000 on new items.

Commissioners voted unanimously to take money from the county's capital improvement account to purchase new books, reference materials, DVDs, audiobooks and other offerings. The funds are expected to allow the county to acquire about 20,000 items, which will double the Centennial Branch Library's collection, which currently has about 20,000 items, said John Trischitti, library director.

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"The biggest challenge the staff and I face is collections," he said.

The Alldredge Home building, purchased in November for $3.2 million, is about 10 times the size of the Centennial Branch on Wadley Avenue, which will be closed when the new library opens. The Alldredge building contains about 30,000 square feet of usable space, Trischitti said.

With that much room, Trischitti said the architects are working to design a space that will allow for public meetings, technology and other offerings. Even without the facility being filled to the brim with books, the county needed several new offerings to meet demand, he said.

"We don't want to get bogged down in that new space. The quality of the collection is more important to us than the quantity," he said.

Trischitti said the county plans to purchase items from one of three vendors it

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Officials: Air traffic control changes to improve safety, efficiency

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Air traffic controllers will begin operating under a new set of procedures starting Sunday in an effort to increase the safety level of the region's air space.

The changes, which were discussed Monday during a meeting held by the Federal Aviation Administration, implement a more rigid structure at the air traffic control tower and intend to decrease the chance of any unplanned incidents from occurring among aircraft, said Greg Motl, FAA air traffic district manager.

"As volume goes up, you've just got to have more structure," Motl said.

Pilots said while some of the tweaks are a step in the right direction, they don't appreciate being left out of the work group that over the last four months developed the changes.

"We're being shot-gunned with this stuff," said pilot Dan Duewall. "We go to other airports, and we know what to expect. We come home, and we don't know what to expect."

Duewall and others said some changes are understandable. But, several pilots said the procedural shifts should have been implemented with the help of pilots.

Kurt Jennings, frontline manager at Midland International's air traffic control tower, said the

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Michael Harvey, Midland air traffic manager, talks Monday about the area Midland control tower during a meeting about new procedures at Midland International Airport.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Reporter-Telegram Career Fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Horseshoe.

■ Circus Gatti, 7 p.m. at the Ector County Coliseum, Odessa. Tickets: Adults (18 to 59) $20, ages 13 to 17 and 60 and older $16 and ages 2-12 $10. For more information go to www.circusgatti.net.

National Pancake Day

IHOP is hosting National Pancake Day today. The restaurant is serving free short stacks of buttermilk pancakes. Diners may leave donations, which will benefit Shriners Hospital for Children. For more information, call John Cox, with Midland Shrine Club, at 684-3691.

National Pancake Day fun facts from last year:

IHOP served 4 million free pancakes on National Pancake Day 2011, and pancake lovers donated more than $2.5 million to children's charities, exceeding the fundraising goal of $2.3 million. All of the free pancakes served on National Pancake Day 2011 would create a stack nearly 16 miles high.

Meetings schedule

City Council
10 a.m. today
Council Chambers, City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

Upcoming education meetings

■ A public forum to raise awareness of the local impact of budget cuts and possible community solutions will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the Cogdell Learning Center, 201 W. Florida St. Speakers include Midland College President Steve Thomas, MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren, Larry Carroll of Permian Basin Community Centers and Joanne Mundy from the Department of State Health Services.

■ Midland ISD board of trustees will have its monthly meeting on March 5. At that meeting trustees will decide if they will put a bond proposal on May's ballot. The meeting will take place in the MISD boardroom, 615 W. Missouri Ave.

Community calendar

■ The Midland County Young Republican Chapter will meet 7 p.m. today at Gerardo's Casita.

Guest speakers are to be state Sen. Kel Seliger, Sheriff Gary Painter and Judge Eric Kalenak.

For more information, visit http://midland.texasyoungrepublicans.com, Facebook (Midland Co. Young Republicans), Twitter (@MidlandYR), or call President J.Ross Lacy, President at 279-0084.

■ West Texas Conference on Aging is planned for 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Thursday at Midland Center.

The keynote speaker is to be Peter Harrell Jr., president of Harrell Communications and consultant for Verbal Defense & Influence. The conference will feature four breakout sessions: "Tactical Communication," "The Right to Die," "When the Passion is Gone" and "Stuff in the House: Are the Elderly Really Hoarders or Just Poor Housekeepers?"

Registration fee is $50 before Feb. 23 and $65 after. The fee includes lunch. The conference may be used for nursing and continuing education hours. For more information, call Ann at 681-6303.

■ Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Aaron Estes Chapter, will meet Friday.

A memorial service for Nancy McKinley and Marguerite Crain is planned for 10 a.m. at Resthaven Cemetery.

Lunch and a business meeting will follow at Cattle Baron.

Movie 'spOiLed' returns to Basin

The movie "spOiLed" will show in Odessa this week for those interested in a different take on the national conversation about petroleum.

The showing will take place today through Thursday at Permian Palace 11, 4101 E. 42nd Street. The times are 2:30, 5 and 7:30 p.m. The film's running time is 90 minutes, and a question-and-answer session with filmmaker Mark Mathis will follow all showings.

The movie, according to a press release, seeks to expose the many deceptions surrounding oil, calling attention to problems and solutions.

Juarez violence movie extended

The film, "Murder Capital of the World," which is being shown in Odessa, has been extended until at least March 8 due to attendance this past weekend.

"Murder Capital of the World" centers around the violence in Juarez. It is being shown at Hollywood Theaters.

Lottery

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Today in history

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 28, the 59th day of 2012. There are 307 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Feb. 28, 1942, the heavy cruiser USS Houston and the Australian light cruiser HMAS Perth came under attack by Japanese forces during the World War II Battle of Sunda Strait; both were sunk shortly after midnight. (The Houston lost 693 men while the Perth lost 353.)

On this date:

In 1849, the California gold rush began in earnest as regular steamship service started bringing gold-seekers to San Francisco.

In 1960, a day after defeating the Soviets at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif., the United States won its first Olympic hockey gold medal by defeating Czechoslovakia's team, 9-4.

Job fairs highlight region's job-seeker market

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Career fair today

■ The Reporter-Telegram's career fair is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at the Horseshoe. Learn more at www.mywest-texas.com/careerfair.

Midland and the region, with the state's lowest unemployment rate, is a job-seeker's market, according to the chief executive with Workforce Solutions Permian Basin.

Because of the booming economy, people attending job fairs — such as the Reporter-Telegram Career Fair today at the Horseshoe — could expect job offers "on the spot," according to Willie Taylor.

He hopes job fairs attract not only the unemployed, underemployed and first-time job seekers but also job seekers from outside the area.

Workforce Solution, which is part of the Texas Workforce Commission, is focusing on holding industry-specific job fairs to try and eliminate workers "job-hopping" for an additional $1 or $2 an hour, Taylor said.

"We still have a critical need for truck drivers, electricians, diesel mechanics," he said.

Restaurants, retailers, nonprofits and oilfield service companies will attend today's career fair, scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. More than 60 companies are expected.

Jane Williams, owner of Snelling Staffing Services in Midland and Odessa, said she seeks people with industrial skills, administrative, clerical, engineering and medical skills.

The goal of a job fair should be to attract people looking for jobs or wanting to change jobs, she said. It also is a chance for companies to network with vendors and make contact with employers looking for workers.

She agreed with Taylor that participants may expect "imminent" job offers, or at the very least to be noticed by potential employers when opportunities arise.

Rebecca Bell, dean of community relations and special events at Midland College, said students are encouraged to attend job fairs.

"Our students need all the exposure to jobs and possible careers as they can find," she said. "There are a lot of jobs out there, but we want them to find the best possible career."

Industry-specific job fairs are great for graduating students, but current students benefit best from general job fairs, Bell said. A number of students work either part time or full time and attend classes in the evening, but exposure to other job possibilities is beneficial.

She said Midland College's career placement office not only encourages students to attend job fairs but helps them with tasks such as résumés.

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Setting up to serve savory shrimp

ABOVE: Russell Kimble, left, prepares to place a tray of shrimp in the oven to cook for the 26th annual Shrimpfest fundraiser for the Ellen Noël Art Museum Monday at the Ector County Coliseum on Monday. About 1,200 pounds of shrimp are prepared for the event.

RIGHT: Bobby Avary, left, and Greg Wood make shrimp fritters in preparation for Shrimpfest.

Photos by Mark Sterkel/Odessa American

Trial starts for man accused of fatally shooting his son

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

Online

■ Follow coverage of this trial with live updates on mywest-texas.com and facebook.com/TheReporterTelegram.

■ Read the arrest affidavits for this incident at mywest-texas.com.

The trial has begun for a Greenwood man accused in the fatal shooting of his son last summer.

William "Bill" Earl Stirman is charged with first-degree felony murder. His son William "Eric" Stirman, 18, died July 4 at Midland Memorial Hospital after he was shot in the head.

Assistant district attorney Steve Stallings told jurors that the father and son were at a party on July 2. Bill Stirman had about eight beers and some Scotch whisky when he got into a fight with his son.

For the first time, Eric Stirman stood up to his father and fought back, Stallings told the court.

"Now the defendant is angry, and he's not going to stand for that," the prosecutor said.

Bill Stirman supposedly was afraid of his son, Stallings said. He then went home, loaded his .22-caliber pistol and waited for Eric Stirman to come home. His wife opened the door for Eric Stirman, who was unarmed, Stallings said. Bill Stirman followed Eric Stirman around as the teen packed and tried to leave.

"But, the defendant wouldn't let him. And then the unthinkable happened: At close range, he pointed the gun and fired it," Stallings said.

"This defendant is guilty of one thing, and one thing only, and that is murder," he said.

Defense attorney David Rogers told the court his client acted in self-defense.

He said Eric Stirman was on felony probation and his father was helping him to stay on course and even got him a job. Bill Stirman wanted his son to leave the house and move on with his life, but Eric Stirman continued to use marijuana. He started the fight that night, Rogers said.

Eric Stirman came back to the house to pack and was carrying a knife, the defense attorney said.

"Bill will tell you about it. He's going to tell you he never saw (Eric) like this before," Rogers said.

When the teen raised the knife and stepped toward his father, Bill Stirman shot him in self-defense, Rogers said.

"This is a tragic case but it was a self-defense case," Rogers said.

The state's first witness, Roger Rose, testified that his grandson Eric Stirman was happy, outgoing and affectionate. But, he said he hadn't seen Eric Stirman for two years before his death.

Terry Fredrick, of Odessa, told the court he was Bill Stirman's best friend and had known Eric Stirman since he was a toddler. He described the teen as having the biggest heart he had ever known, was non-violent and for the most part was happy.

But, the teen's relationship with his father was a different story, Fredrick said.

"In one word, it was bad," he said.

Fredrick testified that Bill Stirman treated Eric Stirman like a slave and made him do more work beyond the normal chores. About five or six years after he met Bill Stirman, Fredrick was at the Stirmans' home and Bill Stirman repeatedly asked Eric Stirman to get him a beer. When he asked Bill Stirman if he ever got his own drink, Bill Stirman said that that was why he had Eric Stirman, Fredrick testified.

Over the years, Fredrick said he saw the father-son relationship escalate into an "ugly situation" with what he considered to be "massive verbal abuse," especially in the 18 months leading up to the incident. But Eric Stirman loved his father, Fredrick said.

"Once, I told him 'I know you don't care much for your dad' and he stopped me mid-sentence and said 'No, I love my dad,'" Fredrick said.

Fredrick said he was helping Eric Stirman get a job with his company. He said he knew the teen smoked marijuana and couldn't start the job until he was clean.

Connie Phillips, who worked with Bill Stirman for about 17 years, told the court that more than once she heard Bill Stirman say he'd like to "beat the hell out of that little SOB" and had a rough demeanor and hot temper.

But, he was that way with but other people, too, Phillips said after being questioned by the defense.

The trial will continue at 8:30 a.m. today in 142nd District Court at the Midland County Courthouse.

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Bush remembers Holt as 'close and loyal' friend

■ Local rancher and oilman died Saturday at his home at age 79.

By Ed Todd
Reporter-Telegram

> "He enjoyed life and didn't go through life half-hearted but with both feet forward, sometimes anticipating what those results might be, sometimes not. He always had a great zest for life
>
> — PAT MCDANIEL
> Director of Haley Library

Robert Braxton "Bobby" Holt, a thriving Midland rancher, community stalwart and loyal Republican, was a beloved friend of former Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush, especially the senior Bush.

"And he is one of my closest friends, close and loyal," the elder Bush said of Holt on Monday evening. Holt died Saturday at his Midland home. He was 79. Graveside service is set for 10 a.m. today at Fairview Cemetery.

"He loved Midland. He loved West Texas," Bush said in a phone interview.

The Bush family obviously loved Holt, a seasoned horseback rider like his forebears and a hearty polo player, unlike the Bushes, who preferred tennis.

"He always wanted to get into the tennis game," said Bush, who delighted in teasing Holt.

"I said, 'Bobby, wait a minute,'" Bush recalled. "You have got to prove your credentials. You have got to challenge up."

"Let me play," Holt would say.

"No, no," Bush said he told Holt. "We would tease him. He was great."

Holt had campaigned for President George H.W. Bush, the nation's 41st president, and raised funds for his inauguration.

"He was always the dependable guy for whatever needed to be done, especially in Republican politics," said Ernest Angelo Jr., a former Midland mayor and former member of the Republican National Committee. "We did a lot of Republican fund-raisers together. You can always count on Bobby. He was always there and always ready to do his part and then some."

Holt was on the Midland City Council when Angelo was mayor between 1972 and 1980.

"He was a good, solid individual who had the best interests of Midland at heart," said Edwin Magruder, who preceded Angelo as mayor.

"Bobby Holt was one of those sons of pioneers, a third-generation Midlander," whose grandfather, Oscar Braxton Holt Sr. "settled this part of the world," said Pat McDaniel, director of the Haley Memorial Library and History Center. "Bobby was always proud of his heritage and was proud that the ranching industry and the oil-and-gas industry were a part of his heritage."

"He enjoyed life and didn't go through life half-hearted but with both feet forward, sometimes anticipating what those results might be, sometimes not. He always had a great zest for life," McDaniel said.

Holt was vigorously dedicated to his undertakings — from following the rodeo circuit and playing polo, to supporting Republican political candidates, especially the senior Bush. He also chaired the Texas Public Safety Commission during the Fort Davis standoff in 1997.

"He loved Midland, and he was always a good supporter of all things Midland," McDaniel said.

Holt was "a man for all seasons," robust until illness took its hold and always was an enterprising fellow, said Midland rancher-oilman Clayton Williams Jr. "He has been a stalwart for the state of Texas. His death is a loss to our community," Williams said. "He is a real good friend."

Holt, who came from a ranching family, "managed to hang on to the land (while) a lot of those ranch boys lost it," Williams said. "He kept the land. He has been there the whole way."

"He was a larger-than-life individual," said businessman Jose Cuevas, a former Midland City Council member. "He has done it all and had a good time doing it."

Midland Mayor Wes Perry said his parents, Charles and Ricki Perry, were close friends with the Holt family.

Holt was "real involved, obviously, in some important political campaigns," Perry said. "He had a big influence on our country when you think about his role in helping elect (George) H.W. Bush."

Perry said he and Holt both worked out at the Y and Holt always would refer to Perry by a lone initial, as in "Hello, Mr. P."

Bobby Burns, president of the Midland Chamber of Commerce and a former mayor, said Holt was "a very close friend of the first president Bush and stayed close forever with him."

Recalling that Holt supported him when he campaigned for mayor, Burns said Holt was a friend who "really cared for Midland. He really stepped up and helped those wanting to lead. He was there for them. Bobby was a very unique man. He had a lot of contacts and he knew how to use them."

Odessa man dies in head-on crash

From staff reports

ANDREWS — A 23-year-old Odessa man was killed early Monday morning in a two-vehicle crash just south of Andrews.

Department of Public Safety officials said Matthew Dewayne Smith was pronounced dead at the scene.

Smith was traveling north on Highway 385 when his car hit head-on the front left quarter panel of a tractor-trailer.

The tractor-trailer had attempted to make a left turn onto southbound 385 from the east service road when it stopped in the middle of the roadway, blocking northbound traffic, authorities said.

Smith's 1997 Mitsubishi Mirage hit the truck. The driver was wearing his seat belt, authorities said.

The crash occurred at 6:30 a.m. No one in the tractor-trailer was injured, and no citations had been issued as of press time, according to a press release.

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already uses. Library staff want to start working on the project now because it typically takes several months for an acquisition this large to be developed and delivered.

Of the items planned for purchase, Trischitti said the county estimates about 14 percent will be media items, such as DVDs, audiobooks, playaways and other technology. The bulk of purchases will be in adult print, where it's estimated 45 percent of items bought will be categorized. Adult offerings will include fiction, nonfiction, large print and Spanish.

Youth services will make up the next largest purchase. About 38 percent of items are planned for use in youth services.

Reference materials will make up roughly 3 percent of items purchased.

Trischitti said the vendor will analyze demographic information, circulation figures and other data for Midland and then put together a list of about 28,000 to 30,000 items it will recommend staff consider including in the collection purchase.

Companies the county could use include Brodart, Baker & Taylor and Ingram Library Services Inc.

"They're able to assist us through their expertise and knowledge," he said.

If there are items youth services staff or others want to add to the list, Trischitti said they'll be able to do that, as well.

Some items, such as best sellers or new releases, will be available at both the downtown library and the north library, Trischitti said. Most items will not be duplicated.

"If you need it, we'll just transport it via courier out to the branch or downtown," he said.

Trischitti said the Genealogy Collection will be moved from downtown to the new library. Otherwise, the bulk of downtown items will remain in place.

"We still want to have a good collection downtown, as well," he said.

Preliminary designs for the new library could be complete this week, Trischitti said. The county has set a target opening date of October.

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Commissioners extend jail consulting contract

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Carl R. Griffith & Associates Inc. will provide consulting services on the Midland County Detention Center for at least one more year.

In a 3-1 vote, Midland County commissioners agreed to extend the company's contract for another year at a cost of about $14,000 per month. The firm first partnered with the county in 2007 and works to develop programs, implement organizational systems and analyze data that will help keep the jail population — and therefore the detention center's costs — low, said Carl Griffith, president and CEO.

"The biggest impact on your budget is the jail and the jail operations," Griffith said.

Luis Sanchez, commissioner for precinct 3, voted against the contract. He said there aren't any other consulting partnerships that have been necessary for multiple years and he feels the tasks still managed by Griffith could be taken over by county employees.

"Why do we need to continue monitoring the jail now that it has been built?" he said. "There are no other examples of consultants coming on and staying on."

Sanchez estimated the county has spent more than $1 million contracting with the firm.

When the firm was hired by Midland County, the average daily population at the Midland County Detention Center was between 340 and 360 inmates. Individuals were sent to other counties at a cost of about $70,000 per month.

By helping different departments work together and communicate, Griffith said they've been able to reduce the population. Part of that has come through making the judicial and case processing systems faster in areas and ensuring data is shared. Other improvements were made by tracking the length of each inmate's stay and ensuring the reason it was too long, if that occurred, was addressed as soon as possible, he said.

From May 2007 through July 2011, by not outsourcing inmates saved the county $2.2 million, Griffith said.

Even with the improvements, though, Griffith said jail population isn't something that's looked at once and taken care of for good. Different factors play into population numbers, and the firm continues to analyze data and operations to ensure they stay low.

On average, the detention center now has fewer than 300 inmates each day. Monday morning, however, Griffith said it had crept up to about 313.

"Whenever it goes up, we look at the reasons for it because it changes," he said.

Having multi-year contracts is typical, he said, as the firm also just renewed its contracts in Dallas and Houston.

Sanchez said he doesn't discount the great strides Griffith has helped the county to make.

"It's been great. A lot of the improvements we have have been great," he said.

But, now that such changes have been implemented, county staff should be able to take on the duties, Griffith said.

"We have a lot of competent people," he said.

County Judge Mike Bradford said it's not as simple as opening a new jail and expecting it all to work perfectly. Keeping Griffith & Associates on board will ensure jail operations are implemented efficiently.

In addition to helping monitor jail levels and operational structures, Griffith's staff has developed several programs and completed other duties, he and Bradford said.

The Midland County Sheriff's Office workforce detail and the "Burger Barn," which opened in November and allows inmates to cook and sell food at a profit, are examples.

Griffith said they've also worked on a vocational program they'd like to implement because the new detention center is open and there's additional space.

While a county can reduce its inmate population to a point, Griffith said the only way to address a certain percentage of inmates is to implement programs that target the issues leading to recidivism.

Sheriff Gary Painter told the court he'd love to start a vocational program to help rehabilitate certain inmates but that with his current staffing levels, he doesn't have the ability.

In addition to working on local issues, the firm also will represent Midland County as the state rewrites its jail standards.

Bradford said their expertise in that area and with local issues the firm will continue to analyze are an asset for the county. Overall, since they've become a partner with the county, Bradford said it's estimated the county has saved more than $26 million through direct and indirect cost savings.

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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Erek Randall Brown, 31, of Pecos, was arrested Sunday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Francisco H. Castrulta, 21, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of intoxication assault with a vehicle causing serious bodily injury.

Richard James Catlin Jr., 35, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a correctional facility.

David Chavez, 28, of Pecos, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.

Nathaniel Brisco Felix, 54, of Odessa, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Ricky Dewayne Kidwell, 25, of Andrews, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Donald James Palmer Jr., 40, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of aggravated robbery and a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Jesse Antonio Portillo Jr., 38, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of violation of parole.

Estevan P. Vasquez, 24, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Karl G. Wallin, 42, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland County deputies on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

County planners approve Lucas project

Associated Press

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. — Officials on Monday approved a controversial plan by filmmaker George Lucas to expand his digital empire on historic farmland north of San Francisco.

The Marin County planning commission voted in favor of the proposal to build a 270,000-square-foot digital media production compound in a quiet valley that has been home to Lucas' Skywalker Ranch for three decades.

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Kermit boy raises $1,000 for Midland girl with leukemia

By Jon Vanderlaan
Odessa American

A 5-year-old Kermit boy has raised almost $1,000 — $500 of which he raised in just two hours — for a Midland girl with leukemia he's never met.

Rhyne Bale heard about 12-year-old Ashton Dunavan's diagnosis through his mother, who is friends with Dunavan's grandmother.

Bale has been going door-to-door asking for money for Dunavan's treatment, first collecting $200 from family and since then about $800 from people throughout the community.

"It makes me want to cry because he has such a good heart," Rhyne's mother, Tiffany, Bale said. "He talks about Ashton like he knows her. He's never met her before — ever."

The boy, who was excited to talk about his mission, said God told him to collect the money for Ashton.

"(I do it) so she can go outside and play with her friends," he said. "I draw her pictures of her going outside and stuff."

The first day he went around collecting money, Tiffany Bale said she was curious about what he was doing and how he got money without a sign or a bucket to show people what he was doing.

"I said, 'Rhyne, where did you get this money?' And he said, 'Mom, I went door-to-door to get money to take away Ashton's cancer,'" she said.

Dana Morse, Ashton's grandmother who lives in Kermit and owns Morse Trucking, said they found out about Ashton's leukemia in December and have received an outpouring of help from all over.

Despite Ashton having to go through chemotherapy four times a week, having blood transfusions and lumbar punctures, Morse said the whole affair has brought the family closer together.

"What do you think? 'This can't happen to us. It doesn't happen to our family,'" Dana Morse said. "We've all kind of humbled ourselves."

Two of her employees have set up benefits for Ashton on March 10, with a raffle and brisket plates at the trucking company and a double-elimination softball tournament at the Wink Softball Field, which the Wink Volunteer Fire Department got authorization Monday to use at the commissioner's meeting.

Although Ashton lives in Midland, Morse has lauded the community for their response and the help they have offered.

"That's what I'm always saying. It may be an ugly town, but the people are good," she said. "Any time something like this happens, they all rally together. You're kind of in shock because it's like, 'They're going to help us?'"

Stephanie Wood, Ashton's mother, said the Dec. 12 phone call with the diagnosis changed their lives, but the family since has done what they need to do to treat the girl.

"At first it was a lot to process. Any time you hear the word cancer, you think the worst," she said. "She has bad days where she doesn't feel good and she doesn't get out of bed. But when she has good days, she's just a regular teenage little girl."

Wood said the community support means a lot to her and her daughter, including a video of Rhyne Bale singing to her.

She said the family is in awe at what the kindergartner has been able to do.

"(Ashton) thinks it's just amazing how a little kid can take that responsibility on and just go house-to-house asking strangers," Wood said. "It makes you have faith again in society and faith again in people. You always hear the bad, and that's always magnified. And then something like this happens, and you're amazed at how many people come to your rally."

She said the family has had three blood drives and is planning future benefits to pay for medical expenses.

Ashton also was selected by Lee High School as its Make-a-Wish beneficiary, Wood said, and she has asked to go to Disney Hawaii.

Orphanage founder up for sainthood

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — A Roman Catholic priest whose efforts to help troubled youth were made famous by the Academy Award-winning portrayal of him in the 1938 movie "Boys Town" has been nominated for sainthood.

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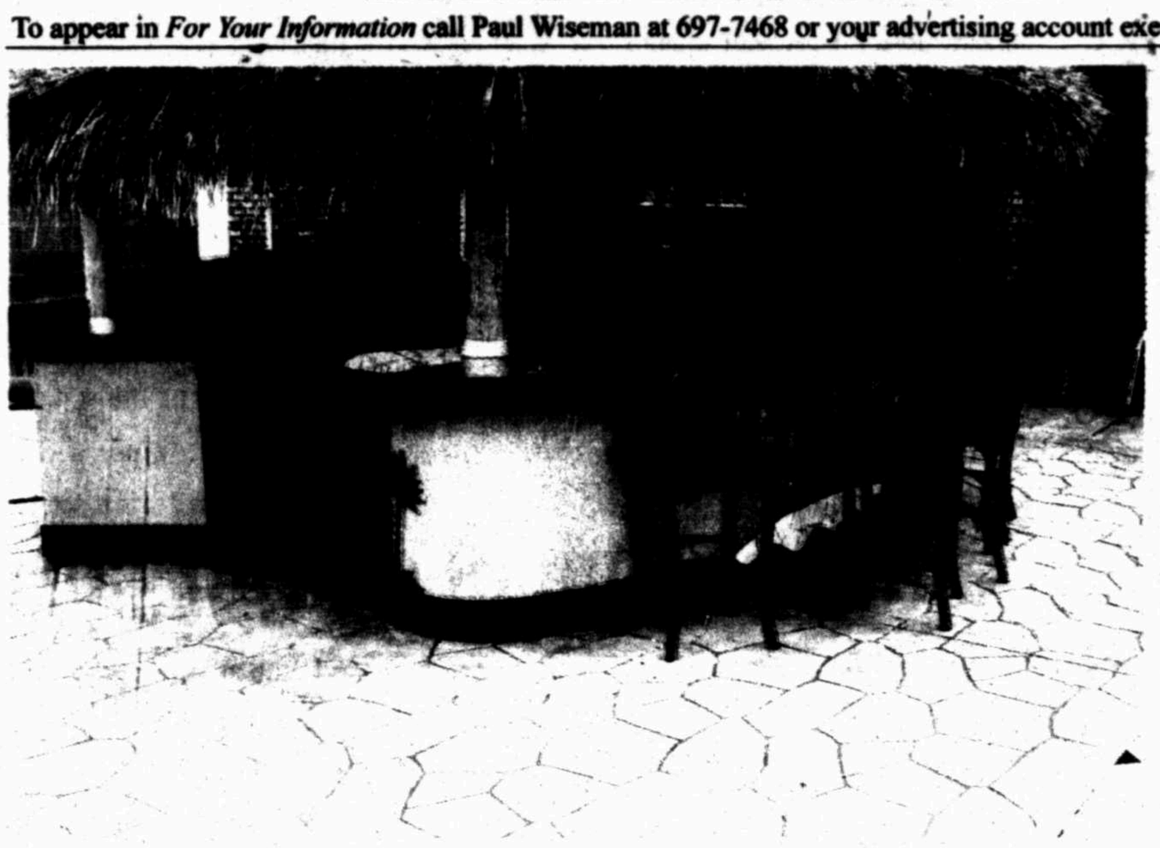

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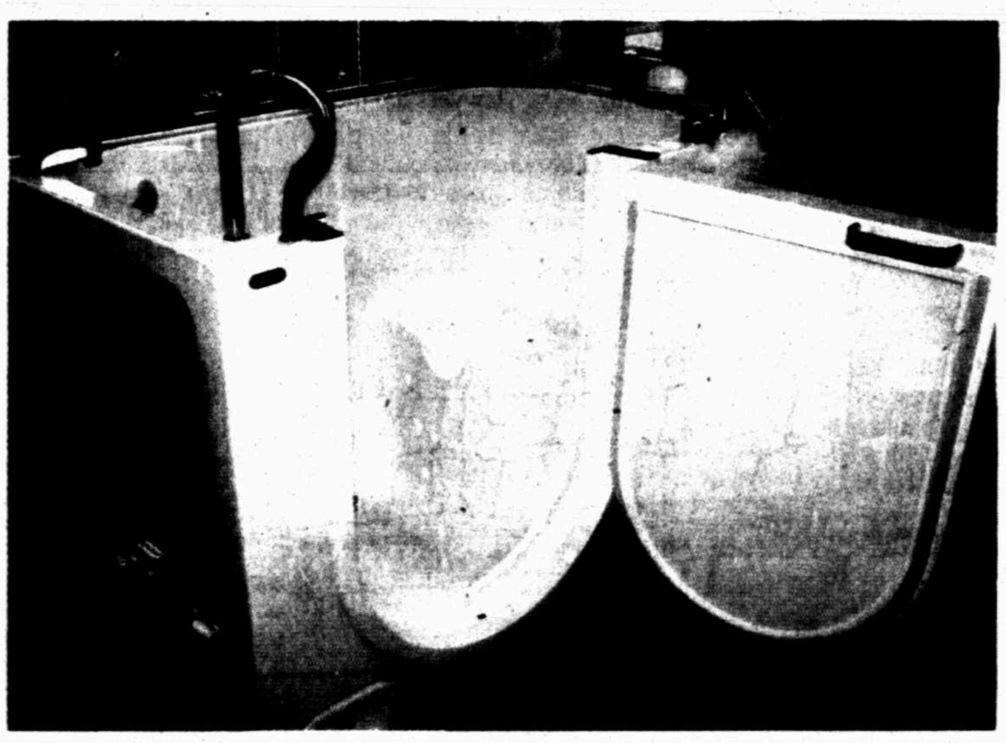

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Opinion

A federal judge in Texas gets personal

■ Reaction to controversal ruling provides a judge the platform for his own commentary.

KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

Prayer and public schools are among democracy's most precarious intersections, one that can bring out the worst in some folks. In a recent court order, a federal judge involved in a school prayer case said it led some Christians to pray for his death.

Last May, U.S. District Judge Fred Biery, of San Antonio, ruling in a case brought on behalf of an agnostic family, barred students from asking audience members to join in prayer or bow their heads at a Castroville high school graduation.

But in early June, before graduation at Medina Valley High School, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, siding with the school district, Gov. Rick Perry and Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, overruled Biery.

Biery, it must be noted, had said in his ruling there would be nothing wrong with allowing students speaking at the graduation to include "statements of their own beliefs."

The ruling by Biery, appointed to the federal bench in 1994 by President Bill Clinton, drew pointed criticism from GOP politicians, including Perry and Newt Gingrich. The latter, after his recent win in the South Carolina presidential primary, called Biery a "dictatorial religious bigot." Perry, before his short-lived presidential bid, damned Biery's ruling as "reprehensible," as well as "inappropriate federal encroachment into the lives of Americans."

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, borrowing a phrase from the late Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist, said Biery's ruling "bristles with hostility to all things religious in public life."

There is nothing wrong with the school prayer discussion spilling over into our political discourse, which remains the best place for us to argue about things like this. But sometimes things go too far.

Looks like this is one of those times. This month, Biery issued an order bringing the Medina Valley case to a close by approving a settlement reached by the parties.

Under the settlement, Medina Valley school employees can't join students in prayer circles or invite people to pray, and religious symbols are barred from display on school grounds. But students can continue to offer prayers at events such as graduation and football games, as long as those are introduced as "student remarks."

The settlement prompted Biery to issue an unusual order that he said "will bring this litigation to a close and establish rules under which the parties can operate as they peacefully move on with their lives and educate students" of the district.

One section of the three-page order was titled "What This Case Has Not Been About."

"The right to pray," Biery wrote. He correctly noted that "Any American can pray, silently or verbally, seven days a week, 24 hours a day, in private as Jesus taught or in large public events as Mohammed instructed."

In a section titled "The Real Issue," Biery wrote, "Does the United States Constitution allow a governmental entity elected by the majority to use its power to tax and its agents and employees to support and promote a particular religious viewpoint now held by a minority?"

My unlearned answer is no; so was Biery's learned answer. He commended the settlement agreement for finding "reasonable balance between competing First Amendment rights of free speech for student speakers and freedom from government endorsement of a particular religious belief."

But the highlight of Biery's order is below his signature, which is where he chose to add what he called "A Personal Statement."

It's sad commentary on how some among us go about trying to advocate for their side. Behold:

"During the course of this litigation, many have played a part: To the United States Marshal Service and local police who have provided heightened security, thank you.

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"To those who have prayed for my death: Your prayers will someday be answered, as inevitability trumps probability.

"To those in the executive and legislative branches who have demagogued this case for their own political goals: You should be ashamed of yourselves.

"To the lawyers who have advocated professionally and respectfully for their clients' respective positions: Bless you."

Some of you may find it surprising when lawyers are the best-behaved folks around.

GUEST VIEWS

Tax cut deal typifies fiscal recklessness in Washington

San Antonio Express-News

One way to view the deal to extend payroll tax cuts through the end of 2012 is to see it as a sign that bipartisanship is still alive on Capitol Hill. In the House, 147 Democrats and 146 Republicans voted for the deal. In the Senate, 14 Republicans joined 46 Democrats to reach 60 votes in favor of the measure, the bare minimum to avoid a filibuster.

A better way to consider the payroll tax extension is as an example of election year politics at its worst. The average worker will receive a $20 weekly break, which supporters claim is critical for boosting a fragile economic recovery. Whatever the merits of that argument, it is more than offset by the failure of congressional leaders to cover the cost of extending the tax cuts.

The 10-month extension of reduced Social Security payroll taxes will cost the Treasury an estimated $93 billion. The measure was passed with no spending cuts or revenue enhancements that would have made it revenue neutral. That $93 billion cost simply adds to the bottom line of the national debt.

What makes this act of fiscal recklessness worse is that it affects one of the few federal forms of taxation that is dedicated. Revenues from the Social Security tax go into the Social Security trust fund to pay retiree benefits. The trust fund was already on a trajectory for depletion in 2036. Reducing the dedicated revenue stream moves the date up.

In theory, Congress and the White House say the shortfall will be made up with transfers from the general fund. But the general fund is $1.3 trillion in deficit. You can't pull money from an empty pocket.

Even during an election year, there's no such thing as a free lunch. Incumbents who voted to extend the payroll tax cut can claim they've given wage earners a break. But without a legitimate plan to compensate for the decrease in revenue to the Social Security trust fund, they've merely engaged in another bipartisan act of fiscal irresponsibility.

There is a place for tracking teen drivers with GPS

Houston Chronicle

To paraphrase a young Will Smith: Sometimes parents just don't understand. After all, kids are inevitably going to make some mistakes. This isn't unexpected. To put it bluntly, at a time of growing independence and surging hormones, of course teenagers are going to act like idiots.

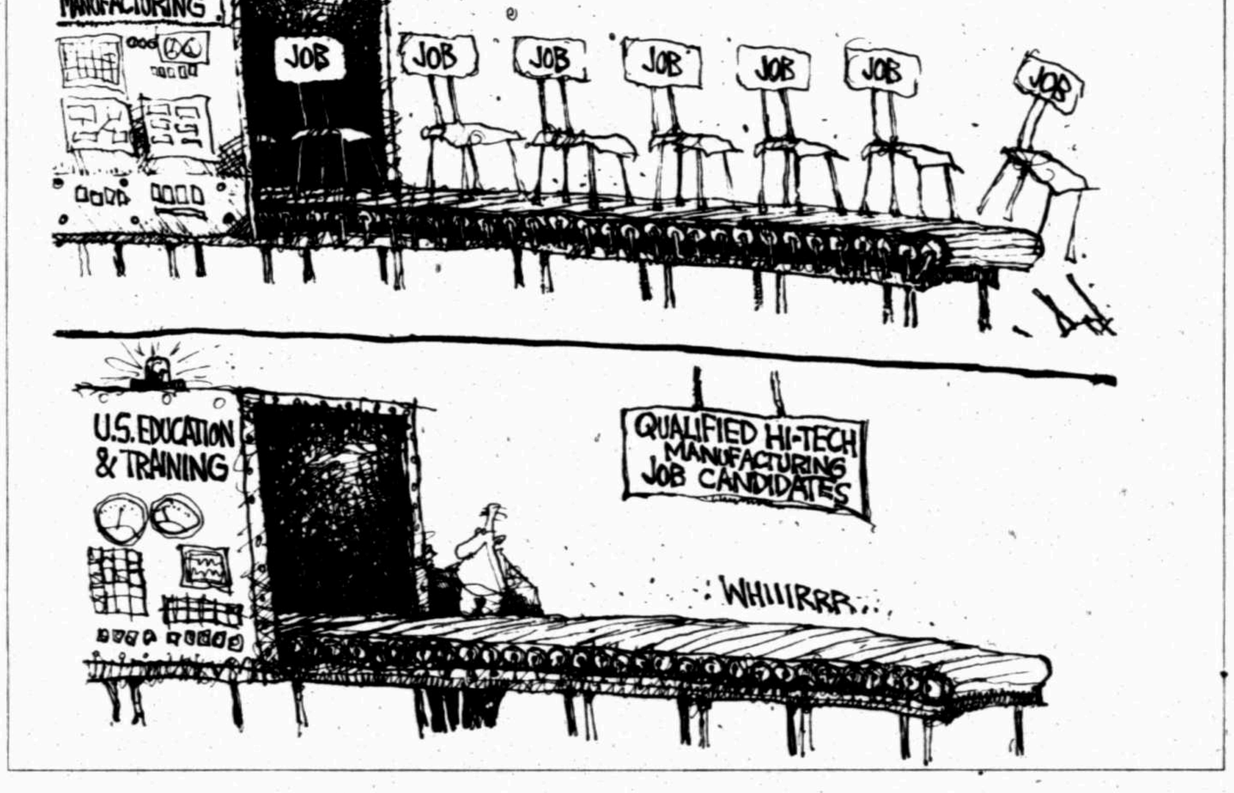
But these teenage mistakes shouldn't happen behind the wheel of a car. Which is why we like the idea of parents using smart phone applications and GPS to track teen driving habits. As noted recently by the Chronicle's Zain Shauk, parents can use independent devices or apps to track car location, speed and other data to make sure that their teens are safely abiding by the rules of the road.

Admittedly, any time you talk about GPS tracking there's going to be a healthy response of paranoia. But this isn't Big Brother. It's Big Daddy and Big Mama — parents. And parents should be watching after their children.

Yes, at a certain point, children do need freedom to learn on their own, to make mistakes and fail, and to establish a healthy sense of responsibility. But when thousands of teenagers die every year from car crashes — the leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 15 and 20 — and hundreds of thousands are severely injured, making sure that teens drive safely isn't overbearing: it's a sensible and necessary precaution. When teenage antics can get someone killed, it crosses the line from growing independence to parental responsibility.

Then again, apps like these can be fodder for paranoid parents who want to hold their kids' hands until middle age.

Therefore, tracking apps seem like they work best when they provide a balance of safety and supervision: giving parents alerts to unsafe driving rather than a running trace of a child's every move. After all, these apps shouldn't be used for surveillance, but for learning how to be a good driver.



Details on Perry's activities off-limits

■ The governor said reporters don't have the access to information that would show how much he works. He's right, and we should get that information.

PEGGY FIKAC
San Antonio Express-News

Gov. Rick Perry laughed when I asked him about a report that he'd spent little time in his state office in the first 16 days after he abandoned his race for president.

"The first 16 days," he said, with a bit of a scoff. "I'd suggest they might want to get a little bigger sample."

A bigger sample might not do much good.

The Dallas Morning News report relied on Perry's notoriously sparse official schedules.

The first few years of Perry's governorship, he made public a more extensive record of his activities.

But as we reported in 2004, Perry then started releasing only his "state schedule," which staff said didn't include his political schedule, spur-of-the moment activities or things for which he didn't need a schedule.

His 2010 Democratic challenger, Bill White, sought to make it a campaign issue, noting Perry's official schedule for a six-month period showed an average of seven hours of work weekly.

Perry, then and now, says he's working for Texans regardless of whether it's written down. He said last week that "24 hours, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. I'm on."

What a reporter "doesn't have access to is, who am I picking up the phone and calling and talking to? And as we're about to lose a tactical airlift wing up in Fort Worth, I'm talking to the delegation in Washington, D.C. It's not on my schedule, but I'm working and making those calls and what have you," Perry said.

Too bad Texans don't have access to that information, or to more information about Perry's other official, political and just-plain-interesting activities.

It would be good for Texans to know that even though candidate Perry spent a lot of time bashing Washington, Gov. Perry picks up the phone to call Texas' congressional delegation when he needs to. It could be enlightening to know more about what else he does.

"I think Texans look for results. They're not looking for someone to punch a time clock," Perry said. "I'll stick with my results, and then they can go make their argument at the next campaign."

Until then, reporters are left with reporting on the information that Perry chooses to release, even if he assures us there's so much more that he's not telling us.

Math and education

The Texas State Teachers Association took issue with education funding figures that Perry cited as he stood firm against calling a special session to alleviate public school cuts. Some, including TSTA, want such a session based on an improving economy.

"I think when you have an average of $10,000 per student being spent in Texas, that the issue is not more money," Perry said.

The National Education Association says that Texas is spending $8,908 per student this school year, based on average daily attendance — down from the previous year, TSTA noted and my colleague Gary Scharrer reported on our Texas Politics blog.

Perry also said he believes public schools account for 56 percent of general revenue spending. But as Scharrer noted, the Legislative Budget Board puts public education at 42 percent of the general revenue budget. The 56 percent figure includes higher education spending.

Procreation vs. recreation

Former ESPN analyst Craig James has endorsed Rick Santorum for president, which meant that in a Texas Tribune forum with Evan Smith last week there were questions about whether he shares some of Santorum's interesting views.

James said he believes contraception is a woman's choice. But he said he also believes in abstinence until marriage and that sex should only be for procreation and "between a husband and a wife."

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plan is just a start. Controllers and pilots will see what additional changes are needed and will meet again in six months. In the coming months, operating conditions should improve for pilots because they'll encounter the same set of rules regardless of which controller is providing them directives, Jennings said.

"We want to give you guys an expectation," he said. "I think you'll start getting more consistent service."

Michael D. Harvey, air traffic manager, said that while pilots were not involved in the work group that came up with the changes, pilots were consulted through several public meetings.

"We considered what the pilots had to say and what their concerns are," Harvey said.

Some of the duties of tower controllers will be shifted to radar controllers. Those working in the radar room will be charged with spacing and separating air traffic into organized formations for landing, Harvey said.

Previously, tower controllers separated planes into organized patterns based on what they could see from the tower, while radar controllers aligned aircraft from further out based on radar images.

Midland International Airport also will cease approving requests for departures and arrivals from the same runway, Harvey said.

The airport's four runways will be organized so that one portion of the airport will be delegated as the take-off area and the other as the departure area.

Some pilots said the changes will mean they have to fly further out of their way to land and take off at Midland International Airport.

Motl said while efficiency is a priority with the FAA, safety is their chief concern.

The new procedures are similar to those already in use at larger airports and are necessary because of increased air traffic. Within the last six months, air traffic in Midland has increased by about 3 percent, Harvey said. He said a study they recently completed shows air traffic likely will increase by another 15 to 20 percent in the next two years.

Aviation officials began assessing Midland's air traffic control procedures after two near mid-air collisions in 2011. Interim policies were implemented last fall after the near mid-air incidents to ensure safety of those flying.

Some pilots questioned the controllers' level of training. Harvey said trainees have and will continue to be a consistent part of Midland's tower. Trainees are supervised in each task, and those on site are qualified, he said.

"This facility in the last 18 months has gone out of its way to make sure we have the highest quality employee in the building," Harvey said.

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Supreme Court rejects emergency carp measures

Associated Press

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — The U.S. Supreme Court refused Monday to order emergency measures that might prevent Asian carp from reaching the Great Lakes, despite a warning that the exotic fish pose a "dire threat" to the region's environment and economy.

Michigan and four neighboring states wanted the Army Corps of Engineers to install nets in two Chicago-area rivers and to expedite a study of permanent steps to head off an invasion by bighead and silver carp, which have advanced up the Mississippi River and its tributaries to within 55 miles of Lake Michigan. Scientists say if the large, prolific carp spread widely in the lakes, they could starve out native species and devastate the $7 billion fishing industry.

The justices' ruling, which was issued without comment, was their fourth rejection of pleas by the states for interim steps while their lawsuit against the corps is pending in a federal district court.

"It is our duty to aggressively fight to protect the Great Lakes from invasive species," Michigan Attorney Bill Schuette said. "So while I'm disappointed, we will continue forward on all fronts."

Minnesota, Wisconsin, Ohio and Pennsylvania have joined Michigan in demanding faster action against the carp, which eat vast amounts of tiny plants and animals at the base of the food chain.

The Corps of Engineers said it will complete in 2015 a study of ways to prevent migration of fish and other species between the Great Lakes and Mississippi watersheds. The five states and environmental groups said that's not quick enough because it could take many additional years to carry out the study's recommendations.

FIRES

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and hinder drivers' vision. It caused a seven-car pile-up and the death of 5-year-old Cameron Dominguez, of Crane, who was killed when her uncle's truck was hit and engulfed in flames.

The National Weather Service has issued red flag and high fire danger warnings for today. The forecast calls for south winds from 15 to 20 mph, becoming westerly between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph, NWS officials said.

Any fires that develop likely will spread rapidly, and outdoor activities involving flames or sparks should be avoided, authorities said Monday.

"Especially with these red-flag days coming up again, the fires could spread from one house to another very quickly," Hickman said.

While there weren't witnesses to any of Monday's fires, Hickman said a cigarette lighter was found at one location, but investigators could not determine if it ignited the fire. It's not unusual to find a lighter, he said.

Anyone with information is asked to contact authorities. A cash reward of up to $1,000 is being offered for information or tips that may lead to the arrest of the individual or individuals who may be involved, Hickman said.

Anonymous tips can be submitted through Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS or 800-7-LOCKUP or with the Texas Advisory Council on Arson hotline at 877-4-FIRE-45.

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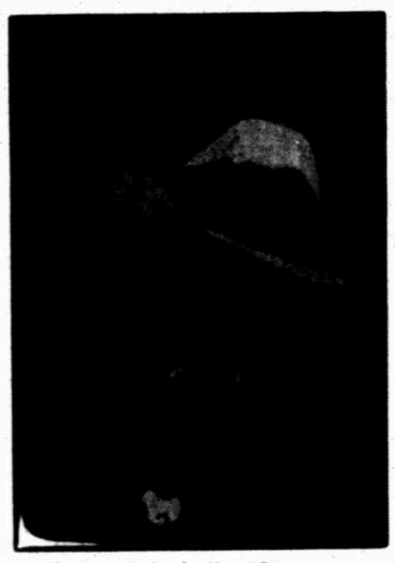

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Report: Russia, Ukraine foiled plot to kill Putin

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Security forces have foiled a Chechen-linked plot to assassinate Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, state television reported Monday in a broadcast likely to boost support for Putin's bid to regain the presidency.

Other candidates immediately questioned the timing of the report, which came just days before Sunday's presidential election and as Putin and his United Russia party face unprecedented protests following a scandal-marred parliamentary election in December.

The Communist Party candidate called the assassination report a "cheap trick."

Putin has portrayed himself as a strong protector of Russia's national interests and has counted the victory over Chechen separatist rebels as one of the key achievements of his 12-year rule.

The state television report casting Putin as a terrorist target could draw public sympathy and help secure his victory by a wider margin.

The report, which included two televised confessions, said suspects in the assassination plot have been arrested in Ukraine and were linked to a Chechen rebel leader who has claimed responsibility for other terror attacks in Russia.

WikiLeaks publishes leaked Stratfor emails

Associated Press

LONDON — Private intelligence firm Stratfor is in the business of shedding light on the world for its many clients. On Monday, anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks was the one shedding light on Stratfor, saying it had more than 5 million of the company's emails and would publish them in collaboration with two dozen international media organizations.

The small selection so far published on WikiLeaks' website gives a look at the daily routine of the Texas-based think tank, whose clients range from local universities to global megacorporations. One described a $6,000-a-month payment made to a Middle Eastern source; another carried bits of gossip dropped by a retired spy. Many were filled with off-color office banter.

An initial examination of the emails turned up a mix of the innocuous and the embarrassing, but WikiLeaks chief Julian Assange promised more explosive material in the coming weeks.

"What we have discovered is a company that is a private intelligence Enron," Assange told London's Frontline Club, referring to the Texas energy giant whose spectacular bankruptcy turned it into a byword for corporate malfeasance.

Assange accused Stratfor of funneling money to informants through offshore tax havens, monitoring activist groups on behalf of big corporations and making investments based on its secret intelligence.

Stratfor denied there was anything improper in the way it dealt with its contacts.

Associated Press

Julian Assange, founder of WikiLeaks, looks at paperwork during a press conference in London on Monday. WikiLeaks said on Monday that it was publishing a massive trove of leaked emails from U.S. intelligence analysis firm Stratfor, shedding light on the inner workings of the Austin-based think tank.

"Stratfor has worked to build good sources in many countries around the world, as any publisher of global geopolitical analysis would do," the company said in a statement. "We have done so in a straightforward manner, and we are committed to meeting the highest standards of professional conduct."

The Stratfor statement suggested the company wouldn't comment further on Assange's allegations.

"Having had our property stolen, we will not be victimized twice by submitting to questioning about them," the statement said.

How WikiLeaks got the company's emails remains unclear. Assange refused to answer questions about the matter Monday, but Stratfor said the messages appeared to be the same ones stolen by hackers in December. That breach, claimed by the Internet activist group Anonymous, ravaged the company's servers and led to the disclosure of thousands of credit card numbers and other information.

Wired magazine quoted an unnamed member of Anonymous as saying that the stolen data had been transferred to WikiLeaks, which allegedly acknowledged receiving the transfer using a coded message on Twitter. Anonymous appeared to confirm that account, pointing to the cryptic message "rats for donavon," which WikiLeaks posted on Dec. 30.

Several media groups, including Rolling Stone magazine and German broadcaster NDR, said they have been offered advance access to the emails and will publish stories based on the documents if appropriate.

It's unclear what impact the leak will have on Austin-based Stratfor. The company counts investment firms, academic institutions and major multinationals among its clients, and one academic said that the disclosure likely would scare away corporate clients.

"When people discover, 'Hey, here's your clients,' then your clients are chilled," said Jeffrey Addicott, the director for the Center of Terrorism Law at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. "It causes a certain uproar."

Some clients already face questions. Among the emails are reports apparently compiled for Dow Chemical Co. on activists who have targeted the company over its links to the Bhopal gas leak disaster, which killed thousands of Indians and spawned a long-running legal battle.

Dow said in a written statement that "major companies are often required to take appropriate action to protect their people and safeguard their facilities," adding that it operated within the law.

The reports prepared for Dow appeared to be little more than roundups of news stories and Internet chatter, but Stratfor also boasts of more serious sources.

One leaked email quotes Stratfor Vice President of Intelligence Fred Burton bragging about his "trusted former CIA cronies." In another, he promises to "see what I can uncover" about a classified FBI investigation.

Stratfor has speculated that some of the leaked emails may have been altered or forged, but the firm did not provide evidence of tampering. Anonymous said in a Twitter message that the suggestion of forgery was "pathetic."

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Education

UTPB expects about 500 competitors for fair

Official says student testing has reduced participation

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

ODESSA — More than 500 students will compete in the 28th annual Permian Basin Regional Science Fair on Saturday at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Though participation numbers are down from about 700 students in previous years, fair coordinator Stephen Nelson said he's optimistic to see the experiments and projects students present.

Each year, home school students and those from Andrews, Monahans and Big Spring claim the majority of prizes, Nelson said, though there are a few students who compete from Midland.

While Midland ISD does not require elementary schools to hold science fairs, some schools do, including Washington Math and Science Institute, Pease Communication and Technology Academy and Emerson, said Director of Science Robert Pena.

Hillander School, St. Ann's School and Trinity School also regularly contribute, Nelson said.

Emerson student Tommy Frances participated in last year's regional science fair and said it was a great learning experience.

Tommy said he enjoys participating because "it's a way to have fun and do an experiment you think you would enjoy doing and bring it to school for others to see."

This year, his experiment was titled "Bottle + Match + Egg" and showed the hotter the bottle becomes, the quicker the egg will drop.

Tommy is one of the many junior division — third- through fifth-grade students — who qualified for the regional fair by competing at a school-based fair. Students in the intermediate — sixth through eighth grades — and senior — ninth through12th grade — divisions can enter without participating in a school-based fair.

This year, 56 students are registered for the senior division, about twice as many as last year, Nelson said.

Additionally, Nelson said home school enrollment at the fair has grown considerably in the past few years.

"A lot of home school kids have learned they can come and win, so many others are following suit," Nelson said.

Nelson said he wishes science fair participation were higher, but he has seen enrollment drop as more tests have been implemented in the public schools.

"Testing has really taken the number down from 700 to

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MC group aims to improve women's self-esteem

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Empowering women and raising their self-esteem is the main goal of Women's Circle, a new group at Midland College.

Instructor Emily Brown formed the weekly group in January for students interested in discussing women's issues.

President April Smith said she joined as a way to meet people.

She moved to Midland this year because of her husband's job and aspires to attend medical school. She said she's found it challenging to make friends and has been the Women's Circle beneficial.

"I just decided to take charge and step in because it seemed like a good thing to be involved in," Smith said.

Brown said she realized the need for the group after teaching student success and developmental English classes in the fall and hearing so many female students discuss the challenges they were having.

"Girls need more support to stay in school. They need someone telling them it's important they're here and they can be successful," Brown said.

"Many of these women have no support at home and are losing support by coming to college. Their families don't understand why they would be spending time away from home to study."

Freshman Kathryn Gambino said she didn't join Women's Circle because of a lack of support at home. It was more by accident.

"I went to the club fair looking for something to join because I'm home alone a lot," Gambino said. "I came across this and initially thought it was about 'bra-burning,' but that's not how it is at all."

Gambino said it's good to get involved with something that promotes a positive attitude.

Members said they want to share personal strategies for

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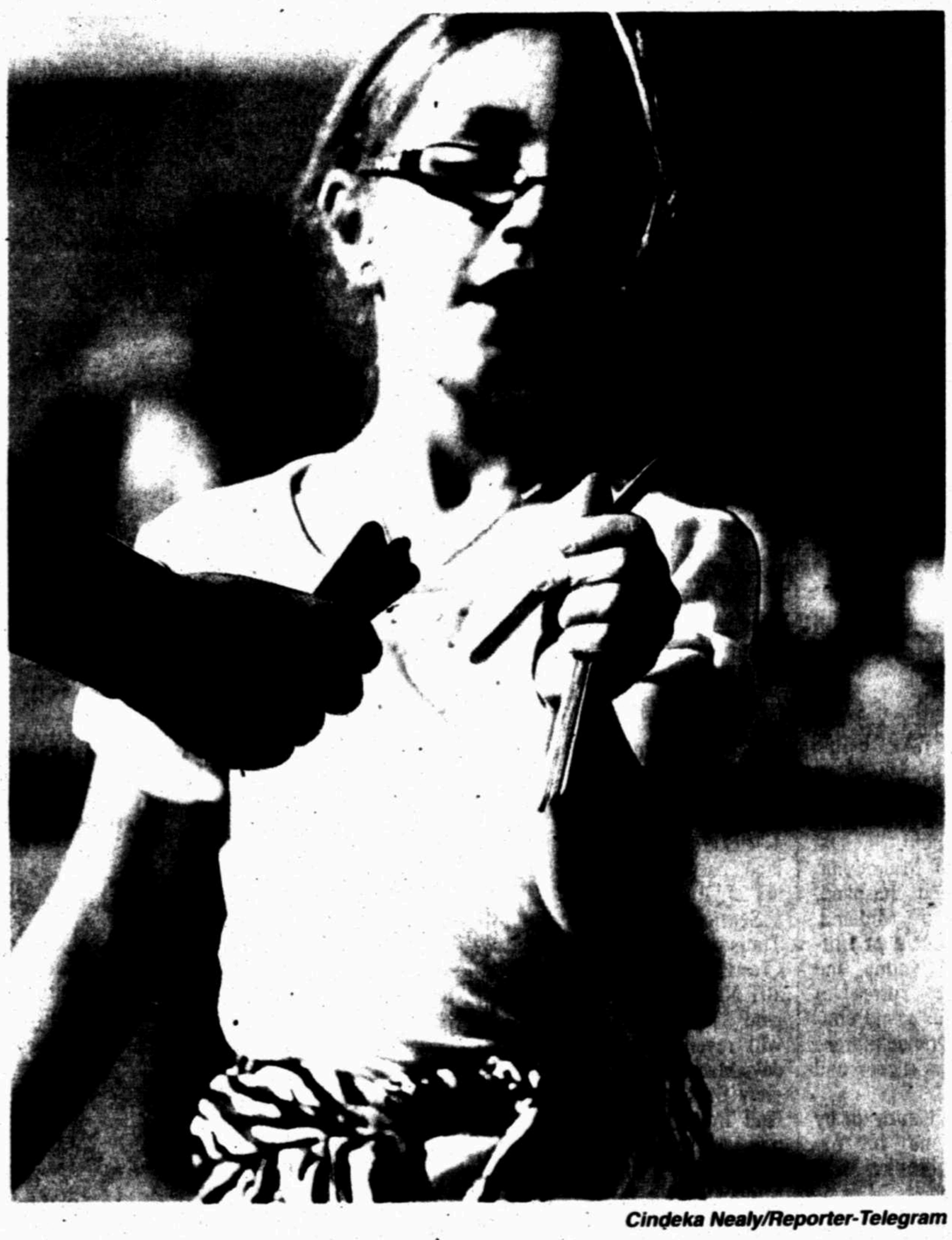

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Reagan Cole, 6, picks up her fourth stick as she completes a mile earlier this month during Fannin Elementary Running Club training. Students in the program are given a Popsicle stick after each quarter mile they run.

Fannin students show interest in running club

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Some are smiling, some are panting and others are sweating as they complete another lap around the field at Fannin Elementary during running club practice Wednesday after school.

Each week, more than 40 kindergarten through sixth-grade students meet up to participate in different activities that push them to improve as runners.

During a recent 30-minute run, students earned a Popsicle stick each time they completed a quarter-mile lap and worked to improve their times and distance. Each week, the students prepare for the ultimate goal — to completing a 5-kilometer race.

Fannin physical education teacher Mary Higby and PTA member Kristi Hendricks, both avid runners, decided to start a running club this fall, hoping to get a few students interested.

To their surprise, many students have joined the club and are progressing as runners

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5K race at MC to focus on suicide prevention

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

To promote community morale and reach out to high school students who may be struggling, the Midland College Student Government Association will host a 5K run and concert Saturday night.

In response to recent suicides, SGA secretary Stephani Garcia said she wanted to do something to spread positive messages and love.

At first she just wanted to put posters up on campus, but eventually she and association members started planning a communitywide outreach event.

"We're trying to get the community out here and get them together," Garcia said. "We want to show teenagers and everybody that we care."

The event includes a 5K run/walk, speakers and a concert featuring local bands.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to Centers for Children and Families to help others, Garcia said.

Marc McQueen, the Centers' clinical director, said the funds will provide direct services to families, specifically youth, struggling with suicide.

He said there are three ways the funds can be used — providing direct counseling to the family at no cost, bringing counselors to school campuses when a crisis occurs and providing prevention training to parents and students.

"There are three tiers of what we could help with, and any dollars received we want to specifically earmark for the cost of covering those services," McQueen said.

The 5K begins at 5:30 p.m., with registration at 4:30 p.m. The concert will start at 7 p.m., Garcia said. The event is at the PE building near Chaparral Center.

Event registration is $10 for college students and adults, $5 for high school students and by donation for those 14 years old and under.

Pizza, drinks and snacks

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'Just grabbing one off the shelf' is not best way to choose books

STACEY CALLAWAY
Sixth-grade reading, Scharbauer Elementary School

I love books. I love the way books smell, the sound they make as you turn the pages, and the weight of them in my hand. No matter how many books I have, it's never enough. When I send out book orders, I think I'm the one who gets most excited upon arrival. A box of books brings new adventures.

I started reading middle grade and young adult books a few years ago, but now that's primarily all I read. I feel like I'm behind. Every Tuesday brings a new batch of publications I want to read, but there are so many great books that I haven't yet enjoyed. What is a reader to do?

During the first week of school, we talk about how we choose books. I'm always amazed about some of the responses I get. I especially love the "just grab one off the library shelf" response. To quote Dr. Phil, "How's that working for you?" I tell my students from day one they need a plan and strategy to select books.

I rely on several sources for book recommendations. Goodreads.com is the first stop in my quest. If you don't have a Goodreads account, I highly suggest getting one. Goodreads is a social networking site for readers. In my account I have shelves of books I've read, ones I plan to read and what I'm currently reading. Goodreads allows you to see reviews from friends first and then the ones of other users. Most importantly, it gives you a rating based on the average of everybody's reviews. I check this rating before I start any book; anything below three stars just isn't worth my time. And of course, there's an app for it.

Another great way to find books is to look at past award winners. Right now I'm involved in several challenges. In the next two years, I plan to read all the Newbery and Caldecott winners. The Association for Library Service, a division of American Library Association, recognizes the "most distinguished contribution to American Literature for children." (In an ironic twist, this American award is named for an 18th century bookseller from Britain.)

Since starting the challenge on Jan. 1, I am happy to report I've read three. The award began in 1922 with "Story of Mankind" by Hendrik van Loon, and I must admit that it's absolutely dreadful. It literally tells the story of mankind from creation through World War I. Meaning no disrespect to van Loon or the Newbery committee in 1922, I'm glad children's literature has changed drastically. At 736 pages, I labored an entire month on this monstrosity before finishing. The 1923 winner "Dr. Doolittle" is remarkably better, but I've heard the remaining selections from the 1920s are not promising. "Shen of the Sea" and "The Dark Frigate" are two of the lesser known titles I get to read soon.

Not counting the winners from the '20s, most books won for a reason. This year's winner, "Dead End in Norvelt" by Jack Gantos is a historical fiction title about a

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Obituaries

Betty Jo Simmons

Betty Jo Simmons passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Saturday, February 25, 2012, at her residence in Midland, TX. She was born on December 20, 1930, in Doole, TX to the late Solomon and Medie M. Sellers. Betty Jo was raised and educated in Merkel, TX.

She later met and married the late Winfred W. Simmons. Betty was a homemaker most of her life. She was a very loving, wife, caring mother, and grandmother. Betty enjoyed her family and had a special love for her grandchildren. Betty is survived by her family; four daughters, Barbara Harris of Midland, TX, Frances Osborne of Shawnigan Lake B.C., Canada, Christine Hubbard and Patricia Strickland, both of Midland, TX; her sister, Lucille Rudd of Olive Hurst, CA; twelve grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Winfred Simmons; three sisters, Bessie Cannon, Teddie Gillan, and Lilly Jo Gray; her brothers, Frank Sellers, Charlie Sellers, and Jim Sellers; and her grandson Michael L. Brown.

A graveside service is set for Wednesday, February 29, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., at Resthaven Memorial Cemetery in Midland, TX, with Reverend Rickie Rister officiating.

The family of Betty Jo Simmons wish to extend a very special thanks to Hospice of Midland for the loving care of our precious mother.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Midland.

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

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
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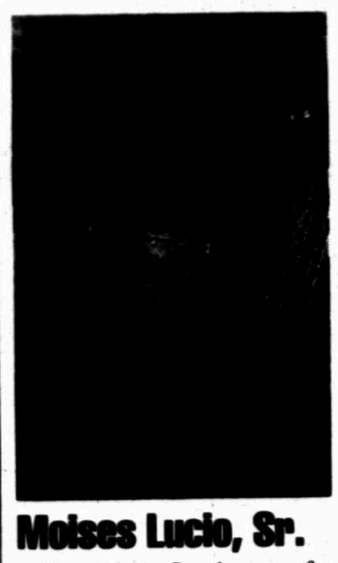
All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.



Moises Lucio, Sr.

Funeral Services for Moises Lucio, Sr., 89, of Oakwood, and formerly of Lamesa, will be held at the First Baptist Church on Thursday, March 1, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., with Robert Davis and Ed Sena officiating. Burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park, under the direction of Branon Funeral Home of Lamesa.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 from 7:00-9:00 p.m., at Branon Funeral Home. Moises passed away on Sunday, February 26, 2012, in Palestine, TX.

Moises was born on November 28, 1922, in Sinton, TX to Regino and Maria Medrano Lucio. He married his soul mate, Ramona Morales Lucio on February 8, 1948. She preceded him in death on March 9, 2004. Moises worked for the First Baptist Church of Lamesa for many years. He was a deacon at Primera Iglesia Bautista in Lamesa, where he was also a lifelong member. Moises was a devout family man. He was the best Dad and Grand Dad that you could ask for. He had a great sense of humor and was known as a joker. He loved to work in his garden and would often have his children share in that passion with him. His other passion was being a deacon with the church. He loved bringing new souls to Christ and to the church.

Moises is survived by his children, Irma Torres of Hammond, IN; Mike Hernandez and wife, Adela of Corpus Christi, TX; Mary and husband Ruben Vaquera of Oakwood, TX; Felipe Lucio and wife, Gloria of Buffalo, TX; Arthur Lucio and wife, Odelia of Odessa, TX; Moises Lucio, Jr. and wife, Leticia of Midlothian, TX; Sylvia and husband, Rick Schkade of Midland, TX; Elizabeth Lucio of Buffalo, TX and Cynthia and husband, Eddie Torres of Lubbock, TX; his grand children and great grandchildren; 2 sisters; and his nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Ramona; his parents; and his brothers and sisters.

To send condolences online please visit: branonfuneralhome.com.

Death Notices

Clinton Nelson

Clinton Nelson, 73, of Andrews, passed away on February 26, 2012.

Services are planned for Saturday, March 3, 2012, at 4:00 p.m., at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.

Elisabeth Callaway

Elisabeth Callaway, 70, of Midland, passed away on February 27, 2012, in Midland.

Services are pending with Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home.

Felipe Villa

Felipe Lerma Villa, 69, of Big Spring, passed away on Saturday, February 25, 2012.

Services will be 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 28, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 29, 2012, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Survived by children, Viola Villareal (Manuel), Carmen Estrada (Carlos), Nancy Villa, Veronica Perez (Carlos), Henry Villa, Luis Villa, Richard Villa (Viola); siblings, Domingo Villa, Rosa Bustamante; sixteen grand children; fourteen great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Hilda Harrington

Hilda Harrington, 82, of Odessa, passed away on Monday, February 27, 2012, in Odessa.

Services will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church, in Odessa, on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage at West Texas Memorial Park.

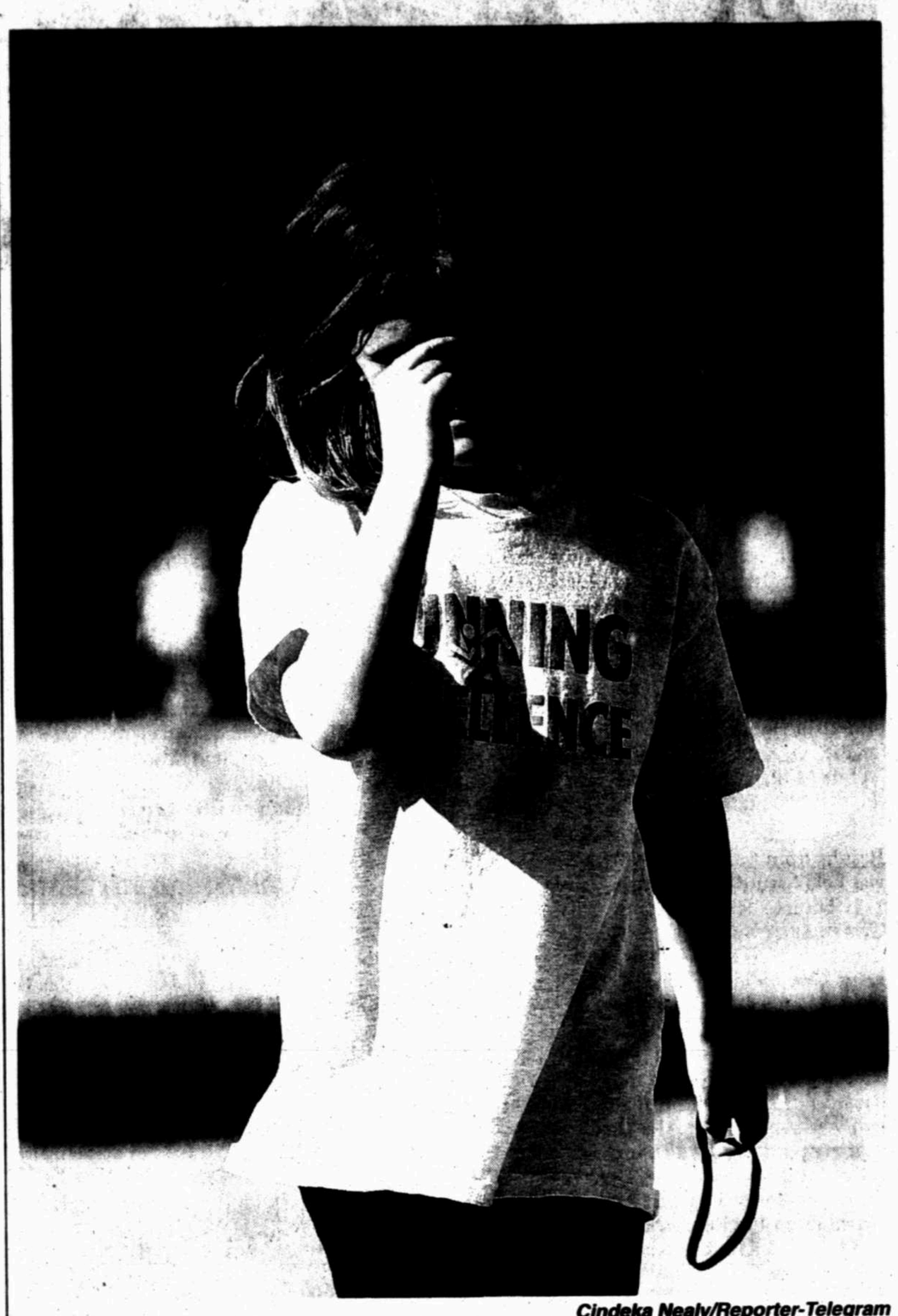
Survived by daughter, Della Paige; son, Darrell Harrington; Clyde Vincent; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Richard Lee Davis

Richard Lee Davis of Midland, passed away on February 27, 2012, in Forney.

Services will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 1, 2012, at Crestview Baptist Church, 301 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, TX. 79703. Family will receive friends, Thursday, March 1, 2012, at Crestview Baptist Church in Midland from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Interment will be in Resthaven Memorial Park, Midland.

Funeral arrangements directed by New Hope Funeral Home.



Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Grace Ware, 6, takes a break and walk as she works at becoming a better runner earlier this month at Fannin Elementary.

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Logan Wiggins, 10, from left, Chandler Reese, 11, and Jordan Ortega, 11, run two to three miles during a 30-minute training secession Wednesday at Fannin Elementary. The boys are members of the Fannin Elementary Running club, an afterschool program that trains students for a 5k run.

Club

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"These kids are absolutely awesome and will really push themselves," Higby said. "They actually get mad if they have to miss running club."

During each stick run, Higby said she pushes her students to increase their distance and get at least one more than they did the week before.

"It's only 30 minutes, once a week, but these kids are getting extra exercise and encouragement," Higby said.

This weekend, running club students will participate in the Midland Classroom Teachers Association's inaugural Once Upon A Run. Saturday's race includes a 1-kilometer family fun run, 5K and half-marathon that begin at Citibank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Blvd.

Many of the running club students are looking to beat the time they achieved during the Jingle Bell Run, the club's first 5Kk in December.

Blake Conzati, 11, said running club is a great way to get exercise and improve his distance each week.

During the Jingle Bell Run, Blake placed first in his age group. That finish is something he's very proud of.

"I wanted to get kids excited and developed as runners. They should be excited about completing races, even if they walk," Hendricks said. "I hate seeing kids sitting around and this is a good way to push them."

Once Upon a Run

Saturday's races begin at Citibank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Blvd., and include a 1K family fun run, 5K and half-marathon.

Registration for the 1K family fun run is $15, $25 for the 5K and $65 for the half-marathon. Register online by Thursday at https://register.allsportstiming.com/races/120 or email race director Mary Higby at mhdallas80@yahoo.com.

The half-marathon will begin at 8 a.m., the 5K at 8:30 and 1K at 8:45

The club's $25 membership fee provided members with a T-shirt and registration for the Jingle Bell Run and Once Upon A Run.

To her surprise, running club isn't just made up of the best athletes and gym class standouts, Higby said.

"There is such a variety of students in the club," Higby said. "We have the artistic, athletic, academics and pretty much everything out here."

For 5-year-old Brooklyn Valencia, running club is something fun she can do when she's not competing with her soccer team.

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Callaway

From 1B

preteen boy in the early 1960s trying to escape his small town and feuding parents. While not my favorite book of this past year, it's well worth reading.

Goodreads and shiny medals are great, but the absolute best way to find a book is word of mouth. I must admit I recommend books to strangers in book stores. I think I frightened a teenage girl earlier this month when I started pulling books off the shelf at Barnes and Noble for her to read. It probably didn't help that I was in the young adult section at the time. I love getting book suggestions from others.

My other addiction, Twitter, keeps me amply supplied with titles. Twitter is "armchair professional development" for me. I follow fellow educators, as well as some of my favorite authors. When David Angleberger's "Strange Case of Origami Yoda" won the Bluebonnet award this month, I tweeted him congratulations from my class. I shared his response the next day with my excited students. Many of the people I follow run book review blogs. I can read their entire review on their site, or most tweet as they're reading. I find the best books this way.

Many of my students get book recommendations from me. I have several students who clamor for anything I recommend. We share what we're reading — the good and the bad. If I don't like a book, I'm honest about that. I have a few kiddos who will read a book just to prove me wrong. Great. Their approval is better than mine any day. As I was telling a student about a great book, another student came up and started echoing my sentiments. I stepped back and let her take over. Success.

No matter where the book comes from, it's important for students to see me as a reading model. I challenge all teachers to be that for their students. Reading a chapter a night gets a book finished in a month. For all the reluctant or dormant readers out there, you just haven't found the right book yet. Need a suggestion?

Bill to empower Okla. school boards clears panel

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma school districts would be able to ignore most statutory state requirements under a bill that cleared a Senate committee on Monday and faces fierce resistance from public school teachers.

The Senate Education Committee voted along party lines to approve the School District Empowerment Program, with Democrats on the panel opposing the measure. It now heads to the full Senate for a vote.

Sen. John Ford, R-Bartlesville, said the bill would make local school districts exempt from the same the requirements as charter schools.

"This concept of more local empowerment is something that I have personally introduced and modified legislation over a five-year period," Ford said. "It's a philosophical change that I think is important. We're just trying to give those local districts more ability to educate their children."

Districts would still have to comply with minimum salary and benefit requirements for teachers, background checks for school personnel and basic curriculum requirements. Districts also would have to formally request an exemption from the State Department of Education and include a plan outlining the "educational and fiscal benefits" of the exemption.

A similar measure was rejected two years ago by former Democratic Gov. Brad Henry, and another bill last year was derailed in a House committee.

Group

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how to deal with college, kids, being married and other issues.

Brown said the club is not a crazy, feminist organization. It gives female students somewhere to meet and discuss issues like finances, media literacy and politics.

"We're not here to tell them to leave their husbands," Brown said. "We're not a bra-burning group trying to turn people into lesbians; we're just women who want to meet and discuss female issues."

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Race

From 1B

will be provided by the SGA, Garcia said.

"We hope everyone comes," Garcia said. "It's something to do on a Saturday night and raise money for the center, come together and love each other."

For more information, call the SGA office at 685-4543.

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Nikkie Galindo spells a word in the final rounds against Thomas Rubio on Saturday at the Midland Regional Spelling Bee. Rubio eventually won the bee and Gallindo placed second.

SPELLINGBEERESULTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Results from the Reporter-Telegram Spelling Bee, which was held Saturday at Midland College.

1. Thomas Rubio, Alamo; 2. Nikkie Gallindo, Midland Christian; 3. Sophia Koo, Abell; 4. Brittney Mancha, Crockett; 5. Marin Bullock, Bowie Fine Arts; 6. Brandon Kam, San Jacinto; 7. (tie) Christopher Barfield, Travis; Phillip LaCroix, Scharbauer; Vijay Dimri, Carver Center

10. (tie) Kelan Carr, Milam; Chloe Fitting, Fannin; Anabel Machuca, Midland Academy Charter; Rocky Ramirez, Bauer (Big Spring); Juan Reza, Henderson; Rick Salcido, Lamar; Rachel Stansell, Greathouse; Hannah Wineinger, Hillander

18. (tied) Caleb Anderson, MACHE; Matthew Barnett, Emerson; Morgan Cantu, Bush; Lillian Carman, Jones; John Cox, Pease; Diana Delao, South; Chastin Ellison, Washington Institute; Dominic Fernandez, Burnet; Trinity Galloway, Marcy (Big Spring); Manuel Garcia, Santa Rita; Dillian Guzman, Washington Big Spring); Tristan Huckabee, Goliad (Big Spring); Serena Martinez, Rusk; Josiah McDougall, Midland Classical; Justin Metcalfe, Long; Christoper Mora-Brandt, Parker; Waseem Nabulsi, Trinity; Amaris Portillo, Houston; Marcos Rodriguez, DeZavala; Anthony Sarmiento, Moss; Marisela Sauceda, Goddard; Quarria Scott, Bonham; Alex Sotelo, Big Spring Junior High; Kenra Thibeault, Kentwood (Big Spring).

Reporter-Telegram Regional Spelling Bee champions since 1993

1993 Jeremy Gengler, Goddard; 1994 Tarfia Faizullah, Trinity; 1995 Vinesh Patel, Abell; 1996 Vinesh Patel, Abell; 1997 Katie Noah, Goddard; 1998 Katie Noah, Goddard; 1999 Stacey Moore, Alamo

2000 Michael Moore, Crockett; 2001 Chiraag Alur, Abell; 2002 Michael Moore, Alamo; 2003 Nicholas Van Nguyen, Anson Jones; 2004 Jamie Lain, San Jacinto; 2005 Taylor Young, Alamo

2006 Danielle Rubio, Bonham; 2007 Calley Jones, Abell; 2008 Samuel Dowlen, MACHE; 2009 Samuel Dowlen, MACHE; 2010 Jace Brandl, Scharbauer Elementary; 2011 Thomas Rubio, Alamo Junior High; 2012 Thomas Rubio, Alamo Junior High

By school since 1993

Alamo 5, Abell 4, Goddard 3, MACHE 2, San Jacinto 1, Trinity 1, Crockett 1, Anson Jones 1, Bonham 1, Scharbauer 1

SCHOOLCALENDAR

FROM STAFF REPORTS

March 12-19
Spring break

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

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

April 6
Holiday: Midland ISD (bad weather makeup day)
April 6 and 9
Holiday: Midland Christian School, Trinity School, Midland Classical Academy

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

May 28
Memorial Day Holiday: Midland ISD

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

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

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

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

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						6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Last Man St (N)	Cougar Town (N)	The River "Peaches" (N)		Body of Proof "Home Invasion" (N)		KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Need to Know" (N)		NCIS: LA "Byle, K." 2/2 from Feb 21 (N)		Unforgettable "Blind Alleys" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Late Late Show	Nathan Lane, Estelle (N)
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Hart of "The Crush and the Crossbow"		Ringer "P.S. You're An Idiot" (N)		Cops	'Til Death	King of Queens	South Park	South Park
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	American Idol "First Group of Semifinalists Perform" (N)			The Simpsons		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: C.I. "The Healer"
	KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Alan Lee	Cardoza Moore	Update News	Rico Cortes	Light of the Southwest				Jean-Claude	NewBeginning	Ministerios Nueva Vida
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	The Biggest Loser The players return home. (N)			Parenthood "My Brother's Wedding" (N)			News-West 9	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	(:35) LateNight
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Amer. Experience "The Amish" We explore the inner workings of an Amish community. (N)			Frontline (N)			Charlie Rose	BBC News	Tavis Smiley
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Una familia con suerte				El Talisman	La Que No Podia Amar			Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Hasta que el dinero nos separe
	KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Office	30 Rock	Cold Case "Honor"		Cold Case	My News	Earl		30 Rock	Sunny	Scrubs	Access H.
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	65			165	(5:00) ★★ The Deal		★★★ The Cemetery Club Ellen Burstyn.			★★★ Indian Summer				(:40) The Long Good Friday	
	HBO	300	68	14		14	Exporting Raymond			★ Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son			Down	Luck	(:50) ★ Your Highness		
	HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(3:15) Unstoppable		★★ DOA: Dead or Alive		F. Roach	Bill Maher			Boxing Maidana vs. Alexander		
	HBO5	304	70	16	102		(:15) ★★ Just Wright		Queen Latifah.		★ Lottery Ticket Bow Wow.			(:45) ★★★ The Adjustment Bureau			Movie
	MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:40) Judge Dredd		(:20) ★★ Eurotrip Scott Mechlowicz.			★ Paul ('11, Com) Nick Frost.			(:45) Guide	(:15) Spring Break	
	MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:30) Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallo...			★★ Knight and Day ('10, Act)				(:50) Lingerie	(:25) She's Out of My League		
	PLEX			96			(:15) ★ Major League: Back to the Minors			★★★ Eight Men Out John Cusack.					Cagney & Lacey: The View...		Movie
	SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	The Tempest ('10, Com/Dra) Felicity Jones.			Penn &..	Comedy	The King's Speech ('10, Dra) Colin Firth.			★ Jolene		
	TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:20) Roadracers		★ Piranha Elisabeth Shue.			Bitter Feast James Legros.			(:15) ★ Dirty Love		Movie
CABLE	A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
	AMC	40	21	23	42	51	CSI "Show Stopper"		★★★ The Godfather II Al Pacino.			★★★ The War of the Worlds ('53, Sci-Fi) Gene Barry.					Movie
	BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park		Together	Together	Game	Game	Together	Game	Together	Wendy Williams	
	BRAVO	65	63		41		The Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives (N)		Take Over (N)		Watch (N)	Real Housewives	H.Wives
	CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Steve Jobs		60 Minutes		60 Minutes (N)		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	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
	DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	Austin	Jessie	A.N.T.	Shake Up	Phineas	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Jessie	Austin	Wizards	Wizards
	ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Michigan State vs. Indiana (L)				NCAA Basketball Florida vs. Vanderbilt (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter
	ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Kan.St./Tex.A&M (L)				NBA Coast to Coast				ESPN Films "Goose"		NFL Live (N)
	FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Switched at Birth		Switched at Birth (N)		Jane by Design (N)		Switched at Birth		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	Cupcake Wars		Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped	Chopped	
	FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Golf Life	Stars Insider	Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball New Jersey Nets vs. Dallas Mavericks Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Mavs Post (L)	SportsDay OnAir	UFC Unleashed
	FX	31	31	59	64	69	2½Men		★★★ X-Men Origins: Wolverine Hugh Jackman.			Justified (N)			Justified	Justified	
	HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	My Place	My Place	Property	Property	HouseH	House (N)	Love It or List It		Property	Property
	HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Top Gear (N)		Top Shot (N)		Top Shot		Pwn Star	Pwn Star
	LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	DanceMom "Wardrobe Malfunction"		Dance Moms "Bullets and Ballet"		Dance Moms "The Runaway Mom" (N)		Dance Moms "The Runaway Mom"		Project Runway "O! Say, Can You Sew?"		Dance Moms "Bullets and Ballet"
	MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow
	NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	'70s	'70s	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Ink Master		Ink Mstr "Game On"		Ink Master		Ink Master (N)		Ink Master		Auction	Auction
	SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Paranormal Witness		Paranormal Witness		Paranormal Witness		Paranormal Witness		Paranormal Witness		Paranormal Witness	
	TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Limo"	Seinf. "The Doodle"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Betty White, Ne-Yo, Young Jeezy		The Office	The Office
	TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) To Catch a...		★★★ The Man Who Would Be King						(:15) ★★★★ Lawrence of Arabia ('62, War) Peter O'Toole.		
	TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Maid en Manhattan		Flor salvaje		Relaciones Peligrosa		Noticiero	Sin senos no paraiso	Decision
	TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Str. Addiction	Str. Addiction	My 600-lb Life "Henry's Story"		19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	Obsessive Compulsive Hoarder		My 600-lb Life "Henry's Story"	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count
	TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Bones "The Crack in the Code"		★★ Rush Hour 3 (2007, Action) Jackie Chan, Roman Polanski, Chris Tucker.				Southland "Fallout" (N)		CSI: NY "Blink"		Southland "Fallout"
	TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Home I.	Home I.	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens
	USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Wet"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Branded"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Bully"		W.Collar "Judgment Day" (5F) (N)		Royal Pains "This One's For Jack"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Bully"	
	VERSUS	38	39				NHL Live!	NHL Hockey	Los Angeles Kings vs. Minnesota Wild (L)				NHL Live!	NBC Sports Talk		Overtime	NHL 36	Ext. Sport
	WGN	19	18		✓		America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Mother "I Heart NJ"	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Always Sunny

EDUCATIONINBRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Early Childhood Program is accepting applications

The Midland ISD Early Childhood Program is accepting applications beginning Thursday for the 2012-13 school year. Children who turn 4 on or before Sept. 1 are eligible.

Low-income families, children with limited English or families with children who have disabilities are encouraged to apply. Application packets will be available at West Early Childhood Center, 2101 W. Missouri Ave., between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Appointments with families are scheduled for April 9-13. Approximately 700 students will be admitted to the program.

Children should attend the appointment with their parents or guardians. Parents/guardians need to bring:

- proof of residence (utility bill, lease agreement, or contract on a home);
- child's birth certificate;
- child's immunization record;
- child's Social Security card;
- proof of income (tax return or monthly paycheck stubs);
- legal documentation of guardianship, power of attorney or legal custody; and if applicable to show parents/guardians are separated or legally divorced;
- letters of eligibility for TANF, Social Security, SSI, Medicaid and/or CHOP; and
- copy of most recent dental and physical exams if child is enrolled with Medicaid or CHIP.

March 31 is deadline for most PBAF scholarships

March 31 is the application deadline for most of the scholarships administered by the Permian Basin Area Foundation.

Beginning with the 2012-13 school year, students will have to complete only one application — General Scholarship Application — to be considered for the majority of foundation scholarships, according to Vicki Rice, scholarships and development for the foundation.

Along with the application, students will need to submit an official high school transcript, a copy of a college transcript (if applicable), the Scholarship Checklist for Foundation Scholarships and essay(s) (if applicable). In addition, an optional Reference Evaluation Form can be submitted on behalf of applicants.

Students and counselors can view eligibility, selection criteria, and application forms online at www.pbaf.org.

Ga. university system names academic chief

Associated Press

ATLANTA — An administrator from the Oklahoma higher education system has been named the chief academic officer for the University System of Georgia.

Chancellor Hank Huckaby announced Monday that Houston Davis will start the job May 1. Davis has been the vice chancellor for academic affairs at the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for the last five years.

Before that, he was the associate vice chancellor for academic affairs for the Tennessee Board of Regents and was a faculty member at Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn.

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MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFFREPORTS

Four Lee High School students and two Midland High School students have qualified for the National Forensic League National Competition, which us June 10-15 in Indianapolis.

LHS qualifiers and their events are:

■ **Arjun Mocherla**, domestic extemporaneous speaking

■ **Sagar Patel**, Lincoln-Douglas debate;

■ **Ruddy Tchao**, foreign extemporaneous speaking; and

■ **Mason Wuthrich**, Congress House

MHS qualifiers and their events are:

■ Connor Franks and Alex Hoagland, public forum debate.

LHS alternates are:

■ **Anissa Patel** and **Karishma Thakor**, public forum debate

■ **Kshitij Delvadiya**, Lincoln-Douglas debate;

■ **Pooja Patel**, oratory;

■ **Mason Wuthrich**, domestic extemporaneous speaking;

■ **Palvasha Deme** and **Sagar Patel**, foreign extemporaneous speaking; and

■ **Kshitij Delvadiya**, **Sagar Patel** and **Marissa Kent**, Congress House

MHS alternates are

■ **Connor Franks**, Senate; and

■ **Justin Chavez** and **Chandler Cavitt**, Congress House.

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Lee High School senior **Viktor Manuel Vargas** has been recognized by the Midland West Rotary Club. He is the son of Victor and Annas Vargas.

Vargas

He is a member of German Honor Society, National Honor Society, German Club, swim team and UIL robotics team.

He volunteers for Habitat for Humanity.

Vargas plans to attend University of Texas and major in aerospace engineering.

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Lee High School senior **Sherry Chen** has been recognized by the Midland West Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Fang and Lisa Chen.

Chen

She is a member of National Honor Society, Interact Club, yearbook staff and Senior Girls and is a Texas Scholar.

Chen plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in nursing.

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Midland High School senior **Jake Taylor** has been honored by the Midland Rotary Club. He is the son of Mark and Dana Taylor.

He is a member of the National Honor Society and football and track teams and is Latin Club secretary. He is a National Merit Commended Scholar, academic and football letterman and Texas Scholar.

He volunteers with vacation Bible school at Fannin Terrace Baptist Church.

Taylor plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in mechanical engineering.

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Lee High School's annual talent show was Feb. 17.

Lance Vanley and **Victoria Orta** tied for first place; **Darien Smith** and **Harrison Wright** tied for second and **Kali Applewhite**, **Jakay Lyons** and **James Corson** tied for third place, said Kylee Millican, the school's AVID coordinator.

Because of space constraints and in the interest of fairness, the Reporter-Telegram has established new guidelines for Making the Grade.

■ Submissions will be accepted only from schools and organizations.

■ Individual items will be limited to 75 words.

MRT file photo

Landree Dietrich, sixth grader at Hillander, describes her science fair project, Milk Magic, to Rosemary Wright in this 2011 file photo.

SCIENCE

From 1B

500 because the schools have had to change what the teachers do," Nelson said.

Fifth-grade science teacher Christine Morgan organized the fair at Emerson and said it's important kids learn how to carry out the entire scientific process.

She believes the fair is an important way to empower the students, something Nelson agrees with.

"These kids can really win in science," Nelson said. "They look around and understand the world around them in terms of the weird stuff they can do as kids."

Kids who compete in regional fairs have the opportunity to qualify for the international science fair. In that arena, Nelson said "kids are seriously competing for a lot of scholarship money. When they get to that point, they can pretty much get a full ride anywhere they want to go."

UTPB offers $152,000 in prizes, and additional funds are offered at state and international science fairs, Nelson said.

At Saturday's fair, award winners in the intermediate and senior divisions will qualify for the Texas State Science and Engineering Fair. Two outstanding Senior Division individual projects will be selected to represent the PBRSF as finalists at the 2012 International Science and Engineering Fair on May 8-13 in Pittsburgh.

"The kids, they really get the doors opened for them doing the science fair," Nelson said. "We have people who win a gazillion dollars and go to the fair multiple years."

In addition to winning awards from the fair, Nelson said students also have the opportunity to win awards from the Friends of the Science fair group, which does additional judging each year and awards money and savings bonds to top students.

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

Want to go?

The 28th annual Permian Basin Regional Science Fair will be held at UTPB on Saturday. Closed judging will begin at 9 a.m. and continue through lunch. From 1:30-2:30 p.m., exhibits will open to the public, with an awards ceremony at 2:30 p.m. Exhibits will be in the UTPB gym and Science and Technology Building.

Want to help?

The Permian Basin Regional Science Fair still needs judges. Fair Director Stephen Nelson asks anyone interested in helping to email him at nelson_s@utpb.edu.

App for iPad helps student communicate

By James Staley
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — "Want to go and do science?"

Anastacia Marquez, a 9-year-old student at Sunrise Elementary, pauses for a beat, pondering the question from one of her teachers, Melissa Flavell.

Anastacia extends her left index finger, and presses the corresponding answer on her iPad.

"Yes."

It's a simple exchange between student and teacher — one that was more difficult a few months ago.

Anastacia has lived with multiple brain tumors since she was less than a year old. Those tumors — there now are five — and the seven neurosurgeries she has endured silenced her speech. Through a combination of mouthing and whispering, Anastacia can identify many letters of the alphabet and their corresponding sounds. But her ability to communicate verbally is significantly limited.

"When she's happy, we know she's happy," said Sunrise principal Brian Peterson, who said Anastacia beams at music class. "But the poor squirt isn't always happy ... She's been through a lot and we don't always know how to help."

Thanks to Peterson's love of gadgets, dedicated work by Sunrise staff members, and a popular piece of technology, that's starting to change.

Anastacia communicates more precisely and efficiently thanks to a specialized application on a school iPad called Proloquo2Go. Teachers can ask Anastacia direct questions, and she answers by pressing an icon on the iPad's touch screen.

The device is property of Sunrise Elementary, but Anastacia carries it home so she can take advantage of the enhanced communication ability it provides.

Maria Marquez, 10, is one of Anastacia's three sisters. She also attends Sunrise Elementary. Maria said Anastacia used to communicate primarily with nods — or by patting her head when it ached.

That's different now.

Said Maria: "We can ask her, "How are you feeling?" and she points out the words."

The Marquez family also can ask Anastacia what she wants to do.

"She likes drawing," Maria said. "...Usually with pencils."

Adriana Jimenez, an educational assistant, said Anastacia tells her whether she wants to play on the swings or slide at recess.

Teresa Calderon, the special education teacher with primary responsibility for Anastacia, said that's how the iPad most benefits her student.

"It's most helpful for what she wants and needs," Calderon said. "That can have lots of verbiage."

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Stephen Colbert's PAC popular in Texas

Donations from Texans to TV satirist eclipse Mitt Romney

By Emily Wilkins
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — How popular is comedian Stephen Colbert's semi-serious Super PAC, Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow?

In Texas, it's more popular that Mitt Romney's leading Super PAC.

Federal Election Commission records examined by the Houston Chronicle indicate that more Texans have donated to Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow than to the pro-Romney competition, Restore Our Future.

Colbert, a popular TV satirist, created Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow as a means of educating his cable audience on how Super PACs could affect the 2012 presidential election.

Among the Texans putting their money where Stephen Colbert's mouth is: Houston resident Rebecca Stewart. She says she decided to donate not because she was a fan of Colbert's Comedy Central show, but because she was upset with the Supreme Court's ruling in the Citizens United case that led to the Super PAC craze.

The Supreme Court decision "just opened the doors for election to be bought and sold," said Stewart, who has made two donations of $250 since the Colbert Super PAC began. Colbert, she added, "took something complicated and brought it to a level where they show how what it is and how it works and what a Super PAC can be."

In one episode of "The Colbert Report," the faux conservative host started his own 501(c)(4) organization to show how donors to Super PACs can continue to be anonymous to the public.

Colbert used the PAC to implore Iowa Republicans to write in "Rick Parry" in that state's August straw poll after GOP officials barred Gov. Rick Perry from the ballot because he had not yet announced his candidacy. He later encouraged his South Carolina fans to support former pizza executive Herman Cain, who had withdrawn from the race.

"I think (Colbert) has a large fan base and a lot of younger educated people feel the same way," said Lauren Schmied, another Houston resident who contributed $250 to the Colbert Super PAC. "I think a lot of people are waiting to donate."

By the end of January, Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow raised $1,044,615 — $6,716 from individuals citing an address in Texas.

While the amount raised by the Colbert Super PAC is dwarfed by the tens of millions of dollars presidential campaigns have received, it did better than Romney's Super PAC in Texas, with 17 donors over $2,000 compared to Restore Our Future's 15.

Mary Boyle, a spokesperson for Common Cause, a nonpartisan campaign reform advocacy group, said the number of Colbert donors was "significant" and speaks to the success of the Super PAC in educating millions.

"I think he has played a role in helping to raise that awareness," Boyle said. "It's a really critical awareness if we are going to reform the system."

iPADSFORKIDS

Nathan Lambrecht/McAllen Monitor

Rosalinda Barron, center, 16, learns how to work her iPad 2 with Alexis Cantu, right, 15, and Brian Hernandez, 14, in their geometry class Monday at McAllen Memorial High School in McAllen. McAllen Independent School District began handing out iPads and iPod Touch devices Monday morning and plan on providing the electronic devices to about 25,000 students over the next 12 months.

McAllen ISD embarks on widespread iPad program

By Christopher Sherman
Associated Press

McALLEN — A Texas school district is trying to close its digital divide by distributing thousands of Apple tablet computers in a move that could make it the largest iPads program for students in the nation.

McAllen Independent School District in the southern part of the state began distributing 6,800 devices this week — mostly the iPad tablet computers, but also hundreds of iPod Touch devices for its youngest students.

By this time next year, the district says every one of its more than 25,000 students in grades K-12 will receive an iPad or iPod Touch. The district believes it's the largest to try for complete coverage and while Apple would not confirm that, other districts the company noted as having made large investments have not made ones as big as McAllen's.

Educational use of the tablet computers is so new that there's little evidence available on their impact. Superintendent James Ponce said the district wanted to change the classroom culture, making it more interactive and creative and decided Apple's devices — even at $500 retail for an iPad2 — were the best investment.

"We're just choosing to invest differently going forward," Ponce said.

The district's typical classroom is outfitted with three computers for students and one for the teacher. Going forward those technology investments will be supplanted by the iPads. For now, McAllen's iPads don't carry its textbooks, but eventually they will and at much lower cost than the hard copies that can cost $200 apiece.

A small group of teachers in the district began preparing more than a year ago on incorporating the devices into their lessons. Recently, more instructors have started studying the devices. Teachers already training will see their students receive the first wave of devices.

About two-thirds of McAllen students were characterized as economically disadvantaged in 2010, the most recent data available according to the district. The median household income in McAllen, a city on the U.S.-Mexico border near the southern tip of Texas, was about $41,000 in 2010.

School board president Sam Saldivar Jr. said the $20.5 million investment in the technology aims at "equity."

"We know that when they do achieve and are successful they are going to be generationally impacting their families and this community," Saldivar said.

Stacey Banks, a social studies teacher at McAllen Memorial High School, helped the district shape its program. She said textbooks for her class were 12 years old and she hadn't used them in the past five years, choosing to cobble together her own lessons instead with hopes of collaborating with colleagues to build electronic textbooks.

"It's given us a great opportunity to hone our skills as teachers and change our paradigm a little bit about what our classrooms look like and how we approach learning," Banks said of the iPads program. "That excitement has definitely migrated to the kids."

Sophomores in her class pulled up art images Monday on their iPads. Banks asked them to find out how changes taking place during the Renaissance were demonstrated in art from the period.

"It's actually a really good technology," said 15-year-old Christian Hernandez, gently polishing the screen with the cuff of his sweatshirt.

He had never used an iPad before last week when he and other students got a sneak preview. After spending some time with it over the weekend, Hernandez was using the note-taking application and others with ease.

The district installed tracking software on the iPads so they won't go missing and their Internet connections will still be through the school district's filter, meaning students won't be able to access any sites that they'd be restricted from in school. Parents have to pay a $40 refundable deposit in two payments and can receive help with paying.

Zeeland Public Schools in Michigan gave 1,800 iPads to all of its high school students last fall and hopes to eventually cover every student in grades 3-12. Chicago Public Schools bought about 10,000 iPads and some individual schools in the district have bought more using discretionary funds, but it's far from districtwide.

Hundreds of other districts are experimenting with iPads in individual schools or grades.

Carmen Garcia, director of instructional technology for the McAllen district in Texas, said past technology investments only benefited the students when they were at school. But with the iPads, students and their families will be able to use the technology at home, too.

"It's about transforming learning," Garcia said. "It's really not about the device."

TEXASROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

EL PASO

Hearing for British arms-to-Iran suspect delayed

A federal hearing for a retired British businessman accused of trying to sell missile batteries to Iran in 2006 has been postponed.

Christopher Tappin was scheduled to appear Monday in a federal court in El Paso after being extradited last week, but the hearing was delayed until today.

Tappin turned himself in Friday after fighting extradition from the United Kingdom for two years. Two other men were sentenced in 2007 to 20 and 24 months in federal prison for their roles in the scheme.

The 65-year-old Tappin was denied a final appeal of his extradition last month and delivered to El Paso by federal marshals. His deportation sparked a debate in the U.K. over whether British and American citizens are treated equally under the two countries' extradition treaty.

FORT WORTH

2 dating websites sued over soldier's photo in ads

The picture of a handsome, uniformed soldier accompanying online ads that proclaim "Military Man Searching for Love" is an Army lieutenant who was killed in Iraq in 2007, according to a lawsuit filed by his parents Monday against two dating websites.

The parents of Army Lt. Peter Burks have sued PlentyofFish.com and True.com, alleging the companies used their son's photo in ads without their permission, benefitted financially and misled the public. The lawsuit filed Monday in state district court in Dallas seeks a jury trial for compensatory and punitive damages.

Alan Burks said the photo was taken days before his 26-year-old son was killed in Baghdad in late 2007 and is on the website of the family's Unsung Hero Fund, which provides supplies to troops in war zones as a tribute to Peter Burks.

In December, a friend recognized Peter Burks in an ad on PlentyofFish.com, clicked on it and was directed to True.com, Alan Burks said. He said his son was engaged at the time of his death, so the idea that he was trying to meet women online as the ad portrays "couldn't be more wrong."

"I felt horrified, disgusted. It upset me," Alan Burks, who lives in Dallas, told the Associated Press on Monday.

Vancouver, British Columbia-based PlentyofFish Media spokesman Paul Bloudoff said the company didn't advertise online in the U.S. in December. He said hundreds of thousands of third parties advertise via his company's site every month, and that it cannot control nor know about the content of those ads.

HOUSTON

Man attacks family, killing 11-year-old daughter and himself

Investigators on Monday were trying to understand why a Houston man opened fire on his family, killing one of his daughters, critically wounding the other and paralyzing his wife before shooting himself in the chest and dying on the front lawn.

Maria Isabel Gorena, 43, called 911 on Sunday and said her husband, 47-year-old Sardar Shaikh, had shot her and their two daughters, and possibly himself, police said. Officers found Shaikh dead in front of the family's southwest Houston condominium and the couple's 11-year-old daughter, Jacqueline Shaikh, dead inside. Gorena and her 14-year-old daughter, Vivian Shaikh, were rushed to Ben Taub General Hospital, where they were listed in critical condition Sunday.

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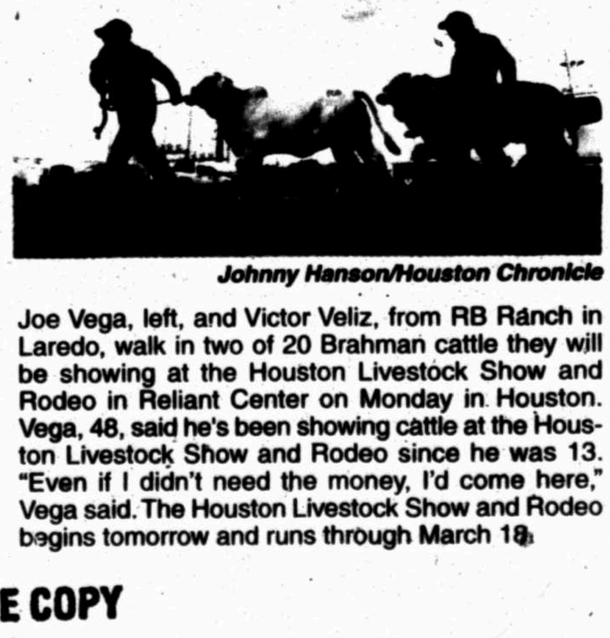

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Joe Vega, left, and Victor Veliz, from RB Ranch in Laredo, walk in two of 20 Brahman cattle they will be showing at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in Reliant Center on Monday in Houston. Vega, 48, said he's been showing cattle at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo since he was 13. "Even if I didn't need the money, I'd come here," Vega said. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo begins tomorrow and runs through March 18.

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Sports

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Midland High places a big match against San Angelo Central today. See capsules for today's District 3-5A soccer on Page 2C.

Garden City, Grady scoff at idea of rebuilding

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

This season was supposed to be a rebuilding year for Grady and Garden City.

The Wildcats and the Bearkats must have missed the memo.

As both teams enter tonight's area round of playoff games, both have already trumped the notion that this was a rebuilding year — either that or they've been a part of two of the better rebuilding seasons people will ever see.

Garden City lost five seniors, all of whom had been varsity staples since their sophomore year, and all the Bearkats did

Abney

Thomas

was win runner-up in District 12-A, winning 12 of their last 14 games, with both losses coming to Water Valley.

But the ride hasn't always been smooth for Garden City (22-11), who takes on 11-A champ Ira (22-5) at 7 p.m. today at Big Spring High School.

"We were ridiculously young," Bearkat coach Koby Abney said, "and early in the season we looked like we were young."

Yet since a district-opening loss to Bronte, Abney said his team seems to have turned a corner thanks to its slew of underclassmen, like leading scorers Sam Miller and Corbin Davis, both sophomores, understanding their roles and where they fit in on the team.

And the Bearkats have gotten senior leadership from players like point guard Michael Lopez and forward Reggie Half-

Please see **REBUILDING**/2C

Bear-ly winning

Pat Sullivan/AP

Texas A&M's Sydney Carter (4) tries to drive past Baylor's Odyssey Sims (0) during the first half Monday in College Station.

Top-ranked Baylor women hold off No. 17 A&M

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

Lady Bears	**69**
Aggies	62

COLLEGE STATION — Baylor coach Kim Mulkey didn't like watching a big first-half lead dwindle with star Brittney Griner on the bench. She was even more troubled when the forward's fourth foul sent her there again in the second half.

But after the top-ranked Lady Bears overcame Griner's foul trouble in a 69-62 win over No. 17 Texas A&M on Monday night, Mulkey saw the value in the situation.

"I was taught by some of the greats of the game to get them out of there," Mulkey said. "We need to be in situations like that. I need to be in tough decisions. We already wrapped up the Big 12 championship. This game, you want to win it, but it's a game to maybe see what you can do."

Griner and Odyssey Sims scored 25 points each and the Lady Bears used a late run to hold off the Aggies.

Baylor (30-0, 17-0 Big 12) led by one point before going on a 6-0 run that was aided unintentionally by an official. Griner made a jump shot before Kimetria Hayden knocked the ball out of Alexia Standish's hands. With the ball almost sure to go out of bounds, it bounced off an official and remained on the court, setting up a layup by Sims before Hayden added a basket to make it 67-60 with 1:39 remaining.

Both teams agreed that the play with the official was pivotal in the game, and Sims said she just did what she was taught on it.

"Coaches say: 'The play is not over,' Sims said. "Just stay with it. If you don't hear a whistle, keep playing."

It was a much more competitive game than the first meeting between these teams when Baylor won 71-48.

"We've gotten better since we got embarrassed in Waco," Texas A&M coach Gary Blair said.

Please see **BAYLOR**/4C

Fire forces Daytona 500 to pause, Kenseth wins

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — First came the rain. Then came the fire.

Everything that could go wrong with this Daytona 500 did go wrong, and the first NASCAR race in primetime television will be remembered for everything but the eventual winner, who was Matt Kenseth.

Journeyman driver Dave Blaney was leading the Daytona 500, which had been red-flagged after Juan Pablo Montoya's car sent him spinning into a safety truck.

The truck, which holds 200 gallons of jet kerosene, burst into flames. Montoya's car slid into the grass, and he gingerly climbed from it as fire trucks rushed to the scene. The inferno raged on, and NASCAR red-flagged the race with 40 laps remaining.

Jet fuel poured down the surface of Turn 3 at Daytona International Speedway, creating a fiery lasting image of NASCAR's biggest race of the year.

It was par for the course for this Daytona 500, which was postponed for the first time in NASCAR's 54-year history because of steady rain all day Sunday at the track. NASCAR initially planned to restart the race at 11 a.m. Monday, but persistent rain forced series officials to make an early decision to hold off until 6 p.m.

Bill Frieli/AP

Emergency workers try to put out a fire after Juan Pablo Montoya's car struck the truck during the Daytona 500 on Monday at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., Monday.

Majok leads Chaps to thrilling win

From staff reports

BORGER — Because of suspensions and forfeits, the Midland College men's basketball team had spent the previous week and a half just practicing with no game to play and no opportunity to control its own destiny.

The Chaparrals got back to playing a game in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference on Monday night and came away with a thrilling 82-81 victory over Frank Phillips College at the Borger Community Activity Center.

Chaps	**82**
Plainsmen	81

Majok

"It was great," said first-year MC coach Chris Craig about getting back into action. "I think the last few days of practice and today, our guys' attitudes were great. They have been looking at each other for the last week and a half and it was nice to put on jerseys to play a game and compete."

It didn't come easy for the Chaps (17-10, 5-8 in WJCAC), as they were down 40-39 at the half and then were down 81-79 with about 30 seconds to play.

Craig said the Chaps got the ball inside to the 6-foot-9 Majok Majok, who scored and was fouled with 11 seconds remaining. Frank Phillips called a timeout to ice Majok at the free-throw line, but Majok made the free throw anyway to give MC the 82-81 lead. Craig said his team just played great defense on the last possession to secure the victory.

"In the past when we've gotten down in the final minutes, we would get scattered and start taking ill-advised shots," Craig said. "But tonight we stayed together, stayed within ourselves and continued to pound the ball inside. I was proud of our guys."

Majok finished with 17 points and 11 rebounds, Kelvin Agee had 17 points, Melvin Tabb had 14 points and 10 rebounds, and Colan

Please see **CHAPS**/2C

Lady Chaps' 55 2nd-half points sends them past FPC

From staff reports

BORGER — The No. 18-ranked Midland College women's basketball team scored 55 points in the second half to pull away for an 87-64 victory over Frank Phillips College at the Borger Activity Community Center on Monday night.

With the victory, the Lady Chaparrals improve to 23-6 overall and move into a first place tie with New Mexico Junior College with a 9-2 record in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings.

Lady Chaps	**87**
Lady Plainsmen	64

Long

Sousa

The Lady Thunderbirds were upset at home, 67-51, by Howard College on Monday night.

The Lady Plainsmen (7-20, 0-11) tried their best to pull off their own upset as they hit 14 3-pointers and had the Lady Chaps tied at 32 at the half.

"They really shot it well to hit that many 3s," said MC coach Ron Jones. "We tried to take away everything else. We also turned it over a little too much in the first half. In the second half, we did everything much better than we did in the first."

Danesha Long led the Lady Chaps with 18 points, Nety Sousa had 16 and Alexis Kelley and Lindsay Ansley each added 12.

Thanks to Monday's developments Thursday night's home finale against Odessa College has even bigger implications as the Lady Chaps will attempt to win at least a share of the WJCAC crown — which would be the fourth consecutive league crown for MC.

"It seems like the last two years

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Boys

MIDLAND HIGH AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

When/where: 5:30 p.m. today, San Angelo Stadium

Records: Midland High 7-9-2, 2-4-0-1 (7 points) in District 3-5A; San Angelo Central 6-9-0, 3-3-0-1 (10 points)

Last game: Odessa Permian 1, Midland High 0; San Angelo Central 6, Abilene High 3

Last meeting: Midland High 4, San Angelo Central 3 on Feb. 4

Notes: The Bulldogs suffered a frustrating loss to district-leading Odessa Permian on Saturday and are likely in playoff mode for today's key game against San Angelo Central. Midland High is three points behind the fourth-place Bobcats, and a regulation win today will put them into a tie. A shootout loss likely won't eliminate the Bulldogs from playoff contention, but a regulation loss will put them in a tough position for the district's final four games of the season. ... Midland High coach Warren Cottle said on Saturday he was pleased with how well his team played against the Panthers, adding that they are continuing to progress. "We worked on a few things and changed a few things and the boys responded well," Cottle said. "We kept the space very compressed against Permian, and they boys did outstanding with that." ... Central had a big win against Abilene High on Saturday. It not only helped the Bobcats reach double-digit points and move into fourth but also the six-goal performance was the most by a boys team during a game this season.

Next: Midland High vs. Lee, noon Saturday, Grande Communications Stadium; San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper, 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 3, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

ODESSA HIGH AT ABILENE HIGH

When/where: 5:30 p.m. today, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Records: Odessa High 8-6-4, 1-4-2-0 (7 points) in 3-5A; Abilene High 4-9-2, 0-7-0-0 (0 points)

Last game: Lee 3, Odessa High 0; San Angelo Central 6, Abilene High 3

Last Meeting: Odessa High 2, Abilene High 1 on Feb. 4

Next: Odessa High vs. Odessa Permian, noon Saturday, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa; Abilene High vs. Abilene Cooper, noon Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

ABILENE COOPER AT ODESSA PERMIAN

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

Records: Abilene Cooper 9-7-0, 4-1-1-0 (14 points) in 3-5A; Odessa Permian 12-5-1, 7-0-0-0 (21 points)

Last game: Odessa Permian 1, Midland High 0; Abilene Cooper 3, Midland High 1

Last meeting: Odessa Permian 2, Abilene Cooper 1 on Feb. 4

Next: Odessa High vs. Odessa Permian, noon Saturday, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa; Abilene High vs. Abilene Cooper, noon Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

3-5A Soccer standings

Boys

Team	District W	District L	District SOW	District SOL	District Pts.	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Odessa Permian	7	0	0	0	21	12	5	1
Abilene Cooper	4	1	1	0	14	9	7	0
Lee	4	2	0	1	13	8	8	2
San Angelo Central	3	3	0	1	10	6	9	2
Midland High	2	4	0	1	7	7	9	2
Odessa High	1	4	2	0	7	4	6	4
Abilene High	0	7	0	0	0	2	9	2

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

Saturday's Scores

Lee 3, Odessa High 0; Odessa Permian 1, Midland High 0; San Angelo Central 6, Abilene High 3; Abilene Cooper a idle.

Today's Games

Midland High at San Angelo Central; Odessa High at Abilene High; Abilene Cooper at Odessa Permian; Lee is idle. All games start at 5:30 p.m

Girls

Team	District W	District L	District SOW	District SOL	District Pts.	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Midland High	6	0	1	0	20	13	5	1
Odessa High	4	2	0	1	13	12	7	0
San Angelo Central	4	2	1	1	13	12	6	0
Abilene High	3	3	1	0	11	12	6	0
Odessa Permian	3	3	0	0	9	8	8	1
Lee	2	5	0	0	6	6	9	0
Abilene Cooper	0	6	0	0	0	3	12	0

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

Saturday's Scores

Lee 4, Odessa High 0; Midland High 5, Odessa Permian 1; San Angelo Central 4, Abilene High 1; Abilene Cooper a idle.

Today's Games

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

Girls

MIDLAND HIGH AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, San Angelo Stadium

Records: Midland High 13-5-1, 6-0-1-0 (20 points) in District 3-5A; San Angelo Central 12-6-0, 4-2-0-1 (13 points)

Last game: Midland High 5, Odessa Permian 1; San Angelo Central 4, Abilene High 1

Last meeting: Midland High 1, San Angelo Central 0, SO (2-0)

Notes: The Lady Bulldogs have a seven-point lead over the rest of the district and have an outside chance at actually clinching a playoff spot tonight. If the Lady Bulldogs can win in regulation and fifth-place Odessa Permian loses in regulation, then Midland High will clinch one of the four playoff spots. ... The Lady Bulldogs have been on a roll in district games since a shootout victory against Central on Feb. 4. Midland High won that game 1-0 in a shootout and has outscored its opponents 15-1 in six games, which included five straight shutouts. The Lady Bulldogs have allowed one regulation goal during district play this season. ... The Lady Bobcats, meanwhile, rebounded with a victory against Abilene High on Saturday after falling to Odessa High on Feb. 20. Central is tied for second with the Lady Bronchos, each with 13 points.

Next: Midland High vs. Lee, 2 p.m. Saturday, Grande Communications Stadium; San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper, 7:30 p.m. March 3, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

ODESSA HIGH AT ABILENE HIGH

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Records: Odessa High 12-7-0, 4-2-0-1 (13 points) in 3-5A; Abilene High 12-6-0, 3-3-1-0 (11 points)

Last game: Lee 4, Odessa High 0; San Angelo Central 4, Abilene High 1

Last meeting: Abilene High 3, Odessa High 2, SO (2-1) on Feb. 4

Next: Odessa High vs. Odessa Permian, 2 p.m. Saturday, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa; Abilene High vs. Abilene Cooper, 2 p.m. Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

ABILENE COOPER AT ODESSA PERMIAN

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

Records: Abilene Cooper 3-12-0, 0-6-0-0 (0 points); Odessa Permian 8-8-1, 3-4-0-0 (9 points)

Last game: Midland High 5, Odessa Permian 1; Midland High 2, Abilene Cooper 0 on Feb. 21

Last meeting: Odessa Permian 1, Abilene Cooper 0 on Feb. 4

Next: Odessa High vs. Odessa Permian, 2 p.m. Saturday, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa; Abilene High vs. Abilene Cooper, 2 p.m. Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

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HSBASKETBALLPAIRINGS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Girls

UIL State Basketball Tournament
All games at Frank Erwin Center, Austin

Class 5A
Friday's Semifinals
Duncanville (38-1) vs. Cypress Falls (37-2). 3:30 p.m.
Spring Dekaney (39-1) vs. San Antonio Reagan (34-4). 8:30 p.m.
Saturday's Championship
Semifinal winners. 8:30 p.m.

Class 4A
Thursday's Semifinals
Barbers Hill (38-3) vs. Mansfield Summit (35-3). 7 p.m.
Victoria East (40-2) vs. Rockwall (33-7). 8:30 p.m.
Saturday's Championship
Semifinal winners. 3:30 p.m.

Class 3A
Thursday's Semifinals
Celina (33-3) vs. Lorena (29-8). 2 p.m.
Liberty Hill (35-4) vs. Abilene Wylie (34-5). 3:30 p.m.
Saturday's Championship
Semifinal winners. 10 a.m.

Class 2A
Friday's Semifinals
Brock (33-5) vs. Jim Ned (30-8). 8:30 a.m.
Edgewood (31-6) vs. Poth (28-8). 10 a.m.
Saturday's Championship
Semifinal winner. 2 p.m

Class A Division I
Thursday's Semifinals
Sudan (32-3) vs. Shook (28-9). 8:30 a.m
Martin's Mill (35-4) vs. Kerens (30-8). 10 a.m.
Saturday's Championship
Semifinal winners. 8:30 a.m.

Class A Division II
Friday's Semifinals
Lipan (33-3) vs. Whitharral (28-6). 2 p.m.
Neches (32-5) vs. Moulton (26-10). 7 p.m.
Saturday's Championship
Semifinal winners. 7 p.m

Boys

Class 5A
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals
North Crowley (W4: 30-4) vs. Arlington Bowie (T4: 17-18). 7:30 p.m. Monday. Arlington Martin HS
Flower Mound Marcus (W8: 34-2) vs. Mansfield Timberview (F5: 20-14). 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. University of Texas-Arlington
San Angelo Central (W3: 31-5) vs. El Paso Hanks (W1: 24-8). 7 p.m. Tuesday. Jerry Larned Sports Complex. Monahans
Lewisville Hebron (F8: 23-10) vs. South Grand Prairie (W5: 33-2). 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Colleyville Heritage HS

Class 4A
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals
Little Elm (W4: 28-6) vs. Denton Ryan (R4: 20-11). 7 p.m. Tuesday. Prosper HS
Waco University (W8: 30-6) vs. Fort Worth Trimble Tech (W6: 28-4). TBA
Wolfforth Frenship (W3: 30-3) vs The Colony (R4: 21-5). 6 p.m. Tuesday. Clyde HS
Fort Worth Arlington Heights (R6: 22-9) vs. Fort Worth Southwest (F6: 21-11). 7 p.m Tuesday. Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center. Fort Worth

Class 3A
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals
Seminole (W4: 21-7) vs Lubbock Estacado (W2: 26-7). 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Post HS
Alvarado (W8: 19-11) vs Wichita Falls Hirschi (W6: 22-6). 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Denton HS
Fabens (W3: 17-11) vs Dalhart (W1: 22-6). 6 p.m. Tuesday. Seminole HS
Mineral Wells (W7: 19-16) vs. Abilene Wylie (W5: 20-6). 8 p.m. Tuesday. Cisco HS

Class 2A
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals
Bushland (R1: 20-10) vs. Idalou (W2: 27-5). 5 p.m. Tuesday. Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center
Breckenridge (R5: 22-9) vs. Dublin (W6: 27-4). 7 p.m. Tuesday. Mineral Wells HS
Friona (R2: 24-8) vs. Childress (W1: 30-3). 7 p.m. Tuesday. Canyon HS
Wall (W7: 22-6) vs. Jim Ned (W5: 29-6). 7 p.m. Tuesday. Coleman HS

Class A, Division I
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals
Hale Center (W4: 23-3) vs Vega (W2: 24-4). 7 p.m. Tuesday. Dimmitt HS
Smyer (T6: 19-13) vs. Seagraves (W6: 18-10). 8 p.m. Tuesday. Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center
Panhandle (R2: 20-9) vs. Canadian (W1: 20-8). 7 p.m. Tuesday. Pampa HS
Morton (R6: 20-7) vs Olton (W5: 23-7). 8 p.m. Tuesday. Littlefield HS

Class A, Division II
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals
Hartley (R1: 13-18) 43 vs. Nazareth (W2: 21-10). 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. First United Bank Center. Canyon
Grady (W8, 25-3) vs. Valley (W6), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Frenship HS, Wolfforth
Happy (R2: 16-5) vs. Textine (W1: 21-6). 6 p.m. Tuesday. First United Bank Center. Canyon
Meadow (W7: 19-5) vs. Sands (R8: 25-8). 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center

Region II
Regional Quarterfinals
Water Valley (W12) vs. Rankin (W10, 24-6), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Greenwood HS
Lipan (W16) vs. Throckmorton (W14: 17-3). TBA
Iraa (W11, 22-5) vs. Garden City (R12, 22-11), 6 p.m. Tuesday. Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Big Spring
Aspermont (R14: 22-7) vs. Graford (R16: 24-8), 7 p.m. Tuesday. Eula HS

Next: Winner will play Hartley or Nazareth at 1 p.m. Friday at the Texan Dome at South Plains College

GARDEN CITY VS. IRA

When/where: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Big Spring HS

Records: Garden City 22-11; Ira 22-5

Last game: Garden City 66, Fort Davis 41; Ira 63, Wink 45

Last meeting: Ira 52, Garden City 47, OT on Dec. 29

Notes/Quotes: This game is a rematch of a meeting in Grady's Black and Gold Classic in December, a game Ira took in overtime. The Bulldogs remained hot, winning District 11-A, but will meet a different Bearkat team than the one they faced in Grady. "We're light years better than we were," Bearkat coach Koby Abney said. ... What else will help Garden City in the rematch is having starting point guard Michael Lopez for a full game, after the senior rolled his ankle in the first meeting, causing him to miss all but one quarter of play. "Him being full strength and playing the way he's been playing will definitely make a difference," Abney said. ... Abney said the priority for his team will be protecting the ball and valuing possessions, which he didn't feel like it did in the December game. "They're going to score," Abney said, "but it's really easy to score when you hand them the ball, and they can just lay it in." ... Garden City has won its two playoff games by an average of 24.5 points and is looking to advance past the area round for the second consecutive season and the third time in Abney's tenure at the school.

Next: winner will play Aspermont or Graford at 7 p.m. Friday at Moody Coliseum at Abilene Christian University

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GRADY VS. TURKEY VALLEY

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Frenship HS

Records: Grady 25-3; Turkey Valley 18-7

Last game: Grady 70, Petersburg 51; Turkey Valley 60, New Home 46

Notes/Quotes: This is a matchup of district champions coming off of double-digit victories in their last games, which were their first in the postseason after first-round byes. Grady coach Thomas Clay said Turkey Valley is similar to the Wildcats in that they rely on team speed and solid defense to defeat opponents. But what this matchup does offer Grady is the rare size advantage over the smaller Trojans. "For the first time this year we feel like we have a size advantage," Clay said, "and we'd like to use that." ... Clay said the Trojans are very balanced scoring-wise and don't need one player to produce for them to score points. That may make it difficult for the Grady defense. "We're not sure about them because they have a collection of guys that score their points," Clay said. Clay said he believes his frequent substitutions will allow his team to keep up with Turkey Valley's collection of scorers. ... This game pits Clay, a former Turkey Valley coach, against Shawn Harrison, who Clay succeeded at Grady. Clay said he coached many of Turkey Valley's players in elementary P.E. and still remembers them, as does his son Zeke Clay. ... Grady is looking to advance past the area round after being tripped up in this round last season, falling to Anton, 56-52.

REBUILDING

From 1C

mann, who's "really been the glue that's kind of held us together," Abney said.

Grady (25-3), who takes on District 6-A champ Turkey Valley (18-7) at 6 p.m. today at Wolfforth Frenship, has also gotten a lift from a pair of seniors, the only two players returning from last year's team.

"But we returned two really good players," Grady coach Thomas Clay said.

One was Zeke Clay, Thomas' son, who's played varsity every year of his high school career, earning All-State honors twice, and one was Bransen Richards, who earned District 8-A Newcomer of the Year honors last year after transferring from Greenwood. Their presence has helped ease the loss of eight seniors from last year's team.

"I think people believed we were going to rebuild," Thomas Clay said. "I don't think Zeke and Branson thought we were going to rebuild."

Like Garden City, Grady wouldn't be where it is today without the contributions of a number of underclassmen, who Clay said have been so great collectively that he didn't feel it was fair to single just one out for his contributions.

That said, the Wildcats have been helped by the lock-down defense of junior forward Michael Jimenez — "Whenever the other team has a stud we put Mike on him," Clay said — and twins Uziel and Ivan San Juan. And freshman E.J. Rodriguez has provided a nice scoring option behind Zeke Clay and Richards.

Garden City, meanwhile, has thrived on its offense after traditionally thriving on defense under Abney.

"This is definitely one of the most offensively gifted teams I've ever coached," Abney said.

But perhaps what has helped both teams the most is the drive to continue the recent run of success that both programs have enjoyed.

Garden City has reached at least the area round of the playoffs in each season under Abney, and Grady is just two years removed from a state title game appearance. And with that resume, there simply may be no time for rebuilding seasons at Garden City and Grady.

"They want to prove that they belong in the great teams at Grady, and they don't want to let them down," Clay said of this year's team. "They don't want to be the team that brought Grady back down to earth — they want to continue the tradition."

Feliz, Holland among 13 Rangers who agree to deals

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Neftali Feliz and Derek Holland are among 13 players who have agreed to contracts for this season with the two-time defending American League champion Texas Rangers.

Feliz, who is making the switch to the Rangers rotation after being their closer, agreed Monday to a $502,000, one-year deal. That is just less than the $504,700 for Holland, a 16-game winner last year.

Alexi Ogando, a 13-game winner and All-Star after going into the rotation at the end of spring training, got a $497,600 deal. Ogando could be headed back to the bullpen.

The non-pitchers agreeing to deals were outfielders Julio Borbon ($490,000) and Engel Beltre ($480,000).

The other pitchers with deals were pitchers Michael Kirkman, Mark Hamburger, Jacob Brigham, Miguel De Los Santos, Wilmer Font, Roman Mendez, Justin Miller and Martin Perez.

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LADY CHAPS

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we've been playing Odessa in the last game of the year for a conference championship," Jones said.

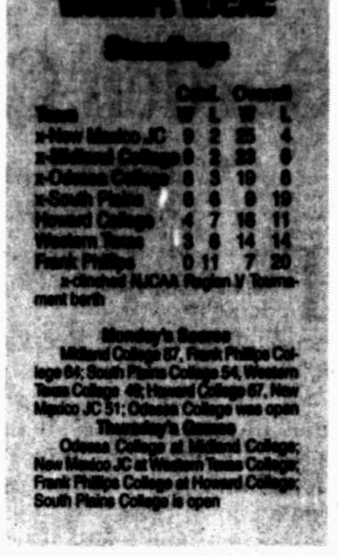
NO. 18 MIDLAND COLLEGE 87, FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE 64

Midland College (23-6, 9-2) — Dametta Jackson 2 0-0 4, Anitsa Shulhu 1 0-0 3, Quritesha Woods 1 0-0 3, Armina Wiley 0 2-2 2, Alexi Kelley 3 6-8 12, Lindsay Ansley 5 1-2 12, Shola Adebayo 0 2-2 1, Morgan Schwartz 3 0-0 6, Danesha Long 5 7-9 18, Achiri Ade 2 5-5 9, Nety Sousa 6 4-4 16. Totals 28 27-32 87

Frank Phillips College (7-30, 0-11) — Amarie Saile, Shandice Hudson 2 2-2 6, LaChrista Nash 7 1-3 22, Laura Martinez 5 2-3 14, Nancy Castillo, Shay O'Neal 4 1-1 9, Kinjita Kelley 3 0-0 6, Heather Perry 1 0-0 2, Destiny Phillips. Totals 22 6-9 64

Halftime — MC 32, FPC 32. 3-point goals — MC 4 (Shulhu, Woods, Ansley, Long), FPC 14 (Nash 7, Kelley 3, Hudson 2, Martinez 2). Total fouls — MC 17, FPC 19. Fouled out — Nash.

Next game: Odessa College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Thursday



Women's WJCAC Standings

Team	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
x-South Plains	13	0	28	0
x- Howard College	9	4	20	7
x-New Mexico JC	9	4	20	8
x-Odessa College	8	5	23	6
Midland College	5	8	17	10
New Mexico Military	5	9	11	16
Frank Phillips	2	11	10	19
Western New Mexico	1	12	14	14
x-clinched WJCAC Playoff berth				

Monday's Games
Midland College 87, Frank Phillips College 64; South Plains College 64, Western New Mexico College 54; Howard College 64, New Mexico JC 51; Odessa College was open

Tuesday's Games
Odessa College at Midland College; New Mexico JC at Howard College; Frank Phillips College at Howard College; South Plains College is open

CHAPS

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Weasby added 13 points for Midland College.

Craig said Taquan McDew had 35 points to lead the Plainsmen.

The Chaparrals next host rival Odessa College at 7:45 p.m. Thursday in the season finale.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 82, FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE 81

Midland College (17-10, 5-6) — Colan Weasby 13, Willis Nicholson 4, Tre Bowman 5, Kelvin Agee 17, Majok Majok 17, Anthony Norris 8, Brandon Lucas 2, Melvin Tabb 14.

Frank Phillips College (10-19, 2-11) — No statistics available

Halftime — FPC 40, MC 39.

Next game: Odessa College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m. Thursday

Men's WJCAC Standings

Team	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
x-South Plains	13	0	28	0
x- Howard College	9	4	20	7
x-New Mexico JC	9	4	20	8
x-Odessa College	8	5	23	6
Midland College	5	8	17	10
New Mexico Military	5	9	11	16
Frank Phillips	2	11	10	19
Western New Mexico	1	12	14	14
x-clinched WJCAC Playoff berth				

Monday's Games
Midland College 82, Frank Phillips College 81; South Plains College 114, Western New Mexico College 54; Howard College 64, New Mexico JC 57; Odessa College was open

Tuesday's Games
Odessa College at Midland College; New Mexico JC at Howard College; Frank Phillips College at Howard College

ALL-DISTRICT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

3-2A ALL-DISTRICT BASKETBALL TEAMS

GIRLS

MVP — Jasmine Brainard, Sr., Lubbock Roosevelt

Offensive MVP — Kacie Whitley, Jr., Lubbock Roosevelt

Defensive MVP — Lauran Meeks, Sr., Colorado City

Newcomer of the Year — Karli McCord, Fresh., Slaton

First Team

Heather Merkel, Soph., Coahoma City; Miranda Reyna, Sr., Colorado City; Shahala Hawkins, Sr., Denver City; Calli Stephens, Soph., Denver City; Janna Adkins, Jr., Lubbock Roosevelt; Carly Welch, Sr., Lubbock Roosevelt; Kelsey Copeland, Sr., Slaton; Shay Felton, Sr., Slaton; Alexis Bailey, Soph., Slaton; **Jennifer Hensley, Jr., Stanton; Tara Patterson, Sr., Stanton**

Second Team

Jennifer Castillon, Sr., Coahoma; MeKenzi Kimball, Soph., Colorado City; **Cheyenne Galloway, Sr., Forsan; Reagan Haggard, Soph., Forsan;** Devon Newberry, Jr., Denver City; Jaci Zingerman, Jr., Denver City; **Mikayla Welch, Soph., Lubbock Roosevelt; Haily Berry, Jr., Post; Taliea** Maxwell, Fresh., Slaton; **Kelli Pate, Fresh., Stanton**

All-Defensive Team

Minnie Goodbletlest, Sr., Coahoma; Megan Bullard, Sr. Colorado City; **K'Lynn Pate, Sr., Denver City; Marie Ortiz, Soph., Forsan; Desiree Gutierrez, Jr., Lubbock Roosevelt; Shirley Araiza, Sr., Post; Ashlee Green, Jr., Slaton; Selah Ramsey, Sr., Stanton**

Honorable Mention

Stanton: Jennifer Beasley, Sr.; Kendra Graham, Jr.; Whitney Brantley, Soph.

BOYS

MVP — Derek Gainey, Sr., Colorado City

Offensive MVP — Clancy David, Jr., Denver City

Defensive MVP — Nathan Koonce, Sr., Stanton

Co-Newcomers of the Year — Keyshawn Hawkins, Soph., Denver City; **Scott Smith, Jr., Stanton**

Coach of the Year — Barry Kimball, Colorado City

First Team

Mason Milligan, Soph., Denver City; Khaleed Brown, Jr., Denver City; Sir Hollis, Sr., Slaton; Tanner Walter, Sr., Slaton; Quaylon Fitts, Jr., Slaton; Tanner Rule, Jr., Coahoma; Patrick Robles, Sr., Forsan; Tylor Lorenz, Sr., Colorado City; Jason Rodriguez, Sr., Colorado City; Benny Jones, Sr., Colorado City; Jasper Johnson, Sr., Lubbock Roosevelt; Quade Keith, Sr., Lubbock Roosevelt; Corbin McDonald, Sr., Post; Andres Chavez, Jr., Stanton; Ethan Mauldin, Sr., Stanton

Second Team

Ivan DeLaRosa, Jr., Denver City; Caleb Heinrich, Sr., Slaton; Kason Thomas, Sr., Slaton; Jacob Echeverria, Sr., Coahoma; Aaron Acevedo, Jr., Coahoma; Bryson Phillips, Sr., Forsan; Bailey Spencer, Sr., Colorado City; Levi Sherrill, Jr., Lubbock Roosevelt; Nathan Jacquez, Sr., Lubbock Roosevelt; Dalton Holley, Jr., Post; K.J. Gillespie, Fresh., Stanton

LATEROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

LEGENDS NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Nominations for the Midland ISD Hall of Legends are now being accepted and nomination forms are available on the all of honor's website.

Please got to www.midlandisd.net/domain/2474 for more information.

STICE EARNS POSTSEASON AWARD

Lee linebacker Luke Stice was a second team selection on the Padilla Coach Poll All-State team that was recently announced.

MCS GIRLS 1ST, BOYS 2ND IN FORT STOCKTON

FORT STOCKTON — The Midland Christian girls track team won the team championship at the Comanche Relays this past weekend.

The Lady Mustangs scored 135 points, which was 23 points better than second-place Big Spring.

Midland Christian competitors won five events on the way to the title.

Kenzie McGraw won the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.22 seconds, and Kelsey Edwards won the 400, clocking in at 1:00.78.

The girls 400-meter relay team took top honors as Kami Berryhill, McGraw, Madeline Smith and Edwards combined to run a 50.12, beating Big Spring.

Hanna Thompson won the discus with a throw of 116-feet, 11 1/2 inches, and Berryhill took top honors in the pole vault with a vault of 10-6.

Greenwood's Morgan McKee won the high jump with a leap of 5-2. Also, Big Spring's April Turner (200 meters) and Yanerra Tuitt (triple jump) won event. The Lady Steers also won the 800 relay.

On the boys side, the Mustangs finished second with 140 points to meet-champion Andrews, who scored 142 points.

Senior David Parkhurst won the high jump at 6-6, and also attempted a school-record 6-8, but did not complete it. The 6-6 height was a personal best for Parkhurst.

Richard Neboh won the 100 with a time of 11.47. Mitch Brown took the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 42.56, as he finished just ahead of teammate Matt Ramirez.

The 1,600-meter relay team of Tanner Dobbs, Landon Lacy, Taylor Ochs and Zak Bates combined to win that event with a time of 3:31.90.

The Mustangs will return to action this weekend at the Tall City Relays at Memorial Stadium.

DRILLERS BEAT AMARILLO, 38-6

AMARILLO — The West Texas Drillers moved to 2-0 on the season as they rolled to a 38-6 victory on the road against Amarillo on Saturday afternoon.

Joseph Clater, J.D. Hernandez, Corey Hill, Jerry Zachery and Jordan Lee each scored touchdowns on the day.

West Texas will take on the El Paso Seminoles at 7:11 p.m. Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Texas coach known for anguished TV call dies

AMARILLO (AP) — Mike Zoffuto, a veteran Texas high school football coach whose television call of the stunning end of the 1994 Plano East-Tyler John Tyler football playoff achieved national fame, has died at age 65.

His sister, Teri Sweatman, says Zoffuto died Sunday in Amarillo en route to a hospital after choking at a state veterans home. He had been diagnosed with early onset dementia in 2008.

Zoffuto coached at numerous Texas high schools but gained national fame as an analyst for a local cable telecast of the Plano East-Tyler John Tyler game at Texas Stadium. When a Plano East rally was negated by a game-winning touchdown return by John Tyler, an anguished Zoffuto said, "God bless those kids," paused, then said, "I'm sick. I think I'm gonna throw up."

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	61	40	15	6	86	189	124
Pittsburgh	56	31	21	4	66	174	154
Philadelphia	61	34	20	7	75	203	187
New Jersey	62	35	23	4	74	172	170
N.Y. Islanders	61	26	28	7	59	148	184

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	62	37	20	5	79	187	151
Ottawa	64	33	23	8	74	196	192
Toronto	62	29	26	7	65	184	190
Buffalo	62	27	27	8	62	154	194
Montreal	63	24	29	10	58	163	175

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	61	29	20	12	70	153	169
Winnipeg	65	30	27	8	68	166	186
Washington	62	31	26	5	67	169	176
Tampa Bay	62	28	28	6	62	174	212
Carolina	62	23	26	13	59	162	187

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	63	39	17	7	85	161	126
Detroit	63	41	19	3	85	197	149
Nashville	63	37	19	7	81	178	161
Chicago	64	33	24	7	73	193	189
Columbus	62	18	37	7	43	144	207

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	63	40	16	7	87	203	154
Colorado	64	33	27	4	70	168	173
Calgary	63	28	24	11	67	151	173
Minnesota	62	28	25	9	65	139	163
Edmonton	62	25	31	6	56	167	184

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	62	32	21	9	73	164	155
San Jose	61	32	22	7	71	177	159
Dallas	63	33	26	4	70	165	171
Los Angeles	63	28	23	12	68	134	137
Anaheim	63	27	26	10	64	161	178

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

Monday's Scores

N.Y. Rangers 2, New Jersey 0
Nashville 2, Los Angeles 1
Edmonton 5, Winnipeg 3
Colorado 4, Anaheim 1
St. Louis 3, Calgary 1

Today's Games

Ottawa at Boston, 6 p.m.
Florida at Toronto, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 6 p.m.
Nashville at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Minnesota, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S SUMMARIES

RANGERS 2, DEVILS 0

New Jersey	0	0	0 — 0
N.Y. Rangers	0	0	2 — 2

First Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, Hagelin 11 (Callahan, Dorsett), 16:59.
Second Period—None.
Third Period—2, N.Y. Rangers, Callahan 25 (Hagelin, Richards), 18:54 (en).
Shots on Goal—New Jersey 4-6-3—13; N.Y. Rangers 4-6-5—15.
Goalies—New Jersey, Brodeur, N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist A—18,200 (18,200) T—2:24.

PREDATORS 2, KINGS 1

Los Angeles	0	0	1 — 1
Nashville	1	0	1 — 2

First Period—1, Nashville, Josi 4 (Legwand, Bourque), 18:27.
Second Period—2, Nashville, Hornqvist 18 (Legwand, Schottkopf), 3:52.
Third Period—3, Los Angeles, Brown 18 (Kopitar, Williams), 16:36.
Shots on Goal—Los Angeles 8-12-11—31; Nashville 11-9-8—28.
Goalies—Los Angeles, Quick. Nashville, Rinne. A—15,665 (17,113). T—2:18.

OILERS 5, JETS 3

Edmonton	0	4	1 — 5
Winnipeg	0	2	1 — 3

First Period—None.
Second Period—1, Winnipeg, Wellwood 13 (Antropov, Burmistrov), 15:45 (pp). 2, Edmonton, Whitney 2 (Hall, Dubnyk), 18:13 (pp). 3, Winnipeg, Burmistrov 13 (Byfuglien), 19:27.
Third Period—4, Edmonton, Ryan 2 (Nugent-Hopkins, Hemsky), 1:54 (pp). 5, Edmonton, Petrell 4, 2:29. 6, Edmonton, Hall 23 (Petrell, Belanger), 9:24. 7, Edmonton, Eberle 28 (Smyth, Smid), 17:34. 8, Winnipeg, Antropov 9 (Kane, Byfuglien), 18:50 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Edmonton 12-4-9—25; Winnipeg 7-10-15—32.
Goalies—Edmonton, Dubnyk. Winnipeg, Pavelec. A—15,004 (15,015). T—2:28.

AVALANCHE 4, DUCKS 1

Anaheim	0	1	0 — 1
Colorado	1	0	3 — 4

First Period—1, Colorado, McLeod 4 (Downie, Hejda), 9:26.
Second Period—2, Anaheim, Ryan 23 (Cogliano, Fowler), 18:30 (pp).
Third Period—3, Colorado, O'Reilly 16 (Landeskog, Downie), 37. 4, Colorado, Duchene 13 (Stastny, Hejduk), 2:55. 5, Colorado, McClement 9 (Landeskog, Hejda), 14:46.
Shots on Goal—Anaheim: 7-16-5—28. Colorado 6-8-9—23.
Goalies—Anaheim, Hiller. Colorado, Varlamov. A—15,133 (18,007). T—2:20

BLUES 3, FLAMES 1

St. Louis	0	1	2 — 3
Calgary	1	0	0 — 1

First Period—1, Calgary, Glencross 19 (Jokinen, Sarich), 5:11. 2, St. Louis, Backes 19 (Oshie, Shattenkirk), 14:13. 3, St. Louis, Perron 14 (Pietrangelo, Berglund), 19:20 (pp). Penalties—Cromheen, Stl., major (fighting), 11:54. Backes, Stl., (interference), 11:54. Desharnais, Cal., major (fighting), 11:54. Giordano, Cal (hooking), 18:25.
Second Period—4, St. Louis, Arnott 15 (Berglund, McDonald), 6:21 (pp). Penalties—Hannan, Cal (interference), 6:09. Polak, Stl., (tripping), 12:34. Glencross, Cal (roughing), 15:23.
Third Period—None. Penalties—Backes, Stl. (high-sticking), 5:38. Perron, Stl., (tripping), 8:18. Comeau, Cal (boarding), 8:18.
Shots on Goal—St. Louis 9-8-7—24. Calgary 8-3-10—21.
Power-play opportunities—St. Louis 2 of 3; Calgary 0 of 3.
Goalies—St. Louis, Halak 19-10-5 (21 shots-20 saves). Calgary, Kiprusoff 27-19-7 (24-21).
A—19,289 (19,289). T—2:21.
Referees—Ghislain Hebert, Kelly Sutherland. Linesmen—Mike Cvik, Shane Heyer.

Golf

LPGA Tour Money Leaders Through Feb. 26

	Trn	Money
1 Yani Tseng	3	$312,186
2 Angela Stanford	3	$237,141
3 Ai Miyazato	2	$186,365
4 Jenny Shin	3	$167,043
5 Jessica Korda	1	$165,000
6 Shanshan Feng	2	$151,861
7 Jaye Shin	3	$149,022
8 Stacy Lewis	3	$129,457
9 Na Yeon Choi	2	$116,737
10 Amy Yang	2	$99,327
11 So Yeon Ryu	2	$90,489
12 Brittany Lincicome	3	$88,238
13 Juliete Granada	3	$84,627
14 Hee Kyung Seo	3	$76,570
15 Jimin Kang	3	$63,466
16 Katie Futcher	3	$63,401
17 Amanda Blumenherst	3	$62,539
18 Hee Young Park	3	$61,914
19 I.K. Kim	3	$52,359
20 Anna Nordqvist	3	$51,526
21 Karrie Webb	3	$48,922
22 Vicky Hurst	3	$45,585
23 Suzann Pettersen	3	$42,860
24 Mina Harigae	3	$40,007
25 Azahara Munoz	3	$38,536
26 Kristy McPherson	3	$36,086
27 Cristie Kerr	3	$35,693
28 Chella Choi	3	$34,653
29 Beatriz Recari	3	$33,303
30 Sandra Gal	3	$32,647
31 Karen Stupples	2	$32,000
32 Meena Lee	3	$30,740
33 Catriona Matthew	2	$30,549
33 Se Ri Pak	2	$30,549
35 Sun Young Yoo	3	$29,065
36 Pornanong Phatlum	3	$28,706
37 Momoko Ueda	2	$28,511
38 Eun-Hee Ji	3	$28,198
39 Morgan Pressel	3	$26,665
40 Sophie Gustafson	3	$26,079
41 Mika Miyazato	2	$25,670
42 Brittany Lang	3	$21,942
43 Inbee Park	3	$20,743
44 Maria Hjorth	2	$19,722
45 Katherine Hull	3	$19,112
46 Ryann O'Toole	3	$18,439
47 Christel Boeljon	3	$18,345
48 Jennifer Johnson	2	$18,277
49 Caroline Hedwall	2	$16,948
49 Sarah Kemp	1	$16,948

Nationwide Tour Money Leaders By The Associated Press Through Feb. 19

	Trn	Money
1 Skip Kendall	1	$108,000
2 Andres Gonzales	1	$52,800
2 Andrew Svoboda	1	$52,800
4 James Hahn	1	$26,400
4 Kirk Triplett	1	$26,400
6 Tom Hoge	1	$19,425
6 Kevin Johnson	1	$19,425
6 Bronson La'Cassie	1	$19,425
6 Charles Warren	1	$19,425
10 Michael Connell	1	$16,200
11 Oscar Serpa	1	$14,400
11 Brian Smock	1	$14,400
13 Jason Allred	1	$10,286
13 Paul Claxton	1	$10,286
13 Ryan Hietala	1	$10,286
13 Billy Horschel	1	$10,286
13 Peter Lonard	1	$10,286
13 Michael Sim	1	$10,286
13 Tyrone Van Aswegen	1	$10,286
20 Erik Flores	1	$8,291
20 Scott Gardner	1	$8,291

Men

MONDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Baylor 77, Texas Tech 46
Kansas 70, Oklahoma St. 58
Texas Southern 69, Alabama A&M 59

EAST

Georgetown 58, Notre Dame 41

SOUTH

Ark.-Pine Bluff 68, Grambling St. 53
Bethune-Cookman 74, Hampton 64
Coppin St. 64, Md.-Eastern Shore 60
MVSU 78 Jackson St. 69
Morgan St. 73, Delaware St. 72
NC Central 71, SC State 57
Norfolk St. 79, Florida A&M 70
Savannah St. 62, NC A&T 50

MIDWEST

North Dakota 86, Texas-Pan American 60

FAR WEST

Gonzaga 92, Longwood 60 •
Montana St. 79, N. Arizona 60

TOURNAMENT

Big South Conference First Round
High Point 68, Gardner-Webb 58
VMI 55, Radford 53

KIAC Tournament Semifinals
Brescia 71, Asbury 65
Indiana-Southeast 98, Cincinnati Christian 63

MONDAY'S TEXAS BOXES

No. 9 BAYLOR 77, TEXAS TECH 46

TEXAS TECH (8-21): Petteway 0-0 0-0 0, Lewandowski 0-6 0-0 0, Tolbert 6-15 7-9 19, Navarro 3-8 0-1 8, Willis 2-5 0-1 5, Minnis 2-5 0-0 4, Adams 1-2 0-0 3, Crockett 2-5 1-1 5, Lammert 1-2 1-2 4, Nash 0-0 0-2 0. Totals 17-48 9-15 46.

BAYLOR (25-5): Jones III 5-8 5-5 15, Ellis 0-4 2-2 2, Acy 5-7 2-2 12. Jones 5-6 1-3 13, Jackson 3-6 1-3 8, Franklin 0-1 0-0 0, Neubert 0-0 0-0 0, Heslip 2-7 0-0 5, Bello 1-1 0-0 3, Walton 5-6 1-1 13, Miller 2-5 0-0 4, Jefferson 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 29-53 12-16 77.

Halftime—Baylor 40-15. 3-Point Goals—Texas Tech 5-11 (Nurse 2-5, Lammert 1-2, Willis 1-2, Adams 1-2). Baylor 7-17 (Jones 2-3, Walton 2-3, Bello 1-1, Jackson 1-2, Heslip 1-5, Miller 0-1, Ellis 0-1, Franklin 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Texas Tech 25 (Tolbert 6), Baylor 37 (Jones III 10). Assists—Texas Tech 10 (Nurse 3), Baylor 17 (Franklin, Jackson 4). Total Fouls—Texas Tech 15, Baylor 18. A—7,164.

NORTH DAKOTA 86, TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN 60

TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN (11-19): Provost 3-9 0-0 8, Urbanus 2-9 2-2 6, Maree 3-9 3-4 10, Cabrera 2-6 0-6, Delgado 0-4 0-0 0, Sanchez 0-0 0-0 0, Arkwright 3-5 0-0 8, Weiermiller 1-1 0-0 3, Mason 1-2 2-2 4, Jefferson 0-4 0-0 0, Cleveland 6-13 3-7 15. N. Dakota 31-55 24-35 86.

NORTH DAKOTA (14-14): Anderson 4-5 4-4 15, Huff 3-7 0-1 7, Webb 8-11 0-0 19, Bleike 3-6 0-0 2 6, Mitchell 4-8 0-0 9, Jones 1-4 6-1 2-11, Mathison 1-2 0-0 2, Allard 1-2 0-2 3, Gentry 0-2 0-0 0, Wigner 0-0 0-0 0, Schuler 3-7 4-4 11, Archer 0-0 0-0 0. Stockdale 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 31-57 10-17 86.

Halftime—North Dakota 44-20. 3-Point Goals—Texas-Pan American 8-21 (Arkwright 2-3, Cabrera 2-3, Provost 2-5, Weiermiller 1-1, Maree 1-3, Delgado 0-2, Urbanus 0-4). North Dakota 14-28 (Anderson 3-3, Webb 3-5, Mitchell 3-6, Antwi 2-3, Allard 1-1, Schuler 1-4, Huff 1-4, Gentry 0-1, Mathison 0-1). Fouled Out—Cleveland. Rebounds—Texas-Pan American 33 (Cleveland 11), North Dakota 40 (Webb 8). Assists—Texas-Pan American 10 (Urbanus, Weiermiller 3), North Dakota 23 (Webb 6). Total Fouls—Texas-Pan American 15, North Dakota 17. A—1,496.

Top 25 Fared Monday

1. Kentucky (28-1) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia. Thursday.
2. Syracuse (29-1) did not play. Next: vs. No 19 Louisville. Saturday.
3. Kansas (25-5) beat Oklahoma State 70, 58. Next: vs. Texas. Saturday.
4. Duke (25-4) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest. Tuesday.
5. Michigan State (24-5) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Indiana. Tuesday.
6. North Carolina (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. Maryland. Wednesday.
7. Missouri (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State. Wednesday.
8. Marquette (24-5) did not play. Next: at Cincinnati. Wednesday.
9. Baylor (25-5) beat Texas Tech 77-46. Next: at Iowa State. Saturday.
10. Ohio State (23-6) did not play. Next: at Northwestern. Wednesday.
11 Georgetown (22-6) beat No. 20 Notre Dame 59-41. Next at No. 8 Marquette. Saturday.
12. Murray State (28-1) did not play. Next: OVC semifinals. Friday.
13. Michigan (21-8) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois. Thursday.
14. Wisconsin (21-8) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota. Tuesday.
15. Wichita State (26-4) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana State or Southern Illinois. Friday.
16. Florida (22-7) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt. Tuesday.
17. UNLV (24-6) did not play. Next: at Colorado State. Wednesday.
18. Indiana (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 5 Michigan State. Tuesday.
19. Louisville (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. South Florida. Wednesday.
20. Notre Dame (20-10) lost to No. 11 Georgetown 59-41. Next: vs. Providence. Friday.
21. San Diego State (22-6) did not play. Next: at TCU. Saturday.
22. Florida State (19-9) did not play. Next: at No. 24 Virginia. Thursday.
23. Temple (22-6) did not play. Next: vs. UMass. Wednesday.
24 Virginia (21-7) did not play Next: vs. No 22 Florida State. Thursday.
25. Creighton (25-5) did not play Next: vs. Drake or Bradley. Friday.

NCAA Men's Division III Basketball Tournament At A Glance

First Round
Thursday/Friday
At Radnor, Pa.
Hobart vs. Ohio Wesleyan
Castleton St. at Catholic
At Oswego, N.Y.
Eastern Connecticut St. vs. Medaille
Endicott at Oswego St.
At Middlebury, Vt.
St. Joseph's (U) vs. Albertus Magnus
Morrisville St. at Middlebury
At Wayne, N.J.
Scranton vs. Messiah
Becker at William Paterson

At St. Louis
Rose-Hulman at North Central
Buena Vista at Washington (Mo.)
At Lexington, Ky.
Birmingham-Southern vs. Wittenberg
Carroll (Wis.) at Transylvania
At Wooster, Ohio
Randolph-Macon vs. Capital
Maryville at Wooster
At Holland, Mich.
Illinois Wesleyan vs. Wis.-Stevens Point
Westminster (Mo.) at Hope
At Amherst, Mass.
NYU vs. Misericordia
Amherst at Tufts
At Lancaster, Pa.
Christopher Newport vs. Western Connecticut St.
York (Pa.) at Franklin & Marshall
At Oneonta, N.Y.
MIT vs. Skidmore
Farmingdale at Hartwick
At Staten Island, N.Y.
Salem St. vs. Rhode Island College
Ithaca at Staten Island
At Norfolk, Va.
St. Mary's (Md.) vs. Bethany (WVa)
Virginia Wesleyan bye
At Belton, Texas
McMurry vs. Whitworth
Trinity (Texas) at Mary Hardin-Baylor
At River Falls, Wis.
Gustavus-Adolphus vs. Wheaton (Ill)
Edgewood at Wis.-River Falls
At Whitewater, Wis.
St. Thomas (Minn.) vs. Claremont-Mudd Scripps
Northwestern (Minn.) at Wis.-Whitewater
Second Round
Saturday
At Radnor, Pa.
Hobart-Ohio Wesleyan winner vs. Castleton St.-Catholic winner
At Oswego, N.Y.
Eastern Connecticut St.-Medaille winner vs. Endicott-Oswego St. winner
At Middlebury, Vt.
St. Joseph's (U)-Albertus Magnus winner vs. Morrisville St.-Middlebury winner
At Wayne, N.J.
Scranton-Messiah winner vs. Becker-William Paterson winner
At St. Louis
Rose-Hulman-North Central winner vs. Buena Vista-Washington (Mo.) winner
At Lexington, Ky.
Birmingham-Southern-Wittenberg winner vs. Carroll (Wis.)-Transylvania winner
At Wooster, Ohio
Randolph-Macon-Capital winner vs. Maryville-Wooster winner
At Holland, Mich.
Illinois Wesleyan-Wis.-Stevens Point winner vs. Westminster (Mo.)-Hope winner
At Amherst, Mass.
NYU-Misericordia winner at Amherst
At Lancaster, Pa.
Christopher Newport-Western Connecticut St. winner vs. York (Pa.)-Franklin & Marshall winner
At Oneonta, N.Y.
MIT-Skidmore winner vs. Farmingdale-Hartwick winner
At Staten Island, N.Y.
Salem St.-Rhode Island College winner vs. Ithaca-Staten Island winner
At Norfolk, Va.
St. Mary's (Md.)-Bethany (WVa) winner at Virginia Wesleyan winner
At Belton, Texas
McMurry-Whitworth winner vs. Trinity (Texas)-Mary Hardin-Baylor winner
At River Falls, Wis.
Gustavus-Adolphus-Wheaton (Ill) winner vs. Edgewood-Wis.-River Falls winner
At Whitewater, Wis.
St. Thomas (Minn.)-Claremont-Mudd Scripps winner vs. Northwestern (Minn.)-Wis.-Whitewater winner
Sectionals
Friday, March 9
Sectional Semifinals
Hobart-Ohio Wesleyan-Castleton St.-Cabrini winner vs. Eastern Connecticut St.-Medaille-Endicott St. winner
St. Joseph's (U)-Albertus Magnus-Morrisville St.-Middlebury winner vs. Scranton-Messiah-Becker-William Paterson winner
Rose-Hulman-North Central-Buena Vista-Washington (Mo.) winner vs. Birmingham-Southern-Wittenberg-Carroll (Wis.)-Transylvania winner
Randolph-Macon-Capital-Maryville-Wooster winner vs. Illinois Wesleyan-Wis.-Stevens Point-Westminster (Mo.)-Hope winner
NYU-Misericordia-Amherst-Amherst winner vs. Christopher Newport-Western Connecticut St.-York (Pa.)-Franklin & Marshall winner
MIT-Skidmore-Farmingdale-Hartwick winner vs. Salem St.-Rhode Island College-Ithaca-Staten Island winner
St. Mary's (Md.)-Bethany (WVa)-Virginia Wesleyan winner vs. McMurry-Whitworth-Trinity (Texas)-Mary Hardin-Baylor winner
Gustavus-Adolphus-Wheaton (Ill)-Edgewood-Wis. River Falls winner vs. St. Thomas (Minn.)-Claremont-Mudd Scripps-Northwestern (Minn.)-Wis.-Whitewater winner
Saturday, March 10
Sectional Finals
TBD
Friday, March 16
At Salem, Va.
Semifinals
TBD, 5 p.m.
TBD, 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 17
At Salem, Va.
Championship
TBD, 6 p.m.

USA TODAY/ESPN TOP 25 POLL

The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb 26, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1 Kentucky (31)	28-1	775	1
2 Syracuse	29-1	744	2
3 Duke	25-4	690	4
4 Kansas	24-5	683	5
5 Michigan State	24-5	650	6
6 North Carolina	25-4	627	7
7 Mafquette	24-5	568	10
8 Missouri	25-4	566	3
9 Murray State	28-1	480	12
10. Baylor	**24-5**	**475**	**14**
11. Ohio State	23-6	470	9
12 Georgetown	21-6	439	8
13 Florida	22-7	354	11
14 Wichita State	26-4	352	19
15 Wisconsin	21-8	341	15
16 Michigan	21-8	306	13
17 UNLV	24-6	281	20
18 Louisville	22-7	202	17
19 Notre Dame	20-9	184	18
20. Indiana	22-7	178	24
21. Saint Mary's	25-3	168	22
22. Florida State	19-9	119	16
23. San Diego State	22-6	111	25
24. Creighton	25-5	80	—
25. Temple	22-6	53	22

Others receiving votes: Gonzaga 48, Drexel 30, Virginia 30, New Mexico 23, Vanderbilt 13, Iowa State 8, Middle Tennessee 8, Long Beach State 6, Kansas State 5, Mississippi State 5, Washington 2, California 1, Harvard 1, Memphis 1, Nevada 1, VCU 1, Weber State 1.

Women

MONDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Alabama A&M 55, Texas Southern 40
Baylor 69, Texas A&M 62
Prairie View 52, Alabama St. 44

EAST

Bryant 65, Wagner 53
CCSU 72, Mount St. Mary's 68
Charleston (WV) 56, Pitt. Johnstown 51
LIU 70, Fairleigh Dickinson 67
Louisville 63, Seton Hall 53
Monmouth (NJ) 68, St. Francis (NY) 61
Notre Dame 72, UConn 59
Rutgers 88, Marquette 58
Sacred Heart 70, Robert Morris 66, OT
St. Francis (Pa.) 77, Quinnipiac 71
St. John's 54, Georgetown 45
Villanova 68, Syracuse 60
West Virginia 60, Pittsburgh 42

SOUTH

Campbell 68, Presbyterian 44
Chattanooga 80, Appalachian St. 71
Coppin St. 48, Md.-Eastern Shore 47
Davidson 52, Samford 39
Delaware St. 67, Morgan St. 60, OT
Elon 73, W. Carolina 46
Florida A&M 81, Norfolk St. 64
Furman 67, Georgia Southern 57
Gardner-Webb 59, Radford 55, OT
Grambling St. 84, Ark.-Pine Bluff 56
Hampton 54, Bethune-Cookman 30
High Point 81, Winthrop 50
Liberty 84, UNC Asheville 53
MVSU 72, Jackson St. 62, 2OT
NC A&T 88, Savannah St. 74
SC State 88, NC Central 57
South Florida 64, Providence 56, OT
Wofford 65, UNC-Greensboro 57

SOUTH

Campbell 68, Presbyterian 44
Chattanooga 80, Appalachian St. 71
Coppin St. 48, Md.-Eastern Shore 47
Davidson 52, Samford 39
Delaware St. 67, Morgan St. 60, OT
Elon 73, W. Carolina 46
Florida A&M 81, Norfolk St. 64
Furman 67, Georgia Southern 57
Gardner-Webb 59, Radford 55, OT
Grambling St. 84, Ark.-Pine Bluff 56
Hampton 54, Bethune-Cookman 30
High Point 81, Winthrop 50
Liberty 84, UNC Asheville 53
MVSU 72, Jackson St. 62, 2OT
NC A&T 88, Savannah St. 74
SC State 88, NC Central 57
South Florida 64, Providence 56, OT
Wofford 65, UNC-Greensboro 57

MIDWEST

DePaul 73, Cincinnati 51
N. Dakota St. 58, IPUI 56
S. Dakota St. 101, W. Illinois 61
South Dakota 70, IPFW 56
UMKC 63, Oakland 54

FAR WEST

N. Colorado 75, N. Arizona 63

TOURNAMENT

Conference Carolinas Quarterfinals
Barton 72, Brevard College 59
KIAC Tournament Semifinals
Asbury 74, Brescia 65
Indiana-Southeast 81, Alice Lloyd 57

MONDAY'S TEXAS BOXES

No. 1 BAYLOR 69, No. 17 TEXAS A&M 62

BAYLOR (30-0): Sims 7-16 10-11 25, Hayden 2-5 0-0 5, Madden 2-4 0-0 4, Williams 1-5 1-2 3, Gray-Brown 1-6 2-2 4, Condry 1-4 2-2 4, Pope 1-2 1-2 3. Totals 22-52 23-28 69

TEXAS A&M (20-8): Bone 5-7 0-2 10, Carter 5-16 2-4 13, Reynolds 0-1 0-0 0, White 5-14 4-10 14, Elonu 5-6 2-2 12, Bellock 0-1 0-0, Pratcher 2-5 0-0 4, Gilbert 3-4 1-1 7, Assaraan 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 22-56 9-15 62

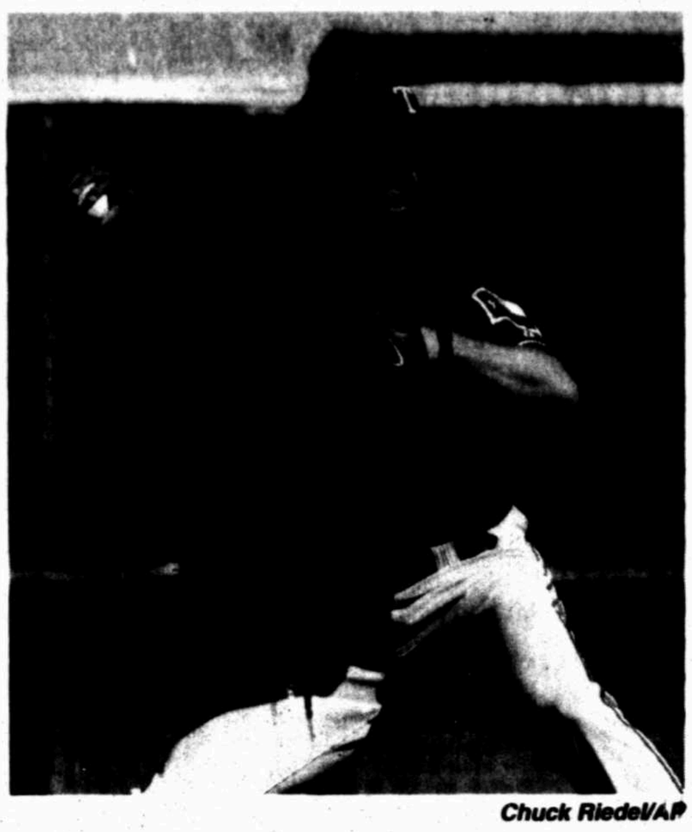
Halftime—Baylor 36-31. 3-Point Goals—Baylor 2-9 (Hayden 1-2, Sims 1-5, Madden 0-2). Texas A&M 1-7 (Carter 1-5, Pratcher 0-1, White 0-1). Fouled Out—Gilbert. Rebounds—Baylor 38 (Williams 12), Texas A&M 29 (Carter, White 5). Assists—Baylor 14 (Hayden 4), Texas A&M 14 (White 4). Total Fouls—Baylor 20, Texas A&M 24. A—10,265.

Women's Top 25 Fared Monday

1. Baylor (30-0) beat No. 17 Texas A&M 69-62. Next: vs. Kansas State. Saturday.
2. Stanford (26-1) did not play. Next: vs. Seattle. Wednesday.
3. Notre Dame (28-2) beat No. 4 UConn 72-59. Next: Big East quarterfinals, Sunday.
4. UConn (26-4) lost to No. 3 Notre Dame 72-59. Next: Big East quarterfinals, Sunday.
5. Duke (24-4) did not play. Next: vs. Florida State or N.C. State. Friday.
6. Maryland (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia or Boston College. Friday.
7 Miami (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest or Virginia Tech. Friday.
8. Delaware (26-1) did not play. Next: at William & Mary. Wednesday.
9. Penn State (23-5) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota or Wisconsin. Friday.
10 Kentucky (24-5) did not play. Next: vs. Florida or Auburn. Friday.
11 Green Bay (25-1) did not play. Next: at Loyola of Chicago. Thursday.
12. Georgetown (22-7) lost to No. 18 St John's 54-45. Next: Big East tournament. Saturday or Sunday.
13 Tennessee (21-8) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt or Mississippi State. Friday.
14 Ohio State (24-5) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan or Illinois. Friday.
15 Georgia Tech (22-6) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina or Clemson. Friday.
16. Georgia (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi State or Alabama. Friday.
17. South Carolina (20-8) lost to No. 1 Baylor 69-62. Next: at Texas. Sunday.
18 St. John's (21-8) beat No 12 Georgetown 54-45. Next: Big East quarterfinals. Sunday.
19 St. Bonaventure (27-2) did not play. Next: vs. La Salle or Xavier. Saturday.
20 Louisville (21-8) beat Seton Hall 63-53 Next: Big East second round. Saturday.
21 Purdue (21-8) did not play Next: vs. Michigan State or Indiana. Friday.
22 Gonzaga (25-4) did not play Next: vs. WCC semifinals. Saturday.
23 Rutgers (21-8) beat Marquette 69-58. Next: Big East second round. Saturday.
24. Nebraska (21-7) did not play Next: vs. Penn State. Thursday.
25. South Carolina (21-8) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama. Thursday.

NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Tournament At A Glance

First Round
Friday
At Amherst, Mass.
Bridgewater St. vs. Babson
St. Joseph's (NY) at Amherst
At Huntingdon, Pa.
York (Pa.) vs. St. Vincent
Castleton St. at Juniata
At Providence, R.I.
Emmanuel vs. Hartwick
Baruch at Rhode Island College
At Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Salve Regina vs. William Paterson
Oneonta at King's (Pa.)
At Fredricksburg, Va.
Kean vs. Messiah
Keuka at Mary Washington
At Annville, Pa.
Gwynedd-Mercy vs. Mount St. Mary
Vassar at Lebanon Valley
At Ithaca, N.Y.
Bowdoin vs. Southern Maine
Elms at Ithaca
At Newberg, Ore.
Concordia (Texas) vs. Lewis & Clark
Cal Lutheran at George Fox
At Greencastle, Ind.
Carthage vs. Wis.-Whitewater
Westminster (Mo.) at DePauw
At Danville, Ky.
Ferrum vs. Washington (Mo.)
Guilford at Centre
At Crestview Hills, Ky.
Illinois Wesleyan vs. Maryville (Tenn.)
Louisiana College at Thomas More
At Alliance, Ohio
Catholic vs. Muhlenberg
La Roche at Mount Union
At St. Paul, Minn.
Wis.-River Falls vs. Coe
Martin Luther at St. Thomas (Minn.)
At Medford, Mass.
New England vs. Johns Hopkins
Misericordia at Tufts
At Grand Rapids, Mich.
Franklin vs. Wis.-Stevens Point
Wis.-Lutheran at Calvin
At Chicago
Wis.-Eau Claire vs. Simpson
Mornouth (Ill.) at Chicago
Second Round
Saturday
At Amherst, Mass.
Bridgewater St.-Babson winner vs. St. Joseph's (NY)-Amherst winner
At Huntingdon, Pa.
York (Pa.)-St Vir cent winner vs. Castleton St.-Juniata winner
At Providence, R.I.
Emmanuel-Hartwick winner vs. Baruch-Rhode Island College winner
At Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Salve Regina-William Paterson winner vs Oneonta-King's (Pa.) winner
At Fredricksburg, Va.
Kean-Messiah winner vs. Keuka-Mary Washington winner
At Annville, Pa.
Gwynedd-Mercy-Mount St. Mary winner vs Vassar-Lebanon Valley winner
At Ithaca, N.Y.
Bowdoin-Southern Maine winner vs. Elms-Ithaca winner
At Newberg, Ore.
Concordia (Texas)-Lewis & Clark winner vs. Cal Lutheran-George Fox winner
At Greencastle, Ind.
Carthage-Wis.-Whitewater winner vs Westminster (Mo.)-DePauw winner
At Danville, Ky.
Ferrum-Washington (Mo.) winner vs. Guilford-Centre winner
At Crestview Hills, Ky.
Illinois Wesleyan-Maryville (Tenn.) vs. Louisiana College-Thomas More winner
At Alliance, Ohio
Catholic-Muhlenberg winner vs La Roche-Mount Union winner
At St. Paul, Minn.
Wis.-River Falls-Coe winner vs. Martin Luther-St. Thomas (Minn.) winner
At Medford, Mass.
New England-Johns Hopkins winner vs Misericordia-Tufts winner
At Grand Rapids, Mich.
Franklin-Wis.-Stevens Point winner vs Wis.-Lutheran-Calvin winner
At Chicago
Wis.-Eau Claire-Simpson winner vs. Mornouth (Ill.)-Chicago winner
Sectionals
Friday, March 9
Sectional Semifinals
Bridgewater St.-Babson-St. Joseph's (NY)-Amherst winner vs. York (Pa.)-St Vincent-Castleton St.-Juniata winner
Emmanuel-Hartwick-Baru



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Texas pitcher Yu Darvish throws during spring training Sunday in Surprise, Ariz.

Darvish to make March 7 Cactus League start

Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Yu Darvish faced two Texas Rangers minor leaguers in a spring training practice session Monday. On March 7, he will face big league hitters from another team for the first time.

The Rangers said Darvish will get the start against the San Diego Padres in Peoria, Ariz. He would likely pitch two innings.

The Rangers signed Darvish, a 25-year-old right-hander who was a dominant pitcher for seven years in Japan, to a six-year, $56 million contract on Jan. 18. With the posting money, the Rangers paid more than $107 million for Darvish, who was 18-6 with a 1.44 ERA and 276 strikeouts last year with Hokkaido.

Darvish threw 34 pitches on Monday to Mike Bianucci and Vince DiFazio, who have not played above Class AA. Bianucci said the two talked about going deep off Darvish in batting practice, but it did not happen.

"It would have been great to do it, but a guy with a movement like that you're just trying to put a good swing on it especially with him," Bianucci said. "He's not going to make too many mistakes where you can get the ball out of the ball park."

DiFazio said Darvish was "very impressive."

"I'm just happy I made contact a couple of times," said Bianucci, who hit .232 last season for Myrtle Beach. "I saw a pretty good firm sinker, low 90s, and he backed it up with the same velocity, but a splitter. It was pretty nasty. He didn't tip it at all. It was pretty hard to pick up. He threw me a pretty nasty slider. It looked like a fastball out of his hands. By the time I started my swing, it was almost in the dirt. I have to give him that one. He doesn't make too many mistakes."

Bianucci, who went to Auburn and hit 30 home runs last season for Frisco in the Texas League, said everything Darvish threw had "a lot of late, late movement."

"I noticed he never backed up the same pitch twice," Bianucci said. "That breaking ball I swung through, it's got such good movement, where it starts off high and looks like it is going to stay up a little bit. It almost looks like an illusion. It stops three quarters of the way and just falls."

While early in camp, most clubs want their pitchers throwing about 80-90 percent, Darvish said he was working at "120" percent.

"It's not so much of a workout of throwing certain pitches, but I was more concerned about how my body worked and how I felt and taking it from last time," Darvish said through an interpreter. "I was very satisfied how with how it worked today."

Jeff Andrews, the Rangers pitching coach in Frisco said he was not surprised that Darvish was amped up.

"The interesting thing he was still in the mode of telling guys what's coming and you still didn't see many good swings off him," Andrews said. "The hitter knew what was coming and you still didn't see a lot of hard contact, which is a credit to Yu."

Baylor routs Texas Tech in home finale

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — Perry Jones III had 15 points and 10 rebounds, A.J. Walton scored a season-high 13 points and No. 9 Baylor won its home finale 77-48 over Texas Tech on Monday night.

Walton matched his season-high with 10 points before halftime, when the Bears (25-5, 12-5 Big 12) were already in total control.

Baylor closed the first half on a 25-4 run over the final 10:05, stretching its lead to 40-15.

Texas Tech (8-21, 1-16) didn't even have 20 points in the game until Jordan Tolbert's dunk with 14:33 left made it 49-21.

Tobert led the Red Raiders with 19 points.

It was the final home game for the winningest senior class in Baylor history — Quincy Acy, Fred Ellis and Anthony Jones.

Acy had 12 points and seven rebounds, including two big dunks just before coming out of the game to a huge ovation with about 2 minutes left. Right after that, Jones hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key to give him 13 points.

Even the little-used Ellis, who hadn't scored a point since Dec. 19, made two free throws.

With one more regular season game left before the conference tournament next week and then another NCAA tournament, the senior trio has already been part of 95 wins. That includes the school-record 12 Big 12 victories this season.

During the freshman season for each of them, the Bears made it to the Big 12 tournament championship game and were the NIT runner-up in 2008. A year later, they were part of the school-record 28 wins as Baylor advanced to an NCAA regional final against eventual national champion Duke.

Baylor plays its regular-season finale Saturday at Iowa State in a game to determine seeding in the Big 12 tournament.

The Bears and Iowa State began Monday night tied for third place in the Big 12. Iowa State (21-8, 11-5) plays at second-place and No. 7 Missouri (25-4, 12-4) on Wednesday night.

Bears	**77**
Red Raiders	**48**

Walton had a step-back jumper, the shot falling through the hoop about the same time he was backpedaling and falling with about 3 minutes left in the first half. After a Texas Tech turnover, he added a jumper that gave him 10 points and the Bears a 35-13 lead.

Pierre Jackson then had consecutive assists for inside-out baskets by Anthony Jones.

Jackson penetrated inside and was in the air when he slipped a pass to Jones for a layup. On the next possession, Jackson passed to Jones in the left corner for a 3-pointer that made it 40-13.

The second half didn't start any better for the Red Raiders. Javarez Willis had a quick turnover and Brady Heslip hit a 3-pointer from the left corner in front of his teammates on the Baylor bench.

Heat, Thunder may be in NBA's June forecast

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Kevin Durant said it's too early to think about a potential Heat-Thunder NBA finals.

It seems hard to ignore at the season's midpoint.

The teams share the league's best record and both rolled into the All-Star break. With Durant and Russell Westbrook on one side and LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh looking to avenge their finals disappointment, the series could be a thriller.

But Chicago is right on Miami's heels in the East, and a number of contenders could emerge for the Thunder out West.

The second half opens Tuesday, and the other big story is Dwight Howard's situation. Orlando has to decide by the March 15 deadline if it will keep or trade its franchise center.

LeBron James and the Heat burn for a second chance. Kevin Durant and the Thunder are storming toward their first opportunity.

An NBA finals matchup is easy to picture.

Durant isn't looking.

"It's too early for that," the All-Star game MVP said. "We're trying to take it a game at a time, a day at a time. I know in Oklahoma City, we look forward to getting better every day, and we'll see what happens."

If the All-Star game was an indication, the series would be a thriller.

Durant and Thunder teammate Russell Westbrook helped shoot the West to a big lead. James and Dwyane Wade almost brought the East all the way back before James' turnover in the final seconds allowed the West to escape with a 152-149 victory.

James endured plenty of similar late-game disappointments last June, when Miami fell to Dallas in its first finals with its Big Three. He vowed to be better and play looser this season, and he went into the break as the MVP favorite after a sensational first half for himself and his team.

"We've got a lot of season to go. I'm on the right path, back to playing basketball how I play, and that's back to having fun at a high level," James said. "The best thing about this season so far, we're playing some good basketball. Our team feels that we are one right now, especially with last year under our belt, so we're just going to try to get better every day."

Miami and Oklahoma City rolled into the break with a share of the NBA's best record at 27-7. The Heat have won eight in a row in overwhelming fashion; the Thunder have won five straight and are 15-1 at home.

The NBA's best headed out of Orlando on Monday, and soon Dwight Howard will learn if he's joining them. The Magic have until the March 15 trade deadline to decide whether they will honor his trade request or keep him until the end of the season and risk him leaving as a free agent in July.

The Magic have the East's fourth-best record and look good enough at times to be viewed as a contender. Still, they and everyone else in the East seem clearly behind Miami and Chicago, whether they keep their franchise center or not.

BAYLOR

From 1C

The Lady Bears have matched the 2009-10 Nebraska team for the best start in conference history and have their second straight 30-win season.

Tyra White's 14 points led A&M (20-8, 11-6).

Baylor got its 10th win in last 11 tries against A&M in Big 12 regular-season meetings, with the Aggies moving to the Southeastern Conference next season.

The crowd of more than 10,000 heckled Baylor, and especially Mulkey, throughout the game, and some fans were still yelling at players as they left the court after the win. Mulkey pumped her fist and smiled as she exited and Griner put her hand to her ear and flashed a thumbs-up on her way out.

The thumbs-up is A&M's "Gig Em" hand signal, but Mulkey denied that Griner meant to mock A&M with her gesture. Griner said winning what could be the last game against A&M didn't mean any more than any other victory.

"It's always good to get a win," she said. "It doesn't matter who it is. The only thing we're worried about is the NCAAs."

The Lady Bears have already claimed their second straight regular-season conference championship and are the only undefeated team in Division I.

Griner and Sims were both in foul trouble on Monday and Griner sat out for long stretches in both halves because of it. Sims picked up her fourth foul with more than 7 minutes left, but she never came out, playing 40 minutes.

Texas A&M alternated 6-foot-4 Kelsey Bone and 6-5 Karla Gilbert to try and slow Griner. They both got in foul trouble early in the second half. Gilbert fouled out with about 12 minutes remaining and Bone picked up her fourth just seconds later, sending her to the bench.

Things were evened out about a minute later when Griner picked up her fourth foul knocking Kelsey Assarian down on the offensive end and the Baylor star also left the game.

While both teams were in foul trouble in this one, the difference came at the free throw line. Baylor made 23 of its 28 attempts, while Texas A&M hit just 9 of 19, with White missing six of her 10 tries.

Sydney Carter added 13 points, Adaora Elonu had 12 points and Bone had 10 for A&M. Destiny Williams had 12 rebounds and three steals for Baylor and the 25 points by Sims tied her season high.

Baylor used a 6-2 run, with all of its points coming on free throws, to go up 58-53 with about 7 minutes left. Griner reentered the game about a minute later, but A&M got going again going on a 7-3 run to cut the lead to 61-60 with 3 1/2 to go.

Michael Bradley relishes Italy test for the US

By Daniella Matar
Associated Press

MILAN — Michael Bradley knows from experience just how tough a test the U.S. faces when it plays Italy on Wednesday.

But that's exactly what the Americans are looking for in this exhibition game leading to the start of World Cup qualifying in June.

"It will be a very difficult game for us," said Bradley, a midfielder who plays in Italy with Chievo Verona. "Italy has a squad that's full of champions and for us it will be a good test."

The U.S. doesn't seem interested in easy victories ahead of its opening qualifier against Antigua and Barbuda, Instead, it wants games that will provide a more realistic picture of the team. After Italy, the Americans host Scotland and Brazil in May.

The Americans know they can't match Italy for star power.

"We are a real team. Every player plays for his teammates and we have a strong mentality," Bradley said. "That helps us forward in difficult times."

The U.S. is on a three-match winning streak but this is the first time coach Jurgen Klinsmann will be able to call on his top players since November's 3-2 victory over Slovenia. It defeated Venezuela and Panama while playing with a backup squad.

The U.S., however, will be without Landon Donovan for the game in Genoa. He withdrew Sunday because he is ill and will miss the chance to play together with Clint Dempsey for the first time since Klinsmann was hired as coach last summer. Also out is Jermaine Jones with a strained right calf.

The two have been replaced by Sasha Kljestan and Brek Shea.

Klinsmann has had a mixed start as U.S. coach with four wins, four losses and a draw. But Bradley believes the players can take huge leaps forward under the former German star.

"He was a great footballer, he played for Inter Milan, he won the World Cup, and now he's looking to transfer that winning mentality to our team," Bradley said.

Italy will nevertheless be expected to win, although coach Cesare Prandelli is likely to experiment with his lineup.

Top forwards Giuseppe Rossi and Antonio Cassano are still out with long-term injuries, and Manchester City striker Mario Balotelli has been left of the squad because of his hot temper and unpredictability. Prandelli is even considering omitting Balotelli from his team at this summer's European Championship.

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LOCAL FORECAST

Expect blowing dust today with winds reaching 25 to 30 mph. Gusts could reach as 40 mph. Otherwise, expect sunny skies and temperatures climbing into the 80s. Tonight, the west winds decrease to between 5 and 10 mph. A low of 35 is expected.

On Wednesday the forecast calls for sunny skies, a high near 73 and north winds topping out at 10 mph. The low should fall into the lower 40s.

Expect sunny skies Thursday and Friday. Highs should fluctuate between 81 on Thursday and 73 on Friday. Cooler conditions are expected Saturday with a high in the upper 50s. There is no rain in the seven-day forecast.

The high on Monday reached 59 while the low dropped to 48. The record high for Feb. 27 is 84 set in 2011. The record low is 17 set in 1934.

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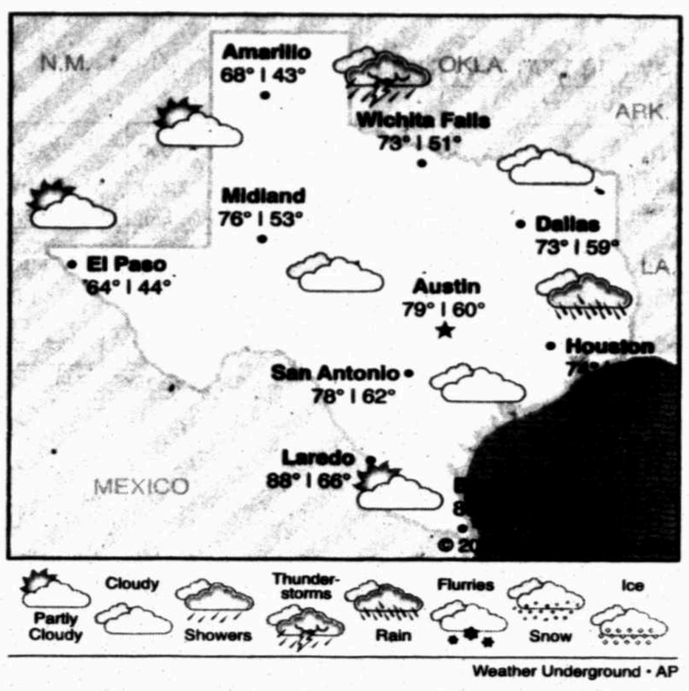
Much of the Atlantic Seaboard will have a dry day today because of an area of high pressure centered over the eastern Great Lakes. An east flow of moisture off the Atlantic Ocean will bring a few showers to part of Florida.



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Precipitation

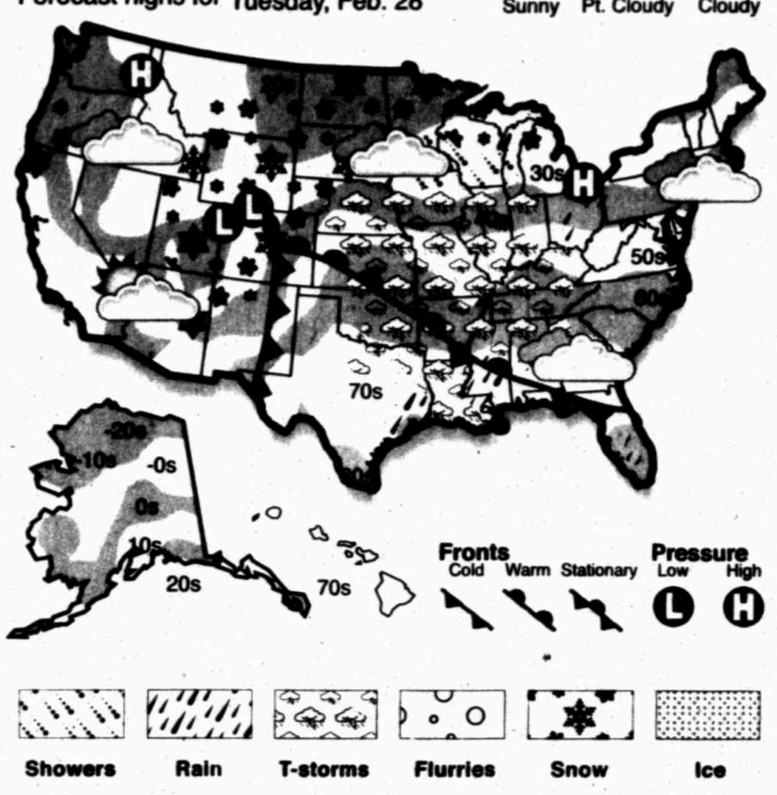
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.012 in.
Total for month	0.19 in.
Total for year	1.19 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.24 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	59
Low	48
Normal high	66
Normal low	37
Sunrise	7:18 a.m.
Sunset	6:45 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Feb. 28



Mom cringes at bad example her boyfriend's kids set

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend has proposed. I love him very much, but I'm worried about my kids. I look at his children — his son is 23 and barely made it out of high school. He got a girl pregnant at 17, has been in jail a few times and is an alcoholic. His 15-year-old daughter is immature for her age and constantly getting into trouble at school. Their mother is an alcoholic and a drug user. Are my concerns for my children valid? — WORRIED IN WEST VIRGINIA

DEAR WORRIED: Yes, they are, because your children will be exposed to all of the negative influences that his children will bring with them into your blended family. Be smart and hold off marrying your boyfriend until your children are old enough not to be influenced by his children. Your first concern must be for your children's well-being.

DEAR ABBY: I read your answer to "Thrilled in San Jose" (Dec. 28), the couple who want to celebrate paying off their mortgage, on the same day I read an article about how middle-class Americans have sabotaged themselves by abandoning thrifty habits like saving and ... paying off their mortgages!

I disagree with your answer that the couple should celebrate privately. A generation of Americans now has no idea that paying off a mortgage is even possible. So I say to that couple: Celebrate tastefully and publicly in the same thrifty way that enabled you to pay off that mortgage. And while you're at it, be prepared to share the tips and habits that enabled you to achieve this wonderful success. Who knows? Your party might educate and inspire. — I'D LIKE AN INVITATION

DEAR I'D LIKE: I was surprised at the number of readers who were fired up over my answer to "Thrilled" about burning the mortgage. Most said that this is a milestone that should be celebrated. My readers comment:

DEAR ABBY: I think it's great to throw a mortgage-burning party to celebrate paying off a home mortgage. Today we go overboard not to offend. True friends would be happy when something good happens and not jealous. How self-centered is that attitude? People need to start feeling happy for the success of others. — LORI IN GIG HARBOR, WASH.

DEAR ABBY: I believe "Thrilled" and her husband should have their mortgage-burning party. Achievements like this should be celebrated. Too often in our country people have piled on debt they couldn't afford and made decisions purely to keep up with "the Joneses." By sharing their success story, including any struggles they may have overcome, they can be an inspiration for the loved ones in their lives to follow. — DEBBIE IN THE SOUTHWEST

DEAR ABBY: Please advise "Thrilled" not to ACTUALLY burn the mortgage. In California the lender has to provide a release document in the form of a Deed of Reconveyance or Satisfaction of Mortgage that must be recorded with the county recorder's office in order to remove the lien of the loan from the chain of title for the house. If the lender doesn't record it, then the borrower must do so — copies don't count; originals do. If "Thrilled" decided to sell the house and the release has not been recorded, or if she doesn't have the original, it could delay the sale by months. — LINDA IN SAN FRANCISCO

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Find the lead

Both vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ 10 4
♡ A
♢ J 9 4
♣ K Q J 7 6 5 3

WEST
♠ K 9 7 3 2
♡ 4
♢ A 10 6 3 2
♣ 9 4

EAST
♠ A J 8
♡ Q 10 9 7 6 3 2
♢ Q 8 7
♣ Void

SOUTH
♠ Q 6 5
♡ K J 8 5
♢ K 5
♣ A 10 8 2

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♡	Pass	1♠	2♣
2♢	3NT	Pass	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♢	4NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ?

This deal is from the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs at the recent ACBL Fall North American Championship in Seattle. Look only at the West hand and the auction and decide: What do you lead against four no-trump on the auction shown? West decided that declarer had sure stoppers in the major suits and so decided that a surprise diamond lead was the way to go. Dummy's nine was covered with the queen and won with the king, and declarer took seven club tricks, two hearts and a diamond to wrap up the contract with an overtrick.

At the other table a far less imaginative West decided that his partner's four-club bid showed spade support in addition to heart length and came up with the stodgy lead of a low spade. East won with the ace and continued with the knave, pinning dummy's 10, and the defenders wrapped up five spades and a diamond for 24.5 of a possible 25 matchpoints on the board.

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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, Feb. 28, 2012:

This year you express an unusual openness to change, and you let go of the status quo. You can visualize better than you ever have. When you are inspired, you will express your vision well. If you are single, a unique person walks into your life. Do your best not to put this person on a pedestal, and remain realistic. If you are attached, the two of you share a common dream. Take the first step in making it so. GEMINI holds you back at times.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Your instincts serve you well concerning financial decisions. Focus on your goals and better communication. Not everyone needs to know the "how and why," but simply the end decision. Still, if asked, do answer. Tonight: Make time to visit and catch up on others' news.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Your ability to wow others and impress them emerges. You are surrounded by people who really do care. Though you might not need their support now, you might later on. When someone initiates a discussion, open up. Tonight: Do some shopping, if need be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Make it OK to feel down in the dumps right now. You might see a situation in a very negative light. What will it take to turn that perspective around? A boss or older friend has a lot to share. Learn from this person. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. You express an unusual perspective and can communicate it well. Integrate new information for others so that they can see a new path. Others finally will be able to open up, if they so choose. Tonight: Play it lowkey.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Assume your place in the limelight. An associate keeps whispering what he or she feels is important information to know. Listen, but also set limits to the conversation. Working as a team is fine, as long as you have space to be yourself. Tonight: Squeeze in some fun time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might want to approach a situation differently. The feedback you are receiving points to another path. Get adequate feedback from another person. You could be surprised by what you hear. Once you feel secure, take action. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Work with individuals. You could hear radically different opinions, which makes it clear, once more, that you must go your own way. A discussion opens up possibilities left and right. You might be taken aback by an unexpected insight. Tonight: Detach, then look at a situation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Others challenge you, but know that it is simply a phase. On the other hand, you have the wherewithal to know when to hold your ground. Creativity plays a role in your interactions. Tonight: Make time for a special person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Discussions and comments reveal much more about where others are coming from. Don't stop what you are doing to comment. Just be a good listener; you might be amazed. A call from a family member or roommate is informative as well. Tonight: Out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ No one knows how to stir the pot quite like you do. You might even do it unintentionally. Your very presence and how you deal with your life could incite some crazy responses. Allow your innate ingenuity to come out. Help others lighten up. Tonight: Try for an early bedtime.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Family weighs on your mind. You are not always comfortable with what is going on, nor should you be. Discuss finances and an investment involving real estate not only with those it will impact, but also with those in the know. Tonight: What starts as serious evolves into fun.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Your way of saying "enough" works. Someone who does not like to hear you put an end to a certain topic could be trying to get your attention. If you are overwhelmed, just say so. Establish your own boundaries, and speak your mind more often. Tonight: Out and about.

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BORN TODAY

Hockey player Eric Lindros (1973), musician Brian Jones (1942), actor Zero Mostel (1915)

DAILY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Coal holders
5 "The Censor" of Rome
9 Hiked, as prices
14 Australian golfer __ Scott
15 Most fit for duty
16 Emma Roberts, to Julia
17 Pass catchers
19 Company that ironically had a crooked E in its logo
20 Golfer's gadget used at the edge of water hazards
22 10-Down substance used in roofing
23 Salinger title girl
24 Sumac of Peru
27 Cries of pain
30 Little rascal
32 How animals boarded the ark
34 Early leader in a race
38 Cries of surprise
39 "__ Were the Days"
40 __ Intrepid
41 Curing solution
42 Watches a kid for cash
43 Pelvic contusion
45 Form 1040 data
47 Many moons: Abbr.
48 Erie summer hrs.
49 Bk. before Esther
50 "__ la Douce"
53 Extremely long time
55 "Joy to the World" group, and based on the ends of 20-, 34- and 43-Across, what you're having if you solve this puzzle after dark?
61 Way up
63 Deceived
64 Duplicate, briefly
65 Bath, in Bordeaux
66 Wyatt at the O.K. Corral
67 Look of disdain
68 Pisa's river
69 Portly Jolly Roger pirate

DOWN

1 Wire fence point
2 It's all in your head
3 Salt, to a chemist
4 Silvery food fish
5 Oater hero's request when entering the fray
6 Work without __
7 Land in Paris
8 Desert refuge
9 In need of leveling
10 Tree with needles
11 Daily Planet editor
12 Prefix with system
13 Room with a remote
18 Call from one who more than calls?
21 Arab commander
25 Gazed dreamily
26 Declare
27 Decides to join
28 Hula dancer, often
29 Present wrapper's aid
31 Spitting sound
33 In tatters
35 Pump sign on the Alcan highway
36 Recipe meas.
37 Make out
41 Buffalo's minor league baseball team
43 "Take this"
44 Pizza herb
46 "Snow White" fairness judge
51 Toast type
52 "Be __ ...": start of a polite request
54 Evenings, in ads
56 Add to the work force
57 Viking war god
58 Protein unit
59 Fabled slacker
60 Make words using keys
61 Many retd. boomers
62 Farthest-right bowling pin

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

T	K	O	S		R	U	D	E		S	T	P	A	T
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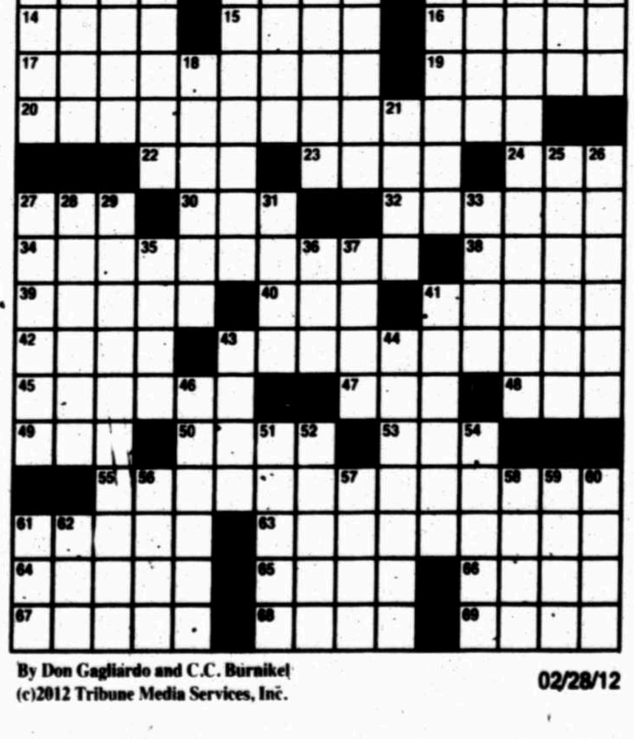

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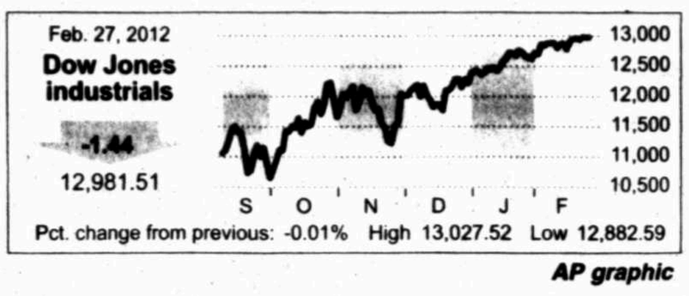
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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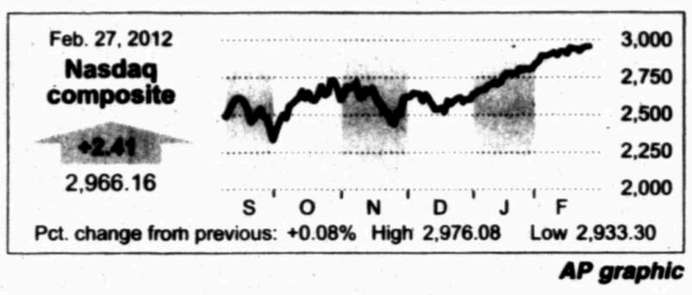

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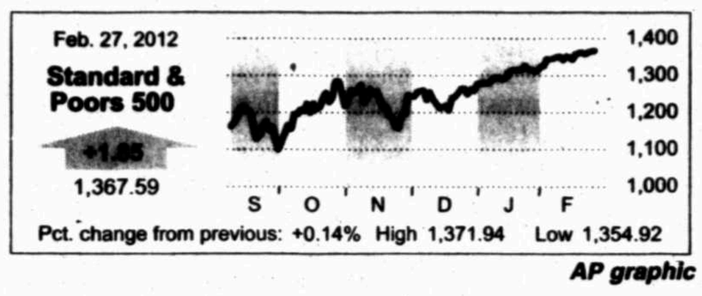

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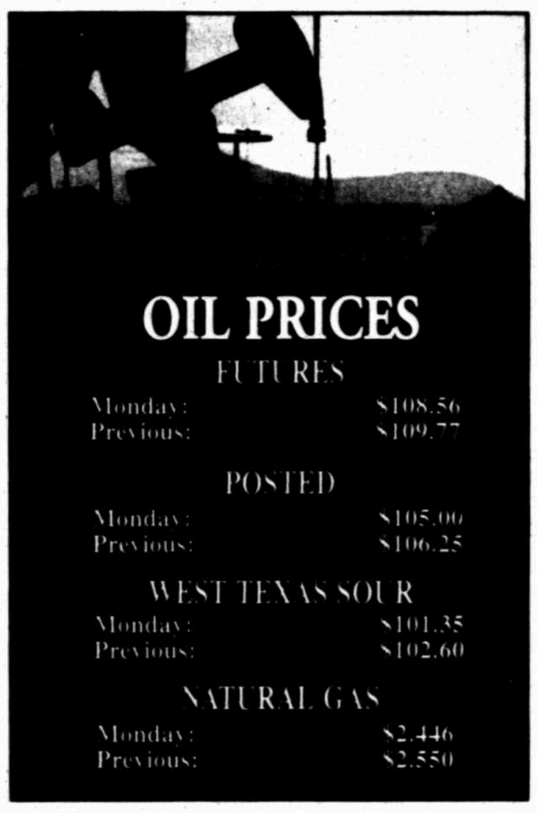

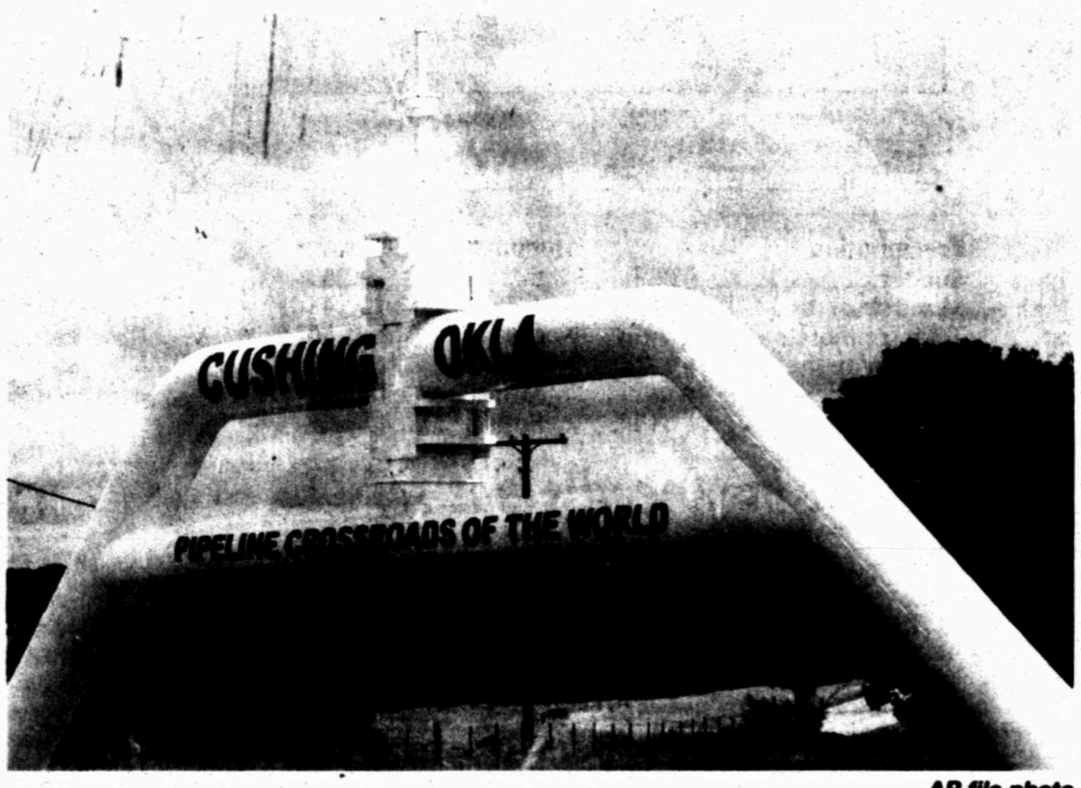

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The marker that welcomes commuters to Cushing, Okla., is seen in 2005. Canadian company TransCanada says it will build an oil pipeline from Oklahoma to Texas after President Barack Obama blocked the larger Keystone XL pipeline from Canada. The company says the new project does not require presidential approval because it does not cross a U.S. border.

Obama welcomes TransCanada plan to build new oil pipeline

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House on Monday welcomed a Canadian company's plan to build an oil pipeline from Oklahoma to Texas after President Barack Obama blocked the larger Keystone XL pipeline from Canada.

The new proposal by Calgary-based TransCanada does not require presidential approval because it does not cross a U.S. border. The 485-mile pipeline is expected to cost about $2.3 billion and be completed next year, pending approval by federal, state and local governments.

The Obama administration had suggested development of an Oklahoma-to-Texas line to alleviate an oil bottleneck at a Cushing, Okla., storage hub.

Obama rejected the Keystone XL pipeline last month, citing uncertainty over a route that avoids the environmentally sensitive Sandhills region in Nebraska. He said there was not enough time for a fair review before a looming deadline forced on him by Republicans. The action did not kill the project but, for the second time in three months, put off a tough choice on the pipeline project, which has become the focus of a heated political fight.

Pipeline supporters — including congressional Republicans and many business and labor leaders— call it an important job creator, while opponents say it would transport "dirty oil" from tar sands that requires huge amounts of energy to extract. They also worry about a possible spill.

White House press secretary Jay Carney said Monday that Obama was pleased with TransCanada's latest announcement.

"Moving oil from the Midwest to the world-class, state-of-the-art refineries on the Gulf Coast will modernize our infrastructure, create jobs, and encourage American energy production," Carney said in a statement. "We look forward to working with TransCanada to ensure that it is built in a safe, responsible and timely manner, and we commit to take every step possible to expedite the necessary federal permits."

TransCanada said Monday it still hopes to build the full 1,700-mile Keystone XL pipeline, which would carry oil derived from tar sands in Alberta, Canada, to refineries along the Texas Gulf Coast. The proposed $7 billion pipeline would run through Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas before reaching Oklahoma.

The company said it is working with Nebraska officials to find a route that avoids the Sandhills region.

Carney said Obama's Jan. 18 decision to delay the pipeline "in no way prejudged future applications" by TransCanada for the full, 1,700-mile project.

"We will ensure any project receives the important assessment it deserves, and will base a decision to provide a permit on the completion of that review," he said.

Russ Girling, TransCanada's president and CEO, said the Oklahoma-to-Texas pipeline will transport growing supplies of U.S. crude oil to meet refinery demands in Texas.

Oil prices fall

Oil prices took a breather on Monday, falling slightly as investors booked some profits after a seven-day surge. Retail gasoline prices continued to climb, adding five cents over the weekend for a national average of $3.70 per gallon.

Benchmark crude fell by $1.21 to end the day at $108.56 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, which is used to price oil that's imported by U.S. refineries, lost $1.30 to finish at $124.17 per barrel in London.

Analysts say a standoff between the West and Iran over its nuclear program continues to keep oil prices around nine-month highs. But some traders sold contracts to lock in profits following a 9 percent rise since Valentine's Day.

"Some people are getting out now just because oil is at those high levels," PFGBest analyst Phil Flynn said.

Western nations fear that Iran is building a nuclear weapon and have been trying to get international inspectors into its facilities. Iran denies the claim and has threatened to disrupt oil supplies in response to any threats.

Meanwhile, gasoline prices continue to rise in the U.S. The national average of $3.70 is the highest ever for this time of year. Drivers are paying an average of $4.29 per gallon in California. The price is above $4 per gallon in Alaska and Hawaii, and it's about $3.95 per gallon in Connecticut and New York.

In other energy trading, heating oil fell by 3 cents to finish at $3.29 per gallon and gasoline futures lost 2 cents to end at $3.13 per gallon.

Euro falls

The euro fell against the dollar Monday after finance ministers from the world's 20 leading economies said that they would not add money to the International Monetary Fund until the European Union puts up more money to stave off its debt crisis.

The euro fell to $1.3398 in afternoon trading Monday from $1.3459 late Friday. The euro rose to an 11-week high of $1.3486 on Friday.

In other trading, the British pound rose $1.5823 from $1.5889. The dollar fell to 80.49 Japanese yen from 80.98 yen and to 99.86 Canadian cents from 1.0002 Canadian dollar.

Gold for April delivery fell $1.50 to finish at $1,774.90 an ounce.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	2862828	8.04	+.16
S&P500ETF	1328179	137.16	+.23
SprintNex	631772	2.55	+.08
SPDR Fncl	588476	14.78	+.11
iShR2K	504599	82.50	-.14

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CooperTire	17.82	+2.16	+13.8
OwensC wtB	2.09	+.25	+13.6
AllianceOne	3.83	+.44	+13.0
ClearChOut	13.23	+1.31	+11.0
DrxIndiaBr	22.42	+1.98	+9.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BkAtl A rs	2.80	-.51	-15.4
InvenSen n	15.98	-1.83	-10.3
ChrisBnk	2.35	-.24	-9.3
CSVLgNGs	47.14	-4.66	-9.0
CalDive	3.08	-.30	-8.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,512
Declined	1,500
Unchanged	120
Total issues	3,132
New Highs	135
New Lows	5
Volume	3,506,385,911

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CheniereEn	181677	15.71	+1.66
Rentech	39636	1.90	+.07
NovaGld g	34017	8.49	-.20
BarcGSOil	29628	27.36	-.53
LucasEngy	25926	3.15	+.12

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CheniereE	23.70	+2.80	+13.4
CheniereEn	15.71	+1.66	+11.8
Earthstone	25.45	+1.76	+7.4
FullHseR	3.37	+.22	+7.0
TellnstEl	7.16	+.46	+6.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TasmanM g	2.40	-.19	-7.4
MexcoEn	10.46	-.79	-7.0
Gastar grs	2.99	-.20	-6.3
Aerocntry	9.88	-.63	-6.0
Medgenic n	4.62	-.29	-5.9

DIARY

Advanced	212
Declined	254
Unchanged	32
Total issues	498
New Highs	22
New Lows	3
Volume	100,529,770

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	620496	2.23	+.03
MicronT	588171	8.56	+.61
Intel	452652	26.89	+.19
PwShs QQQ	413621	64.05	+.09
Dndreon	367973	11.81	-3.05

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AlimeraSci	2.31	+.60	+35.1
pSivida	2.15	+.41	+23.6
MBT Fnl	2.17	+.37	+20.6
ATP O&G	8.47	+1.35	+19.0
ChinaAuto	6.21	+.88	+16.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Dndreon	11.81	-3.05	-20.5
Balchem	29.00	-6.64	-18.6
MSB Fin	5.01	-.98	-16.4
Microvsn rs	3.32	-.60	-15.3
Intermol n	6.33	-1.11	-14.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,137
Declined	1,362
Unchanged	144
Total issues	2,643
New Highs	94
New Lows	21
Volume	1,725,805,121

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $20.61 Down 0.15

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $95.88 Up 4.20

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $112.96 Down 0.47

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $38.06 Down 0.64

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $29.49 Down 0.13

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $10.46 Down 0.79

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $14.00 Down 0.15

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.76f	46	30.36	+.02	+.4
Abraxas	...	**16**	**4.29**	**-.05**	**+30.0**
AdamsEx	**.65e**	**...**	**10.76**	**+.02**	**+11.6**
AMD	...	11	7.47	+.01	+38.3
AlcatelLuc	...	...	2.60	+.01	+66.7
Alcoa	.12	15	10.32	-.11	+19.3
AlonUSA	.16	22	9.36	-.75	+7.5
Altria	1.64	18	30.03	+.04	+1.3
Amgen	**1.44f**	**17**	**67.44**	**-.29**	**+5.0**
Anadarko	**.36**	**...**	**86.52**	**-.78**	**+13.3**
Apache	**.68f**	**10**	**110.03**	**-1.54**	**+21.5**
Apple Inc	...	15	525.76	+3.35	+29.8
ApldMatl	**.32**	**11**	**12.53**	**-.10**	**+17.0**
ATMOS	**1.38**	**14**	**31.38**	**-.30**	**-5.9**
AutoData	1.58	20	54.11	+.29	+.2
BP PLC	**1.92f**	**6**	**47.54**	**+.55**	**+11.2**
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	17.20	-.16	-4.4
BakrHu	.60	13	50.57	-1.39	+4.0
BkofAm	.04	...	8.04	+.16	+44.6
Bar iPVix	...	...	25.31	+.26	-28.8
BasicEnSv	...	18	20.61	-.15	+4.6
BerkHa A	**...**	**1712**	**0350.00**	**+350.00**	**+4.9**
BerryPet	**.32**	**...**	**52.28**	**-.85**	**+24.4**
BioSante h	...	...	.81	+.10	+61.2
BlkHillsCp	**1.48f**	**31**	**33.33**	**-.58**	**-.7**
BostonSc	...	22	6.28	+.03	+17.6
BrMySq	**1.36f**	**15**	**32.65**	**+.05**	**-7.3**
BrownFA	**1.40**	**20**	**78.94**	**+.50**	**-.4**
BrownFB	**1.40**	**20**	**81.10**	**...**	**+.7**
CVS Care	.65f	17	44.53	+.46	+9.2
Cameron	...	26	56.16	-.69	+14.2
Caterpillar	1.84	16	115.63	-.37	+27.6
Celestic g	...	9	9.45	-.06	+28.9
Cemex	...	...	7.73	+.37	+43.4
CntryLink	**2.90**	**24**	**40.00**	**+.08**	**+7.5**
CheniereEn	...	...	15.71	+1.66	+50.8
ChesEng	.35	8	25.11	-.34	+12.7
Chevron	**3.24**	**8**	**109.63**	**+.55**	**+3.0**
Chicos	.20	18	15.03	+.19	+34.9
Cimarex	.48f	14	84.30	-2.11	+36.2
Cisco	.32f	16	20.17	+.03	+11.9
Citigrp rs	.04	9	32.93	+.58	+25.2
ClayEng	**...**	**12**	**95.88**	**+4.20**	**+26.4**
Clearwire	...	...	2.26	+.15	+16.5
CocaCola	**2.04f**	**19**	**68.83**	**-.17**	**-1.6**
ColgPal	**2.32**	**19**	**92.39**	**-.91**	**...**
ConAgra	**.96**	**15**	**26.61**	**-.23**	**+.8**
ConchoRes	**...**	**23**	**112.96**	**-.47**	**+20.5**
ConocPhil	**2.64**	**9**	**76.43**	**+.48**	**+4.9**
Corning	.30	8	13.52	-.15	+4.2
CrackerB	1.00	16	55.57	-.29	+10.2
CSVS2xVxS	...	...	16.69	+.03	-47.8
CrosTim	**2.94e**	**16**	**47.90**	**-1.08**	**-2.0**
DCP Mid	2.60f	38	48.25	+.43	+1.6
DTE	2.35	13	54.32	-.53	-.2
Dataram h	...	...	.78	+.01	-3.7
Dawson	**...**	**...**	**38.06**	**-.64**	**-3.7**
Dell Inc	...	9	17.52	+.09	+19.8
Dndreon	...	...	11.81	-3.05	+55.4
DevonE	**.80f**	**7**	**75.15**	**-.04**	**+21.2**
DirSCBear	...	...	18.45	+.06	-30.3
DirFnBear	...	...	25.19	-.56	-32.5
DirxSCBull	...	...	61.82	-.19	+37.9
Disney	**.60f**	**16**	**41.64**	**+.33**	**+11.0**
DowChm	**1.00**	**17**	**34.19**	**+.37**	**+18.9**
EMC Cp	...	28	27.83	+.31	+29.2
EOG Res	**.68f**	**27**	**115.62**	**-1.93**	**+17.4**
EmpDist	**1.00**	**16**	**20.62**	**-.18**	**-2.2**
Energen	.56f	14	54.44	-.47	+8.9
EngyTsfr	3.58	44	47.63	.23	+3.9
EnPro	**...**	**17**	**38.11**	**+.07**	**+15.6**
EntPrPt	2.48f	22	51.95	+.10	+12.0
Ericsson	.37e	...	10.04	-.23	-.9
ExterranH	**...**	**...**	**14.89**	**+.48**	**+63.6**
ExxonMbl	**1.88**	**10**	**87.23**	**-.11**	**+2.9**
FordM	.20	7	12.30	+.07	+14.3
ForestOil s	...	17	13.21	-.12	-2.5
FMCG	.25f	9	43.31	-.60	+17.7
FrontierCm	.40m	27	4.62	-.02	-10.3
FrozenFd	**...**	**...**	**1.24**	**+.13**	**-3.9**
GATX	**1.20f**	**20**	**43.83**	**+.71**	**+.4**
GabMultT	**1.08f**	**...**	**7.21**	**+.01**	**+15.7**
GAInv	**.50e**	**...**	**28.50**	**+.09**	**+14.4**
GenElec	**.68**	**16**	**19.07**	**-.17**	**+6.5**
Golfsmith	...	...	4.17	-.20	+30.3
Goodrich	**1.16**	**20**	**125.98**	**+.10**	**+1.8**
GtPlainEn	**.85**	**16**	**20.67**	**-.14**	**-5.1**
HaleonR rs	...	48	11.55	+.40	+23.0
Hallibrtn	.36	12	37.75	-.76	+9.4
Heinz	**1.92**	**17**	**53.21**	**-.22**	**-1.5**
HewlettP	.48	9	26.25	-.39	+1.9
Hitachi	**...**	**...**	**58.56**	**+1.16**	**+12.3**
iShJapn	.20e	...	10.01	-.06	+9.9
iShSilver	...	...	34.36	-.01	+27.5
iShEMkts	.81e	...	43.75	-.44	+15.3
iS Eafe	1.71e	...	54.87	-.29	+10.8
iSnR2K	1.02e	...	82.50	-.14	+11.9
IntegrysE	2.72	16	53.22	-.51	-1.8
Intel	**.84**	**11**	**26.89**	**+.19**	**+10.9**
InterDig	.40	20	39.62	-.69	-9.1
JPMorgCh	1.00	9	39.06	+.78	+17.5
JohnJn	**2.28**	**18**	**64.45**	**-.01**	**-1.7**
KimbClk	**2.80**	**18**	**71.85**	**+.04**	**-2.3**
KindME	4.64	...	89.88	-.72	+5.8
KindMM	4.64t	...	80.80	-.85	+2.9
LegacyRes	2.20f	17	29.49	-.13	+4.4
Lowes	.56	19	27.34	+.18	+7.7
Lubys	**...**	**25**	**5.07**	**-.13**	**+12.4**
MGM Rsts	...	2	13.67	-.33	+31.1
McDnlds	2.80	19	100.36	+.04	...
Merck	1.68f	19	38.15	-.05	+1.2
MeritMed s	**...**	**21**	**12.54**	**+.08**	**-6.3**
MexcoEn	...	75	10.46	-.79	+49.4
MicronT	...	...	8.56	+.61	+36.1
Microsoft	.80	11	31.35	-.13	+20.8
MorgStan	.20	17	18.75	+.26	+23.9
Nabors	...	16	21.93	-.38	+26.5
NatGrid	**3.00e**	**...**	**51.14**	**-.17**	**+5.5**
NOilVarco	.48	18	85.23	-.81	+25.4
NokiaCp	1.26e	...	5.44	-.36	+12.9
NvMAd	**.99e**	**...**	**15.25**	**+.12**	**+3.9**
NvPMI	**.94**	**...**	**15.27**	**+.08**	**+3.1**
NuvPI	**.92**	**...**	**14.70**	**+.07**	**+1.6**
NSTFI3	**.66e**	**...**	**14.66**	**+.13**	**+2.4**
NTXQI	**.86**	**...**	**16.53**	**-.26**	**+1.2**
Nvidia	...	16	15.47	-.32	+11.6
OccIPet	**2.16f**	**13**	**104.49**	**+.63**	**+11.5**
Oracle	.24	16	29.26	+.01	+14.1
PacEth rs	...	...	1.61	+.22	+51.9
ParTech	**...**	**17**	**5.05**	**+.03**	**+28.2**
ParkDrl	**...**	**...**	**6.43**	**-.13**	**-10.3**
PattUTI	**.20**	**10**	**19.95**	**-.35**	**-.2**
PenRE	**.60**	**...**	**13.45**	**+.13**	**+28.8**
PepsiCo	2.06	16	63.32	+.01	-4.6
Pmian	1.44e	17	22.45	+.09	+10.2
PetrbrsA	1.28e	...	28.46	+.01	+21.2
Petrobras	1.28e	...	29.94	-.14	+20.5
Pfizer	**.88f**	**17**	**21.26**	**+.08**	**-1.8**
PioNtrl	.08	16	113.90	-2.34	+27.3
PlainsAA	**4.10f**	**17**	**82.53**	**+.29**	**+12.4**
PwShs QQQ	.46e	...	64.05	+.09	+14.7
Praxair	**2.20f**	**20**	**109.91**	**+.02**	**+2.8**
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**21.75**	**+.75**	**-3.7**
PrUShS&P	...	...	16.11	-.06	-16.5
ProctGam	**2.10**	**17**	**66.70**	**-.01**	**...**
RangeRs	.16	88	64.10	-1.84	+3.5
RegionsFn	.04	34	5.83	+.03	+35.6
Rowan	**...**	**31**	**36.53**	**-.25**	**+27.0**
RoyDShllA	3.36	15	73.34	-.20	+.3
SpdrDJIA	3.48e	...	129.66	+.04	+6.4
S&P500ETF	2.58e	...	137.16	+.23	+9.3
SpdrHome	.15e	...	19.97	+.32	+16.8
SabnR	4.04e	16	65.45	-.50	+3.8
SanderFm	**.68**	**...**	**49.47**	**+.01**	**-1.3**
SandRidge	**...**	**68**	**8.78**	**-.03**	**+7.6**
Sapient	**.35e**	**24**	**12.73**	**-.13**	**+1.0**
Schlmbrg	1.10f	22	79.11	-.74	+15.8
Schwab	.24	19	13.48	-.04	+19.7
SigmaAld	**.80f**	**20**	**72.74**	**+.14**	**+16.5**
SiriusXM	...	17	2.23	+.03	+22.5
Smucker	1.92	19	74.79	+.05	-4.3
SprintNex	...	...	2.55	+.08	+9.0
SPDR Fncl	.22e	...	14.78	+.11	+13.7
SP Inds	.73e	...	37.51	+.03	+11.1
SunocoL s	1.68f	14	41.25	-.55	+4.7
TelefEsp	**2.14e**	**...**	**17.31**	**+.06**	**+.7**
TenetHlth	...	13	5.65	-.13	+10.1
Tesoro	...	7	27.40	-.30	+17.3
3M Co	2.36f	15	88.07	-.13	+7.8
Trchmrk s	**.60f**	**10**	**48.61**	**-.19**	**+12.0**
Transocn	3.16	...	53.43	+2.70	+39.2
TriContl	**.39e**	**...**	**15.88**	**+.04**	**+11.6**
TylerTech	**...**	**46**	**38.88**	**+.19**	**+29.1**
UBWV	**1.24**	**18**	**29.40**	**+.34**	**+4.0**
ValeroE	.60	7	24.53	+.14	+16.5
Vrxus	...	...	23.78	+1.65	+143.9
VulcanM	**.04**	**...**	**45.97**	**-.20**	**+16.8**
Walgrn	**.90**	**11**	**33.54**	**-.32**	**+1.5**
WellsFargo	.48	11	31.03	+.85	+12.6
WstnRefin	.04e	10	18.31	-.03	+37.8
WhitingPet	...	13	61.66	-.81	+32.1
WmsCos	1.04f	19	29.11	-.20	+8.0
XcelEngy	**1.04**	**15**	**26.53**	**+.05**	**-4.0**
Xerox	**.17**	**9**	**8.37**	**+.01**	**+5.2**

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13,013.82	10,404.49	Dow Jones Industrials	12,981.51	-1.44	-.01	+6.25	+6.18
5,627.85	3,950.66	Dow Jones Transportation	5,171.08	+31.94	+.62	+3.02	+1.69
467.64	381.99	Dow Jones Utilities	452.76	-.58	-.13	-2.57	+8.94
8,718.25	6,414.89	NYSE Composite	8,143.56	-8.41	-.10	+8.91	-3.50
2,490.51	1,941.99	Amex Index	2,464.92	-4.71	-.19	+8.19	+3.51
2,970.88	2,298.89	Nasdaq Composite	2,966.16	+2.41	+.08	+13.86	+6.61
1,370.58	1,074.77	S&P 500	1,367.59	+1.85	+.14	+8.75	+3.04
14,562.01	11,208.42	Wilshire 5000	14,450.40	+16.33	+.11	+9.56	+2.69
868.57	601.71	Russell 2000	826.66	-.26	-.03	+11.57	+.39

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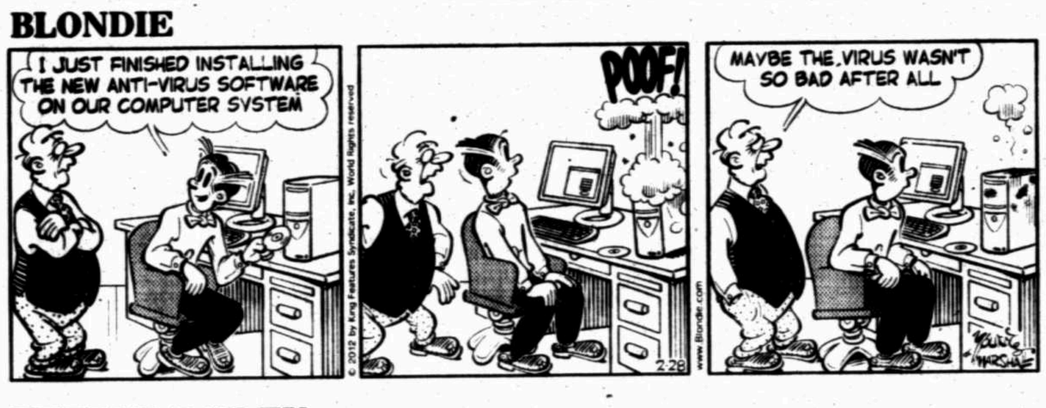

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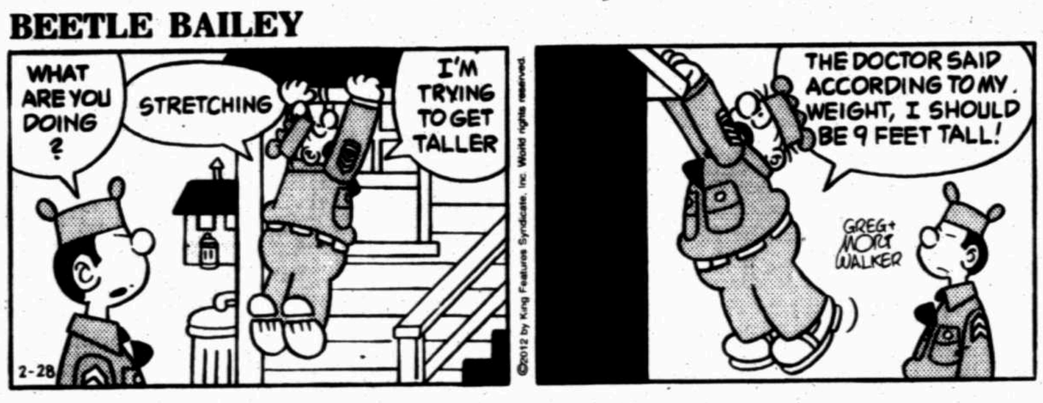

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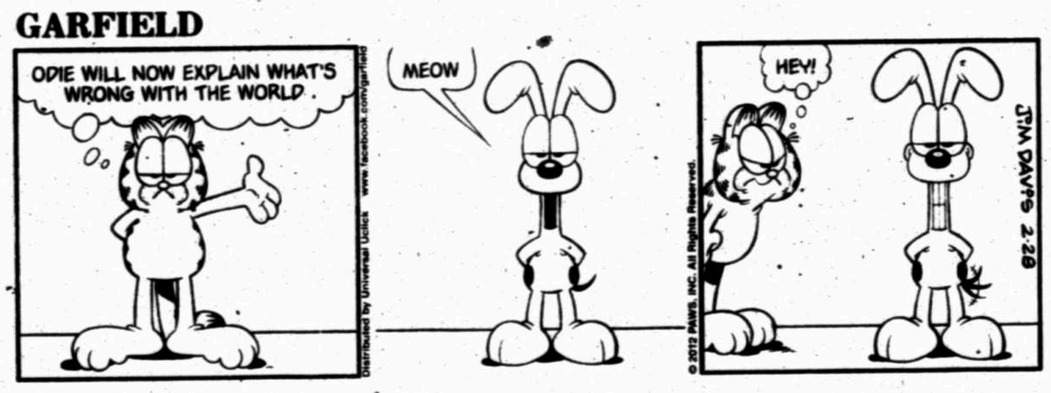

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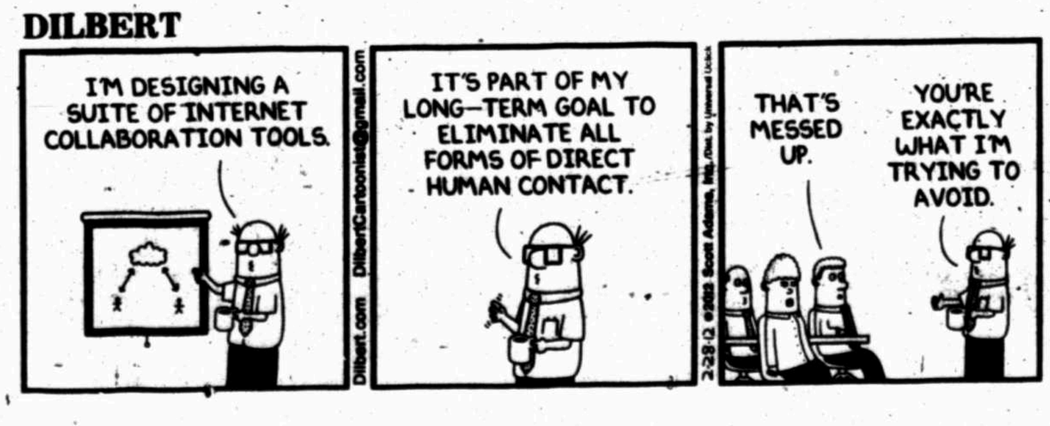

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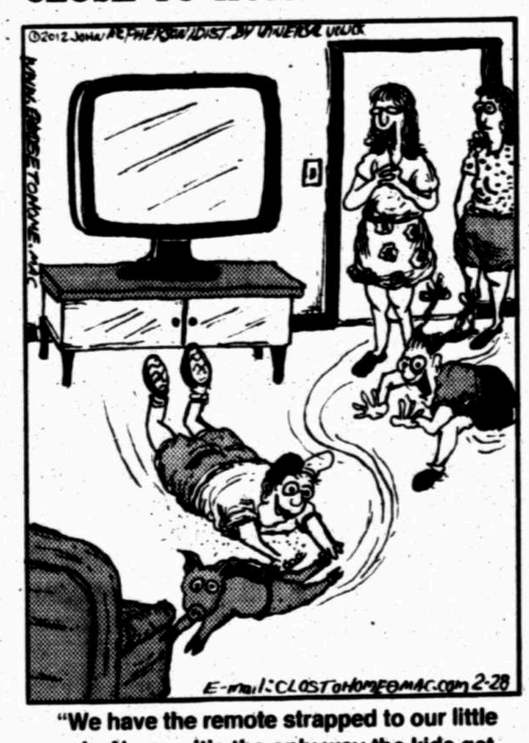

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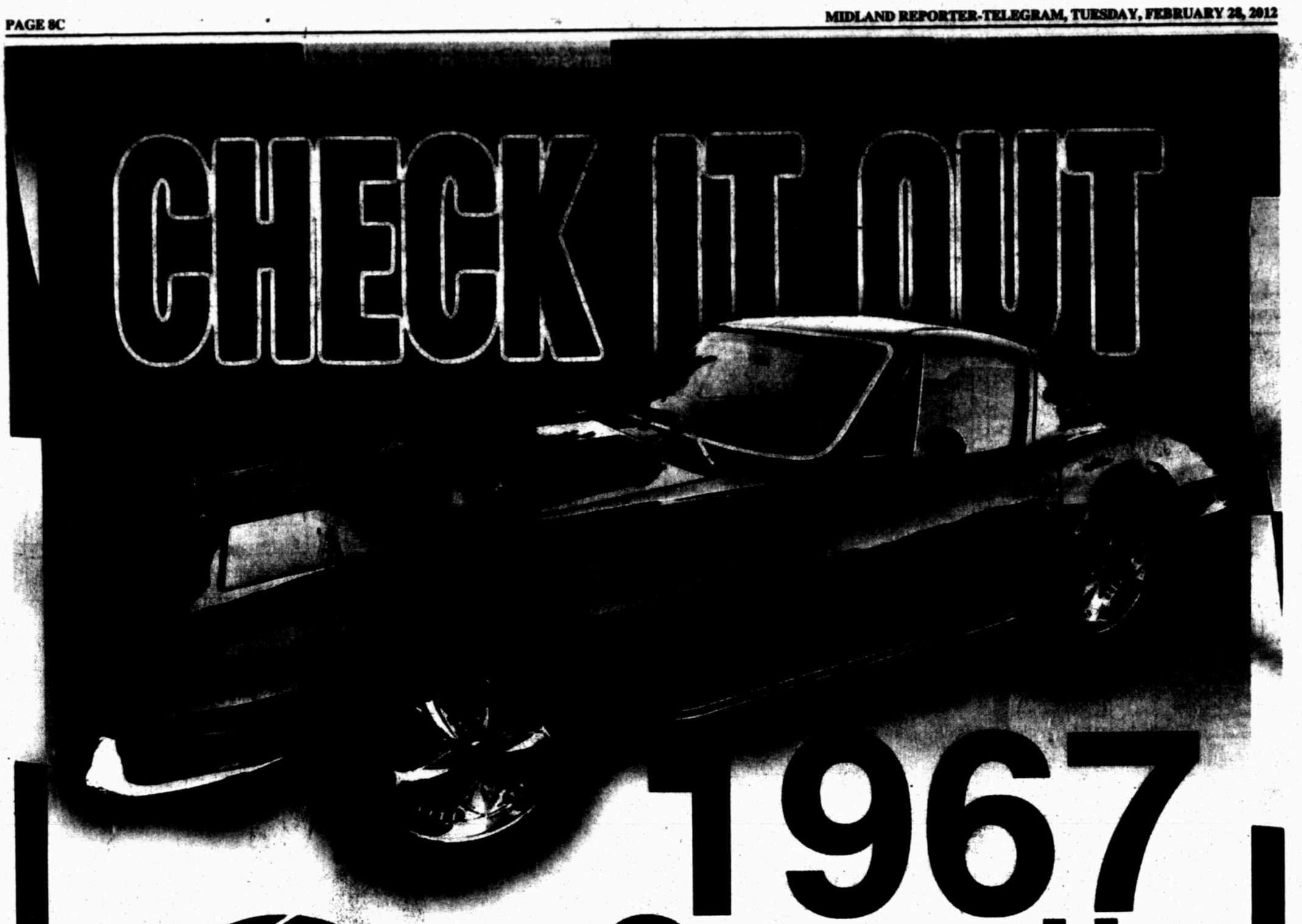

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FOUND BLACK chihuahua mix, w/ tan markings, black collar, no tags or microchip. Near Briarwood and Loop 250 off Midland Dr. 405-361-1624.

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REWARD
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If you answered "yes" then contact us today!

First Cash Advance offers:
• Paid Vacation • 401(k) with Company Match
• Tuition Reimbursement Program • Great pay
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CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Clerical
MUST have strong computer skills. Company offers paid vacation, 401K, medical and dental insurance. Apply at: 3315 East Hwy 158, Midland and ask for Mary.

First United Methodist Church
Administrative Assistant position open. If you are a self-starter, motivated to work in a church atmosphere, possess proficient computer skill and like working with people, our job could be for you. Please email resume and inquiries to hrdirector@firstmethodistmidland.com

Office Manager
Natural Foods Market FT
Natural Foods Market has an opening for an office manager. In addition to management experience, knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel is required. Apply in person Monday through Friday 9am to 5pm at 2311 W. Wadley. Ask for Laurie.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Preschool Teacher
TheVillage School FT
Experienced Preschool Teacher needed. Must have knowledge of planning and implementing curriculum. Must be over 18 years of age and be able to pass background check. Apply in person: Monday- Friday 8am-4pm at: 2600 West Illinois, Midland, TX 79701

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Oil Field Cable Spooler
Horizon Cable FT
Willing to train the right person. Must have or be able to obtain a Class B CDL. Uniforms and benefits available after 90 days of employment. Please apply in person: Horizon Cable 12215 WCR 129, Odessa, TX. 79765 Between 8am - 4pm or call 432-563-5552.

SAFETY SOLUTIONS, LLC

Safety Solutions, LLC is the leading provider of safety services to the petrochemical, wind energy, construction and industrial market sectors.

We have immediate openings for:

- **Field Technicians**- rigging up and down h2s safety equipment and delivering non- CDL emergency shower trailers
- **Certified Fire Extinguisher Technician**

Safety Solutions offers competitive wages and meaningful benefits to its full time employees and their families.

- 100% paid health insurance to employees
- Life Insurance
- 401K with company match
- Vacation and Sick leave
- Voluntary dental and vision

Fax or email resume to 432-563-0406,
craig@safteysolutionstx.com
or apply in person at
7907 W Industrial Ave. Midland
EOE/Drug Free Workplace

Water Transfer
Kuykendall Services, LLC FT
Kuykendall Services now hiring for Water Transfer. Must be able to pass drug test. Come by: 4917 S. CR 1305 Odessa, TX. or call 432-563-5231.

District Engineer

Energen Resources Corp.

Energen Resources Corporation, a subsidiary of Energen Corporation has an immediate opening for a District Engineer in its Midland, Texas office.

Responsibilities include:

- Conducting production reviews on assigned properties
- Stimulation and completion design for development activities
- Providing technical assistance to operations staff to increase recovery of hydrocarbons and project economics
- Identifying opportunities to exploit existing production base

The qualified candidate will possess a degree in Petroleum Engineering or related field with a minimum of 5 years production experience in the Permian Basin. Strong written and verbal communication skills a must; operating experience in primary and secondary recovery operations and a working knowledge of Aries a plus.

This position is very visible within the organization and reports directly to the Engineering Manager – Permian Basin. We offer a highly competitive compensation program, which includes an incentive bonus plan and a complete benefits package.

For immediate consideration go to:

www.energen.com and select Job Opportunities under careers to complete an online application.

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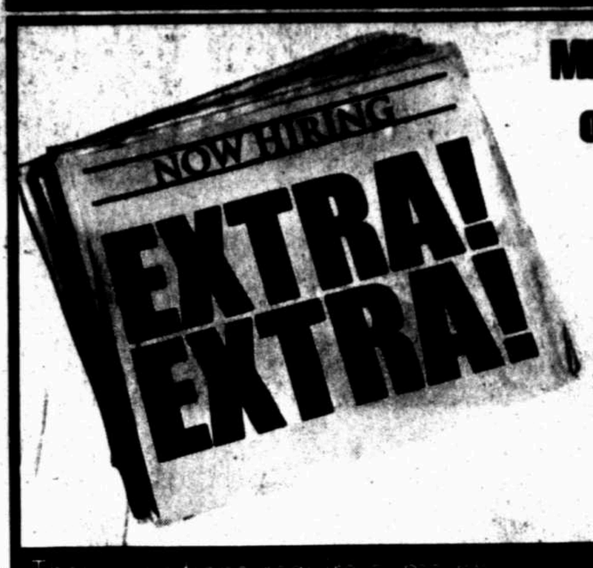
OTHER JOBS



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 $9.50 hourly.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: etitsworth@hearstnp.com
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

HEALTHCARE

Clinic Nurse LVN- Addiction Treatment Center
Midland/Odessa
Monday-Friday 5:15am-12:15pm weekdays & 8am to 9:30am on Saturdays. Travel required between Midland & Odessa clinics. Assessments, TBs, dispense meds. Paid holidays, CEU days & personal days. Fax: 800-671-8364.

CNA's and Sitters
Confidential FT & PT
Now hiring CNA's and Sitters. Travel A Plus. Call 432-218-6738 between 10am - 3pm.

Division Director
Seminole Hospital District FT
Division Director of Home Health, Hospice & Personal Home Care needed. RN w/ BSN preferred. Min 5 yrs management exp in healthcare. TX driver license and current CPR. For more info contact Carolyn at (432)758-4986.
SEMINOLE HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Division Director
Seminole Hospital District FT
Division Director of Memorial Place Assisted Living needed. State of TX CALM certification or RN w/3 yrs managerial exp. For more info contact Carolyn at (432)758-4986.
SEMINOLE HOSPITAL DISTRICT

LCDC- Full time
Confidential FT
Positions available in Midland and Odessa Addiction treatment Centers Mon - Fri 5:30am to 12:30pm & Sat - 6:00am to 11:00am. Treatment Planning, Case Managen.ent, Therapy Paid. Vacation., No health Benefits available Fax Resume — 800-671-8364

Medical Assistant
Confidential PT
Part-time Medical Assistant with 1 yr experience needed for busy doctors office. Vacation and sick time offered. Fax Resume to 432-682-9990 or mail to PO BOX 50850 Midland, Texas 79710

NURSE
Looking for an experienced Nurse for a busy physicians office for a fulltime position. (AKI-6003) Please fax or mail your resume to ATTN: Arita Routh P.O. Box 5291 Midland, TX 79704 or fax to 432-682-2284. NO WALK-IN'S PLEASE.

NURSE PRACTITIONER/PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
Premier Physicians has an opening for APRN or Physician Assistant in Pediatrics or Primary Care. (BOR-6010) Please fax resume to Human Resources at (432)682-2284.

Phlebotomist
Precision Lab Services FT
Immediate opening for 1 FT and 1 PT mobile phlebotomist in the Midland / Odessa area. Experience Required. Early morning hours, some call duties. Must be skilled, reliable and conscientious. Must have valid DL and auto insurance. Great company!
Send resume to cbaxter@precisionlabservices.com.

Phlebotomy Certification Class (blood drawing)
Odessa, March 17th and 18th, $300. Call 505-410-7889 or 505-410-9559. www.swphlebotomy.com

RECEPTIONIST
Seeking an experienced Receptionist for a busy physicians office for a fulltime position. (AKI-6004) Please fax or mail your resume to ATTN: Arita Routh P.O. Box 5291 Midland, TX 79704 or fax to 432-682-2284. NO WALK-IN'S PLEASE.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Front Desk/Breakfast Attendant/Housekeeping
Baymont Inn & Suites FT/PT
10000 Airport Rd.- 432-561-8000 **Midland, TX**
Looking for dependable and reliable people to work flexible schedule. Front Desk applicant must have valid DL. Must be able to work weekdays or weekends. Breakfast Attendant must be able to work M-F, hours 5am-11am. Call 432-561-8000 / Fax 432-561-5243 email: baymontmidlandairport@gmail.com

MARKETING

Director of Marketing & Resource Development
Boys & Girls Club of Midland is seeking a **Director of Marketing and Resource Development**. 39-60k. No Calls. Send resume to: **executive@bgcpermianbasin.org.**

OTHER JOBS

Accounting & Inventory Manager
Growing oil services company hiring accounting and inventory manager with five years experience. Pay depends on experience. Good benefits. Please send resumes to P-124, c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701

All Positions
The Midland RockHounds PT
The Midland RockHounds are accepting applications for part-time seasonal positions including Concessions, Ushers, Picnics and Others. Apply in person at: Citibank Ballpark, Monday-Friday 8am-5pm.

Sam's Club Is Now Hiring For Following Positions:
• Cashier - PT • Overnight - FT • Meat Cutters - FT
• Carts - PT
Flexible schedules required. Apply at the store kiosk in person at 1500 N. Tradewinds, Midland, TX 79706 or online at samsclub.com

Sam's

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Mrs. Irene's Child Care FT/PT
Child care workers needed FT and PT! Paying above average wages and will train. Call **432-520-8888**

Detailer
Alderson Mercedes-Benz/ Volvo is currently looking to hire an experienced Detailer for our growing dealership. Must have experience. Apply in person @ 5801 Andrews Hwy. Midland

Driver
B & B Wrecker Service
CDL and non-CDL Drivers NEEDED. Must be 21 years or older. Good driving record. Paid every Friday. Please come by 2823 S. Rankin HWY.

Immediate Openings
Hilton Midland Plaza has immediate openings for the following positions:
• Restaurant Servers • PM Concierge
• Dishwasher • Room Attendants
Apply to Human Resources, 117 W. Wall

Janitor
Seeking dependable part and full time emplyees for evening janitorial postions and some day positions. Call 570-9903 or apply at 805 S. Midkiff.

Landman
Hilliard Energy F/T
Hilliard Energy has an opening for an oil and gas landman. Candidate must have a minimum of 5 years title and negotiations experience (running mineral, lease hold and surface title: acquiring leases and surface agreements), willingness to travel, and a clean driving record. To apply, send resume to **careers@mmbo.com** or for more info call 432-683-9100

Need extra dollars?
Or know someone who does?

Part time delivery drivers needed for the Midland Reporter-Telegram. Early morning hours. Must have car and phone.

Contact:
Tony:687-9002

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*****NEEDED IMMEDIATELY*****
Clerical - must be computer literate, multi-task, time management, professional, and handle stress well.
Trophy Department - must be computer literate, multi-task, personable, professional, and creative. Corel Draw experience a plus.
Apply in person at 2040 W. Cuthbert, Midland, TX 79701

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OILFIELD JOBS

Oilfield Services
VCI FT
Dependable, intellegent, willing to learn. Will train. Crane experience and valve experience a plus. Bilingual a plus. Full benefits. Salary open. Call 432-563-2233, ask for Cathy or Dub.

Operations Manager
Needed for environmental service company. 3-5 years experience in environmental and/ or management required. Salary based upon experience. Send resume to Sales@AtEmergency.com or call 817-585-0100

Porter
Clusters Apartment FT
Porter needed. This is a full time position with benefits. Apply within at 4415 Northcrest Dr. Midland TX 79707.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in the Pressroom Department in the position of:

Pressman Pressman Trainee

for our Harris N. Web Printing presses. This is a day, get work, fast paced, deadline oriented position. requires night shift weekend work as the evening emphasis of activity. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401k program. Salary DOE.

John Maddox, Production Director
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701
E-mail: jmaddox@hearstmn.com
or
come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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SOLUTIONS LASER WASH NOW HIRING!
We need a couple of clean cut, positive, hard working, motivated individuals. Apply at 908 Andrews Hwy in Midland (across from Rosa's).

Technicians/Drivers/Operator
Needed for environmental service company. Salary based upon experience. Call M-F 8:00am-5:00pm @ 1-800-980-7911

Warehouse/Delivery Driver
Sims Plastics FT
Warehouse/ Delivery Driver, good driving record and driver's license required. Apply in person at: 2700 W. Front. Midland, TX 79701

Warehouse Driver
Warehouse Driver wanted must be a t least 21 years. Call 432-685-3541

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Direct Care Staff Member
High Sky Children's Ranch Emergency Shelter is seeking energetic, youth oriented persons for part time employment. This person should at least 25 years of age, have a good driving record, valid driver's license, clear criminal history, drug screen, HS diploma or GED, ability to attend all trainings as assigned and the work consecutive days (including nights). The current positions open are for a direct care staff member working 2-3 evenings during the week 3p-11p and rotating weekends. (Weekends include a full day on Saturday and Sunday). Call for an application at 433-694-7728 or download at www.highsky.org. You can drop or mail completed application to: High Sky Children's Ranch, 8701 WCR 60, Midland, TX 79707, Attn: Karen Baker. For inquiries or a full job description you can contact Karen Baker at karenb@highsky.org. No phone calls please. Position closes 2/29/12.

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Gazelle Transportation Inc.

NOW HIRING!
$$ SIGN-ON BONUS for a limited time $$
(3 yrs Tanker exp. Req.)
CLASS A PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS & LEAD DRIVERS
LOCAL SHIFT WORK

Gazelle Transportation, Inc is expanding into West TX, and the surrounding areas in the permian basin. Driver applicants must have Hazmat, Tanker, Doubles and Triples endorsements along with a good MVR record and a minimum of 3 years Class A driving experience.
Tanker experience is preferred but not necessary.

Gazelle Transportation, Inc offers an industry leading compensation package which includes. Exceptional pay, Health, Life, Vision, Dental, ST Disability, 125 Plan and 401k Plan. Drivers participate in two separate bonus programs: Quarterly Safety Performance and Annual Longevity Bonuses.

APPLY NOW! Positions are limited! Prompt response is encouraged to ensure your consideration.
Request an employment application by calling 1-855-H-A-U-L-O-I-L or by visiting our website: www.gazelletrans.com

Gazelle Transportation Inc is truly committed to the Safety and Success of our drivers!

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

All Positions
Buffalo Wild Wings FT/PT
Now Hiring All Positions. Buffalo Wild Wings, 4241 Grandview Ave Odessa, TX. Apply in Person

All PT/FT Positions
Domino's Pizza, Join the busiest and best Pizza Delivery Co. Now hiring for all PT/FT positions. CSR's, drivers, and shift management. Competitive pay and fun work environment. Drivers earn great tips and full hourly wage. No split wages! Apply at any Midland Domino's Pizza locations. 3300 W. Illinois Ave., 604 N. Big Spring St., 4519 N. Garfield St., 2410 Rankin Hwy.

Dishwasher
The Garlic Press FT
Midland, TX 79705
The Garlic Press is now hiring dishwasher. Apply in person Oakridge Square, Wadley and Garfield, between 11am and 1pm or 5:30 and 7pm.

Food Service Staff needed at the Warfield Truck Plaza
Warfield Truck Plaza FT/PT
Subway is hiring Sandwich Artists & the Restaurant needs Cooks, Servers & Prep Cooks. 10400 I-20 @ FM 1788, Midland

Hibachi Chef
Osaka Japanese Steakhouse FT
Would you like to make $15 to $20 an hour? Will train hibachi chef, servers, bartender, bus help, kitchen help, dishwasher and hostess. Apply in person Monday- Friday, 11:00am-3:00pm at:1207 Tradewinds Blvd. 79707.

Kitchen Help
Clear Springs Restaurant FT
5707 Andrews Hwy
Midland, TX 79703
Full-time kitchen help, night and weekend Busers. Apply between 2pm-4pm, Monday-Friday, 5707 Andrews Hwy. No phone calls.

Night Dishwasher
Wall Street Bar & Grill FT
Midland, TX 79701
Full-time Night Dishwasher position available. Apply at:115 East Wall Street, Midland, Tx 79701.

Now Hiring
Casa Madrid Restaurant FT
Cook, Kitchen Prep & Servers. Apply in person.

Now Hiring Restaurant Associates (Midland Airport)
Creative Food Group FT/PT
Creative Food Group is opening food/beverage restaurants at Midland International Airport and looking for motivated, energetic and experienced restaurant managers, cashiers, cooks and bartenders with experience in bar, dining and quick serve.
Please reply to this posting at mafjobs@creativefoodgroup.com with your resume and availability to meet for an interview. We are a fast growing company with competitive wages - we look forward to meeting you!

Way Out West Steak House is Now Hiring!
We are looking to hire Grill Cooks, Hot Bar Cooks, Wait Staff, Line Servers, and Dishwashers. Apply in person at 515 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX 79701. Interview guaranteed!

RETAIL JOBS

Cashiers and Manager
Natural Grocers By Vitamin Cottage FT/PT
Now hiring a Vitamin Manager and Full/Part-time Cashiers. See our website: naturalgrocers.com

SALES JOBS

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Sales Associates
Woods Boots FT
Retail Sales Associates needed. Great commissions and customers. Best hours in retail. Paid medical and vacation, matching 401K. Come join a great team at Woods Boot's. 4 locations in Midland/Odessa.

SKILLED LABOR

NOV

Accepting applications for the following position in the West Texas & East New Mexico Area:
Technicians-Diesel Engine knowledge Company truck will be provided Competitive pay & Excellent benefits.

Please send resume to
sheila.savoie@nov.com or
NOV Portable Power,
Attn: Sheila Savoie,
PO Box 220 Larose, LA 70373 or
Fax: 985-693-5658
Must submit to physical & drug screen. EOE

Blasters/Painter General Manager
Accurate, Inc. FT
Send resume to: M- 18, Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

CDL Driver and Working Foreman
Confidential F/T
CDL and Working Foreman roustabout experience preferred 50-55 hours per week and weekends off. Insurance is available and uniforms are supplies. Drug test is required. Call 432-684-9490, application will be accepted Monday through 2/20/12 through 3/5/12.

Downhole Sucker Rod Pumps
John Crane Production Solutions FT
JCPS is looking for a Service Technician and a Technical Area Sales Rep in Midland, TX. Downhole pump experience required. Comprehensive benefits package. Apply online at www.johncrane.com.

Electrical Apprentice
Crockett Electric FT
Electrical apprentice needed experience a must, must be able to travel work history or resume required. Please call 432-570-9757 or email rdcrockett@yahoo.com

Electrical Job Superintendent
R & L Electric, Inc. FT
Seeking qualified Electrical Job Superintendent for large commercial work in the Midland & Odessa area. Great pay, Insurance, Quality work place. Call (817)613-0819 or email resume to kyle@rlelectricinc.com

General Labor/Truck Driver
Viking Pool FT
Vacation, dental and health insurance. Must pass drug screen. Apply in person, 8am-5pm, 10600 W. I-20 East, Odessa, TX 79765.

Landscape Mainteance Foreman
Arbor-Tech Horticulture
International Society of Arboriculture
Weekly pay with benefits. Experienced individuals only. Please call 432-682-8222.

Licensed Electrical Journeyman
Brown's Permian Electric Company FT
Licensed Electrical Journeymen needed for local projects. Must furnish own transportation to job site and be able to pass drug test. Apply at Brown's Permian Electric Co., 803 S. Marienfeld St., Midland, Monday through Friday, 7-3.

Mack Truck Diesel Mechanic
Permian Pertroleum Services, Inc. FT
Need experienced Mack Truck Diesel Mechanic. Must have own tools. Sign-on bonus, competitive wages, paid health insurance, uniforms and vacations. Retirement, family medical, dental and vision coverage available. Apply to 4601 Rankin Highway, Midland, Texas, mail resume to P. O. Box 3663, Midland, TX 79702, fax to 432-683-7407, or call 24-hour phone 432-682-0434.

Mechanics, Tire Installers & General Shop Help needed!
Western Auto FT
4000 S FM 1788, Midland

Mechanics
Western Auto FT
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Established Water Transfer Company with 8+ years in West Texas looking for experienced employees. Good driving record a must! Company offers: Insurance, 401K, Profit Sharing and Monthly/Job Bonuses. Please come by the office at **3700 E. Hwy 158, Midland, TX** to apply.

Now Hiring
Mattlock Drilling FT
Are you nebding a change? Want to work close to home?
Have at least 6 months experience working as a actual hand on a drilling rig and have never worked for us. Then Mattlock Drilling is the place for you. We offer insurance after 90 days and vacation after a year.The schedule is 6 days on and 2 off. NO CAMP JOBS.
Hiring for
- Drillers
- Derrickhands
- Motorhands
- Leadtonghands

Top Wages. If interesed come in and apply at 12505 WCR 54, Odessa Texas, 79765. Off of business 20 and the coors road. NO PHONE CALLS. Drug and Alcohol Testing. EOE

Plumber
Rainbow Plumbing FT
Rainbow plumbing now taking applications for licensed Service Plumbers. Make up to $24/hour, health insurance, 401K. Great benefits with great company. Apply at 5014 Andrews Hwy, in Odessa.

SKILLED LABOR

Service Technicians Needed
Weidner Apartment Homes FT
Weidner Apartment Homes is seeking Service Technicians to care for a few of our apartment communities. Responsibilities: Assist in the preparation of apartments for occupancy, respond to service requests, performs maintenance and repairs on electrical, plumbing, HVAC systems, as well as small and large appliances. Qualifications: Experience in apartment maintenance or related field preferred, strong verbal communication skills, have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Please apply online at: www.weidnercareers.com or fax resume to 1-877-399-9012.

Veterinary Technician
Confidential FT
Veterinary Technician needed for busy high paced veterinary hospital. Must have good technical skills, good attitude, willing to learn, multi task and be a team player. If you are looking for a challenging high energy atmosphere and feel like you have what it takes to join our team please send resumes to: M-19 , Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

Welders/Fabricators/Mechanics
Energy Fabrication FT
Now accepting applications for Welders, Fabricators, Mechanics, experienced Parts guy. Top pay. 401K and paid vacation. Please send resume to: 3750 Kermit Highway, Odessa, TX 79764, or apply in person.

Welders
M & D Welding FT
Single hand contract needed. Oil field experence a plus. Salary DOE. Please call for application at 432-520-3853, 638-8266.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Bus Drivers
The Boys & Girls Club of Midland. Monday-Friday, 2:45pm - 4:45pm. $25 per hour. For more information please call Michael, 432-683-0050.

CDL Drivers
Mangum's Oilfield Services has openings for CDL Drivers. Applicants send resume to: **mangumofs@yahoo.com** or call **432-332-4300**.

Class A CDL Truck Drivers
Silverline Transportation 432-563-1894
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 for interview or online @ **www.silverlinetx.com**
Also hiring for Field Coordinators.

DOT SAFETY DIRECTOR
Experienced Professional needed to manage DOT and all safety requirements for local transportation company. Must be up to date with all aspects of DOT regulations and FMCSA rules & regulation and also CSA. Prior experience will be necessary for this position. Please call **432-563-1894** to schedule interview.

Driver/Laborer - Midland, TX
Austin Powder Company FT
Operates company vehicles in the early morning to deliver products to and from specified jobsites. Responsible for loading/unloading product for delivery to jobsites, which results in frequent lifting of 40-60 pound product bags or boxes. This position is responsible for operating company equipment at the job-site under the direction of the Blaster in charge, performing duties of load/plant crew or shot service crew and/or assisting the location manager. Must possess a current Class A or B CDL. Hazmat and Tanker endorsements are preferred but not required. Must possess a high school diploma or GED and 2+ years driving experience. Full benefits package is available
Contact: Please forward your response information to
Austin Powder Company,
Fax: 216-591-1568, Call: 432-684-5123 or
Email: humanresources@austinpowder.com
EOE

Tanker Truck Drivers
Mangum Oil & Gas FT
Running OK, TX, KS. Must have CDL with Haz/Mat Endorsement. Pre-Employment drug test & physical. Min 3 years OTR exp. Call 1-800-324-6624 as for Elaine or Jimmy M-F 8-5 PM.

Treater Truck Driver
X-Chem FT
X-Chem is seeking a Treater Truck Driver for our Midland location. The Treater Truck Driver is responsible for delivering chemical to customer locations, treating wells, monitoring raw material inventory supply, and other duties, as needed.

The ideal candidate will have 1-3 years experience in a similar role, a high school diploma (or equivalent), and a current Class A CDL with Tanker and Hazmat endorsements.

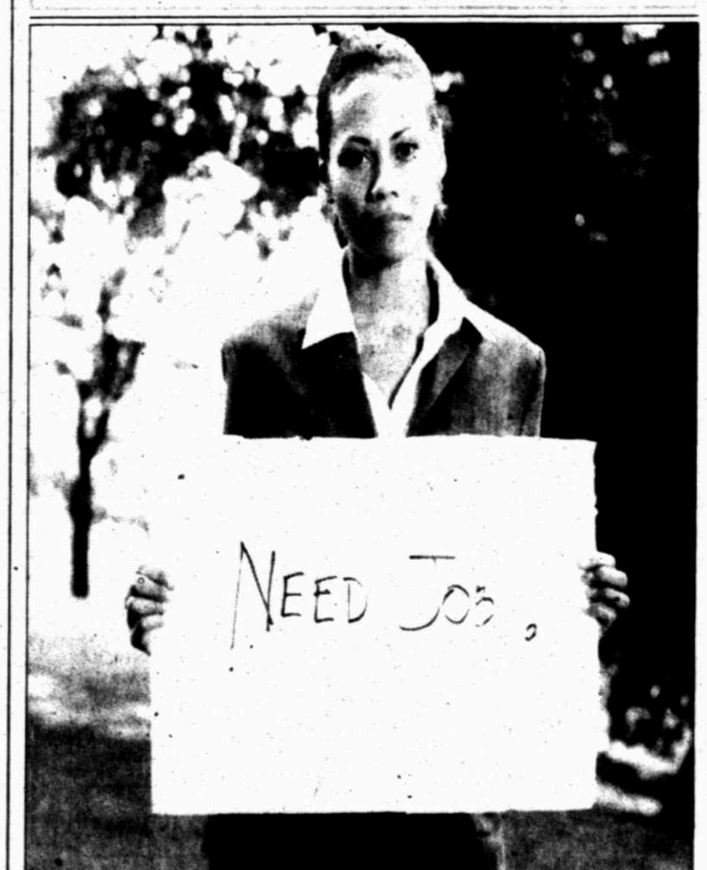
We offer competitive salary and outstanding benefits including 401(K) with matching funds, major medical, dental, vision, life, long and short term disability. Additionally, we offer an employee credit union, tuition reimbursement, paid vacation and holiday policy, and much more!

Qualified candidates, please contact Jenny Johnson in Human Resources at 972-721-6712 or jenny.johnson@nch.com

Vacuum & Tank Truck Drivers
Permian Pertroleum Services, Inc. FT
Need Class A CDL vacuum and tank truck drivers with tank endorsement and clean driving records. Must be experienced. Offering sign-on bonus, competitive wages, paid health insurance, uniforms and vacations. Retirement, family medical, dental and vision insurance available. Apply to 4601 Rankin Highway, Midland, Texas, mail resume to P. O. Box 3663, Midland, TX 79702, fax to 432-683-7407, or call 24-hour phone 432-682-0434.

LEGAL

Paralegal/Legal Assistant
Brockett & McNeel, LLP FT
Wanted: Fast-paced, growing law firm needs a paralegal/legal assistant with minimum of 5 years of litigation experience, insurance defense preferred but not required. Needs to be organized, a self-starter and able to type at least 75 wpm. Salary commensurate with experience. Health insurance and 401(k) benefits. Please submit resume to rforth@brockettmcneel.net



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1 HOUR FREE appliance pickup 978-5211

BLACK FRIGIDAIRE refrigerator, 25.7 cu.ft., side by side, ice/water dispenser in front, $450. Call 432-683-5625 or 432-631-8045

Free Stuff

2 AKC registered English Bull Dog puppies for free. Male & female. Contact robinpeter04@yahoo.com

50 OFFICE chairs, various repairs needed, must take most or all. Other equipment as well. 684-0983.

BERNESE MOUNTAIN dog, AKC, female, 5yrs old. Needs good home. 432-940-4432

FREE 5 yr. male terrier mix, 10mo., female german shepherd mix, 8mo. male golden retriever mix. 288-5888

FREE TO good home, 1 year old Boxer female. 260-8809.

FREE TO good home, 1 year old chocolate Lab, male, 260-8809.

FREE TO good home, Lab/Boxer mix puppies, 260-8809.

FREE TO good home, male Chihuahua, 3 years old, all shots. Call 432-270-2686.

Free Stuff

If You Have Items You Are Giving Away For FREE, Your Ad Is On Us! CALL 432-682-6222 TODAY!

5 Days, 5 Lines $5

Marty's Marketplace ONLY Call 682-6222
(Private Parties Only)
Sale valid 2/1-2/29

FREE TO good home. Sweet, playful, make Boxer/Pit mix. Pls call 432-770-2857

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President Barack Obama talks with Janet Nieto, left, Gwynelle Condino, center, and Ana Nieto, right, all from Presidio, in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington, Feb. 7, for the White House Science Fair. All three girls have successfully competed in a number of rocketry challenges and have attended the NASA Student Launch Initiative Advanced Rocketry program. Obama hosted the second White House Science Fair celebrating the student winners of a broad range of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) competitions from across the country.

New US push aims to get kids into science, tech

By Stanley A. Miller II
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

The White House and corporate America announced ambitious plans recently to help more students get interested in studying science, technology, engineering and math, with the ultimate goal of tempting them into STEM careers.

In addition to spending millions in new teacher training initiatives so educators can better prepare young people for high-tech careers, officials and executives announced a new campaign to get students thinking about the future and excited about science.

The new online competition for children challenges them to invent something that could make a difference in their lives -- or in their community or worldwide -- and show how STEM can turn that idea into reality.

Children ages 10 to 15 can post their ideas online at www.wouldntitbecoolif.com, and the finalists will pitch their projects live to celebrity STEM advocates like inventor Dean Kamen and entertainer will.i.am. Fahrenheit 212, a design firm, will then help bring the winning idea into the world.

The competition is part of the president's "Educate to Innovate" campaign and Time Warner Cable's Connect A Million Minds effort, which has promised more than $100 million to link a million students to after-school science and tech activities.

And it's an ideal creative challenge for students like Shireen Zaineb, an eighth-grader from Milwaukee Montessori School, who was in D.C. recently to check out the second annual White House Science Fair.

More than 100 students from across the country were invited to attend the event, which was used as a platform to promote the new STEM-friendly initiatives.

Zaineb designed an educational Web-based game called "Discover . . . " that won a national STEM video game contest last year, earning her a spot among the elite group.

Muhammad Fuad Bangash, Zaineb's very proud father, said the trip and festivities included some serious discussions about STEM education.

"That STEM challenge worked out great, and she is participating in the same challenge making a new game," he said. "Shireen's special talent for this isn't necessarily the IT part, but her creativity."

Fuad Bangash credited Montessori's teachers and its widespread use of tablet technology for helping his daughter explore making games, using an online tool and community called Gamestar Mechanic that made the daunting task of designing an electronic game more approachable.

"She's received good teaching throughout, and that is a good part of it," he said.

Efforts to reach out and challenge students to embrace STEM education are essential considering that, according to some recent research, young people in America are reluctant to pursue STEM education and careers.

A recent survey from ASQ, a Milwaukee-based industry group, found that 67 percent of students in grades six to 12 who are interested in exploring a science or tech career say they are worried about the obstacles they could encounter.

For example, among their concerns, 26 percent were worried about the cost and time to get a STEM degree; 25 percent thought their grades in science and math weren't good enough; and 25 percent thought STEM degrees involved too much work and studying compared with other careers.

Plenty of parents share these students' anxiety: 53 percent with 10- to 17-year-olds interested in science-tech careers cited concerns, including 26 percent who worry their children are not being adequately prepared by their teachers.

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If you don't necessarily need a car coming directly off the assembly line, you might want to check out CarMax's Vehicle Recommendation Tool (bit.ly/w6nUxV). Across seven categories you can specify how important 23 different metrics are to you.

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Obviously, the more factors you supply details on, the fewer cars will be returned when you ask to see the recommendations, or at least they will be sorted better. The results are pretty rudimentary and they offer the ubiquitous compare checkboxes. Naturally, CarMax lets you know where you can scoop one of these bad boys up at one of their local dealerships.

Another one to check out is the Car Chooser at NewCars.com. This has a familiar Amazon-style interface with a list of nine options listed along the left to filter out cars not meeting your needs.

However, their chooser works the opposite of how I'm used to. Instead of checking the features that you want in a product and having the results ignore the products that don't meet those requirements, this one will show you everything and you have to uncheck the features that you don't want. Odd, but still usable.

If you fill in some personal information, they will contact dealers in your area to get a quote for the cars you are most interested in. But it lets you choose which dealers to contact in case you really don't like Rick's Rusty Wrecks of Waynesboro for some reason.

The newest tool to hit the web is CarSort.com and it comes with a lot of polish. Don't dismiss its simple start page offering only car type and maximum price. After you click the go button you can filter the cars down by dozens of different metrics divided into 12 categories.

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All in all, if looking for a car, I'd start with CarSort. Of course, what it doesn't offer to do is sell you a car or even put you in contact with someone who will sell you a car. They just want to give you the facts. And it doesn't involve gritty Eminem music or barking dogs, so that would probably be of no interest to you.

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